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ODXI/South 1

ODXI/ A/ South 1 - August 1967

'Since there is no evidence that the Beaker 'cemetery' extended W, E or N of the burials excavated, it seems most likely that any extension will be to the south.'

From the 16th to the 23rd of August 1967 an excavation referred to as South 1 was undertaken in search of additional 'Beaker' burials. Instead a ditch (see **GF377**) of a further structure was unearthed. Although, some work was carried out in the August of 1967, no SFs are noted for 1967 as the majority of the work on this area was carried out in the following year.

ODXI/A/South 1 - August 1968

When this additional palisade trench was accidentally found in 1967, it was clear a further 50' square area needed to be examined. This assumed that the circular hut was c. 40' in diameter. It also aimed to uncover the line of the settlement's surrounding ditch, should there be one - such a ditch was expected as one had been indicated by the 1967 resistivity survey. In view of this, mechanical stripping removed only the topsoil, with **layer ②** (flinty) being removed by shovelling. In this process, much of the circumference of what was later called **Gully 1** became apparent, as did numerous post-holes and a concentration of bones. Iron Age (?) and Romano-British (?) pottery was seen scattered directly under **layer ②**. It was also noted that the deposit of flints was much thicker towards the southern edge of the square; an area later covered by the 'working hollow'.

The southern part of South 1 seems to have been cut with quite irregular edges into natural chalk to a depth of about 2' - 3'. The chalk had suffered probably from excess water and had therefore decomposed badly. Layers of decomposed and rotten chalk were picked up in some of the sections, sandwiching humic layers. These quite probably represent floor levels, deliberate filling in and occupation levels. Into this working hollow area was cut a great number of pits and post-holes.

The following commentary is based on the 'Silver Series' note-book of 1967-68, the red 'Washbrook' note-book of 1968 and the Finds Register.

Layers over the site are noted as ①, ② & ③. All other layer numbers (*i.e.* not circled) refer to the layers of the features.

Descriptions of features are as follows:

a) **Feature**

b) **General Find (GF) number**

c) description of finds

d) description of layer

e) depth

f) other information

g) relationship with other features

h) **Small Find (SF) number** & description, including exact position.

The Layering

Layer ①

Layer ① of 'turf and hummus (*sic*) was removed by JCB'.

GF389, 'Sherds. 1 tooth. Flint'.

The topsoil, **layer ①**, of ODXI/A/South 1 has no GF numbers associated with it for 1968 (although see **GF448** in area ODXI/A/South 2 - attached sheet).

Layer ②

Layer ② was removed in two stages; firstly by spade and secondly by trowel. It became immediately apparent that the square under examination was occupied by a hut circle of 19' in radius, from inner lip of the gully (**Gully 1**) to inner lip. The south-west corner of the area, where the chalk surface was markedly lower, had a 'multiplicity of features'. The **layer ②** of loose small flints was covered here by much larger flints, 'there only being removed' ?? **Layer ②**, mostly consisting of flints, was removed 16/8/67, after trowelling to a depth of 1'.

GF387, 'Prehistoric sherds. Bone'. Layer 2, to 1'. Pottery found at a depth of 1'.

GF429 'Iron Age pot and 'bone', taken from the SW corner of the cutting (over the working hollow), and describes layer ② as a 'Thick flinty layer ...9" below turf, just outside and over hut gully T (which one presumes to have be later labelled '**Gully 1**').

SF49, 'Piece of bronze from ?bowl? or a waster'. SF49 was uncovered 3'6" from I (towards H) and 'IH to North 6"', (6" north towards G). Described as a Late Bronze Age socketed axe fragment: *Length 20mm, width 18mm*. This fragment appears to have come from the opening edge of the socket. This copper alloy object was 11" in depth from the turf.

GF430, 'R-B coarse, prehistoric stone, Flint, Bone, Snails, Burnt Sarsens & flint', from the 'loose flint plus hummus' of layer ② directly below the turves.

SF44, 'Human? bone', was situated 38"4½' from F to I (presumably southwards) and 12'4" eastwards from F to I (*i.e.* on the I-H) and at a depth of 1'3". It was uncovered in the flint layer probably overlying or very near to the hut gully (**Gully 1**). The bone itself consisted of half a longbone. In addition, some very small pieces of bone were also uncovered, which, although not found at the measured point, were clearly closely associated with the measured longbone. **GF430** also contained a chisel fragment, which is not noted in the Finds Register:

Description: *Length 29mm, width 10mm*. Similar to one from Hod Hill and thought by Manning to be Iron Age in date. Such objects are rare on British Iron Age

sites, although there is one from Casterly Camp, Wiltshire. Dating is not secure as provenance for both examples is lost.

GF433, 'IA 'A' sherds, some RB coarse. Flint. Bone. Snails'. C. 150 small (less than 1" across) Iron Age 'A', with a few R-B, abraded and weathered sherds from the loose flint layer ②; the 'ploughsoil over weathered flints'. Being of very little use they were disposed of.

