

WC - Cuttings across bank of Enclosure B

6A(i). South extension to Cutting 6 - a medieval bank on top of a lynchet
18/08/63. 16' (NS) by 4' (EW). NW corner 11' from SW corner of Cutting 6, across enclosure bank, itself on top of lynchet. To trace drain outlet. Taken down to 10"-12" all over down to clay with flints. N. end soil with clay & flints, sticky red on brow, only just on to clay with flints at S. end (in ditch?). c. 12 sherds from N. end, medieval, but disturbed as early type under later, also 3 small loose sarsen pieces. 2 sherds from S. end, none in centre, *i.e.* on slope of bank.

N. two-thirds taken to 27" in depth. Flinty soil to 15", some med. sherds & base, 15"-27" in centre softer clay with chalk, few flints, no pottery. This may be lynchet under med. enclosure bank, indicated by transverse line of demarcation some 3' from N. end, N. of which was still clay with flints.

Cutting then deepened through bank to 32"-33". Soil (ploughsoil?) with clay flecks in centre 4'-5'; one piece of red IA pottery (CHECK) - layer also had some flecks of charcoal. Probably reached down to reddish clay with flints at N. end. Unusual sarsen pebble in ploughsoil 8' from N. end along W. side.

Cutting then trowelled down to reddish clay with flints except at S. end where level drops (ditch?). A few med. sherds, one IA? at S. end on tail of lynchet. Trowelling of S. end to 20"-22", masses of large flints on til of med. bank, one small sarsen. Trench then cleared at S. end - no ditch - steep slope on clay with flints.

Cutting 6A(i) extended NW 3' by 3' to search for drain from House IV, cleared to below ploughsoil. IA sherds (**GF854**). Possible drain outlet in N. section.

GF numbers and sequence

GF801, 'Sherds'. Topsoil at foot of bank. S. extension. To 9".

GF800, 'Sherds. Bone'. To top of bank - flinty soil. To 1'.

GF821, 'Sherds.' Flinty soil. 12"-18".

GF803, 'Sherds'. Flinty soil of 'top' (med?) bank. To 15".

GF810, 'Sherd. Bone'. Flinty, clayey soil. To 21".

GF812, 'IA? sherd'. Chalk flecked soil - lynchet. Below 21".

GF854, 'Sherds'. W. Ext. 3' X 3'. Lynchet soil, chalk flecked. 21" in depth.

GF822, 'Sherds'. S. Ext. Flinty soil, tail of Med? bank. Large sherd in clay with flints. 20"-22".

GF874, 'Soil'. Soil sample from lynchet. 12'4" (measurement from ?). 23" in depth.

GF828, 'Bone. Sherd.' Immediately above natural. 2' in depth.

6h(ii), 6h(iii) & 6y. Across bank of Enclosure B

6h(ii).

18/08/63. E. of Cutting 6h, 10' (EW) by 4' (NS). To pick up ditch & confirm resistivity survey. Opened to 10"-12", some sherds. W. end; clay with flints, in centre some small sarsens (tumble, flint pavement or edging of roadway?). E end; chalk & flints. Soil generally damp & dark, some carbon (habitation layer?) over clay with flints, under chalk with flints in E. (see Fig. XXX Archive).

Beneath dark habitation layer cleared to subsoil clay with flints at 15", similarly at E. end under chalk layer. No sign of ditch.

GF802, 'Sherds. Bone'. On flint & chalk layer. To 9".

GF806, 'Sherds. Bone. Etc'. In flint & chalk. To 1'.

6h(iii).

20/08/63, 2' wide (NS) by 8' in length (EW) - from note book, but 2' by 10' on site plan. Cutting made nearer to known location of ditch - ditch found - laid flint bottom at 25". Also piece of med.? tile found 14" from surface. Fill of ditch mainly yellow/brown clay soil with flints. Depth of ditch 2'2" from surface, 1' from topsoil. (See Fig XXX Archive).

GF811, 'Sherd. Bone. Waster rim?. Brick'. Brown soil. Brick at 14". All finds below 1'.

6y.

02/08/62. 20' in length (NS) by 3' wide (EW), later extended E. by a further 3' (see Section drawing Fig. XXX). To pick up possible paved track running NE from entrance of IV and to section and date slight bank running SW from the S. end of W. wall of House I (part of Enclosure B). The slight remains of a bank were found, along with a depression, sectioned near the S. end of the cutting. Clay with flints subsoil reached. Much pottery came from the black soil to 18" in E. extension. Sides and filling of ditch were practically indistinguishable since both were of rotten chalk. Ditch clear on S. side of bank, which also cut through a deep solution hollow/pipe on the E. so that its sides changed from rotten chalk to clay with flints. Ditch c. 2'9" deep, with one flint flake (**GF727**).

