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**Summary**

*The survey described in this report (EHE42394) formed part of the Herefordshire Woodlands Archaeological Survey undertaken in partnership with the Forestry Commission. A rapid site identification survey was carried out in the Aconbury Hill woods and Wallbrook Wood, part of the Duchy of Cornwall Guy's Estate, using a hand held Global Positioning System to record the location of archaeological features encountered.*

*Earthwork features were observed within the woods that illustrate a long history of human activities, including agricultural production, woodland management and mineral extraction, dating from the medieval and post-medieval periods. Recorded archaeological features include lynchets, charcoal burning platforms, quarries, and holloways that indicate changing patterns of land use and resource management.*

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## ***Introduction***

This report provides an account of a rapid survey of the Aconbury Hill woods (including Held Wood, The Warren and Skippitt Wood) and Wallbrook Wood (including Holloway Bank Wood and Pikes Wood) (EHE42394). The woods are part of the Duchy of Cornwall Guy's Estate. The survey was carried out in 2004 during the first year of the Herefordshire Woodlands Archaeological Survey following a pilot study undertaken by Herefordshire Archaeology in partnership with, and grant-aided by, the Forestry Commission. The purpose of the survey is to begin 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 for site identification, and, until recently, recording an accurate location within woodland was often not possible.

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 subjected to different forms of woodland management. These variations in land-use inevitably influence the kind of ecological data that can be obtained from different areas of woodland. Archaeological survey can contribute significant data in terms of woodland history, management history and sequential development. This can provide independent evidence of historical change. It is only when the changes throughout history within a wood have been documented and understood in this way that a well-informed management strategy can be implemented.

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 grant aided Herefordshire Archaeology to undertake a two-phase pilot study, phase one of which took place in 2001-2, and phase two took place in 2003. The surveys carried out in early 2004 were designed to continue and expand the programme of pilot studies.

The survey of each woodland area identifies the potential for the survival of archaeological features, and samples the types of features present. Further planned surveys may re-visit woodlands identified during rapid reconnaissance surveys as being of high archaeological potential, and will involve a more detailed survey. This will illustrate the density of archaeological sites within the woodland, and record relationships between features to enable some degree of understanding concerning the evolution of the woodland.

## ***Location***

The Duchy of Cornwall Guy's Estate woods are located in south Herefordshire up to 8km south of the City of Hereford. All of the woods surveyed are in the Civil Parish of Aconbury.

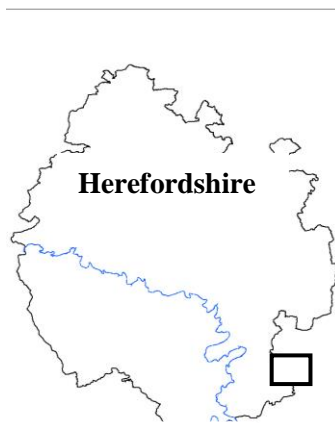


Figure 1. Location

Geologically, most of Aconbury Hill and Holloway Bank Wood is underlain by the Brownstones Formation of the Lower Old Red Sandstone, consisting of sandstone with some mudstone and calcretes. Wallbrook Wood, Pikes Wood and the northern most part of Aconbury Wood is underlain by the St. Maughans Formation of the Lower Old Red Sandstone, consisting of mudstone and sandstone with some calcretes (British Geological Survey, 2004).

The bedrock is overlain by typical brown earths of the Eardiston 1 Series consisting generally of coarse loamy soils. In the northern part of Aconbury Hill and Wallbrook Wood, the bedrock is overlain by typical argillic brown earths of the Bromyard Series, also consisting of coarse loamy soils with some fine silty soils (Soil Survey of England and Wales, 1983).

Aconbury Hill is located at NGR: SO 5040 3300. It is of irregular oval form, up to 1.2km long and 0.9km wide. The woods are located on a hill rising from 175m OD on the north side and 230m OD on the south side to 276m OD at the summit. The northern and western slopes are steep; the southern slope is gentle. Held Wood covers the northern slope. The Warren covers the southern slope, and Skippitt Wood covers part of the south-western slope. The woods include mature conifer plantation and deciduous woodland with coppicing. The summit is mainly unwooded.

Wallbrook Wood is located at NGR: SO 5200 3300. It is irregular in form, up to 1.4km long and 1.1km wide. The wood is located mainly on a north facing slope rising from 125m OD to 205m OD. Holloway Bank Wood is at the western end; Pikes Wood is a small rectangular area of woodland on the south side. Wallbrook Wood includes conifer plantation and deciduous woodland with coppicing (particularly in the eastern part of the wood). Holloway Bank Wood is primarily a conifer plantation; Pikes Wood is a conifer plantation with some immature deciduous woodland.

## ***Previous fieldwork and records***

A search of the Herefordshire Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) revealed the following entries in the area of Aconbury Hill and Wallbrook Wood:

**SMR Record:** 31795

**Site Name:** Aconbury Woods

**NGR:** SO 5150 3300

**Description:** Aconbury forest first appears in the historical record in 1213; protected as a royal forest until 1538; in the 19<sup>th</sup> century The Warren was rough pasture; by 1852 the hill was covered by woodland or plantation.

**Site Type:** Wood

**Period:** Post medieval

**SMR Record:** 41519

**Site Name:** Aconbury Forest

**NGR:** SO 5000 3200

**Description:** Mentioned in historical records of 13<sup>th</sup> century; probably disafforested in the 1260s.

**Site Type:** Hunting Forest

**Period:** Medieval

**SMR Record:** 910

**Site Name:** Aconbury Camp

**NGR:** SO 5035 3305

**Description:** Earthwork enclosure 550 yards long, 150 yards wide; surrounded by earth rampart up to 5m high; entrances at SE and SW corners; outer ditch on south and east sides.

