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DURHAM

Durham

3/597 (E.20.K006)

NZ 22303770

BRANCEPETH CASTLE, BRANCEPETH

A Report on the Results of an Archaeological Watching Brief for Work in Connection with the Sewers at Brancepeth Castle, Brancepeth, County Durham

Cousins, S Brancepeth Castle : Stephen Cousins, 2002, 12pp, figs

Work undertaken by: Stephen Cousins

The watching brief observed stone rubble and brick fragments. Also recorded were two previously unknown stone sewers and confirmed the existence of drains shown on the 1883 plan. No material of archaeological significance was recovered. [Au(adp)] *SMR primary record number:* 6912

Archaeological periods represented: PM

3/598 (E.20.K003)

NZ 27624232

EMBLETON'S GARAGE, DURHAM CITY

Embleton's Garage, New Elvet, Durham City Archaeological Excavation: Assessment Report

University of Durham, Archaeological Services Durham : University of Durham, Archaeological Services, 2003, 92pp, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: University of Durham, Archaeological Services

Three areas were excavated. Medieval activity was identified with the presence of pits, walls, a stone lined drain and a vennel. The post-medieval activity on the site include the construction of revetment walls fronting the river and the dumping of deposits down the riverbank. Buildings, wells, cobbled yard surfaces and a cellar were also identified. [Au(abr)]

Archaeological periods represented: MD, PM

3/599 (E.20.K001)

NZ 26604100

MIDDLE COMMON ROOM, DURHAM CASTLE

Middle Common Room, Durham Castle: Observations During Work to the Floor, May 2002

University of Durham, Archaeological Services Durham : University of Durham, Archaeological Services, 2002, 3pp, colour pls

Work undertaken by: University of Durham, Archaeological Services

A section of the sub-floor deposits has been exposed in the course of work to the floor boards. The least-disturbed deposit is a dirty yellow sand with ashy inclusions; cut into this is a brick and stone heating duct. This has been broken by the insertion of a ceramic pipe and a recent brick plinth. All of these features appear to be of 19th-century or later date. [Au]

Archaeological periods represented: PM

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NZ 24594305

TOLL HOUSE ROAD, BEARPARK

Toll House Road, Bearpark, Durham: Water Mains Refurbishment Scheme (Durham Scheme 21, Phase 1)

Northern Archaeological Associates Barnard Castle : Northern Archaeological Associates, 2002, 26pp, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Northern Archaeological Associates

Archaeological monitoring observed a mass of mortared stonework lying between the eastern abutments of the Aldin Grange Bridges and apparently pre-dating the older bridge, a Scheduled Ancient Monument thought to date to the early 15th century. It is possible that the stonework represented the abutment of an earlier bridge at a location where there is documentary evidence for a crossing as early as 1370. No archaeological deposits were observed within the modern cutting and no clay deposits likely to have been useable for pottery production were observed. A possible ancient buried ploughsoil was also observed. [Au(abr)] *SMR primary record number:* 6848

Archaeological periods represented: MD, PM

Easington

3/601 (E.20.K002)

NZ 44143490

SHERATON DESERTED MEDIEVAL VILLAGE

Sheraton Deserted Medieval Village, Co. Durham: Watching Brief

University of Durham, Archaeological Services Durham : University of Durham, Archaeological Services, 2002, 6pp, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: University of Durham, Archaeological Services

A watching brief was conducted during geotechnical investigations. This involved the excavation of topsoil from five test pits. No archaeological features were identified or finds recovered. [Au(abr)]

Sedgefield

3/602 (E.20.K007)

NZ 36903420

TRIMDON

Water Mains Refurbishment at Trimdon, county Durham. Report on the Archaeological Watching Brief Undertaken November-December 2001 and April-May 2002

Blaise Vyner Leyburn : Blaise Vyner, 2002, 17pp, colour pls

Work undertaken by: Tees Valley Archaeology

In Trimdon village numerous trenches failed to reveal any evidence for medieval or earlier settlement encroaching on the area now occupied by the village green. [Au(adp)] *SMR primary record number:* 5955