SF47, a piece of bone, was uncovered just above the weathered chalk (layer ③) in the layer of loose flints (layer ②), 22'9½" along I-H, 19'6" northwards and 9" down from the turf. As stated; 'there is no apparent intrusion at this point, the bone alone being embedded in the chalk'.

SF48, an iron nail, *Length 56mm, width 5mm*, Manning Type 1b (head missing) was uncovered in layer ②, 5'10" along I-H, 4'10" north and 9½" from the turf. It was just over the thick layer of flints in the SW corner, outside **Gully 1**.

SF50, a nail, *Length 33mm, width 15mm*, Manning Type 1b, (layer ②; loose flints plus ploughsoil over weathered chalk), was 15'9" H-G (north), 8'5" H-I and 10" deep. It was on top of the **gully (Gully 1)**. Compare with **SF48** (also **SFs 42 & 43** and **GFs 201, 216, 224, 233, 234, 256, 344, 367, 375, 431 & 434**).

SF51, an 'iron nail' (layer ②; loose flints and ploughsoil), was at 2'10" F-I (south?), 7" F-G (east) and 7" down. **SF51** proves to be an iron rod, *Length 52mm, width 5mm*. Functionally ambiguous and probably specifically produced for a single or particular use; alternatively it may be a simple piercing tool for general use.

GF476 'IA sherds, bone', (layer ②; flints) is from an area over and around **Pits 3 & 4**, to a depth of c. 9". This is described as a 'large area of disturbance abutting onto N. of working hollow & hearth'. (see **GF488 & GF494** below).

GF483 'flints ('surface scrape'). Bones' from layer ② over the 'porch area' at c.9" in depth.

GF500, 'prehistoric. rim. bone.' Layer ②, flints, from the area over the north-eastern section of the excavation area. c.8" in depth.

Gully 1

Work between 18th and 19th August 1967 in **layer ②** uncovered 'flints filling of gully', along with bones, teeth and some pottery. The 'iron' fragments from this area were considered to be natural and were therefore dumped (**GF392**). Further small-scale excavations found the chalk fill of this gully to be 'greatly interspersed with brown soil'. From this chalk fill 'Sherds. Bone.' and a 'Flint stone' were uncovered at a depth of between 1'2" to 2'1" (**GF377**).

Gully c. 38' in diameter, width from 1' 6" to 2' 6" and depth from 1' to 1' 9".

The Gully of this hut was clearly deeper than anywhere else and it was possible to see both the replacement material and the packing stones (flint and sarsen lumps) forming 'pipes' in section. No eaves or annexes located. Entrance in SSE again (see **South 2**).

The layering of Gully 1 seems to be as follows:

Layer ①	}	
Layer ②	}	Site Layers
Layer ③	}	(see above)
Layer ④	}	

Gully Filling 5, (divided into):

Layer 3; brown humus with flint & sarsens (thus the confusion over layer 3 above)

Layer 4; brown silt

Layer 5; decomposed chalk, humus & large flints

Gully Filling 6, (divided into):

Layer 6; dark brown silt & charcoal

Layer 7; orangey decomposed chalk

Layer 8; white decomposed chalk

Layer 9; light brown humus, occupation layer of Working Hollow

Gully Filling 10

Gully 1; the layering.

Top Layer

GF377, GF392 & GF465 (see above) are from the top of Gully 1, under the topsoil and thus in Layer ② of the site.

On 21/8/68 (**GF465?**), the west side was scraped back to reveal Gully as a line of large flints and sarsens in the clayey/decomposed chalk layer. This layer also contained burning debris - charcoal and pieces of quick lime (grey chalk) and decomposed pottery.

Layer 3

Flinty. Iron Age fill.

GF400, 'Prehistoric sherds. Bone' and a fragment of modern moulded sheet steel. 1' 2" down.

GF489, 'Haematite, IA sherds, Bone. Coombe rock', is from the top 2" of Gully 1 and **Pit 10** (see **GF494**, & ?? below). This layer 3 of Gully 1 was a dark brown fill with flint & sarsen at c. 9".

Nothing for **Layer 4**

Layer 3/5

Although the following GFs are noted in the Finds Register as coming from layer 5 of Gully 1, it is clear from the section plans (Figs. ??, p. ??) that layer 5 of Gully 1 is part of Gully Filling 3 (see above). In addition, the description of these GFs would seem to put them in layer ③ of the site and layer 5 of the Gully. That is to say that Layer ③ on the site is the same as layer 5 of Gully 1. The layering of Gully 1 is complex and descriptions seem to be more promising than reliance on layer numbers. Either way the 7 GFs below seem comparable with GFs **400 & 489** above.

GF464, 'IA sherds. Bone. Flint. Sarsen' in loose brown loam with large flints & bits of sarsen at c. 9".

GF470, 'Prehistoric'. c. 9".

GF473, 'IA sherds. Bone'. Loose loamy fill with flints & sarsens. 11' 6" from l. Cuts working hollow (see below).

