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Pilot Study: Phase 2
Gilberts Hill Wood
Pontrilas
(SO 39633 30183)**

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Summary:

The survey described in this report, (EHE38000), formed part of a pilot study for 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.

Probably the most interesting find was evidence of a possible monastic building that appears to date to the 14th/15th century. Worked masonry dating to this period was found around and within a later post medieval limekiln structure. The woodland boundary has changed over time but only in discrete areas, and the various types of wood-edge identified during the survey tend to indicate a post-medieval date for the woods inception. This is further supported by the fact that the wood now covers a significant portion of the Parish boundary between Dore and Ewyas Harold

The wood was heavily utilised during the post medieval period. The most significant remains are those associated with lime production. These included not just a kiln, but also associated quarries for the raw material, numerous charcoal burning platforms to provide heat and even clay extraction pits that suggest the kiln may have been lined.

In conclusion the sites identified during this survey illustrate the intensive use of the woodland resource in the post medieval period, i.e. charcoal burning platforms, quarries and woodland management boundaries.

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Introduction

This report provides an account of a rapid survey of Gilbert Hill Wood, (EHE38000). The survey was undertaken as part of a pilot study for 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 Enterprise, 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 phase 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 phase two survey will also expand the phase 1 survey by subjecting 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, when contrasted with ecological studies.

Location

Gilbert Hill Wood is located at NGR: SO 339633 230183, approximately 1km. north of Pontrilas. The woodland geology comprises of Old Red Sandstone with limestone outcrops.

The Historic Landscape Character for Herefordshire describes these woods as woodland surrounded by the enclosure of former common arable fields with minimal insertion of boundaries.

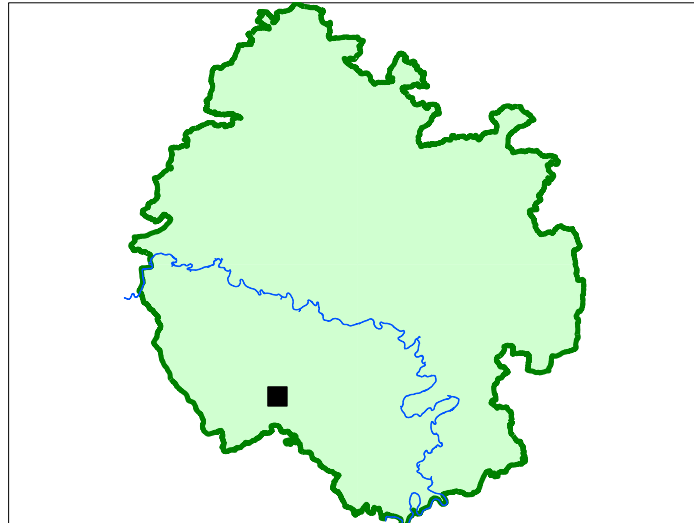


Figure 1: Site location

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

Gilberts Wood was surveyed on March 6th and a second visit was made on May 8th 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

Gilberts Wood covers the top and upper slopes of a sandstone outcrop. Approximately 30% of its area is relatively level comprising the plateau of the hill top, and most of the surrounding slopes are gently sloping.

Approximately half of the area of Gilberts Hill is planted with dense conifer. This occurs principally at its centre and on its northern flank. Big tracts of the more mature conifer areas have an under storey of 1m high bramble making survey impracticable within these areas (Figure 2). The remaining areas are under deciduous (including both lime and oak) woodland or under unthinned conifer with sparse under storey.

Survey Conditions

The rapid walkover survey was conducted on March 6th and May 8th 2003. The weather was dry and clear, and visibility was good.

Results (Figure 2)

The recorded data from the survey is described in detail within the results section. This latter 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.

Medieval Structures

A single kiln structure was identified during the survey, and was dated to the post medieval period (see Industrial features section). The reason for its inclusion at this stage however is the large quantity of medieval worked stone noted in and around the later structure. This is of interest because it suggests one of two possibilities. The first is that this worked stone has been transferred from another structure (possibly religious) outside the wood i.e. Dore Abbey, or that the later kiln was constructed on the site of an earlier religious structure. The distances involved with the first possibility suggests that this was unlikely, this leaves the real possibility that a medieval hermitage type structure was present on the site. Associated with this structure was a large platform (HSM 38003) surrounded on the west side by a bank (HSM 38002). At this stage it is unclear whether this is part of a monastic site or whether it represents a working area for the kiln (see industrial features).

Medieval boundaries

The first significant feature that appears to date to this period is the parish boundary (HSM 38017). This was located within the wood at the south end and then skirted the east edge of the wood. This was 3.50m wide and stood to a height of 0.50m. On the exterior of this was a ditch that measured 3m x 0.40m deep.

