

## 2.12 Forest Moor

Located to the south west of the village, this large area of unenclosed moorland slopes gently down to the Washburn valley. Near the village the vegetation is composed of rough grasses and sedges, with areas of heather covered peat on the slopes running into the valley, which changes to a thick cover of bracken.

The main features are located on the high ground, which marks the watershed between the Washburn and Nidd. These consist of a group of shafts that mainly represent the courses of veins worked on the adjacent Galloway Pasture. Most of the shaft mounds are fairly large, indicating that the ore bodies in this area are located at depth, but there is also a scatter of smaller shaft mounds, which would normally suggest shallow workings. Unlike areas like Galloway Pasture and High View these smaller shaft mounds are not found in compact linear groups. These may therefore represent trial shafts.

The largest shafts (32, 20, 44) are all connected by causeways running from the enclosures near Craven Keld. This would suggest that they may all date from the same period. Feature 20 is a very large but disturbed site representing a shaft mound and ore dressing area. The shaft mound is flat topped and displays evidence of a low circular turf wall adjacent to the slumped shaft. This is the only definite evidence of a horse gin found during the course of this survey.

A separate group of shaft runs up from the Washburn Valley. Their alignment suggests that they may mark the course of a level, however as the lower slope is covered by thick bracken no level was located.

A number of ore dressing areas have been located and these are closely associated with shaft mounds and are generally very disturbed. Two exceptions are features 12 and 40 which both display evidence of tank features suggesting buddling. With feature 12 this is supported by the presence of a water leat (15) and a fragment of a dam (14).

Fragments of water leat in this area suggest that water was collected here and taken onto Galloway Pasture to the east. Feature (23) corresponds with a leat system found in the adjoining enclosure. Leats 15 and 16 appear to represent a more local system associated with ore dressing. These leats pass through an area of dressing activity (12) but it is unclear where they start and where their final destination was, however it would appear that the water was used elsewhere. A small fragment of leat crossing a shaft mound (32) may have been connected with the first stage of ore preparation, washing clay and mud of the ore brought up the shaft.

Little evidence of mining related buildings was found in this area.

The most enigmatic feature discovered in this area is feature 4 which consists of a bank and ditch 1-2m wide, that runs away from the boundary with Galloway Pasture for 110m before turning 90 degrees and running for another 170m before turning 90 degrees again and ending after another 10m. Its purpose is unclear and it appears to be unfinished and

any relationship that it may or may not have with the mining remains is ambiguous. There is no evidence that the feature continues on Galloway Pasture and it is therefore unlikely to predate the enclosure wall, which was in place in the 1760s.