GF479, 'Prehistoric. Stone. Flint. bone + frog'. Loose fill with flints, sarsens & chalk, c. 9". **SF61**, is part of a skull. Found 15" down at 28' 6" FI, 0' 0" FG, at side of **Gully 1**.

GF480, 'Flint & Bone'. c. 9" in depth, in loose flints & chalk.

GF486, 'Prehistoric. Bone. Stone'. c. 9" down, loose brown soil with few chalk lumps, flints & sarsens. Certain post-hole socket at east side of terminus (**PH5?**)

GF504, 'Prehistoric. Flint. Bone (especially ox skull)'. Top of Gully on WE are loam & flints & sarsens. This is from NE section of Gully at c. 9". Also half a shattered pot found.

SF70, NE section of Gully, in brown loam & flint. End of La Tène I/beginning La Tène II fibula brooch. Two fragments:

i) *Length 44mm, width 15mm, pin 4mm in diameter*. Fragment consisting of mock spring and part of the pin (Fig.??). The spring is corroded but seems to consist of four coils with an internal chord.

ii) *Length 49mm, width 19mm, bow 4mm in diameter*. Fragment consisting of part of the straight bow and foot loop, broken where it reverts back towards the bow (see Fig. ??). 3rd century BC. Uncovered at 19' 6" GH, 8' 6" westward offset GH, c. 7" from chalk. Although this find was not small-finded at the time of its discovery, the position of the brooch seems fairly secure as well as within the brown loam fill. (same type as **GF362/SF16**)

There are no GFs from **layer 6**

Layer 7

Again, although their following GFs are noted as coming from layer 7, it is clear from their descriptions that **GF487** seems to be layer 9 & **GF493** deeper.

GF484, 'IA pot. Flint. Bone'. Chalk lump fill at bottom of ditch, between AB & EF. 8" from chalk.

GF487, 'Sherds. Bone'. East section, chalk packing/weathering. 4" below chalk. Beneath sarsen & flint & humus soil [Layer] ⑤.

GF493, 'IA sherds. Bone'. West section, light brown fill & chalk lumps. 11" below chalk. Cutting **Pit 10** (see **GF489** above & GF???? below).

Layer 8

GF490, 'IA sherds. Bone. Flint. Piece of chalk with hole'. AB section EF, pale grey chalk silt. 1' 3" from silt, very bottom of Gully.

Through Working Hollow (Layer 10?)

GF516, 'Prehistoric. Flint. Bones'. Cuts working Hollow between 38' 6" and 42' HI, brown loam & sarsens. c. 1' 10" in depth.

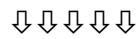
GF526, 'Bone. Prehistoric sherds'. In section of Working Hollow, 38' 6" from HI, brown silt at bottom of Gully.

Layer 10

GF527, 'Bone. Prehistoric sherds. Flint. Rim.' Area of Gully 1 through Working Hollow, chalky rubble & flints beneath decomposed chalk.

Sequence:

Latest Gully 1



Earliest Working Hollow

The Hearth (Pit 2), Pit 19 & Pit 15

Pit 2

Pit 2, first noted on 12/8/68 in the south-western corner over the working hollow, was covered by 'much bone, some of which was thought to be human and small-finded as such' (SS, 17) - however the register has no record of that day's bone finds. This area also contained a considerable amount of burnt sarsen, although no charcoal flakes.

Initially, the area of thick flint in the south-western corner, the **working hollow**, covered an area 10' north (along the I-F) and 23' east (along the I-H). **Pit 2** is situated between 8' and 13' along I-H, and between 8' and 14' along the I-F. This makes it approximately 5' in diameter and just inside the hut circle.

GF481, from **Pit 2**, informs us that the pit is in fact the **hearth** and contains a heavy packing of large burnt sarsens and flint at a depth of c. 10", layer 3. From the section drawing - Layer 4 of Pit 2 contains the brown humus of the hearth pit.

Pit 19

This drawing also shows that Pit 2 cuts into **Pit 19** (no GF). Pit 19 has a brown humus fill. Both the **hearth and Pit 19 cut into Pit 15**.

Pit 15

GF519, 'Prehistoric. Bone.', is from layer 8, light brown loose humic fill of **Pit 15**. 1' 11" from chalk. Pit 15 is sealed by the white decomposed chalk, except for slight animal disturbance, of floor level 6 from the working hollow. It lies beneath the Hearth, as shown by section drawing (Fig. ??, p. ??).

Sequence:

LatestHearth/Pit 2

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Pit 19

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Working Hollow

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Earliest

Pit 15

Pits 3 & 4

As noted above, **GF476** is over Pits 3 & 4.

GF488, 'Haemeatite, IA sherds, Bone. Daub.' is from the east half of a section through the disturbed area around Pits 3 & 4. This layer 4 is of flints with chalky brown, loose loam at c. 10" to 1' 6".

