

## **WC Cutting 4; buildings II & III**

For GF numbers & sequence, refer to analysis and matrix undertaken by South Shields. The Building II (also called House 2) matrix is under Archive XXX, building III (also House 3 or Building 4) is under Archive XXX. All baulks, except between t and u, were removed.

### **Building 2**

#### **Structure in NWd, NWd ext. W. & NWd ext. N. with Pit - the loo?**

Excavated in 1961 in NWd, see Fig. XXX and Archive XXX.

#### **Above pit**

**GF433**, 'Sherds. Tooth. Bone. Glass'. Flinty soil over & outside pit. 8"-10".

**GF443**, 'Sherd'. Flinty & chalky layer above pit. 8"-15".

#### **Pit**

**GF537**, 'Sherds'. Bone'. Between stones in pit. Humus & clay. 7"-1'2"

**GF415**, 'Sherds'. 10"-1'3". Top of pit filling.

**GF517**, 'Sherd'. C&f on N. rim of pit. 12".

**GF551**, 'Sherds'. Charcoal. Teeth'. C&f. 1'2"

**GF421**, 'Sherds'. 1'3" +. Pit filling.

**GF444**, 'Sherds. Charcoal'. 15"-22". Filling of pit, c&f, chalk base.

**GF483**, 'Sherds. Nail. Charcoal'. 1'3"-1'10". Chalk base.

**GF400**, 'Sherds. Teeth'. 16"-21"

**GF518**, 'Bone'. 17"-18". Among stones in pit tumbled off house wall, c&f.

**GF422**, 'Prick spur'. 1'10". Pit filling.

#### **Pit South of North wall of B2 (cutting NWd)**

Excavated in 1962. A different pit, c. 3' in depth, 7' across top. Had an homogeneous fill of large rounded chalk lumps with light brown, yellowish clayey soil. Inside B2. (See Archive XXX).

**GF731**, 'Sherds'. Chalk infill of pit. 2" below top of chalk at pit edge.

**GF737**, 'Sherd'. Top of pit fill.

**GF763**, 'Sherd'. 1' below level of chalk in pit filling.

#### **Pit in House (cuttings SWb & NWc, baulk b/c)**

Excavated 1962. See Fig XXX Archive? Charcoal lumps & clay with charcoal flecks at bottom. Stiff brown clay with small flints & a few sarsens over, with top fill of dark humus with big flints & stones.

Sequence:

**GF560**, no depth  
**GF529**, floor level to 2"  
**GF606**, 11" & over  
**GF607**, same as 606  
**GF630**, 11½" - 2'  
**GF629**, 2'1"

### **Postholes**

See Fig. XXX & Archive XXX

**GF395**, filling of unspecified PH in NWc (possibly 4W?)

**GF463**, filling of PH in SE corner (SEb/a?)

**PH1E** GF530 & GF564 in NWb

**PH2E** GF496 & GF563(?2nd PH 2E?) in NEg

**PH3E** - section, but no GF

**PH4E** GF478, In SEf.

**PH4W** GF497 & GF562 in NWc

### **Building 3**

Building 3 is referred to as 'Building 4' in **GF492 & GF510**, and in the 1961 site note-book.

B3 joined to B2 and seemingly grouped with H1.

Cuttings north of B2 started 6/8/61, labelled t, u, v, w, x, y & z.

At first, the two parallel lines of sarsens which appeared in t & u were thought to be the sides of a trackway entering the settlement area from the NE, but further study revealed them to be the remains of the E and W walls of a further building. The southern wall of B3 just touched the northern wall of B2. Both lay just across the 'yard' from H1 through which the entrance to the enclosure possibly ran.

B3 seems to have been substantially robbed, possibly for other building within the settlement. Only two corners remained in anything like completeness, although the wall-lines were detected by the 'dished' effect at the outside edges of the floor, a characteristic noted on all the buildings, on top of which the wall had stood. It was also possible to detect these wall-lines by a marked edge to the brown soil over the interior.

