

Building Archaeology Research Database (BARD) – Terms and Conditions

Introduction

The Building Archaeology Research Database (BARD) is a service for the storage and analysis of data on old buildings. It was founded in a partnership between the Domestic Building Research Group (Surrey), referred to as DBRG, and Tree-Ring Services, referred to as TRS. TRS is the manager for BARD. The respective websites are www.dbrg.org.uk and www.tree-ring.co.uk. Any questions about these terms and conditions should be referred to Tree-Ring Services at Plough House, 49 High Street, Hungerford, Berkshire RG17 0NE.

The system was initially developed from the DBRG's data on some 4000 buildings, dated by their stylistic features, together with some 170 buildings dated by tree-ring analysis through the Surrey Dendrochronology Project (further details of which can be found at the website).

Principals and aims

BARD is an internet-based database with the following principles and aims:

1. To encourage and help the recording and understanding of old buildings, both timber-framed and brick, up to the mid-19th century.
2. To provide a mechanism for the on-line recording of the key features of such buildings.
3. To improve the dating of such buildings.
4. To provide a charting method for researching the development of timber framing and brick fashions, century by century, as well as regional differences and national trends.
5. To provide an archive of building research.
6. To have a low level of subscriptions for the benefit of amateurs and voluntary groups. Any accumulated surplus will be used to develop the database or for the further acquisition of building data.

Access

The database is hosted on the following internet domain address: www.buildingarchaeology.co.uk. To provide a high level of security, access is by password only. There are three available levels of access:

1. Member. Usage of all the searching facilities for all areas.
2. Administrator. Entering new or amending assigned data ready for checking by an Officer.
3. Officer. Entering, amending and making new data live in assigned county or group reference number series.

A single photograph or drawing for each building is welcomed but must be with the permission of the owner and submitted separately to the database manager for inclusion.

Group membership consists of a single group username and password for general access by the group's members, and up to thirty individual usernames and passwords for their administrators and officers.

Neither access to the site nor continuity of service can be guaranteed. Content is not guaranteed to be free of viruses or any kind of malicious intrusion, the user being responsible for his own protection.

Charges

The main purpose of the database is non-commercial or educational use. The levels of individual and group subscriptions are available on request to TRS. Volunteer administrators for a county may be granted free access to the database for the period of their appointment. Commercial or company subscription may be available on request provided the material on the system is used by that company only and not sold or supplied to a third party.

Usage

Usage of the BARD site constitutes agreement to these terms and conditions. No representation is made as to the suitability of the BARD facilities, operation or data for any purpose.

The User Guide should be studied before any detailed site usage. It can be downloaded from the site. Usage should be responsible, fair and reasonable.

Permission is granted to use the data for private research and study. Permission to use the data as a whole for not-for-profit educational or group research purposes must be requested but will usually be granted. The data is not to be used for financial profit directly or indirectly unless specifically agreed beforehand by TRS and DBRG.

The security of submitted data is not guaranteed. The user should keep copies in some form. Electronic copies of data segments in Microsoft Excel format can be provided for a fee provided they are for the sole use of the subscriber.

TRS reserve the right to terminate access to the site, whether or not there has been a breach of these terms and conditions, subject only to a return of the outstanding portion of any current subscription. TRS further reserve the right to vary these terms and conditions at any time with a similar return of subscription to users who wish to stop using the site because of the change or changes.

Accuracy

In work of this nature, much of the work is subjective. In any event, there is no warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of data on the site.

Copyright

Copyright is retained by DBRG and TRS for all the material entered, shared jointly with the originators of the material. Copyright for the tick-sheet recording format is held by DBRG with rights given to TRS. All photographs or drawings, e-mailed for inclusion on the database will be displayed with a © BARD 'watermark'. In view of the small size of the 'thumbnail' reproductions, the artist or photographer will not be named or acknowledged.

Liability Disclaimer

To the extent permitted by law, neither DBRG, nor TRS as the BARD manager, has any liability for the accuracy, content, loss, or availability of the data, or for any damage resulting from its usage, however caused. The entire risk as to the use of the data is assumed by the user.

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