



Plate 7.  
View of Roman-British Ditch (1104), facing East.



Plate 8.  
View of Roman-British Ditch (1104), facing West.

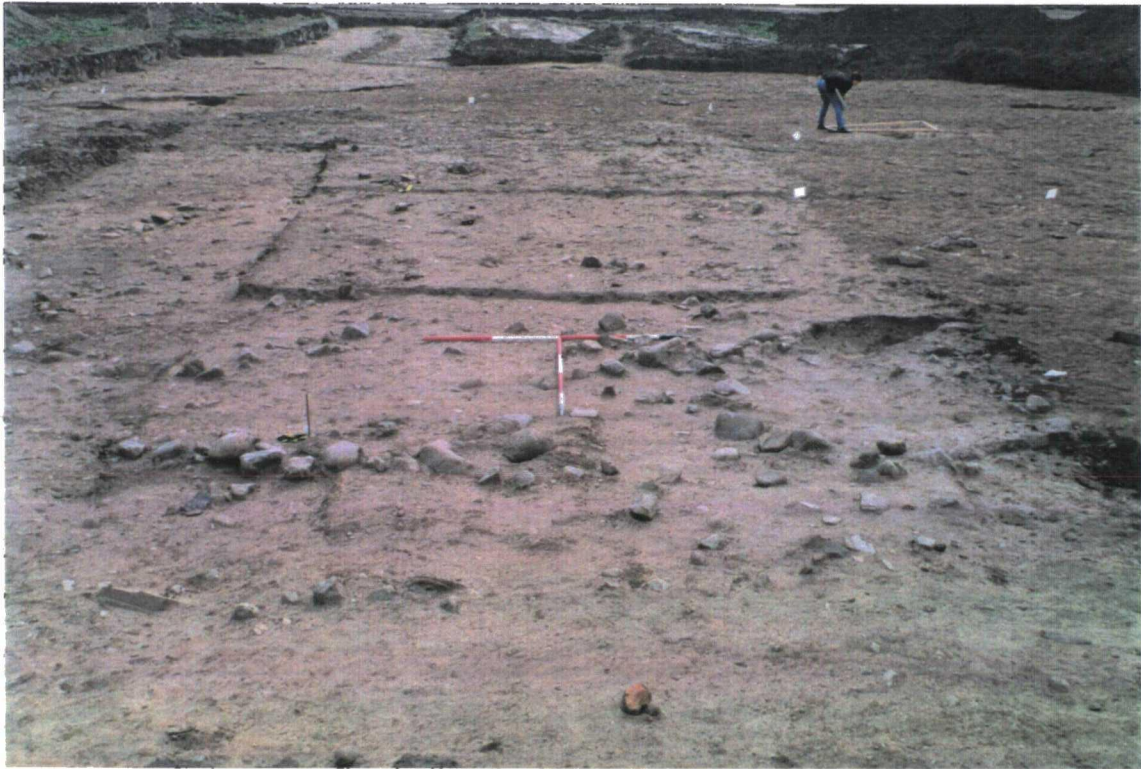


Plate 9.  
View of Buried Soil in Trench 8 (1003), facing East.

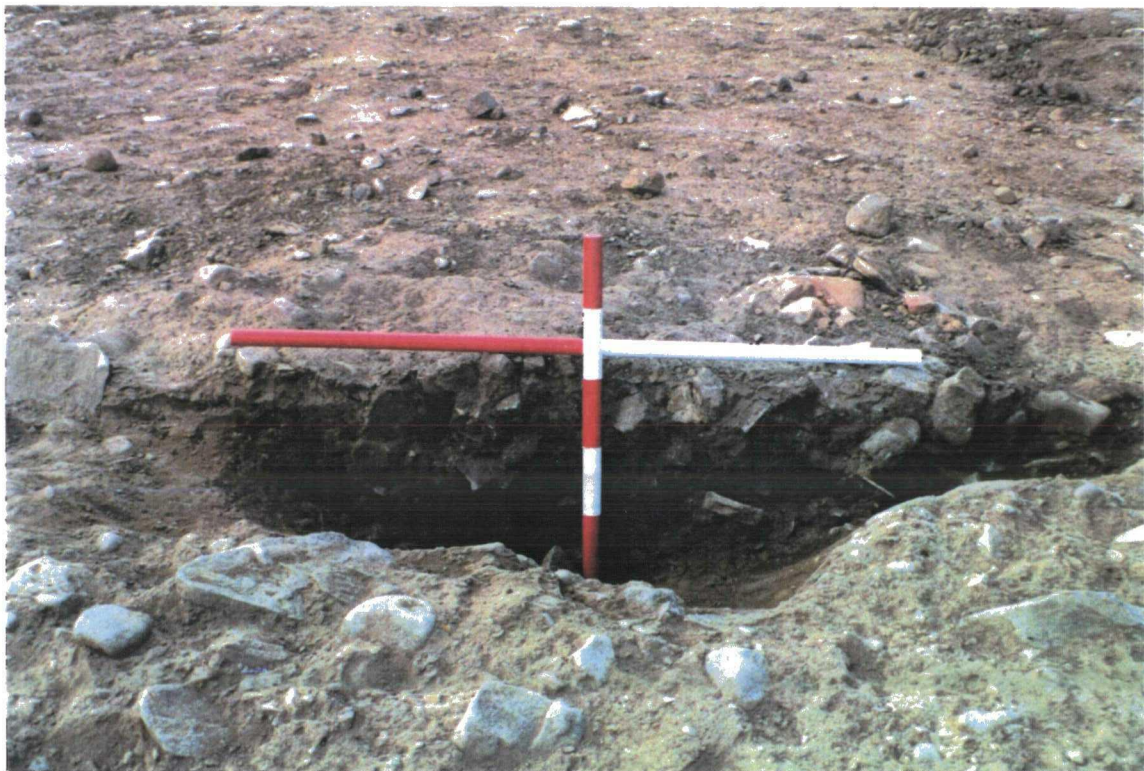


Plate 10.  
View of Hearth (8021), facing West.