Woodland management features

A total of thirty two charcoal burning platforms were recorded. These ranged in size from 7-12m in diameter and in the main comprised a level, circular platform with a pronounced down-slope lip. These were located over most of the wood and although those to the south (HSM 38008 and 38011) are of interest due to their association with the limekiln (HSM 38001), the most impressive are located in the northeast corner. These are all c.10m in diameter, well preserved and in a most impressive location, especially one (HSM 38127), that is located on the end of a spur. It has also been noted that lime processing has taken place in the wood as evidenced by a limekiln and numerous limestone quarries. It has been noted in other woods in Herefordshire that lime processing has taken place on similar structures (Williams 2003) as charcoal processing sites. This may account for the limited charcoal debris on several "charcoal burning platforms" and may also suggest a use for some of the platforms mentioned (see below).

Four saw pits were recorded (HSM 38099, 38107, 38116 and 38133). Their earthwork remains comprise an oval depression between 4 and 6m in length, 1.5m wide and 0.3-0.5m deep with spoil on their down-slope sides. These were individually located in various places in the wood, suggesting small scale processing.

Six log store platforms were identified. These were defined as log stores based on their size (averaging 6m x 4m) and perhaps more importantly, their proximity to communication routes (holloways and trackways). Two of these (HSM 38005 and 38006) were located next to the limekiln and associated charcoal burning platforms.

A further twelve platforms were recorded throughout the wood but a use could not be determined for these features. They may represent storage platforms, seasonal accommodation or even eroded limekilns (see above).

Post-medieval structures

Two possible structures were identified (the kiln is discussed below), but both were only identified by a small amount of demolition debris on a level surface. The first (HSM 38020) was located to the north of the parish boundary and at the end of holloway HSM 38022. The site consisted of a flat area measuring 7-8m in diameter and although no demolition debris was clearly visible, the ground was solid under foot, possibly suggesting the presence of footing for a structure. The second site (HSM 38110) covered a similar area to the previous one, but on this site stone building rubble was clearly visible.

Woodland boundaries

A total of 7 woodland boundary banks were recorded, possibly dating to the medieval and post medieval periods, but in some cases these formed part of the same boundary. The first (HSM 38007) consisted of a large bank with an exterior ditch, while the second (HSM 38044) consisted of a single bank, and the third (HSM 38113) a drop off down to the exterior pasture (HSM 38120 was a spur off this), HSM 38065 consisted of a single bank. Lastly HSM 38100 and 38106 proved to represent a single boundary.

The first (HSM 38007) was located below the kiln site and consisted of a bank 2m wide and 0.20m high and an associated exterior ditch *c.* 1.50m wide and up to 1m deep. There was no evidence of re-cutting and this suggests that this portion of woodbank is of post medieval date. This boundary however is now within the wood so it appears that the wood edge has expanded at this point. Prior to this the area to the west was utilised for pasture, so it is feasible that this boundary may also represented the eastern edge of a medieval field system.

The second main boundary type (HSM 38113) was a simple lynchet found primarily on the east edge of the wood. It is usually around 1.50m high, and drops down to the surrounding pasture, and although this may be Medieval in date it could not be confirmed. A single spur (HSM 38120) off this boundary was also noted but not followed.

The third boundary feature (HSM 38044) consisted of a single bank and was primarily located on the northwest wood edge. This was usually *c.* 3m wide and 0.30m high and occasionally had a modern fence along its length. That there was no associated ditch, may suggest that this portion of the wood boundary is a later addition.

The single portion of woodbank identified by HSM 38100 and 38106 was located in the northeast corner of the wood and was aligned northwest – southeast. The bank was 2m wide x 0.30m high and outside this was a ditch measuring 1.50m wide x 0.10m deep. This boundary is now situated within the wood, the existing boundary being situated to the northeast of this.

The last feature (HSM 38065) again consisted of a single bank, but this was associated with modern activity.

A single compartment boundary was recorded (HSM 38126). This has been attributed to the post medieval period, primarily due to the lack of evidence linking it to earlier features. It consisted of a ditch, approximately 2m wide and 0.30m deep, with no sign of a bank. The scarcity of such features suggests that Gilberts Hill Wood was divided into relatively large woodland compartments which may have changed little since the woods inception, possibly during late medieval period.

