

# Great Bowden Heritage & Archaeology



## Field Walking at Chater's Hill, Market Harborough.

**Grid Ref: SP735887**

**9th, 11th, 12th September 2009**



**Location.** This field is on the northern slope of Bowden Ridge, close to Burnmill Road. It was part of the West Field in Great Bowden's open fields. At the nearest point it is 350 metres from the Iron Age settlement found by ULAS (University of Leicester) in 2011 further east along the ridge.

**Associated Documents:** Great Bowden Heritage & Archaeology Field Walking in Webb's Meadow, Lower Green's Hill and Russell's Seeds. University of Leicester Archaeological Services for Waterfield Place Ref: 2011-097

**Method:** The field was walked in sections. Traverses were at 10 metre intervals and stints at 30 metre intervals. The traverses were walked as far as possible in a north-south direction. A triangular section in the far east of the field and a smaller triangular section in the south-east corner were not walked. In the

centre section of the field a distinct raised plateau made it impossible to see the markers at the far side. It is therefore likely that some of the traverses went over the same piece of ground and the angle of the traverses may have changed slightly when the second team took over.

### Finds summary:

Prehistoric = 12 flints, 2 sherds late Iron Age pottery

Roman = 9 sherds (grey ware, white ware, early Roman grog tempered ware)

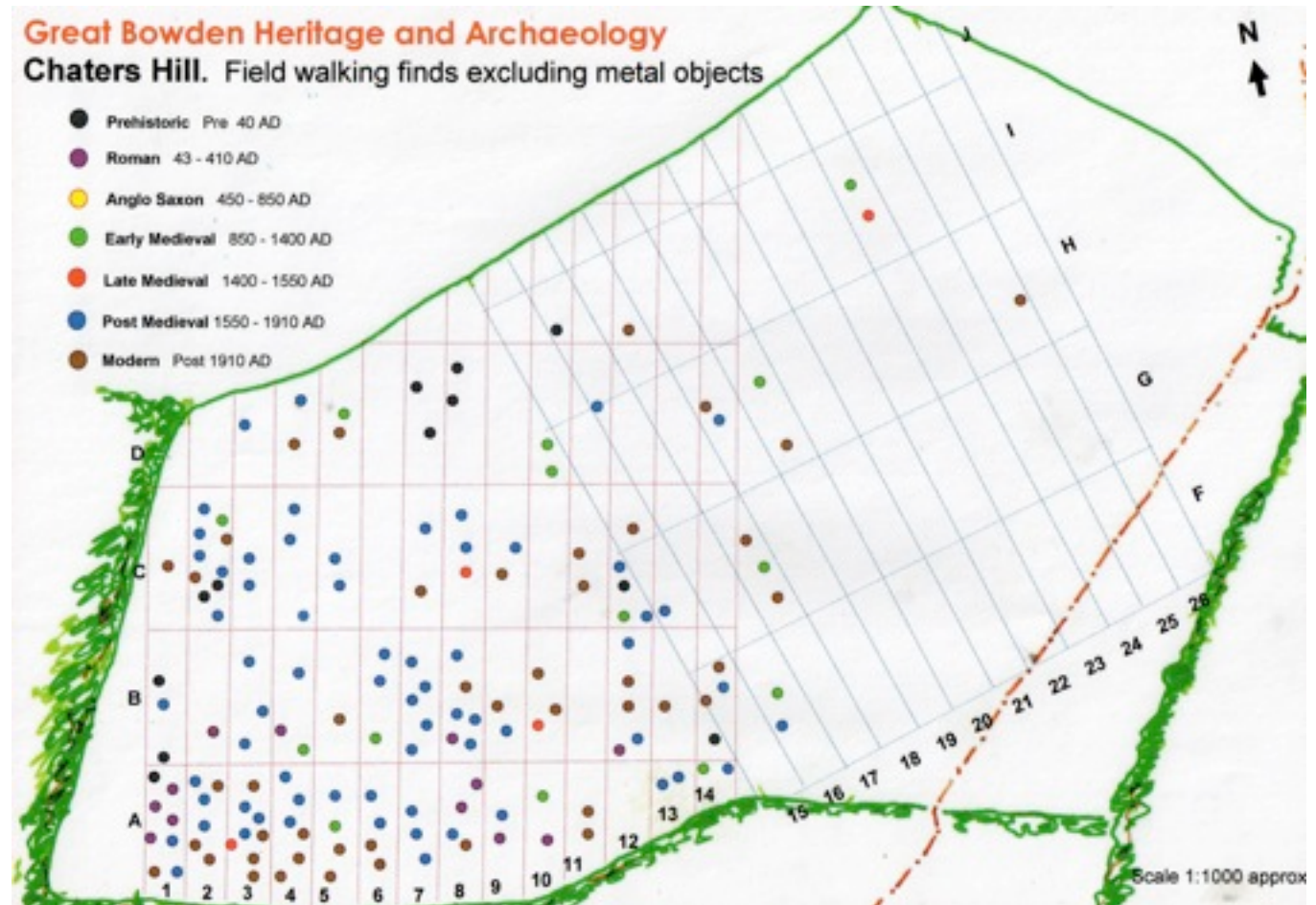
Early medieval and medieval = 18 sherds (Stamford ware, Lyveden Stanion ware, Sandyware, Midland Purple)

Early post medieval and post medieval = 53 sherds (Midland Black, pancheon type ware, stone ware, late Midland purple, Staffordshire slipware, clay pipes, mottled ware, yellow ware)

Modern, white and blue and white glazed sherds not counted.

