

## Field Walking Group Meeting 24 October 2013

A bright and sunny day greeted the first organised outing of the newly launched Levens History Group team of Field Walkers on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Ten brave souls plodded through the clods in our first newly ploughed field (176/A) at Bridle Croft, south of the A590. Around 200 'finds' were made, ranging from clay pipes, horseshoes and nails to a great deal of miscellaneous Victorian pottery, including a couple of possibly nice inkwells. The eagerly sought for polished stone axes and arrowheads failed to materialise but then that is part of the fun and the finds nevertheless provide strong evidence for human activity in the area, even if at a somewhat later period. Geoff Cook, who organised the walk, kept everyone well under control and ensured that the survey was conducted in a systematic and rigorous manner. The exact position of all finds in the fields was logged using GPS and a complete listing of all finds is under preparation. The group learned a lot from their experience and as a consequence will be much better prepared to tackle the next field when it becomes available.



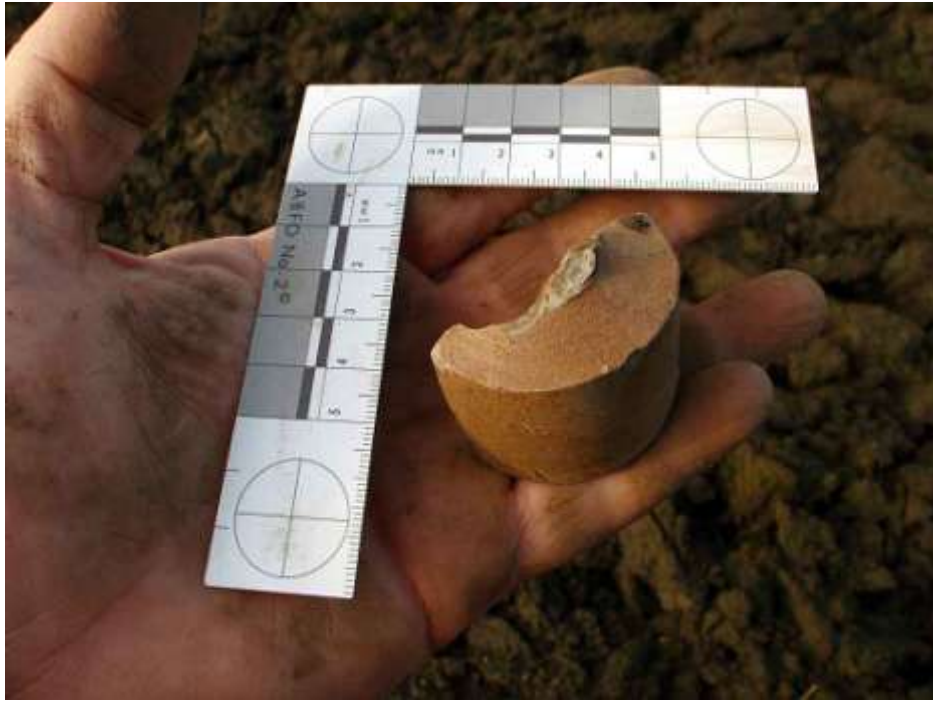
*Bridle Croft field showing the flags marking the position of finds and the plastic collection bags into which the finds were placed.*



*Selected finds. A clay pipe*



*Selected finds. Miscellaneous pottery*



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