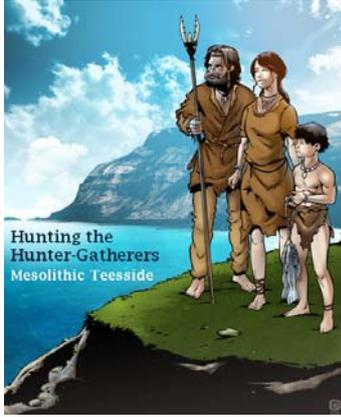




Mesolithic Booklet

We are pleased to announce a new digital booklet titled 'Hunting the Hunter-Gatherers: Mesolithic Teesside'.

The booklet brings together information about the first people of the area after the end of the Ice Age and before the introduction of farming.



It is aimed at the general reader and a series of reconstructions have been produced by local artist Nigel Dobbyn. You can download the booklet [here](#).

Egglescliffe Big Dig

Residents of Egglescliffe village have been exploring its archaeology as part of the River Tees Rediscovered Heritage Lottery funded project. Tees Archaeology have helped to excavate several trial trenches in a number of areas around the village. The aim of the excavation was to find out more about the medieval settlement and the later role it played in the English Civil War when Royalist troops were based there to control the bridge into Yarm. Previously metal detectorists had noted lead shot in the fields around the village suggesting Civil War activity.



Lots of local people got involved. The earliest finds from the excavations are several prehistoric flints including a scraper likely to be over 5000 years old. The majority of the finds are pottery sherds including many examples of local medieval wares.

Mid Tees Research Project

In late summer, Tees Archaeology assisted a team of local archaeologists and volunteers carrying out research excavations on a Roman marching camp near Newsham, Yarm.



The site had been identified from aerial photographs and a series of geophysical surveys had been carried out previously by John Brown.

The playing card-shaped defensive ditch surrounding the camp was very obvious. Lots of other features were also visible that could represent earlier or later activity and most likely both.



Jenny Parker and Linda Davies were the leads on the excavation and were assisted by a number of experienced and first time diggers.

The ditch of the camp conformed to the standard Roman military type. It was V-shaped in profile with a narrow slot at the base, known as an ankle-breaker.

For more information, including a daily blog on the excavation, please visit the Mid-Tees Research Project [webpage](#).