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**Herefordshire Woodlands
Pilot Study: Phase 2
Hansnett Wood
Ashperton
(SO 65789 42647)**

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Summary:

The survey described in this report, (EHE37931), formed part of a pilot study conducted in partnership with the Forestry Commission. A rapid walk over survey was carried out in the wood concerned. A hand held Global Positioning System was used to record the location of features encountered.

The wood in general appears to date from the medieval/early post medieval period and is most likely associated with the Conon Frome estate. Evidence that the site has primarily been used as a recreational wood is based on the almost total lack of woodland management features such as saw pits and charcoal burning platforms, and is substantiated by those sites identified around Broomy Lakes. This name may refer to ornamental ponds situated within a significant ravine, and the survey has shown the presence of a dam on the eastern end of this ravine. It was also noted that on the hillside to the west, overlooking Broomy Lakes, were two features that appear to be viewing platforms. It is also likely that the width of both holloways and trackways may indicate their use as carriageways. The date is based on the substantial Medieval field boundary located on the western side of the wood. That the wood has expanded is indicated by the ridge and furrow identified in the southern portion of the wood and also the enclosure of the post medieval quarries on the east side of the wood, by a similar, but less substantial woodbank. Two parish boundaries were also identified crossing the wood; the most unusual of which consisted of two parallel ditches but no associated bank.

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Introduction

This report provides an account of a rapid survey of Hansnett Wood, Ashperton (EHE37931). The survey was undertaken as part of a pilot study in partnership with the Forestry Commission in order to document the archaeology of woodlands in the county. Woodlands are areas of high archaeological potential in that they have seldom been subjected to the types of disturbance associated with intensive modern agriculture. Relatively little information concerning archaeological sites within woodland has been recorded in the past. Access is often difficult, aerial photographs are of little or no use and until recently recording an accurate location within woodland was often not practicable.

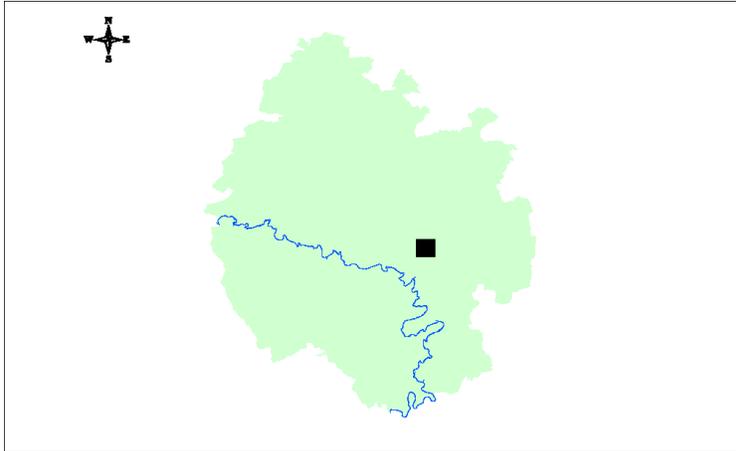
Since 1999 Herefordshire Archaeology has been involved in regular discussions with the Forestry Commission concerning the lack of archaeological data available when management plans are being prepared and applications for Woodland Grant Schemes are submitted. As a result of these discussions, the Forestry Commission has grant aided Herefordshire Archaeology to undertake a two phase pilot study. Phase one took place in 2001-2 and involved the rapid survey of eight areas of woodland in different areas of the county. These woodlands were split into those that are owned and managed by Forest Enterprises, those owned by large private estates, those that have recently been the subject of Woodland Grant Scheme applications and those for which Native Woodland Plans have been or are in preparation.

The survey for each woodland area in the pilot study identified the potential for the survival of archaeological features and sampled the types of features present. The Stage two survey will re-visit woodlands identified in the phase one study as being of high archaeological potential and a more detailed survey undertaken. This will illustrate the density of archaeological sites within the woodland and record the relationships between features to enable some degree of understanding concerning the evolution of the woodland. The Stage two survey will also expand the phase 1 survey and subject additional woodlands to rapid survey.

It is only when the changes throughout history within a wood have been documented and understood and put together with ecological information that a well informed management strategy can be implemented. Woodland boundaries have often moved over the centuries, sometimes expanding to encapsulate and preserve evidence of alternative land-use, e.g. field systems and on other occasions shrinking and being subject to differing forms of woodland management. These variations in land-use within a woodland influence the ecological data from that woodland. As such archaeological survey can contribute significant data concerning woodland history, management history and sequential development. This can provide independent verification of historical change from ecological study.

Location

Hansnett Wood is located at NGR: SO 65789 42647, approximately 1km. east of Ashperton.



The Historic Landscape Character for Herefordshire states that the enclosure pattern around Hansnett Wood is defined by a post medieval reconfiguration of the landscape under multiple estate or large farm holdings. These consist of geometric shaped enclosures interspersed with earlier and more sinuous field boundaries.