**Site Type:** Hillfort

**Period:** Iron Age

**SMR Record:** 26373

**Site Name:** The Warren

**NGR:** SO 5000 3260

**Description:** Fieldname

**Site Type:** Warren

**Period:** Undated

**SMR Record:** 7146

**Site Name:** Civil War Occupation, Aconbury Camp

**NGR:** SO 5035 3305

**Description:** Occupied by Royalists in 1642 and by Scots Army in 1645; defences slightly modified.

**Site Type:** Defences

**Period:** Post medieval

**SMR Record:** 4701

**Site Name:** Aconbury Priory

**NGR:** SO 5180 3350

**Description:** Conversion of part of Aconbury Forest to farmland in 1216 for the establishment of a convent; very little of convent building remains, incorporated into Aconbury Court or St John the Baptist Church.

**Site Type:** Nunnery

**Period:** Medieval

**SMR Record:** 31079

**Site Name:** Monastic Remains

**NGR:** SO 5170 3350

**Description:** Earthworks including fishponds.

**Site Type:** Monastic Precinct

**Period:** Medieval

**SMR Record:** 6476

**Site Name:** St. John the Baptist Church

**NGR:** SO 5167 3348

**Description:** Parish church built c1230-1240 as the Priory of the Sisters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem; formerly more extensive.

**Site Type:** Church

**Period:** Medieval

**SMR Record:** 22967

**Site Name:** Aconbury Deserted Medieval Village

**NGR:** SO 5100 3300

**Description:** Documented in unspecified 13<sup>th</sup> century source and in Lay Subsidy Rolls.

**Site Type:** Deserted Settlement

**Period:** Medieval

**SMR Record:** 21349

**Site Name:** Aconbury Village

**NGR:** SO 5100 3300

**Description:** Village

**Site Type:** Settlement

**Period:** Medieval

### ***Method***

Survey of the Duchy of Cornwall Guy's Estate woods was undertaken between 18 March and 6 April 2004. A rapid assessment was undertaken of the potential of the woods to contain well-preserved archaeological features. A hand-held Garmin 12 XL Global Positioning System was used to map features, and a ten-figure grid reference was recorded. This system is accurate to within approximately 10m under tree canopy.

The woods were walked in transects aligned north to south or east to west, approximately 50m or 100m apart (where conditions allowed). When a large feature was encountered, and no other features of archaeological significance could be seen in the vicinity, the feature was followed and any other features up to 50m on either side of it were recorded.

Field observations and grid references were recorded using a dictaphone, and transcribed later.

Information recorded included a description of features observed, their state of preservation, and relationships to other features within the wood. This survey is only a sample of the wood and should not be taken as exhaustive, or its results as definitive.

### ***Field conditions***

Weather conditions during the survey were generally clear and fine, with some light rain or mist. Visibility was good.

## ***Results (Figure 2)***

Recorded archaeological features are described below, and the historical development of the woods is discussed briefly. The significance of the archaeological features and management implications is then commented upon.

Each archaeological feature has been assigned a unique Sites and Monuments Primary Record Number, prefixed by HSM (Herefordshire Sites and Monuments Record). In this report each feature is identified by its HSM number. The appendix contains a simple database in which each feature is cross-referenced to its HSM number and to the Ordnance Survey National Grid (NGR).

### ***Woodland management features***

Direct evidence of post-medieval woodland management was observed in the form of charcoal burning platforms and sawpits. Additional evidence includes platforms used for the collection and storage of woodland products, and holloways and trackways that facilitated access to, and removal of, woodland resources.

Sixteen charcoal burning platforms were recorded in the woods surveyed. Each consists of a level platform, generally circular in form up to 8m in diameter, depending on the state of preservation. Where these platforms are located on a slope, a cut is present on the up slope side, and a 'lip' of spoil on the down slope side. Charcoal fragments are often present.

Five charcoal burning platforms (HSM 42420-3, 42425) were recorded in Held Wood on the north-west side of Aconbury Hill. In the same area, four storage platforms (HSM 42404-6, 42424) were also recorded. Access to this area is provided by modern forestry trackways that follow the course of earlier trackways (including HSM 42403) recorded on the Ordnance Survey 1<sup>st</sup> edition map of 1887. Eleven charcoal burning platforms were recorded in Wallbrook Wood. Seven of these (HSM 42464, 42466-7, 42469-71, 42480) are located in the eastern part of the wood where a holloway (HSM 42465) provided access. Four charcoal burning platforms (HSM 42446-7, 42450-1) are located

in the western part of Wallbrook Wood. Access was provided by two trackways (HSM 42448-9).

Two saw pits were recorded. One (HSM 42417) is located in the eastern part of Held Wood where a concentration of holloways and trackways (including HSM 42408, 42418) attests to intensive extraction activities. A second sawpit (HSM 42398) is located in Aconbury Camp (HSM 910), indicative of woodland clearance within the hillfort ramparts.

