



Community Archaeology Study Days 2008/9



Victorian Domestic Architecture

With Alison Sinclair

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Feedback from the study day:

'A wonderful insight into Victorian development and land use- the info indoors set up the afternoon exploration.'

'I enjoy Alison's style of presentation- I am a "lay person" in all of this but am never "at a loss" with Alison, and always learn an awful lot.'

Victorian architectural styles are prevalent throughout much of Britain. The nineteenth century provided a boon to house builders working to meet the demands of a rising population. The Victorians loved to incorporate older styles into their buildings, including Gothic and Tudor elements. The period also saw the rise of artistic innovations such as the arts and crafts movement involving William Morris. Many of these romanticized stylistic elements can be attributed to a reaction against the industrialization taking place in England at the time. The Victorian period was a stylistically diverse time for architecture, which reflected the sense of nostalgia experienced by many in a time of great change.



Alison Sinclair led today's discussion about Victorian domestic architecture in the York area. The morning was devoted to an explanation of development and land use in the Victorian period, while in the afternoon we explored some of our local Victorian houses and roads. Our group of sixteen enjoyed looking at some beautiful buildings and learning more about their place in architectural history.