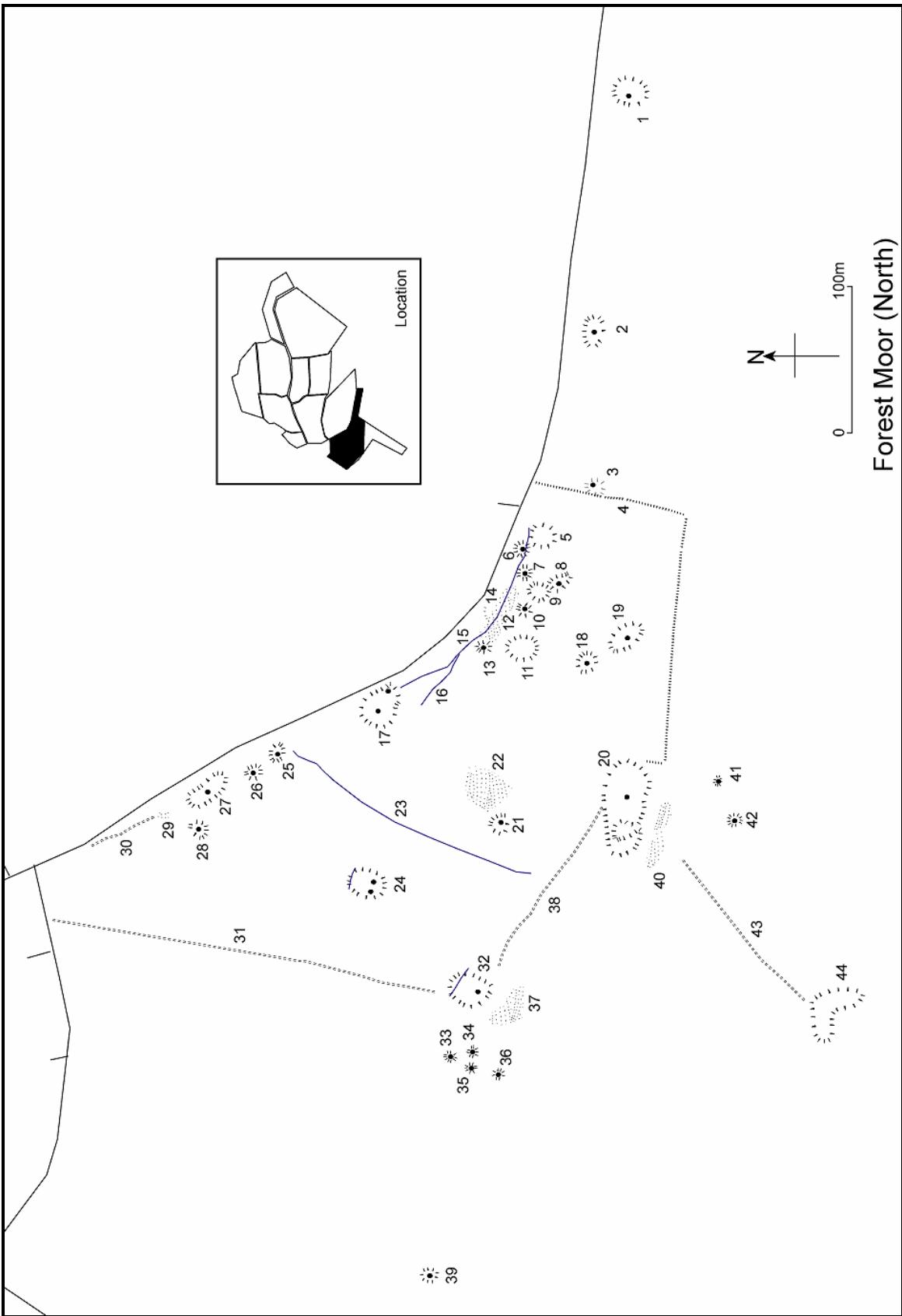


Fig.77 Forest Moor North

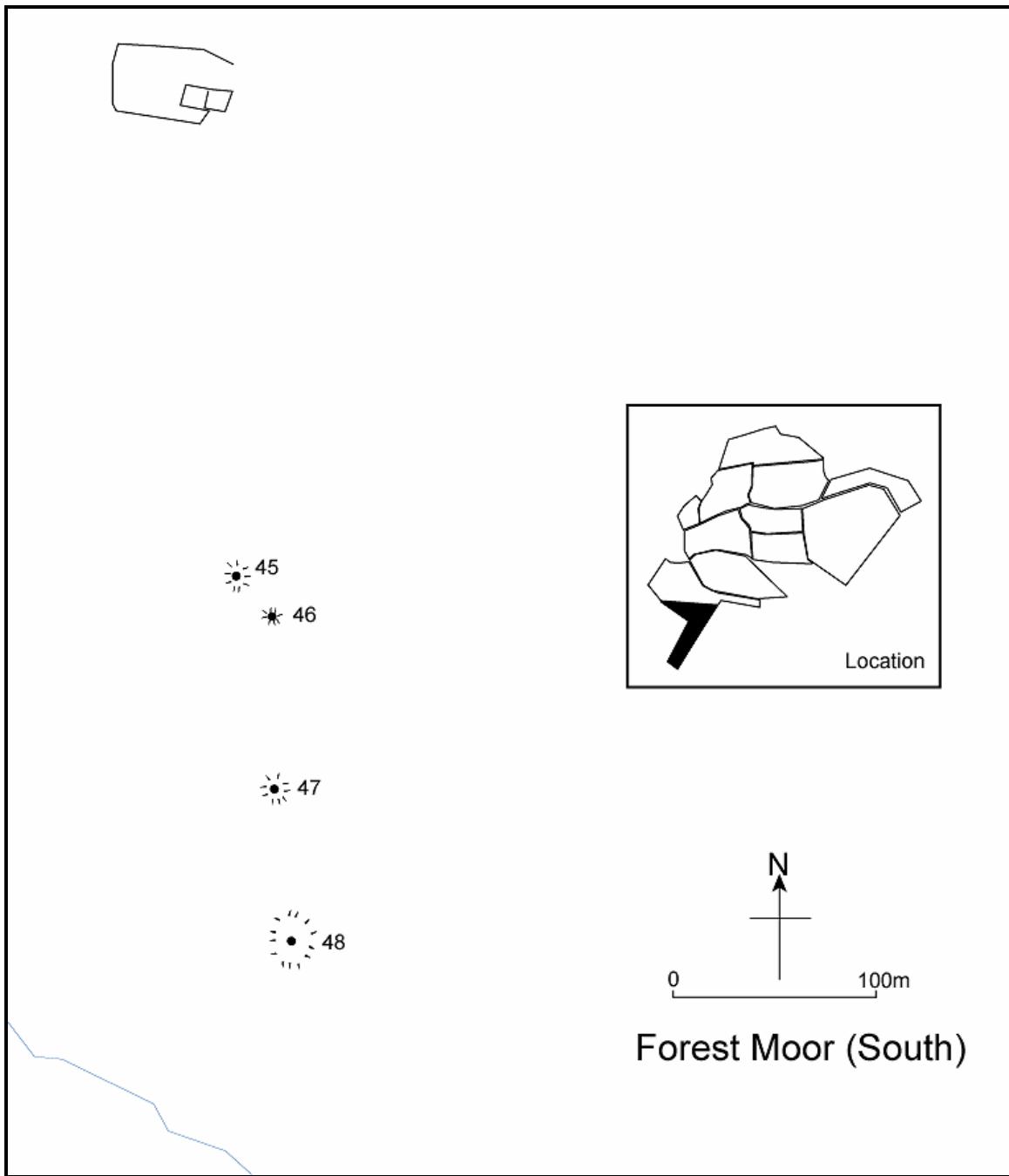


Fig.78 Forest Moor South

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Feature Number	Description	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	Shaft mound 20m dia with shaft in centre	SE	11261	63182
2	Shaft mound 20m x 12m with shaft in centre	SE	11094	63207
3	Shaft mound 10m with shaft in centre	SE	10986	63205
4	Bank and ditch 1-2m wide	SE	10978	63185
5	Shaft mound 20m dia no obvious shaft	SE	10951	63242
6	Shaft mound 10m dia with shaft in centre	SE	10943	63257
7	Shaft mound 10m dia with shaft in centre	SE	10927	63255
8	Shaft mound 10m x 18m	SE	10920	63232
9	Disturbed shaft mound 16m dia no obvious shaft	SE	10913	63245
10	Shaft mound in shake hole	SE	10901	63255
11	Shaft mound 18m dia no obvious shaft	SE	10874	63256
12	Ore dressing area containing fragments of bubbles	SE	10895	63271
13	Shaft mound 8m dia	SE	10875	63284
14	Possible fragment of dam wall	SE	10900	63281
15	Water leat	SE	10876	63295
16	Water leat	SE	10850	63314
17	Shaft mound 30m x 24m dia containing two shafts, evidence of a possible bouse teem / structure in side	SE	10834	63354
18	Shaft mound 14m dia	SE	10865	63211
19	Shaft mound 28 x 14m dia	SE	10882	63184
20	Disturbed area 70m x 30m comprising a shaft mound and ore dressing area, evidence of a horse gin circle with a turf wall	SE	10763	63184
21	Shaft mound 12m dia	SE	10752	63271