Figure 1: Location

Previous fieldwork / records

Prior to the survey taking place the county Sites and Monuments Record was consulted but no entries were found within the present woodland.

Method

Hansnett Wood was surveyed on the 17th February 2003. The survey comprised a rapid assessment of the potential of the woodland to contain well preserved archaeological features. Features were mapped using a hand-held Garmin 12 XL Global Positioning System, enabling a ten figure grid reference to be recorded for each feature. This system is accurate to within approximately 10m under tree canopy.

The wood was walked in transects aligned roughly north/south and approximately 50m to 100m apart. If a large feature was encountered and no other features of archaeological significance can be seen, then this feature was followed and features 50m either side of it recorded. Field observations and grid references were recorded on a dictaphone and transcribed at a later date.

The following survey is only a sample of the woodland and should not be taken as exhaustive or its results as definitive. It is intended to record the type of features present, their state of preservation and their relationships to other features within the woodland.

Field conditions

Hansnett Wood covers the top and upper slopes of a sandstone outcrop. Approximately 60% of its area is relatively level comprising the plateau of the hill top. Most of the slopes are relatively gently sloping. The woodland is mixed, containing both conifer and oak, and the majority of the survey area was accessible. The exception to this was in the northern central section where bramble stood to a height of c.1m.

Survey Conditions

The rapid walkover survey was conducted on the 17th January 2003. The weather was dry with occasional sunshine during the late afternoon. Visibility was good throughout the day.

Results (Figure 2)

The recorded data from the survey is described in detail within the appended database. This results section is concluded by a brief discussion highlighting the historical development of the woodland as understood using the 2003 survey results. The significance of recorded features and management implications are then commented upon within the discussion section. Appendix 1 contains a simple data base which cross references each site to the Ordnance Survey National Grid, (NGR), and the series of unique Sites and Monuments "Primary Record Numbers" (PRN), allocated following the transcription. These numbers are referred to within both the text and illustrations. They are prefixed by HSM, these initials relating to Herefordshire Sites and Monuments Record unique numbers

Two areas of Medieval activity were identified during the survey. The first (HSM 37989) Was a substantial field boundary or enclosed bank located in the western part of the wood. This bank was aligned roughly east west, then turned to the northwest. It was 6m wide and 2m high. The second area of Medieval activity was identified in the southern part of the wood and indicates that the wood has expanded over time. This consisted of ridge and furrow (HSM 37979), both inside the expanded wood and outside. The ridges were c.3m wide x 0.30m high, and the furrows were c.1.50m x 0.10m deep.

Woodland management features

One suspected saw pit was recorded (HSM 37982). This measured 4m x 0.60m and was 0.20m deep. It was noted however that there was no associated spoil bank.

Eleven platforms were recorded and these were located throughout the wood. They ranged in size and shape and presumably function, but this could not always be determined. For

several however a function and hence date could be determined. The first platform was located on the east side of the wood in an area of quarrying. This platform (HSM 37963) was aligned north-south and measured 15m x 8m. It can be assumed that such a platform was post medieval in date and that it was the site for storage or even on-site accommodation. The second type of platform was located on the western side of the wood. This platform (HSM 37987) measured 7m in diameter, with a 0.40m scarp on the south and east sides. This was located at a bend of holloway HSM 37986 and was most likely used as a log store.

Three sections of holloway (HSM 37934, 37986 and 37988) were identified (As opposed to trackways) and these were found on the western side of the wood. The first (HSM 37934) extended southwards from the wood entrance. It was 2.50m wide with an up slope drop of 0.20m and a 2m wide bank on the down slope. This was clearly still in use, but it is suggested that this feature is of post medieval date. This is suggested by the fact that the woodbank appears to respect this feature. The other two holloways are located near to the western woodland boundary. The first HSM 37986, runs northward, parallel to the western boundary and then turns to the east. This measures 6m wide and the sides vary from being a scarp to a bank. At SO365488 242379 a second holloway extends to the east, parallel with HSM 37986, the large Medieval bank (HSM 37989) separating them.

Several sections of trackway were identified, but not all were investigated. The first (HSM 37948) was located along the eastern side of the wood, it was aligned north-south and measured 3-4m wide. At the north end this trackway ended at the wood boundary and could not be seen beyond, while the south ended at a junction next to the southern woodbank. From here a trackway (HSM 37960) extended to the east and west. The eastern portion of trackway crossed two small bridges (HSM 37957 and 37958) and provided access to the quarries (see industrial features). The western portion, c.4m wide, extended beyond Broomy Lakes into the centre of the wood. A further section of trackway (HSM 37948) extended to the northeast from the aforementioned junction. This looped around, and again joined trackway HSM 37960 at SO 366301 242590.

