

HOLCOMBE MOOR HERITAGE GROUP

Summer Newsletter

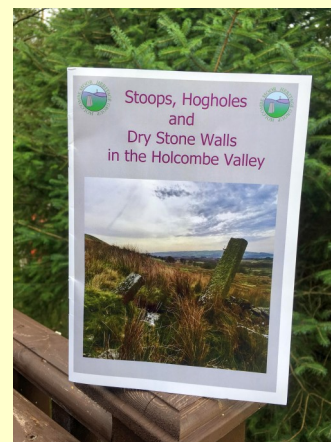


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Walls and Boundaries Project

Our project exploring and recording the different types of walls and boundaries in the Holcombe Valley is now complete and we are pleased to announce that we have published a booklet of our findings. The booklet is called "Stoops, Hogholes and Dry Stone Walls in the Holcombe Valley." As well as photographs showing the different types of features, there is a map showing where the features are located and a suggested route for a circular walk to look at the different types of walls and boundaries. The booklet costs £2.50 and will be available to purchase at our upcoming talks.



Cinder Hill Engine House Report

At the end of 2017, HMGH completed a five year project excavating a late eighteenth century textile spinning mill in the Holcombe Valley. The archaeological report for this project, detailing all our finds and discoveries has been written and is currently being printed. This will also be available to purchase at our Winter talks .

Winter talks

Dates for your diary! Our series of Winter talks will be held at Greenmount Cricket Club, beginning at 7.30pm. Admission is £3 per person which includes light refreshments. There will be a raffle and the bar will be available. Our new booklet "Stoops, Hogholes and Dry Stone Walls in the Holcombe Valley" and our Cinder Hill Engine House report will be on sale.

Cinder Hill Field 2019—An Update

by Neil Coldrick (dig director at Holcombe Moor Heritage Group) Wednesday 16th October 2019

Lessons from the Mud: 55th (West Lancashire) Division at the Third Battle of Ypres

by Major Paul Knight. Wednesday 27th November 2019

Talk title to be confirmed by Professor Richard Horrocks Wednesday 29th January 2020

Excavations at Calf Hill

by Catherine Rousseau Jones from Pendle Archaeology Group Wednesday 26th February 2020

We are on social media. Keep up to date with the latest news on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



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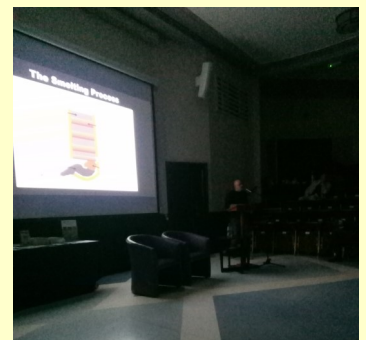
Cinder Hill Field Excavation

The dig in Cinder Hill Field has continued over the spring and summer months and there will be further dig days in September and October. A full update about the excavation and what has been discovered will be given at our talk on Wednesday 16th October, by Neil Coldrick, our dig director. The talk will be held at Greenmount Cricket Club and will begin at 7.30pm. Below are some photographs from this season. The dig diary is also available to read on our website and is updated after each dig day. For further information about the dig, including a dig diary, please see the project page of our website.



Council for British Archaeology Conference

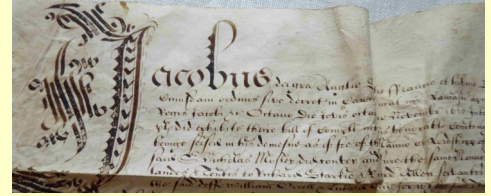
On Saturday 11th May 2019, our dig director Neil Coldrick gave a talk at the Council for British Archaeology North West annual conference at Bolton Museum. The talk was about our current excavation project at Cinder Hill field and was well received by the audience and has led to invitations for Neil to give talks to other local groups.



Our website is www.holcombemoorheritagegroup.org

History Group

The History Group continues to research the Mediæval history of our area and of other places in this part of the north of England. We are slowly putting together a picture of Holcombe and the surrounding area over the centuries, but finding relevant information from reliable sources is not easy.



We have continued to visit the Lancashire Archives, where the staff are unfailingly helpful. The purpose of our most recent visit was to check we had viewed all possible maps, and to look again for any information to be found on them, which we might previously have missed. In one of the books containing a few maps, we found a fascinating reference to '*another sort of ore they call Redshire ore*', an inferior type of iron ore whose name is very similar to 'Redisher'. Could this be the origin of this local name? If anyone has any information or thoughts on this, please contact us.

A name which has been discovered in an old document is that of a man residing in or owning a property in the Holcombe/Quarltun area - 'Henry Lunggieambe'. We have some ideas on this name, but any information is again appreciated.

A member of the History group has written an article for inclusion in the Lancashire Local History Federation newsletter.

Earlier this year several of us attended a series of extremely interesting talks at Bolton Museum, which included Neil Coldrick's talk about our current excavation in Cinder Hill Field. There will be future trips to archives, museums and libraries when we will attempt to find some relevant and meaningful information for the Cinder Hill Field excavation. Some of us will hopefully visit areas in the North West where there is evidence of other bloomeries, for our own interest and which may be of help to the research for H.M.H.G. We also hope to produce two or three booklets on subjects linked to the dig.



If you would like to join the History Group, your help will be very welcome, as will any knowledge of the area or family connections with Holcombe and surrounding areas. Please contact us if you have facts, photographs etc. to share or if you would like to join the History group.



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