Industrial features

As previously mentioned a single structure was identified (HSM 38001) during the survey. This structure measured 6m x 6m and stood to a height of 2.50m. It was constructed of stone with grey white lime

mortar that contained charcoal fleck inclusions. That it had been heated to a high temperature was evident in the heat damaged stone and the glaucation of minerals on the surface of the stone. There was no evidence to suggest that the kiln was clay lined, but this may explain the clay pits that surround the site (see below). Well worked and ornate stone was also included in the construction of the kiln, and was noted in both the structure itself and the surrounding area. This is thought to date to the 14th-15th century and has previously been discussed. The east side of the structure was cut into the downslope, (Quarry HSM 38004 was immediately above this) and the west side faced a bank lined platform. The platform (HSM 38003) measured c.30m north south x 20m east west and charcoal flecking was noted over large portions of the area, especially the northern end. The eastern side consisted of a natural scarp, while on the west side was a substantial bank (HSM 38002). This bank measured 3-4m wide and stood to a height of 0.45m. An entrance onto the platform, through the bank, was located at the northern end of the platform at SO 339612 230193.

Ten quarries were recorded during the course of the survey. These were located predominantly in the southwestern portion of Gilberts Hill, surrounding the previously mentioned kiln, in an area of easily accessible Limestone. Quarries were noted in other areas of the wood but not in such abundance. The biggest quarry (HSM 38004) was a linear quarry situated “above” the limekiln (HSM 38001). This was aligned east-west, c.40m long, 4m wide and 2.50m deep. A second quarry of this type (HSM 38013) was also noted in the same area, but this only measured 12m x 4m and was cut into the side of the limestone deposit, the face being c.1.30m high.

The majority of the remaining quarries were circular and much smaller, consisting of c.4-5m diameter and cut into the down slope. All the quarries however appear to date to the post medieval period.

Eight clay pits were identified, either as single features (HSM 38010, 38016), or as a group, in this case, of six pits cut into the down slope (HSM 38019). These were situated to the west of the kiln site (HSM 38001), cut into a moderate down slope and consisted of a circular depression, c 4-5m diameter and 0.50m deep.

It is clear that in an area immediately surrounding the limekiln substantial industrial activity had taken place, the lime kiln, the raw material from the quarries, the charcoal for the heat source and even clay for the kiln structure itself

Nine sections of holloway were recorded, (HSM 38022, 38026, 38027, 38032, 38038, 38051, 38057, 38047 and 38048).

The first holloway (HSM 38027) follows an existing north-south aligned route first noted along the west edge of the wood, but later thought to complete a circuit around the entire wood. It was 2m wide, with an up slope bank, 1.20m high, a down slope bank 1.50m wide x 0.30m high. This forms the main route around the wood, and numerous holloways extend off this towards the centre of the wood. The most southerly identified Holloway was HSM 38026 which extended to the east from HSM 38027. Further north a second holloway (HSM 38032) was identified. This was followed in succession by HSM 38038, 38057 and 38051.

On the east side of the wood the holloways were fewer in number. The first (HSM 38022) was associated with the possible dwelling (HSM 38020) next to the parish boundary and the remaining two HSM 38047 and 38048 were both the result of modern forestry activity.

Indications of former land use

Gilberts Hill Wood appears to have been woodland from at least the early Post-medieval period onwards, although the lack of ridge and furrow may suggest an earlier date. The boundaries of the wood have expanded only slightly over this period of time, and the paucity of internal boundaries indicate that there has been little change in the size of woodland compartments throughout this time.

The earliest evidence for possible activity within the wood consists of limited evidence to suggest the presence of a medieval structure dating to the 14th or 15th century. It may be that the surrounding platform is associated with this, rather than the later limekiln, but this could not be determined by visual inspection. The same is true of the woodbanks identified, as these may be medieval in date but this could not be confirmed. What is clear is that during the post-medieval period the wood was under intense

woodland management. The primary source of this activity consisted of charcoal burning, and these sites were numerous and impressive and in several places overlay the woodbanks. Modern usage shows minimal potential for damage.

Site and feature condition

The majority of features recorded were well preserved, with the exception of the two possible dwellings. Disturbance to the site has in general, been minimal although large areas of coniferous planting, especially in the centre and north of the site, appear devoid of archaeological features.

Discussion and Implications

Implications regarding the archaeological resource

The topography and geology of Gilberts Hill Wood suggests that it is susceptible to erosion. The large, relatively flat central plateau with its shallow, sandy soils in conjunction with sloping ground on all sides, indicates that there is the potential for large scale erosion, especially if large areas are clear felled during or prior to periods of heavy or prolonged rainfall. This would make the earthworks present within Gilberts Hill particularly vulnerable.

This area of woodland is important due to the exceptional preservation of specific features, especially charcoal burning platforms, and for the potential of phasing the history of woodland management within the wood.

Implications regarding site condition

Wood banks generally survive well in all areas of the wood. Relationships can be established between these and later features. Traces of past communication routes also survive well in the form of holloways and tracks and some can be related to specific features, - particularly dwellings and areas of charcoal burning. It has been noted that there are significantly more quarries in the southern portion of Gilberts Hill than in the north. This may be due to differing geology or the depth of bedrock.