Teesdale

3/603 (E.20.K011)

NY 99601360

BOWES HALL, BOWES*Archaeological Watching Brief at Bowes Hall, Bowes, co Durham*

Brigantia Archaeological Practice Barnard Castle : Brigantia Archaeological Practice, 2002, 4pp, colour pls, figs

Work undertaken by: Brigantia Archaeological Practice

The only deposit encountered was a humic topsoil of an average 30 cms. in depth, containing large quantities of modern brick and other litter. The only find of any note was a single body-sherd of Roman pottery, of Black-burnished (BB II) type and probably second-century date. [Au(adp)] *SMR primary record number:* 6322

Archaeological periods represented: MO, RO

3/604 (E.20.K009)

NZ 10303310

CASTLES, HAMSTERLEY*The Castles, Hamsterley: Survey Project Report, 26-31 May 2002*

Collins, R & Gerrard, J York : University of York, 2002, 46pp, colour pls, pls, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Robert Collins

Topographic, resistivity, and gradiometer surveys accompanied archaeological recording of the scheduled ancient monument (SMR number 173). [AIP]

Archaeological periods represented: MD, UD

3/605 (E.20.K012)

NZ 05021651

SAFEGWAY SUPERSTORE SITE, BARNARD CASTLE*Archaeological Monitoring and Recording at the Safeway Superstore Site, Barnard Castle, Co Durham*

Brigantia Archaeological Practice Barnard Castle : Brigantia Archaeological Practice, 2002, 5pp, colour pls, figs

Work undertaken by: Brigantia Archaeological Practice

No feature or structure of possible archaeological significance could be seen in the exposed surface of the natural clay. [Au(adp)] *SMR primary record number:* 6321

3/606 (E.20.K004)

NZ 21812818

SOUTH CHURCH, NEAR BISHOP AUCKLAND*Re-grading Works at South Church, near Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham: Archaeological Watching Brief*

University of Durham, Archaeological Services Durham : University of Durham, Archaeological Services, 2003, 11pp, pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: University of Durham, Archaeological Services

A set of concrete steps were identified entering the river at the location of a footbridge first recorded in 1898 on the second edition Ordnance Survey map. The finds recovered included pottery and glass, all

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dating from the 19-20th century. No other structures, features or finds of archaeological interest were identified. [Au(abr)]

Archaeological periods represented: MO, PM

3/607 (E.20.K010)

NY 90572590

UPPER TEESDALE

Investigation of Early Iron Working in Upper Teesdale. Phase 1: Survey of Charcoal Pits

Gledhill, T : Tom Gledhill, 2002, 26pp, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: Tom Gledhill

The survey of charcoal pits identified and recorded a total of 345 pits. [Au(adp)] *SMR primary record number:* 5960

Archaeological periods represented: MD

3/608 (E.20.H001)

NZ 11941422

WYCLIFFE HALL

Archaeological Observations and Recording, Wycliffe Hall, County Durham

Dennison, E Beverley : Ed Dennison Archaeological Services, 2002, 17pp, colour pls, figs, tabs

Work undertaken by: Ed Dennison Archaeological Services

A watching brief was carried out on groundworks at the site. A wall possibly belonging to an embattled forecourt was identified, dating to c. 1720. A cobbled surface and a small structure present on a 1789 map of the Hall was also identified. [Au(abr)]

Archaeological periods represented: PM

Wear Valley

3/609 (E.20.K008)

NY 91514276

OLD ROOKHOPE ORE HEARTH LEAD SMELTMILL

Old Rookhope Ore Hearth Lead Smeltpill, Weardale, County Durham

Gledhill, T : Tom Gledhill, 2002, 18pp, pls, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Tom Gledhill

The initial assessment of the damage in 1999 was substantially accurate. The ground surface below the spoil heaps is still intact. The early 18th century smelt mill has only sustained slight damage to its south side. Destruction in the areas of the lagoons is likely to be total, and this has entailed the loss of a substantial area of ore processing remains. [Au(abr)] *SMR primary record number:* 3827

Archaeological periods represented: PM