

ditch was either never fully cleared or that some material, perhaps from the bank, was thrown back in fairly soon after it had been dug. There were no finds from the ditch below the topsoil. The causeway was formed by leaving a strip of uncut rock and surfacing it with earth and rubble.

The lack of structural remains was confirmed by the second trench, which cleared an area 20 ft. by 10 ft. The only finds were ten sherds of pottery. The majority of finds, consisting of pottery and nails, came from the original surface of the mound at its centre. Elsewhere only the ditch, where it abutted the causeway, yielded more than an occasional sherd and here the finds were relatively few. It is interesting that there was a complete absence of bones. The concentration of finds at the centre of the mound and the presence of iron nails suggest that there may have been a temporary shelter of a very slight nature erected there; in view of the relative scarcity of finds it cannot have been occupied for any length of time.

The finds from this excavation, together with a detailed report, have been deposited in the Museum of the University of Nottingham.

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DERBYSHIRE LYNCHETS.

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WITH reference to the interesting note by Merrick Posnansky in this *Journal* (*D.A.J.*, 1956, 71), the presence of lynchets in Derbyshire has long been known, but little serious work has been carried out in their investigation. I have notes of their occurrence

at many places, including areas around Matlock, Bakewell, Taddington, Eyam and Stoney Middleton, Longshaw and Hathersage. The fine examples at Priestcliffe, near Taddington, have been under observation by the Buxton Archaeological and Natural History Society for several years; investigations are well in hand by members of that Society under my direction and with full permission of the owner and tenant. It is hoped to produce a detailed survey, with excavation, soil and pollen analysis, in order to throw light on their date and on early agriculture in the county.