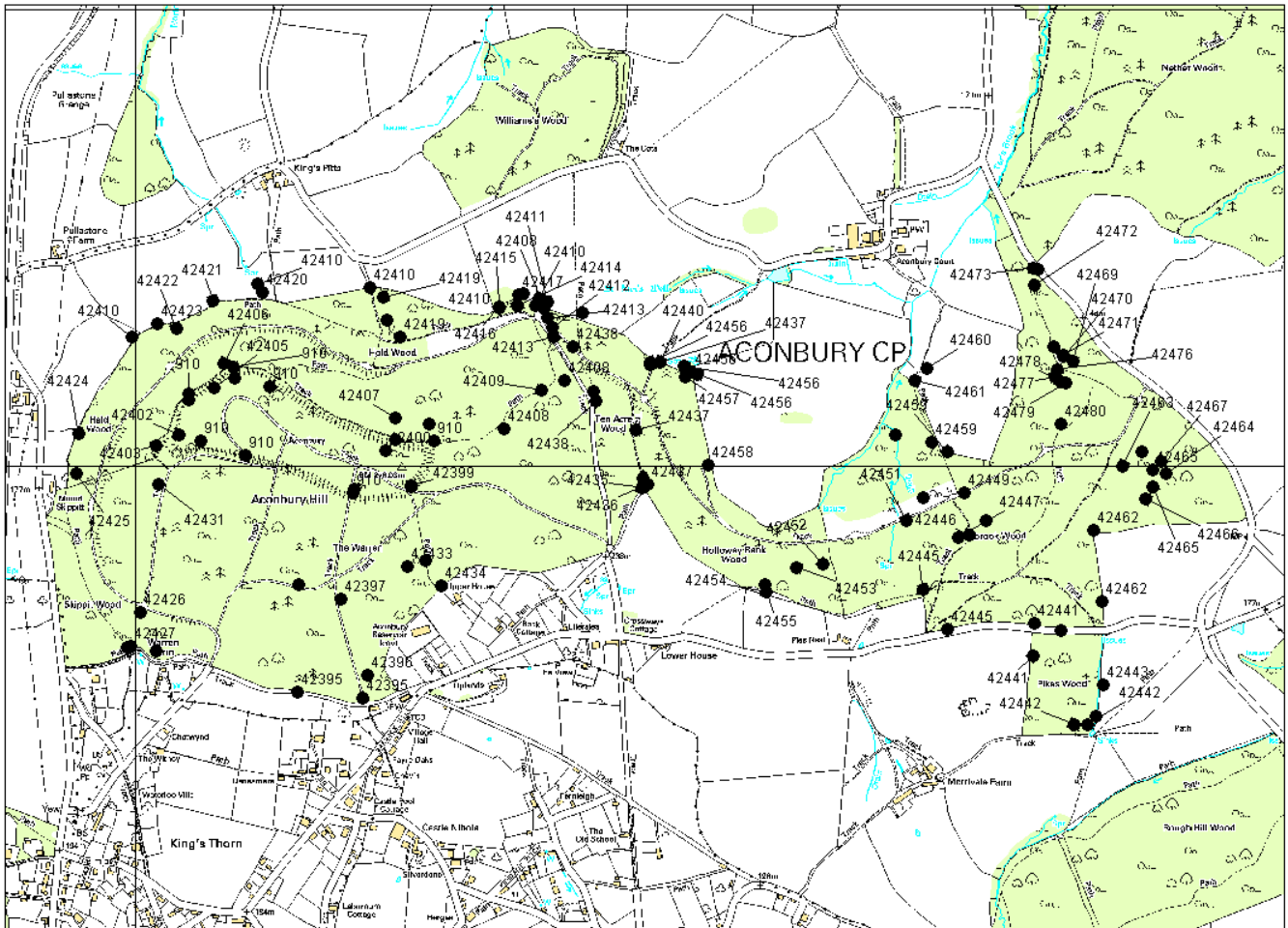
Six storage platforms were recorded. Four (HSM 42404-6, 42424) are located in the western part of Held Wood in an area of charcoal production (discussed above). One storage platform (HSM 42439) was recorded beside a holloway (HSM 42438) on the east side of Aconbury Hill, an area named Ten Acre Plantation on the Ordnance Survey 1<sup>st</sup> edition map (1887). Two further storage platforms (HSM 42472-3) were recorded near the north-eastern edge of Wallbrook Wood.

Extensive networks of holloways and trackways were observed throughout the woodlands during the survey. These include, on Aconbury Hill, holloways and trackways that provide access to the western slopes (HSM 42403), to the eastern slopes (HSM 42408, 42438), and to the south side (HSM 42429, 42432). A concentration of holloways (HSM 42414, 42418-9) was recorded in Held Wood, on the northern slopes. All are deeply cut (up to 2m deep), and two (HSM 42414, 42419) have parallel tracks, facilitating the movement of resources and equipment in both directions. These features are the result of intensive extraction activities in this area. Two trackways and a holloway were recorded within Aconbury Camp (HSM 910). Trackways at the south-east (HSM 42399) and south-west (HSM 42402) entrances have been in use since the Iron Age occupation of the hillfort. A deeply cut holloway (HSM 42400) within the northern rampart facilitated access to, and removal of, woodland resources in more recent (post-medieval) times.

Three major access routes were observed in Wallbrook Wood and Holloway Bank Wood. A trackway aligned east-west (HSM 42449) provided access to both woods, and is now overlain by a modern forestry road. Two trackways aligned north-south provided access to the eastern (HSM 42465) and western (HSM 42448) areas of Wallbrook Wood.

Holloways and trackways provided access to woodland resources, and facilitated the removal of those resources from the wood to places of processing and consumption. Many of these routes follow the course of trackways, or rides, recorded on the Ordnance Survey 1st edition map of 1887, and are also shown on modern maps (Ordnance Survey, 1998).





**Figure 2: Location of features recorded during the survey**

### *Woodland boundaries*

Evidence of boundary features was recorded in all of the woods surveyed. These features include banks and ditches, banks, ditches and lynchets. A natural gully with a spring fed stream also forms part of the northern boundary of Wallbrook Wood.

A lynchet (HSM 42410) marks the northern and western boundary of Held Wood. The lynchet is up to 3m high in places, with tree stubs indicating the presence of a hedge, and faces north, or west, down slope. This feature appears to be the eroded remnant of a woodland bank, damaged as a result of agricultural activities outside the wood, dating possibly to the medieval period. The southern edge of The Warren is marked by an eroded bank up to 1m wide with a hedge (HMS 42428). In places, this eroded bank takes the form of lynchet with tree stubs (HSM 42395, 42434).

