Archaeological Investigations Project 2003

North East

DURHAM

Chester Le Street

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PARK VIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CHESTER-LE-STREET

Archaeological Excavation and Recording at Park View Community School, Chester-Le-Street

Turnball, P Barnard Castle : Brigantia Archaeological Practice, 2003, 6pp, colour pls, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Brigantia Archaeological Practice

No archaeological remains were encountered within the trenches, though there were stratified deposits below the excavation depth. Some Roman pottery was recovered from the topsoil. [Au(adp)]

SMR primary record number: 6589

Archaeological periods represented: RO

Derwentside

2/499 (C.20.P006)  NZ 10205540

SEWER PIPELINE, CHARE BANK, EBCHESTER

Sewer Pipeline, Chare Bank, Ebchester, Archaeological Evaluation

Muncaster, W Newcastle-upon-Tyne : Tyne & Wear Museums Archaeology Department, 2003, 9pp, figs, tabs

Work undertaken by: Tyne & Wear Museums Archaeology Department

No deposits of archaeological significance were encountered during the works. No evidence for the Roman road of Dere Street was revealed, probably due to truncation during a road widening scheme carried out in the 1950’s. [Au(adp)]

Durham

2/500 (C.20.P008)  NZ 23004240

BROOM LANE, USHAW MOOR

An Archaeological Evaluation at Broom Lane, Ushaw Moor

Parker, J Durham : Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd., 2003, 22pp, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.

Two trenches were excavated to examine geophysical anomalies revealed in a 2002 survey. Medieval ridge and furrow was revealed, and a linear geophysical anomaly was revealed to be a paleochannel into which a modern field drain had been inserted. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: MD, MO
The nine trenches excavated revealed that terracing for the construction of the present day car park had significantly altered the ground surface. No archaeological features, apart from a poorly defined cut, were noted in the trenches, though made ground noted in peripheral areas may have covered possible remains of a medieval hospital, linked to the site by documentary resources. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: UD

The four test pits identified a series of rubble layers which were dumped in the modern period. No archaeological deposits or material were observed. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: MO

Nine trenches were excavated. Five of these contained important archaeological features, probably dating to the Neolithic period. These features consisted of enclosure ditches and a gully probably associated with a settlement. Post-medieval boundary ditches and ploughlines were also located. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: LPR, PM

No archaeological features were revealed by the geophysical survey, neither did the trial trenches. The only features uncovered were modern land drains and areas of modern landscaping. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: MO
AREA 4 EXTENSION, THRISLINGTON QUARRY

*Area 4 Extension, Thrisington Quarry, Archaeological Evaluation*

Claydon, M Durham : University of Durham, Archaeological Services, 2003, 25pp, figs, tabs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* University of Durham, Archaeological Services

Nine trenches were excavated to evaluate previously located geophysical survey anomalies. One later prehistoric enclosure ditch was identified, within which internal features were present. Two or more linear ditches of prehistoric date and a large medieval pit were also recorded. [Au(adp)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* LPR, MD, PR

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HEIGHINGTON LANE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, NEWTON Aycliffe

*Heighington Lane Industrial Estate, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham. Archaeological Evaluation*

Parry, J Barnard Castle : Northern Archaeological Associates, 2003, 10pp, pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Northern Archaeological Associates

Seven trenches, of varying dimension, were excavated to locate previously recorded geophysical anomalies. The evaluation suggested that these anomalies were actually caused by lenses of charcoal and clinker within the topsoil from modern burning, rather than buried archaeological features. The form and extent of the ridge and furrow earthworks were recorded in plan and in section, and two distinct groups were identified, separated by a bank. A small sub rectangular platform surrounded by a ditch, purpose unclear was also recorded. [Au(adp)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* UD

2/507 (C.20.P015) NZ 24002550 DL4 2QR

NATIONAL RAILWAY MUSEUM RESERVE COLLECTION CENTRE, SHILDON

*National Railway Museum Reserve Collection Centre, Shildon, Archaeological Trenching During Development Works*

Alan Williams Archaeology Newcastle-upon-Tyne : Alan Williams Archaeology, 2003, 8pp, colour pls, figs

*Work undertaken by:* Alan Williams Archaeology

Five archaeological trenches revealed that the site, which had been one of the largest areas of rail sidings in Britain in the 19th century, had been stripped of topsoil and then levelled with dumps of ash, cinder and pit-heap waste during demolition. [Au(adp)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* MO
## Teesdale

2/508 (C.20.P007) NY 94802550 DL12 0SP

**Parish Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Middleton-in Teesdale, Archaeological Investigations during Excavation of Service Trench**  
ANON Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Alan Williams Archaeology, 2003, 18pp, colour pls, figs, refs  
*Work undertaken by:* Alan Williams Archaeology

The archaeological excavation of a service trench through an original area of churchyard revealed no articulated human remains, presumably these lay beneath the 1.2m maximum depth excavated. A number of disarticulated human bones were recovered, and a nearly complete medieval grave slab, ex-situ. [Au(adp)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* MD, UD

## Wear Valley

2/509 (C.20.P010) NZ 18873007 DL14 7SX

**Saxon Inn, Escomb, Nr Bishop Auckland**  
Turnbull, P Barnard Castle: Brigantia Archaeological Practice, 2003, 7pp, colour pls, figs, refs  
*Work undertaken by:* Brigantia Archaeological Practice

The evaluation trench revealed nothing of archaeological significance. [Au]

## Thistleflat Road, Crook

2/510 (C.20.P012) NZ 15603480 DL15 9PZ

**Archaeological Investigations at Thistleflat Road, Crook**  
Proctor, J Durham: Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd., 2004, 63pp, figs, tabs, refs  
*Work undertaken by:* Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.

The archaeological investigations at Thistleflat Road encountered archaeological remains dating from the post-medieval period associated with mining activity. Three linear features were also recorded which may have dated from earlier periods. However as no cultural material was recovered from these features, their date could not be proven. [Au(adp)]

*SMR primary record number:* 3699

*Archaeological periods represented:* UD