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**The Thatched Cottage, Hook Road, North Warnborough,
Odiham, Hampshire**

Archaeological Watching Brief

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(SU 7316 5193)

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Summary

Site name: The Thatched Cottage, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Odiham, Hampshire

Grid reference: SU 7316 5192

Site activity: Watching Brief

Date and duration of project: 15th–18th February 2013

Project manager: Steve Ford

Site supervisor: Andy Taylor

Site code: TCW 13/26

Area of site: c.36 sq m

Summary of results: No deposits or finds of an archaeological nature were observed.

Location and reference of archive: The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with Hampshire Museum Service in due course.

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Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out at The Thatched Cottage, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Odiham, Hampshire (SU 7316 5192) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr Jonathan Taylor of The Thatched Cottage, Hook Road, North Warnborough, Odiham, Hampshire.

Planning consent (12/01607/HOU) had been gained from Hart District Council to build a new extension at The Thatched Cottage. The consent was subject to a condition relating to archaeology.

This is in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2012) and the District's policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Dr Hannah Fluck, Senior Archaeologist with Hampshire County Council, advisers to the District on matters relating to archaeology. The fieldwork was undertaken by Andy Taylor on the 15th and 18th February 2013 and the site code is TCW 13/26.

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Location, topography and geology

The site is located on the northern edge of North Warnborough and the western side of Hook Road and is currently occupied by the rear garden of The Thatched Cottage (Fig. 2). The underlying geology comprise Low Level Terrace Deposits (BGS 1978) which, along with clay patches, were observed in the stripped area and the site lies at a height of c.75m above Ordnance Datum.

Archaeological background

The archaeological potential of the site has been highlighted in a briefing note provided by Dr Hannah Fluck of Hampshire County Council. In summary the potential of the site stems from its location close to the historic (medieval) centre of North Warnborough. The village is not mentioned in Domesday Book of 1086 (Williams and Martin 2002) though its presumed parent settlement (South Warnborough) is. The cottage itself has 15th Century origins and is a listed building (grade II).

Objectives and methodology

The purpose of the watching brief was to excavate and record any archaeological deposits affected by the works. This involved the examination of all areas of intrusive groundworks, in particular the stripped area of the pad for foundations.

Results

The stripped area (Fig 3) of the footprint of the new extension was observed to a depth of *c.*0.50m. Although further depth would be required this would only be dug through natural geology. Its stratigraphy consisted of 0.40m of topsoil overlying 0.08m of subsoil overlying natural gravel with clay. Occasional pieces of brick and Victorian pottery were observed in the topsoil but not retained. No archaeological deposits were observed.