## 6 Conclusions

### The Field System

The objectives of the evaluation of the field system at the Flaxby site were to determine if possible, to which settlement phase the various components belonged. The success of such a scheme is dependant on good stratigraphic association and well-stratified associated finds, particularly of pottery.

As good stratigraphic association was limited, evidence only coming from Trenches 18, 26, 27 and 31, and there was a distinct lack of finds from the ditches, one has to conclude that the results of evaluation were somewhat limited.

Excavation showed that in Trench 18 the south-western corner of an enclosure was later in date than a rectilinear enclosure. In Trench 26 two phases of ditches were recorded but information on their relationship to the main north-south ditch remains unknown. The north-south ditch was seen, through various trench excavations, to continue on a variable alignment to the southernmost portion of the site. Excavation also clearly showed that the extension of the ditch aligned north-west to south-east was contemporary with the north-south alignment. In Trench 27 excavation confirmed the presence of an entrance into an enclosure and suggested that the ditch had been remodelled to act as a palisade. However the distinctive fills of the terminals were not seen in other excavated sections of the ditch, perhaps indicating that they reflect the strengthening of the entrance to the enclosure. Such strengthening of the entrance need not imply defensive considerations, but could be anticipated where there was the need to channel stock through a narrow gap.

A number of trenches were excavated to test the nature of isolated geophysical anomalies. With the exception of the natural hollow in Trench 31, all the other anomalies were shown to be a result of distinct differences in the geology of the site. The information derived from Trench 31 is most interesting in that this natural hollow contained a prehistoric struck flint flake, a sherd of Iron Age pottery and a sherd of Roman pottery, all from the same archaeological horizon, which suggested the considerable movement and redeposition of soil over a long period of time at the site.

It is tempting to suggest that the more defined ditches, i.e. those large in width and depth and resulting in strong anomalies on the geophysical survey, represent the latest element of the field system on the site therefore by association placing their use and function with the Romano-British settlement of the site. Excavation by NAA recovered a single sherd of Romano-British pottery from the north-south ditch in Trench 13, the western arm of this ditch was traced into Trench 6, dated by pottery association to the Romano-British period. This evidence suggests that the main ditch was open, at least in part, in Roman times.

In conclusion, although providing limited stratigraphic information and confirming the presence of an entrance into one of the enclosures the evaluation has illustrated the problems with dating and interpreting field systems. Environmental sampling proved to be a negative exercise (Appendix 5)

#### The Iron Age Settlement

Excavation was also undertaken to assess the extent of features which had been classified as settlement dated by pottery association to the Iron Age period. This work involved the extension of NAA's Trench 8 to the south so that it joined to Trenches 20 and 23

The excavation located a number of features shown on the geophysical survey and additional features which were sampled. The majority of these features were felt to be periglacial or root holes in origin rather than archaeological. Finds from this area of the site were few and where recovered tended to come from the buried soil horizon, rather than the fills of archaeological features. Environmental sampling of features also failed to provide worthwhile data. The lack of finds and the general nature of features located in the area directly adjacent to NAA's Trench 8, calls into question the classification of this group of features as evidence for a settlement.

Although it must be stressed that MAP did not undertake any work in the original Trench 8 area, other than record the position and sections of features located by NAA. This area of the Flaxby site has been backfilled under archaeological supervision and therefore preserved in situ. Considering the nature of those features located by MAP and the paucity of finds, it is suggested that this area does not represent settlement but more an activity area, used occasionally and associated to stock keeping activities. The features recognised by NAA as possible postholes for buildings, possibly of three phases, span a considerable period of time according to the date range of the pottery. It is likely that these features do not represent domestic structures but are associated with the agricultural activities of the site, perhaps forming animal shelters. Alternatively, the area excavated by MAP might have been located on the southern fringes of a more intensively occupied area. The latter supposition is supported by the fact that, unlike the part of Trench 8 examined by NAA, the buried soil was only present over a relatively small part of the area dug by MAP.

The initial evaluation of the site suggested that the Iron Age activity was unenclosed. Both excavations located a palisade trench to the south, NAA context 1118 and MAP context 8031. The geophysical survey suggested the presence of a linear feature to the north of Trench 8 and a further, albeit broken line, directly to the west. The main north-south ditch runs through the central part of Trench 9, i.e. to the east of Trench 8 and may have formed the eastern boundary of this enclosure. It must be stressed that as the northern and western sections of the anomalies were not excavated, the existence of a palisaded enclosure remains speculative.

The possible presence of a palisaded enclosure would suggest a widespread permanent settlement in the close vicinity, although not located during excavation. The development of palisaded enclosures in the later Iron Age corresponds to the economic and population expansion known to have taken place (Darvill, 1987)

The problems of excavating enclosures dated to the Iron Age/Romano-British period are highlighted further in the discussion

## 7 Discussion

The later prehistoric period known as the Iron Age extends from about 800 BC to the Roman invasion in AD 43. The Iron Age is a period of time when trends already established in the Bronze Age intensify. It is generally accepted that it was a period of economic growth.

Considerable environmental evidence exists that indicates the intensification of arable farming. The evidence shows that areas of former pasture were ploughed and the continuation of the clearance of woodland, as indicated by the pollen record and by the presence of field systems and land divisions.

