

Greatham Open Day a Success

Eight months of archaeological work in advance of a new habitat creation scheme at Greatham were celebrated at a public open day held in May at Greatham Village Hall. The Environment Agency project to re-align flood defences to create a new area of saltmarsh has led to the discovery of a previously unrecorded Iron Age and Romano-British settlement.



Archaeological works were carried out by Northern Archaeological Associates over the difficult winter months revealing boundary ditches, round-houses and a possible burial mound. Around 200 people packed into the village hall to view a temporary exhibition and artifacts from the site. Further work is now taking place to analyse the finds and environmental samples to help paint a picture of life in this newly discovered prehistoric coastal community.

Stockton Building Recording

The final season of our [Stockton Building Recording](#) project is being arranged for the week beginning Monday 16th September.

Work will focus on photographing the Georgian terraces along Church Street and tracing their history through the study of 19th century maps and local registers.



Details of how to apply to volunteer can be found on our [website homepage](#).

St. Hilda's Church, Hartlepool

Tees Archaeology, along with a small group of volunteers, took a rare opportunity to examine two areas of the nave of St. Hilda's medieval church on Hartlepool Headland during the installation of a new heating system.



Lifting of the existing flooring revealed a series of medieval and later burials (which were left intact) and a pit and other features of possible Anglo-Saxon date. These could relate to the Monastery established at Hartlepool by the Abbess Hieu in the 680s AD.



Also beneath the floor was a wooden panel framed by a central crown with cherubs on either side. This may have had a shelf to hold a small statue. Its exact date is not known but is probably in the late 17th to early 19th century bracket.

Elwick Village Atlas

Tees Archaeology are currently helping the people of [Elwick](#) to research the history of their village.

This has involved a number of training workshops with groups looking at different aspects of the village from its prehistoric origins, to its re-organisation by the Normans and village life during World War II.



The next stage of the project will be to carry out a Time Team style series of archaeological excavations within the gardens of willing volunteers.

This will take place between the 18th and 20th of July and will involve local people and school children. Please visit our [homepage](#) for details of how to apply to volunteer. A public open day will be held on Sunday 8th September.