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Farming in early medieval Heslington and Fishergate
- from the hill and on the hoof

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Aerial view of Heslington Hill and Fulford



Excavation at Heslington Hill 2002

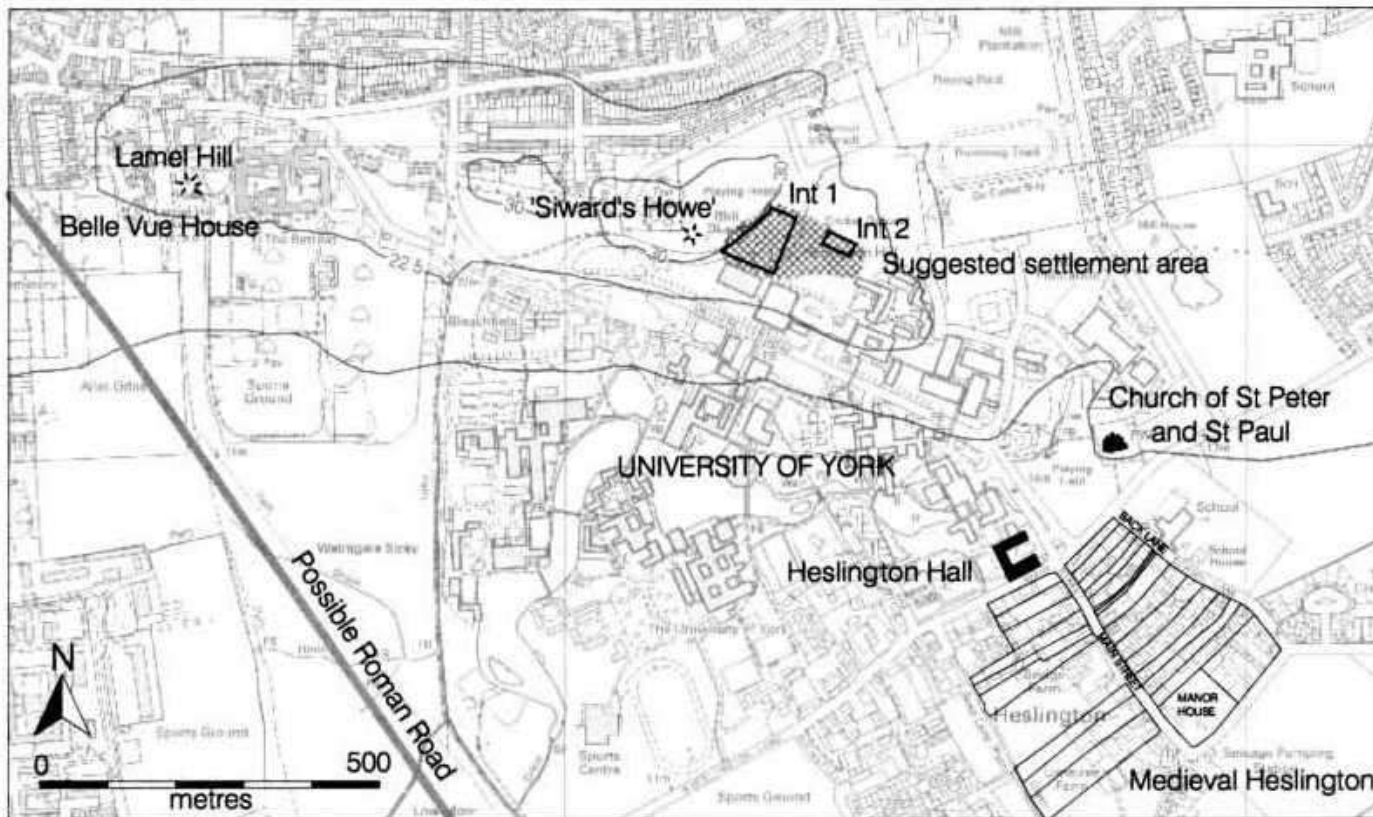
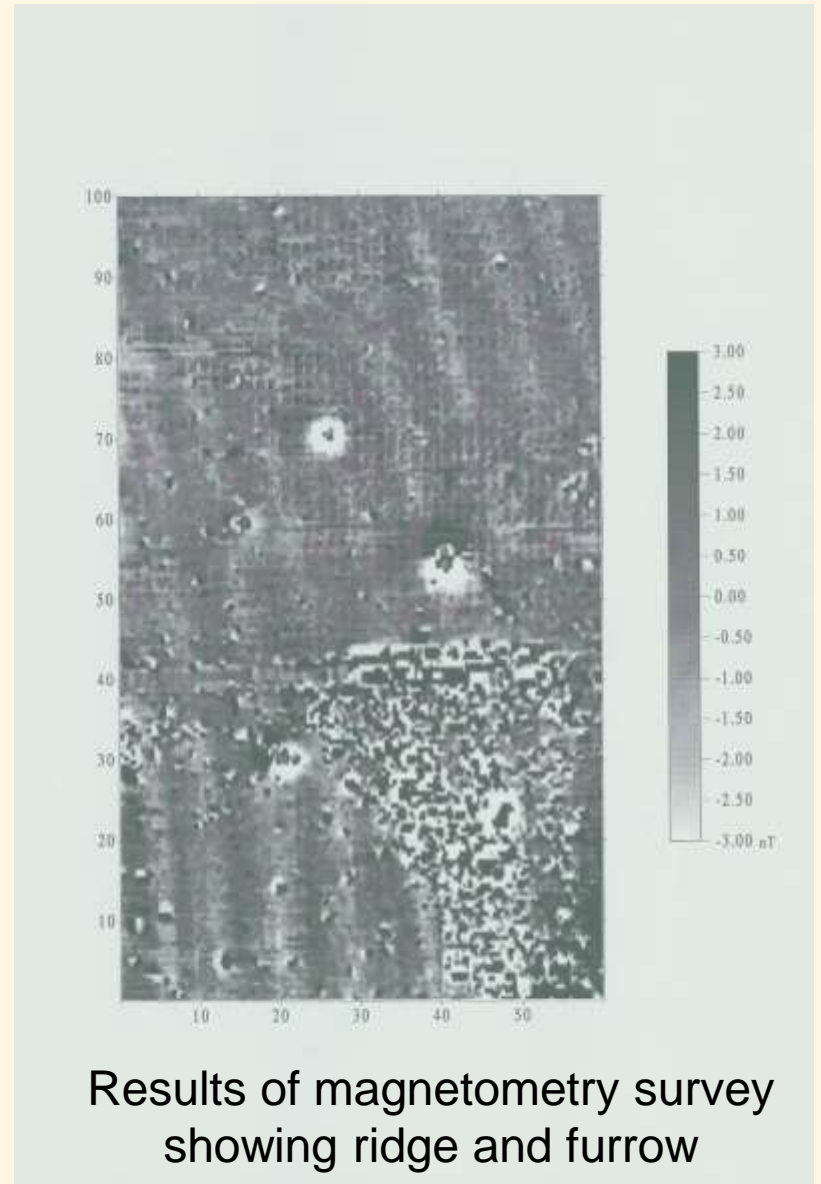
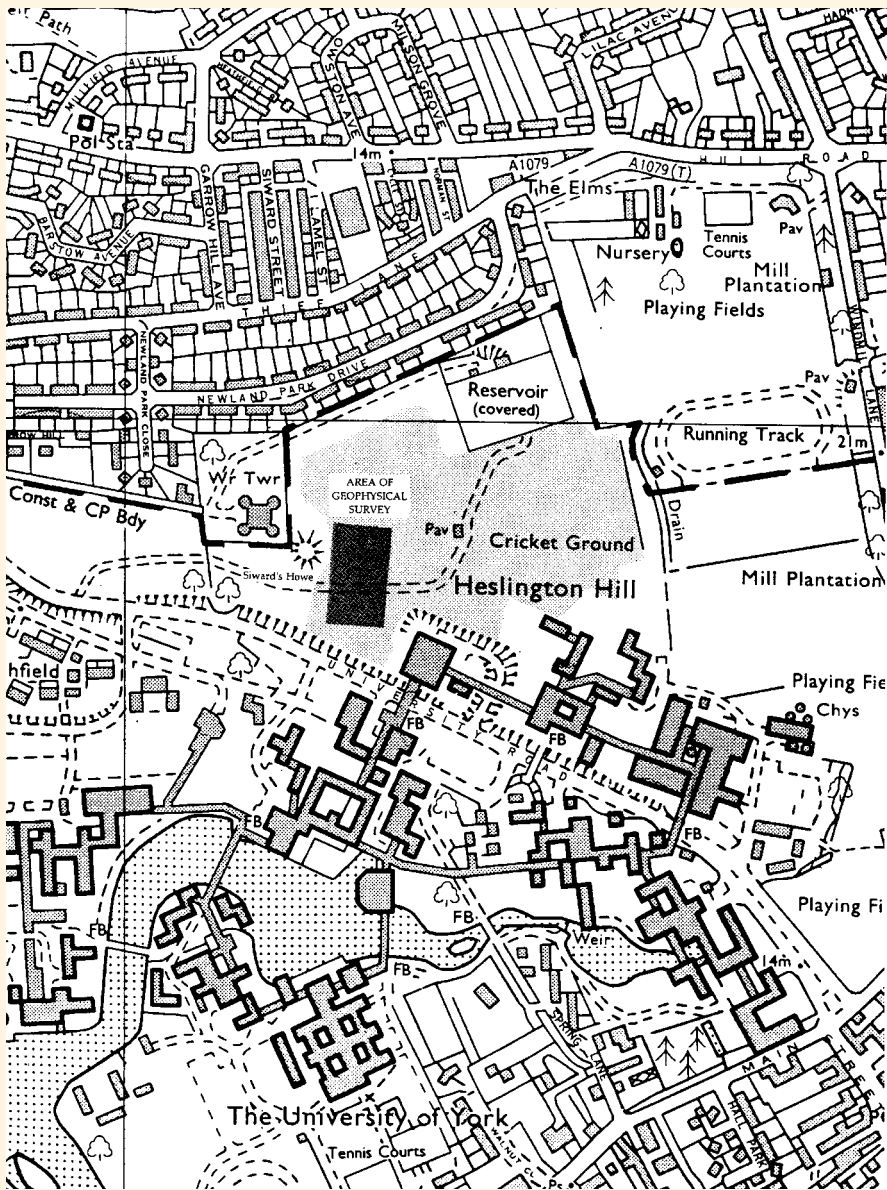


