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Glossary

Cutting	Excavation trench
'Layer'	Term used in the original archive to mean a cultural archaeological horizon inclusive of more than one context.
Midden	Dump(s) of domestic waste (shell pottery, bone, stone, etc)
Post-Roman	Early Medieval period. Here taken to last from 410 AD to 1066 AD
Sondage	An exploratory test pit within a trench

Summary

Funded by English Heritage's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund this stage of post-excavation work on the post-Roman archive is part of a programme of work being carried out on what have been called the 'key data sets' of Charles Thomas' Gwithian archive. These 'key data sets' include the excavation archives of the Bronze Age sites, the post-Roman sites and Crane Godrevy (a Romano-British, post-Roman, medieval and post-medieval site). The overall aim of the project at this stage was to complete the stratigraphic reconstruction for all of these sites and to publish the results for the Bronze Age and post-Roman sites prior to analysis. At a future date it is hoped that analysis leading to final publication may take place.

Post-Roman activity at Gwithian was discovered in January 1953 by Charles Thomas when sea shells, bones and a few sherds of pottery were collected from soil thrown out of rabbit burrows at site GMI. This site was where the post-Roman excavations began. It was located at the centre of the top of a linear sand dune measuring from its base approximately 150m long by 50m wide by 4m high and aligned NE-SW following the course of the Red River which is now canalised but lies 65m to the south. The modern beach lies 680m to the west. The level area on top of the dune lies at a height of approximately 8mOD (where GMI, GMA, GMB and GME were located) and measures 20m in width before dropping steeply to the north and south (see Figs. 1 and 2). Immediately to the north of the linear dune there is a large sub-rectangular seasonal pond measuring approximately 50m NE-SW by 20m NW-SE and it can be suggested that this may have been a pond (possibly seasonal), created from a natural slack (wind erosion between dunes), during the post-Roman occupation here. It would certainly appear that both the dune and the pond area were established landscape features during the post-Roman period and that the landscape in general has undergone very little change since then.

Throughout the 1950s the excavation of GMI continued alongside the excavation of other post-Roman sites in the vicinity. On top of the linear sand dune, and associated with GMI, other sites included GMA, GMB, GME, GMVI, GMVII and GMVIII, and at the base of the northern side of the dune was site GMIV. These sites revealed industrial activity associated with a group of post-Roman workshops and form the focus for this report. It should be noted that the primary records for sites GMVI, GMVII and GMVIII were too limited to be included in a stratigraphic reconstruction (see Fig. 2).

Other small sites revealing post-Roman activity were also excavated in the vicinity during the 1950s but have not been stratigraphically reconstructed during this phase of work (see Fig. 2). These included site GMXX, a series of five small trenches to the north-east of GMI, which uncovered post-Roman deposits and finds which may be indicative of more settlement activity. Another site, GMXXI, which comprised four small trenches to the north-west of GMI, revealed possible evidence for post-Roman ridge and furrow. Site GMXXII was a small test pit dug in the seasonal pond which revealed a shell rich post-Roman deposit and another site GMY (a single trench) revealed mixed post-Roman layers (see Sturges 2004b). The area within which all these post-Roman sites are situated lies at the foot of a steep south facing slope which protects the area from the prevailing wind (see Fig. 2). The slope forms the northern edge of a wide flood plain and estuary of the Red River. Another site in the area which produced evidence for post-Roman activity was Crane Godrevy (located at the very top of the slope to the north (see Fig. 7)). Here grass-marked pottery was found in association with sunken featured buildings. The stratigraphic reconstruction of one of these buildings has been included in Sturges, J and Lawson-

Jones, A, 2006 *Crane Godrevy Revisited, Archaeological Excavation of an enclosure ditch between 1956 and 1969 in Cornwall.*

The sites along the linear dune, namely GMI, GMA, GMB, GME and also GMIV at the base of the dune (see Fig. 2), were the focus of the post-Roman excavations and as such have produced the greatest amount of primary records. This report centres on the stratigraphic reconstruction of these five sites which appear to represent an uninterrupted phase of post-Roman occupation. Radiocarbon dates taken from residue on pottery indicate a relatively short period of occupation and abandonment between the 5th and 8th centuries. The main excavation trenches were centred at NGR: SW 58950 42140.

It should be noted that the state of preservation of the post-Roman sites excavated at Gwithian was outstanding. The industrial settlement was established on top of sand dune accumulation and after abandonment was sealed by later accumulations which eventually sealed and protected the deserted site. There is very little in the way of later activity in this area causing disturbance to the underlying post-Roman deposits besides the occasional post-medieval or modern pit at site GMB and one or two rabbit burrows. The later sand accumulations also provided special alkaline conditions for the excellent preservation of many classes of artefact (particularly bone which rarely survives on Cornish sites).

The excavation of GMI, GMA, GMB, GME and GMIV revealed a series of post-Roman buildings and industrial features. From the excavation record it appears that the area was being used for industrial purposes including metal working prior to the erection of any buildings, but that similar industrial processes continued throughout the period when the buildings were in use. The industries carried out here included metal working (mainly iron but some bronze), fishing, bone working, leather working, recycling of imported ceramics and possibly sea-borne trading and cereal processing.

Buildings and structures of a non-domestic nature were uncovered at sites GMI, GMA and probably GMB. Phasing of this industrial settlement has proved difficult and it appears that the buildings were all part of a wide single phase of occupation before they were abandoned and never returned to. It is possible that all the buildings are contemporary but that some have minor phases of rebuilding.

There are at least nine buildings represented in GMI and GMA, with possibly a further three in GMA and GMB (see Fig. 5). All, except one, of these buildings are constructed in a row aligned east-west along the southern side of the top of the dune. They were constructed within purpose cut hollows or 'sunken features', which were never recognised during the excavation, and they are all more or less sub-square or sub-rectangular in form. In addition, many are adjoining and share party walls and all share a contemporary phase. The record shows that the probable method of construction for these buildings was that a hollow was dug in the sand 1', 2' or 3' deep and then that the sides of the hollow were packed with turf or soil (to prevent collapse of the sand) which was then revetted on the internal face with stone and, in some cases, capped with stone. There is also evidence of postholes set within the walls indicating that the buildings were of both stone and timber construction. It seems likely that the eaves of roofs would have reached ground level and that the stone and turf element of the construction may have been purely for revetting the interior of the hollow. The exact function of each of these buildings is unclear at present until further analysis takes place. The wide range of artefacts found in association with them (including stone, iron and bone tools, fish bones, sea shells, animal bones and pottery) suggests multiple functions. There are large quantities of stone tools associated with 'House 3' and whole, crushed bar-lug pots were found in association with 'House 4' and structure **2137**.

'House 1' in GMI, however, is not of the same type as the southern sunken featured buildings (see Fig. 5). It is situated along the northern side of the dune facing the other buildings and appears to be a sub-rectangular, open sided, roofed building constructed from stone and timber with its open side facing an area in the centre of the top of the dune and the other structures to the south. The long northern wall has a central doorway and short lengths of return walls at either end and there is a roughly central internal wall. The walls of this building are not of the same construction as the other buildings although it seems possible that this was also set within a hollow. The walls are stone built and freestanding rather than revetted and incorporate square set post sockets within them. It still remains unclear whether 'House 1' represents two buildings (one later than the other), or if it represents a single building of two phases, or if the structure is a single building of one phase. It seems possible, but by no means certain, that part of this structure may have existed for a short length of time after the abandonment of the other buildings in GMI and GMA. A possible function of this open-sided building is that it was a blacksmith's workshop as a large percentage of the metalwork discovered during the excavation was located inside the structure.

There are many sub-circular pits in the area of all phases up to the abandonment of the site. The majority of these pits have almost vertical sides and flat bases. Some of the pits have associated flues and evidence for burning in them, whilst there are also linear trenches burnt *in situ* full of charcoal deposits (see GMI and GMIV), hearths (both internal and external) and a large stone lined furnace (see GMI). Some, but not all, of these features contain slag and metalwork and from the recorded quantities and types of slag and metalwork it is clear that smelting and smithying were carried out here. In addition, the site contains a high quantity of tools of all kinds the majority probably associated with metalworking, fishing, bone working, leather working, wood working and cereal processing. There are also large quantities of sea shells, pottery and animal bone (including fish). Due to the size and nature of the buildings and the kinds of activity taking place here it has been suggested that this was a place of industry (seasonal or otherwise) which would have served a domestic settlement nearby, and was not a domestic settlement in its own right. The seasonal pond to the north of the site today may have played an important role in the necessary supply of water for various industries such as metalworking and leather working.

The upper post-Roman deposits at sites GMI, GMA, GMB and GME represent an episode of abandonment of the area. In the northern half of GMI this is represented by layer associated with the burning down of 'House 1' but elsewhere the interiors of ruined buildings and other features such as open pits and industrial features have been filled in with deep deposits of midden material with a high sea shell content (mainly mussels and limpets) but also containing bone, pottery, metalwork and stone. These dumped deposits appear to have been created either in a single episode or in very quick succession after the abandonment of the buildings since there is very little evidence for sand accumulation within or below them. Site GME produced evidence for substantial dumping of shell rich material which also appears to be contained within a cut hollow. The filling of hollows and pits with this dumped material creates the impression that there was a need to level the site after abandonment. Contained within 'Houses 2, 3 and 4' there are rubble deposits below the shell middens which either represents a layer of collapse or demolition or deliberate closure. Below the abandonment levels lie the buildings which are all more or less contemporary with minor phases within them. The buildings are associated with external and probably internal industrial features such as pits, pits with adjoining flues and charcoal filled trenches. Predating these buildings, are more (but fewer) industrial features of a similar nature. Below the earliest post-Roman deposits wind blown sand was encountered,

interrupted by very occasional turf lines. This blown sand was excavated to a depth of at least 7' but is likely to be far greater in depth.

The industrial complex is placed in an ideal location close to both a river and the sea and in a comparatively sheltered spot at the base of a slope. The rocky beaches close by, along with the river estuary to the south, were rich sources of shell fish. The shells recovered from the site included oyster, saddle oyster, mussel, limpet, scallop, whelk, dog-whelk, periwinkle, sting winkle, purpura, sea-top, and cockle. At present little is known about the fishing activities at Gwithian but it is hoped that further analysis will shed light on the use of certain artefacts within the archive. One example of a fishing tool is the bronze harpoon shown in Fig. 74. The large quantities of domestic animal bone found on the site suggest that animal husbandry was carried out in close proximity to the workshops. The bone assemblage shows that cattle and sheep appear in the greatest quantities followed by pig and then other species including birds. Two human bones were also noted during the initial animal bone assessment carried out by Andy Hammon of English Heritage (Hammon in Nowakowski et al. 2004). A few Bronze Age artefacts including flint tools and pottery were also retrieved from post-Roman contexts, presumably collected either as useful tools or as relics from the surrounding area. Interestingly, a Bronze Age pottery sherd was retrieved from the hearth inside 'House 2'. Much of the post-Roman imported pottery (such as amphora) represented on site shows clear evidence of being broken up for reuse. The reuse is clearly shown by items such as spindle whorls made from amphora sherds. This could indicate that spinning and cloth working were carried out within the complex, but it seems more likely that the spindle whorls were being made here for use within a nearby settlement.

Tools and other artefacts were being made in a variety of materials including stone, bone and metal. Some of the artefacts suggest that they were made for use within the workshop complex and other 'higher status' objects appear to have been made for all walks of life within the nearby local community. There is evidence for grain processing in the vicinity (although not necessarily within this complex) in the form of the presence of broken rotary querns for hand mills. However, these querns may only serve a secondary function within this complex as they may only have been used as building material (eg. Broken rotary querns are used as a hearth surround in 'House 2'). Some stone tools, including polishers, indicate that leather working was taking place (probably within the complex) whilst the majority of stone tools were whetstones (many with iron staining) suggesting their connection with the metalworking industry. Tools and artefacts that were made from bone include points, needles and combs whilst there is also an abundance of horn on site some of which has been worked.

The excavation of the post-Roman sites was undertaken without a modern understanding of stratigraphy. Stratigraphy was viewed far more generally than it is today and soil formations at sites GMI, GMA and GMB were divided into 'cultural horizons' based on pottery typologies rather than individual contexts (although features were generally named within a horizon). Each 'horizon', at sites GMI, GMA and GMB, was given a 'layer code' in the excavation records. A model section within these post-Roman sites comprised 'layers A, B and C' but not all of these 'layers' appeared in every excavated area and often confusion arose over the assignment of 'layer' codes. It is clear that the stratigraphy on the northern side of GMI, for example, was very different to that on the south. Both sides of the excavation displayed considerable depth although there was minimal stratigraphy in the area in between. It is now recognised that the recorded coded 'Layers' (Layers A, B and C) did not accurately reflect the way the site was formed. That some deposits in the northern half of the site were incorrectly equated with those in the southern half is clear. For example: in GMI 'Layer A' to the north is a different deposit to 'Layer A' to the south (in

GMI, GMA and GMB) and so they can not be treated as contemporary. All deposits, builds and cuts have now been assigned individual context numbers and any future analysis will be based on a context led narrative. The northern area of excavation should be treated as a separate sequence to that in the south.

1 Introduction

1.1 Project background

An assessment of the entire archaeological archive created as part of the Gwithian landscape project was conducted by a team from the Historic Environment Service (projects) (HES) during 2003 and 2004. The main objective of the project was a comprehensive evaluation of the significance and quality of the archive in academic and research terms. The 2003-2004 exercise concluded that there were a number of key datasets within the Gwithian archive which warranted further work towards analysis and leading towards full publication (Nowakowski *et al* 2004).

A second phase of work concentrating on some of the key datasets was then agreed by English Heritage. These datasets were the excavation archive for Crane Godrevy and the excavation archives for the main Bronze Age sites and the post-Roman sites. This stage of post-excavation work commenced in February 2005 guided by a programme of work set out in the *Project Design for Assessment of Key Datasets* by Nowakowski *et al*, dated February 2005. Following the completion of work on archive reconstruction for the major sites, the overall aim of the project during this stage was to produce an assessment report and an updated project design which would lead to publication. At a future date it is hoped that analysis leading to final publication may take place.

This report presents the results of this phase of work on the reconstruction of stratigraphy within the main post-Roman sites.

