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#### Summary

• An archaeological evaluation involving the excavation of four trenches took place at Hopfield in Hibaldstow in advance of a residential development.

• A number of features (possibly part of an enclosure system) containing late Bronze Age Post Deverel-Rimbury Plainware pottery were uncovered at the east end of the proposed development (Trenches 02-04) on a deposit of natural sand.

• The focus of the prehistoric activity is thought to be in the vicinity of Trench 02, at the east end of the development.

• Trench 04 was extended (Trench 04a), and four additional trenches were added (Trenches 05-08) at a later date to define changes in the natural, and to see if the archaeology was confined to the natural sand.

• Trench 04a contained several linears, possibly of late Bronze Age origin and a single Bronze Age ditch was uncovered in Trench 08, suggesting the archaeology decreased towards the central area of the proposed development.

• Four sherds of Roman pottery were found in Trenches 04, 06 & 07 with evidence of later activity, in the form of a medieval furrow, uncovered in Trench 04.



Figure 1: Location map of proposed development (Scale 1:5000) (OS Copyright Licence No: AL 515 21 A0001)

# 1.0 Introduction

A seven-day programme of archaeological trial excavation was carried out on an irregularly shaped area of land at Hopfield in Hibaldstow, North Lincolnshire. The work was commissioned by Hugh Bourn Developments (Wragby) Ltd, to fulfil a planning requirement issued by North Lincolnshire Council.

# 2.0 Site location and description

Hibaldstow lies approximately 11km south-east of Scunthorpe, within the administrative district of North Lincolnshire. The village is situated to the east of the A15 (also known as Ermine Street, a former Roman road).

The site comprises an irregular unit of land approximately 3.0 hectares, located at Hopfield, towards the south-east of Hibaldstow at NGR SE 9804 0228 (Figure 1). It is situated at the eastern end of the Lincoln Edge, in an area of mainly Lincolnshire Limestone (Boutwood 1998, 25-26).

The land, at the time of writing, was a grassy wasteground, bounded by agricultural land to the south, a housing estate to the west, and new housing to the north and east. A works compound (for Hugh Bourn Developments Ltd) had been positioned near to the southeast corner of the area, and several large heaps of construction debris lie at the southern end of the site.

## 3.0 Planning background

North Lincolnshire District Council requested the undertaking of a field evaluation to assess the archaeological potential of the site in advance of the development. The results of this evaluation will be assessed by the District Council and decisions relating to the future management of the archaeological resource and the development will be taken on this basis. This approach is consistent with the advice set out in *Archaeology and Planning: Planning Policy Guidance Note 16, 1990.* 

## 4.0 Archaeological and historical background

Hibaldstow is first mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086 as *Hiboldestou*, meaning 'Holy place where St. Hygebald is buried' (Mills 1996). The origins of the village go further back however, to at least the Roman period when a settlement was located adjacent to Ermine Street.

Earlier prehistoric activity in the area is suggested by the discovery of two Neolithic axes (SMR Ref. 2368) to the north of the site, at Willow Farm.

Approximately 40m north-east of the site, a sub-rectangular enclosure cropmark (c. 1920m<sup>2</sup> in size) was recorded in the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) for North Lincolnshire (SMR Ref. 15496), although this is now under housing.

A number of cropmarks are known to the south of the development that are thought to be of later prehistoric or Roman date. These consist of a probable series of ditched trackways and sub-rectangular enclosures. If these cropmarks are Roman then they are likely to be associated with the roadside settlement at Hibaldstow.

A series of excavations were carried out at Hibaldstow in the 1970's by Roger Smith, and later, by the Humberside Archaeology Unit. The investigations showed that the Roman settlement consisted of a series of ditched enclosures running parallel with the Roman road, dating from the first century AD through to the fourth, and perhaps the fifth (Whitwell, B., 1995, 98). It has been suggested that the settlement was associated with a large agricultural estate (Todd, M., 1991, 77) which included a Roman villa to the east. This suggests that the enclosure cropmarks south of the proposed development may be part of an extensive Roman agricultural landscape.

Evidence of Saxon activity is also known, with a fifth century Germanic (Mahndorf type) brooch originating from the Elbe-Weser coastlands, recovered from nearby (Todd, M., 1991, 143), and Saxon pottery found to the east of the Roman settlement (Whitwell, B., 1995, 98).

## 5.0 Methodology

Originally, four trenches were excavated within the proposed development area (Figure 2). Three of the original trenches were located at the eastern end, in an area where it had not been possible to investigate through geophysics, whilst the fourth (Trench 01) was at the southern end to investigate a series of linear anomalies suggested by the gradiometer survey (PCG Report, 1999). Trench 01 measured 40m x 1.5m, and Trenches 02 - 04 measured 30m x 1.5m.

After initial cleaning and subsequent preliminary excavation and recording, it was agreed that Trench 04 should be extended (Trenches 04a & 07) until the natural sand was replaced by a limestone brash deposit already uncovered in Trench 01, and that three other trenches would be excavated (Trenches 05, 06 & 08), mainly to see if ephemeral features existed in the north and west of the development that had not been identified by the geophysical survey.

A JCB, fitted with a smooth ditching blade, was used to remove all topsoil and overburden, to the top of the first significant natural or cultural archaeological horizon. The desired depths were achieved by removing graded spits under strict archaeological supervision. All further excavation was by hand.



Figure 2: Location of evaluation trenches (Scale 1:1250)

During controlled excavation, archaeological contexts (e.g. layers, feature fills, pits, ditches) were described using standard context record sheets. All features were drawn in plan and section at scale 1:20 or 1:50 and, when fully or partially excavated, were photographed in colour. Artefacts (pottery, animal bones and individual finds) were coded according to their stratigraphic contexts and were subsequently removed from the site for processing and specialist assessment reports, as were soil samples.

Excavation was carried out under the direction of the writer, assisted by three experienced field archaeologists, Rene Mouraille, Lee Newton and Jim Snee. Andrew Hardwick and Wayne Livesey were used as replacements for members of the team on different days.

## 6.0 Results

6.1 Trench 01

## 6.1.1 Introduction

Trench 01 was orientated north-south, and was positioned to investigate a number of linear anomalies running east-west, at the southern end of the site (Plate 1).

## 6.1.2 Archaeological results

The topsoil was shallow (0.26m deep) and sealed a subsoil formed through weathering of the natural limestone brash 102 below.

No archaeological features or deposits were uncovered within the trench, and it seems likely that the linear anomalies from the geophysical survey probably relate to a series of tractor tracks running east-west in this area.

# 6.2 Trench 02

## 6.2.1 Introduction

Trench 02 was destined for the northeast corner of the site, however it soon became apparent several houses had already been built here. The trench was then repositioned approximately 40m further to the west, running east-west (Figure 3; Plate 2).

# 6.2.2 Archaeological results

The topsoil overlay a thin light brown/grey silty sand subsoil (201), formed through the breakdown of the sand natural 202 below. A number of features

and deposits were found to cut through the natural. An assemblage of late Bronze Age Post Deverel-Rimbury pottery was recovered from 201 immediately above ditch **203**. This material was probably from the upper fill (210) of the ditch (see below), with the breakdown of the soil into other soil horizons (201) destroying the upper part of the deposit.

#### 6.2.3 Modern

Two pipe trenches, of very recent construction, were exposed at the western end of the trench. Both were built to service the developer's compound.

## 6.2.4 Late Bronze Age/Iron Age

A number of features of late Bronze Age and/or Iron Age date were exposed within the trench.