GF494, 'IA sherds. Bone.', is from the east section of the **working hollow** (Pits 3 & 4). This layer 6 produced a sticky light yellow clay with clods of rediposited chalk, c. 1' below the actual chalk.

Pits 3 & 4 are not mentioned in the site-book and there are no section drawings for them. They are roughly drawn on the site plan in the SS note-book and noted on the unfinished August 1968 site-plan. **Pit 3** is more or less at the centre of the South 1 building, with **Pit 4** just touching (possibly cutting) it on its southern edge. Although the site plans are incomplete, it is possible to place **Pit 3** at between c.20' and 23' along IH, and c.20' along IF. **Pit 4** is also 20' to 23' along IH, but 16' along IF.

Sequence:

Latest **GF476**

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Pit 3 & Pit 4 (+GF488?)

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Earliest **Working Hollow**

Pits 5, 6, 7 & 14, PHs 12 & 28

GF465, 'IA pot. R-B. Bone' is from the surface scrape, down to c. 9", over **Pits 5, 6, & 7** and **Gully 1**.

Pit 5

The section plan shows **Pit 5** to be bell shaped. Depth 3' 3". Width across top 3' 6", across widest part 4' 9", across bottom 4'. Roughly circular area covered by flints and sarsens.

GF465; top of Pit 5

GF469, 'prehistoric pottery, stone, flint, bone' (but 'not in great quantity'), is from the brown loam plus flints and sarsens packing of layer 3 of Pit 5, again at c. 9". Layer 3 goes down to a depth of 1' 7". This layer of Pit 5 cuts the brown loam and small flints filling of **Gully 1**. **Gully 1** differs in this area in having no flints or sarsens in it, but being a fine loamy fill. A pile of sarsens which appeared at first to indicate the presence of a PH (called **PH12**) proved, after sectioning, to belong this layer of Pit 5.

GF482, 'prehistoric, flint, bone', from Layer 4 of Pit 5. A soft, loose loamy (humic) fill with chalk grains and lumps of redeposited (decomposed) chalk. An homogenous layer. Contained pottery, bone, a hammer stone and worked sarsen.

Pit 6

GF467, 'Prehistoric. Bone.' and pottery. Layer 3 of this pit, like GFs **468** & **468**, is from the brown loam plus flints at c. 9". **Cuts Pit 7**. Pit 6 turned out to be smaller than thought and in fact a post-hole with a clear socket in the chalk bottom. Fill; brown loam with flints and weathered chalk lining at the bottom.

Pit 7

GF468, 'Prehistoric. Flint. Bone'. Layer 3; brown loam plus flints at c. 9". **Pit 7 is cut by Pit 6, Pit 14 & PH28**. This was a shallow pit with a ledge c. 9" from the very worn chalk surface. Fill; brown loam with chalk tip lines. Pit 7 grazed the edge of Gully 1 on its eastern edge, where Gully 1 cut it.

Pit 14

No GF. On 25/8/68 a section was put across **Pit 6 (PH)** which seemed to show another pit. A second section was therefore put through this new pit (**Pit 14**) and **Pit 7** parallel to the previous one. This showed that layer 3 of Pit 14 contained brown loam with chalk & flints. Layer 4 had weathered chalk. Layer 5; humus/brown silt. Layer 6, at the bottom, weathered chalk. **Pit 6 cuts Pit 14 (Fig. ??) & Pit 7**.

PH28

No GF. A narrow post-hole socket containing light brown loam with flints and some weathered chalk. **PH28 cuts Pit 7** on its northern edge.

Sequence:

Latest GF465

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Pit 5 (?)

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Pit 6/PH28(?) }

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Gully 1 }

further study

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Earliest Pit 7 }

Pits 8 & 9, PHs 7, 24 & 25.

GF466, 'IA pot. R-B. Bone', is from the flint layer (②) over Pits 8 & 9 at c. 9" (compare with **GF465** & see **GF471**). This covers a large oval area north of centre of Gully 1.

PH7

No GF. When sectioned (21/8/68) it had a loose loamy fill and was 9" deep, having a natural chalk bottom on its south side. Although features are not noted on the section drawing, it seems that PH7 had a large flint packing (layer 9 see Fig ??). Upright flints projected above surface of PH7. It cut **Pit 8** on its north side.

Pits 8 & 9

GF471, 'IA sherds. Flint. Bone, some burnt.' From layer 3 of both Pits 8 & 9 at c. 9". This is cut by **PH7** on its south side. This GF refers to both pits as no distinction was made at first and so the soil was scraped away under the term layer 3; loamy soil with small chalk lumps and flint.

Body sherd, incised diagonal lines above shoulder (Potterne : Morris dwg 4). Fine soft barely sandy fabric with some quartz sand and probable glauconite, sparse mica.

Body sherd, incised circles with central stabbed dots on shoulder (Potterne: Morris dwg 134). Hard grey/black fabric with some fine/med quartz sand and some glauconite, sparse mica.

