

Lindisfarne Field Trip in association with Durham University Archaeology.



As a follow up to our one-day archaeological workshop at Durham University back in June, on Saturday 21st September 14 members from across the Northumbria Region went to Lindisfarne to visit the Durham University/Dig Ventures excavations adjacent to the ruins of the medieval Benedictine Priory. Our host was project director Dr David Petts from Durham University. This is the 7th season of digging at this site. David began by taking us up to the Heugh and giving us a short and succinct history of the island from the first settlers through into the early modern period, and putting the current dig into perspective, primarily focusing on the early medieval period as what they are digging is a cemetery of this date. We then visited two of the trenches where we had a more in-depth explanation of the visible features found and of the skeletons that were currently being uncovered. Following this it was off to site HQ where the finds were being cleaned and catalogued ready for expert analysis. The vast majority of material was of course human bones amongst which we shown



two beautiful 8th century name markers. So, it is thanks from us to the whole dig team for a wonderfully informative visit and follow up to our day back in June at Durham.

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