Ditch **203**, was towards the western end of the trench. It was curving slightly and was orientated approximately northeast-southwest. The feature was deep, with steep sides and a flat base, and had been recut (**209**). The recut contained a basal slot, probably from cleaning with a shovel-like implement.

The ditch probably functioned as a boundary during the late Bronze Age.

Three metres east of the ditch was fairly shallow curvi-linear gully **211**. From the northern trench edge this ran northwest-southeast, before turning to the east and butt-ending approximately 0.5m from ditch **216** (see below). The gully, with vertical edges and a flat base, had filled naturally, with some slumping of the sides, before being recut (**214**). The recut had been extended to join the recut **220** of ditch **216**. Late Bronze Age pottery was found both within the fill of the original cut (212), and the fill of the recut, 215.

The function of the gully is not immediately apparent, although its relationship with ditch **216** to the east provides some clues. The original gully stopped short of the ditch, suggesting they are of a similar date. The recut then seems to join the ditch recut, linking the two features. The original cut probably formed a boundary within a larger complex (perhaps including ditch **203**?), whilst its recut may well have combined this function with drainage.

Ditch **216** was orientated nortwest-southeast, with vertical edges and a flat base (Plate 3). The main fill 219, a very dark grey silty sand, contained a high proportion of charcoal flecking and charcoal fragments, late Bronze Age Post Deverel-Rimbury pottery, animal bone and flint. This appeared to have formed mainly through silting, with some dumping of domestic rubbish. The sheer volume of charcoal within the fill indicates that a high degree of burning was occurring nearby at the time the deposit formed. The recut **220** had a similar profile to the original ditch, although the most striking difference was that it contained a number of medium - large limestone slabs (mostly scorched or burnt) and similarly-sized heat-shattered river pebbles (217). These stones had been carefully placed as revetting against the side of the recut, and to provide a stable platform for a beam slot (221). A number of pottery sherds were recovered from 221, mainly late Bronze Age in date, with a single later Iron Age scored ware sherd also present (fifth/fourth - early first century BC). It is possible that the recut of the original ditch is of Iron Age construction, although it is perhaps just as plausible that the Iron Age sherd is intrusive, from when the beam rotted away and the void was replaced by natural silts.

Although the function of the original ditch is not obvious, the recut was certainly dug as a foundation for a wooden beam. Two main reasons for this present themselves. Firstly, the beam may have been part of a substantial palisade for a fenceline, and secondly, for a substantial wooden structure, of which only one side was uncovered within the trench. Both appear plausible, although as gully recut **214** (see above) appears to drain into **220**, it suggests that the former explanation is perhaps the most likely.

Towards the eastern end of the trench was a possible butt-end of a shallow gully (224). Although very little of this was exposed, it probably ran northwest-southeast, on a similar alignment to the late Bronze Age ditch 216/220. This, and the similarities in fill, suggests they may be of a similar date.

Immediately west of gully **224** was a thin lens of light grey sand (226) containing a flint core. This may have been the effect of animal/root disturbance, although it could be the remnants of an ard-mark caused by prehistoric ploughing. Without further stripping of the site, followed by careful hand-cleaning, clarification is not possible.

## 6.2.5 Suggested phasing

The archaeology within the trench appeared to point to two main phases of activity, probably both during the late Bronze Age (Figure 3).

The first phase included ditch **216**, curvilinear gully **211** and perhaps ditch **203**. This phase appears to show a series of boundaries, possibly within a larger enclosure formed with ditch **203**. This earlier phase seemed to be associated with a high concentration of burning nearby. The second phase saw mainly the re-defining of the original boundaries, with three main differences. Firstly, ditch **216** was reconstructed with a beam slot along its base. This suggested the original boundary was further strengthened with a substantial palisade. The curvilinear gully was extended at this point to link up with the palisade ditch, perhaps forming a drain into the base of the fence. The final main change saw a distinct decrease in the level of burning occurring near to the features.









Figure 3: Trench 02 plan with suggested phasing, and sections.



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It was not possible to separate the gully or ?ard-mark at the east end of Trench 02 into either phase.

#### 6.3 Trench 3

#### 6.3.1 Introduction

Trench 03, which was orientated north-south, was positioned at the east edge of the development area (Figure 4; Plate 4).

#### 6.3.2 Archaeological results

The topsoil sealed a shallow subsoil (301) formed through the natural breakdown of the sand 302 below.

#### 6.3.3 ?Late Bronze Age

A total of five linear features were uncovered within the trench, all running roughly east-west. Four of these (**303**, **305**, **314** & **316**) are likely to be ditches, functioning as boundaries. The final linear, **304**, located 2.5m south of ditch **303**, was a fairly deep gully with steep sides and a rounded base, of unknown function.

Very few finds were recovered from the fills of the features, although on the basis of soil structures and soil colour, the ditches and gully are possibly associated with the late Bronze Age features uncovered immediately to the northwest (Trench 02) and west (Trench 04).

Ditch **305** contained a large slab of limestone within the upper fill 312 (Plate 5). The stone showed evidence of chisel-marks, had been scorched red on one side, and was deliberately placed in the ditch for an unknown reason. Pottery from the late Bronze Age period was also found in the upper fill.

#### 6.4 Trench 04

#### 6.4.1 Introduction

Trench 04 was located to the south of the developer's compound, and immediately to the north a modern field boundary. It was orientated east-west (Figure 5; Plate 6).



Figure 4: Trench 03 plan and sections

## 6.4.2 Archaeological results

The topsoil sealed a subsoil deposit 401, formed through the breakdown of the natural sand 402 below.

A number of features were uncovered throughout the trench, broadly dating to the late Bronze Age and medieval periods.

#### 6.4.3 Medieval

A single furrow (405) running WNW-ESE was uncovered towards the middle of the trench. Although no finds were recovered, it was deemed to be probably medieval in date.

#### 6.4.4 Late Bronze Age

A ditch running east-west was uncovered at the northern edge of the trench (ditch **403**). It had steep sides and a rounded base, and contained a number of flints within the primary fill 404. The flints included several flakes and a small flint knife. The feature was probably dug as part of a series of boundaries.

Less than 5m south of the above was a ditch running roughly WNW-ESE (408), with a gradually sloping south edge and a flattish base. This may have been for drainage and/or as a boundary.

Ditch **410** was located 5m further to the south, and ran WNW-ESE. It had fairly steep edges and a flat base, and contained a single sherd of late Bronze Age pottery within its fill (411). The southern end of the ditch appeared to be cut by a later ditch (**412**).

**412** had a steep east edge and a flat base, and contained a single sherd of Roman pottery within its fill. Its function was not determined.

Ditch **415**, orientated N-S, was uncovered towards the western end of the trench. The substantial feature had near vertical sides and a flat base, with the fill consisting of three bands of natural silting. The ditch probably functioned as a drainage and/or boundary feature.

Several circular anomalies were detected towards the western end of the trench (419 & 420). These were thought to be natural depressions, although the latter of the two, 420, contained a single sherd of Roman pottery.



Figure 5: Trench 04 plan and sections

## 6.5 Trench 04a

#### 6.5.1 Introduction

After a preliminary investigation it was decided to extend Trench 04 westwards for three reasons: to try to reveal the extent of the archaeology; to locate the transition in the natural from sand to limestone brash; and to see if the archaeology was limited to the sand. Any features uncovered within the trench would be recorded, but not excavated, as this was not covered by the existing brief (Figure 6; Plate 7).

## 6.5.2 Archaeological results

The trench extension was approximately 15m long and, although the limestone brash was not picked up, a number of features were uncovered. These included three linears (421, 423 & 425) running approximately north-south and a possible gully butt-end (427), all of which may be related to the late Bronze Age features uncovered throughout the eastern side of the development area. All of the features were cut by a modern field drain running ENE-WSW.

