

SERF Research Agenda conference discussion points for the Upper Palaeolithic/Mesolithic

- Developing the database: limitations of the HER, integration of gazetteer and PAMELA records, museum collections.
- New environmental and preservational contexts: 'Up' sites, chalkland river valley, peri-glacial features as sumps.
- Colonisation and occupation issues: To what degree is the region a crossroads or a backwater in terms of UP and early Mesolithic occupation patterns.
- Challenging ingrained assumptions: The preference for Lower Greensand environments, the existence of Mesolithic pit dwellings, the role of tranchet axes in forest clearance. The regional Mesolithic is predicated on a number of such long-held assumptions which need to be tested