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June was a pivotal month for ClfA as we said a fond farewell to our Chief Executive, Peter Hinton, and welcomed new Chief Executive Nathan Baker, who comes with a wealth of experience accumulated from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. In the opening articles of this edition of *The Archaeologist*, Peter reflects on his time at ClfA, highlighting key moments over the last three decades, and Nathan shares his thoughts on the future direction and focus of ClfA, outlining the importance of learning, sharing knowledge and delivering impact. It's an exciting next chapter for the Institute, but it would not have been possible without the hard work, determination and dedication of Peter – thank you, and a happy retirement from us all!

The focus of this issue is the management and sustainability of archaeological archives (both physical and digital) – a topic of discussion that has become more prominent in recent years. Archaeological archives are a strategic priority in national strategies and dedicated work programmes – see Scotland's Archaeology Strategy, Archaeology 2030 (Northern Ireland) and the Future of Archaeological Archives Programme (England). This focus has resulted in the delivery of various projects, the development of training, guidance and resources to aid good practice, and much more.

We celebrate the Dig Digital project, now ended after six years! Manda Forster, of DigVentures, provides an overview of the project, highlighting the guidance and resources created. Staying on the theme of digital data, Chloé Hill of Colchester

Archaeological Trust gives an insight into the importance of digital archiving and data reuse, while Peter McKeague, Historic Environment Scotland, discusses digital archives and marine archaeology, emphasising the role of the Marine Environment Data Information Network (MEDIN).

Looking more widely, Stuart Allan provides a summary of the recent review of the Treasure Trove system in Scotland, with Antony Lee giving an insight into the principles and processes involved in the workings of the Scottish Treasure Trove Unit. Rhonda Robinson, Historic Environment Division (HED), reflects on the archives situation in Northern Ireland and how the need for more storage space acted as a catalyst for an in-depth review of archiving in Northern Ireland.

For England, Claire Tsang outlines the work of Historic England and sector partners towards a sustainable future for archaeological collections as part of the Future for Archaeological Archives Programme (FAAP). Linked to this, Andrea Bradley and colleagues present the work being undertaken to predict the future of archaeological archiving needs to support the proposal for a National Centre for Archaeological Archives.

Archaeological archives are fundamental to our understanding of the past, for future research opportunities and to the ongoing provision of public benefit. This issue of *The Archaeologist* provides just a sample of the important work being undertaken to ensure their sustainability.