The purpose of the field systems was to divide the land into arable and pastoral units. Previous evaluation of the Flaxby site has indicated that the Celtic shorthorn cattle were part of the diet of the inhabitants and it can be deduced that the pastures for these animals were within the field system. In addition, environmental evidence indicates the production of barley, wheat and oat (Huntley 1994). The advantages of a variety of crops meant that they could be sown all year round, thus allowing the labour of ploughing and harvesting to be spread. The general conclusions from the Flaxby site fit well into the pattern of social and agrarian change taking place in Northern Britain in the Iron Age.

Arable and pastoral were closely linked in a complex farming system. It would have been impossible to maintain crop production without manuring, achieved mainly by grazing sheep in the fields.

Despite the general acceptance of this method of farming, evaluation of field systems to date have been limited in the degree of success in determining the specific roles and dates for individual enclosures. Finds from ditches are generally scarce. Evaluations at Willow Grove, Methley (SE 411 266) and Dunford House, Methley (SE 408 260) by the West Yorkshire Archaeological Service (WYAS) have produced limited worthwhile information (CBA 1988). Investigations of field systems by MAP at Crossgates Farm, Seamer (TA 032 838) indicated the layout of the systems but again produced little datable material for the ditches or evidence of related features within the associated enclosures (Finney 1989, Stephens 1990). Evaluation of field systems at Barnsdale Bar (SE 512 147, MAP 1990) and WYAS (SE 509 145, Boucher 1993) resulted in similar conclusions and resulted in the excavators concluding that excavation of agriculturally associated features resulted in the perennial problem of providing reliable dating. Future evaluation of field systems may reveal more information on farming practises during the Iron Age and Romano-British period. Unfortunately, the paucity of finds from the Flaxby site means that, although the site fits into the general picture of the Iron Age and Romano-British periods, further comment on its more individual role is not possible.

Generally associated with the field systems are enclosures which have also formed the focus for archaeological investigation. As with the investigation of field systems the success of such work is

limited. The function of these large enclosures is unclear, their low density of occupation links them to stock or storage places (Darvill 1987). Excavations at Thorntree Hill (SE 370 168) provided little evidence of internal features with the exception of two hearths and a possible corn drier (CBA 1991). At Colton excavation of the enclosure only located a single rectangular building with no associated cultural material (CBA 1992), at Wattle Syke (SE 408 458) four post structures, a grave and a number of pits were recorded (CBA 1990). Excavations at Ledston were concentrated in the area known by aerial reconnaissance to comprise numerous pits. A number of which were excavated but more extensive excavation of the whole sites still remains to be achieved. The excavation sites of Swillington (SE 385 312, CBA 1992), Crankley Lane – Easingwold (YAT 1993) and Methley (I Roberts pers. comm.) all produced evidence of industrial activity either in the form of metal working or corn drying. Excavation at Swillington is believed to have located a threshing floor.

It is clear from the available evidence that the enclosures associated with Iron Age and Romano-British occupation have a varied function and in the main, where no evidence exists for industrial activity, one must conclude that these enclosures were used predominantly for the keeping of stock.

The excavations at Flaxby have added to our understanding of this particular area of Yorkshire in the Iron Age period but as with similar excavations elsewhere in the region the information is limited. The area originally seen as a settlement should in the light of the further investigations be referred to as an area of activity which, considering the results of WYAS's work on similar sites, would appear to mirror limited use of enclosed areas.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the Flaxby site is that it was not known from aerial reconnaissance and only geophysical survey produced the evidence for the existence of a site. This was also true at Crossgates Farm, Seamer, the Iron Age site located on the Easingwold By-pass was located partially by aerial reconnaissance, partially by geophysical survey and also by topsoil stripping. The fact that these sites have only recently come to light, questions our present knowledge of the actual number of similar sites which are still waiting to be discovered. It is perhaps possible that there is a much more extensive use of the landscape by prehistoric and Romano-British man than we as yet fully appreciate.

Excavation at Flaxby did not locate a defined settlement area. The general impression is that the settlement is located further up the slope giving the advantage of security and a well-drained location.

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## APPENDIX 1

### Context listing

#### TRENCH 8

8001	Natural deposit – 10YR3/4 boulders in sandy clay matrix
8002	Natural deposit – 10YR3/4 sandy clay
8003	Fill of 8004 – 10YR5/4 compact silty sandy with 30% boulders
8004	Cut – flat based V-shaped profile Pit
8005	Fill of 8008 – 10YR4/2 friable silty sand with 40% boulders
8006	Fill of 8008 – 10YR4/4 moderate/compact sand with pebbles
8007	Fill of 8008 – 10YR4/6 moderate sand with occasional stone
8008	Cut – wide U-shaped profile Pit
8009	Fill of 8011 – 10YR4/4 moderate sandy silt with rounded & angular stones
8010	Fill of 8011 – 10YR4/6 friable sand with very occasional stone
8011	Cut – U-shaped profile? Linear
8012	Fill of 8014 – 10YR4/4 friable silty sand with occasional small stone
8013	Fill of 8014 – 10YR5/3 compact sand with 80% stone
8014	Cut – U-shaped profile Pit
8015	Fill of 8016 – 10YR4/4 friable silty sand with occasional stone
8016	Cut – wide U-shaped profile Pit
8017	Deposit? – 10YR4/4 moderate silty sand with occasional stone
8018	Deposit? – 10YR5/4 compact sand with 85% stone
8019	Deposit? – 10YR4/4 moderate silty sand with occasional stone
8020	Deposit? – 10YR4/3 moderate/loose silty sand with occasional small stone
8021	Cut – wide V-shaped profile Hearth
8022	Fill of 8021 – 10YR3/3 & 7 5YR2/0 friable silty sand with 50% cobbles
8023	Plough/Topsoil – 10YR3/3 friable sandy silty loam with occasional stone
8024	Colluvium – 10YR4/4 loose/moderate sand with occasional stone
8025	Stone alignment
8026	Fill of 8025
8027	Cut
8028	Cut – flat based, wide U-shaped profile Pit
8029	Fill of 8028 – 7 5YR3/4 moderate/compact sandy silt with occasional stones and gravel
8030	Fill of 8030 – 10YR4/4 friable silty sand with moderate/frequent stone
8031	Cut – U-shaped profile Palisade trench
8032	Fill of 8033 – 10YR4/3 friable silty sand with occasional stone
8033	Cut – Wide U-shaped profile Pit
8034	Cut – Wide U-shaped profile Linear feature/field boundary
8035	Fill of 8034 – 7 5YR3/4 compact sandy silt with stone(40%) & occasional brick
8036	No feature
8037	No feature
8038	Fill of 8039 – 10YR3/4 moderate silty sand with 40% cobbles
8039	Cut – U-shaped profile Posthole
8040	Fill of 8041 – 5YR3/2 moderate silty clay sand with cobbles stone and gravel towards base
8041	Cut – irregular profile Posthole?
8042	Fill of 8043 – 10YR4/4 friable silty sand with occasional stone
8043	Cut – U-shaped profile Posthole
8044	Fill of 8045 – 10YR3/4 moderate silty sand with 40% cobble
8045	Cut – irregular/U-shaped profile Posthole
8046	Fill of 8047 – 10YR3/4 moderate silty sand with occasional charcoal & gravel
8047	Cut – U-shaped profile Posthole
8048	Fill of 8049 – 10YR4/4 friable silty sand with occasional stone
8049	Cut – U-shaped profile Posthole

