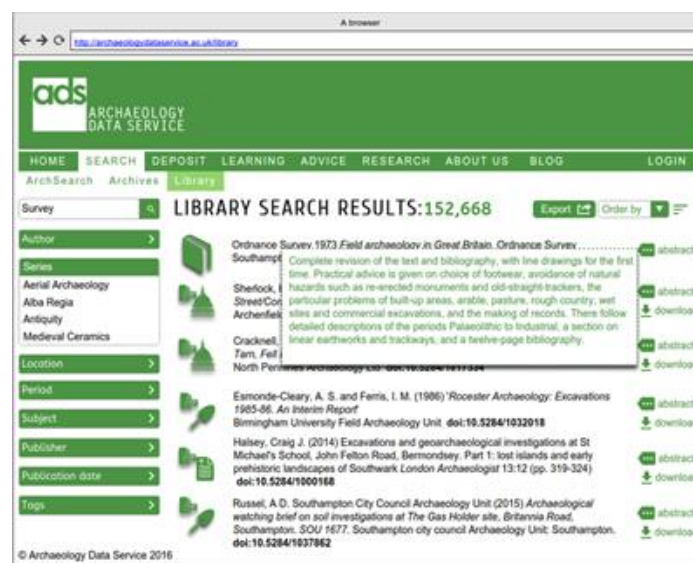


# The Journey from BIAB to the ADS Library

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When the idea of combining all the [textual resources](#) within the ADS with the [British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography](#), to create one Library of Publications was suggested it didn't seem that complicated. It is all bibliographic data, surely it should not be too hard to combine?



This paper will take you through the high-lights and the low-lights of the journey of unifying the data from BIAB with that from the Library of unpublished fieldwork reports and journal and monograph archives. Discovering duplicates, trying to identify and distinguish individual authors, trying to align the different datasets programmatically to produce a resource which allows people to find the archaeological reports and publications they are looking for. The positive outcomes, like working with other organisations, have enabled us to share expertise and we hope to pass on the lessons we have learnt in advice for others undertaking the reconciliation of other historic datasets.

