POST-EXCAVATION – IF YOU LOVE ALPHABETISING YOUR DVD AND CD COLLECTIONS THIS IS THE JOB FOR YOU.

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We are the Cosmeston post-excavation team based in and from Cardiff University. Our job involves working with the paper and material archive, preparing it for analysis and interpretation. This year's excavation at Cosmeston ended last week after a month of hard digging (see our blog) and this week the post-excavation team has been digitising the paper archives, scanning in slides from the 1980s excavations, as well as sorting and marking pottery. After four years of excavation there is a good amount of work to do and already the context information, registers and half of the pottery excavated in 2009 have been digitised, archived and organised. Today we will introduce you to a number of our students and provide an account of a day in the life of a post-excavation team.

Cosmeston is a medieval settlement in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales. Initially discovered in 1979 by local archaeology company GGAT, University excavations since 2007, involving students and the local community, have advanced our understanding of this complex medieval settlement. The site was reconstructed in the 1980s on the foundations of a number of the excavated buildings and is now a living museum with pigs, ducks and sheep, cared for by the staff who also manage and maintain the buildings and land. This is a well loved local resource which also acts as a set for the filming of Merlin.