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- the Period matches **Lower Palaeolithic (40,000 BC - 8000 BC)**

NO79NW0006 - BIRKWOOD

Main Details

Primary Reference	NO79NW0006
Name	BIRKWOOD
Details	Mesolithic artefacts, of flint, schistose grit and quartz, collected by Miss H M L Paterson and now lodged in the NMAS. The collection is mainly the result of the gleaning of ploughed fields on two river terraces of the Dee between the Water of Feugh to two miles downstream to Knappach, but also derived from a methodical excavation at NO 7103 9569 by H Paterson, Lacaille and Dr G Callender in 1935. The collection includes flakes, scrapers, micro-burins and cores and also microliths, some of which have been made by the micro-burin technique. This is also known as Dr Grieve's Site J. Recent analysis of the collection concluded that the site was in use in different periods, although dominated by Later Mesolithic material, with a notable Early Mesolithic component and some Upper Palaeolithic pieces.
Easting	371112
Northing	795732

Regional Status

Site of Regional Significance

NJ91SE0078 - BLACKDOG

Main Details

Primary Reference	NJ91SE0078
Name	BLACKDOG
Details	An archaeological evaluation was carried out in 2015 and a watching brief in 2016 were carried out by Cameron Archaeology prior to proposed development. A total of 66 trenches were excavated, covering 7-10% of the site. No intact features of archaeological significance were recorded during the evaluation, however a total of 68 lithic artefacts were recovered, with the majority recovered from the field at NJ 9616 1447. The watching brief, centred at NJ 9587 1423, similarly recorded no features, but recovered 102 flints. Of the total assemblage of 170 flints, 75% of the assemblage is debitage, 15% is cores and 10% are tools. The assemblage includes elements from a number of prehistoric periods, but is dominated by later prehistoric material, probably dating to the later Bronze Age.
Easting	396049
Northing	814898

NK14NW0399 - GREENACRES, WESTER CLERKHILL

Main Details

Primary Reference	NK14NW0399
Name	GREENACRES, WESTER CLERKHILL
Details	A trial trenching evaluation was carried out by Cameron Archaeology in December 2015 ahead of proposed development. There were 29 trenches excavated, totalling 5% of the proposed development area. A total of 997 flints were recovered from the excavations and fieldwalking the site. No features were identified, but given the shallow topsoil and damage from agricultural practices it is unlikely that features will survive in this area. Almost all of the lithic artefacts were recovered from the southern field. A total of 697 of the flints were worked, and 296 were defined as natural. Apart from one particularly large blade tool, which may be a residual Upper Palaeolithic piece,

the collection of lithics as a whole is typo-technologically homogeneous, and the finds suggest a date in the Middle to Late Neolithic. The flints include bipolar and platform cores, various scrapers, fire-flints and other tools.

Easting 410869

Northing 845205

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