



BORDLEY TOWNSHIP PROJECT

WHAT WE DID TODAY

In

January and February

2013



The weather has prevented outdoor fieldwork in the township since Jan 2013. It's another world out there at Bordley Town!!! I have cancelled 3 ASAC sessions due to the weather conditions the latest being today.

Field Work - WOS

There is one field which has yet to be subjected to a walk-over survey before we can say that all fields in the township have been walked! There are, however, several fields which have to be revisited either to take photographs or record the location of features. In the early days of the project few members had a hand held GPS capable of accurately recording the features and cameras were often forgotten!

Building Recording

Recording the buildings (barns and farm buildings) of Bordley Town started in December 2012 with one Team recording the row of three small agricultural farm buildings, often referred to as a hennery piggery, at Bordley Town. The plans have been drawn up from the data recorded and now the tricky (first time) job of the written record is starting. Sonia held a session for several members of the project a last week. Two Teams have now been established and are rearing to go and get started if only the weather would warm up a bit!!

9th February - Recording the coal workings

Two members of the Project braved the cold and set off from Threshfield in order to record workings from the edge of the township on Saturday (see separate WWDT).

11th February – Committee/Steering Group Meeting

On Monday a committee meeting was held during the day at Hetton. This was followed by a Steering Group meeting. The Steering Group meeting discussed: the festival of British Archaeology deciding on two events a) guided walk (13th July) and b) an evening talk (25th July) venue to be confirmed, the Schools Plan, field work – re-visiting fields, future and geophysical surveys and the publications – the project book, walks leaflets plus a DVD (see separate report) also the pending day school – Hoards and Treasures – given by Joyce Hill on the 9th March.

6th February 2013 - ASAC at Upper Wharfedale School. The Cravenology Project

The session today started with a short power point presentation on The Thornborough Henges. This was followed by the continuing job of recording the artefacts found at the Big Dig in August 2012.

The school skeleton (see photo) was brought into the room in readiness for its visit to Beamsley Primary School the next day, **7th February 2013**. John Mitton and the author spent an hour (2 x ½ hour sessions) with Years 5 and 6 - 1) the human skeleton exercise and 2) animal bone drawing and a discussion on the butchery marks – how and why the marks were made.

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