

Update: 2017

Members of the prehistory section have worked with Calderdale Museum Service to set up the Widdop from 6000 BC Exhibition in Heptonstall Museum. Descriptive panels and artifacts in the display cabinet inform visitors regarding the occupation of the Widdop area from 6000 BC to the nineteenth century. The exhibition complements other items on display in the Museum that depicts Calderdale life. Jeff Wilkinson co-ordinated the setting up of the display on behalf of the Calderdale Museum Service. The exhibition opened on 4th March and continues on weekends and Bank Holidays until 29th October.

Museum opening times are from 11:0 am to 4:00 pm. All the display panels were created and provided by the Hebden Bridge Local History Society.

We have attended meetings in Saddleworth, Skipton and London: hearing Andy Myers (Greater Manchester Archaeology Service) speak on the Mesolithic in the North West; Mary Saunders (University of Bradford) describing her work on the Grassington field systems; and a Prehistoric Society conference hosted by the Society of Antiquaries, with the theme Uplands and Lowlands, where national and international speakers spoke to issues around the influence of landscape on prehistoric activity.

We have continued our informal series of 'exchange walks' where we, and archaeologists concerned principally with Rombalds Moor, the Dales and Cumbria lead each other around 'highlights' of our home areas.

Fieldwork in Calderdale has been somewhat constrained by high reservoir levels, since two lines of current enquiry need access to the exposed valley sides. An unusual cup-marked stone has been recovered and recorded in 3D. It is now archived at Birchcliffe.

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