## 6.6 Trench 05

## 6.6.1 Introduction

Trench 05 was postioned at the northwest corner of the development to assess the archaeological potential of the area (Plate 8).

## 6.6.2 Archaeological results

The topsoil was fairly shallow (0.26m deep) and sealed a colluvial deposit 501, which in turn sealed a red/brown natural clay.

The trench was archaeologically sterile.

## 6.7 Trench 06

## 6.7.1 Introduction

The trench was positioned 50m south and 50m east of the northwest corner of the site, to assess the archaeological potential of the area. The trench was chosen as part of the secondary phase of trenching (Plate 9).

# 6.7.2 Archaeological results

A colluvial deposit (601) was exposed beneath the topsoil, which sealed the limestone brash. The topsoil contained a single burnt worked flint.

No other archaeological deposits were uncovered.

# 6.8 Trench 07

# 6.8.1 Introduction

Trench 07 was positioned 20m west of Trench 04a in an attempt to locate the edge of the sand, after Trench 04a failed to establish this. It ran for 20m and uncovered a number of archaeological features (Figure 6; Plate 10). These were not excavated as they were not covered in the original brief.

# 6.8.2 Archaeological results

The topsoil sealed a subsoil deposit which, in turn, sealed the natural. The natural showed a gradual change from sand at the eastern end to limestone brash at the middle and west end of the trench.

# 6.8.3 Modern

The majority of the features were uncovered at the eastern end, on the natural sand. These included a right-angled ditch (703) that appeared modern and a former field boundary (705) that continued the line of an existing field boundary.

# 6.8.4 ?Late Bronze Age

A gully butt-end (**711**) and a possible posthole/gully butt-end (**709**) may be of a similar date to the prehistoric features found to the east.

A single possible feature (707) was uncovered on the limestone natural, although this was more likely to have been caused by animal/root disturbance.

The prehistoric features show a gradual decline in frequency from the sand to the limestone brash in Trench 07.



## Figure 6: Trenches 04a, 07 & 08 plans and section

# 6.9 Trench 08

## 6.9.1 Introduction

Trench 08 followed a similar alignment to Trench 02, though 40m further to the west. It was added to locate the extent of the natural sand and to look for the extent of the archaeological features (Figure 6; Plate 11).

# 6.9.2 Archaeological results

The topsoil overlay a colluvial deposit (801) that in turn sealed the natural. The east end consisted of orange sand before changing gradually to small limestone gravels, and then limestone brash at the western end.

A single linear was found (803), running roughly east-west, along the majority of the trench. The ditch was fairly shallow with steep, straight sides and a flat base. The single fill, 804, contained a barbed and tanged arrowhead, dating to the early-mid Bronze Age.

## 7.0 Discussion

The trenching has demonstrated that the archaeology is concentrated mainly on natural sands at the eastern end of the site, with the archaeological potential for the western half of the development (on the limestone) probably being minimal.

The sand may well be an inlier within an area of limestone, forming a spring line, which would explain the concentration of archaeology.

It was evident that there was a band of discoloured sand immediately above the natural, throughout the eastern trenches. This was most likely caused by the breakdown of the natural sand (regolith) into a 'c-horizon' (Waugh 1990, 216). The formation of this regolith material also gradually breaks down the upper horizons of the archaeological features, and so slowly destroys them.

Although only some of the features produced dateable material, the similarities in fill structures, colours and feature orientations suggest the majority are of a fairly uniform date (late Bronze Age). The results from the evaluation show that the emphasis of this activity was near to Trench 02, at the eastern end of the development. Here at least two phases of activity were detected, with the recutting and slight modification of several features, all probably during the late Bronze Age.

The archaeological evidence suggests that the site may have been part of an enclosure system, similar to other cropmark sites nearby (although of an earlier date).

All of the Late Bronze Age features appeared to have silted naturally, with no real evidence for backfilling. This suggests that the site may have seen little modifications of existing boundaries during this period.

The presence of a single Iron Age sherd in Trench 02 and a number of pieces of Roman pottery show that later activity did occur near to the site.

#### 8.0 Effectiveness of methodology

The specification for the archaeological trial excavation proved to be effective after the secondary trenching was included. The trenching fulfilled the needs of both the archaeology and the client at this stage of the development.

Prior to the evaluation, the development was known to lie within an area of considerable archaeological potential, with extensive enclosure cropmarks dating to the late prehistoric/Romano-British periods known to the south. The evaluation has provided evidence of a probable enclosure complex and associated field system dating to the late Bronze Age at the east end of the development.

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P1. Trench 01, looking N.





P5. Trench 03, looking S. Worked limestone slab from late Bronze Age ditch 305.



P6. Trench 04, looking W.



P8. Trench 05, looking W.

P7. Trench 04a, looking E.



# Appendix 11.2 - Context Summary List

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|          | <b>Context Number</b> | Туре         | Relationship | Description  |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| 1        | 100                   | layer        | seals 101    | topsoil  |
| 2        | 101                   | layer        | seals 102    | colluvium  |
| 3        | 102                   | Іауег        | N/A          | natural limestone brash  |
| 4        | 200                   | layer        | seals 200    | topsoil  |
| 5        | 201                   | layer        | seals 201    | subsoil  |
| 6        | 202                   | layer        | N/A          | natural sand   |
| 7        | 203                   | ditch        | cuts 202     | NE-SW boundary ditch, late Bronze Age  |
| 8        | 204                   | fill         | fill of 203  | light yellow sand - slumping   |
| 9        | 205                   | fill         | fill of 203  | light pink/grey clay - slumping  |
| 10       | 206                   | fill         | fill of 203  | light grey/yellow sand - slumping  |
| 11       | 207                   | fill         | fill of 203  | dark grey silty sand - silting   |
| 12       | 208                   | fill         | fill of 209  | light brown silty sand - silting   |
| 13       | 209                   | ditch recut  | recut of 203 | NE-SW boundary ditch recut, late Bronze Age                                    |
| 14       | 210                   | fill         | fill of 209  | mix of light-mid grey & light brown silty sands - silting                      |
| 15       | 211                   | gully        | cuts 202     | E-W curvi-linear gully, late Bronze Age  |
| 16       | 212                   | fill         | fill of 211  | light grey silty sand - silting  |
| 17       | 213                   | fill         | fill of 211  | light-mid orange sand - slumping   |
| 18       | 214                   | gully recut  | recut of 211 | E-W curvi-linear gully recut, late Bronze Age                                  |
| 19       | 215                   | fill         | fill of 214  | dark grey silty sand - silting   |
| 20       | 216                   | ditch        | cuts 202     | NW-SE ditch, late Bronze Age   |
| 21       | 217                   | <u>fill</u>  | fill of 220  | Stone revetting  |
| 22       | 218                   | fill         | fill of 216  | light yellow sand - slumping   |
| 23       | 219                   | fill         | fill of 216  | very dark grey sifty sand - sifting  |
| 24       | 220                   | ditch recut  | recut of 216 | Palisade trench, late Bronze Age/Iron Age                                      |
| 25       | 221                   | beam slot    | within 220   | light grey/brown sifty sand - post-replacement                                 |
| 26       | 222                   | fill         | fill of 220  | light brown silty sand - backfill  |
| 27       | 223                   | <u>fill</u>  | fill of 220  | light-mid grey/yellow sand - backfill  |
| 28       | 224                   | gully        | cuts 202     | NW-SE gully, ?late Bronze Age  |
| 29       | 225                   | <u>fill</u>  | fill of 224  | light orange & mid grey silty sand - silting                                   |
| 30       | 226                   | ?cut & fill  | cuts 202     | light grey sand - ?ard-mark, ?late bronze Age                                  |
| 31       | 300                   | layer        | seals 301    |  |
| 32       | 301                   | layer        | seals 302    | subsoil  |
| 33       | 302                   | layer        | N/A          | natural sand   |
| 34       | 303                   | ditch        | cuts 302     | E-W ditch, ?late Bronze Age  |
| 35       |                       | gully        | cuts 302     | E-W gully, ?late Bronze Age  |
| 36       | 305                   |              | cuts 302     | E-W ditch, ?late Bronze Age  |
| 37       | 300                   |              |              | dank grey siny sand - siming   |
| 38       | 307                   | TUI          |              | yellow sand - slumping   |
| 39       |                       |              | FIII OF 304  | dark grey and yellow sand - silting  |
| 40       | 309                   | <u>    </u>  | FIII OF 304  | dark grey sand - propable sitting  |
| 41       | 310                   | FIII<br>6.11 | THI OT 304   | grey/brown mottleu.sand - sitting  |
| 42       | 311                   | <br> c       | FIII 01 305  | wark grey sand - sining  |
| 43       | 312                   |              | 1111 OT 305  | mid grey sandy silt - backini<br>light mid grey/hown gleyey gitty gend gitting |
| 44       | 313                   | ditob        | uite 202     | Ingin-milli grey/brown dayey siny sand - sinnig                                |
| 45       |                       | <u>unton</u> | GU of 214    | mid brown sitty sond _ sitting   |
| 40       | 315                   | ditch        | oute 302     | E-M/ ditch. 21ate Bronze Age   |
| 41       | 217                   | GII          | GIL of 218   | mid arey/brown sitty sand sitting  |
| 40       | 240                   | 2ditch       | 6001e 302    | ming greynologin and same anning   |
| 47       | 210                   | 260          | fill of 218  | mid anev/brown silty send - subsoil  |
| 50<br>E4 | 270                   | 2ditch       | epole 302    | rempant of 301 above   |
| 52       | 220                   | 2611         | fill of 320  | mid grav/brown silty sand - subsoil  |
| 52       | 400                   | laver        | seals 401    | tonsoil  |
| 55       | 400                   | laver        | seals 402    | subsoil  |
|          | L                     | PG 701       | 20013 4VZ    | pupoul   |

