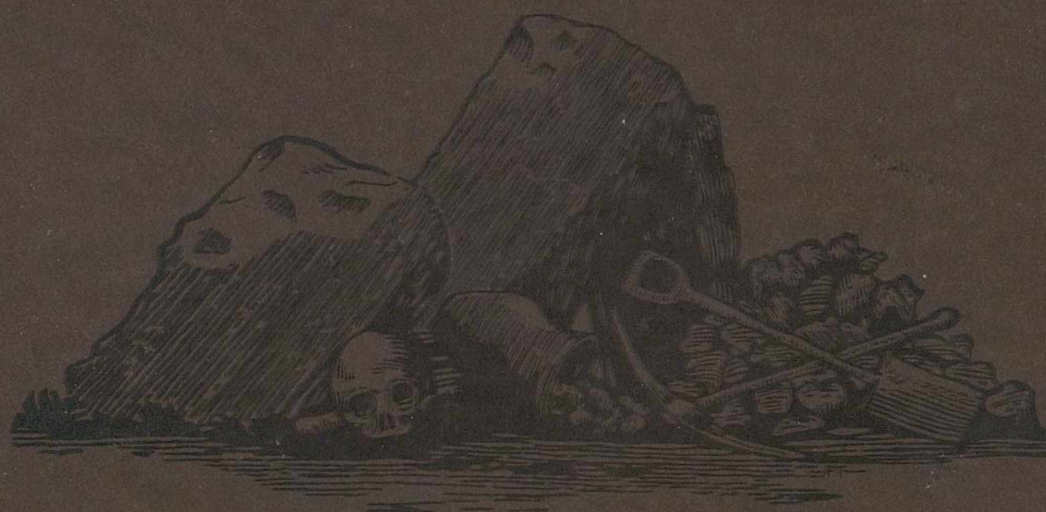


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## Editorial

In this time of economic recession Northern Archaeology is fortunate to have the unfailing support of the Northumberland Archaeological Group who continue to cushion the blows of possible financial disaster. We should like to offer our thanks for their belief in the role that this periodical has to play in the archaeology of the North. The straitjackets imposed on the whole of British archaeology have substantially retarded expansion and innovation in our own area. This is particularly unfortunate as archaeology in the North has never fully received the attention or resources which would allow a more comprehensive study of the archaeological record available to us.

Despite these problems we are able to offer a selection of stimulating articles. Savage's article begins a Roman invasion into our previously prehistoric preserves. The counter-attack is led by the articles on perforated stone artefacts and a bronze socketed axe. Let it not be said, however, that an article on a lost and found cinerary urn in any way reflects the victory of Roman material over prehistoric. This is not an allegorical end to our interest in prehistory!

We hope that this corpus of articles will provide a source of useful reference material, and we will be interested to hear any response to any of the more controversial aspects raised by these papers. With this issue Northern Archaeology has now survived its first year of publication. We are sure that 1981 will see us progress from strength to strength.

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