

# WAYMARK LAND & HERITAGE

## Public Code of Practice

This Code of Practice sets out the principles and standards under which WAYMARK LAND & HERITAGE operates. It is intended to provide clarity and assurance to landowners, planners, developers, and heritage stakeholders.

## 1. Purpose

WAYMARK LAND & HERITAGE exists to support preservation-led planning by providing early-stage, non-intrusive heritage intelligence prior to intrusive investigation or development.

## 2. Scope of Services

Services are limited to non-intrusive surface and shallow topsoil activity. WAYMARK does not undertake excavation, archaeological evaluation, or mitigation.

## 3. Relationship to Archaeology

WAYMARK services complement established archaeological and planning processes. They do not replace desk-based assessment, geophysical survey, or archaeological investigation.

## 4. Non-Intrusive Principles

All work is undertaken without mechanical disturbance or subsoil penetration. Written landowner permission is required prior to any activity.

## 5. Professional Conduct

All accredited operatives act with integrity, respect confidentiality, and follow strict ethical standards. Unauthorised recovery or disclosure is prohibited.

## 6. Reporting & Transparency

Reports are factual, proportionate, and planning-friendly. Speculative interpretation is avoided, and limitations are clearly stated.

## 7. Preservation & Finds Handling

The identification of artefacts is undertaken to support preservation and responsible reporting pathways in line with recognised best practice.

## 8. Quality Assurance

WAYMARK maintains a programme of training, accreditation, audit, and review to ensure consistent national standards.

## 9. Accountability

WAYMARK operates a clear governance framework and responds promptly to concerns raised by stakeholders.

## 10. Review & Updates

This Code of Practice is reviewed periodically to ensure alignment with planning policy, heritage guidance, and professional standards.