Implications for future management

A large area at the north end of the wood has been cleared and re-planted with conifer and it is noticeable that this area is now totally devoid of any archaeological features above ground (Figure 2). This system of management is not suitable for areas as archaeologically and ecologically rich as Gilberts Hill Wood. Further clearance and surface intrusion of this type should be discouraged.

Implications for future field work.

Gilberts Hill Wood contains a high density of archaeological features relating to intensive woodland management and industrial scale production of both charcoal and lime.

From this survey it is clear that Gilberts Hill Wood has been extensively managed as woodland for a considerable period of time. Its importance as a charcoal production site may be linked to the processing of lime.

This area of woodland has a high potential for the presence of well preserved archaeological features and it should be possible to recognise relationships between many of these features, and hence produce at least a rudimentary series of phases illustrating the changing management of the woodland.

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.

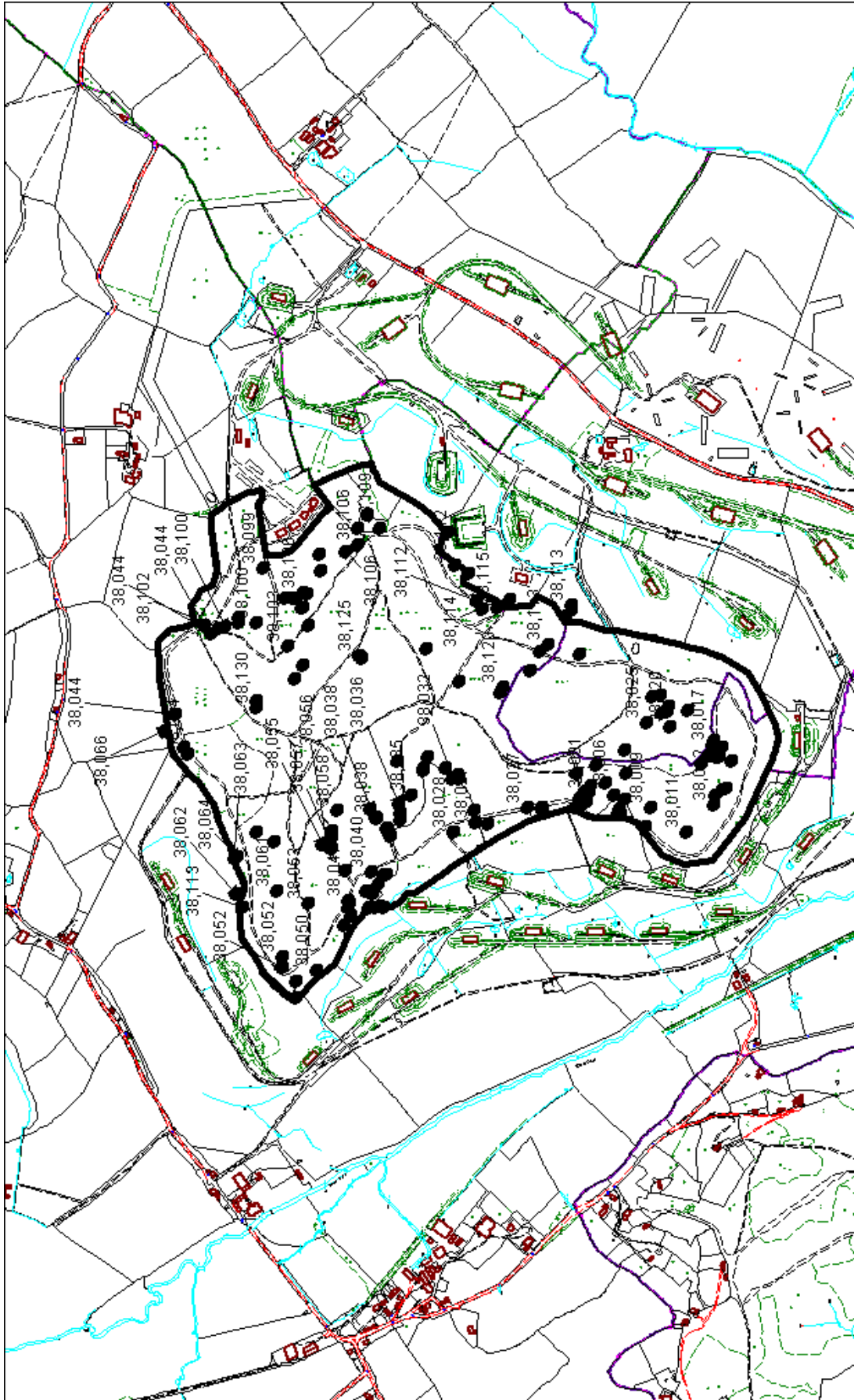


Figure 2: Location of features recorded during the survey.