On the upper west facing slopes of Aconbury Hill, the boundary between The Warren and Skippitt Wood is marked by a bank (HSM 42431) aligned north-south, up to 1m high and 2m wide. In places this bank is eroded and appears only as a west facing lynchet (HSM 42427). On the east facing slopes of Aconbury Hill, the eastern and south-eastern

boundaries of Ten Acre Wood are marked by lynchets (discussed below), and the north-eastern boundary is marked by an eroded bank with tree stubs (HSM 42440).

The western boundary of Holloway Bank Wood is marked by an eroded bank with a shallow ditch on the west side (HSM 42437). This feature continues to the south-east as a bank as a result of damage caused by agricultural activities on the south side of the wood. The northern boundary of Holloway Bank Wood is marked by a lynchet (HSM 42456) up to 1m high with a line of tree stubs. This feature also appears to be the eroded remnant of a woodbank, damaged as a result of agricultural activities on the north side of the wood. In places, the present woodland extends 3m beyond the earthwork to a modern wire fence. A ditch (HSM 42453) marks the boundary between Holloway Bank Wood and Wallbrook Wood.

The south-western edge of Wallbrook Wood is marked by an eroded bank and ditch (HSM 42445). An eroded bank (HSM 42462) marks the south-eastern edge of the wood; a similar eroded bank (HSM 42474) marks the eastern edge of Wallbrook Wood, where road construction has contributed to the damage. In the north-western part of Wallbrook Wood, a very eroded bank and ditch (HSM 42459), aligned east-west, marks a former property boundary within Condies Rough wood (recorded on the Parish of Aconbury Tithe Map of 1852). This feature continues to the east as an eroded bank on the northern edge of Wallbrook Wood. A similar eroded bank (HSM 42460) marks the northern edge of Wallbrook Wood (formerly Condies Rough) to the north-west. Two shallow ditches were recorded which may have functioned as compartment boundaries. One (HSM 42475) is located in the north-eastern part of Wallbrook Wood; the other (HSM 42461) is located in the north-western part of the wood, formerly Condies Rough. Both are up to 1m wide, and are aligned north-south along the contour of the slope.

The western edge of Pikes Wood is marked by a bank (HSM 42441) up to 1m high and 1m wide, with a line of tree stubs, and a ditch on the west side in places. A bank and ditch (HSM 42443) also marks the eastern edge. The bank is eroded, and the ditch has been enhanced as a drain. The northern edge of the wood is marked by a ditch (HSM 42444) damaged as a result of road construction. Within the southern part of Pikes Wood, an eroded bank and ditch (HSM 42442) aligned east-west indicates that the wood has been extended several metres to the south in recent times.

### ***Industrial features***

Evidence of industrial activity was observed in the form of quarries and mineral extraction pits. Nine such features were recorded.

A quarry (HSM 42415) was recorded on the northern edge of Held Wood. This feature is up to 25m long and 12m wide, with exposed bedrock and spoil heaps. The quarry cuts, and therefore post dates, a holloway (HSM 42414). A large quarry (HSM 42401) measuring 35m long and 18m wide, with two pits up to 5m deep, was recorded within the western rampart of Aconbury Camp (HMS 910). Access was provided by a trackway (HSM 42402) through the south-west entrance to the hillfort. A small quarry or clay

extraction pit (HSM 42426), measuring 20m by 12m, was recorded on the south-west side of Aconbury Hill.

Four quarries were recorded in Wallbrook Wood. A linear quarry (HSM 42452), 40m long, is located on the north facing slope in the western part of the wood. Access was provided by the major east-west trackway (HSM 42449). Three quarries (HSM 42477-9) measuring up to 12m in diameter are located in the eastern part of Wallbrook Wood on the west facing slope. All are accessed by a trackway (HSM 41476) from the north side of the wood. Several clay extraction pits (HSM 42463, 42468), up to 5m in diameter, are also located in the eastern part of Wallbrook Wood. A holloway (HSM 42465) provided access. A large, overgrown quarry (HSM 42458) measuring 50m by 20m is located in the western part of Holloway Bank Wood on the east facing slope. A small extraction pit (HSM 42457), 4m in diameter, is located in the same area of the wood.

### ***Agricultural features***

Evidence of agricultural activities was observed in, or on the edge of, the woodlands. This evidence is in the form of lynchets indicating former field systems associated with arable agriculture during the medieval or post medieval periods.

Two lynchets (HSM 42397, 42433) were recorded in The Warren on the south facing slopes of Aconbury Hill. The lynchets are up to 0.5m high and face south; they may both may have been part of the same field system. Two lynchets were recorded on the east facing slopes of Aconbury Hill on the south-eastern (HSM 42435) and eastern (HSM 42436) edges of Ten Acre Wood. They are up to 2m high and face towards the east. A lynchet (HSM 42454) was recorded on the northern edge of Holloway Bank Wood. It is 1m high and faces south into the woodland. The lynchet indicates that the field to the north was used for arable agriculture.

### ***Evidence of former land use***

The Aconbury Woods (HSM 31795, 41519) are known to have existed since at least the medieval period, when the woods were preserved as a royal forest. During the 13<sup>th</sup> century, part of the woodland was assarted for the establishment of a convent, Aconbury Priory (HSM 4701). Today, the Aconbury Hill woods, Holloway Bank Wood, Wallbrook Wood and Pikes Wood are essentially of the same extent as recorded on the Ordnance Survey 1<sup>st</sup> edition map of 1887.

A narrow strip of woodland on the eastern side of Aconbury Hill, named by the Ordnance Survey (1887) as Ten Acre Wood, was previously less extensive, however. The northern part of Ten Acre Wood is recorded on the Parish of Aconbury Tithe Map of 1852 as New Plantation; the southern part is recorded as The Six Acres Wood. On Bryant's *Map of Herefordshire* of 1835, only New Plantation is recorded as woodland. During the present survey, lynchets recorded on the eastern and south-eastern sides of Ten Acre Wood indicated that this area was previously unwooded, and used for arable agriculture. Bryant (1835) supports this interpretation.