## Appendix 11.2 - Context Summary List

|            | Context Number | Туре               | Relationship | Description  |
|------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
| 55         | 402            | ayer               | N/A          | natural sand                                       |
| 56         | 403 (          | ditch              | cuts 402     | N-S boundary ditch, late Bronze Age                |
| 57         | 404 f          | fill               | fill of 403  | mid-dark grey clayey sand - sitting                |
| 58         | 405 f          | furrow             | cuts 402     | WNW-ESE furrow, medieval                           |
| 59         | 406 f          | fill               | fill of 405  | mid brown sandy silt - plough disturbance          |
| 60         | 407 f          | fill               | fill of 403  | light grey clayey sand - silting                   |
| 61         | 408 (          | ditch              | cuts 402     | WNW-ESE ?boundary ditch, late Bronze Age           |
| 62         | 409 f          | fill               | fill of 408  | grey clayey sitt - sitting                         |
| 63         | 410 0          | ditch              | cuts 412     | WNW-ESE ditch, ?late Bronze Age                    |
| 64         | 411 f          | ñU                 | fill of 410  | mid grey sandy silt - sitting                      |
| <u>6</u> 5 | 412 c          | ditch              | cut by 410   | N-S ditch, ?Roman                                  |
| <u>6</u> 6 | 41 <u>3</u> f  | fill 🛛             | fill of 412  | mid grey/brown clayey silt - silting               |
| 67         | 414 f          | 60                 | fill of 412  | dark grey/brown_clayey sand - silting              |
| 68         | 415 c          | ditch              | cuts 402     | N-S boundary ditch, late Bronze Age                |
| 69         | 416 f          | F.(                | fill of 415  | mid grey/brown clayey sand - silting               |
| 70         | 417 f          | 611                | fill of 415  | dark brown/grey clayey san - silting               |
| 71         | 418 f          | īΗ                 | fill of 415  | dark brown/grey sandy clay - silting               |
| 72         | 419 0          | depression         | seals 402    | circular depression in natural                     |
| 73         | 420 0          | depression         | seals 402    | ?circular depression in natural, ?Roman            |
| 74         | 421 0          | ditch              | cuts 402     | N-S ditch, unexcavated, ?late Bronze Age           |
| 75         | 422 f          | 611                | fill of 421  | mid grey sand - silting                            |
| <u>7</u> 6 | 423 0          | ditch              | cuts 402     | N-S ditch, unexcavated, ?late Bronze Age           |
| 77         | 424 f          | fill               | fill of 423  | mid grey sandy silt - silting                      |
| 78         | 425 0          | ditch              | cuts 402     | N-S ditch, unexcavated, ?late Bronze Age           |
| 79         | 426 f          | fill               | fill of 425  | light-mid brown silty sand - silting               |
| 80         | 427            | gully              | cut by 429   | N-S ?gully butt-end, unexcavated, ?late Bronze Age |
| 81         | 428 f          | fill               | fill of 427  | dark grey silty sand - ?backfill                   |
| <u>82</u>  | 429 0          | drain              | cuts 427     | E-W land drain, unexcavated, post-medieval         |
| 83         | 430 f          | Fill               | fill of 429  | light-mid brown silty sand - backfill              |
| 84         | 500            | ayer               | seals 501    | topsoil  |
| 85         | 501            | ayer               | seals 502    |  |
| 86         | 502            | ayer               | N/A          | natural clay                                       |
| 87         | 600            | ayer               | seals 601    |  |
| 88         | 601            | ayer               | seals 602    |  |
| 89         | 602            | ayer               | N/A          | limestone brash natural                            |
| 90         | 700            | ayer               | seals 701    |  |
| 91         | 701            | ayer               |              | colluvium  |
| 92         | 702            | ayer               | N/A          | mix of infestore brash and sand hatural            |
| 93         | 703 0          |                    |              | E-W & N-S ditci, unexcavated, modern               |
| 34         | 704            | lli<br>ditob       | nii or 703   | Igni brown sancy clay - backini                    |
| 30         | <u>7.05 U</u>  |                    |              | mid brown condu silt bookfill                      |
| 90         |                | lli<br>tistusbanan | nii 01 705   | animal/root disturbance_unavceveted                |
| 37         | 702 6          | su pance           | fill of 707  | light mid brown condy silt, disturbance            |
| 30         | 700            | 200sthele          | cute 702     | 2011/2012 2012 2012 2012 2012 2012 2012            |
| 100        | 7104           | interiore          | fill of 700  | ight orange/brown sandy silt - sitting             |
| 100        |                | aver               | seals 801    | ngin orange/blown sanuy sin - sinnig               |
| 102        | 801            | ayor<br>aver       | scals 802    | colluvium  |
| 102        | <u> </u>       | aver               | N/A          | mix of limestone brash and sand natural            |
| 104        | 802            | litch              |              | E-W field boundary lete Bronze Age                 |
| 104        | 804 4          |                    | fill of 802  | mid arev/hown silty cond - silting                 |
|            |                |                    |              | ining groyibrown only band - bitting               |

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# PREHISTORIC POTTERY FROM THE HOPFIELD, HIBALDSTOW, LINCOLNSHIRE

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#### **SUMMARY**

An assessment is provided of the prehistoric pottery retrieved during evaluation excavations by Pre-Construct Archaeology on a site at the Hopfield, Hibaldstow, Lincs. (SE 9804 0228). The majority of the pottery derives from vessels that are related typologically to pottery of the Late Bronze Age Post Deverel-Rimbury Plainware tradition, current in this region from the late second millennium BC to the tenth/ninth centuries BC. A single later Iron Age scored ware sherd was recovered from context 221, suggesting activity between the fifth/fourth centuries BC and the earlier first century AD. Four Romano-British sherds, from contexts 412, 420, 600 and 701, provide evidence of later activity.

