

Bombardment Memorial

A new memorial has been unveiled on Hartlepool Headland, commemorating the lives lost in the Bombardment carried out by three German battle cruisers on December 16th 1914, soon after the outbreak of the First World War.

The Bombardment killed 130 people and caused considerable damage to the town.



Tees Archaeology monitored the excavation of the foundation for the memorial, which was located over the site of the Lighthouse Battery.

The Lighthouse Battery was built in 1859-60 to partner the Heugh Battery to the north. These batteries were the only coastal defences to engage the enemy during World War I. The Lighthouse Battery was used again in World War II, mainly for observation, and demolished in 1967.

The monitoring located a steel girder which is likely to be part of the structure of the northern below-ground magazine of the Lighthouse Battery. This was left in place under the new paving.

Norton-on-Tees Building Recording

Tees Archaeology are working with a group of dedicated volunteers to record the condition of the 82 Grade II listed buildings of Norton.



The listings cover a variety of buildings and other structures ranging from gravestones to almshouses to telephone kiosks.

The project is funded by English Heritage who are testing an online recording system. Data about the buildings can be captured on a mobile device, such as a phone or tablet, and uploaded immediately to the English Heritage portal along with digital images. If successful it is hoped to roll the pilot out as part of a national scheme to record Heritage at Risk.

Medieval trods at Fairy Dell, Middlesbrough

In Summer 2014 we worked with the Friends of Fairy Dell to research the medieval heritage of what is now a local green space and wetland.



Using maps and aerial photos the Friends identified the site of the deserted medieval settlement of Newham, which was built over in the 1970s. Although the village was destroyed, at least four former lanes, hollowed out through centuries of use, were found in the vicinity that would have connected it to other nearby settlements and resources.

The research led to a week of archaeological excavation to establish the age of one of the lanes. The sunken lane was 3m deep in places and at the base we recovered a single sherd of pottery, dating to the 13th or 14th century AD. You can now explore the heritage of the Dell for yourself using a [self guided trail leaflet](#).

River Tees Rediscovered: Community Archaeology Workshops

A number of workshops are being organised with Groundwork North East & Cumbria to explore the heritage of the River Tees.

19th May - Medieval Middlesbrough Workshop

21st May – North Tees Workshop (exploring medieval salt industry and World War defences)

11th July – The Archaeology of the English Civil War

Places at all events are limited and booking is essential. For further information please email tees.archaeology@hartlepool.gov.uk or visit our [website](#).