FIG 2

Heslington Hill and surrounding landscape. © Crown Copyright Ordnance Survey Rights Reserved (with additions by Field Archaeology Specialists Ltd).

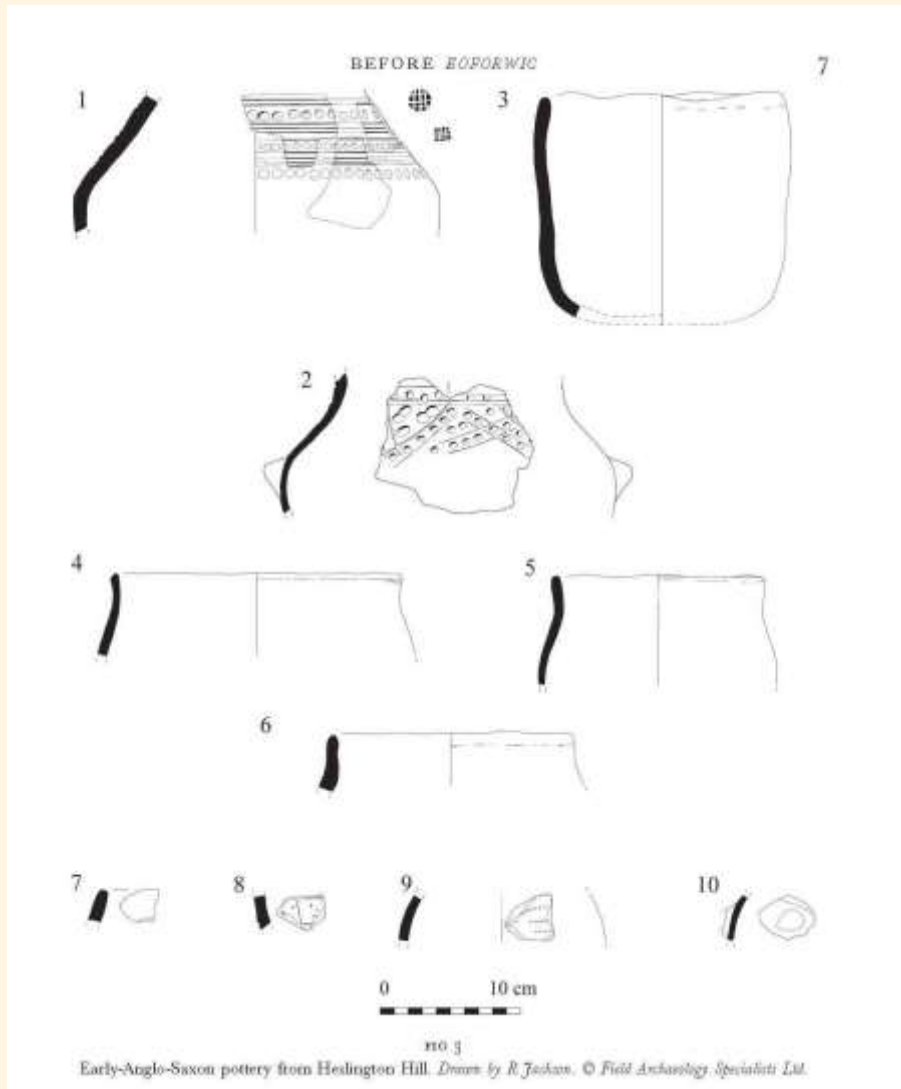


Results of magnetometry survey showing ridge and furrow

Excavation at Heslington Hill 2002