#### INTRODUCTION

A total of 69 prehistoric sherds and many small crumbs were retrieved during excavation. 33 of these sherds were recovered from context 201, apparently from only a few vessels, while smaller quantities of sherds were recovered from contexts 211, 214, 219, 221, 222, 312 and 411. The majority of these prehistoric sherds may be attributed to the later Bronze Age Post Deverel-Rimbury Plainware tradition, with the exception of a later Iron Age scored ware sherd from context 221. Single Romano-British body sherds were also retrieved from contexts 412, 420, 600 and 701. Attention is focused first upon the Late Bronze Age pottery from the site, followed by a consideration of the single scored sherd. Recommendations are made, finally, for further work on the ceramic material.

#### POST DEVEREL-RIMBURY PLAINWARES

The great majority of the sherds derive from vessels manufactured from a soft very coarse and crumbly fabric, characterised by abundant coarse fossil shell inclusions up to c.10mm in diameter (with occasional fragments up to c.15mm). Many surfaces exhibit severe flaking, complicating attempts to establish vessel forms and surface treatment. Surfaces are mottled, varying from orange through brown and grey to black, indicating irregular firing (presumably in a bonfire). Few vessel forms may be determined. One sherd from context 201 apparently derives from an open bowl with a flattened rim, pinched out slightly internally and externally. Two girth fragments, apparently from round-shouldered vessels, were retrieved from contexts 201 and 211, while from context 201 was also retrieved part of a round-shouldered vessel with a concave neck and flattened rim. One other small rim fragment was retrieved from context 211; this preserves a slightly rounded lip, pinched out very slightly internally and externally. Fragments of two flat bases were also recovered, one from context 201 and the other from an unstratified location. None of the vessels preserves ornament. The lack of decoration and the limited range of open and round-shouldered forms invites comparison with ceramic types of the Post Deverel-Rimbury' (PDR) ceramic tradition (Barrett 1980; Knight forthcoming: a) - represented in Lincolnshire by sites such as Billingborough (Chowne et al forthcoming), Kirmond le Mire (Field and Knight 1992) Tetney (Elsdon 1996, fig. C3c) and Stickford (Knight forthcoming:b). There is a striking absence of the thin-walled fine wares which also characterise this tradition, the emphasis in this collection being firmly upon thick coarse wares, but this could reflect only the small sample size. A date range from the final centuries of the second millennium BC to the tenth/ninth centuries BC may be suggested for this ceramic tradition, largely on the basis of radiocarbon and metalwork associations from sites in southern Britain and parallels between certain ceramic types and Ewart Park bronze vessels (cf Knight forthcoming: a). However, in the absence of radiocarbon dates or datable items of associated metalwork, more refined dating for the pottery from this site is not possible.

#### IRON AGE SCORED POTTERY

One sherd of scored ware was retrieved from context 221 This is a small body sherd with traces on the outer face of randomly scored lines, formed probably by brushing with a bunch of twigs or fibres. The sherd incorporates moderate (c.10-19%) shelly inclusions, and is manufactured from a significantly harder fabric than the PDR sherds described above, with smoothed surfaces and no evidence of flaking. Similar scored vessels are distributed widely over the East Midlands (Elsdon 1992, Figs 1-2), and are one of the distinguishing features of the so-called 'Earlier La Tene' ceramic tradition (Knight forthcoming: a). Such scored vessels cannot be closely dated, but in Lincolnshire recent work would suggest a date range from the fifth/fourth centuries BC to the earlier first century AD (Elsdon 1992).

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER WORK**

1. Assessment of typological affinities and date range Only tentative conclusions may be drawn in view of the small size of the collection and the extreme rarity of typologically diagnostic sherds. Any further archaeological work should aim to retrieve significantly larger assemblages of associated pottery, analysis of which would permit more definite conclusions to be drawn on the typological affinities of the material.

2. Drawings. Few sherds merit drawing. These have been separated from the remainder of the material, and comprise the open bowl and concave-necked vessel from context 201, and the scored sherd from context 221. Final decisions on drawing requirements are, however, best deferred until the completion of all archaeological work on the site.

**3.** Petrological analysis. Thin-section analysis, aimed at characterising more precisely the vessel fabrics and the possible sources of raw materials, is recommended following the completion of all archaeological work This should be followed by a detailed description of the vessel fabrics, according to the revised guidelines of the Prehistoric Ceramics Research Group (*PCRG* 1997).

4. Dating. Research on the development of the Post Deverel-Rimbury ceramic tradition in the East Midlands is seriously hindered by the current paucity of radiocarbon dates for associated organic material. It is recommended, therefore, that further excavations focus upon the identification of associations between diagnostic pottery and organic material suitable for radiocarbon dating,

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# Land at Hopfield, Hibaldstow HBBN99 Lithic Materials: Catalogue and Assessment

Report by Jim Rylatt – December, 1999

## **Catalogue**

Twelve pieces of flint were recovered during excavation:

| Context<br>No. |                    | Description  |
|----------------|--------------------|--|
| 212            | Secondary<br>flake | Small plunging flake, with < 10% cortex on dorsal face. Scars on dorsal face indicate flake removal from multiple-platforms (3+). Browny-grey semi-translucent flint. 23 x 21mm.   |
| 214            | Broken<br>blade    | Proximal blade fragment. Circa 35% of dorsal face<br>cortical (secondary flake). Scars on dorsal face<br>indicate blade removal from single platform. Browny-<br>grey semi-translucent flint.  |
| 215            | Secondary<br>flake | Squat flake terminating in a hinge fracture. Platform cortical. Scars on dorsal face indicate flake removal from single platform. Very lightly patinated orangey-brown flint. 21 x 30mm.   |
| 219            | Secondary<br>flake | Large flake, irregular in plan and cross-section; one surface is entirely cortical. Grey brown flint, with chalky inclusions. 58 x 67mm.   |
| 219            | Broken<br>flake    | Distal fragment of (prob. tertiary) flake. Flake<br>terminates in a hinge fracture. The proximal end, and<br>probably one lateral edge, has been broken from the<br>flake. Very lightly patinated browny-grey flint with<br>some inclusions. |
| 226            | Core               | Core with multi-platform working $(3x)$ (Ca). Scars $(10+)$ indicate flake removal: c. 25% of surface is cortical. Lightly patinated browny-grey flint with some inclusions. 39 x 50mm.  |
| 404            | Tertiary<br>flake  | Small flake, with diffuse bulb. Creamy opaque flint – river pebble? 21 x 12mm.   |

404Tertiary<br/>flakeSmall squat flake. Patinated grey opaque (?Wolds)<br/>flint with some inclusions. 14 x 17mm

- 404 Flake Small tertiary flake. Acute bi-facial flaking on both lateral edges. Removal of small flakes at proximal end of ventral face, to thin bulb. This produced an asymmetric laurel-leaf shaped knife, with irregular edge. Cross-section of flake curves slightly toward distal end making it unlikely that this was an arrowhead. Small part of proximal end, including platform, may have broken off flake during, or following fabrication of knife. Lightly patinated browny-grey semi-translucent flint with some black inclusions. 24 x 16mm.
- 419 Blade 'Produced' on secondary flake, with c.15% of dorsal face cortical; plunges slightly at distal end. Scars on dorsal face indicate blade removal from two-platform core (B1). Patinated grey opaque (?Wolds) flint.

