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Tameside Archaeological Survey. Second Quarterly Report for 2009-10

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Research and Discovery

1.1 Research Recording at the Whitelands Leather Works, Whitelands, Dukinfield, Tameside, Greater Manchester (centred SJ 9420 9869),

The final report on the archaeological building survey of Whitelands Leather Works, Whitelands, Dukinfield, (centred SJ 9420 9869), has now been produced. The site which was surveyed in 2002-3, was situated to the east of Whitelands road and to the south of the disused Huddersfield Canal. Whitelands works consisted of a four story building with adjoining single story sheds to the east. It appears to have begun life as a purpose-built leatherworks. Although the buildings were noted on the 1840s OS map there appeared to have been a significant rebuild dating to 1868. During the late 20th century the site was reduced in size with residential buildings constructed to the east and south of the works and this may have been the period when the building was converted to a warehouse. The adjoining sheds were partially demolished in the late 20th century and the works was finally demolished in 2003.



The interior of the Whitelands Works showing the trusses and floor beams typical of a mid-19th century urban warehouse construction.

This is one of several buildings in the Dukinfield and Audenshaw area which were used for leather processing and finishing. Likely the surviving examples in Audenshaw, it was a purpose-built structure, and as such is a rare industrial building type in the Tameside and Greater Manchester areas, with many features, the roof trusses and narrow width, akin to contemporary mid-19th urban warehouses.

1.2 Emergency Recording at the Caxton Engineering Works, Mary Street, Hyde (centred SJ 945 952)

In July and August 2009 a square, two storey, engineering building to the west of Carrfield Mill in Hyde, was demolished. Although access to the interior of the building was not possible Centre staff were able to record the exterior and some of the partially demolished interior features of the building during demolition. The Caxton Engineering Works was established between 1872 and 1894, but probably in the early 1890s when it first appears on the Ordnance Survey map base, where it was named and lies on the northern side of Mary Street. This was one of the many engineering firms established in Hyde in the mid-19th century, when the presence of the railway network and the railway junctions around Newton to the north encouraged the development of a light and heavy engineering tradition in this area. In 1896 and in 1902 the works was occupied by Cartwright & Rattray Limited, lithographers and printers (*Kelly's Cheshire Directory* 1896, 314; *ibid* 1902, 356).



The southern elevation of the Caxton Engineering Works immediately prior to demolition in July 2009.

The structure of the works reflected this business. The two storey offices lay at the western end of the works. Here was the entrance with a classical stone surround in the southern wall and on the top floor were the drawing offices lit by a glazed roof hidden by a terracotta balustrade. The engine house, boiler house, and circular chimney lay at the northern end of the works as a short projection. The engineering

shop floors occupied the main body of the two storey range to the south and east. This had ten windows on each floor in the southern elevation and 15 to the eastern elevation. This part of the structure was steel and cast-iron framed, a style of construction just coming into mill building, as at the 1884-5 Cavendish Mil in Ashton-under-Lyne. The top floor had a multi-ridged roof supported by wire trusses.



The southern elevation of the Caxton Engineering Works immediately prior to demolition in July 2009.



The 'Archaeology of Tameside' Series

2.1 The Archaeology of Tameside Volume 8: Newton Hall and the Cruck Buildings of North West England

The outline for this volume is as follows:

1. The Cruck-framed Buildings of Greater Manchester and the North West
2. Excavating the Cruck-framed Building: the Archaeology of Newton Hall
3. Rediscovering Newton Hall: its History and Conservation
4. A Guide to the Cruck-framed Buildings of Greater Manchester

Fieldwork for this volume has been completed. Drafts of all the Chapters have been written and the illustrations are being finalised.

2.2 The Archaeology of Tameside Volume: Buckton Castle and the Archaeology of the Castle in North West England

The current outline for the book remains as follows, although the publication date for the volume is now the autumn of 2010, after the third and final season of excavations:

1. *The Archaeology of the Medieval Castle in North West England*
2. *The Castles of Greater Manchester*
3. *Buckton Castle and the History of Longdendale*
4. *Survey and Excavation Work at Buckton, 1996 to 2008*
5. *A Guide to the Surviving Castles of North West England*



Tameside Roots

3.1 Family History Centre

The Family History Centre continues to be busy with a slight drop in enquiries during September 09 as our major client group of over-50s tend to go on holiday at this time.

Family History outreach events during 2009 have been held at the following venues:

- St George's Day event, 18th April
- Stalybridge Splash, 25th May
- Stalybridge Carnival, 28th June
- Proms in the Park (2 days), 25-26th July
- Bank Holiday Monday at Portland Basin, 31st August
- The Mellor Excavation Open Week end (2 days), 5-6th September

All the above have been very successful in reaching those people who are interested but wouldn't know where to start. At least 50% of the people seen at the outreach events have followed up with a visit to the Centre.

Six out of the eight talks scheduled for this year have now taken place and have proved to be very popular. These included 'The Newton Hall Excavations' by Mike Nevell on 22nd May and 'A Shot in the Dark' by Sue Mitchell on 10th June. The last two will take place in November and December, with the December talk being given by members of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It is anticipated that this will be very popular and so a larger venue has been booked.

