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Update on our Early Prehistoric Enhancement Project

Over the last few months we have been busy examining the records of antiquarian flint collectors (held in various local museums) and comparing this data with the records we already have in our HER database. This has meant a lot of enhancing existing database entries, as well as creating new records for previously unrecorded sites.



(Above): A Palaeolithic hand axe found in 1889 near Stanley (now held by Wakefield Museum)

We've still got a lot still to do, but at the end of the project we hope the improved data will help us to better understand how this region was populated during the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods. It will also help us to provide better advice to future planning and management consultations.

Volunteers Needed!

Looking for work-based experience in heritage management?

We are currently looking for two new volunteers to help us with the digitisation of some of our information backlogs. Ideally we would like the volunteers to commit to one day a week (although we can be flexible), and knowledge of using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) would be advantageous, although training would be provided.

Interested? Please email Rosalind Buck (HER Officer) via rbuck@wyjs.org.uk



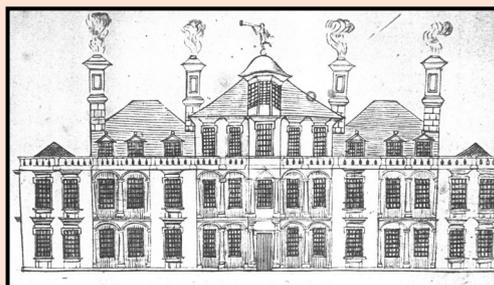
Recent Excavation at Arthington Hall

Earlier this year, Archaeological Services WYAS (ASWYAS) conducted an archaeological excavation in association with the renovation and restoration of the current 18th-century Arthington Hall.

The excavations (located immediately to the west of the current hall), revealed a number of wall foundations (sealed by demolition deposits) that were on the same alignment as the current hall. A 'jetton' (small token), dating to the 16th century, was recovered from one of the walls. It is thought that the token would have been placed by the builders constructing the wall (quite why is a mystery!). A piece of pottery, dating from the 18th century was also found, and is likely to be associated with the demolition phase of the structure.

As such, the excavated walls were interpreted as the foundations of an early phase of the hall, which had been demolished when the hall was remodelled in the 18th century.

If you would like to learn more about Arthington Hall, or any other recent archaeological excavations that have taken place in West Yorkshire, please email the HER via wyher@wyjs.org.uk



(Top Right): A 19th-century engraving of Arthington Hall before it was remodelled.

Our New Logo!

Have you noticed our new logo? What do you think?!



The motif is inspired by the famous prehistoric rock carvings that still survive all across the moors around Bradford.



(Left): The 16th-century 'jetton' which was dated to 1553-84 AD by archaeologists



(Bottom Right): The current south façade of Arthington Hall