

Caer Alyn Post Excavation Work update **1st February 2010**

Post excavation work is now seriously underway. The last two weeks have seen post-ex activity in the finds room, the tool storage area and on the southern enclosure. Oh and even the main office area has been tidied up!

Southern Enclosure

During the last two weeks levels have been taken, sections have been drawn and the trench has been cleaned back a bit to prepare it for planning. This has been a bit of a challenge due to the cold weather (and a bit of snow last week) but it progressing well. The finds analysis will take place when trench 14 finds are processed. Sorry, no photos yet! Thanks to Chris, John, Steve and Caroline!

Tools Storage

This week, Graham and Colin attacked the mess that we have called the tool storage area and the results are shown in the photographs below. This was a fine effort and it gives us all the challenge to ensure that this area stays clean and tidy. I have never seen it look so good!

The main office was also tidied up, but I don't know who was responsible. I suspect it was Alan and Annabelle, so if so, well done. If not, well take the credit anyway!





Finds Room

This was our third session at finds processing, recording and photographing. We have now entered 80 finds into the “finds spreadsheet” and photographed the more special ones. There are only so many photos of wattle and daub you can meaningfully take. Some of the rather nice finds that we have processed so far include two spindle whirrs, both lead, some very nice pottery, one piece that look suspiciously like it could be Roman (which would be an interesting result) a bronze “skillet” leg and some nice medieval green glazed pottery sherds.

I have attached some photographs below. We are approximately 40% through trench 14 finds. These will continue to be processed next week and then we will move onto the southern enclosure find, followed by trenches 15, 16, 17, 18, BOB and Wilderness “Chapel”. Lots to do and the more of us who can do it, the better!

It is great fun and a bit of an adventure seeing what we have found again, putting it into context and forming opinions.

The processing team includes, Margret, Beverly, Penny, Derek and Dave.



Finds processing



Lead Spindle Whirl



Clay pipe stem



Bone (or coral) attached to stone



Pottery (Roman???)



Fossilised Tree

More to come in a few weeks time!

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