Ceramic assemblage from Heslington Hill





Glass beads



Whittle-tang knife

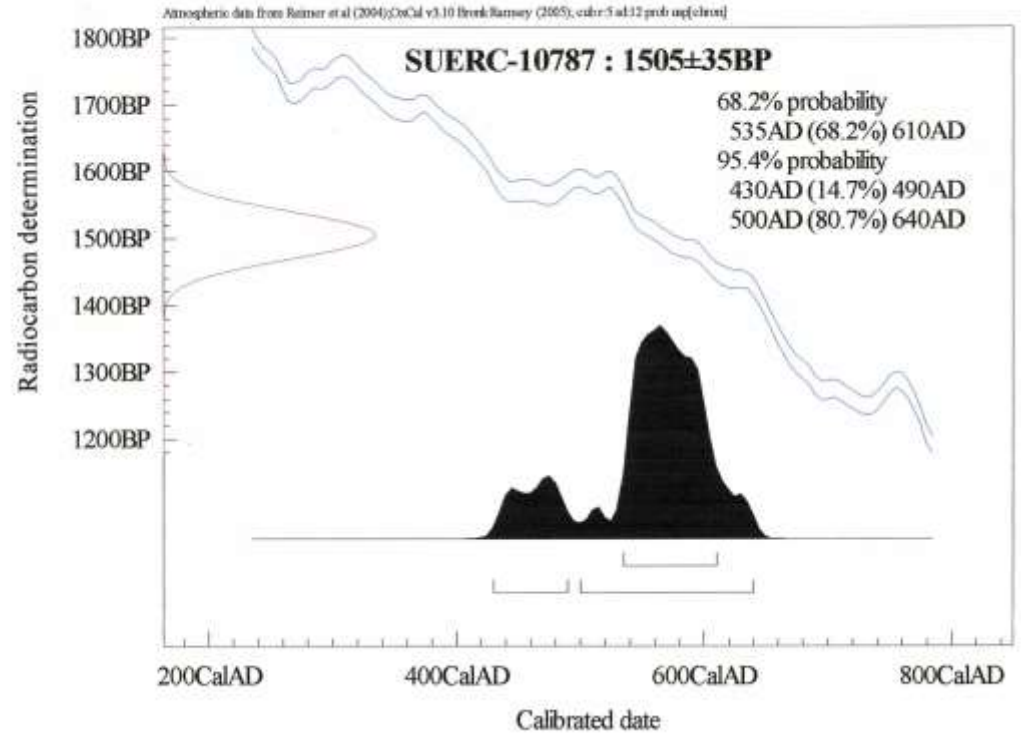


Smithing-hearth bottom





Calibration Plot

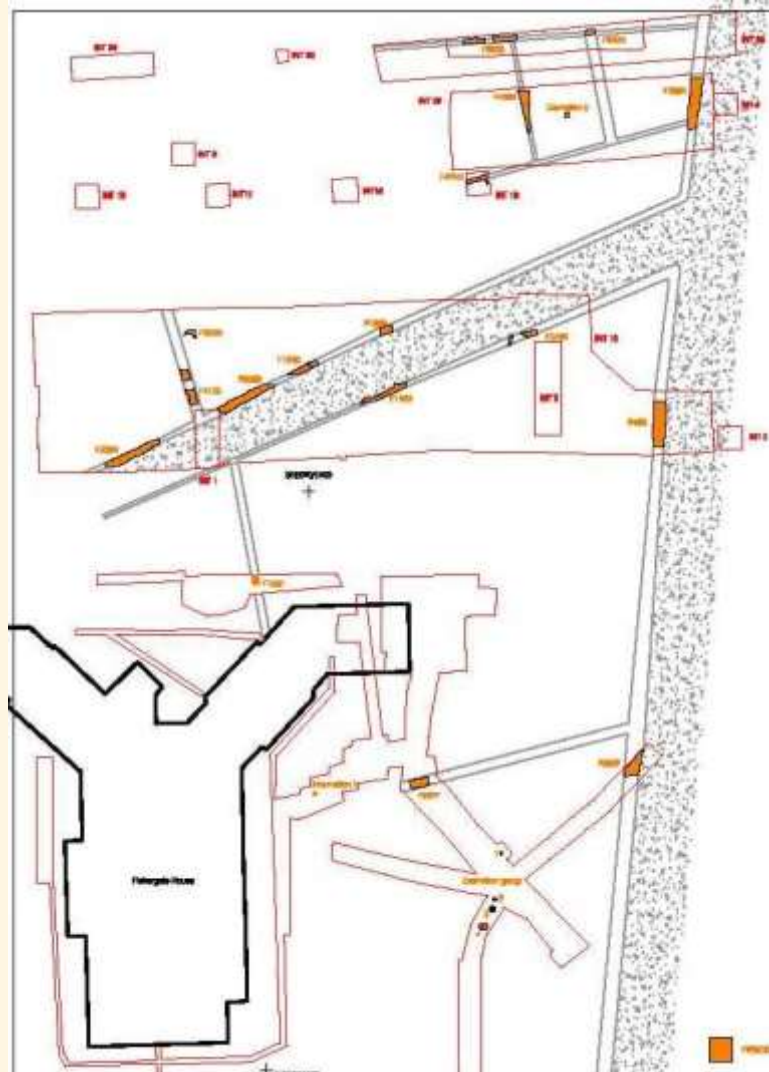


C14 result from butchered horse metapodial – 430 to 640AD (95%)

