

Appendix 1: a selection of the excavated material

Site Overton Down XI (Chap. 6)

The following is merely a brief descriptive catalogue of those objects illustrated in the body of the text. A full catalogue, and other relevant data, are in the Archive.
Where location is in brackets it indicates the original description in the field record

Fig 6.34 - Copper Alloy Objects

1. Socketed axe fragment; from the opening edge of the socket. SF49, GF429, Area A, South 1, layer 2/3, possibly in Gully 1.
2. Penannular brooch; a simple loop or ring with the pin missing, made from a length of wire. SF620, GF211, East 1 (Area A, North-West, 1965), layer 2.
3. Perforated plate; roughly rectangular sheet with six holes punched through it. SF6, GF245, Area B, West, layer 3, ploughsoil.

Iron Objects

4. Knife, complete, with a crescent-shaped blade and a straight tang; not clear from the shape of the blade's section which side was sharpened; mineralised wood on tang. SF19, GF364, Area A, East 2, Pit 20, layer 2.
5. Knife fragment; crescent-shaped, consisting of a small section of blade and a large proportion of a tapering tang. Part of the same object as No. 6. SF25, GF380, Area A, East 2, top of Pit 19.
6. Knife fragment; crescent-shaped blade, part of the same object as No. 5. It is not clear from the shape of the section which side of the blade was sharpened. SF27, GF380, Area A, East 2, top of Pit 19.
7. Ard-tip fragment; tapering bar with a D-shaped profile ending in a blunted point. SF3, GF218, Area A, East 1, layer 2.
8. Chisel fragment; spatulate fragment with a slight curve. Rectangular in section at the thin end and flattened at the blade. GF430, Area A, South 1, layer 2.
9. Rod; one end consists of a blunted point and the other is broken; the shaft is round. SF51, GF433, Area A, South 1, layer 2.
10. Awl; flattened bar, tapering at both ends. SF52, GF434, Area A, East 3, layer 1/2, base of topsoil.
11. Awl; tapering from the centre in both directions towards both ends. Possibly a tanged awl. GF431, Area A, East 4, layer 1/2.
12. Fibula brooch in two parts; fragment of the upper part of the straight bow and the one coil (originally there were probably three); and a fragment of the lower end of the straight bow with the foot attached through a connection at right angles to the bow and the foot bent over so it is parallel with the bow. SF16, GF362, Area A, East 2, top of Gully 8.
13. Fibula brooch in two parts; a mock spring and a part of the pin, the spring corroded but seems to consist of four coils with an internal chord; and a fragment consisting of part of the straight bow and the foot loop, broken where it reverts back towards the bow. SF70, GF504, Area A, South 1, Gully 1, layer 5.
14. Oval loop or link with what appear to be attachments at both ends consisting of a prong and an overhanging catch, possibly a bracelet. GF180, East 1, (SW, 1964), Gully 1 fill.
15. Oval ring made from a rectangular bar. SF5, GF233, Area A, East 1 (North 2), layer 2.
16. Hobnail. SF14B, GF347, Area A, East 2, top of Pit 20.

Fig. 6.35 - The Worked and Utilised Stone

1. Sarsen bottom quern stone fragment. GF238, Area A, East 1, Pit 5.
2. Sarsen top quern stone fragment. GF270, Area A, East 1 (South-East), Post-hole 2.
3. Spherical sarsen hammerstone. GF482, Area A, South 1, Pit 5, layer 4.
4. Sarsen rubber/hammerstone. GF382, Area A, East 1, layer 2.
5. Possible utilised flake. GF230, Area B, West, layer 2.
6. Sarsen waste 'flake'. GF364, Area A, East 2, Pit 20, layer 2 (below skull).
7. Old Red Sandstone whetstone fragment. GF270, Area A, East 1 (South-East), Post hole 2.
8. Limestone spindle whorl. SF69, Area A, East 3, Hearth 2.

