

Mucking South Rings Description

Outer ring ditch

The outer ring ditch is circular in shape with a N-S diameter of 80.8 m and an E-W diameter of 77.5 m. It has two entrances, directly opposite each other in its northwest and southeast portions. The southeastern entranceway is 3.9m wide, whilst the northwestern entranceway is much narrower at only 0.6m wide. No structures are associated with the entranceways. The ditch shows a sharp v-shaped section along its whole length, varying from 3.0 to 3.3 m deep and from 7.1 to 8.7 m wide and contains between seven and 12 fills. A C-14 date was taken from the northeastern butt-end of the ditch where it is crossed by the southeastern entranceway. The ring ditch is cut in several places by later linear ditch features.

Inner ring ditch

The inner ring ditch sits centrally within the outer, *c.*11 m from it and with a diameter of 52.9 m in a N-S and 51.2 m in an E-W direction. It has two entranceways, leading directly on from the entranceways through the outer ring ditch. The southeastern entrance is 3.9m wide, whilst the northwestern entrance is 0.8m wide. Although there are post-holes in the vicinity of the entranceways, none are clearly associated with the entrances and none are suggestive of a particular structure. The inner ring ditch shows a much gentler v-shaped section than the outer ring and is somewhat wider, but has a similar depth: the width is between 10.1 and 10.9 m, whilst the depth is between 2.7 and 3.1 m. The inner ditch contains between nine and ten fills. It is cut in several places by later linear ditch features.