- 8050 Deposit of colluvium/buried soil – 10YR4/3 friable/moderate sandy silt with moderate stone
- 8051 Fill of 8052 – 10YR4/4 friable silty sand with stone & boulders
- 8052 Cut – flat based U-shaped profile Posthole
- 8053 Fill of 8054 – 10YR4/4 friable/moderate silty sand with moderate/ frequent stone
- 8054 Cut – U-shaped profile Palisade trench
- 8055 Fill of 8056 – 7 5YR3/4 moderate silty sand with some cobbles
- 8056 Cut – flat based U-shaped profile Land dram
- 8057 Cut – wide V-shaped profile Pit
- 8058 Fill of 8057 – 10YR4/3 compact silty sand with stone & gravel
- 8059 Fill of 8057 – 10YR4/4 moderate silty sand with moderate/frequent stone
- 8060 Fill of 8057 – 10YR4/4 compact silty clay sand with stone
- 8061 Fill of 8061 – 10YR4/3 moderate silty sand with stone(20%)
- 8062 Cut – very wide U-shaped profile Natural feature?
- 8063 Fill of 8064 – 10YR4/3 friable/moderate silty sand with stone (30%)
- 8064 Cut – flat based U-shaped profile Palisade trench
- 8065 Natural
- 8066 Fill of 8067 – 10YR4/3 moderate silty sand with frequent charcoal flecks & gravel
- 8067 Cut – shallow wide U-shaped profile Pit
- 8068 Fill of 8069 – 10YR4/2 friable silty sand with 75% stone
- 8069 Cut – steep sided, rounded based ditch

#### Trench 17

- 1701 Fill of cut 1702 – 7 5YR compact silty clay with up to 20% small pebbles
- 1702 Cut – U shaped profile Linear
- 1703 Fill of 1704– 7 5YR 4/6 compact clayey sandy silt with small pebbles
- 1704 Cut – U shaped Linear

#### Trench 18

- 1801 Fill of 1802 – 10YR 4/1 silty sand with small cobbles and boulders
- 1802 Cut – V shaped profile Linear/?palisade
- 1803 Fill of 1804 – 10YR 4/1 silty sand with boulders and charcoal flecks
- 1804 Cut – V shaped profile Linear
- 1805 Natural horizon

#### Trench 21

- 2101 Plough/topsoil – 10YR4/2 sandy silt
- 2102 Colluvium 7 5YR4/3 sandy silt
- 2103 Buried soil – 7 5YR4/6 moderate coarse sand with some cobble

#### Trench 23

- 2301 Plough/topsoil – 10YR 4/2 sandy silt with occasional pebbles
- 2302 Colluvium – 7 5YR 4/3 slightly silty sand with occasional pebbles
- 2303 Variable natural
- 2304 Fill of 2305 – 10YR4/4 friable–moderate silty sand with moderate stone
- 2305 Cut – U shaped profile Linear – palisade trench

#### Trench 26

- 2601 Plough/topsoil – 10YR 3/2 sandy silt
- 2602 Colluvium – 7 5YR 3/3 sandy silt
- 2603 Fill of 2605 – 10YR 4/3 fine silty sand with gravel
- 2604 Fill of 2605 – 10YR 4/4 fine sandy silt with gravel
- 2605 Cut – U shaped profile Linear

2606 Fill of 2608 – 10YR 4/3 fine silty sand with gravel  
2607 Fill of 2608 – 10YR 4/4 fine silty sand with gravel  
2608 Cut – U shaped profile Linear  
2609 Fill of 2610 – 10YR 4/3 sandy silt with gravel and cobbles  
2610 Linear feature – ditch not excavated in Trench 26

#### Trench 27

2701 Plough/topsoil – 10YR 3/3 sandy silt with occupational stone  
2702 Colluvium – 7 5YR 4/4 silty sand with occasional stone  
2703 Fill of 2704 – 7 5YR 4/3 silty sand with 50–60% stone  
2704 Circular cut – ?pit  
2705 Fill of 2706 – 7 5YR 4/3 silty sand with 40% rounded stone ?palisade packing  
2706 Cut – Terminal of linear (North) ?palisade trench  
2707 Fill of 2708 – 7 5YR 4/3 silty sand with occasional stone  
2708 Cut – U shaped profile Linear – gully  
2709 Fill of 2711 – 7 5YR 4/3 silty sand with 30–35% stone  
2710 Fill of 2711 – 10YR 5/4 clay with 10–15% stone  
2711 Cut – Terminal of linear (South) ?palisade trench  
2712 Fill of 2713 – 10YR 4/4 silty sand with some stone  
2713 Cut – V shaped profile Linear – ?gully  
2714 Natural