Fig 6.36 - Pottery

1. Base of vessel, form unknown. Fabric M31. GF403, Area A, East 1, near bottom of Pit 6A.
2. Slack-shouldered jar, burnished exterior, ?from same pot. Fabric Q2, C26 or C33. Area A, East 1 (North-West, 1965), bottom of Pit 1 (GF255) and Pit 3 (GF232 and GF257).
3. Base of jar. Fabric M30. GF499, Area A, South 1, Pit 11, layer 7.
4. Slack-shouldered jar with everted, rounded rim. Fabric S16. GF380, Area A, East 2, Pit 19, top fill.
5. Ovoid jar with plain squared rim. Fabric Q3. SF11, Area A, East 1, Pit 7.
6. Ovoid jar with internally thickened rim. Fabric M30. GF331, Area A, East 1, Pit 7, layer 3.
7. Short-necked furrowed bowl, three horizontal furrows (see All Cannings Cross: Cunnington 1923, pl. 28, 16). Fabric Q7, thickness 5mm. GF524, Area A, South 1, Post-hole 40, layer 1.
8. Short-necked furrowed bowl, three horizontal furrows (see All Cannings Cross: Cunnington 1923, pl. 43, 3). Fabric Q8, thickness c.6mm. GF360, Area A, East 1, Pit 6A.
9. Flaring-necked furrowed bowl, three horizontal furrows (see All Cannings Cross: Cunnington 1923, pl. 28, 1). Fabric Q8, thickness 4mm. GF341, Area A, East 1 (North 1), Pit 10, layer 1.
10. Short-necked furrowed bowl, three horizontal furrows (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg. 33). Fabric C26, thickness 6mm. Unlocated.
11. Flaring-necked furrowed bowl, four horizontal furrows (see All Cannings Cross: Cunnington 1923, pl. 28, 11). Fabric Q7, thickness 5mm. GF236, Area B, North, Post-hole 3.

Fig 6.37 - Pottery *cont/...*

12. Upright rim sherd, incised horizontal parallel lines below rim (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 25). Fabric C27, thickness 7mm. GF233, Area B, North, Post-hole 1.
13. Body sherd, incised irregular linear motifs on shoulder (see All Cannings Cross: Cunnington 1923, pl. 36, 1a). Fabric Q8, thickness 6mm. GF326, Area A, East 1 (North 1), Pit 9, layer 1.
14. Body sherd, incised diagonal lines above shoulder (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 4). Fabric V28, thickness 5mm. GF209, Area A, East 1 (North-East, baulk), post-hole fill or Area A, East 1 (North-West, 1965), layer 3.
15. Body sherd, incised diagonal lines above shoulder (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 4). Fabric Q8, thickness 8mm. GF471, Area A, South 1, Pits 8 and 9, layer 3. Same context as Nos. 23, 26 and 37.
16. Body sherd, parallel incised lines and stabbed pin pricks (see All Cannings Cross: Cunnington 1923, pl. 35, 10). Fabric M31, thickness 5mm. GF376, Area A, East 2, Pit 13, top fill.
17. Body sherd, incised lozenges in horizontal row. Fabric Q7, thickness 4mm. GF267, Area A, East 1 (South-East, 1965), Gully 1 fill.
18. Rim/shoulder sherds, incised linear motifs and chevrons below rim. Fabric F11, thickness 5mm. GF344, Area A, East 1, Pit 7, topsoil.
19. Body sherd, stabbed and linear incised motifs (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 173). Fabric Q8, thickness 7mm. GF208, Area B, North, layer 3.
20. Body sherd, impressed leaf shape (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 171). Fabric Q6, thickness 6mm. GF330, Area A, East 1, Pit 8, top fill.