600 Secondary flake Small, triangular-sectioned flake of heat affected flint; probably burnt, as the cortical surface is oxidised to salmon pink. Crushing at point of impact suggests flake struck after burning. Adjacent 'original' edge was abruptly – semi-abruptly retouched; therefore possibly a re-sharpening flake. Browny grey semitranslucent flint, with black inclusions. 13 x 26mm.

804 Barbed Small arrowhead. Most of the surface is patinated; and tanged arrowhead and the tip of one of the tangs are unpatinated. The other tang is missing completely, its removal scar being unpatinated. This suggests that damage to the arrowhead is likely to be post-depositional. Browny grey flint, with black inclusions. (Would have been c. 19mm long by 15mm wide.)





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419 - Blade

#### **Discussion**

|                      | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------|--------|------------|
| Secondary flakes     | 4      | (33.3%)    |
| Tertiary flakes      | 3      | (25.0%)    |
| Blades               | 2      | (16.7%)    |
| Cores/core fragments | 1      | (8.3%)     |
| Flake Knife          | 1      | (8.3%)     |
| B & T Arrowhead      | 1      | (8.3%)     |

The lithic assemblage recovered from Hibaldstow comprises:

This is a very small assemblage, and as such it is difficult to establish its character and chronology. Many flakes are quite small. Consequently, the possibility of redeposition by taphonomic processes should temper any interpretation.

Much of the assemblage (75%) appears to be associated with core reduction (knapping floors), but it is too small to make any firm pronouncements. One flake was possibly produced during the re-sharpening of an edge tool, which would imply that an activity area lay in close proximity.

While blade production is generally associated with later Mesolithic and earlier Neolithic industries, flake removal is broadly indicative of later Neolithic and Bronze Age techniques.

Flake knives such as example recovered from [404], have a very broad date range - from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age; they occur in both domestic and burial contexts.

Barbed and Tanged Arrowheads are usually found in association with Beaker and Early Bronze Age deposits, although they continued to be utilised throughout the Middle Bronze Age. They may be associated with funerary assemblages, but by their very nature – as projectiles, also occur as stray finds.

It would be foolhardy to normalise the data and thus propose a later Neolithic to early Bronze Age date for the assemblage. While much of it may be the product of a single period, the presence of blades and flakes suggests that this assemblage is a palimpsest, which has accumulated over centuries or millennia.

This assemblage suggests that there may be a moderate-to-low density of datable lithic material across the site.



#### Hopfield, Hibaldstow - HBBN99

#### **Environmental Archaeology Assessment**

#### Introduction

Evaluation excavations conducted by PreConstruct Archaeology on land at Hopfield, Hibaldstow, revealed a number of features thought to be of Bronze Age date. During the excavation three samples were collected for environmental analysis (Table 1) and a few animals bones.

| site   | sample | context | volume | description | date        |
|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------------|-------------|
|        |        |         | in I.  |             |             |
| HBBN99 | 1      | 407     | 10     | ditch fill  | Bronze Age? |
| HBBN99 | 2      | 418     | 9      | ditch fill  | Bronze Age? |
| HBBN99 | 3      | 313     | 9.5    | ditch fill  | Bronze Age? |

Table 1: Samples taken for environmental analysis

#### Methods

The soil samples were processed in the following manner. Sample volume and weight was measured prior to processing. The samples were washed in a 'Siraf tank (Williams 1973) using a flotation sieve with a 0.5mm mesh and an internal wet-sieve of 1mm mesh for the residue. Both residue and float were dried, and the residues subsequently re-floated to ensure the efficient recovery of charred material. The dry volume of the flots was measured, and the volume and weight of the residue recorded. A total of 28.5 litres of soil was processed in this way.

The residue was sorted by eye, and environmental and archaeological finds picked out, noted on the assessment sheet and bagged independently. A magnet was run through each residue in order to recover magnetised material such as hammerscale and prill. The residue was then discarded. The float of each sample was studied under a low power binocular microscope. The presence of environmental finds (ie snails, charcoal, carbonised seeds, bones etc) was noted and their abundance and species diversity recorded on the assessment sheet. The float was then bagged. The float and finds from the sorted residue constitute the material archive of the samples.

The individual components of the samples were then preliminarily identified and the results are summarised below in Tables 2 and 3.

#### Results

A few uncharred seeds were present in the samples. These included seeds of elder (*Sambucus* sp.), goosefoots (*Chenpodium* sp.), blackberry (*Rubus* sp.) and others and in the calcareous soils of the site are probably of recent origin having gained access to the deposits through natural soil processes. Small fragments of coal were present in two of the samples. These were rarely more than 2-3mm in diameter and in very low densities and are presumed to have entered the deposits in a similar manner to the 'modern' seeds. The shells of the blind snail, *Cecilioides acicula*, a burrowing species believed to have been introduced in Roman or more recent times (Evans 1972) is clearly intrusive into these Bronze Age? ditch fills.

#### Sample 1, context 407, Bronze Age? ditch fill.

It is possible that there is some survival of organics in this deposit. There is a dark stained blackberry seed and an ephippia of waterflea, *Daphnia* sp., which might be all that remains of an organic horizon in the ditch fill, but these remains might equally derive from recent or modern movement down through the soil. Certainly the few fragments of coal that were present indicate some contamination and the calcareous nature of the soils are not conducive to the survival of uncharred plant remains.

The sample flot includes a very few fragments of unidentifiable charcoal, a possible fragment of charred cereal grain, a single charred weed seed and a number of mollusc shells. The latter include *Cecilioides acicula*, *Lymnaea truncatula*, *Helicella* sp., *Vallonia* sp., *Trichia hispida* and a Planorbid.

| Sample | context | volum   | residue   | flint | coal | bone  |                                 |
|--------|---------|---------|-----------|-------|------|-------|---------------------------------|
|        |         | e in l. | vol in l. |       |      | in g. |                                 |
| 1      | 407     | 10      | 0.075     |       | +    | <1    | residue of limestone brash      |
| 2      | 418     | 9       | 0.1       | 1     |      |       | residue of concreted soil crumb |
| 3      | 313     | 9.5     | 0.1       |       |      |       | residue of limestone brash      |
|        |         |         |           |       |      |       |                                 |

(+ - few fragments present)

Sample 2, context 418, Bronze Age? ditch fill.

The absence of limestone in this sample suggests that there was no bank or side erosion taking place during the formation of this deposit. The only possible archaeological find from the sample was a flint flake, possibly a waste flake. Environmental finds are also limited and a single fragment of bird eggshell was the only thing found in the sample residue. This is unexpected in a Prehistoric site, since eggshell is normally chicken and found most commonly in Roman, Saxon and medieval deposits. It may be a contaminant in this context.