3.2 Heritage Open Days, 12th and 13th September

For this year's Heritage Open Days events Sue Mitchell produced a leaflet for the Tameside participants based upon the information supplied by the Civic Trust. Over 7000 leaflets were distributed through mailings to libraries, record offices and museums. In addition the Tameside display caravan was used on the Friday and Saturday prior to HODs weekend to distribute leaflets directly to the public.

3.3 History in Your Own Words

Although a number of people have expressed an interest in using this service in 2009 nothing has been produced as yet.



Community Archaeology

4.1 'Dig Newton Hall': Community Archaeology Week, April 2010

Centre staff are assisting the Friends of Gorse Hall in re-applying for Heritage Lottery Funding for the 'Dig Newton Hall' community archaeology project. The first application fell foul of changes in the rules for HLF grant applications which came into force in April 2009. This new application will focus upon the archaeology of the courtyard to the east of the old hall and is targeted at school children from across Tameside.

4.2 Broadbottom Community Archaeology Project

The first season of the Broadbottom Community Archaeology project will run from Saturday 17th July to Sunday 1st August so as to coincide with the national 'Festival of Archaeology', sponsored and coordinated by the Council for British Archaeology. The aim of the first season is to provide a wide range of archaeological activities for local volunteers and societies based around the impressive remains of the Broad Mills textile site. The project is being coordinated with the Tameside Ranger Service.

4.3 Tameside Burial Project, Year 1

Work began at the beginning of October 2009 on enhancing the database of municipal burials for the Borough compiled by the Tameside Local Studies and Archives staff. The enhancement burial project will record all non-municipal burial data from local parish and non-conformist churches and chapels within the borough. The information will be transcribed from the appropriate burial registers and then combined with the municipal data so as to provide a Family and Local History resource for all burials within Tameside. It would also be a research resource for Historic Archaeologists regionally.

The project is being led by Brian Grimsditch, the Tameside Archaeologist, and at least four people have already contacted Brian with a view to assisting in the in-putting of information onto the database. The project is also looking at the feasibility of photographing individual grave inscriptions and adding these to the database. At the moment it is not clear whether all such non-municipal inscriptions can be recorded during the two-year lifespan of the project or whether only those inscriptions before a certain date will be noted. This will depend on the success of a pilot survey of one of the Tameside graveyards which will be undertaken before Christmas.

4.3 'T20: The Tameside Archaeological Survey at 20 Years' Exhibition

Planning is underway to celebrate 20 years of the Tameside Archaeological Survey throughout 2010. It is intended to take a travelling exhibition to each of the nine towns within the borough using the Tameside MBC display caravan from March to November 2010. This will culminate in a temporary exhibition in one of the Tameside Galleries or museum at the end of the year, in which some of the finds excavated by the project over the last 20 years can be exhibited as well.

Tameside Archaeological Survey

Revised Milestones for the years 2009/10 to 2014/15

Financial Year	(1) Research & Discovery Reports	(2) Archaeology of Tameside Series	(3) Tameside Roots	(4) Community Archaeology
2009/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckton Catsle Season 3 (separately funded) • Graveyard Study Year 1 (separately funded) • Halls Study • ER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V8: Newton Hall and the cruck buildings of NW England 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transcribed some Mottram wills and inventories • Family History Conference • History in Your Own Words Volume • Voices From the Past Vol 1& 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Archaeology Week • Newton Hall Community Excavation • Preparation for Tameside Exhibition • Archaeology leaflet
2010/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graveyard Study Year 2 (separately funded) • Textiles Survey 1 • Broadbottom Research Excavations • Victorian Villas Study • ER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V9: Buckton Castle • V10 Staley Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transcribed some Hyde wills and inventories • History in Your Own Words Volume • Voices From the Past Vol 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Archaeology Week • Community Excavation • Tameside Exhibition launch • Archaeology leaflet
2011/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadbottom Research Excavations • SHMDC Tramway Study • Textiles Survey 1 • ER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V11 Gorse Hall: A Victorian Villa Landscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transcribed some Staley wills and inventories • History in Your Own Words Volume • Voices From the Past Vol 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Archaeology Week • Community Excavation • Archaeology leaflet
2012/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadbottom Research Excavations • Fairfield Survey • ER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V12: The SHMDC tramway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transcribed some Dukinfield and Newton wills and inventories • History in Your Own Words Volume • Voices From the Past Vol 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Archaeology Week • Community Excavation • Archaeology leaflet
2013/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadbottom Research Excavations • Textile Mills Survey • ER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V13: The Fairfield Moravian Settlement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transcribed some Ashton wills and inventories • History in Your Own Words Volume • Voices From the Past Vol 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Archaeology Week • Community Excavation • Schools Project on the Moravian settlement • Archaeology leaflet
2014/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadbottom Research Excavations • ER 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V14: Broadbottom Mills & the textile Mills of Tameside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transcribed some Denton wills and inventories • History in Your Own Words Volume • Voices From the Past Vol 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Archaeology Week • Community Excavation • Archaeology leaflet

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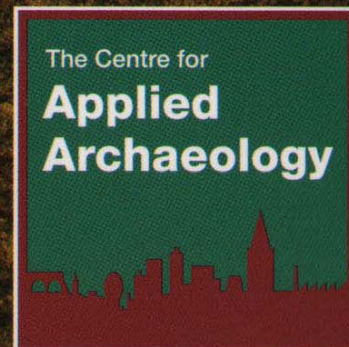
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