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Archive

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Appendix: Database of features and grid references.

HSM No.	Easting	Northing	Site type	Period	Description
38001	339633	230183	Structure/Lime kiln	Medieval	6m x 6m, 14 th -15 th century carvings from possible Monastic cell/hermitage
38002	339615	230189	Bank	Medieval	3-4m wide, 0.40m high, marks the west slope surrounding the monastic cell.
38002	339614	230191	Bank	Medieval	Second reading.
38002	339612	230193	Bank	Medieval	Third reading. Marks an entrance.
38002	339618	230200	Bank	Medieval	Fourth reading. Marks an entrance
38002	339621	230203	Bank	Medieval	Fifth reading.
38003			Platform	Medieval	Surrounded by previously mentioned bank.30m north-south x 20m east-west.
38004	339638	230192	Quarry	Medieval?	Linear quarry, aligned east-west, max 2.5m deep.
38004	339647	230179	Quarry	Medieval?	Second reading, marks location of track over quarry.
38004	339675	230208	Quarry	Medieval?	Third reading, marks end of track.
38004	339692	230168	Quarry	Medieval?	End of quarry.
38005	339654	230148	Log store	Post-medieval	4m x 6m, up slope drop 0.50m, down slope drop obscured by second log store.
38006	339627	230129	Log store	Post-medieval	4m x 6m. Cuts previous log store.
38007	339590	230122	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Curved bank, 1.50m wide, 0.30m high, inside ditch, 1.50m wide x 0.30m deep. Enclosed after 1840.
38007	339587	230116	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Second reading. Cut by modern forest road.

38007	339599	230119	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Third reading. Cut by modern forest road.
38008	339619	230108	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	9m diameter, down slope drop 1.20m. Condition, very good.
38009	339602	230053	Platform	Post-medieval	6m x 6m, down slope drop, 1m. Condition very poor.
38010	339561	230063	Quarry	Post-medieval	5-6m diameter with 4m extension to the east. Possible clay pit.
38011	339550	229977	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Top of ridge, up slope drop 0.50m, open side to the northwest. Condition is poor.
38012	339608	229921	Quarry	Post-medieval	Two small quarries, both 4m diameter, up slope drop 1.50m.
38013	339609	229920	Quarry	Post-medieval	Linear, 12m long, 4m wide, up slope drop 1.30m, limestone.
38014	339629	229918	Quarry	Post-medieval	7m x 8m, up slope drop 6m, small bank on the down slope, 2m wide x 0.40m high. Condition is good.
38015	339640	229901	Trackway	Post-medieval	Leads to above quarry 2.5m wide, bank on the down slope, 1.50m wide x 0.20m high.
38016	339643	229894	Clay pit	Post-medieval	8m x 6m, up slope drop 1.80m, bank on west and south side, 3m wide, 0.50m high.
38017	339735	229924	Parish boundary	Post-medieval	Parish boundary, Eways Harold/Dore, 3.50m wide, 0.50m high, north ditch 3m wide x 0.40m deep.
38018	339743	229920	Platform	Post-medieval	8m diameter, up slope drop 1.50m i.e. on edge of the plateau. May be a quarry?.
38017	339709	229934	Parish boundary	Post-medieval	Second reading.

38017	339695	229947	Parish boundary	Post-medieval	Third reading.
38018	339709	229914	Holloway	Post-medieval	Heads south from parish boundary, 2m wide, up slope drop 0.40m.
38019	339709	229907	Clay pit	Post-medieval ?	Six clay extraction pits following the contour.
38018	339700	229883	Holloway	Post-medieval	Second reading.
38017	339730	229902	Parish boundary	Post-medieval	Fourth reading on parish boundary.
38020	339772	230011	Platform	Post-medieval ?	Unclear as it lies on the plateau, 7-8m diameter.
38021	339807	229975	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	7-8m diameter, up slope drop max 1m.
38022	339816	230015	Holloway	Post-Medieval	Aligned east-west 2-3m wide at base, sunken 1-1.20m, visible 20m east.
38022	339804	230019	Holloway	Post-medieval	Second reading.
38022	339800	230028	Platform	Post-medieval	At end of last Holloway, 12m diameter, up slope drop 1.20m. Possible storage site.
38023	339838	230033	Quarry	Post-Medieval	South drop 2m, west drop 2.50m, bank on east side, 0.20m high. 18-20m in diameter.
38024	339835	230050	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Within quarry, open end to the east, 7m diameter.
38025	339781	230062	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	7m diameter, on plateau, difficult to see.
38017	339722	230107	Parish boundary	Post-medieval	Fifth reading on parish boundary.
38017	339674	230103	Parish boundary	Post-medieval	Possibly part of parish boundary.
38025	339601	230211	Holloway	Post-medieval	Junction of holloways. This one leads to the south, 2m wide x 0.60m deep.
38026	339601	230211	Holloway	Post-medieval	Heads to the east, no banks visible, cut by modern forest track.