Finds in the sample flot included a few uncharred seeds, including elder (*Sambucus* sp.), a single charred weed seed, a few fragments of unidentifiable charcoal, and a number of mollusc shells. The latter include *Vallonia* sp., *Oxychilus* sp., *Cecilioides acicula*, *Carychium* sp. and *Vertigo pygmaea*.

| Sample | con<br>text | vol<br>in<br>1. | flot<br>vol | snail<br>*/# | ch'rd<br>grain<br>* | ch'rd<br>seed<br>* | Char<br>coal<br>* | egg-<br>shell<br>* | fish<br>* | small<br>mam-<br>mal * | comment     |
|--------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1      | 407         | _10             | 1           | 2/2          | ?                   | 1                  | 1                 |                    |           |                        | Daphnia sp. |
| 2      | 418         | 9               | <1          | 2/2          |                     | 1                  | 1                 | 1                  |           | _                      |             |
| 3      | 313         | 9.5             | 1           | 2/2          | 1                   | 1                  | 2                 |                    |           |                        | barley?     |

| <b>Table 3</b> : Environmental finds from the sample | es |
|--|----|
|--|----|

\* frequency of items: 1=1-10; 2= 11-100; 3=101-250; 4=251-500; 5=>500 # diversity of molluscs as follows: 1=1-3; 2=4-10; 3=11-25; 4=26-50 taxa.

Sample 3, context 313, Bronze Age? ditch fill.

No finds were found in this sample, whose residue comprised small limestone brash. As with the other samples a few uncharred seeds occurred, including goosefoots (*Chenopodium* sp.)

#### Discussion

These samples have produced very little material, and hence can contribute little information. Archaeological material is at very low density in the ditch fills, and the few charred remains cannot be guaranteed as contemporary with the features, since this material can be worked down through the soils by soil processes. Only the mollusc shells can perhaps make some contribution to the environmental study of the site. These in general suggest an open habitat or grassland environment with shells of *Vallonia* sp. dominating the assemblages, with taxa such as *Carychium* sp., *Lymnaea truncatula* perhaps indicating damp environments. Two taxa, *Discus rotundatus* and *Oxychilus* sp. suggest shaded or woodland habitats and they were represented only by single shells.

#### Animal Bone

Animal bone was collected from three contexts, 210, 217 and 219 (see Archive catalogue). The bone in these contexts was in fairly good condition and included horse, cattle and sheep (or goat), but these may be more recent than the Bronze Age (?) deposits.

#### Conclusions

The condition of the animals bones was good but if these do not derive from the prehistoric deposits it is likely that bone has not survived in the latter, and only Roman and later contexts may contain bone. The samples indicate only very low levels of archaeological material such as charcoal and charred grain, and with the possibility of contamination these cannot be confidently viewed as Bronze Age in date.

The molluscs shells suggest an open environment adjacent to the ditches and this element of the environmental data is the only one that seems likely to repay investigation unless significantly richer deposits are found during further archaeological work.

#### **Recommendations**

The results of the samples and bone collected during the evaluation are poor. Unless substantially richer prehistoric features are discovered if further archaeological work proceeds the contemporaneity of the few cereal grains likely to be recovered could only be confirmed by radiocarbon dating the seeds themselves. Since snail shells have been demonstrated as surviving in the deposits and having a potential for palaeoenvironomental information any future sampling should ensure that columns of samples are taken through the whole sequence of any 'dated' ditch fills, particularly if a series chronologically distinct ditches can be recognised, to build up a picture of local environmental changes on the site.

No further work is recommended on the material recovered during the evaluation.

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#### Key to codes used in the cataloguing of animal bones

| SPECI | ES             | BONE         |                        | SIDE           |                   | FUSION   |
|-------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
|       |                |              |                        | W - whole      |                   | Records the fused/unfused condition of the epiphyses       |
| BOS   | cattle         | SKL          | skull                  | L - left side  |                   | P - proximal; D - distal; E - acetabulum;                  |
| CSZ   | cattle size    | TEMP         | temporal               | R - right side | •                 | N - unfused; F - fused; C - cranial; A - posterior         |
| SUS   | pig            | FRNT         | frontal                | F - fragment   |                   |  |
| OVCA  | sheep or goat  | PET          | petrous                | TOOTH WEAR     | . – Codes         | are those used in Grant, A. 1982 The use of tooth          |
| OVI   | sheep          | PAR          | parietal               | wear as        | s a guide         | e to the age of domestic animals, in B.Wilson,             |
| SSZ   | sheep size     | OCIP         | occipital              | C.Grigs        | son and \$        | S.Payne (eds) Ageing and sexing animal bones from          |
| EQU   | horse          | ZYG          | zygomatic              | Archaed        | ological          | sites, 91-108.   |
| CER   | red deer       | MAN          | mandible               | Teeth are labe | lled as           | follows in the tooth wear column:                          |
| CAN   | dog            | MAX          | maxilla                | h ldpm         | 4/dupm4           | f ldpm2/dupm2  |
| MAN   | human          | ATL          | atlas                  | H lpm4/        | /upm4             | g ldpm3/dupm3  |
| UNI   | unknown        | AXI          | axis                   | I lml/u        | uml               |  |
| CHIK  | chicken        | CÉV          | cervical vertebra      | J lm2/u        | um2               |  |
| GOOS  | goose, dom     | TRV          | thoracic vertebra      | K lm3/u        | um3               |  |
| LEP   | hare           | LMV          | lumbar vertebra        |                |                   |  |
| UNB   | indet bird     | SAC          | sacrum                 |                |                   |  |
| MALL  | duck, dom.     | CDV          | caudal vertebra        | ZONES - zones  | s record          | the part of the bone present.                              |
| GULL  | gull sp.       | SCP          | scapula                | The key        | y to <b>ea</b> ch | h zone on each bone is on page 2                           |
| FISH  | fish           | HUM          | humerus                |                |                   |  |
| UNIB  | bird indet     | RAD          | radius                 |                |                   |  |
| UNIF  | fish indet     | MTC          | metacarpus             | MEASUREMENTS - | Any mea           | surements are those listed in A.Von den Driesch (1976)     |
| GSZE  | goose size     | MC1-4        | metacarpus 1-4         |                | A Guide           | e to the Measurement of Animal Bones from Archaeological   |
| BEAV  | beaver         | INN          | innominate             |                | Sítes,            | Peabody Museum Bulletin 1, Peabody Museum, Harvard, USA    |
| CORV  | crow or rook   | ILM          | ilium                  |                |                   |  |
| POLE  | polecat/ferret | PUB          | pubis                  |                |                   |  |
| PART  | partridge      | ISH          | ischium                | PRESERVATION   | 1 - en            | amel only surviving  |
| ORC   | rabbit         | FEM          | femur                  |                | 2 - bo            | ne very severely pitted and thinned, tending to break up   |
| ROD   | rodent         | TIB          | tibia                  |                | - te              | eth with surface erosion and loss of cementum and dentine  |
| JACK  | Jackdaw        | AST          | astragalus             |                | 3 - su            | rface pitting and erosion of bone, some loss of cementum   |
| OWL   | owi indet.     | CAL          | calcaneum              |                | an                | d dentine on teeth   |
| AUK   | aurochs        | MTTT<br>MTTT | metatarsus             |                | 4 - su            | irrace of pone intact, loss of organic component, material |
| WCK   | duck sp.       | P11 - 4      | netatarsus 1-4         |                | Cn                | alky, calcined or burne                                    |
|       |                | PHI          | ist phalanx            |                | 5 - DO            | ne in good condition, probably with some organic component |
|       |                | 202          | and phalanx            |                |                   |  |
|       |                | IM1_IM3      | Jover molar 1 - molar  | 3              |                   |  |
|       |                |              | Bupper molar 1 - molar | 3              |                   |  |
|       |                | IPM1-LE      | 2M4 lower premolar     | 1_4            |                   |  |
|       |                | HPM1-HE      | M4 ipper premolar      | 1 - 4          |                   |  |
|       |                | DLPM1 - 4    | deciduous lower premol | ar 1-4         |                   |  |
|       |                | DUPM1-4      | deciduous upper premoi | ar 1-4         |                   |  |
|       |                | MNT          | mandibular tooth       |                |                   |  |
|       |                | MXT          | maxillary tooth        |                |                   |  |
|       |                | LBF          | long bone              |                |                   |  |
|       |                | UNI          | unidentified           |                |                   |  |
|       |                | STN          | sternum                |                |                   |  |
|       |                | INC          | incisor                |                |                   |  |
|       |                | ттн          | indet, tooth           |                |                   |  |
|       |                | CMP          | carpo-metacarpus       |                |                   |  |
|       |                | SKEL         | skeleton               |                |                   |  |
|       |                |              |                        |                |                   |  |