Excavation at Blue Bridge Lane 1999 - 2001



Roman period features



Roman cremation burials



Pit groups at Blue Bridge Lane



Antler-working remains and combs from Blue Bridge Lane

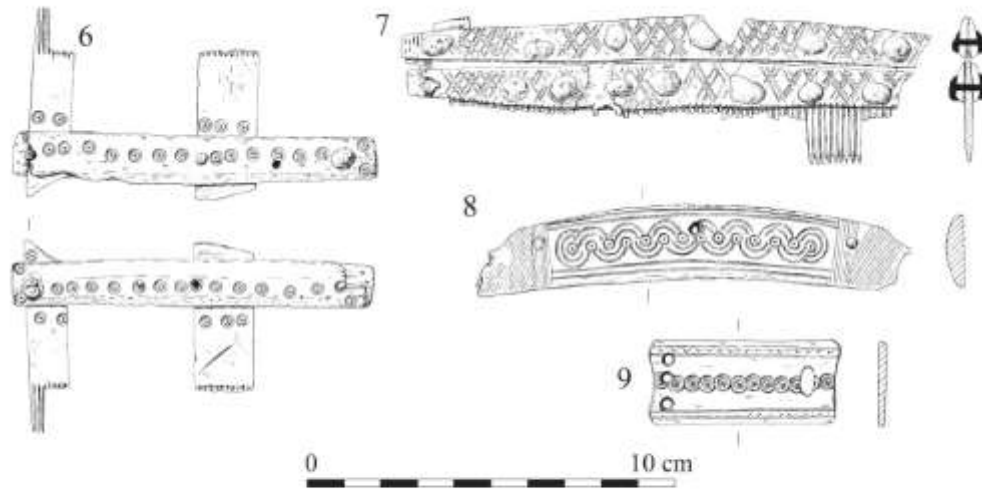


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Personal items of Anglo-Saxon date from Fishergate. (1) Copper-alloy dress pin (Find No 2225). (2-3) Iron and lead-alloy dress pins (Finds Nos 3262 and 3472). (4) Copper-alloy tweezers (Find No 2226). (5) Copper-alloy garment hook (Find No 2179). (6-8) Bone combs (Finds Nos 2779, 2772, 2777). (9) Possible bone buckle plate (Find No 2785). *Drawn by R Jackson. © Field Archaeology Specialists Ltd.*

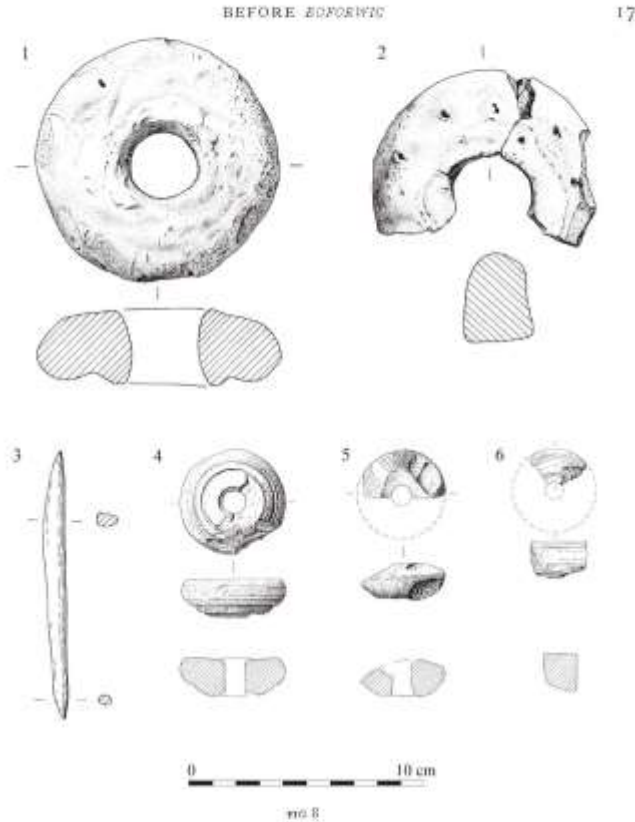
Remains of bonfire kiln producing loomweights at Blue Bridge Lane



Hungry? Why weight?