38027	339601	230311	Holloway	Post-medieval	Heads to the north, 2m wide, up slope bank 1.20m high, down slope bank 1.50m wide x 0.30m high.
38028	339601	230211	Holloway	Post-medieval	Heads to the west, 5m wide, down slope drop 2m.
38027	339603	230283	Holloway	Post-medieval	Second reading on north Holloway.
38027	339600	230279	Holloway	Post-medieval	Third reading.
38027	339570	230422	Holloway	Post-medieval	Fourth reading, 1.50m wide, up slope drop 1.20m, bank on down slope, 2m wide x 0.50m high.
38028	339551	230467	Terrace	Post-medieval	Slight terrace in down slope, very eroded.
38029	339568	230396	Quarry	Post-medieval	Small limestone quarry.
38030	339595	230424	Field boundary	Post-medieval	1.20m wide, North bank, 2m wide, 0.15 high, south side drops 2m, cut coppice suggests age.
38030	339664	230455	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Second reading.
38031	339670	230458	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Next to field boundary, 6-7m diameter, up slope drop 1m. Spoil overlies boundary.
38032	339663	230470	Holloway	Post-medieval	West from field boundary, 2m wide, up slope drop 1.50m, bank to the south, 1.50m wide x 0.30m high.
38030	339685	230486	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Third reading.
38030	339680	230532	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Fourth reading.
38033	339710	230523	Quarry	Post-medieval	15m diameter, max depth 10-11m, spoil on west side, charcoal visible.

38034	339710	230523	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Located within the quarry, same size as.
38030	339687	230531	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Fifth reading.
38035	339629	230558	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Spoil on boundary. 6-7m diameter, up slope drop 1.50m.
38036	339612	230584	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	5-6m diameter. Condition, poor.
38037	339699	230586	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Cut by forest track, condition, very poor.
38038	339599	230644	Holloway	Post-medieval	Northeast-southwest, 1m wide at base, up slope drop 1.50m, down slope, 1.20m deep.
38038	339581	230631	Holloway	Post-medieval	Second reading.
38039	339580	230629	Platform/ Store	Post-medieval	Small platform adjacent to Holloway. No charcoal, up slope drop 2m, 4m north-south x 8-9m east-west.
38038	339558	230610	Holloway	Post-medieval	End of holloway, meets existing forest track.
38007	339548	230604	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Bank 2m wide x 0.20m high. North side is ditch, 1.50m wide x 1m deep. This forms a corner, extends to the east.
38007	339543	230602	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Continues down slope to the south.
38038	339591	230580	Holloway	Post-medieval	Follows line of field boundary to the south east. Up slope drop 0.40m, base 1.20m wide, down slope bank, 0.20m high. Holloway continues.
38007	339575	230581	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Continues at this point.
38040	339466	230642	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	8m diameter, up slope drop, 1.20m, southern drop off, charcoal visible.

38041	339460	230610	Lynchet	Post-medieval	Terrace aligned northwest, southeast, down slope lip 0.40m, flat ground 5m wide behind lynchet.
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38042	339462	230615	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Ditch, 1m wide x 0.20m deep. Bank on southwest side, 1.20m wide x 0.20m high.
38042	339442	230627	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Curves at this point towards southwest. Visible c.40m.
38042	339430	230634	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Changes direction.
38007	339420	230637	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Continues, fence lined.
38043	339425	230653	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Situated within a hollow, no specific banks. Charcoal abundant. 8-9m in diameter.
38044	339391	230614	Woodbank?	Post-medieval	3m wide, 0.30m high. Fence lined.
38045	339391	230614	Platform	Post-medieval	Just outside woodland, 10m diameter, up slope drop 2m,
38042	339395	230625	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Continues, appears late addition.
38046	339395	230625	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Earlier boundary, south of previous one, heavily eroded. Indicates that wood has contracted.
38046	339391	230633	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Second reading.
38042	339392	230648	Field boundary	Post-medieval	Continues at this point.