GF numbers and sequence.

GF680, 'Sherds'. N. end topsoil.

GF681, 'Sherds. 2 nails'. S. end. Topsoil down to clay with flints.

GF703, 'Sherds. Bone'. E. ext. Topsoil. To 9".

GF693, 'Sherds. Iron. Bone'. N. end. Flinty soil of bank.

GF707, 'Sherds. Iron awl - not noted in Finds Register but picked up by TWA Metalwork Report'. E. ext. Brown soil with few flints. Some sherds from GF707 were marked GF702. There was only one sherd from GF702. 9" to subsoil on either side of 'ditch'.

GF708, 'Ring'. E. ext. Brown soil with few flints. Ring 9" down. 5'6" from S. edge, 1'4" from E. edge.

GF709, 'Bracelet. TWA; Iron circular collar'. E. ext. Brown soil with few flints. Circular collar 12" down. 6'8" from S. edge, 1'1" from E. edge.

GF692, 'Sherds. Iron'. S. end. Dark soil with flints above chalk. Depth; 1'3".

GF722, 'Sherds. Iron nail'. E. section. Clay with flints. 18" & below.

GF721, 'Sherds. Bone'. E. section. Clay with flints (ditch fill). c. 24" & below.

GF727, 'Struck flake'. Primary soil in ditch.

Other

GF738, 'Sherds. Iron'. From dump, but probably from Layer 2, blackish soil. See section drawing (Fig. XXX).

Cuttings 2z, 2y, 2t/u & 2f/e(g) - Across bank & ditch(?) of Enclosure B

2z.

21/08/63. NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH CUTTING 2Z OF 1959 & 1960 ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF CUTTING 2. This cutting is from 1963 (see Fig. XXX). Cutting 2' (EW) by 9' (NS), to NE of 6H(iii), E. of 6y. Ditch uncovered, blocked on SW of cutting by large sarsen, probably fallen, with three chocking stones.

GF817, 'Sherds. Iron'. Topsoil above ditch. Zigzag rim under sarsen at 11".

2y.

22/08/63. NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH CUTTING 2Y OF 1959 & 1960 ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF CUTTING 2. This cutting is from 1963 (see Fig. XXX). 10' in length (NS) by 4' in width (EW), 5' N. & 5' S. of N. line of 2z. Cleared down to 12", partly fill from 1959 excavations, partly wall tumble. Med.? sherds. Ditch 35" in depth, under line of baulk left when House I cleared. True edge of ditch found on N. side; IA? sherd (**GF848?**). (See Fig XXX Archive).

GF823, 'Sherds'. Stoney soil, SW corner of House I. To 12".

GF826, 'Sherds. Bone'. Above ditch fill.

GF827, 'Sherds. Bone'. Upper part of ditch filling.

GF848, 'Sherd'. 6'8", 3'8" (from where?) on subsoil on N. edge of ditch. 2'3" in depth.

2t/u

10' in length (NS) by 4' in width (EW). To take out 2' baulk between 2t and 2u under which ditch apparently went. Cleared down to 20" where top of ditch found on both sides. Ditch very clear in subsoil.

GF833, 'Sherds'. Brown soil & stones refill. Above 20". Sherds prelim analysis later C13th?

GF841, 'Sherds'. Fill above clay with flints.

GF850, 'Sherds'. Fill of ditch - details on boxes.

GF875, 'Soil'. Soil sample from ditch bottom.

2f/g or 2f/e

10' in length (NS) by 4' in width (EW), with a 3'6" by 3'6" square extension over the NE corner. Called 2f/g in finds register and site book, but 2f/e on site plan (technically it is the latter). Cutting cleared down to subsoil, where apparently ditch ends. Pit 1 of 1959 reopened (SE corner). Pot c. 15" in diameter discovered, almost complete, embedded in clay with flints. Pot cracked, but pieces remained *in situ*. **GF867** sherds and contents of pot and **GF876**, from pot interior. It was decided at the end of the excavation that there was no firm evidence to suggest a ditch in 2t/u.

Conclusions at the time to the nature and function of this ditch suggested that it was inside the N. enclosure bank of Enclosure B, but it was elusive in the W. and, although it clearly ran under House 2, it seemed to go no further than Pits 1 & 2 of 1959. Another ditch, the one picked up in 4p *etc.* was possibly part of the original Enclosure B, with the line of sarsens to the S. of House 2 set on edge in the subsoil (as shown in 4p *etc.*).