

Objectives of the 2026 excavation at Hunting Hall Farm

1. Investigate the large concentric feature, with especial regard to ascertaining whether we have a Bronze Age feature or one of the recently recognised Great Houses of the Iron Age. The latter would be an unique find in northern England and bring the archaeological record here into a pattern that is emerging in Scotland.
2. The investigation of the industrial processing area of Trench 9, which affords evidence of contact with Roman England. Here we have pottery and metal working residue.
3. The study of the cairn in Trench 9, which might represent the Bronze Age kernel of the Iron Age settlement on the site.