

Volunteers and Fieldwork –  
Burford – buildings and people in  
a Cotswold town

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# Elements of the volunteer input

- Measurement of building plots
- Key building features
  - Wall and roof materials, reuse...
  - Windows, doors, chimneys...
  - Internal features, cellars, plan...
- Photography of buildings and features
- Transcribing Probate documents

# Some Statistics

- 74 volunteers
  - 36 building recorders
  - 14 photographers
  - 14 residents
  - 10 probate transcribers
- 200 listed buildings
- 1000 probate records
- 1500 photographs – buildings and features
- 1400 census records (VCH team)
- 20 individual building investigations

# Management tools – building recording

- Ad hoc and evolutionary
- Town plots divided into 16 blocks
- Information provided on each building
  - List description
  - Occupation history
  - OS map extract
  - Suggested issues
- General guidance notes – stone types
- Pro-formas provided for recording findings

Building name/number: 17

Name of recorder:

Source & date of evidence:	Medieval	17 <sup>th</sup> cent	18 <sup>th</sup> cent	19 <sup>th</sup> cent	20 <sup>th</sup> cent
Map					
Plan form					
Structure/ roof					
Frontage/ roof covering					
Features: doors, windows etc					
Owner/ occupier					
Other evidence					

Brief building history:

# Burford pro-forma for dates and phases

# Building recorders at work



# Photographic training day



James Davies,  
English Heritage,  
with the group in  
Burford churchyard





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# Burford

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in a Cotswold town

Antonia Catchpole,  
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