22	Ore dressing area disturbed	SE	10776	63281
23	Water leat	SE	10757	63350
24	Shaft mound 12m x 20m with main shaft and possible climbing shaft, fragment of leat crosses tip.	SE	10710	63363
25	Shaft mound 14m dia sits on water leat	SE	10801	63426
26	Shaft mound 12m dia	SE	10788	63443

27	Shaft mound 34m x 12m	SE	10773	63474
28	Shaft mound 12m dia	SE	10747	63480
29	Small ore dressing area	SE	10757	63504
30	Causeway	SE	10747	63532
31	Possible track, fades	SE	10665	63459
32	Shaft mound 24m dia, fragment of leat crosses tip	SE	10637	63293
33	Shaft mound 6m dia	SE	10591	63305
34	Shaft mound 6m dia	SE	10593	63290
35	Shaft mound 6m dia	SE	10582	63291
36	Shaft mound 6m dia	SE	10578	63272
37	Area of ore dressing, probably disturbed	SE	10623	63262
38	Causeway	SE	10707	63239
39	Shaft mound 10m dia with shaft in centre	SE	10439	63320
40	Ore dressing area with some evidence of bubbles.	SE	10744	63161
41	Shaft mound 6m dia	SE	10782	63120
42	Shaft mound 10m dia	SE	10756	63108
43	Causeway	SE	10674	63103
44	Disturbed area suggesting shaft mound and ore dressing area.	SE	10624	63045
45	Shaft mound 14m dia with shaft in centre - shale on tips	SE	10701	62620
46	Shaft mound 10m dia with shaft in centre	SE	10715	62599
47	Shaft mound 14m dia with shaft in centre	SE	10719	62511
48	Shaft mound 20m dia with shaft in centre	SE	10729	62428



Fig.79 Remains of horse gin circle (feature 20)



Fig.80 Shaft mound (feature 45)



Fig.81 Ditch and bank (feature 4)