

## The Romans in the Peak District:

On Saturday 5th October, members of our team attended the East Midlands Research Framework conference: 'Advancing Research on the Historic Environment of the East Midlands'.

The conference focused on investigations that have enhanced our understanding of the Neolithic and later periods. The team, armed with a number of the brilliant finds from Hope Shale



ARS Ltd.'s display at the EMRF conference

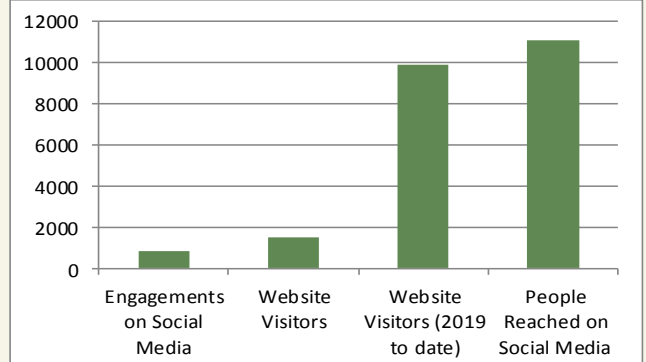
Quarry, contributed a poster board and display on the Romans in the Peak District, sharing information on some of our recent projects in the area, including Hope Shale Quarry where we are excavating the vicus of the Roman fort and a Roman site in Bolsover.

Later in the month, ARS Ltd. gave a special guest talk to the Time Travellers in Sheffield about our ongoing excavations at the quarry.

We gave a brief introduction to ARS as a company before moving on to discuss the phases of archaeology, our findings on site and what we have done to ensure the public could get a glimpse of the Romans in the Peak District and highlighting how this aligns with the company values of enriching society and creating value. After Q&As and a tea break, some of the small and bulk finds from the excavations were put on show.

The talk was very well received, with the second highest turn-out for a Time Travellers talk ever!

## October at a glance:



## November dates for your diary:

**Sunday 24th November: Archaeology in the Garden** 11:00—14:00 Cannon Hall Parks and Gardens, Barnsley

**Saturday 30th November: South Yorkshire Archaeology Day** 10:00, Showroom Cinema, Sheffield

**Saturday 30th November: Greater Manchester Archaeology Day** 09:30 — 17:00, Peel Building, Salford



Visitors onsite at Hope Shale Quarry





*Presenting on The Fitz, Cockermouth*

## Northern Prehistory

On the 12th and 13th October, we attended the 'Northern Prehistory: Connecting Communities' conference. ARS Ltd. staff presented on recent landscape studies in Cumbria, Early Neolithic settlements

and votive deposition and Early Bronze Age Burial and funerary practices in Cumbria and Lancashire, contributing to new understanding of the archaeology in the area.

## Mesolithic Discoveries at Killerby Quarry

We have been working closely with Tarmac on their Killerby Quarry Site since 2008. Over the years, we have carried out a wide range of archaeological investigations from desk-based research to full scale excavation. Our most recent excavation has come to an end, but the post-excavation process begins.

Samples from Britain's first Mesolithic timber building/ structure have been examined by our Palaeo-environmental specialist to reveal that alder was used to building this shelter. More information on this incredible site can be found on our website and in this [Yorkshire Post article](#).



*Analysing a sample of wood from the Mesolithic Structure*



*The remains of the Mesolithic structure in situ overlaying an in situ hearth*



*The Time Travellers on site at Whirlow Hall Farm*

## 2019 Excavations at Whirlow Hall Farm

This year's excavations at Whirlow Hall Farm targeted a Mesolithic pit previously identified in the 2018 fieldwork. On the first day, ARS Ltd. was joined by eager children from the Sheffield Young Archaeologists Club who were all more than happy to help open up the 7 x 7m trench! The group enjoyed being on a real excavation and were excited to find Post-Medieval pot in the topsoil. Over the rest of the week, progress was made by the Time Travellers as they assisted in cleaning off the interface between the topsoil and the archaeological horizon, revealing several stone-packed pits and postholes with charcoal in. We think this could be the remains of a very weathered and truncated later Mesolithic settlement site.

Find out more about our partnership with Whirlow Hall Farm Trust [here](#).

## Calling Community Groups...

Are you running a community archaeology project? The CARD fund is directed specifically at community groups seeking to obtain radiocarbon dates on key samples from sites they have investigated. The deadline for applications is 30th November. Find more information and to apply via the online application form [here](#).