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A snowy Bakewell

Merry Christmas!

From all of us at Archaeological Research Services Ltd, we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. In lieu of sending Christmas cards, this year we have made a charitable donation to the Alzheimer's Society for their incredible work supporting those affected by the disease.

In the News

The latest edition of Current Archaeology features two of our most interesting projects of 2019.

We excavated an Early Bronze Age ring-ditch in Clitheroe, Lancashire earlier in the year and the site produced some incredible finds, including nine cremation burials, mostly with pottery vessels.

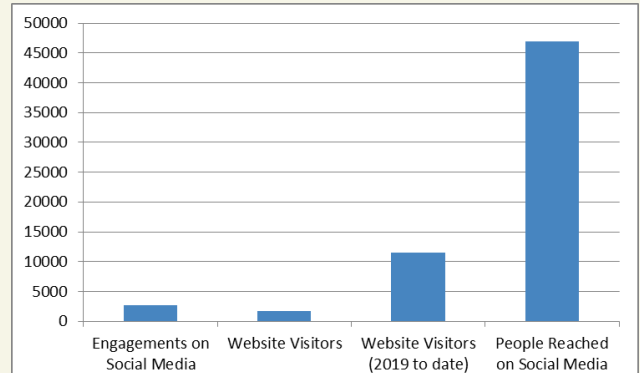
At Killerby Quarry, North Yorkshire we uncovered the well-preserved remains of two timber prehistoric structures.

The full articles are available to read [here](#) on the Current Archaeology website.



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November/December a glance:



A Big Thank You to our Volunteers

As the year draws to a close we want to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers we have welcomed on site for their passion, commitment and hard work.

Earlier in the year, with the help of volunteers, we excavated a series of prehistoric agricultural terraces in the Beamish Valley, Northumberland. This [fun newsletter](#) gives you an insight into life as a volunteer on the archaeological dig. Clicking on the image below will take you to the ARS Ltd. YouTube channel where you can watch some of our volunteers speak about their experiences during our excavations at Hope Shale Quarry on the Roman *Vicus of Navio*.



Some of our volunteers onsite in 2019



A Christmas Ghost Story

Upon hearing of our excavations at the Roman *Vicus* of *Navio*, a friend of ARS Ltd gave us a Christmas ghost story to share with you. Written by the Sheffield born author and playwright L. Du Garde Peach, the short story is set during a Christmas Eve full moon. At midnight, Mark Bagshawe is walking through the frosty and empty Derbyshire countryside before he hears the ghostly singing of the Roman soldiers stationed at the fort of *Navio*.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Palaeoenvironmental Processing



ARS Sample Processing

During 2019, we have transported and processed just under 31 metric tonnes of sediment from 25 of our sites through two flotation tanks.

From this, we have submitted 40 samples

for radiocarbon dating, including ten CARD fund submissions!

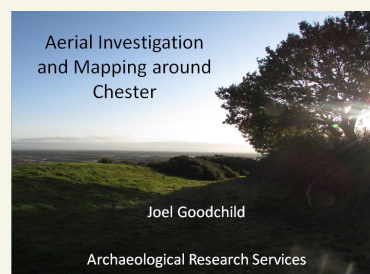
CARD Fund Applications Closed

30th November saw the deadline for the 2019 CARD fund applications. This year we have received interesting applications from various community archaeology groups. We look forward to funding ten of these radiocarbon dates from across the UK and summarising the results in a later edition of this newsletter.



Cow Green Reservoir 2018

Aerial Archaeology in Action



In November, members of our team attended the Council for British Archaeology North West Autumn Conference and presented our findings on an aerial mapping project we have been undertaking, covering

218km² around Cheshire. The survey identified archaeological features spanning from the Bronze Age to the Second World War. Features relating to the Roman, Anglo-Saxon and medieval periods have been the most notable in the area.

Roman Settlement in Derbyshire

On Saturday 9th November, we were invited by the Bolsover Civic Society to present our findings from our recent excavations at Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover at the 'Old Bolsover in Photos, Archives and Film' day at Bolsover Library. Members of our team put together a display of photographs of the excavation, and a variety of the Roman pottery from the site were on show for visitors to view and handle. The local residents showed great interest in the site and it was a brilliant opportunity for us to share the fascinating story of the Romans in the area.



ARS Ltd display in Bolsover Library



Drone shot of the excavation