

A Roman Villa at the Edge of Empire

The results of the excavation of a Roman Villa at Ingleby Barwick, Stockton-on-Tees, ahead of house building in 2003/04 have just been published in a monograph by the [Council for British Archaeology](http://www.councilforbritisharchaeology.org).



The main villa complex was preserved beneath a 'village green' but its ancillary buildings including a heated room and a horse powered mill. High status finds included several sherds of Egyptian glass from a fine piece of tableware. For more details about the villa please check our [web-page](#).

Elwick Village Atlas: Big Dig

In July Tees Archaeology helped residents of Elwick village carry out trial excavations on several areas of the village green as part of a [Village Atlas Project](#).

A low earthwork on the north side of the green turned out to be an air raid shelter from World War II, a structure remembered by some residents.

An intriguing collection of coins from 1928-1945 were found in a concentration in a discrete area suggesting part of the green may have been used for a commercial purposes, perhaps a fair or market for a short period.



North Cemetery, Hartlepool

Tees Archaeology, along with the Friends of North Cemetery, Hartlepool carried out a small trial excavation on a former cemetery lodge and two chapels.



Image Courtesy of Joseph Pullman, Friends of North Cemetery

The cemetery was opened in 1856 to serve the expanding port and town of West Hartlepool. The excavations noted that the buildings were founded on a mound of spoil, the result of dumping material excavated from the new docks. The buildings themselves were built of magnesium limestone blocks, which were probably also quarried from the docks themselves. As part of the project the Friends also carried out detailed recording on surviving memorials within the cemetery.

World War I Project

Tees Archaeology are currently working to enhance our understanding of World War I military and civil sites across Teesside. These include a sea-plane base at Seaton Snook, Hartlepool, a sub-marine depot at South Gare and a wireless listening post for intercepting German communications at Rimswell, Stockton.

We are finding that many buildings were commandeered by Northern Command such as Thorpe House on Norton High Street, used as a hospital during the period.



If you have any information on World War I sites in the area then we would love to hear from you.