21. Body sherd, impressed wedge shapes on shoulder (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwgs 11, 169). Fabric M31, thickness 4mm. GF364, Area A, East 2, Pit 20, layer 2.
22. Body sherd, incised circles (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 134). Fabric Q3, thickness 7mm. GF224 (same vessel as No. 25?), Area B, West, Post-hole 67.
23. Body sherd, incised circles with central stabbed dots on shoulder (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 134). Fabric Q2, thickness 7mm. GF471, Area A, South 1, Pits 8 and 9, layer 3. Same context as Nos. 15, 26 and 37.
24. Body sherd, impressed circles (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 156). Fabric Q7, thickness 5mm. GF246, Area A, East 1 (North-West), Pit 2, or Area C, layer 2.
25. Body sherd, incised circles and lines (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 134). Fabric Q3, thickness 7mm. GF230 (same vessel as No. 22?), Area B, West, layer 2.
26. Body sherd, impressed concentric circles with traces of white chalky infill (see All Cannings Cross: Cunnington 1923, pl. 36, 2, 3). Fabric Q7, thickness 8mm. GF471, Area A, South 1, Pits 8 and 9, layer 3. Same context as Nos. 15, 23 and 37.
27. Body sherd, impressed circles (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 156). Fabric Q7, thickness 6mm. GF376, Area A, East 2, Pit 13, top fill.
28. Body sherd, stamped dots and diagonal incised lines with traces of white chalky infill (see All Cannings Cross: Cunnington 1923, pl. 32, 1; pl. 32, 2). Fabric Q2, thickness 7mm. GF230, Area A, East 1 (North-West), topsoil, or Area B, West, layer 2, bottom of lynchet. ?Same context as No. 25
29. Body sherd, single stamped dot. Fabric Q2, thickness 7mm. GF233, Area A, East 1 (North 2), layer 2, or Area B, Post-hole 1 (at base of lynchet).
30. Body sherd, single stamped dot. Fabric F10, thickness 6mm. GF233, Area A, East 1 (North 2), layer 2, or Area B, Post-hole 1 (at base of lynchet).
31. Body sherd, worn stamped dots (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwgs 7, 80). Fabric Q3, thickness 6mm. GF224, Area A, East 1 (South-East), layer 1/2.
32. Upright rim sherd, finger-tipping just below rim (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 95). Fabric Q3, thickness 7mm. GF237, Area B (North 1), Post-hole 6.
33. Body sherd, finger-tipping along shoulder (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 89). Fabric Q3, thickness 8mm. GF397, ODX/4, Post-hole II (unlocated post-hole).
34. Body sherd, finger-tipping along shoulder (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 89). Fabric Q2, thickness 10mm. GF232; Area A, East 1, Pit 3. Same context as No. 2.
35. Body sherd, finger-tipping along shoulder (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 89). Fabric Q2, thickness 7mm. GF219, Area A, East 1 (North-West), Gully 1, or Area B, West, Ploughsoil/layer 3, bottom of lynchet.
36. Body sherd, finger-tipping along shoulder (see Potterne: Morris in prep., dwg 89). Fabric Q3, thickness 10mm. GF385, Area A, East 1 (West 1), layer 3.
37. Body sherd, applied horizontal cordon, plain. Fabric S34, thickness 10mm. GF471, Area A, South 1, Pits 8 and 9, layer 3. Same context as Nos. 15, 23 and 26.

Fig 6.38 - Miscellaneous

The Fired Clay

1. Ceramic slingshot. SF56, GF449, Area A, South 1, Working Hollow, layer 4.
2. Ceramic bead. SF606, GF335, Area A, East 2, layer 1/2, base of topsoil.

The Glass Bead

3. Spherical bead; pale green glass with overall opaque yellow trellis design. SF55, GF443, Area A, East 3, Pit 21A.

Worked Bone and Antler

4. Worn bone point with flattened head. SF54, GF443, Area A, East 1, Pit 21A, top of filling.
5. Bone awl. Wear marks below proximal articulation. SF610, GF330, Area A, East 1, Pit 8, top fill.
6. Bone needle. Highly polished. GF407, East 1 (West 1), near bottom of Post-hole 18.
7. Bone gouge. Perforated, with incomplete bore hole adjacent. GF364, Area A, East 2, Pit 20, below skull, part of deposit.
8. Antler tine point. Faint decoration. SF13, GF340, Area A, East 1, Pit 8, near bottom of pit.
9. Bone object. GF364, Area A, East 2, Pit 20, layer 2, below skull, part of deposit.
10. Bone object. GF434, Area A, East 3, base of topsoil.