Body sherd, impressed concentric circles with traces of white chalky infill (cf All Cannings Cross: cUNNINGTON 1923, PL,36, 2,3) soft fine sandyware fabric with coarse sand and probable glauconite.

Body sherd, probably from a cordoned urn of LBA Deverel Rimbury tradition. Sherd decorated with applied horizontal cordon, plain. Fabric probably derived from resources of Kimmeridge clay which outcrop approx 7km NW of the site. This sherd was the only piece of its type to be recovered from the site. It is associated with standard EIA fabrics and its presence may suggest continuity of activity from the BA to EIA on the site

Pit 8

GF477, 'IA sherds. Bone. Charcoal.' Layer 4, a light yellowy brown soil with large number of small chalk lumps & chalk packing. 8" below chalk. This layer appeared around the southern area and eastern edge of Pit 9. **Cut by humic, flinty layer 5 of Pit 9** (equated with layers 3 or 4 on section plan).

Pit 9

GF485, 'IA pot. Bone. Flint.' Layer 5; very humic, dark brown loose fill, first noticed as distinct from Pit 8 at 9" from the chalk.

GF491, 'Haematite bowl fragments' from layer 6; yellowy clay with redeposited chalk. No other finds.

The nature of the excavation and layers, and consequently finds, in this area transpired to be different from the sequence revealed in the section drawing. The major confusion came in taking the yellowy clay and chalk layers as all one, cut only by the humic layer of **Pit 9**.

PH24

GF518, 'Prehistoric. Bone.' Layer 4; charcoal filled soil representing post, west side of section. c. 11" down. Soil sample taken. Section drawing and site book note that, while PH24 may be a true PH, to its east is another possible PH intrusion, cutting Pit 8, represented by chalk tip line cuts, flints and deeper natural chalk bottom. **PH24 cuts western edge of Pit 8.**

PH25

No GF. Cuts northern face of Pit 9.

Possible Sequence:

Latest GF466

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GF471

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Pit 9

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Earliest

Pit 8

Pit 1 & PH37 (or PH3 or PH36)

Pit 1

This should not be confused with Pit 1 from South 2.

GF523, 'Prehistoric. Sherds'. Layer 3, light brown loam and flints at c. 10". Sarsens on surface and chalk and flint packing below, possibly a large PH itself. 1' 4" deep. Cuts western edge of working hollow and **PH3** on site plan (probably **PH37** of site book).

SF71, a hammer stone, was discovered in the surface stones, layer 2, over Pit 1 in the light brown loam, c. 9" from the turf. 38' 1" FI, 7' 2" FI 'offset' East (presumably IH).

PH37

No GF. Silt fill. Called **PH36** on site plan, but referred to as **PH37** in site notebook and, probably, **PH3** in Finds Register. To confuse matters another PH36 appears in NW of cutting, which is **the** PH36 (see attached sheet). **PH37 is cut by Pit 1**. The site plan, however, seems to show **PH36 (PH37) cutting Pit 1** and being '10" from ledge' (of the unexcavated baulk, I presume). It is possible, but unlikely, that PHs 36 & 37 are not synonymous.

Sequence:

Latest Pit 1

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PH37

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Earliest Working Hollow

PH11 & PH36

PH11

No GF. 6" deep. PH11, on the western edge of the cutting, is exactly parallel to PH36

PH36

No GF. Covered by a large sarsen which had to be removed to get at PH, so no section possible. 18" in depth. Fill; 11" of brown silt. Beneath this; 7" of white silt and weathered chalk & flints, as packing.

Are they related in any way? I think we should be told.

Pits 12, 13 & 18.

GF507, 'Prehistoric. Bone.' Layer 4, brown loam with flint & decomposed chalk at c. 1' 3". Disturbed area covering working hollow, to north of hearth/ Pit 2, **over Pits 12 & 13.**

Pit 12

No GF. A small pit to the east of Pit 18. No clear relationship with following two pits, but **may**, looking at site plan, be cut by Pit 18.

Pit 13

GF521, 'Prehistoric. Bone'. Layer 3; 'brown fire fill with flints', between 17" & 23" from chalk. The fill is described as 'a very dark humic fill & also large flint packing at the bottom.' Just NW of Pit 2. Cuts working hollow. Cut at its N end by Pit 18.

Pit 18

No GF. Packing of enormous flints and burnt sarsens set in rotten chalk. At extreme N end, dug into working hollow. Cuts Pit 13 and possibly Pit 12.

To the south of Pit 13 were two clearly defined chalk floor levels with a humic layer between them. These continued on the other side of the natural baulk which divided the working hollow into two halves (North & South). **Gully 1** cuts through the southern end of the working hollow, cutting the four layers.

Possible sequence:

Latest GF507

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Pit 18

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Pit 13 (& Pit 12?)

} Gully 1 to be fitted in somewhere

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Earliest Working Hollow

Pits 10 & 11, PHs 23 & 26.