Finds

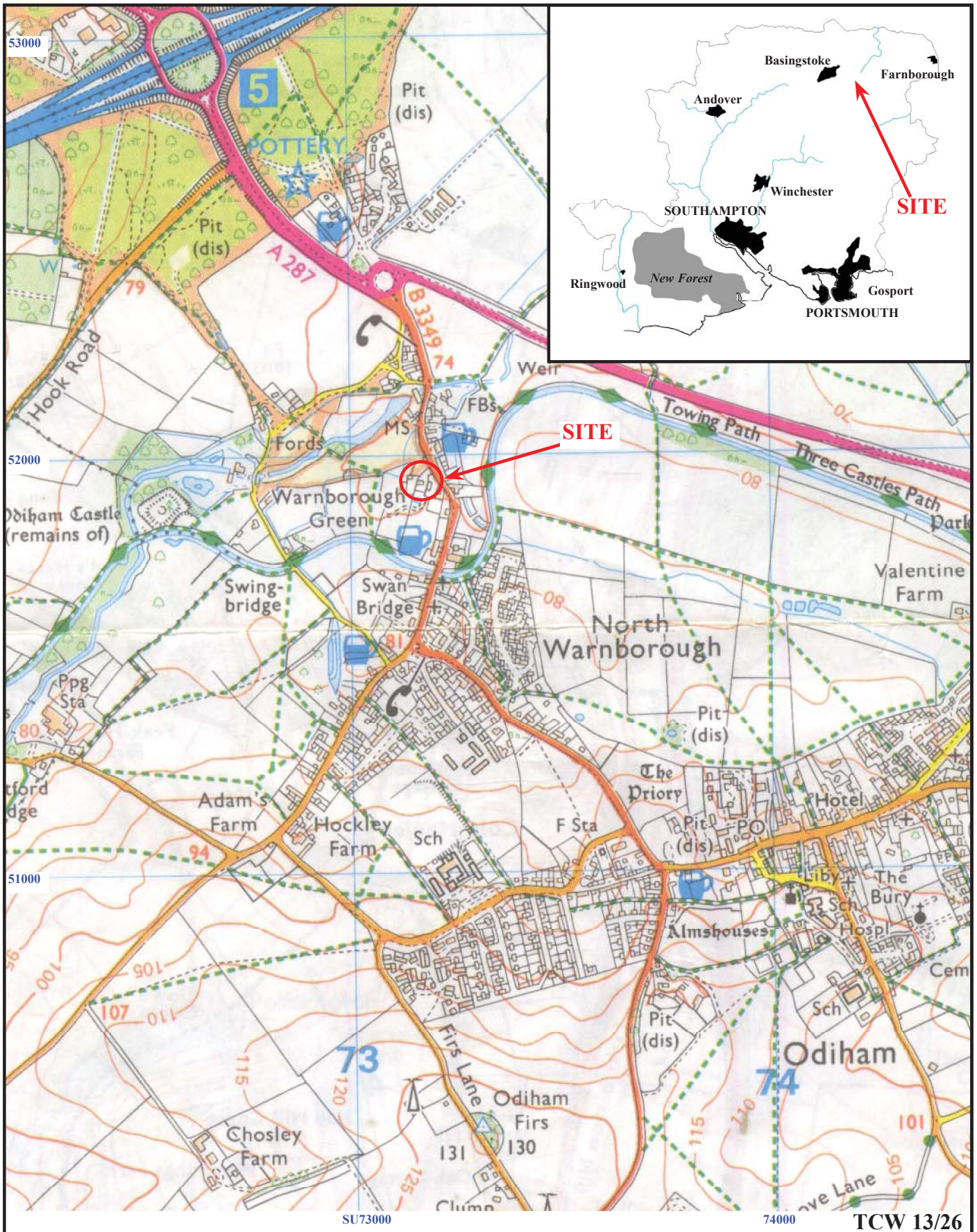
No finds of an archaeological nature were recovered during the watching brief.

Conclusion

Despite the potential for archaeological deposits being present on the site no features or finds were observed during the watching brief.

