

not included in the NMP tables.

3.3 Medieval field systems

As prescribed by the general NMP scope at the time the project was established, medieval field systems were not routinely mapped for the Northamptonshire project. Ridge and furrow was mapped only where it was observed to underlie or overlay other features and then it was recorded schematically in the APplots table and in the specific NMPr&f table. Ridge and furrow was not recorded in the database. As per the original project design, more expansive work on recording medieval field systems has been undertaken in parallel with this NMP project, the Open Fields project (Hall 2001) and the current Rockingham Forest Project (Foard 2002). In addition, as part of the research and analysis of the project's data for the medieval periods, there will be a review and assessment of the strategies for recording field systems from air and ground survey.

3.4 Landscape parks and gardens

Areas of parkland and garden landscapes were not mapped however structural elements visible as crop marks soilmarks or abandoned earthworks were mapped as seen. Elements of parks and gardens still in use were not recorded by the NMP project but records of these features do form part of the broader historic landscape dataset created by NCC.

3.5 Industrial archaeology

Evidence of historic large-scale extraction industries such as ironstone mining and stone quarrying were recorded, normally by outlining the visible extents of the activity.

Historic small-scale extractions for local use were occasionally plotted but were generally only mapped and recorded in the database if there was considerable risk of confusion with nearby archaeological features.

Plate 2. Charcoal burning hearths and other soil marks at Brigstock. (NCC colour slide SP9385/020).