At this point both trackways cross a bridge (HSM 37972) over a stream, or more likely cross over the top of a dam. This structure is 5m wide and constructed of random rubble sandstone. Immediately to the west of this structure is Broomy Lakes, a large ravine through which the stream runs. It is feasible that the stream was dammed in order to make a shallow 'lake'. High on the steep sided western slope of this ravine were two viewing platforms (HSM 37994 and 37995). These were situated one above the other and both were c.10m in diameter. They were cut into the natural slope, and on their east sides were delineated by a curved semi-circular bank, that was 2m wide and 0.30m high. They are similar in both size and shape to charcoal burning platforms, but this function was discounted due to their location and the total lack of charcoal debris.

It is also further noted that a parish boundary also crosses the stream at this point. This separates Canon Frome County Parish and Munsley County Parish, but this was not clearly identified as part of this rapid survey. The boundary follows trackway HSM 37960, south of the dam, and continues to follow it as it turns to the west. It is suggested

that at this point either the trackway has replaced the boundary bank or that the bank has been incorporated into the downslope bank of the trackway.

Numerous drainage ditches were identified within the wood, apart from those mentioned below i.e. HSM 37952 and 37953 (see woodland boundaries). Most of these consisted of single, small and shallow, linear trenches draining areas of boggy ground or a quarry (HSM 37966), the area with most drainage however was in the northeast corner of the wood. This consisted of a series of linear ditches (HSM 37939, 37940, 37941, 37942, 37944, 37945, 37946 and 37947), measuring on average 1m wide x 0.20m deep. They were predominantly aligned east-west, along the contour of the slope, but these were connected by north-south aligned ditches that eventually fed into the woodland boundary ditch (HSM 37937).