1.2 Gwithian Archive and Documents

The following project designs and reports have been created since the Gwithian project was re-established in 2002 as a result of English Heritage funding:

Nowakowski, J et al, February 2003 *Archaeology Beneath the Towans - Excavations at Gwithian, Cornwall 1949-1969- Project Design for Archive Appraisal and Assessment* (HES unpublished project design)

Nowakowski, J et al, 2004 *Archaeology Beneath the Towans - Excavations at Gwithian, Cornwall 1949-1969 - Updated Project Design (Design for assessment, analysis and publication)* (HES unpublished project design)

Sturgess, J, 2004 *The Gwithian Project 1949-2004 Paper Archive Inventory November 2004* (HES unpublished report)

Sturgess, J, 2004 *The Gwithian Project Summaries and Evaluations of Enumerated Sites* (HES unpublished report)

Nowakowski, J et al, 2005 *Archaeology Beneath the Towans - Excavations at Gwithian, Cornwall 1949-1969 – Project Design for Assessment of Key Datasets* (HES unpublished project design)

Nowakowski, J et al, 2005 *Gwithian Variation Request September 2005* (HES unpublished project design)

Nowakowski, J et al, 2006 *Gwithian Archive Project Revised Variation Request January 2006* (HES unpublished project design)

Nowakowski, J et al, 2006 *Gwithian, Cornwall, Report on Palaeo-Environmental Sampling Fieldwork, June 2005* (HES report forthcoming)

Sturgess, J and Lawson-Jones, A, 2006 *Bronze Age Gwithian Revisited, Archaeological Excavation between 1956 and 1961 in Cornwall: Volumes 1 and 2* (HES unpublished report)

Sturgess, J and Lawson-Jones, A, 2006 *Crane Godrevy Revisited, Archaeological Excavation of an enclosure ditch between 1956 and 1969 in Cornwall: (HES unpublished report)*

1.3 Methods

The methodology relating to this phase of the project (post-Roman Structure and Stratigraphy) centred on updating the existing field records for the post-Roman excavations so that they complied with standard modern excavation records, and carrying out the initial stages of post-excavation to create this archive report.

All information within the primary excavation archive relating to each cutting in each of the post-Roman sites was collated to produce a series of 'Site summaries'. Each of these documents was designed to contain all the available information regarding a particular site and the trenches/cuttings within it. This included all information collated from the site notebooks, the finds registers, the drawings and the photographs. Once all the information relating to a site had been collated context numbers were given to each discernable context and a matrix for the site as a whole was created. Each of the 'Site summaries' contains a concise overall discussion of what was discovered in the site as a whole, an account of the archive record in diary format, and a list of context descriptions. A context index was also created for each of the post-Roman sites and all the primary site plans and sections were digitised and the newly assigned context numbers added.

During this process on-the-spot assessment of sites and cuttings were carried out to eliminate any areas where reconstruction would not be possible or would not add any more to the understanding of the post-Roman sites. This led to the abandonment of further work on site GMVI, GMVII and GMY. Sites GMXX and GMXXI were not undertaken as they were smaller sites with little stratigraphy which could not be directly related to the main post-Roman sites.

This phase of work also shed light on quantities of finds that required further work to reunite them with their original contexts. As a result of this further work on the finds was undertaken and a proportion of the 'missing' finds have now been brought back to their original contexts.

2 Background

2.1 Location and setting

The parish of Gwithian lies on the exposed northern sand-duned coastline in West Cornwall fringing the eastern side of St Ives Bay (Fig 1). *Historical and archaeological evidence indicate that by AD 1000 the duned landscape at Gwithian and Godrevy Towans had stabilised following previous centuries where major wind blows shifted the sands and inundated and buried with regularity, a more open estuary environment* (Nowakowski, 2003). However, the results of this excavation clearly show that here the sand dunes had not stabilised by AD 1000 as there are deep wind blown deposits dating to the post-medieval period. Sand accumulation continued both before and after post-Roman occupation. These sand dunes (the towans) provided special alkaline conditions for the excellent preservation of many classes of artefact. In addition, the final sand blows during the post-medieval period (up to 3' deep on top of the settlement) ensured the preservation of the post-Roman activity here.

The post-Roman settlement explored during the excavation at Gwithian was the earliest of the large scale excavations to take place here. The main post-Roman sites were located at the centre of the top of a linear sand dune measuring from its base approximately 150m long by 50m wide by 4m high and aligned NE-SW following the course of the Red River which is now canalised but lies 65m to the south. The level area on top of the dune at a height of approximately 8mOD where GMI, GMA, GMB and GME were located measures 20m in width before dropping steeply to the north and south. Along the base of the northern side of the dune there is a large sub-rectangular seasonal pond measuring approximately 50m NE-SW by 20m NW-SE and it can be suggested that this may have been a pond (possibly seasonal) during the post-Roman occupation here. A test pit excavated in the pond in 1961 (site GMXXII) revealed a deep layer of wind blown sand overlying a shell midden containing 2 sherds of post-Roman pottery. The main post-Roman sites on top of the dune were discovered in January 1953 by Charles Thomas when sea shells, bones and a few sherds of pottery were collected from soil thrown out of rabbit burrows leading to an initial interpretation as a site of 'middening'. The first trench was dug in March 1953, which by luck located 'House 1'.

The main post-Roman sites span a period (estimated from radiocarbon dates taken from residue on pottery) of roughly within 360 years from approximately AD 420 to AD 780 and are scattered over an area measuring approximately 35m N-S by 90m E-W (although the extent of post-Roman activity is likely to be greater) centred at NGR: SW 58950 42140. The modern beach lies 650m to the west (Fig. 1).

The Bronze Age settlement lies only 150m to the north-east of the main post-Roman sites on land rising above the flood plain (see Fig. 7). There is evidence elsewhere in the area for post-Roman activity but it does not overly the main Bronze Age sites. However, post-Roman activity is present immediately to the south of the Bronze Age sites in GMXX. Although cuttings 1-4 in GMXX contained post-Roman contexts they were also recorded as containing Bronze Age 'Layer 5' at a far greater depth than within the main Bronze Age area (up to 6' below the surface). This suggests that there was the edge of a Bronze Age terrace just to the south of the track.

Evidence for a possible post-Roman field system was uncovered in trial trenches at GMXXI lying approximately 120m to the north-west of the main post-Roman sites.

2.2 Allocation of site names and their locations

The first of the post-Roman sites to be named was GMI when it was discovered in 1953. GMI stood for 'Godrevy midden site number 1' and was located on top of the dune. From GMI heading westwards along the top of the dune a series of sites were laid out which included GMA, GMB, GMC, GMD and GME, although GMC and GMD were never excavated. Also on top of the mound were three individual trial trenches which were excavated early on and given individual site names. These were GMVI (along the eastern edge of GMI for which there are no site records), GMVII (a test pit to the north of GMA containing a shell midden) and GMVIII (a test pit which later became incorporated into site GME). At the base of the dune on a slightly raised area adjacent to the pond to the north-east of GMI was site GMIV. Three of these sites yielded the most significant archaeology; they were GMI, GMA and GMIV.

Other post-Roman sites in the area which have not been dealt with in this report include GMY, GMXX, GMXXI and GMXXII (see Fig. 2 for locations).

3 The creation of the primary record

The archives for these sites are complex and because excavations of areas took place over a number of years, record keeping and site documentation were created at differing levels. Changes in site personnel and the development of new ways of dealing with complex stratigraphy, has resulted in a varied record. Changes to the day to day and year to year excavation strategies also had direct consequences on how and what was recorded. For example, initial small trenches were frequently extended and later amalgamated to form larger open areas with the consequence that contiguous layers, or groups of features which appeared in adjacent trenches, would be recorded more than once by a variety of people with differing views. The result was that a great deal of relevant data was recorded across a range of different media by different people over a number of seasons of fieldwork. Modern techniques for dealing with complex stratigraphy and the use of single context recording had not been invented at this time and so artefacts and samples were recovered both as small finds and in mixed groups of finds and assigned frequently to the major coded 'layers' rather than individual contexts.

3.1 Excavation techniques

The excavation of the post-Roman sites at Gwithian was undertaken spanning a six year period from 1953 to 1958. This was at a time when excavation techniques in Britain were still being formed. It is clear from the primary archive that a "multi context type" technique was established at Gwithian. The clear differences between this excavation and a modern excavation are as follows:

- Excavation was carried out by opening small trenches one at a time and extending gradually rather than open area excavation.
- Context numbers were not used (they had not been invented).
- Matrices were not used (they had not been invented).
- All measurements were in imperial.
- Archaeological deposits were excavated in horizons named "layers" often resulting in several phases being excavated at once.
- The creation of section drawings and plans was not systematic.
- An account of what was found each day was kept in a site notebook.

A modern understanding of stratigraphy was not recognised on site. The driving force behind the excavation was to collect as much pottery as possible in order to create a pottery typology for the post-Roman period in Cornwall. Stratigraphy was viewed far more generally than it is today and was mostly divided into 'horizons' based on pottery typologies rather than individual contexts (although these were sometimes named within a horizon). Each 'horizon' was given a 'layer code'. A model section within the post-Roman sites comprised 'layers A, B and C' but not all of these 'layers' appeared in every trench/cutting/area and they were often confused (see **Section 4.2 Recording techniques and stratigraphy**).

There was no site grid for the post-Roman sites as there was for the Bronze Age sites. Instead at least one base line was set up for each site which was allocated a letter of the alphabet and numbered pegs along these base lines were occasionally used as reference points for measurements. The excavation techniques employed varied from year to year and even within the same year from cutting to cutting. None of the techniques on site were standardised. Finds were treated in different ways from year to year. In the first two years

of the excavation each individual sherd was given a number and any other finds were either thrown away or kept but not entered into a numbering system. Later a numbered bag system was established and numbering single sherds was abandoned. All finds types (these were selectively collected) were placed in bags which were numbered and listed in a register. Sometimes the bags contained finds from a single context and sometimes they were from more than one context which had been interpreted as a “layer”. A separate stonework register and separate metalwork register were also kept although some of the stonework entered the finds bag system. The actual collection of finds on site was selective and only small samples of marine shell and slag were kept. Soil samples were rarely taken as modern environmental procedures for bulk sampling and sieving had not been invented. A soil sample (usually one pint in a milk bottle or a smaller sample) would be taken under the following circumstances:

- If a context contained large amounts of charcoal
- If an area of soil had been scorched pink
- If a context contained a clay deposit

A number of small trenches/cuttings were opened and extended each season. The trenches/cuttings were often not completed by the end of a season and were left open and unenclosed until the following year which meant that some archaeological deposits were probably lost through disturbance caused by cattle and vegetation growth in between excavation seasons. The post-Roman deposits in very few cuttings were fully excavated, and those that were reached wind blown sand deposits. Bedrock was never reached.

Whilst the majority of contexts were excavated stratigraphically some features were left *in situ* whilst the surrounding area was taken down. The features that remained standing were often walls (some collapsed), posthole packing and hearths. The majority of buildings with a stone element were reconstructed during excavation presumably to help visitors to the site gain an impression of what the buildings might have looked like. In the case of ‘House 3’ the reconstruction of the building was incorrect and encompassed a far greater area than the original structure which led to confusion during the excavation of what was thought to be the interior of the building. The sectioning of a wall was hardly ever undertaken and it appears that whilst excavating there was also an aim to preserve any obvious stone structures even if they were rebuilt.

In some cases excavation was carried out by starting at the edge of a cutting and digging vertically through deposits along a face which in some cases led to several ‘horizons’ being excavated as a single context (as in the northern half of GMI with ‘Layers B and C’).

3.2 Recording techniques and stratigraphy

As with the excavation techniques on the Bronze Age sites, the recording techniques on the post-Roman sites were not standardised. The records that were created in the field included the following:

- Site notebooks (diaries listing the daily occurrences in each trench/cutting)
- Finds Registers (introduced during 1954) (listing finds bag numbers on a daily basis)
- Stonework Register (listing stonework that did not enter the finds bag system on a daily basis)
- Metalwork Register

- Plans and section drawings
- Photographs
- Paintings

The site notebooks, created by a ‘supervisor’ at the end of each day, form a record of archaeological elements encountered on site. However, it should be noted that they do not form a rigorous account of every feature or deposit encountered in the way that modern site context sheets do. In fact there are many features uncovered that have no records in the notebook. Unfortunately the majority of ‘Houses 1, 2 and 3’ were excavated within the first two years at a time when note taking was very sparse.

The finds and stonework and metalwork registers also form records of the finds encountered in each trench/cutting. Sometimes the finds were given a descriptive location which was occasionally very precise and can now be connected with a definite context but frequently the descriptive location was more general and can now only be assigned to a ‘layer’ (horizon).

Plans and section drawings were not considered a necessity for every cutting, and because of the depth of stratigraphy encountered excavators were, on occasion, uncertain as to when to stop excavating and plan the cutting.

Photographs were not taken with any regularity, and were dependent on someone who owned a camera being on site as there was no camera available for use continuously during the excavation.

Watercolour paintings were occasionally made during the excavation to record excavation methods and the archaeology that was encountered. The majority of the paintings were carried out by Marjory Sommerscales.

It is mentioned above that a modern understanding of stratigraphy was not recognised on site. Within the first years work on the GMI (1953) a test pit was excavated to establish a general sequence of soil horizons on top of the dune. The dark horizons or ‘occupation’ horizons were separated in this test pit by layers of ‘stained’ sand but only the ‘occupation’ horizons were given codes (Layers A, B, C and D). The stratigraphy recorded in the test pit was as follows:

Turf and topsoil

Blown sand

‘Layer A’ dark sand and shells

Light sand

‘Layer B’ dark sand and shells

Stained darkish sand

‘Layer C’ very dark sand with shells

Stained darkish sand

‘Layer D’ dark sand and shells

Light sand

This stratigraphic sequence was seen as the basis for separating pottery into a dateable sequence and from then on these named ‘Layers’ were applied to all the following excavations in GMI, GMA and GMB. However, ‘Layer D’ was never recorded again after

the first year and the stratigraphy elsewhere was so variable that the application of these 'Layers' was not always valid.

All of the 'Layers' can not be regarded as archaeological layers in the modern sense but as horizons within which either a few or many major and minor archaeological events have been recorded.

This systematic application of the 'layer' sequence has caused confusion in cuttings where the sequence differed and has, therefore, caused mistakes to be made in the primary record. The clear problem that has arisen is that the stratigraphy recorded in the test pit in the northern half of GMI is very different to the stratigraphy recorded in the southern half of GMI and sites GMA and GMB. The other contributing factor to confusion with the 'Layers' is that buildings on site were constructed in sunken features that were not recognised during excavation. Within the sunken featured buildings the standard 'layer' sequence and its application has caused confused and conflicting records. It might be easier to see the application of the coded 'Layers' in each individual cutting as top (layer A), middle (layer B) and bottom (layer C) of archaeology. At sites GME/GMVIII and GMIV the coded 'layer' system was not applied.

3.3 Scientific work

Unlike the Bronze Age sites at Gwithian very little scientific work was undertaken at the post-Roman sites. Some post-excavation work was undertaken on the animal bone recovered from the site which was analysed although probably not in its entirety. Work on the material quantified and analysed bones belonging to cattle, sheep, pig and horse.

