

## **Tees Archaeology HER - World War I centenary enhancement**

Prior to the centenary, some WWI sites were already present on the HER, in particular defensive installations.

As part of the enhancement already carried out for the centenary, all of the properties listed in the 'War Office - Lands and Buildings Reconstruction Committee – Northern Command' document of 1918 have been entered on the HER.

Further work is required as follows:

- The list needs cross checking with the HER records to ensure there are no duplicates/missed sites.
- The HER records need checking for consistency (e.g. in the References field).
- Some specific fields need checking (such as Period to ensure all relevant periods are given).
- Many sites have not been located beyond the broad location given by the list, and refinement is needed (in some cases this has been achieved using local directories, newspapers etc.).

In addition, the material recently published by the North Yorkshire and Cleveland 20<sup>th</sup> Century Defence Study Group (in particular 'The Wartime Defences of the Lower Tees Valley in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century' Volume 5) needs to be added to the HER, either as new sites or as a reference for known sites.

Beyond this, it would be useful to visit the sites listed on the HER and establish whether or not they survive, and if so what their current condition and use is.

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