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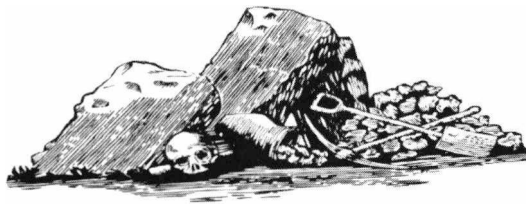
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Editorial

This much awaited volume of *Northern Archaeology* is only the third this century. It continues the well established tradition of previous issues of providing a platform for fieldwork projects and articles concentrating on the north of England and especially on Northumberland, the most northerly (and most beautiful) of English counties.

The variety and quality of articles since the first volume hit the bookshelves in 1980 has been remarkable. As someone who teaches local archaeology, I am forever dipping into past volumes and finding invaluable forgotten (forgotten by me, at any rate) articles and golden nuggets of information. I have been helped in this search by Margaret Maddison's excellent indices, the latest of which is included in this volume. Articles in *Northern Archaeology volume 21* encompass a fittingly wide time scale, stretching from the Mesolithic through the Neolithic and Bronze Age to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries AD.

This chronologically broad spectrum was one of the original aims of *Northern Archaeology* and will continue in future. There is an enormous amount of fieldwork and research taking place in northern England and *Northern Archaeology* will continue to reflect and applaud the efforts being made by all those involved, NAG members, professionals and amateurs.

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