The slag found in pit or ditch (E) (2217) was analysed by K G Hosking at The Camborne School of Mines and was shown to have probably come from iron concretions in the nearby Godrevy cliff and included fragments of sand.

3.4 Experimental archaeology

The experimental archaeology carried out during the excavation of the post-Roman sites included using weather balloons for overhead photography (see front cover) and reconstructing bar-lug pottery with grass-marked bases and cooking with it over a reconstructed hearth (see Volume 2 front cover). A miniature hand mill was also made to demonstrate the use of the rotary querns recovered from the hearth in 'House 2'.

3.5 Post-excavation techniques

Post-excavation work on the post-Roman archive was carried out both during the excavation seasons and from time to time over the following years up to and including 1990. The work on the archive included substantial work on the finds, some reworking of the primary drawings for publication and sporadic interpretation for various publications. It should be noted that no stratigraphic reconstruction was attempted as a post-excavation exercise.

3.5.1 Finds work:

Consolidation of some of the finds was carried out both on site and after the completion of the excavation. Some of the pots were reconstructed with plaster of Paris, some were glued back together and many of the fragile finds were coated with poly-vinyl to stabilise artefacts. The reconstruction of some of the pots meant that sherds were removed from their original finds bags. Sometimes sherds and other finds were marked with their finds bag number but the vast majority were not. It is unclear as to whether finds were ever washed.

Reorganisation of some of the finds was carried out during the excavation. This sometimes involved the gathering together of a particular class of find from a particular layer within each site and the removal of these finds from their original bags.

After the excavation finds were removed from their original bags for a number of reasons including exhibiting, drawing and comparing styles. This has also led to the loss of some original contextual detail.

Other finds have been thrown away over the years if they were felt to be insignificant or had decayed badly. This has meant that much of the ironwork and slag was thrown away.

3.5.2 Interpretation of site data for publication

Work on the excavation paper records was not undertaken in the way in which a modern excavation record would be dealt with. Presumably the site notebooks were looked through and the drawings were consulted to create a narrative for publication. Interpretation of the data was based on ideas formed during excavation rather than interpretation based on thorough post-excavation work. The underlying emphasis for the interpretation was based on pottery typologies and less attention was focused on stratigraphic sequences as it would be today. Interpretation narratives were bold and a far cry from the hesitant excavation reports produced today.

The 'layer sequence' applied to the post-Roman sites has led in publications to the over simplification of stratigraphy and phasing. This has led to the misinterpretation of features and phases of activity across the site.

3.6 The Archive now

Considering the age of the archive and the many years and many people involved in post-excavation processes, the archive remains, for the majority, intact.

Problem finds range from completely missing to re-assignable to context on basis of drawings, notebook descriptions, finds slides etc. Many finds now exist as assignable to 'layer' only and there are some finds in bags that were not originally listed in the registers whilst other selected finds are missing from otherwise complete bags.

With the paperwork archive it is clear that some photos and slides and the occasional field drawing have gone astray.

3.7 Problems with the Record

The major problems with the archaeological record which have been directly relevant to this phase of post-excavation work on the archive are:

- The overall application of the model 'Layer sequence' across the post-Roman sites. This created a misleading and confused record in places.
- Previous post-excavation work on the finds archive which has led to a number of missing or unallocated finds.
- Inconsistent and changing recording techniques have led to gaps in the drawn and written records.

4 Excavation seasons

The post-Roman sites were discovered in 1953. They were excavated over a period of six years between 1953 and 1958.

4.1 1953 discovery and excavation

GMI was discovered in 1953 and the first trenches were excavated which included 'Section A' (and extensions), 'The Pit', 'L-Trench' and 'The Square'.

4.2 1954 Excavation Season

GMI: the following trenches were excavated: 'Section A' (and extensions), 'The Square', 'New Rectangular Cutting', 'Inner Cutting', 'Trench 1', 'Trench 2', 'Trench 3', 'Trench 4', 'Trench 5', 'Trench 6', 'Trench 7 (and extensions)', 'House 2' area.

GMIV: 'West Cutting' and 'East Cutting' were excavated.

GMVIII a trial cutting was excavated.

4.3 1955 Excavation Season

GMI: the following areas were excavated: baulk between the 'Inner cutting' and the 'New Rectangular Cutting', baulk between 'Trench 2 and 3', baulk between the 'Inner cutting' and 'House 2' 'Western Extension', 'Area Y', 'Test Trench' in the centre of GMI, 'Test Trench' to the east of the central 'House 1' baulk

GMA: Cuttings GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA- α and GMA- β were excavated.

GMB: This single cutting was excavated.

GME: Cuttings GME-N and GME-S were excavated.

GMIV was extended around the 'West Cutting' and the 'East Cutting' to form a single trench.

4.4 1956 Excavation Season

GMI: the following areas were excavated: baulk between GMI and GMA, 'Houses 2, 3 and 4', 'Inner Cutting', 'East extension', 'Northern extension'.

GMA: Cuttings GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA- α and GMA- β were continued and GMA-N/S and an extension to the east of GMA- β were excavated.

GMB: Limited excavation.

GME: Limited excavation of Cuttings GME-N and GME-S.

GMIV: Cuttings A, B and C were excavated.

4.5 1958 Excavation Season

GMI: the following areas were excavated: the 'furnace area', western extension to the 'furnace area' and northern extension to the 'furnace area'

5 Suggestions for future work

At a future date it is hoped that analysis leading to final publication may take place. Suggestions for this future phase of work are set out below.

Initially time should be taken to agree on aims and focuses for analysis.

The current phase of work on the archive has highlighted major problems with the original application of the 'Layer' sequence on site. It has caused confusion in the original record and it is clear that the stratigraphy in the northern half of GMI is very different from the

stratigraphy in the southern half of GMI and in sites GMA and GMB and cannot be equated unless through scientific means.

To overcome the problem encountered through the original application of ‘Layer codes’ it is recommended that any future work on the archive moves away from the use of these numbers and instead relies on the newly given context numbers replacing the ‘Layer’ model, with phases which themselves would contain sub-phases. The following is an outline of the main phases within the main post-Roman sites at Gwithian:

Main phases (from the turf down)

PHASE	MAIN EVENT	PHASE - Present at sites
Phase 8	Turf (modern)	GMI, GMA, GMB, GME, GMIV
Phase 7a & 7b	Sand dune formation and pits	GMI, GMA, GMB
Phase 6a & 6b	Stablisation horizon	GMI, GMA, GMB
Phase 5	Wind blown sand	GMI, GMA, GMB
Phase 4a, 4b & 4c	Settlement abandonment	LAYER A and A/B and middens in GMI and GMA and an horizon in GME
Phase 3	Settlement and industry	LAYER A/B, B and B/C in GMI, GMA and GMB, and an horizon in GME and GMIV
Phase 2	Early industry & possible settlement	LAYER B/C, C AND D in GMI and GMB, and an horizon in GME and GMIV?
Phase 1	Phased sand duned landscape	GMI, GMA, GMB, GME, GMIV

This current phase of work has highlighted some areas of finds analysis work which should be taken into consideration if analysis were to take place.

The stratigraphic reconstruction and the new radiocarbon dates (taken from internal residues on pottery) suggest a shorter period of time for post-Roman occupation at the main sites than had originally been suggested. At present there is no evidence to suggest dates earlier than the 5th century AD or later than the 8th century AD for all the main post-Roman sites summarised in this report. Previously the date range was thought to have been from the 5th century AD to the 11th century AD (Thomas, 1958, 23). Further targeted scientific dates would clarify the date range for the industrial settlement and help to gain further insight into date ranges for certain ceramic types including ‘Gwithian style’, ‘grass-marked’ and ‘bar-lug’.

It is suggested that the originally proposed radiocarbon dating programme should be reinstated and dates obtained mostly from internal residues on pottery but failing that from any other suitable material. The following stratified features have been identified as containing material which is potentially suitable for radiocarbon dating (there is also suitable material from ‘Layer’ contexts):

Phase 2

[2326] furnace (*contains datable material: pottery and charcoal*)

(2217) pit/ditch (*contains datable material: pottery*)

(2300) flue - (*may contain datable material in sample: charcoal*)

Phases 2, 3 and 4

House 2 2241

Sealed deposits associated with the construction and use of the structure include:

Hearth (2255) - (*contains datable material: pottery*)

Floor (2260) - (*contains datable material: pottery*)

Pit [2313] - (*contains datable material: pottery and charcoal*)

Fill of construction cut (2328) - (*contains datable material: pottery and charcoal*)

Sealed deposit (2238) associated with the abandonment of the structure (*contains datable material: pottery*). The residue on Sherd 924 (SUERC – 6160) from the internal rubble collapse of ‘House 2’ has been dated to Cal AD 650-780.

House 3 2242

Sealed deposits associated with the construction and use of the structure include:

Wall (2230) - (*contains datable material: pottery*)

‘Floor’ (2264) - (*contains datable material: pottery*)

Internal deposits including occupation and abandonment (2237) - (*contains datable material: pottery*)

Sealed shell rich deposit (2258) associated with the abandonment of the structure (*contains datable material: pottery*).

House 4 2245

Sealed deposits associated with the construction, use and abandonment of the structure include:

(2265) Internal deposit(s) sealed by shell midden (*contains datable material: pottery*).

(2322) rubble infill (*contains datable material: a complete bar-lug pot with a grass-marked base-reconstructed*).

Structure 2140

Floor surface (2132) (*contains datable material: charcoal*).

Structure 2137

Occupation surface/deposit (2134) (*contains datable material: pottery*).

hearth (2116) (*contains datable material: charcoal*).

Probable Structure 2123

The occupation deposit associated with hollow cut [2141] (*contains datable material: pottery*).

Pit (2240) - large oval pit (*contains datable material: pottery*).

Pit [2274] with a flue - an industrial pit containing charcoal (*contains datable material: charcoal*).

Pit (2226) with a flue - an industrial pit containing charcoal (*contains datable material: charcoal*).

Shells (2145) (*contains datable material: pottery and charcoal*).

Pit complex [2053] Fill (2054) – *possibly datable material*. Basal pit fill **(2056)** (*contains datable material: charcoal*).

Pit [2060] (*contains datable material: pottery*).

Pit [2063] Fill (2065) *contains datable material: pottery*. Basal fill **(2066)** (*contains datable material: pottery and charcoal*).

Pit [2067] Basal fill (2104) (*contains datable material: charcoal*).

(2229) - hearth (*contains datable material: charcoal*).

Phase 4

Pit (2320) – containing charcoal and infilled with shells. Also containing a large amount of animal bone (*contains datable material: pottery*).

Phase 6

(2223) Two thin turf (tram) lines (*contains datable material: pottery*).

Work on the pottery assemblage should include the identification, if possible, of major and minor ceramic styles and changes in ceramic styles within the phases set out above. Stratigraphy shows that shell rich deposits post-date abandonment of the structures and their make-up suggests they were deposited in a short space of time (possibly a single episode). The structures along the southern side of the dune were visible as abandoned unroofed ruins when the middens were dumped. These middens should be studied to see if they all contain a similarly dated range of material. In addition, the post-Roman pottery from Crane Godrevy, GMXX, GMXXI and GMXXII has not yet been assessed. It is suggested that any further work on the ceramics should include an assessment of these sites to look for material comparable with any of the phases at the main post-Roman sites. Any grain, seed and grass impressions on pottery should also be analysed.

All finds assemblages should be assessed with the aim of identifying any indication of industrial processes within the site generally and within individual structures or defined areas and phases.

There are some artefacts that were not included within the initial rapid finds assessments which have now been identified and should be included in any further work on the finds. These are:

- Slag from sites GMA, GMB, GME and GMIV
- Shell from sites GMB, GME and GMIV
- Charcoal from sites GMA, GMB and GMIV
- Fish bones, scales and sea urchins
- Coprolites from GMI
- Briquetage from GMI

During the initial assessment of the animal bone, two human bones were identified which have yet to be assessed. In addition, it is possible that there is more human bone which has not yet been identified. Any work undertaken on the animal bone should be undertaken with this in mind, and any human bone identified within the animal bone assemblage should be passed on to the appropriate specialist.

6 Contextual Cuttings Summaries

The following sections contain the results of the stratigraphic reconstruction. The sites are dealt with individually and for each of the sites there is a context index which lists all context numbers with a description, associated drawing numbers, date of excavation and all associated finds. The context index is followed by a 'site summary' which was designed to contain all the available information regarding a particular site. This included all information collated from the site notebooks, the finds registers, the drawings and the photographs. Each of the 'site summaries' should be read in conjunction with the relevant matrix and site drawings. Each summary contains the following:

- A discussion of what was uncovered at the site in summary form.
- An account of the archive record in diary format
- A list of context descriptions with newly assigned context numbers.

It should be noted that the context descriptions are concise versions of modern context sheets. Each record contains everything known about a particular context; it includes a description and then lists any finds, any drawings and any samples associated with it. It also records what the context lies above and below and the date of excavation. If no finds bags or drawings are listed it means that there are none associated with the context. These records should be used in conjunction with the cutting matrix.