Pit 10

GF489, 'Haematite. IA sherds. Bone. Coombe rock' is from the top 2" of Gully 1 and **Pit 10** (see **GF494**, & ?? below). This layer 3 of pit 10/Gully 1 was a dark brown fill with flint & sarsen at c. 9".

GF495, ' IA sherds. Bone. Flint. Chalk. Shell. Charcoal.' from layer 4a, a light brown loam with small lumps of chalk and small flints. c. 9". Fill of Pits 10 & 11. Although Pit 10 seems to be cut by Pit 11, they have a homogenous fill & tip lines.

Actually a shallow PH, 10" deep.

Pit 11

GF495, see above. **Gully 1 cuts through Pit 11**

GF496, 'IA sherds. Flint. Bone, some burnt.' Layer 4 of Pit 11, brown loam with large flints. To c. 9". To west of section line across **Gully 1 & Pit 10**. Layer 4 goes over Pit 11 & **PH23**, but layer 5 of Gully 1 clearly showed as a brown loam with flints & sarsens cutting through the stone-free brown loam of Pit 11, layer 4.

GF497, 'IA sherds. Bone'. Layer 5, dark brown loam with small chalk lumps, small flints & charcoal flecks'. 21" below turf. Immediately beneath this was an area of very dark soil with charcoal. Samples taken. **Cut by Gully 1. Cuts Pit 10.**

GF498, 'IA sherds. Flint. Bone, some burnt.' Layer 6, dark brown loam with very large sarsens. 2' 2" below turf. Cuts(? , surely 'cut by') Gully 1. Cuts Pit 10 & PH23 (in section).

SF62, from GF498, 'Sling stone.' FI 28' 9", FG 3". 33" below turf.

GF499, 'Large piece of IA pot. Flint. Bone. Frog bone.' Layer 7, chalky clay & weathered chalk in tip lines with light loamy soil between. Surrounding & beneath layer 6 sarsens (see **GF498**) & dark brown loam, *i.e.* layer 7 formed a ledge around Pit 11. Base of jar in a soft micaceous sandyware fabric similar to FT21 from Potterne.

GF501, 'IA sherds. Flint. Bone. Frog bone.' Layer 8, very similar to layer 6, dark brown/black soil/ humus with medium burnt sarsens. 39" from turf. **Cuts Pit 10 & PH23. Cut by Gully 1.**

PH23

No GF. 1' 1" in depth. Seems to cut Pit 11, but actual line of cut is uncertain as both pit and PH have weathered chalk packing. Layer 4 goes over both.

PH26

GF506, 'Prehistoric. Bases. Flint. Bone (some burnt).' Layer 3; clayey/ light brown loam with flints & chalk lumps. c. 9". 1' 5" in depth. **Cut by Pit 11 and Gully 1.**

Sequence:

Latest Gully 1

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Pit 11

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Pit 10/ PH26/ PH23

} Not necessarily contemporary

Pit 17 & PH35

Pit 17

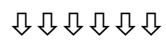
No GF. Cuts working hollow. Cut by PH35

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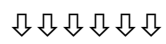
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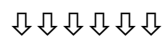
Latest Gully 1



PH35



Pit 17



Earliest Working Hollow

Working Hollow, PH12a & Pit 15

Working Hollow

Basically an irregular shallow (2') scoop filled with chalk and dirty soils. The area is complicated due to the extremely rotten nature of the bedrock which had turned to soft, structureless 'cheese' and by numerous pits and postholes. Gully 1 cut into the filling and often through it into the 'cheese' below. The way in which rainwater collected in this area suggested one factor for the state of the ground. Rabbits were also a reason.

The filling of the hollow contained roughly line of chalk, perhaps representing deliberate levelling to make working floors. The filling did not contain a lot of pottery, but quite a lot of bone.

GF439, 'IA sherds. Bone. Flint.' Layer 4, loam with small flints & chalk chips below flint cover in SW corner. Fill of working hollow. On either side, under hut gully (**Gully 1**). Between 38' 6" & 50' HI.

SF57, from GF439, 'Jawbone'. Layer 4, loamy clay & chalk fill of working hollow & flints. 1' 2" below turf. Within area of flints & sarsen in line of **Gully 1** passing through working hollow. HI 41' 6", HI North (IF) 4' 10". SF57 is shown on the site plan (see Fig. XX??).

SF58, from GF439, 'Jawbone & longbone'. Layer 4, loamy clay & chalk fill of working hollow & flints. In fill of working hollow in line of **Gully 1** passing through. Other end of long bone is in general finds for layer 2 (flints) over working hollow. SF58 is shown on the site plan (see Fig. XX??).

GF449, 'Prehistoric. Charcoal. Bone.' Layer 4, brown loam & chalk lumps of flint. 12" in depth. Area near door. In working hollow, from east end to section 32' along HI.

SF56, from GF449, 'Sling Stone.' Layer 4, clay silt, 12" down, inside working hollow in or by 'door'. HI 27' 4", HG 1'. This object was made of fired clay and not associated with any of the 'sling stones' made of flint.

