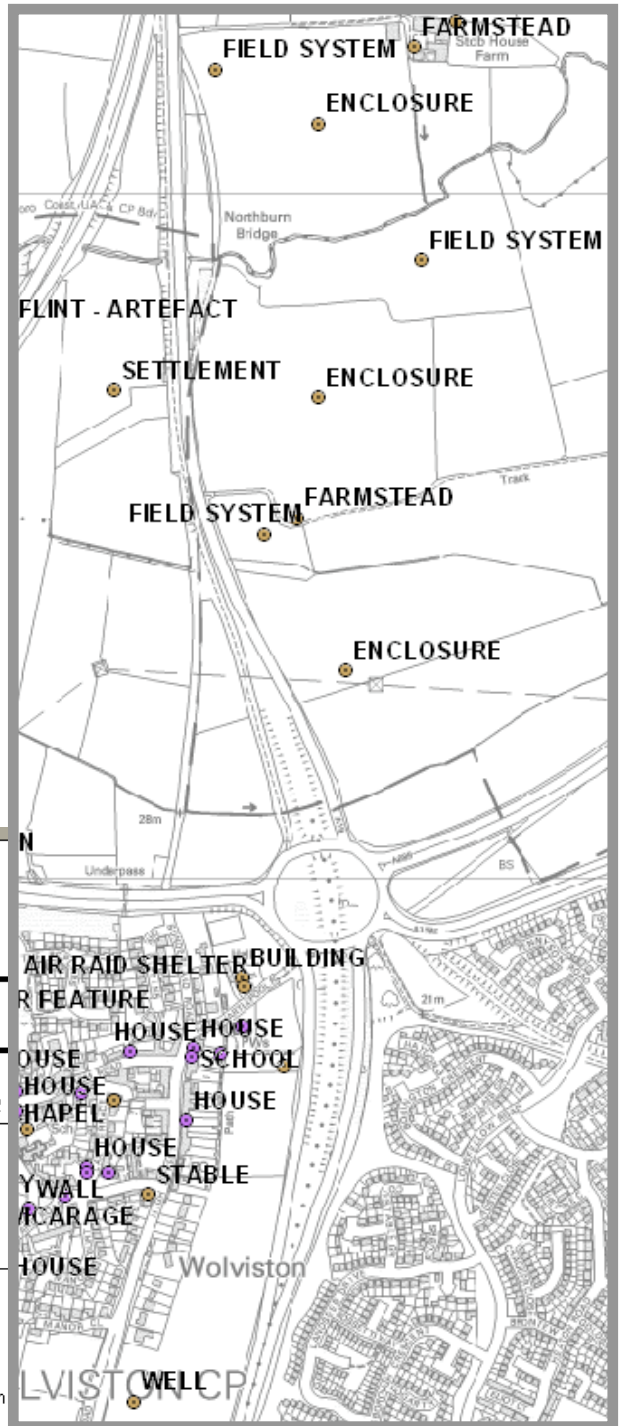




The Tees Archaeology Historic Environment Record

The Historic Environment Record, known as the HER, is a database of all the known archaeological and historical sites in the boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees. These can range from large sites such as the earthwork remains of deserted medieval villages to finds of small artefacts such as sherds of pottery. Even the most insignificant looking finds can be important - a few flint tools might be all that is left of a prehistoric camp. Finds don't have to be thousands or even hundreds of years old to be recorded; there are many records of sites dating back only a few decades, such as the wide variety of World War II pill boxes in the area.

If you are interested in finding out more about the history of a particular site or area we can search the database and provide you with the relevant records. But please remember the HER is a summary record and does not necessarily hold all the information that might be available for a particular site. Nor is the HER ever 'finished' – we are constantly adding new sites and new information to the database - so do let us know if you think you've found something interesting!



Tees Archaeology Sites And Monuments Record

11 December 2012

SMR# :	Site Name :	Form :
4815	Land Army H.Q., Wolviston	AIR RAID SHELTER

Location

NGR :	Additional NGR :	Map :
NZ 45442 25838 C		NZ 42 NE
Parish : BILLINGHAM	District : STOCKTON	

Archaeological data

Period : WORLD WAR II	Additional period :
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Description :

Brick air-raid shelter with flat concrete roof. The shelter measures 13m in length and 7m in width. The shelter has an entrance at each end, flanked by a blast wall in brick. The shelter would have served the adjacent Land Army Headquarters building (SMR 4814) in World War II.

Further Research

There are now a wide number of internet resources available for you to carry out your own archaeological, historical and family history research. Some of these are sites that you have to pay for, but you may find that your **local library** has a subscription meaning you can access the sites at a reduced or no cost from library computers.

You can find a list of designated (protected) **archaeological and historical sites** at the [National Heritage List for England](#) or for an even wider search try the [Heritage Gateway](#). Historic England has also produced a series of [guides](#) to different kinds of archaeological site. The [Archaeology Data Service](#) also has a wide range of more technical resources available online, and you can find references to academic publications in the [ADS Library](#). Some regional HERs such as [Durham and Northumberland](#), [Tyne and Wear](#), and the [Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority](#) have made their databases available online. Tees Archaeology has recently launched a basic version of our HER on our [website](#).

If you are interested in **historical research**, [British History Online](#) has a range of primary sources and reference works such as the Victoria County Histories available to search, and [A Vision of Britain Through Time](#) also has a wide range of resources. You can even search the [Domesday Book](#) online, and find out the meaning of [English Place Names](#). Historic **Ordnance Survey maps** dating back to the mid 19th century are available to view (and buy) from the [National Library of Scotland](#) and at [Old Maps](#), and the [Charles Close Society](#) also has some useful links. You can now view [Durham Tithe maps and apportionments](#) online.

More **historic photos** are now becoming available online, such as the aerial photos at [Britain From Above](#). There are also a growing number of regional collections such as the [Durham Record](#), [People Past and Present](#), [East Durham Then and Now](#), [Hartlepool History Then & Now](#), [Picture Stockton](#) and the [North Yorkshire County Record Office](#).

For more detailed research, **local archives** such as [Teesside Archives](#), [Durham County Record Office](#) and [North Yorkshire County Record Office](#) hold original documents from many different sources. The [National Archives](#) also holds millions of documents and has catalogues of material in [local archives](#). **Newspapers** can be a useful source of information; your local library may have collections of local newspapers on microfilm and the [British Newspaper Archive](#) is currently digitising the British Library's newspaper collection. Resources such as [Hansard](#) (the records of the **Houses of Parliament**) can provide all sorts of historical snippets.

If you are interested in **family history** you probably already know about [Ancestry](#) and [Find My Past](#), which are both subscription websites, however some local libraries provide free access for members. You can also get free [birth, marriage and death](#) records, including those for the [Tees Valley](#), and [Census data](#) and [Parish Registers](#) for some areas of the country. There are other resources such as [Historical Directories](#) (which preceded telephone directories) which can also contain useful information about people and businesses. The [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#) holds details of all those who died in the two World Wars.

If you would like to meet others with similar interests, **societies** such as the [Teesside Archaeological Society](#), the [Cleveland Industrial Archaeology Society](#), the [Cleveland & Teesside Local History Society](#), the [Tees Valley RIGS Group](#) and the [Cleveland Family History Society](#) hold local meetings, lectures and events.

If you find that any of the links above are broken, please let us know at teesarchaeology@hartlepool.gov.uk.