References

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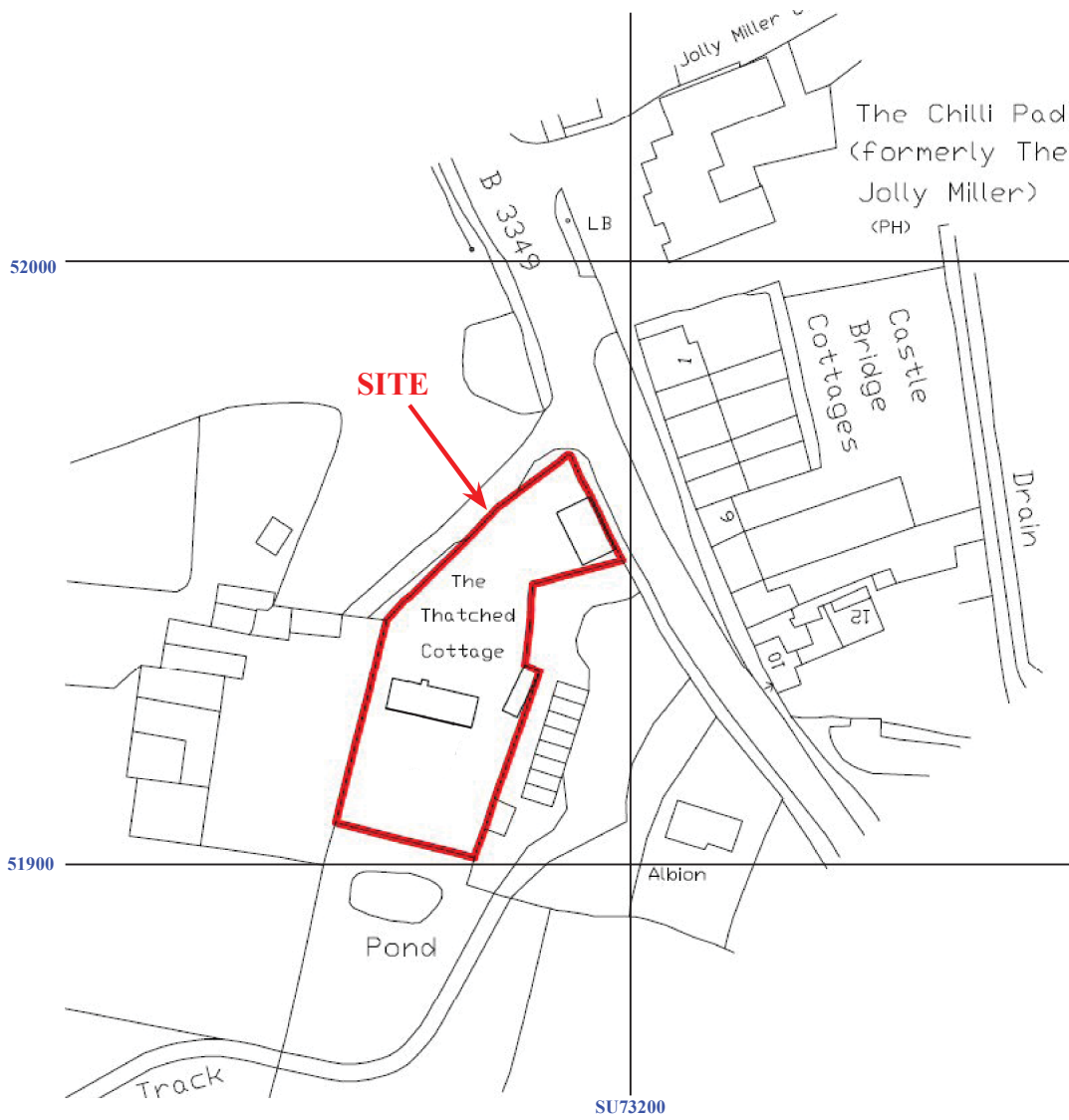


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Figure 1. Location of site within North Warnborough and Hampshire.