Textile-working remains from Blue Bridge Lane

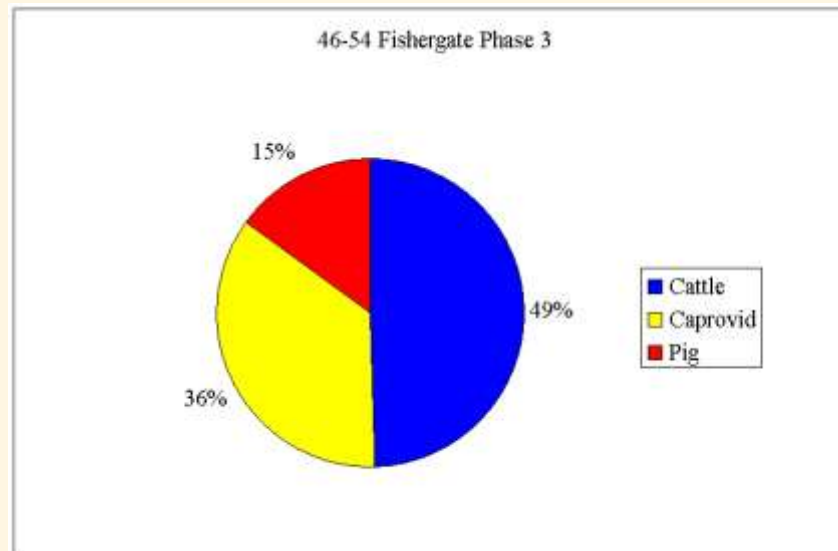
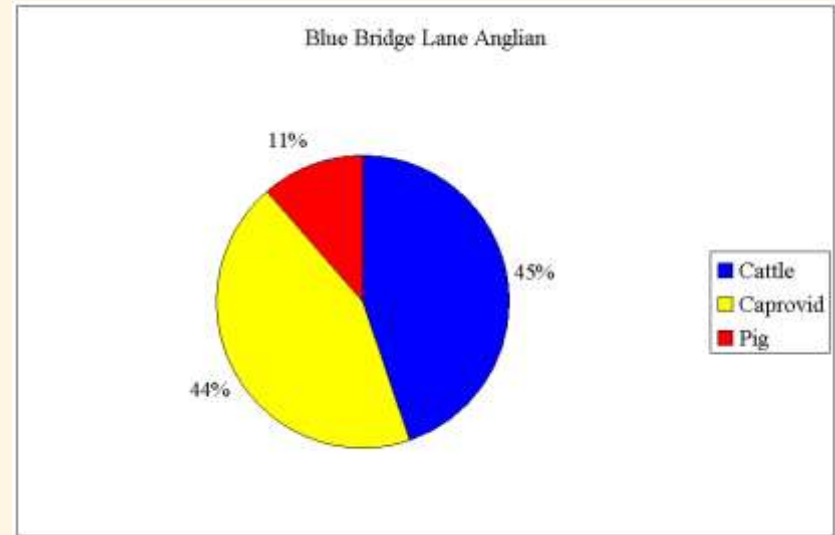
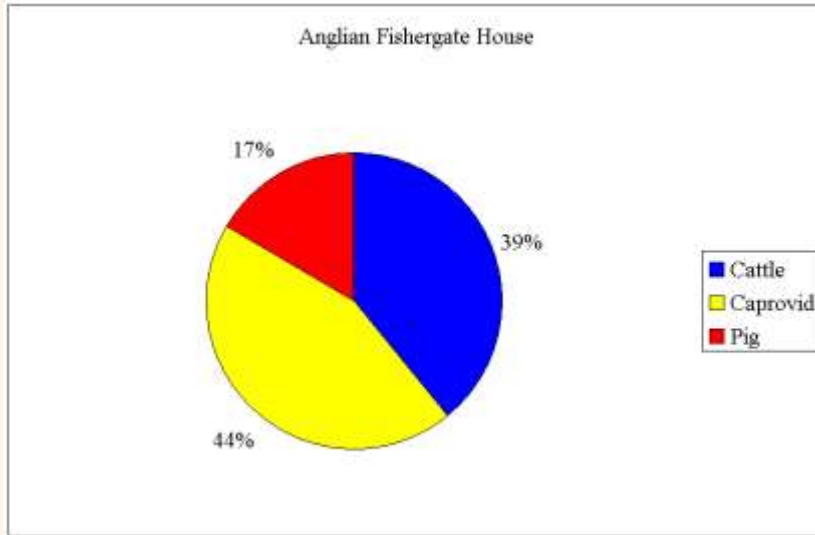


no 8
 Artefacts relating to textile production at Fishergate: (1) Clay loomweight (Find no 2818); (2) Clay loomweight (Find No 2812); (3) Bone pocket-cum-beater (Find No 3835); (4) Clay spindle wheel (Find No 6291); (5) Clay Spindle wheel (Find No 2880); (6) Antler spindle whorl. *Drawn by R. Yeates*.
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interpretation emphasises the planned nature of the settlement and sees it as a royal centre established *de novo* on the banks of the Ouse, thriving as part of a polyfocal network of power, with political and ecclesiastical *nuclei* postulated in the legionary fortress (in the form of Edwin's church near the Minster, and