#### Trench 28

2801 Colluvium – 7 5YR 4/6 silty sand  
2802 Fill of 2803 – 7 5YR 3/4 sandy silt with small boulders and cobbles  
2803 Cut – U shaped profile Linear – ditch  
2804 Fill of 2805 – 7 5YR 3/4 silty sand  
2805 Cut – U shaped profile Linear – ?gully/ditch  
2806 Fill of 2803 – 10YR 3/6 silty sand  
2807 Natural horizon – 10YR 4/6 sand

#### Trench 29

2901 Fill of 2903 – 2 5YR 3/3 silty sand  
2902 Fill of 2903 – 2 5YR 2 5/4 silty sand  
2903 Cut – V shaped profile Linear – ditch  
2904 Natural A horizon – 2 5YR 4/6 sand

#### Trench 30

3001 Plough/topsoil – 10YR 3/2 sandy silt with occasional gravel and cobbles  
3002 Colluvium – 7 5YR 4/3 sandy silt with some gravel  
3003 Fill of 3013 – 10 YR 3/3 sandy silt with gravel  
3004 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 3/3 sandy silt with 50% gravel  
3005 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 4/3 silty sand with gravel  
3006 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 5/3 fine silty sand with gravel  
3007 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 5/4 fine sandy silt with gravel  
3008 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 4/4 silty medium sand with very occasional gravel  
3009 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 4/3 silty clay with gravel  
3010 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 5/4 silty medium sand with occasional gravel  
3011 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 5/4 sandy silt with gravel  
3012 Fill of 3013 – 10YR 4/4 fine silty sand with gravel  
3013 Cut – V shaped profile Linear  
3014 Fill of 3017 & 3018 – 10YR 4/4 silty sand with some gravel  
3015 Fill of 3017 & 3018 – 10YR 7/8 fine sand with gravel

- 3016 Fill of 3017 & 3018 – 10YR 4/4 silty sand with gravel
- 3017 Cut – V shaped profile Linear
- 3018 Cut – V shaped profile Linear

Trench 31

- 3101 Plough/topsoil
- 3102 Colluvium – sandy loam with localised deposits of cobbles and charcoal flecks
- 3103 Colluvium – sandy loam with occasional cobbles and charcoal flecks

Trench 32

- 3201 Fill/Deposit? – 10YR 4/4 silty sand with occasional stone
- 3202 Natural
- 3203 Colluvium – 7 5YR 5/6 sand with very occasional stone
- 3204 Plough/topsoil – 10YR 3/3 sandy silt with occasional stone

Trench 33

- 3300 Trench located to determine line of north–south ditch
- 3301 Plough/topsoil – 10YR 7/2 sandy silt with gravel and cobbles
- 3302 Colluvium – 7 5YR 4/5 sandy silt with gravel
- 3303 Fill of 3305 – 10YR 4/3 sandy silt with occasional gravel and cobbles
- 3304 Natural deposits of mixed gravel and banded sands
- 3305 Line of main north–south ditch

Trench 34

- 3401 Plough/topsoil – 10YR 4/2 sandy silt with very occasional stone
- 3402 Colluvium – 7 5YR 4/4 sand with occasional stone
- 3403 Natural

Trench 35

- 3501 Plough/topsoil – 10YR 4/2 sandy silt with occasional stone
- 3502 Colluvium – 7 5YR 4/3 sandy silt with gravel
- 3503 Fill of NW–SE aligned linear – 10YR 4/3 sandy silt with occasional gravel
- 3504 Natural deposits of gravel and silty sand

## APPENDIX 2

### Finds Catalogue

#### Trench 8

- 8003 2 fragments stone or pottery?
- 8030 1 fragment Daub
- 8040 5 fragments of burnt stone
- 8047 2 body sherds calcite gritted ware possible Iron Age/Romano-British  
2 flint waste
- 8050 1 flint blade (Fig 17 3)

#### Trench 21

- 2101 1 fragment degraded/burnt pottery possibly Roman

#### Trench 23

- 2302 2 body sherds calcite gritted ware possible Iron Age/Romano-British  
2 body sherds abraded/unidentified

#### Trench 26

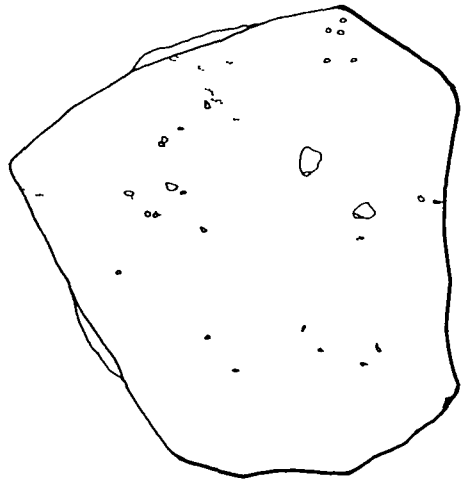
- 2606 1 sherd of ?medieval pottery
- 2607 1 sherd of prehistoric pottery

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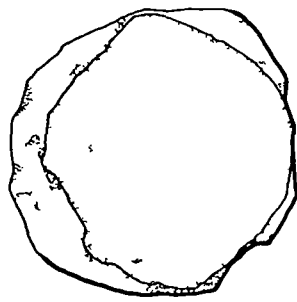
- 2705 1 stone counter, Roman (Fig 17 2)
- 2709 1 body sherd calcite gritted ware, possible Iron Age/Romano-British

