

Summary report

Tutt Hill (TQ 9750 4660)

Following the discovery of a late Bronze Age pit during the monitoring of a geotechnical test pit, an area 40m x 20m was excavated. This revealed a low density of late Bronze Age pits and gullies.

A fourteen trench evaluation was then carried out in the surrounding area (see evaluation report, OAU 1999), but the only discoveries made were three pits of late Bronze Age and Iron Age date.

During the monitoring of sub-soil stripping an Iron Age cremation pit containing two vessels was discovered. On the strength of this evidence an area 110m x 25m was cleaned, partially revealing three Bronze Age ring ditches. Three further severely truncated Iron Age cremations and a series of Bronze Age linear ditches were also discovered.

The area to the south-west of the excavation was then designated as a Targeted Watching Brief. A further Bronze Age ring ditch, additional elements of the Bronze Age field system, a possible house gully and a large number of tree throw holes were discovered during the stripping of the sub-soil in this area (84+400).