38047	339407	230690	Holloway?	Modern	One of two leading towards a platform, 4m wide, cuts 0.40 into surrounding levels.
38048	339401	230688	Holloway	Modern	Second holloway, northeast end cut by modern trackway.
38044	339391	230690	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Continues at this point.
38049	339375	230685	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Up slope drop 1.40m, 8-9m diameter, no bank on downslope side. Abundant charcoal overlying woodbank.
38044	339355	230699	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Continues at this point. Seems to signify wood expansion.
38050	339258	230757	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Up slope drop 1.30m, 8-9m diameter. Abundant charcoal overlies woodbank 44.
38044	339202	230801	Woodbank	Post-medieval	Ends at this point, cut by significant holloway, it is visible further south.
38051	339202	230801	holloway	Post-medieval	Extends to the northeast, up slope drop 4m, 3-4m wide, down slope cut 2m.
38051	339235	230801	Holloway	Post-medieval	Continues at this point, but cut by modern track.
38052	339266	230829	Platform	Post-medieval	Overgrown. Down slope drop 0.40m, 5-6m diameter. Condition poor, animal damage.
-	339287	230829	No survey	Post-medieval	Overgrown.
38053	339401	230773	Platform	Post-medieval	Small, rectangular, no charcoal, cut into downslope. 8-10m long x 6m wide. Badger damaged.
38054	339470	230697	Charcoal burning platform	Post-medieval	Up slope drop 0.50m, rough oval, 12m x 9m, Charcoal present. Heavily eroded.
38055	339525	230746	Platform	Post-medieval	On side of existing trackway. Quarry like, 10m north-south x 5-6m east-west, x 2m deep.

38056	339515	230726	Quarry	Post-medieval	West end of linear.
38056	339520	230734	Quarry	Post-medieval	East end. Cut into up slope c. 3m; base 5m wide x 15m long. Next to holloway.
38057	339528	230727	Holloway	Post-medieval	3-4m wide x 2-3m deep.
38057	339539	230725	Holloway	Post-medieval	Junction, extends north, oldest route is to the east.
38057	339554	230726	Holloway	Post medieval	East section, 2.50m wide x 1m deep, extends east then north.
38058	339597	230712	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	6-7m diameter, up slope drop 0.40m, next to holloway. No bank on south side, charcoal clearly evident.
38059	339531	230846	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Under coniferous, up slope drop 1m, 7-8m diameter, charcoal on the down slope.
38060	339550	230882	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Charcoal evident, highly eroded, 5m diameter, up slope drop 0.40m.
38061	339425	230839	Quarry	Post medieval	Linear, limestone visible, aligned east-west, 18m long x 10m wide x 3m deep.
38113	339391	230911	Woodbank	Post medieval	Drop off down to pasture, 2.50 – 3m.
38062	339419	230928	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Charcoal visible in animal setts, trackway cuts through this.
38063	339494	230930	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Overgrown.
38064	339497	230925	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Badly damaged, charcoal visible, 7m diameter, overlies field boundary.
38044	339746	231121	Woodbank	Post medieval	Cut by modern road, bank splits at this point.
38044	339746	231121	woodbank	Post medieval	Follows existing wood boundary.

38065	339746	231121	woodbank	Post medieval	Follows modern road. May purely be the result of road building. 1m high x 2m wide.
38066	339764	231077	Field boundary	Post medieval	Between road and metalled fence, drop down 2m.
38044	339969	230979	Woodbank	Post medieval	Corner, extends to the southwest, 2m wide x 0.40m high.
38044	339986	230994	Woodbank	Post medieval	Ends at this point, cut by modern tarmac road.
38099	340106	230868	Saw pit	Post medieval	Aligned along contour, 4m x 1.50m wide, spoil on the down slope, 2.50m wide x 0.15m high.
38100	339992	230882	Field boundary	Post medieval	2m wide bank, 0.15m high, ditch mirrors this. Continues downslope for at least 20m.
38100	340002	230921	Field boundary	Post medieval	Second reading.
38101	339992	230922	Platform	Post medieval	5-6m diameter, up slope drop, 0.40m, bank on downslope 0.15m high, eroded. Possible charcoal burning platform.
38100	339983	230949	Field boundary	Post medieval	Third reading.
38102	339980	230960	Trackway	Post medieval/ Modern	10m wide, drop off on the down slope, 0.80m, up slope drop, 1.50m.
38103	339944	230818	Platform	Post medieval	On edge of trackway, D shaped, cut into up slope, 15m x 10m.
38104	340023	230785	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Elongated, follows contour, 12m x 10m, up slope drop 1m, down slope spread out, no real bank visible, waste spread over c.5m.