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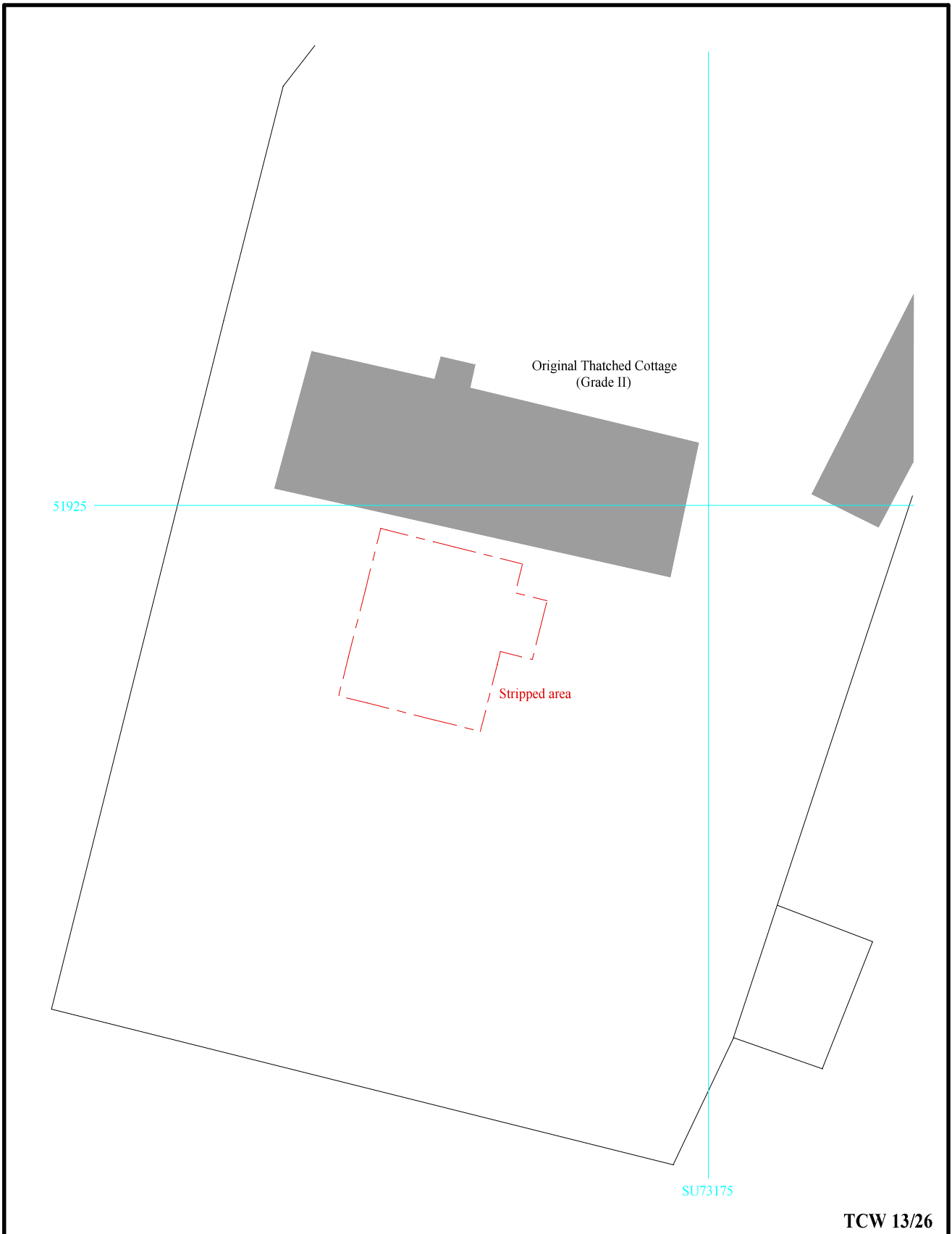


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Figure 2. Detailed location of site.

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Figure 3. Location of observed area.



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Topsoil

Subsoil

Gravel and clay (natural geology)

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Figure 4. Section.



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Plate 1. Stripped area, looking north, Scales: 2m and 1m.

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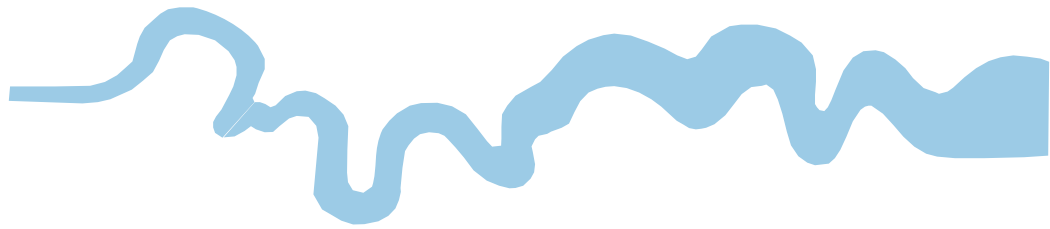
Plate 1.

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TIME CHART

| | Calendar Years |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Modern _____ | AD 1901 |
| Victorian _____ | AD 1837 |
| Post Medieval _____ | AD 1500 |
| Medieval _____ | AD 1066 |
| Saxon _____ | AD 410 |
| Roman _____ | AD 43 |
| Iron Age _____ | BC/AD 750 BC |
| Bronze Age: Late _____ | 1300 BC |
| Bronze Age: Middle _____ | 1700 BC |
| Bronze Age: Early _____ | 2100 BC |
| Neolithic: Late | 3300 BC |
| Neolithic: Early | 4300 BC |
| Mesolithic: Late | 6000 BC |
| Mesolithic: Early | 10000 BC |
| Palaeolithic: Upper | 30000 BC |
| Palaeolithic: Middle | 70000 BC |
| Palaeolithic: Lower | 2,000,000 BC |





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