7 GMI

7.1 GMI Context Index

Context Number	Cutting/ Area	Type (Cut/ Deposit/Built)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds
(2200)	GMI	D	Sand below turf across entire site	-	Plan III, Plan VII, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 35	All years	None
(2201)	Section A	B	North wall of 'House 1'	Plan V, Plan IX, 3, 16, 32, 40	Plan IV, Plan VIII, 32, 35	All years	See context description
(2202)	Section A	D	Layer A in the northern half of GMI outside 'House 1'	-	Plan IV, Plan VIII, 2, 35	All years	See context description
(2203)	Section A	D	Layer A in the northern half of GMI inside 'House 1'	-	Plan III, 19, 32	All years	See context description
(2204)	Section A	D	Layer of sand below Layer A and above Layer B in the northern half of GMI	-	Plan III, Plan IV, Plan VIII, 2, 19, 32, 35	All years	See context description
(2205)	Section A	B	Paved entrance to 'House 1'	Plan V, Plan IX, 3, 16, 32, 40	-	1953	None
2206	Section A	Structure	'House 1' Layer A structure	3	23	All years	None
2207	Section A	Structure	'House 1' Layer B structure	3	23	All years	None
(2208)	Section A	D	Layer B in the northern half of GMI (general number)	-	2, 18, 19, 23, 32, 35	All years	See context description
(2209)	Section A	D	Layer B or C in the northern half of 'House 1'	-	-	All years	See context description

Context Number	Cutting/ Area	Type (Cut/ Deposit/Built)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Findings
(2210)	Section A	D	Layer C in the northern half of GMI (general number)	-	18, 19, 23, 35	All years	See context description
(2211)	Section A the test pit	D	Layer D in the test trench in the northern half of GMI	-	Plan IV, Plan VII, Plan VIII,	1953	See context description
(2212)	GMI	D	Deep layer of sand below Layer D underlying entire site	-	Plan IV, Plan VII, Plan VIII,	All years	None
(2213)	The Square	D	Burnt Layer on top of Layer A	-	-	1954	See context description
(2214)	Section A and The Square	B	Eastern wall of 'House 1'	Plan IX, 3, 16, 28, 40	Plan III, 22, 23	All years	See context description
(2215)	Section A the test pit	D	Possible posthole in test trench at the base of (2211)	-	-	1953	None
(2216)	The Square	D	Layer of ash above the floor of 'house 1'	-	18	1954-1955	None
(2217)	Section A the test pit	D/C	Pit 'E' either cutting or underlying Layer D	-	Plan VII, Plan VIII,	1953	See context description
(2218)	Northern half of GMI	D	Dark spread revealed in Layer C under (2369)	42	-	1956-1958	None
(2219)	Section A the test pit	D	Layer B in the test pit	-	Plan IV,	1953	See context description
(2220)	Section A the test pit	D	Stained sand below Layer B in the test pit	-	Plan IV, Plan VIII,	1953	None
(2221)	Section A the test pit	D	Layer C in the test pit	-	Plan IV, Plan VIII,	1953	See context description
(2222)	Section A the test pit	D	Stained sand below Layer C in the test pit	-	Plan IV, Plan VIII,	1953	None
(2223)	GMI	D	'Tramlines' Two turf lines above Layer A	-	1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 35	All years	See context description
(2224)	Section A	D	Possible floor layer inside 'House 1'	-	-	1954	None
(2225)	Northern half of GMI	D	Context for finds from either Layer A or B in the northern half of GMI	-	-	All years	See context description
(2226)	The Square	D/C	Charcoal filled trench on the south side of The Square	3, 16, 41, 45	18	1954-1955	See context description
(2227)	Inner Cutting	B	Internal Layer B wall of 'House 1'	16, 40, 41	19	1954-1956	See context description
(2228)	Northern half of GMI	D	Lens of sand between Layers B and C in the northern half of GMI	-	2, 18, 19, 23, 35	1954-1956	None
(2229)	New Rectangular Cutting	D	Hearth in the centre of the New Rectangular Cutting	31, 32, 45	-	1954	See context description
(2230)	Trench 1	B	Wall of 'House 3' in Layer B	10, 12, 31	4, 8, 11	1954-1956	See context description
(2231)	Southern half of GMI	D	General context for Layer A in the southern half of GMI	-	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2232)	Southern half of GMI	D	General context for Layer B in the southern half of GMI	-	1, 4, 6	1954-1956	See context description
(2233)	Southern half of GMI	D	General context for Layer C in the southern half of GMI	24, 42	24	1954-1956	See context description
(2234)	Trench 1, 2 and 4	B	Wall of 'House 2' in Layer B	21, 31	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2235)	Trench 2	D	Hearth in Trench 2	-	-	1954-1956	None

Context Number	Cutting/ Area	Type (Cut/ Deposit/Built)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Findings
(2236)	Southern half of GMI	D	Context for finds from either Layer A or B in the southern half of GMI	-	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2237)	Southern half of GMI	D	Context for all Layer B deposits inside 'House 3'	-	4	1954-1956	See context description
(2238)	Southern half of GMI	D	Rubble collapse or demolition of 'House 2'	-	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2239)	Southern half of GMI	D	Context for finds from either Layer A or B inside 'House 2'	-	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2240)	New Rectangular Cutting	D/C	Cut and fill of large ovoid pit in SW corner of New Rectangular Cutting	3, 10, 31, 45	1	1954-1956	See context description
2241	Southern half of GMI	Structure	'House 2' Structure	3, 21, 31	-	1954-1956	None
2242	Southern half of GMI	Structure	'House 3' Layer B Structure	3	4	1954-1956	None
2243	Southern half of GMI	Structure	'House 3' Layer C Structure	24, 42	4, 24	1954-1956	See context description
2244	Southern half of GMI	Structure	Structure to the west of 'House 3'	10, 25, 31, 45	9	1954-1956	None
2245	Southern half of GMI	Structure	'House 4' Structure	10, 25, 31, 45	9	1954-1956	None
[2246]	Southern half of GMI	C	Construction cut for 'House 2' hollow	31	-	1954-1956	None
[2247]	Southern half of GMI	C	Construction cut for 'House 3' hollow in Layer B	3, 10, 31	4	1954-1956	None
[2248]	Southern half of GMI	C	Construction cut for hollow of structure to the west of 'House 3' Layer B	10, 31	9	1954-1956	None
[2249]	Southern half of GMI	C	Construction cut for 'House 4' hollow	-	9	1954-1956	None
(2250)	Southern half of GMI	D	Fill of construction cut for 'House 3' Layer B	10, 31	4, 11	1954-1956	See context description
(2251)	Section A and Inner Cutting	B	West wall of 'House 1'	Plan IX, 3, 16, 40	23	1953-1956	None
(2252)	GMI	D	Deep turf line below clean sand (2279)	-	18, 35	1954-1956	None
(2253)	GMI	D	Clean sand below deep turf line (2252)	-	18, 35	1954-1956	None
(2254)	Southern half of GMI	D	Layer overlying 'House 2' rubble collapse (2238)	-	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2255)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Hearth in the centre of 'House 2' Layer B	3, 31	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2256)	Trench 7	B	Wall adjoining southern wall of 'House 3'	3, 12, 31	-	1954-1956	None
(2257)	New Rectangular Cutting	D/C	Feature described as 'wall trench' in NE corner of New Rectangular Cutting	32, 41	-	1954	See context description
(2258)	Trench 7	D	Shell infilling of 'House 3'	10	4, 8, 11	1954-1956	See context description
(2259)	Southern half of GMI	D	Sand and shell layer inside 'House 2' probably above the rubble collapse (2238)	-	-	1954-1955	See context description
(2260)	Southern half of GMI	D	Possible floor 'Layer B' inside 'House 2'	-	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2261)	Northern extension	D/C	Posthole at base of Layer C associated with furnace [2326]	33, 45	-	1958	None
(2262)	Trench 7 extension	D	'Two dark brown sticky patches' on the west side of Trench 7 extension	-	-	1955	None
(2263)	Trench 1-7 baulk	D	Hearth or area of burning in Layer B 'House 3'	-	-	1954-1955	None

Context Number	Cutting/ Area	Type (Cut/ Deposit/Built)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Findings
(2264)	Southern half of GMI	D	'Floor' of 'House 3' in Layer B	-	4, 11	1954-1956	See context description
(2265)	Southern half of GMI	D	Layer B inside 'House 4'	-	9	1954-1956	See context description
[2266]	New Rectangular Cutting	C	Cut of pit full of shells on the southern side of the new rectangular cutting sealed by Layer B and filled by (2267) and (2268)	31	-	1955	None
(2267)	New Rectangular Cutting	D	Top shelly fill of pit [2266]	31, 45	-	1955	None
(2268)	New Rectangular Cutting	D	Primary fill of pit [2266]	-	-	1955	See context description
(2269)	Baulk between New Rectangular Cutting and Trench 2	D/C	Cut and fill of pit to the SE of [2266]	31, 45	-	1955	None
(2270)	GMI	D	General context for finds which are from either the northern or southern halves of GMI in Layer B	-	-	All Years	See context description
(2271)	Trench 2	D	Top fill of pit [2274]	31, 45	-	1955	None
(2272)	Trench 2	D	Fill of pit and flue [2274] below (2271)	31, 45	-	1955	None
(2273)	Trench 2	D	Charcoal primary fill of pit [2274]	31, 45	-	1955	See context description
[2274]	Trench 2	C	Cut of pit and flue feature [2274]	31, 45	-	1955	None
(2275)	New Rectangular Cutting	D/C	Linear shell filled trench	16, 41, 45	-	1955-1956	None
(2276)	New Rectangular Cutting	D	Spread of ginger sand in the NE corner of the New Rectangular Cutting	-	-	1955-1956	See context description
(2277)	GMI	D	Clean sand below 'Tramlines' (turf lines) (2223)	-	1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 19, 32, 35	All years	None
(2278)	GMI	D	'Tramlines' (two turf lines) below (2280)	-	1, 18, 35	1955-1956	None
(2279)	GMI	D	Clean sand below 'Tramlines' (turf lines) (2278)	-	18, 35	All years	None
(2280)	GMI	D	Clean sand below Layer C across whole of GMI	7, 10	1, 6, 8, 9, 11, 18, 35, 39	All years	None
(2281)	Southern half of GMI	D	Stone lined hearth in 'House 3'	31	-	1955	None
(2282)	Northern extension	D/C	Posthole at base of Layer C associated with furnace [2326]	33, 45	-	1958	None
(2283)	GMI	D	Context for finds from either Layer B or C in the northern or southern halves of the site	-	-	All years	See context description
(2284)	Southern half of GMI	B	Stone wall of 'House 4'	25, 31, 45	9	1954-1956	See context description
(2285)	Southern half of GMI	D	Layer of shell inside structure 2244 and 'House 4'	-	9	1954-1956	None
(2286)	Southern half of GMI	B	Stone wall of structure 2244	10, 25, 31, 45	9	1954-1956	None
(2287)	GMI	D	Context for finds from either Layers A, B or C in the northern or southern halves of the site	-	-	All years	See context description
(2288)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Late Pit underlying the top grey sand of (2200)	-	1	1954	None
(2289)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Pit underlying Layer B (2232) containing charcoal fill at base	31, 45	1	1954	None

Context Number	Cutting/ Area	Type (Cut/ Deposit/Buill d)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Find
(2290)	Inner Cutting	D/C	Cut and fill of Layer A pit	16, 41, 45	2	1954	None
(2291)	New Rectangular Cutting	D/C	Shallow pit or hearth on the western side of the New Rectangular Cutting	31, 45	2	1954	None
(2292)	Trench 7	D	Hearth or charcoal dump on the southern side of wall (2256)	3	-	1954	None
(2293)	Inner Cutting	D/C	Charcoal filled trench on west side of Inner Cutting	3, 16, 32, 41, 45	-	1954	None
(2294)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole associated with a later phase of 'House 3'	-	4	1954	None
(2295)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole associated with an early phase of 'House 3'	24	4	1954	None
(2296)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Stakehole associated with an early phase of 'House 3'	-	4	1954	None
(2297)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Stakehole associated with an early phase of 'House 3'	-	4	1954	None
(2298)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Floor layer associated with an early phase of 'House 3'	-	4	1954-1956	None
(2299)	Southern half of GMI	D	Upper light brown layer of (2232)- part of (2232)	-	6, 11	1954-1956	None
(2300)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Cut and fill of flue feature to the east of 'House 2'	7, 31	6	1954	None
(2301)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Cut and fill of pit to the south of (2300)	7, 31	6	1954	None
(2302)	Southern half of GMI	D	Fill of construction cut [2248] for structure 2244	10	8	1954-1956	None
(2303)	Southern half of GMI	D	Black sand lens below (2302)	-	8	1954	None
(2304)	Southern half of GMI	D	Dark sand layer above clean sand (2277) above 'House 4' and structure 2244	-	9	1954-1956	None
(2305)	Southern half of GMI	D	Clean blown sand layer inside 'House 4'	-	9	1954-1956	None
(2306)	Southern half of GMI	D	Dark sand Layer below (2305)	-	9	1954-1956	None
(2307)	Southern half of GMI	D	Clean sand lens below infills of 'House 3' Layer B structure	-	4, 11	1954-1956	None
(2308)	Inner Cutting	D	Linear charcoal streak to the SW of 'House 1'	16, 45	-	1954-1956	None
(2309)	Southern half of GMI	D	Stone capping of stone-lined pit [2313] in 'House 2'	21, 31, 42	39	1955-1956	None
(2310)	Southern half of GMI	D	Top fill of stone-lined pit [2313] in 'House 2'	21	39	1955-1956	See context description
(2311)	Southern half of GMI	D	Primary fill of stone-lined pit [2313] in 'House 2'	21	39	1955-1956	See context description
(2312)	Southern half of GMI	D	Stone lining of stone-lined pit [2313] in 'House 2'	21, 42	39	1955-1956	See context description
[2313]	Southern half of GMI	C	Cut of stone-lined pit [2313] in 'House 2'	21, 31	39	1955-1956	None
(2314)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole in 'House 3'	31	-	1955-1956	None
(2315)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole in 'House 3'	31, 24	-	1955-1956	None
(2316)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole in 'House 3'	31	-	1955-1956	None
(2317)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole in 'House 3'	31, 24	-	1955-1956	None
(2318)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole in 'House 3'	31	-	1955-1956	None
(2319)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole to the west of 'House 3'	31	-	1955-1956	None
(2320)	Western extension	D/C	Pit in Layer A seen in the western section	16, 31, 40, 41, 45	-	1955-1956	See context description
(2321)	Western extension	D/C	Pit in Layer B seen in the western section	16	-	1955-1956	See context description

Context Number	Cutting/ Area	Type (Cut/ Deposit/Built)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Findings
(2322)	Western extension and baulk between GMI and GMA	D	Stone rubble inside 'House 4'	25, 31	-	1955-1956	See context description
(2323)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Hearth pit between 'Houses 3 and 4'	31, 45	-	1956	None
(2324)	Western extension and northern extension	D	Black fill of furnace [2326]	33, 42	23	1956-1958	See context description
(2325)	Western extension and northern extension	B	Stone lining of furnace [2326]	33, 42	-	1956-1958	None
[2326]	Western extension and northern extension	C	Cut of furnace	33, 42	23	1956-1958	None
(2327)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole associated with structure 2243 below 'House 3' in Layer B	24, 42	-	1956	None
(2328)	Southern half of GMI	D	Fill of construction cut for 'House 2'	31	-	1954-1956	See context description
(2329)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole in the centre of the north wall of 'House 2'	31	-	1956	None
(2330)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole in the centre of the south wall of 'House 2'	31	-	1956	None
(2331)	Southern half of GMI	B	Possible post surround for posthole (2332) in the north wall of 'House 2'	-	-	1956	None
(2332)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole in the north wall of 'House 2'	31	-	1956	None
(2333)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Shallow pit to the south of posthole (2332) inside 'House 2'	31	-	1956	None
(2334)	Southern half of GMI	B	Party wall between 'Houses 2 and 3' in Layer B	31	-	1956	See context description
(2335)	Southern half of GMI	B	Walling of structure 2243 below 'House 3' in Layer B	24, 42	-	1954-1956	None
(2336)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Shell filled pit and flue cutting fill (2250) of construction cut for 'House 3'	31, 45	-	1956	None
(2337)	Southern half of GMI	D/C	Shell filled pit cutting fill (2250) of construction cut for 'House 3'	31, 45	-	1956	None
(2338)	New Rectangular Cutting	D/C	Possible pit in Layer B	31	-	1955-1956	None
(2339)	Southern half of GMI	Ds/Cs	Group of three postholes and five stakeholes below the party wall (2334) between 'Houses 2 and 3'	31	-	1956	None
(2340)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of dark brown sand (part of Layer B (2208))	-	23	1956	None
(2341)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of brown sand (part of Layer B (2208))	-	23	1956	None
(2342)	Northern half of GMI	D/C	posthole (part of Layer B (2208)) sealed by (2341)	32, 41, 45	23	1956	None
(2343)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of clean blown sand against eastern wall of 'House 1' (part of Layer B (2208))	-	22, 23	1956	None
(2344)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of grey sand containing sea shells (part of Layer B (2208))	-	22, 23	1956	None
(2345)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of gingery brown sand (part of Layer B (2208))	-	22, 23	1956	None
(2346)	Northern half of GMI	D	Dark brown sand with shells fill of wall cut [2348] (part of Layer B (2208))	-	22, 23	1956	See context description
(2347)	Northern half of GMI	D/C	Posthole at base of the eastern wall of 'House 1' (part of Layer B (2208))	32, 41, 45	22, 23	1956	None
[2348]	Northern half of GMI	C	Construction cut for the eastern wall of 'House 1' (2214) (part of Layer B (2208))	-	23	1956	None