38105	340022	230788	Bank	Medieval?	Spoil from previous burner overlies this, 2.50m wide x 0.15m high, limited stretch visible.
38105	340044	230806	Bank	Medieval?	Bank ends.
38106	340043	230822	Bank and ditch/field boundary		Meets stream, does not continue on other side, bank 2m x 0.30m high, ditch on north side, 1.50m wide x 0.10m deep, continues uphill from this point.
38106	340043	230800	Bank and ditch/field boundary	Medieval?	Continues at this point, then right angle, ends at stream.
38106	340052	230778	Bank and ditch/field boundary	Medieval?	Continues after stream.
38106	340056	230784	Bank and ditch/field boundary	Medieval?	Continues at this point.
38106	340101	230749	Bank and ditch/field boundary	Medieval?	Continues at this point, does not follow contour.
38107	340136	230751	Saw pit?	Post medieval	Possible saw pit, heavily eroded, 4m x 2m x 0.30m deep, slight bank on downslope, 2.50m wide x 0.20m high.
38106	340142	230697	Field boundary	Post medieval	Bank on downslope, 2.50m wide, 0.30m high, drop off 0.30m, ditch, 1.20m wide.
38106	340155	230670	Field boundary	Post medieval	Ends at existing trackway.
38108	340191	230671	Scoop	Post medieval/modern	In area of lime trees, 3-4m diameter, up slope drop 0.50m, bank on downslope, heavily eroded 2m wide x 0.15m high. May be result of tree uprooting.
38109	340191	230625	Trackway	Post medieval	Overgrown, 5m wide up slope drop 0.15m, extends to the east.

38110	340220	230650	Structure	Post medieval	Heavily overgrown, possible dwelling, not clear, occasional loose stone rubble.
38111	340220	230650	Lynchet	Post medieval	Associated with house, drop down 0.50-0.60m, apple/pear trees on this.
38112	340114	230464	Boundary	Post medieval	Visible for 30m, consists as a drop off 0.60-0.70m. Marks edge of trackway.
38113	340183	230479	Woodbank	Post medieval	Drop off 1-1.50m.
38112	340037	230419	Boundary	Post medieval	Continues at this point.
38114	340021	230407	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	9-10m diameter, in small ravine, bank on downslope, charcoal clearly visible.
38115	340023	230376	Holloway	Post medieval	Cuts both Woodbank 15 and boundary 14. 8-9m wide x 1-2m deep.
38113	340041	230351	Woodbank	Post medieval	Continues at this point, drop off 1-1.40m, existing forest boundary out side this.
38116	340041	230351	Scoop/saw pit	Post medieval/modern	Inside woodbank, 6m x 1.50m wide, spoil on downslope overlies forest boundary.
38117	340096	230436	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Heavily damaged, c.9m diameter, abundant charcoal on down slope.
38113	340028	230221	Woodbank	Post medieval	Continues at this point, tree lines, drop off 1-1.50m.
38113	340017	230219	Woodbank	Post medieval	Drop off 0.50m, outside ditch, 1.50m wide x 0.30m deep.
38118	340005	230232	Platform	Post medieval	Next to wood boundary, 5-6m diameter, up slope drop 0.40m, downslope drop 0.30m.
38113	339946	230269	Woodbank	Post medieval	Visible at this point, cut by trackway

38119	339926	230203	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	7-8m diameter, up slope drop 0.70m, charcoal visible
38113	339930	230287	Woodbank	Post medieval	Curves to the north at this point. Evidence re-cutting, possibly used as a compartment boundary.
38120	339930	230287	Woodbank	Post medieval	Eastern spur of previous woodbank.
38121	339890	230307	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Spoil extends into woodbank ditch, 9m diameter, up slope drop 0.40m.
38120	339856	230365	Woodbank	Post medieval	Continues at this point. 1.50m wide, west side drop off 0.60m, east side 5m wide x 0.30m high.
38122	339844	230369	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	10m diameter, up slope drop 0.40m (gradual) bank on south side 5m wide x 0.10 high, thinly spread, charcoal visible.
38123	339869	230457	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	10m diameter, up slope drop 1m, down slope is level. Used over a long period.
38124	339937	230525	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	10m diameter, up slope drop 1m, down slope drop, natural gradient, charcoal visible 5m downslope. Evidence of numerous firings.
38125	339921	230667	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	10m diameter, up slope drop 1m, charcoal waste fan 5m down slope.
38126	339917	230661	Compartment boundary	Post medieval	Linear, straight, 2m wide x 0.30m, aligned to the northeast.
38127	339903	230784	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	10m diameter, on end of significant spur, up slope drop 2m, charcoal visible for 6m downslope. Impressive feature.

38128	339987	230773	Log store	Post medieval	4-5m diameter, up slope drop 0.50m, down slope drop 0.50m. Located on significant slope.
38129	339873	230803	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Up slope drop 1m, down slope drop 1.20m, 10m diameter. Charcoal visible for 6m down slope.
38130	339814	230884	Log store	Post medieval	5m x 2m, up slope drop 1-3m, down slope drop, natural gradient.
38131	339826	230884	Log store	Post medieval	5m x 2m.
38132	339828	230884	Log store	Post medieval	5m x 2m.
38133	339826	230884	Saw pit ?	Post medieval	Badly eroded, 4m x 2.50m wide, bank on down slope 2.50m wide x 0.20m high.

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