



Community Archaeology Workshop: 10

WORKSHOP 10 – Bogs, Bones and Shells: Environmental Archaeology

Saturday 21st January 2006

Praise for workshop 10:

"The best workshop yet!" Participant

"A particularly good day in an excellent series of presentations. Left me with a renewed feeling of enthusiasm" Participant

"Very informative day; well organised with a very good speaker." Participant

"Interesting material - well presented with fascinating practical work. The extra presentation by Stuart Ogilvy was well worthwhile" Participant

"Getting to do it yourselves is better than watching TV" (Participant)

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Workshop 10 was a very informative day for those of us with little knowledge of environmental archaeology. The speaker, Charlie Dean, a Zooarchaeologist with a passion for her subject, presented her talks at a very understandable level, helping people to understand the finer details of environmental archaeology.

Charlie began the day with a talk entitled 'Animal, vegetable or mineral'. This introduced us to the range of material that environmental archaeologists work with – animal bones, soil samples, shells, seeds and pollen. We also looked at what this evidence can tell us about the environment, and the health, lifestyle and diet of past societies.



This was followed by a sample sorting practical, where participants were given the chance to obtain environmental evidence from a sample.



The second talk looked at bones and how to tell the difference between different species of animal. This was followed by an excellent practical on identifying animal bones using diagnostic drawings and reference collections.



An unscheduled addition to the day was a talk from Stuart Ogilvy, the Natural History Curator at The Yorkshire Museum. Stuart brought along some fossils and very old bones for the group to look at and identify.



Thanks very much to Charlie for preparing such interesting presentations and practical exercises. Thanks also to Stuart Ogilvy for his impromptu talk and to Christine McDonnell at York Archaeological Trust for providing the material (samples and animal bones) for the practical sessions.

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