Context Number	Cutting/ Area	Type (Cut/ Deposit/Buill d)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Findings
(2349)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of light brown sand (part of Layer B (2208))	-	23	1956	None
(2350)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of black sand with shells (part of Layer B (2208))	-	23	1956	None
(2351)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of dark brown sand (part of Layer B (2208))	-	23	1956	None
(2352)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of dark brown sand with shells (part of Layer B (2208))	-	23	1956	None
(2353)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of dark brown sand (part of Layer B (2208))	-	23	1956	None
(2354)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of greyish brown sand (top of Layer C (2210))	-	23	1956	None
(2355)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of black sand with shells (part of Layer C (2210))	-	23	1956	See context description
(2356)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of grayish brown sand (part of Layer C (2210))	-	23	1956	None
(2357)	Northern half of GMI	D	Spread of black sand with shells (part of Layer C (2210))	42	23	1956	None
(2358)	Northern half of GMI	D	Layer of brown sand (base of Layer C (2210))	42	23	1956	None
(2359)	Southern half of GMI	D	Fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243	24, 42	24	1956	None
(2360)	Southern half of GMI	D	Black shell fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243	24, 42	24	1956	None
(2361)	Southern half of GMI	D	Stone fill/wall of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243	24, 42	24	1956	None
(2362)	Southern half of GMI	D	Charcoal fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243	24	24	1956	None
(2363)	Southern half of GMI	D	Mid brown fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243	24	24	1956	None
(2364)	Southern half of GMI	D	Dark shell fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243	24	24	1956	None
[2365]	Southern half of GMI	C	Cut of feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243	24	24	1956	None
(2366)			Number not used				
[2367]	Northern half of GMI	C	Possible construction cut for the western half of 'House 1' in Layer B	41	-	1956	None
(2368)	Northern half of GMI	D	Charcoal dump revealed in Layer C under 'House 1'	42	23	1956-1958	None
(2369)	Northern half of GMI	D	Charcoal spread revealed in Layer C under 'House 1'	42	23	1956-1958	None
(2370)	Northern half of GMI	D/C	Group of 24 stakeholes in the 'House 1' area in Layer B	45	-	1955-1956	None

7.2 GMI Summary (Figures: 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14 to 45, 60 to 66 and matrix 9)

GMI was the earliest of the large scale excavations to take place at Gwithian. It was located at the centre of the top of a linear sand dune measuring from its base approximately 150m long by 50m wide by 4m high and aligned NE-SW following the course of the Red River, which is now canalised, but lies 65m to the south. The level area on top of the dune where GMI was located measures 20m in width before dropping steeply to the north and south. The site was discovered in January 1953 by Charles Thomas when sea shells, bones and a few sherds of pottery were collected from soil thrown out of rabbit burrows leading to an initial interpretation as a site of middening. The first trench was dug in March 1953, which by luck located 'House 1'.

The following years of excavation at GMI covered an area measuring approximately 18m N-S by 16m E-W and revealed a series of post-Roman buildings and industrial features dating from approximately the 5th century AD to the 8th century AD. From the excavation record it is clear that the area was being used for industrial purposes including metal working prior to the erection of any buildings but that similar industrial processes

continued throughout the period when the buildings were in use. The industries carried out here included metal working (iron and some bronze), fishing, butchery (of cattle, pig, chicken and sheep) leather working, sea-borne trading and possibly cereal processing.

The stratigraphy of GMI in general terms comprised turf overlying 3' of variegated sand (the majority of which was wind blown and probably dated to the post-medieval period) which overlay two thin closely set turf lines (dated to the medieval and probably post-medieval periods) which, in turn, overlay another thin layer of wind blown sand sealing the post-Roman deposits. The upper post-Roman deposits represent an episode of abandonment of the settlement. In the northern half of GMI this is represented by layer associated with the burning down of 'House 1' but in the rest of the site the interiors of ruined buildings and other features such as open pits and industrial features have been filled in with deep deposits of midden material with a high sea shell content (mainly mussels and limpets) but also containing bone, pottery, metalwork and stone. These midden deposits appear to have been created either in a single episode or in very quick succession after the abandonment of the buildings since there is no evidence for sand accumulation within or below them. They create the impression that there was a need to level the site after abandonment. Contained within 'Houses 2, 3 and 4' there are rubble deposits below the shell middens which either represents a layer of collapse or demolition or deliberate closure. Below the abandonment levels are a series of buildings all more or less contemporary with minor phases within them associated with industrial features (many of which are pits with flues containing burning) and, predating these buildings, are more industrial features of a similar nature. Below the earliest post-Roman deposits there is wind blown sand interrupted by very occasional turf lines which was excavated to a depth of at least 7' but is likely to be far greater.

GMI was recorded using a method which is unfamiliar today. The driving force behind the excavation was to collect as much pottery as possible in order to create a pottery typology for the post-Roman period in Cornwall. In order to cope with the complex stratigraphy and to separate earlier sherds from later ones, a test pit was excavated in the first year (1953) to examine the stratigraphy which would be encountered later on, and identify, by horizon, the deposits so that pottery could be assigned to a basic stratigraphy. The stratigraphy recorded (with 'Layer' codes applied) in the pit during the first year was as follows:

Turf

Blown sand

'Layer A'

Sand

'Layer B'

Sand

'Layer C'

Sand

'Layer D'

This initial naming of 'Layers' in the first year in a test pit located along the northern edge of the dune was then applied throughout the whole of the excavation. This simplification of the stratigraphy has caused many problems with the record. As the excavation progressed the 'Layers' first identified in the pit became horizons containing more than one layer and many other contexts which led to confusion between the 'Layers'. So for

example, 'Layer D' was never recorded again after the first year and may well have been incorporated into 'Layer C'. It can now be seen that the stratigraphy in the northern half of the site is very different to the stratigraphy in the southern half of the site and yet the same Layer names were applied to both areas. Work on contextual data during this phase of the project has concentrated on separating finds from contexts in the northern half of the site from those in the southern half of the site. The reason for the differences in stratigraphy between north and south is that there are deep complex deposits associated with 'House 1' in the north and deep complex deposits associated with the other buildings (all constructed within sunken features) in the south, and in the open area in between, there appears to be a single layer which seals and is cut by smaller features.

Phasing of the industrial settlement at GMI has proved difficult and it appears that the buildings were all part of a single phase of settlement which was inhabited and then abandoned and never returned to. It is possible that all the buildings are contemporary but that some have phases of rebuilding.

There are five buildings in GMI (see Fig. 5), four (or possibly five) were constructed within purpose cut hollows or 'sunken features' which were never recognised during the excavation. 'Houses 2, 3, 4' and structure **2244** are aligned along the southern edge of the top of the dune and are all more or less sub-square or sub-rectangular in form, all appearing to share party walls and all sharing a contemporary phase. The record shows that the probable method of construction for these buildings was that a hollow was dug in the sand 1', 2' or 3' deep and then that the sides of the hollow were packed with turf or soil (to prevent collapse of the sand) which was then revetted on the internal face with stone and, in some cases, capped with stone. There is also evidence of postholes set within the walls indicating that the buildings were of both stone and timber construction. It seems likely that the eaves of roofs would have reached ground level.

Problems with the interpretations of these structures have been caused by the reconstruction (rebuilding) of buildings during the excavation and then continued excavation after reconstruction. Once a building had been exposed and at least some of the overlying infill (abandonment layers) had been removed the excavators would rebuild the structure with any previously excavated stone and it is clear from photographic evidence, that their interpretations of form and shape were not always correct. This has been particularly problematic with the stratigraphic reconstruction of 'House 3'. The majority of the plans for 'House 3' were drawn after the structure had been rebuilt by the excavators in the form it was thought to have taken. These plans show 'House 3' as a single phase sub-circular stone walled building. However, there is one plan (**Drawing 12** see Fig. 27) and a variety of photographs which show parts of the structure prior to reconstruction on site. These suggest that the form and layout of the building were not as the reconstruction suggests. From the *in situ* (ie photographic and drawn) evidence it seems more likely that this was smaller a sub-rectangular structure of several phases and appears more complex than 'House 2' (see Fig. 5).

'House 1', however, is not of the same type as the southern sunken featured buildings. It is situated along the northern side of the dune facing the other buildings and appears to be a sub-rectangular open-sided, roofed building constructed from stone and timber with its open side facing an open area in the centre of the top of the dune and the other structures to the south. The long northern wall has a central doorway and short lengths of return walls at either end and there is a roughly central internal wall. The walls of this building are not of the same construction as the other buildings although it seems possible that this was also set within a hollow. The walls are stone built and freestanding rather than revetted and incorporate square set post sockets within them. 'House 1' was the first building to be

excavated in 1953 although its excavation continued sporadically up to 1956 and this has caused discrepancies in the record. The structure was first recorded as belonging to 'Layer A' and later in the record it is recorded as belonging to the upper levels of 'Layer B'. It still remains unclear whether 'House 1' represents two buildings (one later than the other), or if it was a single building of two phases, or if the structure was first attributed to 'Layer A' because the tops of the walls could be seen at this level. It seems possible, but by no means certain, that part of this structure may have existed for a short length of time after the abandonment of the other buildings in GMI.

There are many sub-circular pits in the area of all phases up to the abandonment of the site. Some of these pits have associated flues and evidence for burning in them, whilst there are also linear trenches full of charcoal deposits, hearths (both internal and external) and a large stone lined furnace. Some, but not all, of these features contain slag and metalwork and from the recorded quantities and types of slag and metalwork it is clear that smelting and smithing were carried out here. In addition, the site contains a high quantity of tools of all kinds the majority probably associated with metalworking, fishing, bone working, leather working, wood working and cereal processing. There are also large quantities of sea shells, pottery and animal bone. Due to the size and nature of the buildings and the kinds of activity taking place here it has been suggested that this is a place of industry (seasonal or otherwise) rather than a permanent domestic settlement. The seasonal pond to the north of the site today may have played an important role in the necessary supply of water for various industries such as metalworking and leather working.

GMI was recorded in the following notebooks, registers, drawings and photographs:

1953 PR Notebook 1 (also contains all plans, sections and finds lists for this year),
Stone Register 1, Metalwork Register, Photographs

1954 PR Notebook 1 (also contains all finds lists for this year), **Finds Register 2,**
Stone Register 1, Metalwork Register, Drawings 1-12, Photographs

1955 PR Notebook 2, PR Notebook 4, Finds Register 1, Stone Register 1,
Metalwork Register, Drawings 13-20, Photographs

1956 PR Notebook 7, Finds Register 2, Stone Register 1, Metalwork Register,
Drawings 21-28 and 39, Photographs

1957 Drawings 29-32

1958 PR Notebook 7, Finds Register 2, Finds Register 4, Stone Register 1,
Metalwork Register, Drawings 33-38, Photographs

Not Dated Drawings 40-47

7.3 Archive record

7.3.1 1953 Excavations

Cuttings Excavated: 'Section A' (and extensions), 'The Pit', 'L-Trench' and 'The Square'

Section A was excavated along with a western extension of it and 'The Square'.

There is no finds register for 1953. Pottery finds were given individual sherd numbers but any other finds including stone, bone, teeth and shell did not enter a record system and can seldom be allocated to a context.