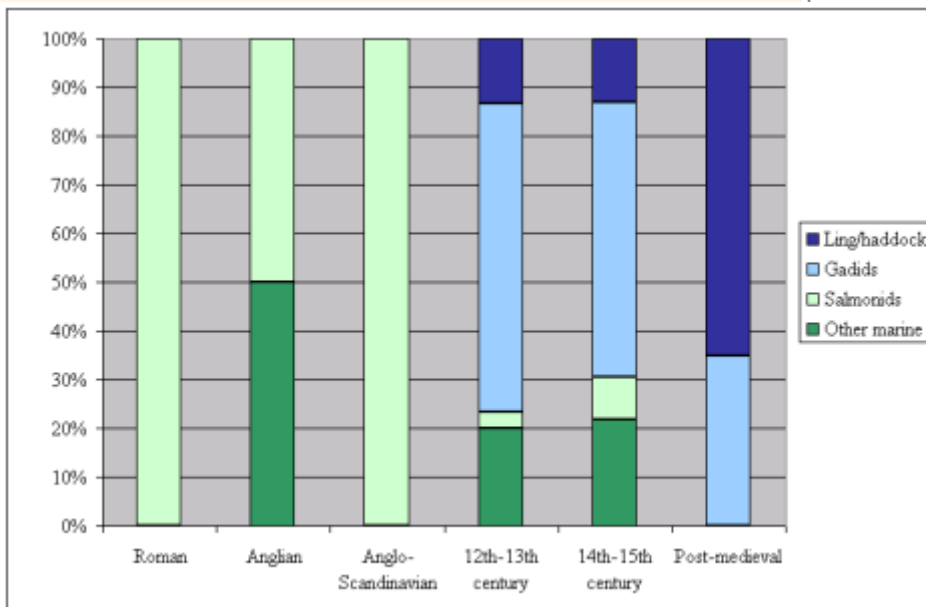
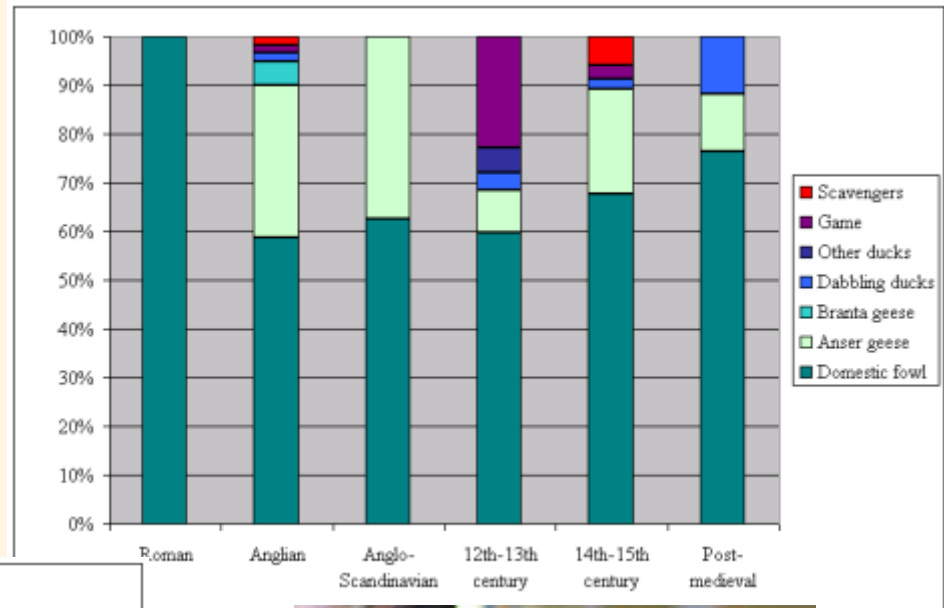
Relative species from Fishergate House, Blue Bridge Lane and Novotel



Relative bird and fish species from Fishergate House and Blue Bridge through time



Anser goose



Branta goose