GF492, 'Prehistoric. Charcoal. Bone.' Layer 4, heavy loam plus redeposited chalk & flint. Sealed by inserted **hearth** (Pit 2); piece of fairly burnished black ware from immediately under hearth. (see **PH12a** below).

GF472, 'IA sherds. Flint. Bone. Slag?' Layer 6, greeny/grey clay silt plus very decomposed chalk. same grey quick lime type plus flints & sarsens. At 1' 6".

PH12a

GF508, 'IA sherd. Bone.' Layer 3, very pale brown silty soil with flint & sarsens. c. 10" from the chalk. Underneath working hollow to north of the **hearth** (Pit 2).

Pit 15

GF519, 'Prehistoric. Bone.' Layer 8, light brown loose humic fill. 1' 11" from chalk. Sealed by decomposed chalk floor level 6 of **working hollow**, beneath **hearth**. Mole has gone twice through sealing chalk layer.

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LatestHearth (Pit 2)

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Earliest

Pit 15

Post-Holes

PH3. No GF. 6" deep.

PH4. No GF. 14" deep.

PH5b. No GF. Brown loam fill with chalk packing at bottom. This stakehole is at the termination point of **Gully 1**, although it is a little distant from the butt end. Appears to have sarsen packing to west (see site plan, Fig. XXX). 4" deep.

PH9? No GF. A possible stake-hole (see site plan, Fig. XXX).

PH10. GF502, 'Flint. Bone'. From soft silty brown fill of actual post slot. Below layer of brown loam & flints, some with chalk specks. 8" from chalk. 18" deep. Brown loam & chalk lumps around upper sides of PH, chalk packing on lower S side. Large sarsen in top, thin layer of decomposed chalk at bottom..

PH11. No GF. Brown loam without stones, with chalk packing at sides and bottom.

PH13. No GF. Light brown chalk seems to cut into light grey rotten chalk underneath. On S lip of PH small wedge of chalk & brown loam. All appears to cut into decomposed chalk, possibly of **working hollow**. 18" deep.

PH14. No GF. Fill of brown silt & chalk lumps, over a black humic layer with chalk lumps. Weathered chalk & brown silt on lower N side of PH and at bottom. 16" deep.

PH15. No GF. Filling of brown loam & chalk lumps, with chalk lumps & loam on lip and chalk packing at lower sides & bottom. 12" deep.

PH20. No GF. Fill of homogenous loam and chalk nodules. 5" deep.

PH22. No GF. Fill of homogenous chalk with some light brown soil. Cut into natural chalk. 9" deep.

PH25. No GF. Fill of brown loam, small flints & chalk, with brown loam & chalk lumps around top lip. Bottom half of PH is of chalk packing & light brown clay, with light brown clay, small flints & chalk lumps at bottom. c. 1' 4" deep.

PH27. No GF. Light brown silt & small flints. 6" (plan) /8" (notebook) deep.

PH29/GF509 see **South 2**

PH30. No GF. PH cut down to bottom; one half of very chalky loam, the other of chalk packing. c. 4" deep.

PH31. No GF. Brown loam fill with chalk packing. Lip touches lip of PH32. c. 6" deep.

PH32. GF522, 'Prehistoric. Slag. Flint. Bone.' Layer 5; very light loam with large number of chalk nodules & large flints (packing) around edge and bottom. c. 9" from turf. c. 1' 2" deep. Not drawn on site plan.

PH33. No GF. Appeared in redeposited chalk fill at the eastern end of the hollow just before removal. 10" deep.

PH34. No GF. Soft brown loam with soft chalk packing. c. 9" deep.

PH36. No GF. Large sarsen over top. 18" deep.

PH39. No GF. Top layer of brown loam, chalk & flint lumps over silty loam & flints. Thin rotten chalk layer at bottom (see **PH41**). 11" deep.

PH40. GF524, 'IA rims.' Layer 1, light brown loam & flints, 9" down. 13" deep with large flint packing at bottom. Short necked furrowed bowl, with three horizontal furrows in soft reasonably fine sandyware fabric. Similar to an example from All Cannings Cross.

PH41. No GF. Top layer of brown loam, chalk & flint lumps over silty loam & flints (see **PH39**). 7" deep.

PH42. No GF. Fill of brown loam & flints (see **PH44**). 5" deep.

PH43. No GF. 3" deep.

PH44. No GF. Fill of brown loam & flints (see **PH42**). 8" deep.

PH45. No GF. Brown loam & large flints (packing stones) no chalk lumps.. 11" deep.

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GF400, moulded steel, probably not IA at all !!, but WWII (compare with tracks across A/West?)

Gully 1 of South 1 (21/8/68 - GF465) and burning debris = burning down of hut ?
CHECK

Is PH24 a burnt PH?

GF486 PH at eastern side of terminus of Gully 1 - which PH?