7.3.2 1953 Season (First session)

1. March 22nd 1953– Four pegs were set out around the mounded spur of land for surveying purposes. The first trench named ‘Section A’ was started in an area where stones were exposed on top of the mound. It was 15’ long and 3’ wide and was positioned ‘parallel to the short axis of the mound’ at a height of approximately 36’ OD (11m OD). The exact location of Section A prior to later extensions is uncertain but it is clear that it crossed the northern stone wall of ‘House 1’ (2201). The wall of ‘House 1’ (2201) was revealed in the trench that day and ten finds (**GM/1 (in cabinet) to GM/10- GM/9 is missing**) were recovered (bone, teeth, shell and pebbles were grouped and pottery- unstratified), seven of these were from a thin layer of dark grey-brown sandy loam- possibly Layer A (2202). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
2. March 23rd 1953- Further clearance of Section A was carried out and an extension was made to the west. The exact location of this extension is unknown although it appears to have revealed more of the stone wall of ‘House 1’ (2201). The stratigraphy recorded here was turf overlying blown sand (2200) which overlay a layer of dark earth containing finds- Layer A (2202), overlying the stone wall (2201) which was bedded in blown sand (2204). A possible entrance within the stone wall of ‘House 1’ was noted facing north which was paved with stone slabs (2205) (see Fig.15: Plan V). Finds included bone, teeth, pebbles and shell (all missing) and pottery (unstratified) **GM/11-18 (GM/11 and 15 are missing)**. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
3. March 24th 1953– Much more of the wall of ‘House 1’ either side of the ‘porch’ was cleared which appeared to be a roughly straight front wall (2201). On the western side of the ‘porch’ (2205) a rectangular pit is recorded as being excavated (see Fig.15: Plan V). It is now clear this was a test pit dug to investigate stratigraphy. The pit was later ‘extended’ producing more finds. Within this pit the following stratigraphy is recorded:
 - ‘Layer A’ (2202) (dark sand and shells containing stones associated with ‘House 1’ **structure 2206** approximately 10” deep). It also contained pottery and bone and is referred to as a ‘floor layer’.
 - Light sand 7” deep (2204)
 - ‘Layer B’ (2219) (dark sand and shells 6” deep containing pottery, bone, spindle whorl and whetstone). This was probably called ‘Layer C’ at a later date.
 - Stained darkish sand 6” deep. (2220)
 - Layer C (very dark sand with shells 5” deep containing a cow skull, bones, horns, jaw, pottery and teeth) (2221)
 - Stained darkish sand 5” deep. (2222)
 - Layer D (dark sand and shells 9” deep containing bones, jaw, red pot, ribbed pot, small grey rim and other pottery). (2211)
 - Light sand at 4’2” down from the top of layer A. (2212)

On the northern side of the ‘House 1’ wall a terrace was made using turf to allow for a spoil heap. Finds for this day included a clay whorl, a portion of pierced rectangular plaque of bone a serpentine pebble, 17 sherds of pottery including

three rims, bone (pig and cow), teeth and shell including oyster, whelk, dog whelk, periwinkle and sea-top. Only the pottery, the cow skull and the bone plaque can now be located in the archive. The pottery was numbered **GM/19-35 (sherds GM/33 and 35 are missing)** Sherd **21** has been co-joined with **83 and 942**. All these finds are unstratified (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

4. March 25th 1953– Work continued on the pit and at the eastern end of the trench where the east corner of the wall of ‘House 1’ (**2201**) appeared. Another trench (unknown dimensions and exact location) was dug parallel with the main face of the wall to pick up the eastern wall (**2214**) which was found at a depth of 3’6”. At the western corner of Section A square stone-lined socket was found in the stone wall of ‘House 1’ (**2201**). A burnt layer of ‘turf’ (**2213**) was also identified overlying the ‘habitation layer’ (**2203**). The ‘pit went through three layers and stopped at sand’ where a possible posthole (**2215**) was identified. Finds for this day included pottery (**GM/36-52**) sherds **36, 39 and 42** (all three are now missing) and most of the others came from the pit- no particular context can be assigned to any of them, bone including a pig jaw and a cockle shell were also recovered. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
5. March 26th 1953– A sketch plan (**Plan I**) (see Fig. 14) of the area was made in **PR notebook 1** showing the excavated area and the survey pegs including A, B, C and D set out as base lines in the vicinity of the excavation. Peg A is shown to lie 130’ out at right angles from the centre of the roadside hedge to the south. Pegs A and B are 25’ apart and represented a datum line of approximately 36’ OD (11m OD) on the surface of the mound. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
6. March 27th 1953– The contours of the mound were drawn (Plan II), a plan of ‘House 1’ **2206** was drawn (**Plan V**) (see Fig. 15), the east-west section between pegs C and D was drawn (**Plan III**) (see Fig. 14) and a section of the pit was drawn (**Plan IV**) (see Fig. 14). All of these drawings are in the notebook. The exploratory trench that had been started on 25th March to locate the eastern wall of ‘House 1’ (**2214**) was deepened and an extension was made at its southern end to form an L-shaped trench in the hope of finding the back wall of the ‘house’. In this trench a layer of ash (**2216**) was uncovered just above the ‘floor’ (**2224**) and ash deposits (**2216**) were also discovered inside the north-western corner of the building above the ‘floor’ (**2224**). Finds for this day included pottery (**GM/53-64**) sherds **53 and 54** came from the L- trench, sherd **64** is missing. No particular context can be assigned to any of them, bone, teeth pebbles and shell (including scallop) were also recovered but cannot now be located. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
7. March 29th 1953– The eastern corner of the ‘house’ was cleared and the L-trench was extended (dimensions and location unknown). The pit was extended which produced two sherds (**GM/65 and 66**) from Layer A (**2202**) and two small sherds, a cow jaw and oysters from layers B and C (**2219**) and (**2221**). Pottery finds for the day were **GM/65-68** (sherd **67** is missing), other finds included bone teeth and pebbles all of which are missing and unstratified. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
8. March 30th 1953– The L-trench was extended to make a square and a partial continuation of the eastern wall (**2214**) was found. The pit was further extended although the direction is unknown and it produced three sherds from Layers B and C (**2219**) and (**2221**) (**GM/69-71**)- sherds **69 and 70** are missing and there are now 40 sherds marked **71** (the original sherd cannot be identified). Also in the pit three sherds came from Layer D (**2211**) (**GM/72-74**)- there are now 19 sherds marked **72** and the original sherd cannot be identified, sherds **73 and 74** are, however,

present. All pottery finds for this day were **GM/69-74**, and other finds included jaws, oyster shells and the base of a horn. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

9. April 3rd 1953– Excavation in ‘The Square’ continued exposing more stones and a long piece of burnt wood in the ash layer (**2216**) which was later treated with polyvinyl. The pit was enlarged again and excavation continued to the west of the ‘porch’ (**2205**). Finds from ‘The Square’ included a whetstone, a bone needle, a possible weaving comb and pottery from (**2209**) **GM/76-82** (sherds **78, 79 and 82** are missing). Finds from the area to the west of the ‘porch’ included a flint flake **GM/BQ** from Layer A (**2202**), **GM/D** (slickstone) from Layer A (**2202**), **GM/E** (slickstone) from Layer A (**2202**), **GM/F** (slickstone) from Layer A (**2202**) and sherds **GM/83-93** (sherds **83, 85 and 91** are missing) unstratified. From the east of the porch in Layer A (**2202**) came **GM/C** (slickstone). Finds from Layers B and C (**2219**) and (**2221**) in the pit included a grit adze (**GM/A**) and sherds **GM/94-98** (sherd **94** is missing). Finds from Layer D (**2211**) in the pit included sherds **GM/99-101** (sherd **101** is missing). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
10. April 4th – 6th 1953– There are no records.
11. April 7th 1953– Work carried out on the 6th April had suggested that there were other structures and pits to the south of ‘House 1’ which were photographed and surface finds **GM/102-104** and a flint core were retrieved (flint is missing) which are unstratified. The west wall of ‘House 1’ was cleared further and the corner of the building was exposed (**2251**). The pit was extended again downslope to the north and a section of it was drawn in the notebook (Plan VI). **GM/105** came from ‘The Square’ and is unstratified, **GM/106-127** came from the area of the west wall and west corner of ‘House 1’ and are unstratified, **GM/128-130** came from Layers B and C in the pit (**2219**) and (**2221**), and **GM/131-145** (sherds **132, 134 and 135** are missing) came from Layer D (**2211**) in the pit. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
12. April 8th 1953– The pit trench was continued to the base of the mound where a pit or ditch (E) (**2217**) was found at the base of the slope either cutting or underlying Layer D (**2211**)- there is a section drawing of it in the notebook (**Plan VII**) (see Fig. 15). In the fill of E (**2217**) was found a piece of slag and an iron pin with a coiled head **GM/M/46** along with pottery **GM/168-182** - sherds **170 and 171** are missing. Seven sherds were found in Layer D (**2211**) in the pit trench (**GM/161-167**), sherds **163 and 166** are missing. The wall to the west of the ‘porch’ of ‘House 1’ structure **2206** was further exposed and the corner was found and after a short length of return (**2251**) to the south it appeared to terminate; this was also the case for the eastern wall (**2214**) of the building where the termination was very definite with two square post slots built into the end of the wall to take vertical timbers. From the area of the western wall of ‘House 1’ (**2203**) and (**2202**) came sherds **GM/146-160**- sherd **154** is missing. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
13. April 10th 1953– Work continued on the west wall of ‘House 1’ (**2251**) clearing and exposing the lower inner face of the wall. All the finds came from this area (all part of Layer A inside ‘House 1’ (**2203**)); they included a jaw and a partially saw horn-missing, pottery **GM/183-217**- sherds **189, 197, 201, 202, 208, 211 and 216** are missing and an iron saw **GM/M/45**. Sherd **193** co-joins with sherd **34** from 1955? The pit trench on the western side of the ‘porch’ was now 10’ long; the section was drawn in the notebook (**Plan VIII**) (see Fig. 16) and photographed. A final plan of Section A and The Square was drawn in the notebook (**Plan IX**) (see Fig. 16) showing the structure of ‘House 1’ **2206 and 2207**. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

14. April 14th 1953– The section drawing of the pit trench (Plan VIII) was finished and this trench was backfilled and re-turfed. A layer of black soil (**2213**) was excavated in The Square from which came a large piece of burnt timber ('specimens' were taken but now appear to be lost). The pottery from this layer (probably part of Layer A) (**2213**) was **GM/218-229**- sherds **223, 226 and 227** are missing. Three more pieces of pottery were found during cleaning (presumably associated with Layer A but possibly Layer B (**2225**)- **GM/230-232**). This was the end of the first session. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

1953 Season (Second session)

15. July 4th 1953- Presumably this was the start of the second session in 1953, although work may have started one or two days earlier. A survey point was fixed and sand was swept from the cuttings of the previous session. Surface finds from around the 'porch' area included a saw handle and iron saw blade **GM/M/45**, a triangular piece of iron from Layer A (**2202**) **GM/M/36** and pottery sherds **GM/233 and 234** all of which are missing. Fragments of charcoal were collected from The Square from (**2225**) (sample in bag marked 'Square'), and general surface finds included a slickstone **GM/C, D or E- all Layer A or B (2225)**, three grit stones (**GM/G** from layer B (**2208**), **GM/B**), two quartz pebbles, two whelks, a top shell, a sheep's tooth, a fragment of glass and a barbed and tanged arrowhead (**2225**). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
16. July 8th – 13th 1953- There is a sentence in the notebook which reads: '*Subsequent work took place in July. Only the day-sheet for the 4th survives, but the finds register shows that a little work took place on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 13th the last entry being GM/260.* Unfortunately the finds register is now missing and there are no notes for the remainder of the work carried out in 1953. Sherds **GM/235-260** were recovered during this period- sherds **239 and 241** are missing, a hone from layer B (**2208**) (**GM/H**), a flint scrapper **GM/BR** from Layer A (**2203**) and a flat hone with white markings **GM/BS** (layer not known). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

In the notebook at the end of the 1953 season there are some general notes summing up the excavation for this season. These included further excavation details that did not occur in the field notes. *The north wall of 'House 1' (2201) was 35' long and aligned east-west along the northern edge of the mound it lies at 30'OD and the currently seasonal pond at the base of the mound to the north lies at 16'OD. At each end the wall curves inwards slightly and stops abruptly, the lack of occupation debris here suggests a complete break. The wall 2206/ 2207 itself is composed of un-bonded medium sided killas and quartz blocks, almost all rough and angular. A number of collapsed stones were found mostly on the outer side. The wall is about two feet wide and at the porch (2205) a large sunken flagstone interrupts the wall and five or six other flagstones of slate form the actual paving of the porch. The sections revealed that Layer A (2202) and (2203), which included 'House 1' was overlain by 2-4 feet of blown sand (2200) with occasional irregular turf lines (2223). The wall (2201) is set in an occupation layer of dark greyish brown sand (2202) and (2203), from 9" to a foot in depth, which covers the entire inner floor and continues in places just outside the wall. A trial trench (the pit trench), 3' wide and 5' deep was dug, from the west side of the porch out through the northern face of the mound. This showed that the house was in the topmost (A) (2202) of four occupation layers (A, B, C, D). These layers were all of a similar nature and were separated by a few inches of sterile sand.*

An enormous quantity of animal bone and teeth was recovered which include cow, pig, horse, sheep, bird and fish. There were also huge quantities of marine shells including oyster, saddle oyster, mussel, limpet, scallop, whelk, dog-whelk, periwinkle, sting winkle, purpura, sea-top, and cockle.

Inside the house in Layer A (2203) near the north-west corner a cow's horn with the tip partially sawn off lay next to a small iron saw with well defined teeth. Large numbers of beach pebbles were found in all the layers some of which are fire cracked, some are tiny pebbles, some are smoothers or rubbers, some are whetstones. In Layer A (2203) there was a flint flake, there are various small pieces of quartz (some possibly tools and in Layer C (2221) there were two small pieces of granite (decomposed)).

A small clay spindle whorl was found in Layer B (2219). The slag found in pit or ditch (E) (2217) was analysed by K G Hosking at The Camborne School of Mines and was shown to have come from iron concretions in the nearby Godrevy cliff and included fragments of sand.

There are drawings of the metalwork, worked bone and spindle whorl to accompany these notes. **(PR site notebook no. 1).**

7.3.3 1954 Excavations

Cuttings Excavated: 'Section A' (and extensions), 'The Square', 'New Rectangular Cutting', 'Inner Cutting', Trench 1, Trench 2, Trench 3, Trench 4, Trench 5, Trench 6, Trench 7 (and extensions), 'House 2' area.