Held Wood, located on the north and west facing slopes of Aconbury Hill, was intensively managed for its woodland resources during the post-medieval period. This is indicated by the presence of charcoal burning platforms, storage platforms, and deeply cut holloways. More recently, during the later post-medieval period, quarries and extraction pits were used to gain access to mineral resources in this area. The sinuous woodland edge on the north and west sides of Aconbury Hill, with its very eroded boundary feature, suggests that this woodland boundary was established during the medieval period.

Lynchets recorded on the south facing slope of Aconbury Hill, in The Warren, attest to medieval or early post-medieval arable agriculture in this area. Little evidence of post-medieval woodland management was observed. However, this area has been subjected to intensive modern forestry activities (at the time of the survey, extensive clearance was being undertaken using heavy equipment). Along the southern edge of The Warren, a series of small rectangular fields and cottages with gardens indicates assartment of the woodland, probably during the post-medieval period.

In Wallbrook Wood, the presence of charcoal burning platforms and storage platforms indicate the intensive management of woodland resources during the post-medieval period. The character of the woodland boundary features, in Wallbrook Wood and Holloway Bank Wood, also indicate a post-medieval date. No clear evidence of land use or resource extraction dating to the medieval period was observed. Evidence of mineral extraction observed in Wallbrook Wood and in Holloway Bank Wood, in the form of quarries and extraction pits, is of late post-medieval date.

In Pikes Wood, the character of the woodland boundary features is indicative of a post-medieval date. This small wood has been intensively managed as a conifer plantation and the ground has been disturbed by the cutting of drains. No further evidence was observed of post-medieval, or earlier, land use or resource management.

## ***Discussion***

### ***Site and feature condition***

Many of the archaeological features recorded in the Duchy of Cornwall Guy's Estate woods are in a poor state of preservation. This applies particularly to linear features, including lynchets and woodbanks. Many woodland management features, including charcoal burning platforms and storage platforms, are likely to have been destroyed. This is probably as a result of recent intensive forestry activities including deep ploughing and clear felling, and agricultural activities on the edges of the woods.

### ***Implications regarding the archaeological resource***

Steep slopes are susceptible to erosion due to the character of the soils (Soil Survey of England and Wales, 1983), especially in areas of quarrying and forestry activities. It

follows that archaeological features in these areas are at risk. Of particular concern is erosion observed during the survey on the ramparts of Aconbury Camp hillfort as a result of the heavy use of footpaths and the operation of mechanical equipment to remove trees and scrub.

### ***Implications regarding site condition***

Where archaeological features survive, it is sometimes possible to determine functional and chronological relationships. Examples of functional relationships observed during the survey include the association of charcoal burning platforms and storage platforms, and quarries and extraction pits, with holloways and trackways that facilitated access to them. Evidence of chronological relationships is indicated by the cutting of archaeological features, such as holloways and banks, by more recent features, such as quarries and forestry trackways.

### ***Implications for future management***

A long history of human activity relating to human occupation, agricultural production, woodland management and mineral extraction, dating from the Iron Age to the late post-medieval period, can be demonstrated in the Duchy of Cornwall Guy's Estate woods. Many of these activities are recorded in the archaeological record. Archaeological monuments and features are at risk, however, particularly as a result of intensive forestry and agricultural activities.

Preservation of archaeological features can be enhanced through well-informed management strategies that recognise both the value and the non-renewable nature of the archaeological resource. This applies particularly to the medieval lynchets of The Warren and Ten Acre Wood, the post-medieval charcoal burning platforms and storage platforms of Held Wood and Wallbrook Wood, and the boundary features contained in all of the woods. These features provide direct evidence of medieval agriculture and post-medieval woodland resource management.

### ***Implications for future fieldwork***

Survey of the Duchy of Cornwall Guy's Estate woods has identified archaeological features that show evidence of changing patterns of land use and resource management over a long period of time. It is unlikely that a more detailed archaeological survey would be productive.

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**Appendix: Database of features and grid references**

HSM	Eastin g	Northin g	Site type	Period	Description/Condition
<b>Aconbury Hill Woods</b>					
910	350473	232942	Rampart	Prehistoric	Hillfort S rampart, cut by trackway, wooded, damaged by tracked vehicle
910	350599	232953	Rampart	Prehistoric	A modern trackway aligned NE-SW cuts S rampart S of SE entrance, damage to rampart caused by forestry vehicles
910	350651	233054	Rampart	Prehistoric	A modern footpath aligned NE-SW cuts the N rampart
910	350291	233175	Rampart	Prehistoric	Modern footpath aligned N-S cuts N rampart
910	350212	233216	Rampart	Prehistoric	Exposed sandstone blocks at this location
910	350114	233145	Rampart	Prehistoric	Modern footpath aligned E-W cuts W rampart
910	350139	233055	Rampart	Prehistoric	Modern footpath aligned N-S cuts S rampart
910	350237	233023	Rampart	Prehistoric	Modern footpath aligned N-S cuts S rampart
42395	350350	232505	Lynchet / Bank	Post medieval	Further position to W of lynchet/bank 42395
42395	350495	232491	Lynchet / Bank	Post medieval	Aligned E-W along S edge of wood, 0.5m high, facing S, with tree stubs, parallel trackway on S side of lynchet/bank 42395, 5m wide, stone bed. Fair. Damaged woodland bank
42396	350504	232541	Ditch	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 3m wide, gently sloping sides, narrow drainage channel in centre. Poor
42397	350447	232709	Lynchet	Medieval / Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 0.35m high, facing S d/s, eroded, extends at least 20m E and W, cut by forestry trackway. Poor
42398	350476	232950	Sawpit	Post medieval	Rectangular, 1.5m x 1m, 0.5m deep. Fair
42399	350599	232956	Trackway	Prehistoric	Aligned E-W, enters hillfort at inturned SE entrance. Fair
42400	350545	233034	Holloway	Post medieval	Aligned NE-SW, 3m wide, 1m deep, extends NE for 50m, to SW the ditch turns to N, becoming indiscernible. Fair
42400	350565	233058	Holloway	Post medieval	Further position to N of holloway 42400, extends E to S of rampart, gives access to the central plateau from the area behind (S of) the N rampart
42401	350213	233192	Quarry	Post medieval	Oval, 35m x 18m, with 2 circular pits 5m deep, exposed bedrock, located within the hillfort behind (E of) the W rampart. Good
42402	350091	233068	Trackway	Prehistoric	Aligned NE-SW, enters hillfort at inturned SW entrance
42403	350042	233045	Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned N-S on W side of W rampart, 2.5m wide, 0.35m deep, recent use as a recreational footpath. Good
42404	350112	233157	Platform	Post medieval	Semi-circular, 5m x 3m, located on W side of trackway 42403. Good. Storage/ collection point of woodland products. Immediately N of this position is an old wood pile
42405	350168	233172	Platform	Post medieval	Rectangular, 20m x 3m, located on W side of trackway 42403. Good
42406	350191	233223	Platform	Post medieval	Semi-circular, 6m x 3m, located on S side of trackway 42403 now aligned E-W on N side of N rampart, cut into rampart. Good
42407	350565	233105	Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 2.5m wide, cut 1m on S up slope side, recent use by forestry vehicles. Good
42407	350640	233091	Trackway	Post medieval	Further position to E of trackway 42407, cut by forestry trackway
42408	350804	233081	Ditch / Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned NE-SW, 1.5m wide, 0.35m deep, overgrown,