Hearth, GF481, of Gully 1 bldg? Just inside bldg. not central (over working hollow)

Layer 2

Over Working Hollow **SF49**: LBA Socketed Axe. Is such an instrument contemporaneous with the light industry being carried out in the working hollow?

GF430 Iron Chisel. Similar to one from Hod Hill and thought by Manning to be Iron Age in date. Such objects are rare on British Iron Age sites, although there is one from Casterly Camp, Wiltshire.

Pit 5

Latest feature ? has it any parallels with Gully 8 bldg.? are they contemporary?

GF504/SF70 two fibula brooches, same type as East 2, Gully 8, Layer 1 (**GF362/SF16**). Layer 1 of Gully 8 is top fill, but **SF70** is layer 5 of Gully 1!! Does this indicate South 1 & East 2 Gully 8 building (the latest of the three) are contemporary, C3rd BC?

Why is **SF16** only 2" from surface, whilst **SF70** is 7" from chalk?

What has been going on on the surface; nothing for bldg Gully 8, or bank 'protecting' it, but a lot over South 1?

Is South 1 filled in/ burnt down and then bldg. 8 erected? Is **SF70** dropped when Gully 1 is filled in?

Is **SF16** over **Gully 8** just a dropped item with no relation to building underneath, *i.e.* worm-sorted down and happens to be in Gully 8?

GF429/SF49, a LBA socketed axe fragment from layer 2, South 1, could well be from the working hollow, as it is from the SW corner of the cutting. This could date working hollow to LBA.

Although Pit 20 contained EIA knife (**GF364/SF19**), this could be from Gully 8 which is cut by Pit 20. Thus the digging of Pit 20 disturbed material from Gully 8. However, Pit 20 does contain what seems to be a ritual deposition (**GF364/ SFs18, 19, 20, 607, 608, 609, 617, 618**) not unlike those of Pits 1, 2 & 3, & 8 & 10 of East 1 and Pit 19 of East 2. There seems to be similarities; animal bones, similar fillings & strata. Moreover Pit 19 has similar EIA knife to Pit 20 (**SF25 & 27**).

The greatest discrepancy which arises from the metal analysis from TWA at the moment is that Pit 20 has EIA material from it in layer 2, and Gully 8, which is cut by Pit 20 and should therefore be earlier, has SF16, a La Tène brooch from the 3rd C BC from its top fill. One possible explanation is given below.

Is the sequence...?: 21/4/95 & 15/5/95

Latest Medieval ploughing, when?? (or is it RB?)

(Great deal of) **RB activity** over all the site; Manning nails in layers 1/2
- what are they doing? Lynchet/ division into fields with fences
(hurdles?) **GF224, PH67**, Manning Type 1b nail, for example. Pit 7
from East 1 could be this date (GF367), as could Pit 3 from East 1.
What date are the awls **SF52 & GF431** from layer 1/2?

South 1&2. C3rd BC: C3rd BC Fibula Brooch (**GF504/SF70**) from
layer **5**, IA chisel fragment(**GF430**). Could be contemporaneous with
Pit 20 - **the SF70 brooch is the same type as SF16 from layer 1 of
Pit 20/(G8) !!** The inhabitants of South 1&2 cultivate the settlement
area (GF620) before it burns (is burnt?) down (**GF465**).

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Pit 20 (East 3) 3rd C BC /Early RB? but possibly EIA (see **SF19**)

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Gully 8 bldg., (cuts Gully 6 bldg.) possibly EIA (**GF364/SF19**), but
SF16 (GF362), a La Tène brooch C3 BC, puts this at LIA. However,
SF16 is from the top fill of G8 and could therefore be from LIA activity
over an EIA hut. In fact, SF14, two hobnails, Manning Type 10 (what
date? RB? Early Med?), also come from the top fill of Pit 20 or
'possibly from fill of Gully 8 where it cuts across Pit 20'. This
clearly points to there being some difficulty on site as to the exact
relationship between G8 & Pit 20 and, as SF14 comes from the same
layer, it is feasible that it too is of LIA/ Manning 10 in date.

The evidence of SF620, a 3C BC onwards penn. brooch, from an
unspecified location (no layer either) in East 3 (G8 area), again points
to an EIA + date for East 3, although again this could be remnants
from agricultural/settlement activity in the area.

One has to conclude on this metallurgical evidence that G8 is LIA, but
my feeling is that it is earlier and the digging of Pit 20 unearthed and
brought material from G8 to the top of the pit. Pit 20 could well go with
South 1&2.

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Gully 6 bldg. (with or without G5)

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Gully 5 bldg. (with Gully 4 - lav. & Gully 5a + G6?) + Pit 19

(GF380/SF25&27; EIA knife fragments)

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East 1

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South 1, but later than

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Gully 5 or Gully 6.

Working Hollow (GF429/SF49 ?LBA socketed axe). Could be contemporary with East 1 or East 2, or East 3 (G8) or South 1&2.

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Earliest Beaker Graves