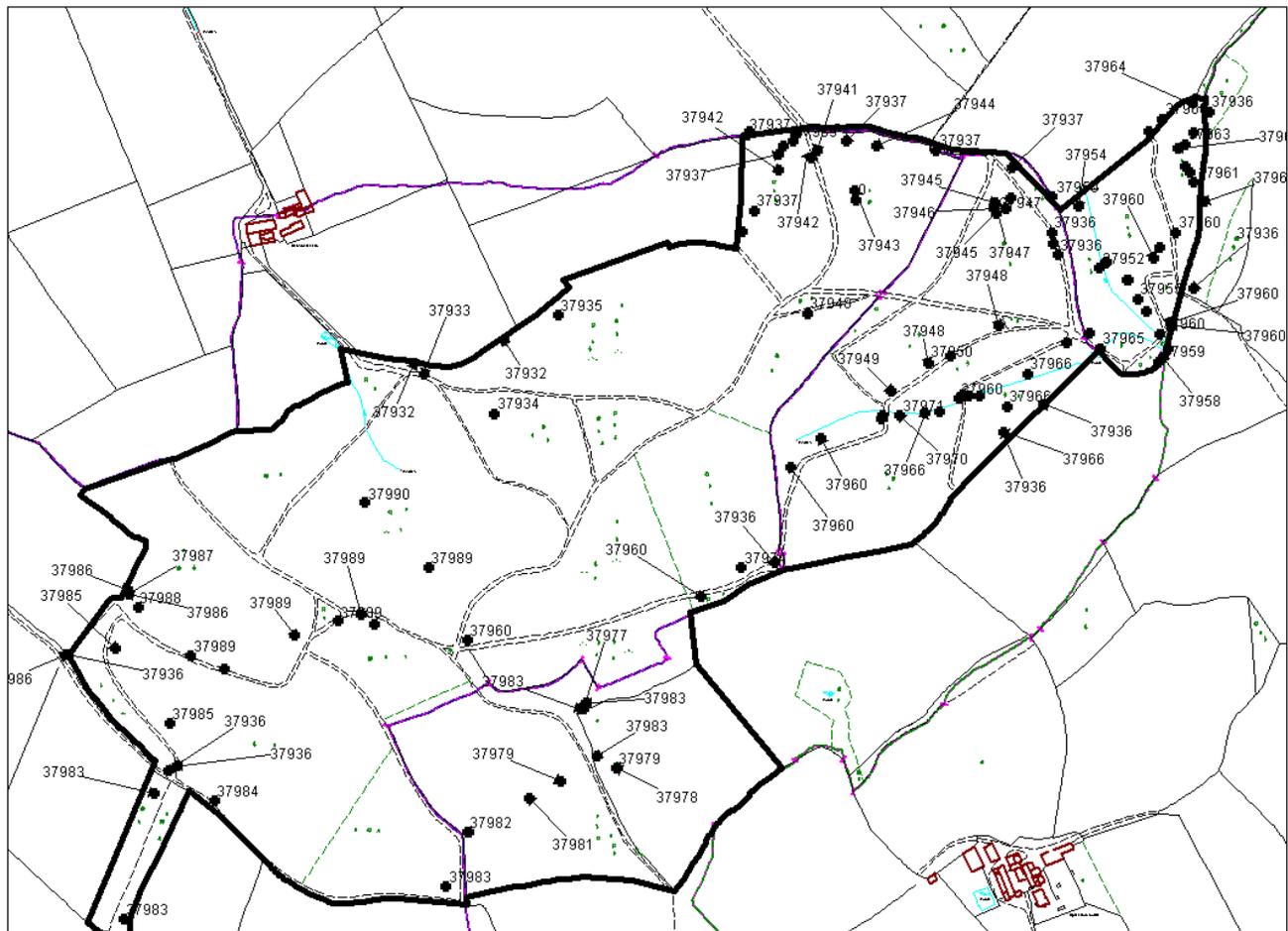


Figure 2: Location of earthworks recorded during the survey

Woodland boundaries

Several types of woodland boundary were identified during the survey. On the north side of the wood this consisted of a ditch (HSM 37932). This ditch was 2m wide and 1.20m deep, but no bank was present. On the eastern side of the wood, cutting off the quarrying area, this ditch changes in character (HSM 37952). There is still no bank, but the ditch

increases in size to 2.50m wide x 0.70m deep. Running parallel to this ditch is a second one of similar size (HSM 37953), c.4m to the west. Both these ditches are aligned north-south and extend from one side of the wood to the other at its narrowest point. This boundary is unusual, but appears to be the Parish boundary between Bosbury County Parish and Munsley County Parish.

A further woodbank (HSM 37936) is located to the west of this, and again runs parallel to the county boundary. This consists of a bank 2-3m wide x 0.30m high with an exterior ditch that measures 2m wide x 1m deep. From the southern edge of the wood this woodbank then extends to the southwest. What is of interest is that this woodbank also extends to the northeast i.e. encompassing the area of quarrying, and although this also consists of a bank and ditch it is much smaller in scale. This suggests that if the quarries are post medieval in date then this area was enclosed after this date.

The woodbank HSM 37936, becomes less defined at its western end, and it is clear that the existing wood has expanded beyond this original limit. This expansion (HSM 37983) is to the south of the original woodbank and it is clearly later than it. The eastern side of this area consists of a drop down to the surrounding pasture of c.1.50m. It is interesting to note that on both sides of this new boundary there is evidence of medieval ridge and furrow. The woodbank continues on the western side of the wood, consisting of a bank that measures 1.50m wide x 0.20m high and an exterior ditch measuring 1m wide x 0.20m deep

Industrial features

Three quarries were recorded during the course of the survey (HSM 37961, 37963 and 37964). These were all located in the eastern portion of Hansnett Wood, in an area of easily accessible sandstone. All three quarries appear to be post medieval in date and are all within 50m of the present woodland boundary.

A single trackway (HSM 37960 – see above) extended from the quarries down into the valley where it joins a complex of further routeways.

A single well (HSM 37977) was identified during the survey. This measured c.1.20m in diameter and was constructed with sandstone rubble walls, the depth could not be established as it had been filled in. The purpose and date of this feature is unclear as no evidence for structures was identified in the surrounding area.

Indications of former land use

Hansnett Wood appears to have been woodland from at least the late medieval/early post medieval period as indicated by the Medieval field boundary and the ridge and furrow identified within the area of woodland expansion. The paucity of internal boundaries indicate that there has either been little change in the size of the woodland compartments

throughout this time, or that at some point in time the entire wood was re-designed and previous boundaries erased.

It seems evident that the site was not primarily used as a commercial venture, as indicated by the lack of woodland management features. It appears far more likely that the site was used as a park for recreation activities such as hunting and possibly fishing. This is substantiated by work undertaken around Broomy Lakes.

During the post medieval period we see areas of expansion within the wood. An area of quarrying to the east of the wood is enclosed and in the south, areas of farmland are likewise enclosed.

Site and feature condition

The majority of features recorded were well preserved, and no evidence for recent felling or extraction was noted during the survey.

An area in the centre of the wood, north of Broomy Lakes, was too overgrown to survey having an under storey of bramble approximately 1m high.

Discussion and Implications

Implications regarding the archaeological resource

The topography and geology of Hansnett Wood dictates that it is susceptible to erosion. The large, relatively flat central plateau with its shallow, sandy soils in conjunction with steep slopes, especially in the Broomy Lakes area means that there is the potential for large scale erosion if large areas are clear felled during or prior to periods of heavy or prolonged rainfall. This makes the earthworks present within Hansnett Wood particularly vulnerable.

Implications regarding site condition

Woodbanks generally survive well and some relationships can be established between them and later features. Traces of past communications also survive well in the form of holloways and trackways, and some can be related to specific features, - particularly quarries. It has been noted that quarrying has taken place only on the east side of the wood and this is due to its easy accessibility.