					extends SW from this location, cut by a modern trackway. Fair. Boundary between Held Wood/Warren?
42408	350892	233347	Ditch / Trackway	Post medieval	Further position to NW of ditch/trackway 42408, cut by major forestry road aligned E-W
42408	350936	233186	Ditch / Trackway	Post medieval	Further position to NE of ditch/trackway 42408, turns NW at this location, j/w modern trackway
42409	350886	233166	Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 3m wide, difficult to discern in thick bramble undergrowth. Poor
42410	350792	233348	Lynchet / Bank	Medieval?	Further position to W of lynchet/bank 42410 aligned NE-SW at N edge of wood, 1.5 m high with tree stubs. Bank 42416 extends N from this location
42410	350511	233392	Lynchet / Bank	Medieval?	Further position to W of lynchet/bank 42410, aligned E-W, 1m high, facing N, pasture on N side, eroded, tree stubs, cut by forestry trackway
42410	350265	233400	Lynchet / Bank	Medieval?	Further position to W of lynchet 42410 , 3m high, tree stubs
42410	349989	233283	Lynchet / Bank	Medieval?	Further position to SW of lynchet/bank 42410 at W edge of wood, 2m high, tree stubs
42410	350880	233367	Lynchet / Bank	Medieval?	Aligned E-W, 0.5m high, facing N into field, marks N edge of wood, eroded. Poor. Damaged woodland bank
42411	350898	233359	Stile stone	Post medieval	Oval, 0.8m x 0.4m, lying on its side at the location of a modern wooden stile on N edge of Ten Acre Wood. Good
42412	350910	233303	Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned NW-SE, 2m wide, 0.25m deep, extends SE from this location, recent use. Fair.
42413	350912	233282	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Aligned NW-SE, bank 0.5m high, 1m wide, very eroded, ditch on SW side, 1.5m wide, 0.35m deep. Good. Boundary between Held Wood/Ten Acre Wood
42413	350845	233377	Bank	Post medieval	Further position to NW of bank and ditch 42413, very eroded
42413	350900	233324	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Further position to NW of bank and ditch 42413, cut by major forestry road aligned E-W
42414	350833	233352	Holloway	Post medieval	Aligned NW-SE, extends NW from this location (where it ends in disturbed ground), 2m wide, 1.5m deep, at this location a second track of similar proportions runs parallel on SW side as a passing place, separated by a bank 5m wide. good
42415	350792	233346	Quarry	Post medieval	Irregular, kidney shaped, 25m x 12m, exposed bedrock, spoil bank on NW side, located near N edge of wood, cuts holloway 42414. Fair
42416	350792	233348	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 0.5m high, 1m wide, extends N from this location, eroded, pasture on W side, scrub woodland on E side. Poor. Field boundary
42417	350835	233375	Sawpit	Post medieval	Sub-circular, 1.5m dia, 1m deep, eroded. Poor
42418	350872	233351	Holloway	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 2m wide, 1m deep, extends W from j/w major forestry road, recent forestry and recreational use. Fair
42419	350575	233282	Holloway	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 2m wide, 2m deep, branches at this location, 2 parallel tracks extend E for 40m as a passing place then rejoin, bank between tracks 3m wide, 1m high, overgrown. Good
42419	350539	233370	Holloway	Post medieval	Further position to NW of holloway 41419, now aligned N-S, cut by forestry trackway aligned N-S
42419	350546	233319	Holloway	Post medieval	Further position to NW of holloway 42419, 2m wide, 1m deep, cut by forestry trackway
42420	350275	233381	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Semi-circular, 4m x 3m, cut 0.5m on S u/s side, cut by trackway on N side, eroded. Poor
42421	350165	233362	Charcoal	Post medieval	Semi-circular, 4m x 2m, cut 0.5m on S u/s, cut by