#### Trench 31

- 3102 1 rim sherd abraded possible Crambeck, late 3rd century AD (Fig 17 4)  
1 body sherd calcite gritted ware, possible Iron Age/Romano-British  
1 body sherd abraded greyware, 2nd century AD (Fig 17 1)  
1 flint waste with cortex



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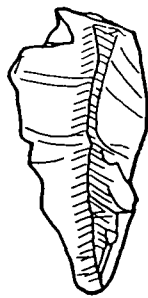
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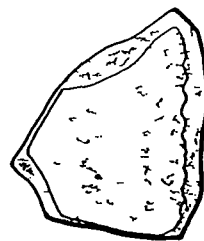
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Figure 17  
Pottery, Flint and Stone Artefacts Scale 1 1

## APPENDIX 3

### Archive listing

#### Plans & Sections

- 1 Trench 18 Scale 1 20
- 2 Trench 26 Scale 1 20
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- 13 Trench 30 Scale 1 20
- 14 Trench 30 Scale 1 20
- 15 Trench 23 Scale 1 100
- 16 Trench 21 Scale 1 20
- 17 Trench 34 Scale 1 100
- 18 Trench 33 Scale 1 20
- 19 Trench 32 Scale 1 20
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- 37 Trench 27 Scale 1 20
- 38 Trench 21 Scale 1 20

#### Sections

- 1 Trench 18 East facing section (1802, 1804) Scale 1 10
- 2 Trench 18 East facing ditch (1802, 1804) Scale 1 10
- 3 Trench 28 Ditch North facing section (2803, 2804) Scale 1 20
- 4 Trench 27 Pil West facing section (2704) Scale 1 10
- 5 Trench 9 North facing section (801, 802) Scale 1 10
- 6 Trench 9 North facing section (803, 820) Scale 1 10
- 7 Trench 27 Ditch South facing section (2708, 2711, 2713) Scale 1 10
- 8 Trench 27 Ditch North facing section (2706) Scale 1 10

- 9 Trench 26 Ditches North facing section (2605, 2608) Scale 1 10,
- 10 Trench 30 Ditch North facing section (3013) Scale 1 10
- 11 Trench 30 Ditch West facing section (3017) Scale 1 10
- 12 Trench 30 Ditch South facing section (3018) Scale 1 10
- 13 Trench 8 Pit South facing section (8004) Scale 1 10
- 14 Trench 8 Pit East facing section (8039) Scale 1 10
- 15 Trench 8 Pit East facing section (8041) Scale 1 10
- 16 Trench 8 Hearth East facing section (8021) Scale 1 20
- 17 Trench 8 Pit South-east facing section (8028) Scale 1 20
- 18 Trench 8 Linear South facing section (8034) Scale 1 20
- 19 Trench 8 Palisade trench East facing section (8054) Scale 1 10
- 20 Trench 8 Palisade trench & Pit West facing section (8031 8033) Scale 1 10
- 21 Trench 8 Palisade trench East facing section (8031) Scale 1 10
- 22 Trench 8 Pit East facing section (8045) Scale 1 10
- 23 Trench 8 Pit East facing section (8016) Scale 1 10
- 24 Trench 8 Box section North-west facing section (8017, 8018) Scale 1 10
- 25 Trench 8 Box section South-east facing section (8019, 8020) Scale 1 10
- 26 Trench 8 Pit North facing section (8008) Scale 1 10
- 27 Trench 8 Pit East facing section (8011) Scale 1 10
- 28 Trench 8 Pit North facing section (8014) Scale 1 10
- 29 Trench 23 Palisade trench East facing section (2305) Scale 1 10
- 30 Trench 8 Pit South facing section (8043) Scale 1 10
- 31 Trench 8 Pit East facing section (8049) Scale 1 10
- 32 Trench 8 Pit East facing section (8047) Scale 1 10
- 33 Trench 8 Pit West facing section (8052) Scale 1 10
- 34 Trench 8 Pit/Hearth East facing section (8067) Scale 1 10
- 35 Trench 8 Land drain West facing section (8056) Scale 1 10
- 36 Trench 8 Pit South facing section (8057) Scale 1 10
- 37 Trench 8 Pit? South facing section (8062) Scale 1 10
- 38 Trench 8 Palisade trench West facing section (8064) Scale 1 10
- 39 Trench 21 Buried soil? North-east facing section (2102) Scale 1 10
- 40 Trench 21 Irregular feature East facing section (2104) Scale 1 10