Implications for future management

The current management regime is conducive to the preservation of the archaeological resource, but extraction from the existing woodland or the planting of further trees, may damage both the visible and discreet features within the wood.

Implications for future field work.

Hansnett Wood contains a high density of archaeological features relating to the sites use as a recreational wood and also to the relatively small scale quarrying activity.

This area of woodland has a high potential for the presence of well preserved archaeological features and it should be possible to recognise further relationships between many features and hence produce at least a rudimentary series of phases charting the development of the wood over time.

Prior to further clear felling or other significant extraction of areas within the survey area these areas should be subject to a more detailed walk over survey in order to record and assess the location, archaeological potential and significance of any features present.

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Archive

1 Dictaphone tape
1 Transcription Record
1 Excel Database
1 Mapinfo data file
This document

Appendix 1: Database of features and grid references.

HSM No.	Easting	Northing	Site type	Period	Description
37932	365789	242647	Ditch/wood boundary	Post-Medieval	Ditch 2m wide, 1.20m deep, No bank present, tree line follows the inside of the ditch.
37933	365800	242634	Hollow	Unknown/ Modern	Filled with rubbish, 5m x 3m x 0.30m deep, spoil heap on down slope side 0.20m high.
37934	365877	242591	Holloway	Modern	Shallow feature, 2.50m wide, up slope drop 0.20m, bank on downslope, 2m wide, 0.15m high.
37932	365887	242671	Ditch/wood boundary	Post-Medieval	Second reading.
37935	365947	242700	Platform	Post-Medieval	Like a charcoal burning platform but no charcoal evident. 6-7m diameter up slope drop 0.40m, spoil heap on down slope side.
37932	366148	242791	Ditch/wood boundary	Post-Medieval	Third reading. At this point the ditch connects with woodbank below.
37936	366148	242791	Woodbank	Post-Medieval	Extends to the north. Bank on inside, 2-3m wide x 0.30m high, tree lined. Ditch 2m wide x 1m deep.
37937	366161	242813	Boundary/ field boundary	Post-Medieval	Extends to the east from above woodbank, Consists of a drop off, 0.80m.
37937	366187	242875	Boundary/ Field boundary	Post-Medieval	Second reading. At this point there is a stream at the base. Extends to the west from this point.
37937	366153	242896	Boundary/ Field boundary	Post-Medieval	Third reading. Connects with next reading.
37938	366156	242901	Ditch	Post-Medieval	1.40m wide x 1.50m deep max. This shows that the woodland has expanded at this point c.6-7m.
37939	366193	242885	Depression/ Drainage channel	Post-Medieval	1m wide, up slope drop 0.30m, down slope drop 0.10m. Aligned east west.
37939	366203	242890	Depression/ Drainage channel	Post-Medieval	Second reading. Connects with underlying depression.

37940	366203	242890	Depression/ Drainage channel	Post-Medieval	A north-south aligned depression, Same dimensions as above.
37940	366206	242896	Depression/ Drainage channel	Post-Medieval	Second reading, north end. Connects with channel below.
37941	366206	242896	Depression/ Drainage channel	Post-medieval	A third depression. To the west this connects with depression 8.
37941	366230	242879	Depression/ Drainage channel	Post-Medieval	Southern end of depression, stops at base of slope. Surrounding area is very boggy.
37942	366223	242872	Depression/ Drainage channel	Post-Medieval	Starts at woodland boundary 1 on the west side, extends to the south east, 1m wide x 0.30m deep.
37942	366187	242858	Depression	Post-Medieval	Ends at this point for no apparent reason.
37937	366261	242890	Wood boundary	Post-Medieval	A ditch marking the edge of the wood. Not visible to the west.
37943	366271	242836	Platform	Post-Medieval	Located at bend in stream, 7m diameter, slope on west, north and south sides.
-	366272	242825	Undergrowth	Modern	No survey.
37944	366295	242885	Drainage channel	Post-Medieval	1m x 0.30m deep. Connects with boundary ditch below.
37937	366360	242880	Ditch/ Woodland boundary	Post-Medieval	Junction in woodland ditch. Extends to the east, and continues around the wood. Drop off to surrounding arable fields 0.80m.
37937	366443	242861	Woodland boundary	Post-Medieval	Consists of a bank at this point. 2.50m wide x 0.30m high, ditch on the inside, 1m wide x 0.20m deep.
37945	366441	242828	Drainage ditch	Post-Medieval	Shallow ditch, ends at field boundary. 1m wide x 0.20m deep.
37946	366436	242816	Drainage ditch	Post-Medieval	Off shoot of previous ditch, towards the north.
37945	366425	242823	Drainage ditch	Post-Medieval	Ditch heads up slope.
37947	366425	242823	Drainage ditch		Off shoot heads southwest.