			burning platform		trackway on N side, eroded. Poor
42422	350087	233300	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Circular, 4m dia, cut 0.5m on S u/s side, lip 1m on N d/s side, charcoal fragments. Fair
42423	350043	233311	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Sub-circular, 3m dia, cut 0.5m on S u/s side, eroded. Poor
42424	349872	233070	Storage Platform	Post medieval	Rectangular, 10m x 2m, located on S side of a trackway. Good. Storage/collection point of woodland products
42425	349868	232982	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Sub-circular, 3m dia, cut 1m on E u/s side, lip on W d/s side, charcoal fragments. Fair
42426	350008	232678	Extraction pit	Post medieval	Oval, 20m x 12m, entrance on S side, spoil heap on W side. Fair. Clay extraction
42427	349987	232606	Lynchet / Bank	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 1m high, facing W d/s, extends N 50m. Fair. Eroded bank?
42428	350041	232595	Bank	Post medieval	Further position to E of bank 42428, merges with bank 42430
42428	349979	232601	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 0.5m high, 1m wide, eroded, cut by footpath and stile, located at S edge of wood. Fair
42429	349980	232601	Holloway	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, S of bank 42428, 2m wide, cut 1m, used as public footpath, continues along S side of the wood. Good
42430	350041	232595	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned WNW-ENE, diverging from bank 42428, extending WNW towards lynchet/bank 42427
42431	350047	232959	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 1m high, 2m wide, eroded. Poor. Continuation of lynchet/bank 42427?
42432	350355	232741	Holloway	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 2m wide, 2m deep, recently used by tracked forestry equipment. Fair
42433	350591	232779	Lynchet	Medieval/ Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 0.5m high, facing S, eroded. Fair. Continuation of lynchet 42397?
42433	350631	232794	Lynchet	Medieval/ Post medieval	Further position to E of lynchet 42433, cut by modern footpaths
42434	350667	232738	Lynchet / Bank	Post medieval	Aligned NE-SW, 0.5m high, facing pasture on SE side, tree stubs. Fair. Eroded bank?
42435	351106	232951	Lynchet	Medieval/ Post medieval	Aligned NE-SW, 1m high facing SE along SE side of Ten Acre Wood, pasture on SE side. Fair.
42436	351110	232955	Lynchet	Medieval/ Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 2m high facing E along E side of Ten Acre Wood, eroded. Fair
42437	351119	232959	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned NW-SE along SW side of Holloway Bank Wood, 0.5m high, 1m wide, eroded, with a line of tree stubs. Poor
42437	351107	232973	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Aligned N-S along W edge of Holloway Bank Wood boundary with Ten Acre Wood, further position to N of bank 42437, 0.5m high, 1m wide, very eroded, shallow ditch on W side, 1m wide, 0.25m deep. Fair
42437	351092	233079	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Further position to N of bank and ditch 42437
42437	351125	233222	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Further position to N of bank and ditch 42437, 0.2m high, 1m wide, very eroded, shallow ditch on W side, trackway on E side 1.5m wide, cut by forestry vehicles. Poor
42437	351092	233079	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, marks boundary between Ten Acre Wood/Holloway Bank Wood, bank 0.5m high, 1m wide, ditch on W side 1m wide, 0.25m deep, eroded. Fair. This is the woodbank of Holloway Bank Wood
42438	350954	233262	Trackway	Post medieval	Further position to N of holloway/trackway 42438, merges with major forestry road aligned NW-SE
42438	351005	233141	Holloway	Post medieval	Aligned NE-SW, 3m wide, 0.5m deep. Fair
42439	351000	233162	Platform	Post medieval	Semi-circular, 10m x 2.5m, cut on W u/s side, located on W side of holloway 42438. Fair. Storage/collection point of woodland products

42440	350976	233336	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned NW-SE at N edge of Ten Acre Wood, 0.25m high, 0.5m wide, eroded, tree stubs. Poor.
42440	351145	233227	Bank	Post medieval	Further position to E of bank 42440 at edge of wood
<b>Wallbrook Wood, Holloway Bank Wood &amp; Pikes Wood</b>					
42441	351966	232656	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned N-S along W edge of Pikes Wood, 0.2m high on W side (pasture), 1m high on E side (wood), 1m wide, eroded, tree stubs along bank. Poor
42441	351963	232583	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Further position to S of bank 42442, parallel ditch on W side, 0.5m wide, 0.25m deep
42442	352054	232432	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 0.3m high, 1.5m wide, eroded. Fair
42442	352083	232432	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Terminal position to E of bank 42443, parallel ditch on S, 0.5m wide, 0.25m deep, infilled. Poor
42443	352100	232451	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Aligned N-S along E edge of Pikes Wood, 0.2m high, 1.5m wide, eroded, parallel ditch on E side 1.5m wide, 0.5m deep, enhanced, functions as a modern drainage ditch. Good
42443	352116	232519	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Further position to N of bank and ditch 42444 aligned N-S along E edge of Pikes Wood, 0.65m high, 1.5m wide, eroded, tree stubs on bank, parallel ditch on E side 1m wide, 0.5m deep, drainage. Fair
42444	352024	232640	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned E-W along N edge of Pikes Wood, 0.3m high, 1m wide, eroded, overgrown. Poor
42445	351776	232643	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Aligned N-S along W edge of Wallbrook Wood, 0.5m high, 0.5m wide, tree stubs on bank, parallel ditch on W side 0.35m wide, 0.2m deep, pasture on W side, eroded and infilled. Poor
42445	351723	232729	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Further position to N of bank and ditch 42446, turns W along S edge of Wallbrook Wood
42446	351822	232849	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Sub-circular, 4m dia, cut 1m on S up slope side, eroded, lip on N down slope side. Fair
42447	351800	232843	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Sub-circular, 3m dia, cut 0.5m on SE u/s side, eroded. Poor
42448	351859	232879	Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 2m wide, 0.25m deep, modern forestry and recreational use. Good
42449	351811	232942	Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 4m wide, forestry road following the course of an earlier trackway, j/w trackway 42448. Good
42450	351723	232930	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Circular, 3m dia, cut 0.35m on S u/s side, lip on N d/s side. Fair
42451	351686	232879	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Sub-circular, 3m dia, shallow cut on S u/s side, lip on N u/s side. Poor
42452	351503	232784	Quarry	Post medieval	Linear, aligned E-W for 40m N facing slope, spoil heaps on N side, trackway aligned E-W on N side. Fair
42453	351444	232777	Ditch	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 0.5m wide, 0.5m deep, sinuous, drainage. Boundary between Wallbrook/Holloway Bank Wood
42454	351378	232725	Lynchets	Medieval/ Post medieval	Aligned E-W, 1m high, facing S into Holloway Bank Wood, pasture on S side, eroded, with a line of coppiced trees. Poor
42455	351375	232739	Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, parallel with S edge of Holloway Bank Wood, 2m wide, cut 0.5m on S u/s side, cut 2.5m to W of this position, modern forestry and recreational use. Good
42456	351125	233227	Lynchets / Bank	Post medieval	Aligned NW-SE at N edge of Holloway Bank Wood extending SE from this location, 0.3m high facing NE into a field, eroded, with tree stubs. Poor. Eroded bank
42456	351197	233220	Lynchets / Bank	Post medieval	Aligned NW-SE, 1m high, facing NE, with a line of tree

