

## Hartlepool's Volunteer Artillery Button Down



Recent excavations along the parapet of [Hartlepool's Town Wall](#) have produced the rather charming find of a small gilded button.

The button would have adorned the uniform of a member of the Hartlepool Volunteer Artillery and dates from

between 1797 and about 1812 – a period when there was the threat of invasion from Napoleon's forces and there was much re-fortification of Britain's coastal towns. Many of the officers of the HVA were local gentry and three of them went on to hold the office of Mayor. As well as the button the excavations demonstrated the excellent preservation of medieval deposits along the inner parapet of the wall.

## Deep Trouble on Stockton High Street



Engineers carrying out environmental improvements on Stockton High Street were surprised to discover a deep well-shaft hidden inches beneath the pavement. The well still held water and was lined with hand-made bricks suggesting it was later 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century in date.

Tees Archaeology visited the site and carried out some research. Early maps indicated that a water-pump had stood at this location in the 1850s rather than an open well. The pump fed a stone trough, presumably for watering horses and other animals. The well has now been re-capped and made safe.

## Polar expedition launched to... Goldsborough



Tees Archaeology, along with a group of very dedicated volunteers, have just completed a two week field season at Goldsborough, near Whitby as part of our [North East Yorkshire Mesolithic Project](#). The work was funded by English Heritage and its purpose was to compare the effectiveness of different archaeological techniques in identifying Mesolithic (c. 8000-3600 BC) remains.

Despite atrocious weather the team were able to excavate over 90 small test pits. Finds included an area of burnt stones and charcoal, not dissimilar to documented Mesolithic hearths. Flints from the excavations included some definitive Mesolithic pieces. Further work will now be carried out to date the hearth and the results will be published on our website.

## Hartlepool at War: Booklet now available

A new booklet on World War II defences in the Throston area of Hartlepool has just been printed.

The booklet describes a group of pillboxes that are now preserved within a housing estate. Its printing has been funded by Bellway Homes, one of the principal developers of the new estate.

A digital copy of the booklet is available as a [free download](#) on our website. If you would prefer a printed copy they are available to purchase. Please see our [Shop](#) for details.