37947	366426	242810	Drainage ditch	Post-Medieval	Off shoot ends at this point.
37945	366423	242816	Drainage ditch	Post-Medieval	East end. May indicate the original edge of the woodland.
37948	366219	242701	Trackway	Modern?	Cuts across the top of a steep ravine, Up slope drop 1.40m x 3m wide, aligned east-west, visible for 20m in each direction.
37949	366311	242616	Bank	Post-Medieval	At base of ravine, aligned across the base of the valley, i.e. northeast-southwest. 2-3m wide x 0.50m high x 30m long. May represent a dam or small leat.
37948	366351	242647	Trackway	Modern?	Continues at this point.
37950	366351	242647	Field boundary	Unknown	Extends southwest from this point down into valley. Drop off slope 0.30m, visible for c.20m.
37948	366429	242688	Trackway	Modern?	Continues at this point.
37950	366487	242829	Field/ wood boundary	unknown	Continues at this point.
37936	366486	242790	Woodbank	Post-Medieval	Continues at this point, bank 2m wide x 0.30m high. Ditch on the inside c.0.30m deep.
37936	366488	242777	Woodbank	Post-Medieval	Continues at this point.
37951	366488	242777	Bank	Post-Medieval	Cuts previous bank and extends down into the valley.
37936	366493	242765	Woodbank	Post-Medieval	Continues at this point, curves.
37952	366538	242751	Ditch	Post-Medieval	Bank not present at this point but the woodbank ditch has increased in size, 2.50m wide x 0.70m deep, gentle slope.
37952	366545	242756	Ditch	Post-Medieval	Continues as a ditch at this point. Continues to the west. Extends from one side of the wood to the other. Parallel with 23, c.4m apart.
37953	366545	242756	Ditch	Post-Medieval	Junction with previous ditch, this ditch heads to the northeast.

37954	366516	242819	Spring/stream	Unknown	Abundant stone, appears to be capped. Stream ditch extends to the west, parallel with 21, c.4m apart. This channel extends from one side of the wood to the other.
37952	366546	242758	Ditch	Post-Medieval	Still at this point, still parallel with 23.
37954	366546	242758	Spring/stream	Unknown	Still at this point, still parallel with 21.
37955	366580	242717	Ditch	Post-Medieval	Off shoot from 21, heads to the northeast. 2.50m wide x 0.60m deep.
37954	366568	242738	Spring/stream	Unknown	Still present.
37952	366570	242738	Ditch	Post-Medieval	Still present.
37952	366590	242704	Ditch	Post-Medieval	Still present.
37956	366590	242704	Ditch	Post-Medieval	Second off shoot from 21. Heads to the northeast.
37957	366641`	242650	Bridge	Post medieval	Crosses spring ditch 23. Abundant stone visible. Random rubble construction. 3-4m across. Channel then joins woodbank ditch
37958	366646	242642	Bridge	Post medieval	Crosses ditch 21, same as above. Channel then joins woodbank ditch.
37959	366650	242636	Ditch	Post medieval	Off shoot to northeast off ditch 21.
37936	366645	242656	Woodbank	Post medieval	Ditch at this point 0.30m deep x 1m wide. Visibly older trees on bank.
37936	366641	242728	Woodbank	Post medieval	Continues at this point. 0.40m drop from pasture into the wood.
37960	366622	242790	Trackway/ footpath	Post medieval	5-6m wide, drop off of 0.50m on the west side, 1m on the east. May be continuation of 17. Proceeds uphill.
37961	366653	242824	Quarry	Post medieval	6-7m deep on north side, 1.50m on south side, interior c.30m diameter. Overgrown.

37961	366642	242845	Quarry	Post medieval	Entrance into quarry, 13m wide, 1.50m drop off on each side. Extends to the southeast Appears to join trackway 29 at this point.
37960	366637	242856	Trackway	Post medieval	At this point it appears more like a holloway.
37962	366632	242862	Platform	Post medieval	Aligned east west, drop of 1m on east side, 0.30m on north, rectangular, 11m x 7m.
37960	366624	242882	Trackway	Post medieval	(holloway) ends at heavy undergrowth.
37963	366632	242886	Platform/ Quarry	Post medieval	Possible linear quarry, 4-5m drop on west side, 1m drop on east, 2.50m on south, Aligned north south, 12m-15m long
37936	366641	242899	Woodbank	Post medieval	Outside survey area at this point. I.e. 10-12m west.
37964	366659	242922	Quarry	Post medieval	Existing wood edge. To the east of this, outside survey area is a quarry.
37936	366659	242922	Woodbank	Post medieval	Tree lined at this point. 2m high x 2m wide.
37936	366640	242932	Woodbank	Post medieval	Consists of a drop off to pasture at this point, 0.60m.
37960	366607	242914	Trackway/ Holloway	Post medieval	Continuation of 29, other side of undergrowth.
37960	366593	242901	Trackway	Post medieval	Returns to quarry 30.
37960	366605	242774	Trackway	Post medieval	Continues at this point. Curves.
37960	366598	242762	Trackway	Post medieval	Continues at this point, curves again.
37960	366616	242691	Trackway	Post medieval	Curves and goes over two bridges 26 and 27.
37960	366617	242687	Trackway	Post medieval	Like a metttled surface, 5-6m, ditches on both sides, 1m wide x 0.20m deep.
37960	366605	242678	Trackway	Post medieval	Follows wood boundary at this point.

