Arcifacts: Unearthing Homeless Heritage in York

Exhibition on between Friday 9th - 16th March
Open 2pm - 7pm daily
Wealden Hall, 51 Goodramgate, York

Arcifacts: what’s it all about??

Arcifacts examines how contemporary homeless people use and perceive the historic city of York. The exhibition charts a collaborative archaeological excavation of a ‘homeless place’ in York undertaken by homeless people from Arc Light homeless centre and students from the Department of Archaeology at the University of York.

Artefacts from the excavation are further illustrated by photographs and ‘memory maps’ that offer fresh insight into the material and cognitive culture of contemporary homelessness. This interactive multimedia archaeological exhibition includes a film about the process of working archaeologically in this socially inclusive way.

We are very grateful to the York Conservation Trust for allowing us to use Wealden Hall. Thank you to Arc Light and Unltd for funding that made the film possible. Thanks also to the Department of Archaeology and the Researcher Development Team for funding and support throughout this project. Also, a HUGE thank you to the NHS Bootham Park hospital, who allowed us to dig up part of their grounds for free! We hope we done you all proud!

For more information check out our website at http://www.arcifact.webs.com/ or call 07515 263 722