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Darlington , Houndgate (DH 76)

	Layers	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	Total
Cattle		1	5	1			5	12
Pig			1				1	2
Sheep/Goat		2	9	10	2		15	38
Dog						1		1
Large ungulate			2			1	2	5
Small ungulate		3	1				1	5
Large animal		1	2				4	7
Medium animal		3	1				3	7
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Seventy eight bones were recovered from six features, fifty-three of which were identified. The sample is not of sufficient size for serious analysis, but one or two points can be made.

Over seventy-five percent. of the identifiable remains are those of sheep or goat. Twenty-seven bones of sheep (or goat) had characters indicating age, and twelve of these showed juvenile features indicating ages of less than three and one half years or less than one and two thirds years based on comparative modern data. Apart from layer 16 the sheep (or goat) bones are predominantly skull or mandible fragments and metapodials.

The other identified bones include twelve of cattle, two of pig and one of dog. The dog bone is a tibia 197 mm. in length.

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