7.3.4 1954 Season

17. March 22nd 1954 – Excavation started. **(PR site notebook no. 1).**
18. March 23rd 1954 – Excavation continued. Pottery recovered this day included sherds **266-269**, sherd **267** is missing- unstratified. **(PR site notebook no. 1).**
19. March 24th 1954 – Three sherds were found on the surface of Layer A **(2203)** in 'the rectangular clearing' and another under the turf. Sherds **270-275** (unstratified) were recovered this day- sherd **270** is not from this site and neither is one of the others- it is unclear which sherds are from GMI. **(PR site notebook no. 1).**
20. March 25th 1954 – The baulk was taken out between the east end of the front wall of 'House 1' and 'The Square' which produced **shell P1** from Layer A **(2203)** the bone and pebbles are missing. The wall of the house **(2214)** was found returning to the south. No finds were recovered. **(PR site notebook no. 1).**
21. March 26th 1954 – 'The Square' was cleaned and extended 1' to the south. The baulk on the west side of 'The Square' was removed to prepare Layer A for the 'the big rectangular cut', and from Layer A **(2203)** here came **stone, shell and bone P2** (the stone is missing). This 'big rectangular cut' was cleaned up and the trowelling down of Layer A **(2203)** was started. Six sherds (**276-281**- sherds **277 and 281** are missing) were found in Layer A **(2203)** and photographs were taken. A complete cow's head was found in the top of Layer B **(2208)**. A burnt patch was uncovered in Layer B (which was later found to be a charcoal filled trench) **(2226)** on the south side of 'The Square', from which charcoal samples were taken (marked charcoal 1) and a triangular smoother **(GM/I)** came from the surface of this. **(PR site notebook no. 1).**
22. March 27th 1954 –Work continued trowelling down Layer A **(2203)** in the 'big rectangular cut'- now called 'inner cutting' and the cow's head was removed. A granite muller was found which had a conical hollow in it **(GM/N-** missing) **(2203)**. Other finds included a piece of notched worked bone from Layer B **(2208)** (in ACT's drawer), a whetstone from Layer A **(2203)** (code unknown), **stone P3**

(missing) pottery possibly much from the same vessel and others as well as two bar-lugs which came from in and around (2225) the internal north-south wall of 'House 1' (2227) (sherds 289-298 pot base? Sherds 289, 291-296 and 298 are missing), sherds 299-312- sherd 299 is missing). Other sherds 285-288 and 313 (288 is missing)- unstratified- were found although we do not know where. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the plan of 'House 1' and position of some of the finds. **Section No. 1** was drawn- a south facing section, 3'9" long along the baulk to the west of 'The Square'- it now exists as an A6 size loose sheet of paper in the notebook. It shows clean sand (2" deep) probably (2204) overlying a layer of dark soil (probably (2208)) with shells (14" deep) within which is a broken lens of charcoal which directly overlies large stones (average is 9"x6"- possibly part of a north-south internal wall of 'House 1' (2227)). The dark soil (probably (2208)) overlies a lens of light sand (probably (2228)), which again overlies dark soil (probably (2210)). There are also two loose sketch plans in the notebook. From the baulk to the west of 'The Square' in Layer A (2203) came **stone, bone and shell P5** (the stone and bone are missing) (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

23. March 28th 1954 – Continued to trowel through Layer A (2203) down to the top of Layer B (2208). Within the internal wall (2227) of 'House 1' a complete bar-lip and lug were found squashed amongst the stones along with other pottery, a fragment of spindle whorl (missing), a piece of possible iron ore (missing) and **stone P6** (missing). In Layer A (2203) a lump of slag (missing) was found and a few pieces of pot. All the pottery found this day is from Layer A and B (2225)- some associated with the internal 'House 1' wall (2227) and some not. Sherds 314-353 were recovered- 321, 328, 334, 339, 341-344 and 349-353 are missing. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
24. March 29th 1954 – continued to trowel through Layer A (2203) in the 'inner cutting' from 'The Square' heading west. The internal wall (2227) was trowelled and then replaced and beyond this to the west a north-south baulk was left. Finds from the day included two sherds of red ware (354- in rabbit hole, and 355 from the internal wall (2227)), a scallop shell, much more pottery 356-390 (375, 380, 384, 385 and 387-390 are missing) either from layer A or B (2225) (sherd 378 co-joins with 414 and 419 and sherd 386 co-joins with 1045), **stone, shell and bone P7** (the bone is missing) either from Layer A or B (2225), a tip of a cow horn (missing) from the internal wall (2227), a hone **GM/O** from the top of Layer B (2208) to the west of the wall and a hone **GM/J** from the wall (2227) in Layer B. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
25. March 30th 1954 – continued to trowel through Layer A (2203) in the 'inner cutting' from 'The Square' heading west. Pottery (sherds 391-515- sherds 398, 400, 401, 414, 419, 455, 474 and 483 are missing) and one piece of slag (missing) were recovered from Layer A or B (2225). Another baulk was laid out 3' to the east of the western corner of the house. The area to the west of this baulk was taken down to find the western wall of the house but only sand was found. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
26. March 31st 1954 – Cut back a foot to the north into the previous day's baulk to find the wall of the house but it was not found, **stone P8** (missing) was recovered from the internal wall (2227) of 'House 1'. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
27. April 1st 1954 – The remainder of the baulk was completely removed revealing the rounded corner of the wall of 'House 1' (2251). Here **stone and shell P9** (the

- stone is missing) were recovered from either Layer A or B (2225). (PR site notebook no. 1).
28. April 2nd 1954 – The baulk at the west end of the house was taken down. (PR site notebook no. 1).
 29. April 3rd 1954 – A new cutting was laid out along the whole length of the southern side of the excavation area. A 2' baulk was left between this and the existing excavation area. The new cutting was 8' wide and was set out to find the back wall of 'House 1'. In the 'inner cutting' trowelling continued through Layer A (2203) at the western end of the excavation area. Finds from here in Layer A (2203) included bone (missing), pottery (sherds 515-540- sherds 515-520, 529 and 538 are missing), two pieces of metal (missing), whetstones GM/Q and GM/P and stone and shell P10 (the stone is missing), GM/M/38 (tip of sickle) and GM/M/39 (sickle blade). Inside the doorway and in the western half of the building Layer A (2203) is recorded as being up to 1'6" deep in contrast to the exterior just outside the front wall where Layer A (2202) is approximately 6" deep. (PR site notebook no. 1).
 30. April 4th 1954 – The new cutting to the south of the existing area was called the 'new rectangular cut'. This cutting was taken down a foot all over. In the south-east corner of the original site a rectangular area was removed to make the rest of the area rectangular. Finds for the day from either layer A or B (2225) included a polished bone tool (in ACT's drawer), the handle of the saw previously found GM/M/2, pottery (sherds 541-552 – sherds 546 and 549 are missing) and stone and shell P11 (missing). (PR site notebook no. 1).
 31. April 5th 1954 – The whole of the new rectangular cutting was taken down to the top of Layer A (2203) and the back wall of 'House 1' was not present. From the east end of the new rectangular cutting in either Layer A or B (2225) came stone, shell and bone P12 (the bone is missing) and from the west end of this cutting in either Layer A or B (2225) came stone, shell and bone P13 (the stone and bone are missing). In the inner cutting, trowelling continued to the west inside the house. Finds from here in either Layer A or B (2225) included a piece of slag, bones and teeth (put in the Layer A box), shells and stone P14 and pottery (sherds 552-582- sherds 553, 555, 566, 567, 572, 575, 576, 579 and 582 are missing). (PR site notebook no. 1).
 32. April 6th 1954 – A hearth (2229) was uncovered roughly in the centre of the new rectangular cutting which was photographed (see Fig. 38 Drawing 32). Finds to the east of the hearth from Layer A or B (2225) included pottery (sherds 583-613 – sherds 583, 584, 590, 597, 601 and 602 are missing, and sherd 669 has been identified as a clay mould fragment). Finds to the west of the hearth from Layer A or B (2225) included pottery (sherds 614-631- all present) and an L-shaped piece of iron GM/M/4 (although in the metalwork register it is listed as Layer B) and from Layer B (2208) here came GM/M/40 (a spherical iron lump- discarded). In the inner cutting pottery was recovered from (2225) (sherds 632-640- sherds 632, 638 and 640 are missing). There is a sketch plan of the excavation area in the notebook showing the location of the hearth (2229) and a hone stone next to it GM/R in Layer A or B (2225). A new trench was started to the south of the new rectangular cutting, again to look for the back wall of 'House 1'. This new trench was 4' wide and 10' long and ran parallel with the new rectangular cutting. (PR site notebook no. 1).

33. April 7th 1954 – Work continued trowelling on the new rectangular cutting. The hearth (2229) in Layer A was left *in situ* whilst the remainder of the area was taken down. The hearth (2229) was photographed and sectioned, there is a sketch plan of it in the notebook. The hearth (2229) in Layer A was also **sampled** and labelled ‘**central pit hearth**’ and **shell and stone P22** were recovered from it. At the same time the new cutting to the south of the ‘new rectangular cutting’ was taken down to the top of Layer A (probably B) and was extended into the baulk to the north leaving a baulk of only 6” wide; from here came **shell, stone and bone P20** (the stone and bone are missing)- unstratified. There was no trace here of a back wall of ‘House 1’. Finds for the day included an iron pin **GM/M/5** and an iron split pin **GM/M/6** recovered from the new rectangular cutting from either Layer A or Layer B (2225). From the east half of the new cutting came **sherds 649-669** (**sherds 653, 654 and 666** are missing) and **bone, shell and stone P17** (the bone and stone is missing) from Layer A or B (2225), and from the west half of this cutting came **sherds 670-676** and **bone, shell and pebble P18** (the bone is missing) also from Layer A or B (2225). In the ‘inner cutting’ now described as ‘inside the house’ a piece of slag (missing), some pottery (**sherds 677-690-** sherd **688** is missing), a smooth stone (**GM/S**) and **shell and flint P19** (the shell is missing) from Layer A (2203) were recovered. (PR site notebook no. 1).
34. April 8th 1954 – The remainder of layer A (2203) at the western end of the ‘big rectangular cut’ (presumably this is the new rectangular cutting now joined with the new cutting) was removed which produced **sherds 691-711** (**sherds 691-693 and 695** are missing), various stones (**Bag 1** missing), oysters (**Bag 1** missing), shells (**Bag 1**) and a cock’s foot (missing). Trench 1 was excavated to the south of the excavation area and measured 14’ north-south by 3’ east-west. Running east-west across the middle of this trench was a possible wall (possibly (2230)) in Layer A with loose small stones packed together with mussels and limpets. In the south-east corner of this trench was another section of wall three courses high aligned north-east south-west (possibly (2230)). Pottery from trench 1 comprised **sherds 712-741** (**sherds 723, 735 and 737** are missing) and **shell and stone P24** were also recovered (missing)- unstratified. Trench 2 was also started to the east of trench 1. Trench 2 was 7’ north-south by 3’ east-west and produced **sherds 742-769** (**sherds 743, 752, 760 and 761** are missing)- unstratified. Three foot to the east of trench 2, Trench 3 was also started which measured 7’ north-south by 4’ east-west. Further work was carried out at the eastern end of the ‘big rectangular cutting’ which produced **sherds 769-774** (sherd **773** is missing)- unstratified, and finds from the hearth (2229) in Layer A included **stone and shell P23** (the shell is missing). Other finds for the day included two stones **GM/T** and **GM/U** (from trench 1 Layer A (2231)). (PR site notebook no. 1).
35. April 9th 1954 –Work continued on the ‘main rectangular cut’ at the eastern end. Trench 1 was extended and made 1’ wider and 3’ longer to expose more of the wall (2230) or (2234) (‘House 2’ or 3 wall) at the southern end of the cutting. This wall was photographed and so was a hearth (2235) which had been uncovered in Trench 2. Finds recovered from Trench 1 in (2236) included **sherds 775-822** (**sherds 776, 781, 783, 787, 792, 796 and 811** are missing), a piece of slag (missing) and **GM/M/41** (large piece of iron) from ‘House 3’ Layer B (2237). Finds recovered from Trench 2 (2236) included **sherds 823-830** (**sherds 824, 826 and 830** are missing), **GM/M/37** (an iron knife) from Layer B (2232), slag (missing) and ore (missing) and **Bag 2** (pottery- missing). Trench 4 was laid out to the south of Trenches 2 and 3 and as it was started a wall was found at the west end (2234).

Pottery that was collected from outside the wall to the east (2232) included **sherds 831-834** and from inside the wall to the west **sherds 835-836** from either Layer A or B (2239) and **Bag 3** containing shell (missing) came from Trench 4 inside the wall in Layer A or B (2239). Layer A and probably B (2225) was removed at the eastern end of the new rectangular cutting which produced the following finds: **sherds 837-843** (sherds 839, 941 and 842 are missing) and **Bag 5** (stone and shell- the shell is missing) from either Layer A or B (2225), a grit pebble **GM/V** from layer B (2208), a slate awl **GM/W** from layer B (2208) and a quartz crystal **GM/X** from layer B (2208). **Bag 4** (bone shell and pottery- missing) was recovered from Trench 3 in either Layer A or B (2236). (PR site notebook no. 1).

36. April 10th 1954 – The eastern end of the new rectangular cutting was finished and **sherds 844-852 and Bag 8** (stone- missing) were recovered from Layer A (2203). The 6” baulk between the new rectangular cut and Trench 1 was removed. Here an isolated group of stones were uncovered in Layer B (2232) and amongst them were **sherds 853-856, Bag 7** (bone and shell- missing), **Bag 9** (bone missing) and two pieces of iron **GM/M/7 and GM/M/8**. Trench 1 continued to be cleared and from Layer B (2232) in this trench came **sherds 857-864 and Bag 10** (stone-missing) (from the north end), **sherds 865-876** (from the south end) and a piece of iron **GM/M/9** from inside ‘House 3’ (2237). Trench 2 was also continued and produced **sherds 877 and 886 and Bag 11** (stone) from either Layer A or B (2236). In Trench 4 the wall of ‘House 2’ (2234) was exposed at the western end of the trench. From Layer B (2232) in this trench came **sherds 887-889, Bag 6** (stone- missing) and a grit rubber **GM/Y** which was built into the wall of ‘House 2’ (2234). (PR site notebook no. 1).
37. April 11th 1954 – A feature described as a ‘robber trench’ was noted running from the west side of the new rectangular cutting through trenches 1 and 2 and possibly 3 this feature comprised the construction cuts for ‘Houses 2, 3’ and a structure to the west of ‘House 3’ ((2246), (2247) and (2248)). These construction cuts were filled by a dark earth extending two or three foot out from the stone walls which appeared torevet the internal faces of the structures. Photographs were taken using white plastic letters. In the south-west corner of the new rectangular cutting from a large oval pit (2240) (also described as the ‘robber trench’) and Layer A or B (2236), came **sherds 890-893 and Bag 12** (shell) and two pieces of iron came from the oval pit (2240) **GM/M/11 and GM/M/12**. In Trench 1 outside ‘House 2’ **sherds 894-898, Bag 14** (stone- missing) and a whetstone covered in rust **GM/Z** came from either Layer A or B (2236). The baulk between Trench 4 and the sterile Trench 5 was excavated to reveal ‘House 2’ and produced **sherds 900-908** (sherds 900 and 903 are missing), an iron pin **GM/M/10**, a chicken’s foot with spur and a wish bone, inside and around the wall, either in Layer A or B (2236). (PR site notebook no. 1).
38. April 12th 1954 – The excavation of ‘House 2’ 2241 continued and in the collapsed rubble inside the house (2238) the following finds were uncovered: **GM/AA** a slate club, **GM/AB** a club, **GM/AC** a hone and **Bag 17** (stone- missing). The baulk immediately to the south of the porch in ‘House 1’ was removed and **sherd 1000, Bag 16** (shell and stone- the stone is missing), **GM/M/13** (iron), **GM/M/14** (iron) and **GM/M/15** (iron) came from Layer A (2203) here. Finds for the day (all are unstratified) included: sherds **909-911** (sherd 909 is missing), **sherds 940-1023** (sherds 942, 948, 949, 954, 958-961, 986, 995, 998, 1004 and 1009 are missing). **Sherd 912** came from the west end of the new rectangular cutting in Layer A or B (2236) which was cleared. In the area of Trench 4 on the south-east side of ‘House

2' (**2236**) was a group of marbles or five-stones (in ACT's drawer) which were photographed *in situ* and also **sherds 913-916** (sherd **916** is missing) and **Bag 15** (stone- missing). In the internal rubble collapse of 'House 2' (**2238**) were sherds **917-939** (sherds **928 and 929** are missing). In 2005 residue on **Sherd 924** from the internal rubble collapse of 'House 2' was dated to Cal AD 650-780 (SUERC-6160). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