37965	366539	242663	Platform	Post medieval	Adjacent to trackway, 7-8m diameter, down slope drop 0.60m on north side. West side is small bank, 1m wide x 0.40m high. No charcoal.
37960	366539	242663	Trackway	Post medieval	Continues at this point.
37960	366528	242680	Trackway	Post medieval	Cross roads.
37960	366502	242669	Trackway		4m wide, north side drop off, 0.40m, down slope drop off 0.20m
37966	366460	242635	Water channel	-	Very straight i.e. man made.
37936	366477	242601	Woodbank	Post medieval	Bank 2m wide x 0.15m high.
37966	366438	242599	Water channel	-	Second reading, still following the trackway. Off shoot extends to the south.
37936	366433	242571	Woodbank	Post medieval	Continues at this point.
37966	366433	242571	Water channel	-	Joins woodbank ditch.
37960	366407	242611	Trackway	Post medieval	Continues at this point.
37967	366395	242611	Platform	Post medieval	Down slope drop 2m, 7-8m diameter.
37968	366395	242611	Bridge	Post medieval	Small. Crosses stream from platform 36. Random rubble stonework visible under the earth.
37960	366385	242608	Trackway	Post medieval	Continues
37960	366388	242612	Trackway	Post medieval	Ends at bridge and platform, 36 and 37.
37969	366363	242594	Ridge	Post medieval	2-2.50m high, extends from SO 66388 42612.
37966	366348	242592	Water channel	-	Continues at this point.
37970	366320	242590	Platform	Post medieval	North and west side drop off 0.30m, 8-9m diameter, no charcoal visible. Next to water channel.
37971	366320	242590	Earthwork	Post medieval	Small rectangular cut into the side of the drainage channel.
37972	366301	242590	Bridge/dam	Post medieval	5m wide, covered in earth.

37960	366300	242585	Trackway	Post medieval	(holloway). From bridge northwards, trackway continues. 5m wide up slope drop 0.40m, slight bank on down slope, 1m wide x 0.15m high.
37960	366376	242654	Trackway	Post medieval	South of bridge, 5m wide, down slope 0.25m, north side drops, 0.50m.
37973	366376	242654	Water channel	-	Two channels join at this point.
37960	366234	242564	Trackway	Post medieval	Trackway extends to the south.
37960	366201	242533	Trackway	Post medieval	Undergrowth.
37936	366184	242428	Woodbank	Post medieval	Substantial, 2.50m wide x 0.50m high, tree lined.
37974	366147	242423	Broomy Lakes	-	Broomy Lakes within a large ravine. Possible dammed by 41.
37960	366103	242391	Trackway	Post medieval	Continues at this point. 4m wide, north side drop 0.40m.
37960	365848	242343	Trackway	Post medieval	Crossroads.
37975	365848	242343	Platform		Log store?, 7m diameter, west face bank 0.20m high, only east end is open.
37976	365848	242343	Platform	Post medieval	Immediately east of previous is a scoop, 3m diameter, 0.40m deep.
37977	365975	242268	Well	Post medieval	1-1.20m in diameter, filled up, sandstone rubble walls.
37983	365977	242275	Wood edge	Post medieval	Drop off 1.50m high,
37983	365971	242268	Wood edge	Post medieval	Corner (orchard)
37983	365989	242217	Wood edge	Post medieval	1.50m wide, 0.20m high, ditch on exterior (orchard side). 1m wide x 0.20m deep.
37978	366010	242203	Scoop/ Log store	Post medieval	Aligned north south, 6-7m long, 2.50m wide
37979	366011	242203	Ridge and furrow	Post medieval/ medieval	Faint traces of ridge and furrow. Ridges 3m wide x 0.30m tall, furrows 1.50m wide x 0.10m deep.