**Note:** The field at the bottom of the hill (northern section) produced far fewer finds than the higher section. The team on this lower section were the most experienced but were having the same difficulties with hot weather and hard dusty ground as the other team on higher ground. We cannot explain the reduced number of finds.

(**Note 2017** - since researching the area in the Bowden Ridge project from 2015 we think that this lack of finds may be explained by a deviation in the course of the Gunnsbrook, in the northern part of the field, which probably had meadows on each bank which would not have been ploughed. Further work on this is planned.)







Traverse Ref	LIA	WW	GW	ST	E.Med	Toft	LY1	Salt	MP	CW	MW	MB	Staff	Pan	Stone	Mod
9B																1g
9C											7g					4g
10A			16g				8g									
10B									6g							3g
10D							9g									
11A																2, 5g
11C																1, 2g
12B			5g											22g		5g
12C							4g							10g		1g
13B																2g
14A							24g							17g		
14B														48g		1, 2g
14D																2, 8g
16F				10g												
17G							55g									5, 11g
19C																12g
19H							26g									
23I							36g		62, 79g							
25H															32g	
random									117g							



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**Finds other than pottery**

Traverse No	Ceramic other than pottery	Animal bone	Worked stone & flint	Metal & Metal working	Glass	All other finds
1A			1 x flint flake = 9g		1 x glass = 20g	1 x oyster shell = 23g
1C		1 x bone = 6g			1 x decorative glass(texture of opalescence) = 6g	
2A	1 x clay pipe stem (narrow) = 1g 2 x terracotta tile fragment (age unknown) 14g, 8g				1 x green glass = 1g	1 x oyster shell = 3g
2C	1 x clay pipe stem = 1g		1 x struck flint = 14g 1 x flint core = 25g			
3A	1 x clay pipe stem = 4g 1 x terracotta tile fragment 9g				1 x thick bottle glass = 47g 1 x glass = 5g 1 x glass = 5g 1 x fine glass with opalescence = <1g	1 x oyster shell = 11g
3B						2 x Belemite fossils
3D	1 x clay pipe stem = 1g					1 x fossil = 80g
4A	1 x terracotta tile, age unknown = 23g	1 x animal bone = 11g			1 x green bottle glass = 4g	
4B	1 x clay pipe stem = 3g					
5A	2 x brick or fired clay fragments, 2g and 4g				1 x glass with opalescence = 8g 1 x green bottle glass = 2g	
5B		1 x herbivore tooth = 5g			1 x thick bottle glass with opalescence = 17g	1 x part ammonite fossil = 78g

Traverse No	Ceramic other than pottery	Animal bone	Worked stone & flint	Metal & Metal working	Glass	All other finds
5D					1 x heavy bottle base = 51g	
6A	1 x clay pipe stem = 1g					
6B	1 x fired clay/brick = 9g 1 x clay pipe stem = 2g					
7A	2 x clay pipe stems = 1 g and 3g 1 x terracotta tile, age unknown = 14g 1 x nibbed tile (post med) = 161g 1 x field drain = 84g					
7C	1 x clay pipe stem = 1g					
7D	1 x flint recorticated and crushed at one end possibly very early = 21g 1 struck flint = 6g 1 x flint flake = 2g					
8A	1 x clay pipe stem = 5g	1 x tooth/tusk = 2g			1 x fine green bottle glass = 2g	1 x oyster shell = 4g
8B	2 x clay pipe stems = 3g, 3g 1 x frag. fired clay/brick = 5g				1 x thick green bottle glass = 16g	1 x Belemite fossil = 5g
8C	1 x clay pipe stem = 5g 1 brick frag. = 12g	1 x animal bone = 6g				
8D			1 x flint scraper = 28g 1 x flint flake? = 14g			
9A	1 x field drain frag. = 23g					
9B	1 x part of clay pipe bowl = 1g				1 x glass rim = 17g	1 x slate = 2g
10B						



Traverse No	Ceramic other than pottery	Animal bone	Worked stone & flint	Metal & Metal working	Glass	All other finds
10D	1 x medieval roof tile or vessel = 7g					
10E			1 x struck flint fragment = 12g			
11D	1 x medieval tile, LY1 fabric (oolites present) = 32g					
12A				1 x iron bar (twisted, ornamental, half inch square, flat end shows it has cracked & failed over time 13.5 cm long = 188g		
12B				2 x metal hooks = 41g, 6g	1 x thick green bottle glass = 65g 1 x thin clear window glass = 1g	1 x Welsh slate = 13g
12C			1 x flint core = 42g	1 metal bar = 109g	1 x green glass = 3g	
13A	1 x clay pipe stem = 4g				1 x thick clear window glass = 1g	
13B						1 x slate = 11g
13C					1 x green glass = 2g	
13E			1 x struck flint prob. natural but poss. retouch = 15g			
14B			1 x flint flake = 14g	1 x metal ring/washer = 7g		
14E						1 x slate = 3g
17I	1 x flowerpot frag = 1g					





*Midland Purple lid - found randomly near hedge  
117grams*

*Traverse 1 Finds - 1B Late Iron Age 10.51 grams*

