

Welcome

Thanks to all who sent in favourable comments about our new electronic newsletter. Over 700 copies of the newsletter were circulated. We will keep previous issues available as [downloads](#) from our website.

Ingleby Barwick Roman Villa

We have just completed a Renaissance funded Museums Access project based on the remains of the Roman Villa excavated at Ingleby Barwick in 2003. The finds included an excellent example of a gilded cross-bow brooch.

A series of [web-pages](#) about the villa have been uploaded to our website along with a [downloadable leaflet](#) about the site and its finds. Part of the villa is now preserved beneath a village green within the modern housing estates.



Store Move

Those of you who have visited will know that our excavation finds were processed and stored in a World War II subterranean command centre in Hartlepool. Although this was an interesting building, problems with damp and steep stairs meant that a move to a more stable and accessible facility was desirable. Our new store is now within our premises at Sir William Gray House and includes a wet room, processing area, roller racking and research tables.



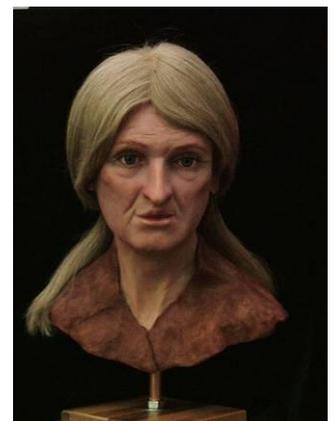
Grave News from Norton-on-Tees

In 2007 workmen constructing a conservatory at Roseberry Crescent, Norton found a remarkable concentration of human bone.

Results are now in from the examination of the remains. At least 22 individuals were present, representing a balanced population of men, women, adults and children.

Radio carbon dating demonstrates a likely date of around 780 AD meaning these remains are Christian Anglo-Saxons.

This is the third major cemetery discovered at Norton suggesting that the settlement was an important regional centre in the Anglo-Saxon period. The reconstructed individual is based on the skeleton of a 30-40 year old female skeleton from the Mill Lane cemetery discovered in 1982.



Mesolithic Project Completed



Last year saw the completion of Phase 2 of our Mesolithic Project run in conjunction with North York Moors National Park and English Heritage. The reports of the excavations at Farndale Moor, Wetherhouse Moor and Bransdale Ridge are now complete along with a summary report for the entire project. Copies of all of the reports are available on our [website](#).

A Date for your Diary

Our colleagues at Durham County Council are holding their annual Archaeology Day on Saturday 10th March. Robin Daniels from our team will be presenting a talk on the recent Heritage of Hart project which looked closely at the impact of World War II on the village. Please see the Durham County Council [website](#) for booking details.