## APPENDIX 4

### Photographic Archive

#### Print

- 1 Trench 26 Cut 2605 and 2608 Facing South
- 2 Trench 18 Facing West
- 3 Trench 27 Ditch terminal Facing South
- 4 Trench 27 Ditch terminal Facing South
- 5 Trench 27 Pit Facing West
- 6 Trench 27 Pit Facing East
- 7 Trench 27 Pit Facing East
- 8 Trench 29 Ditch Facing SW
- 9 Trench 27 South terminal Facing South
- 10 Trench 27 South terminal Facing South
- 11 Trench 29 Ditch Facing West
- 12 Trench 29 Ditch Facing West
- 13 General views of the site
- 14 General views of the site
- 15 General views of the site
- 16 General views of the site
- 17 General views of the site
- 18 Trench 28 Ditch Facing South
- 19 Trench 28 Ditch Facing South
- 20 Trench 28 Ditch Facing South
- 21 Trench 28 Ditch Facing South
- 22 Trench 27 North terminal Facing North
- 23 Trench 27 North terminal Facing North
- 24 Trench 27 North terminal Facing East
- 25 Trench 27 North terminal Facing West
- 26 Trench 8 Ditch Facing South
- 27 Trench 27 South terminal Facing South
- 28 Trench 27 South terminal Facing South
- 29 Trench 27 South terminal Facing North
- 30 Trench 30 Ditch Facing South
- 31 Trench 30 Ditch Facing South
- 32 Trench 29 Ditch Facing North
- 33 Trench 29 Ditch Facing North
- 34 Trench 27 Ditches 2711, 2713 & 2708 Facing North-west
- 35 Trench 27 Ditches 2711, 2713 & 2708 Facing North-west
- 36 Trench 27 Ditch 2708 Facing North-west
- 34 Trench 27 Ditch 2708 Facing North-west
- 35 Trench 30 Ditch intersection Facing South
- 36 Trench 30 Ditch intersection Facing East
- 37 Trench 8 Surface after first clean Facing West
- 38 Trench 8 Surface after first clean Facing West
- 39 Trench 8 Surface after first clean Facing East
- 40 Trench 8 Surface after first clean Facing East
- 41 Trench 8 Surface after first clean including buried soil Facing South-east
- 42 Trench 8 Surface after first clean including buried soil Facing South-east
- 43 Trench 8 Surface after first clean including buried soil Facing South-east
- 44 Trench 8 Continuation of Stony Slot (1108) Facing East
- 45 Trench 8 Continuation of Stony Slot (1108) Facing East
- 46 Trench 8 Circular Feature (8002) Facing South
- 47 Trench 8 Circular Feature (8004) Facing South
- 48 Trench 8 Section (8014) Facing South-east
- 49 Trench 8 Section (8008) Facing South

- 50 Trench 8 Section (8017 8018) Facing East
- 51 Trench 8 Section (8019, 8020) Facing West
- 52 Trench 8 Section (8011) Facing West
- 53 Trench 8 Section (8011) Facing North
- 54 Trench 8 Hearth (8021) Facing West
- 55 Trench 8 Section (8016) Facing West
- 56 Trench 8 Stone alignment (8034) Facing North-west
- 57 Trench 8 Stone alignment (8034) Facing North-west
- 58 Trench 8 Pit (8028) Facing North-west
- 59 Trench 8 Linear land boundary (8034) Facing North-west
- 60 Trench 8 Linear land boundary (8034) Facing South-east
- 61 Trench 8 Palisade trench & Pit (8031, 8033) Facing East
- 62 Trench 8 Palisade trench (8031) Facing West
- 63 Trench 8 Pit (8004) Facing North
- 64 Trench 8 NAA excavation area Facing North-east
- 65 Trench 8 NAA excavation area Facing North-east
- 66 Trench 8 NAA excavation area Facing North-east
- 67 Trench 8 NAA pit/hearth Facing South-east
- 68 Trench 8 NAA linear stone alignment Facing East
- 69 Trench 8 NAA small pits or postholes Facing West
- 70 Trench 8 NAA small pits or postholes Facing South-west
- 71 Trench 8 NAA excavation area Facing South-west
- 72 Trench 8 NAA excavation area & hearth (8021) Facing North-east
- 73 Trench 23 Palisade trench section (2305) Facing West
- 74 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8039) Facing South
- 75 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8043) Facing West
- 76 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8041) Facing North-west
- 77 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8045) Facing North-west
- 78 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8052) Facing East
- 79 Trench 20 Linear feature (1104) Facing North-west
- 80 Trench 20 Linear feature (1104) Facing South-east
- 81 Trench 20 Hearth (1009) Facing South-west
- 82 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8047) Facing North-west
- 83 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8049) Facing North-west
- 84 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8052) Facing North-west
- 85 Trench 8 Field dram (8056) Facing West
- 86 Trench 8 Field dram (8056) Facing East
- 87 Trench 8 Pit (8057) Facing North
- 88 Trench 8 Palisade trench (8054) Facing West
- 89 Trench 4 Linear feature & burial (403, 412) Facing South-east
- 90 Trench 4 Burial (412) Facing South
- 91 Trench 4 Burial (409) Facing North
- 92 Trench 4 Linear feature (404) Facing North-west
- 93 Trench 8 Palisade trench (8064) Facing East
- 94 Trench 8 After removal of buried soil (8050) Facing East

### Slide

- 1 Trench 26 Cut 2605 and 2608 Facing South
- 2 Trench 26 Cut 2605 and 2608 Facing South
- 3 Trench 18 Facing West
- 4 Trench 18 Facing West
- 5 Trench 18 Facing North
- 6 Trench 18 Facing North
- 7 Trench 27 Ditch terminal Facing South
- 8 Trench 27 Ditch terminal Facing South
- 9 Trench 27 Pit Facing West