The building was trapezoid in plan, being 26ft long on the west and 24ft long on the east. It was 12ft wide internally and the walls, where measureable, were 2ft thick and one or two courses high. Interim Report (111) suggests entrance was through southern half of western wall, although no structural evidence for it remained. No evidence of roofing found. Walls possibly only two courses high originally, with rest of wall being of turf, thus the reason why floor is clayey and has a thick layer of brown humus covering the flinty floor. This humus could also have built up due to animal occupation of the building.

Since B2 & 3 were immediately below the modern surface and the site had been left more or less untouched since its abandonment, the vertical stratigraphy at was not deep and there had been little time for worm-sorting. Horizontal stratification was similarly difficult to ascertain. The finds from below the topsoil may well therefore represent occupation or abandonment material, or possibly later activity. Those finds from the clay with flint, however, being between 8" and 16" down on an undisturbed site, were probably not from later activity, but from the occupation period.

### **GFs and sequence for Building 3**

#### **Topsoil**

**GF371**, is from the brown topsoil above c&f; 'Sherds. Bones. 2 nails. Small quantity of charcoal'. 9ft. S and 5ft6" E from NW corner.

**GF347**, 'Copper alloy rectangular collar. Sherds. Bone. Teeth, etc' at 3"-10".

**GF436**, 'Sherds'.

**GF459**, 'Sherds. Bones. Glass'. To 6"  
**GF486**, 'Sherds. Nails'. 6"-9"  
**GF475**, 'Sherds. Bone. Iron'. Topsoil to c&f, inside house. 7"-10".  
**GF484**, 'Iron latch? not picked up by TWA'. In house, inside wall. 8".  
**GF485**, 'Iron perforated strap frag. Inside house. 10".  
**GFs 388, 390, 391, 445, 488 & 501** were Topsoil and C&F (see below)

The topsoil on and outside B3 wall contained **GF492**, 'Sherds. Iron strap hinge frag'.

#### **Below Topsoil - in clay with flints (c&f)**

**GF363**, 'Sherds. Bone. Iron sheet frag & buckle'. 7"-9", 'clayey brown' soil.  
**GF488**, 'Sherds. Glass' in c&f to 8"-10", bones'  
**GF388**, 'Glass. Sherds' in the baulk h/z, 9"-14" down, *i.e.* a few inches into c&f.  
**GF519**, 'Sherds. Bones'. Humus to c&f. 10"-11".  
**GF390**, 'Sherds. Large iron object in NE corner TWA: perforated strap frag'.  
Cutting z, 11½" down, *i.e.* 3"-4" in c&f; '  
**GF391**, ditto, 'Sherds'.  
**GF517**, 'Sherd'. 12".  
**GF445**, 'Sherds. Glass. Nail'. 10"-16" in c&f.  
**GF501**, 'Horseshoes. Bone. Sherd. Iron. Nail'. Topsoil to flint floor, to 1'8".  
**GF401**, 'Sherds'. 11"-22", c&f

#### **Clay with flints**

**GF482**, 'Bronze object; decorative fitting ?pendant'. SE corner, clay/flints 10".  
**GF487**, 'Sherds. Bone'. To 10".  
**GF504**, 'Bones. Sherd. Iron object, not picked up by TWA'. 8"-16".  
**GF506**, 'Sherds. Iron hinge pivot. Arrowhead'. 12"-14".  
**GF507**, 'Copper alloy/bronze buckle plate'. 12"-14".

#### **House Occupation/construction**

?**GF544**, 'Sherds. Iron. Bone'. Baulk uy/vz. 16"-17", thus presumably  
**GF552**, 'Sherds. Teeth. Iron perforated strap frag. Nail'. Humus over floor. Turf to 14", then to 18".  
**GF439**, 'Sherds. Teeth'. Brown soil over flints, inside wall footings.  
**GF559**, 'Part of prick spur'. Clay/flints over floor. 16" in depth.  
**GF510**, 'Horseshoe fragment; dated 'Transitional'. Teeth. Sherd.' 26" down, in clay subsoil in house

**GF426**, 'Sherds. Slag?'. 2ft down, clay in wall step