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| SKULL -  | <ol> <li>paraoccipital process</li> <li>occipal condyle</li> <li>intercornual protuberance</li> <li>external acoustic meatus</li> <li>frontal sinus</li> <li>ectorbitale</li> <li>entorbitale</li> </ol> | METACARPUS -                                | <ol> <li>medial facet of proximal artciulation, MC3</li> <li>lateral facet of proximal articulation, MC4</li> <li>medial distal condyle, MC3</li> <li>lateral distal condyle, MC4</li> <li>anterior distal groove and foramen</li> <li>medial or lateral distal condyle</li> </ol> |  |  |  |
|----------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
|          | 8. temporal articular facet<br>9. facial tuber<br>0. infracrital foramon   | FIRST PHALANX                               | l. proximal epiphysis<br>2. distal articular facet   |  |  |  |
|          | o. Infraoibicai ioramen  | TNNOMTNATE                                  | 1 tuber covae  |  |  |  |
| MANDIBLE | 1 Symphyseal surface   |   | 2 tuber sacrale + scar   |  |  |  |
|          | 2. diastema  |   | 3 body of illium with dorso-medial foramen   |  |  |  |
|          | 3. lateral diastemal foramen   |   | 4 iliopublic eminence  |  |  |  |
|          | 4. coronoid process  |   | 5. acetabular fossa  |  |  |  |
|          | 5. condular process  |   | 6 symphyseal branch of pubis   |  |  |  |
|          | 6. angle   |   | 7. body of ischlum   |  |  |  |
|          | 7. anterior dorsal acsending ramus posterior   | or M3                                       | 8. ischial tuberosity  |  |  |  |
|          | 8. mandibular foramen  |   | 9. depression for medial tendon of rectus femoris  |  |  |  |
|          |  | 5 m d in                                    |  |  |  |  |
| VERTEBRA | 1. spine   | FEMUR                                       | 1. head  |  |  |  |
|          | 2. anterior epipnysis  |   | 2. trochanter major  |  |  |  |
|          | 3. posterior epiphysis   |   | 3. trochanter minor  |  |  |  |
|          | 4. Gentrum<br>E poural arch  |   | 4. Supracondyloid iossa  |  |  |  |
|          | S. Neural alon   |   | 5. distal medial condyle   |  |  |  |
| SCADILLA | 1 supraglanatid tubarala   |   | 7. distal trachles   |  |  |  |
| SCAFULA  | 2 glapoid cavity   |   | P trochanter tertius   |  |  |  |
|          | 3 origin of the distal spine   |   | 6. CIOCHARCEL CELCIUS  |  |  |  |
|          | 4 tuber of thine   | TETA  | 1 provimal medial condule  |  |  |  |
|          | 5 posterior of peck with foramen   | TIDIA                                       | 2 proximal lateral condyle   |  |  |  |
|          | 6. cranial angle of blade  |   | 3 intercondular eminence   |  |  |  |
|          | 7. cauda) angle of blade   |   | 4. proximal posterior nutrient foramen   |  |  |  |
|          | to on and anglo of sides   |   | 5. medial malleolus  |  |  |  |
| HUMERUS  | l. head  |   | 6. lateral aspect of distal articulation   |  |  |  |
|          | 2. greater tubercle  |   | 7. distal pre-epiphyseal portion of the diaphysis  |  |  |  |
|          | 3. lesser tubercle   |   |  |  |  |  |
|          | 4. intertuberal groove   | CALCANEUM                                   | 1. calcaneal tuber   |  |  |  |
|          | 5. deltoid tuberosity  |   | 2. sustentaculum tali  |  |  |  |
|          | 6. dorsal angle of olecranon fossa   |   | 3. processus anterior  |  |  |  |
|          | 7. capitulum   |   | •  |  |  |  |
|          | 8. trochlea  | METATARSUS                                  | 1. medial facet of proximal artciulation, MT3.   |  |  |  |
|          |  |   | 2. lateral facet of proximal articulation, MT4   |  |  |  |
| RADIUS   | <ol> <li>medial half of proximal epiphysis</li> </ol>  |   | <ol><li>medial distal condyle, MT3</li></ol>   |  |  |  |
|          | <ol><li>lateral half of proximal epiphysis</li></ol>   |   | <ol><li>lateral distal condyle, MT4</li></ol>  |  |  |  |
|          | <ol><li>posterior proximal ulna scar and foramen</li></ol>   |   | <ol><li>anterior distal groove and foramen</li></ol>   |  |  |  |
|          | <ol> <li>medial half of distal epiphysis</li> </ol>  | 6. medial or lateral distal condyl <b>e</b> |  |  |  |  |
|          | 5. lateral half of distal epiphysis  |   |  |  |  |  |
|          | <ol><li>distal shaft immediately above distal epi;</li></ol>   | physis                                      |  |  |  |  |
| ULNA     | 1. olecranon tuberosity  |   |  |  |  |  |
|          | 2. trochlear notch- semilunaris  |   |  |  |  |  |
|          | 3. lateral coronoid process  |   |  |  |  |  |
|          | 4. distal epiphysis  |   |  |  |  |  |

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|--------|-------|---------|------|----|------|--------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|---------------------|-------|---|---------|
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| HBBN99 | 210   | CSZ     | LBF  | 1_ | F    |        |         | С        |         |           |                     |       | SHAFT FRAG-CHARRED-UNFUSED SURFACE      | 4       |
| HBBN99 | 217   | EQU     | LM   | 1  | Ľ    |        |         |          |         |           |                     |       | MED WEAR-CEMETUM BUILD UP               | 4       |
| HBBN99 | 217   | EQU     | HUM  | 1  | L    | PJDF   | 1567890 |          |         |           | SD-33.2 BT-75.7 HT- | 1     | PART PROX END WITH SHAFT AND DISTAL END | 4       |
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| HBBN99 | 219   | CSZ     | RIB  | 2  | F    |        |         |          |         |           |                     |       | SHAFT FRAG                              | 4       |
| HBBN99 | 219   | BOS     | MTT  | 1  | L.   |        | 12      |          |         |           |                     |       | PROX END-SMALL-SL POROUS-EPI POROUS-JUV | ] 4     |
| HBBN99 | 219   | OVCA    | RAD  | 1  | F    |        |         |          |         |           |                     |       | SHAFT FRAG                              | 4       |
| HBBN99 | 219   | SUS     | SKL  | 1  | R    |        |         |          |         |           |                     |       | FRONTAL AND PARIETAL FRAGS- 2 PIECES    | 4       |
| HBBN99 | 219   | BOS     | HUM  | 1  | L    | DF     | 78      |          |         |           | BT-60 HT-34.2       |       | DISTAL END- 7 FRAGMENTS- SMALL          | 3       |