- 10 Trench 27 Pit Facing West
- 11 Trench 27 Pit Facing East
- 12 Trench 27 Pit Facing East
- 13 Trench 29 Ditch Facing SW
- 14 Trench 27 South terminal Facing North
- 15 Trench 27 South terminal Facing North
- 16 Trench 27 South terminal Facing South
- 17 Trench 27 South terminal Facing South
- 18 Trench 29 Ditch Facing West
- 19 Trench 29 Ditch Facing East
- 20 Trench 28 Ditch Facing South
- 21 Trench 28 Ditch Facing South
- 22 Trench 27 South terminal Facing South
- 23 Trench 30 Ditch section Facing South
- 24 Trench 29 Ditch Section Facing South
- 25 Trench 27 Ditch (2711, 2713 2708) Facing North-west
- 26 Trench 27 Ditch (2708) Facing North-west
- 27 Trench 30 Ditch intersection Facing South
- 28 Trench 30 Ditch Intersection Facing South
- 29 Trench 8 Surface after first cleaning Facing West
- 30 Trench 8 Surface after first cleaning Facing East
- 31 Trench 8 Surface after first cleaning including buried soil Facing South-east
- 32 Trench 8 Continuation of stony slot (1104) Facing East
- 33 Trench 8 Circular feature (8002) Facing South
- 34 Trench 8 Circular feature (8004) Facing South
- 35 Trench 8 Section (8014) Facing South-east
- 36 Trench 8 Section (8008) Facing South
- 37 Trench 8 Section (8017, 8018) Facing East
- 38 Trench 8 Section (8019, 8020) Facing West
- 39 Trench 8 Section (8011) Facing West
- 40 Trench 8 Section (8011) Facing North
- 41 Trench 8 Hearth (8021) Facing West
- 42 Trench 8 Hearth (8021) Facing West
- 43 Trench 8 Pit? (8016) Facing West
- 44 Trench 8 Stone alignment (8034) Facing North-west
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- 46 Trench 8 Pit (8028) Facing North-west
- 47 Trench 8 Linear land boundary (8034) Facing South-east
- 48 Trench 8 Linear land boundary (8034) Facing North-west
- 49 Trench 8 Palisade trench & pit (8031 8033) Facing East
- 50 Trench 8 Palisade trench (8031) Facing West
- 51 Trench 8 Pit (8004) Facing North
- 52 Trench 8 NAA excavation area Facing North-east
- 53 Trench 8 NAA excavation area Facing North-east
- 54 Trench 8 NAA excavation area Facing North-east
- 55 Trench 8 NAA pit/ hearth Facing North-east
- 56 Trench 8 NAA linear/line of stones Facing North-east
- 57 Trench 8 NAA small pits/postholes Facing South-west
- 58 Trench 8 NAA excavation area Facing South-west
- 59 Trench 8 Hearth (8021) Facing South-west
- 60 Trench 23 Palisade trench (2305) Facing West
- 61 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8039) Facing South
- 62 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8043) Facing West
- 63 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8041) Facing North-west
- 64 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8045) Facing North-west
- 65 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8052) Facing East
- 66 Trench 20 NAA linear feature (1104) Facing North-west
- 67 Trench 20 NAA linear feature (1104) Facing South-east

- 68 Trench 20 NAA linear feature & hearth (1104 1008) Facing South-west
- 69 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8047) Facing North-west
- 70 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8049) Facing North-west
- 71 Trench 8 Pit/posthole (8052) Facing North-west
- 72 Trench 8 Land drain (8056) Facing North
- 73 Trench 8 Land dram (8056) Facing South
- 74 Trench 8 Pit (8057) Facing North
- 75 Trench 8 Palisade trench (8054) Facing West
- 76 Trench 4 Linear feature & burial (403, 412) Facing South-east
- 77 Trench 4 Burial (412) Facing South
- 78 Trench 4 Burial (409) Facing North
- 79 Trench 4 Linear feature (404) Facing North-west
- 80 Trench 8 Palisade trench (8064) Facing East
- 81 Trench 8 After removal of buried soil (8050) Facing East

## APPENDIX 5

### Environmental Report

#### Evaluation of biological remains from excavations at Flaxby, North Yorkshire (site code FB94)

#### Introduction

Twelve samples of sediment ('GBAs' *sensu* Dobney *et al* 1992) from excavations of Iron Age/Romano-British deposits from Flaxby, North Yorkshire, were supplied by MAP Archaeological Consultancy Limited for an evaluation of their content of biological remains

#### Methods

All samples submitted were described (using a *pro forma*) and two were selected for processing. A 3kg subsample was taken from one of the selected samples (context 8032) to be processed for biological remains following techniques of Kenward *et al* (1980-1986). A 27kg subsample was taken from the other selected sample (context 8022) to be bulk-sieved to 1mm.

#### Results

Results of the analyses of biological remains are given in the Appendix.

#### Discussion and statement of potential

Ten samples submitted had no bioarchaeological potential. The remaining two contained only trace amounts charcoal of no interpretative value.

#### Recommendations

No further work on this material is recommended.

#### Retention/disposal

The remaining samples can be discarded.

#### Archive

All biological remains, samples of processed and unprocessed sediment and paper and electronic archives relating to this work discussed here are currently stored at the Environmental Archaeology Unit, University of York.

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## Appendix

The two samples processed in context number order Archaeological information provided by the excavator is presented in brackets

Context 8022 [compact fill of hearth 8021]

Sample 5 Just moist mid brown, crumbly and moderately stony (stones from 2 to 60mm present) sandy silt with some charcoal

The modest residue was mostly angular to rounded micaceous sandstone (to 60mm) with some lithologies including quartzite, present A trace of charcoal was also present including one fragment (to 15mm) of *Alnus*

Context 8032 [Pit fill]

Sample 7 Almost dry, mid brown, crumbly sand with some charcoal

The washover was approximately 10cm<sup>3</sup> of charcoal (to 15mm diameter) with some sand and a few fragments of rootlet The largest fragments of charcoal were *Fraxinus* and *Corylus* and two fragments of *Veronica hederifolia* L \*

The small residue was mostly sand with some angular micaceous sandstone (to 15mm)

The samples not selected for processing were mostly stony, mid to dark orange-brown or purplish-brown, sandy silt or silty sand, some having an appreciable clay component After the initial examination and description of these samples no further analysis was undertaken as their bioarchaeological content was clearly negligible A check-list of these samples is presented below

Context	Sample
2806	1
1801	2
1803	3
3009	4
8029	6
8003	8
8059	9
8054	10
2103	1
8038	8

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\* To be checked if charred seed

SNY 18770 2x LARGE SITE PLANS NOT  
SCANNED (TOO LARGE) SEE ORIGINALS.