					stubs. Poor. Present edge of woodland is 3m N marked by barbed wire fence, to NW lynchet/ bank converges with woodland edge. Earlier woodland boundary, further position to SE of lynchet/bank 42456
42456	351214	233205	Lynchet / Bank	Post medieval	Further position to SE of lynchet/bank 42456, 0.2m high
42456	351227	233199	Lynchet / Bank	Post medieval	Aligned N-S marking E edge of woodland, a double lynchet up to 1m high facing E into pasture, a line of tree stubs, further position to SE of lynchet/bank 42456
42457	351200	233195	Extraction pit	Post medieval	Circular, 4m dia, 1m deep. Fair. Clay pit
42458	351252	233001	Quarry	Post medieval	Semi-circular, 50m x 20m, cut 3m into NE facing slope, spoil heaps on NE side, overgrown by brambles. Poor
42459	351775	233030	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned E-W, extends E along N edge of Wallbrook Wood, 0.25m high, 0.5m wide, covered by thick bramble undergrowth, extends W into woodland, 0.35m high, 1.5m wide, eroded. Poor. Boundary between Wallbrook Wood/Condies Rough
42459	351741	233051	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Further position to W of bank 42459, ditch on N side 0.5m wide, 0.1m deep, cut by trackway. Poor
42459	351662	233069	Bank and ditch	Post medieval	Terminal position to W of bank and ditch 42459, at E edge of deeply cut N-S gully, does not continue on W side. Gully serves as a boundary within Condies Rough
42460	351730	233213	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned NE-SW marking E edge of wood (Condies Rough) at N tip, 0.1m high, 0.5m wide, edge of woodland changes alignment N of this position extending NW marked by a wire fence
42461	351704	233186	Ditch	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 1m wide, 0.25m deep, shallow sides, eroded. Poor. Compartment boundary?
42462	352113	232704	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned N-S along E edge of Wallbrook Wood, 0.25m high, 1m high, eroded. Poor
42462	352095	232860	Bank	Post medieval	Further position to N of bank 42462, changes alignment extending E along S edge of wood, eroded
42463	352158	233000	Extraction pits	Post medieval	1 oval pit 4m x 2m, 0.5m deep; 1 circular pit 3m dia, 0.5m wide; both eroded, located on E side of a trackway. Clay pits
42464	352253	232984	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Oval, 3.5m x 2.5m, cut 0.5m on W u/s side, cut on E side by forestry trackway. Poor
42465	352225	232990	Holloway	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 2m wide, 0.8m deep, damaged to N by forestry activities. Fair
42465	352226	232954	Holloway	Post medieval	Further position to S of holloway 42465, continues S as a barely discernible trackway
42466	352208	232928	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Circular, 4m dia, cut 0.5m on S u/s side, lip on N d/s side. Fair
42467	352244	233009	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Circular, 3m dia, cut on W u/s side, eroded, spoil on E side. Poor
42468	352202	233030	Extraction pit	Post medieval	Oval, 5m x 3m, 0.8m deep, entrance on N side. Poor. Clay pit
42469	352051	233230	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Circular, 3m dia, cut on NE u/s side, lip on SW side, eroded. Poor
42470	352030	233240	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Circular, 3m dia, cut on E u/s side, lip on W side. Poor
42471	352028	233242	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Circular, 3m dia, cut on E u/s side, lip on W side. Poor
42472	351965	233395	Storage Platform	Post medieval	Semi-circular, 3m x 2m, cut on E u/s side, located on E side of forestry trackway 2m wide aligned N-S. Good. Storage/collection point for woodland products

42473	351963	233433	Storage Platform	Post medieval	Semi-circular, 3m x 2m, cut on E u/s side, located on E side of forestry trackway. Good. Storage/ collection point for woodland products
42474	351974	233430	Bank	Post medieval	Aligned NW-SE along E edge of Wallbrook Wood, 0.25m high, 0.5m wide, eroded. Very poor
42475	352008	233260	Ditch	Post medieval	Aligned N-S along contours, 1m wide, 0.25m deep, shallow sides, eroded, on W side is the steep sided N-S gully. Poor. Compartment boundary?
42476	352015	233211	Trackway	Post medieval	Aligned N-S, 2m wide. Fair
42477	352012	233196	Quarry	Post medieval	Oval, 10m x 6m, 3m deep, spoil heaps on W side, entrance on W side. Fair
42478	352025	233184	Quarry	Post medieval	Circular, 10m dia, 1.5m deep, exposed bedrock, spoil heap on W side. Fair
42479	352034	233181	Quarry	Post medieval	Circular, 12m dia, spoil heap on W side, flooded. Fair
42480	352024	233092	Charcoal burning platform	Post medieval	Circular, 3.5m dia, cut 0.35m on S u/s side, eroded. Very poor