37980	366011	242203	Trackway/ Holloway	Post medieval	Trackway reverts to holloway at this point. 3.50m wide, sides 0.20m high
37979	365949	242189	Ridge and furrow	Post medieval/ medieval	Ends at this point.
37981	365915	242170	Compartment boundary	Post medieval	Ditch, 1.50m wide, no bank, 0.30m deep. Visible for 30m both north and south.
37982	365848	242133	Saw pit	Post medieval	Possible ?. 4m long x 0.60m wide x 0.20m deep, no spoil heap. Next to 49.
-	365849	242133	No survey	-	Heavy undergrowth.
37983	365824	242073	Wood edge		Small bank, 0.50m wide, 0.30m high, tree lined, internal ditch, 1m wide x 0.20m deep.
37980	365824	242073	Trackway/ Holloway	Post medieval	Extends to the north. 6m wide x east bank 2m high, no bank on west at this point. Visible to north c.60m.
37984	365571	242168	Drainage ditch	Post medieval	Extending to the north, 1.20m wide, west bank 0.30m. Only visible for c.15m.
37983	365471	242038	Wood edge	Post medieval	On this side of the wood there is a drop off down into the wood, c.0.40m, Slight internal ditch, 1.50m wide x 0.15m deep. Difficult to follow.
37983	365505	242175	Wood edge/ Linear quarry	Post medieval	Joins woodbank at this point. Ditch 4-5m wide x 2m deep. Very overgrown. May be a linear quarry?
37936	365521	242200	Woodbank	Post medieval	Drop down 0.70m, follows existing path. Extends to the west into pasture
37936	365530	242206	Woodbank	Post medieval	Between these readings is an entrance. Bank 1.30m high.
37985	365522	242252	Trackway	Post medieval	Extends from previous entrance, 4m wide, slight banks on either side, 0.10m high x 1.50m wide.
37985	365462	242334	Trackway	Post medieval	Curves to the north for c.20m

37986	365408	242327	Holloway	Post medieval	Extends to the northeast, 6m wide, drop down on west side 1.50m
37936	365411	242328	Woodbank	Post medieval	Continues at this point, aligned northeast southwest.
37986	365475	242399	Holloway	Post medieval	Curves to the east
37987	365477	242394	Platform	Post medieval	In bend of holloway, 6-7m diameter, south and east side drop off 0.40m, no charcoal evident. Log store?
37986	365477	242394	Holloway	Post medieval	North bank 6m wide, (follows bank 58) 0.30m high, visible for 40m to the east. Parallel with 57 at this point.
37988	365488	242379	Holloway	Post medieval	Second holloway extending to the east, south side marked by 6m wide bank, 2m high on this side.
37989	365544	242326	Bank/ Enclosure	Post medieval	ridge continues. Appears to be an enclosure
37989	365581	242312	Bank	Post medieval	Still visible, curves to the northeast
37989	365658	242349	Bank	Post medieval	Still visible.
37989	365706	242364	Bank	Post medieval	Still visible, significant feature.
37989	365731	242371	Bank	Post medieval	Extends to the north.
37988	365746	242361	Holloway	Post medieval	Visible at this point
37989	365805	242423	Bank	Post medieval	Ends at this point, replaced by a ditch
37990	365805	242423	Drainage ditch	Post medieval	1m wide x 0.60m deep. Aligned northeast southwest. Replaces bank 58.
37990	365735	242494	Drainage ditch	Post medieval	Still present
37990	365668	242510	Drainage ditch	Post medieval	Still present but heavy undergrowth, it cannot be followed.
37991	365633	242451	Platform	Post medieval	12-15m diameter, bank on three sides.
37936	365529	242545	Woodbank	Post medieval	Drop down 1m, extends into surrounding pasture towards farm buildings.
37990	365529	242545	Holloway	Post medieval	Extends outside wood, beyond woodbank. 5m across, bank on north side 0.80m high.

37936	365532	242569	Woodbank	Post medieval	Drop off on north side, 2m
37936	365548	242570	Woodbank	Post medieval	Not so marked at this point, 6m wide x 0.20m high. Interior ditch, 1.50m wide x 0.20m deep.
37992	365558	242565	Wood edge	Post medieval	Bank 1.50m wide x 0.20m high, tree lined, ditch on the exterior, 1.20m wide x 0.40m deep.
-	365694	242540	No survey	-	Dense undergrowth
37993	365810	242604	Platform	Post medieval	7m diameter, up slope drop, 0.80m, north side, slight bank, 3m wide x 0.20m high, entrance in west end. No charcoal evident.
37993	365872	242527	Platform	Post medieval	7m diameter, up slope drop 0.40, slight drop on north side
-	365879	242544	No survey	Post medieval	Overgrown
37994	366121	242532	Viewing Platform	Post medieval	Over looking Broomy lakes, 10m diameter, surrounding steep slope,
37995	366134	242558	Viewing platform	Post medieval	Below previous, 8m diameter, west side natural contour, other side consists of a slight bank in a semi circle, 2m wide.
-	366134	242558	No survey	-	Overgrown on sides of Broomy Lakes.

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