

Angus Stephenson

It is with deep sadness that I pass on the news of the death of Angus Stephenson. Angus worked for the many different iterations of the Museum of London over the years, but he began his archaeological career in York, pre-Coppergate days. He also managed to fit in spells with the old Central Unit and later English Heritage, worked in Ireland, the Emirates, for the British Gas aerial survey team and for a spell as a consultant. Angus was always a strong supporter of the trade union and was the chair of the Museum branch during the dreadful days of the early 1990s. Whilst not able to halt the redundancy of over 200 archaeologists, Angus contributed massively to the legal case that won the union a protective award at an Industrial Tribunal, at the time the largest award (over £500,000) ever made to a UK trade union. The years he spent studying as a Cambridge law student finally proving useful !! I also believe his stubbornness during the frequent crisis meetings between the union and MoL management, contributed to saving the archaeological unit, even in a reduced form, when the Museum was for a while determined to shut the whole lot down. In recent years, retirement took him back to his Gateshead roots, where he kept up his interest through the CITiZAN coastal project. He will be much missed.

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