39. April 13th 1954 – The baulk between Trenches 2 and 4 was removed and other baulks were also removed. A **soil sample 13/4/54** was taken from just inside the wall of 'House 2' in or over the rubble collapse (**2238**) which comprised burnt sand, unfired clay and tiny bones. Also from in or over the rubble collapse inside 'House 2' (**2238**) came a piece of polished stone **GM/AG**, pottery **sherds 1101-1112** (sherd **1104** is missing) and **Bag 19** (shell, stone and bone- the stone and bone are missing). Outside the wall of 'House 2' from either Layer A or B (**2236**) came pottery **sherds 1113-1120** and **Bag 54** (stone- missing). The following finds came from under the porch of 'House 1' in Layer A (**2202**): slag (missing), a grit flaying stone **GM/AD**, a scallop (missing), pottery **sherds 1024-1057** (sherds **1024, 1027, 1045 and 1053** are missing) and **Bag 18** (stone- missing). The following finds came from the baulk to the west of the porch in 'House 1' from Layer A (**2203**): pottery **sherds 1058-1079** (sherd **1072** is missing), a piece of L-shaped iron **GM/M/16** (discarded in 1957), a tiny piece of worked bone (missing) and **Bag 21** (quartz pebble). The following finds came from the baulk at the west end of the front of 'House 1' from Layer A (**2203**): a grit rubber **GM/AE**, a flint flake **GM/AF**, pottery **sherds 1080-1100** and **Bag 20** (stone-missing). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
40. April 14th 1954 – The following finds were recovered from under the baulk to the west of the 'House 1' porch in the front wall (**2201**) (part of Layer A): a smooth hone **GM/AH**, a slate chisel **GM/AI**, a spherical slick stone **GM/AJ**, a triangular piece of iron **GM/M/17** (discarded in 1957), pottery **sherds 1121-1173** (sherds **1125, 1142, 1153, 1164, 1165 and 1167** are missing) and **Bag 24** (quartz pebble). In the layer (**2254**) directly overlying the collapsed stones of 'House 2' came pottery **sherds 1174-1184** (sherds **1174-1176** are missing). From the hearth (**2255**) in 'House 2' came **Bags 22-23** (stone- missing). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
41. April 15th 1954 – The following finds were recovered from under the baulk to the west of the 'House 1' porch near the front wall (part of Layer A) from (**2225**): two large pieces of slag (missing), worked bone points (in ACT's drawer), pottery **sherds 1185-1209** (sherds **1186, 1198, 1200, 1208 and 1209** are missing) and **Bag 26** (stone, shell and bone- the stone is missing). Trench 6 was laid out and started and **sherd 1210** (missing) came from a rabbit hole here. Inside 'House 2' from the collapse (**2238**) or the layer over the collapse (**2254**) came a piece of slag (missing), **sherds 1211-1218** and **Bag 28** (shell- missing). Outside of 'House 2' to the south-west in either Layer A or B (**2236**) were bird bones (missing), a long iron pin **GM/M/18** (probably from Layer B), pottery **sherds 1219-1231** (sherd **1222** is missing) and **Bag 25** (stone and bone- the stone is missing). From the 'robber trench' (part of which is the construction cut for the walls of 'Houses 2 and 3', see above) under the baulk between trenches 1 and 2 in (**2246**) came pottery **sherds 1232-1243** (sherd **1243** is missing) and **Bag 27** (bone- missing). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
42. April 16th 1954 – 'House 1' was finished after working on the western end of the front wall (**2201**). Here the following finds were recovered from Layer A (**2202**) and (**2203**): **sherds 1244-1249** (sherds **1248 and 1249** are missing) and **Bag 36**

(stone and teeth- the stone is missing). The following pottery was recovered from outside the wall of 'House 2' and on it- either Layer A or B (**2236**) to the west, north and east of the house **sherds 1250-1285** (**sherds 1250, 1251, 1253, 1279, 1284 and 1285** are missing). On the south-west side of 'House 2' by the wall in either Layer A or B (**2236**) were pottery **sherds 1289-1302** (**sherd 1292** is missing), **Bag 29** (some small bones- missing) and **Bag 34** (several lumps of charcoal and bone- the bone is missing). In trench 6 either from Layer A or B (**2236**) came a piece of hone **GM/BL**, pottery **sherds 1286-1288** and **Bag 32** (shell). A lump of charcoal (**sample bag 33**), **Bag 33** (shell and stone- the stone is missing) and **Bag 35** (shell- missing) were recovered from either layer A or B (**2236**) in Trench 4 associated with 'House 2'. Section **GMI Drawing 1** (see Fig. 17) was drawn- a section along the western end of the south face of the new rectangular cutting showing pits (**2240**), (**2289**). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

43. April 17th 1954 – Trench 7 was laid out and started on the west side of Trench 1 in the hope of finding the continuation of the wall (**2230**) uncovered in Trench 1. In Trench 7 a wall of large quartz stones (**2256**) was uncovered and in either Layer A or B (**2236**) (probably Layer B) was a hone **GM/AK**, a large pot disc in two pieces **sherds 1343-1344** and **sherds 1345-1361** (**sherd 1356** is missing), **sherds 1389-1393** (**sherd 1391** is missing) and **Bag 41** (shell, bone and pottery- missing). Inside the northern half of 'House 2' in Layer B (**2238**) were an iron knife **GM/M/19**, an iron pin **GM/M/20**, pottery **sherds 1303-1342** (**sherds 1328, 1333, 1337 and 1339** are missing) and **Bag 37** (stone- missing). Outside the north-west wall of 'House 2' in Layer A or B (**2236**) pottery **sherds 1362-1388** were found (**sherds 1368, 1370, 1378 and 1384** are missing), and also **Bag 40** (stone, shell and pottery- the stone and pottery are missing). Outside the east wall of 'House 2' in Layers A or B (**2236**) was **Bag 38** (stone- missing). In the 'robber trench' (construction cut of 'House 2' wall) (**2246**) under the baulk between trenches 3 and 4 was **Bag 39** (stone and pottery- missing). The sections were checked against the drawing along the west and south edges of the new rectangular cutting. A **soil sample** was taken from the 'robber trench' (construction cut of 'House 2' wall) (**2246**) between trenches 3 and 4. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
44. April 18th 1954 – Inside 'House 2' **2241** cleaning between the stones continued. An extension to Trench 7 was marked out and the entire site was planned (**GMI Drawing 3** see Fig. 19). A section was drawn of the western face of the new rectangular cutting. Finds for the day were recovered from along the western side of Trench 1. Pottery **sherds 1394-1396** came from the rubble collapse in Layer B inside 'House 2' (**2238**). Pottery **sherds 1397-1404** (**sherds 1402 and 1403** are missing) and **Bag 42** (bone-missing) came from outside 'House 2' in Layer B (**2232**) (probably from inside 'House 3'). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
45. April 19th 1954 – The east end of the rectangular new cutting was taken down by 6" all over and in Layer A (**2203**) there was a piece of slag (missing), **Bag 45** (stone and shell- the stone is missing) and pottery **sherds 1405-1416** (**sherd 1411** is missing). A piece of glass (possibly in ACT's drawer) was found in the top of the fill of a 'wall trench' (**2257**) in the new rectangular cutting in the north-east corner (Layer B), and a bronze awl **GM/M/44** (there is a photograph of it) was also found in Layer B (**2208**) along the western edge of the inner cutting. There are sketch plans in the notebook to locate these two finds. In the extension of Trench 7 in a layer of shell (**2258**) the following finds were recovered: a piece of slag (missing), four stones (unidentified), **Bag 44** (stone) and pottery **sherds 1422-1439**

- (sherd **1431** is missing). In Trench 1 along west side in Layer B (**2237**) were **Bag 43** (pebble- missing), pottery sherds **1417-1421**. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
46. April 20th 1954 – The baulk between the new rectangular cutting and the inner cutting at the western end was taken down and the remainder of the section of the west face was drawn (**GMI Drawing 2** see Fig. 18). From under this baulk in Layer B (**2208**) came pottery sherds **1441-1458** (sherds **1441, 1442, 1448, 1450, 1452 and 1457** are missing and sherd **1456** is a clay mould fragment), **Bag 46** (bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 49** (bone and teeth) and **GM/M/34** (sheet bronze). From the eastern end of the new rectangular cutting in Layer B (**2208**) came pottery sherds **1459-1462** and **Bag 48** (bone, teeth and stone- the teeth and stone are missing). On the north side of 'House 2' in the sand and shell layer (**2259**) were sherds **1463-1468** (sherds **1463 and 1467** are missing) and **Bag 47** (bone and shell- missing). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
47. April 21st 1954 – At the west end of 'House 1' in the inner cutting in Layer B (**2208**) were bits of bronze (missing), pottery sherds **1469-1471** and **Bag 51** (shell). In Trench 7 in Layer B (**2237**) were pottery sherds **1472-1493** (sherds **1476, 1486, 1488 and 1492** are missing). In Trench 7 in the shell layer (**2258**) was **Bag 52** (shell and stone- the stone is missing). Inside 'House 2' in Layer B (**2260**) were pottery sherds **1494-1514** (sherds **1511 and 1514** are missing), pieces of iron **GM/M/21** and **GM/M/22** and **Bag 53** (stone- missing). Outside 'House 2' in Layer B (**2232**) were sherds **1515-1523** and **Bag 50** (stone). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
48. April 22nd 1954 – At the west end of 'House 1' in the inner cutting in Layer B (**2208**) was sherd **1524** and a piece of iron **GM/M/23**. Outside the door of 'House 2' to the north-west in Layer B (**2232**) were sherds **1525-1527**. More of Trench 7 and its extension was excavated and from the shell layer (**2258**) overlying 'House 3' came a piece of iron **GM/M/24** and pottery sherds **1528-1568** (sherds **1544 and 1567** are missing). 'House 2' was completely cleared and the hearth (**2255**) was drawn (this drawing is now missing) but the position of the hearth can be seen in **Drawing 3** see Fig. 19. Below 'House 3' a wall (**2335**) was noted belonging to what was described as Layer C (**2233**). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
49. April 23rd 1954 – Excavation of the shell layer (**2258**) in Trench 7 produced stonework **GM/AL** (the other half of **GM/AA**), **GM/AM** and **GM/AN**, **Bag 65** (stone and shell- the stone is missing) and **Bag 67** (stone- missing). From the northern section of the baulk between trenches 1 and 7. From elsewhere in Layer B (**2237**) in Trench 7 pottery sherds **1569-1611** (sherds **1586, 1587, 1592, 1596 and 1599** are missing) were recovered along with stonework **GM/AT** and **GM/AU**. In the rubble collapse of 'House 2' (**2238**) the following stonework was recovered: **GM/AO, GM/AP, GM/AQ, GM/AR and GM/AS**. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
50. April 24th 1954 – The west side of Trench 7 was taken down including the shell layer and the stones below were planned (**Drawings 5 and 12** see Fig. 27). Finds from the shell layer (**2258**) here included a lump of iron **GM/M/25**, two stones **GM/AV** and **GM/AW**, pottery sherds **1612-1648** (sherds **1619, 1622, 1629, 1639, 1644 and 1647** are missing) and **Bag 66** (shell and stone- the stone is missing). A section (**Drawing 6** see Fig. 21) was drawn of the east face of Trench 3. (**PR site notebook no. 1**).
51. April 25th 1954 – The 'tree feature' on the east side of Trench 3 was cleaned and photographed and more of Trench 7 was excavated. In the new rectangular cutting a small lump of iron was recovered from Layer B (**2208**) **GM/M/26** (which was discarded in 1957). Sherd **1663** came from the south side of Trench 3 in Layer B

- (2232). Sherds 1649-1662 (sherds 1658 and 1661 are missing) came from the west side of Trench 7 in Layer B (2237). (PR site notebook no. 1).
52. April 26th 1954 – Trench 3 was extended to the south into trench 4 and a hone **GM/AX** and pottery sherds 1664-1668 were recovered from Layer B (2232) here. Also in this area a pit (2301) was uncovered filled with dark brown sand and a few shells and bone cutting the clean blown sand, and to the north of the pit was a linear feature (2300) filled with blackened sand and charcoal surrounded by scorched pink sand. A sample 26/4/54 was taken from the edges of (2300), presumably of the scorched pink sand. These features lay directly outside the entrance of ‘House 2’ (appearing from photographs to pre-date it) and were planned (Drawing 7 see Fig. 22). At the west end of ‘House 1’ in the inner cutting in Layer B (2208) were sherds 1683-1687 (sherds 1685 and 1686 are missing). Finds recovered from the shell layer (2258) in Trench 7 included an iron nail **GM/M/27** and pottery sherds 1669-1682 (sherd 1669 is missing). A section drawing was made (Drawing 8 see Fig. 23) of the south side of the baulk between Trench 7 and the new rectangular cutting. (PR site notebook no. 1).
53. April 27th 1954 – The baulk between Trench 7 and the new rectangular cutting was removed and the ‘robber trench’ (two inter-cutting wall construction cuts of ‘House 3’ [2247] and the structure to the west [2248] containing stones on the inner faces) was photographed. A section (Drawing 9 see Fig. 24) was drawn of the west face of trench 7 extension and a plan (Drawing 10 see Fig. 25) was made of the area where the baulk had been removed between trench 7 and the new rectangular cutting. This plan (Drawing 10 see Fig. 25) shows a pit (2240) to the north and two inter-cutting wall trenches [2247] and [2248] containing stones to the south. From Layer B (2232) in this area came two pieces of iron **GM/M/28** and **GM/M/29**, pottery sherds 1688-1707 (sherds 1692, 1701, 1702 and 1707 are missing) and **Bag 68** (stone and slag- missing). (PR site notebook no. 1).
54. April 28th 1954 – The baulk between Trenches 1 and 7 was removed except for a central pillar. From the northern section of the baulk in Layer B (2237) came a flint scraper **GM/AY**, pottery sherds 1739-1761 (sherds 1740, 1741, 1744, 1747, 1752 and 1757 are missing) and **Bag 69** (stones and shell- the stones are missing). From the southern section of the baulk in Layer B (2237) came a hone **GM/AZ**, pottery sherds 1708-1738 (sherds 1720, 1721, 1723 and 1732 are missing) and **Bag 70** (stones and pottery- missing). In the south-west corner of trench 7 extension a single sherd of pottery was found in Layer B (2232) sherd 1762. On the west side of Trench 7 extension two ‘dark brown sticky patches’ (2262) were identified in Layer B from which a soil sample was taken. (PR site notebook no. 1).
55. April 29th 1954 – The following finds were collected during the excavation of the interior of ‘House 3’ in Layer B (2237): a grooved rubber **GM/BA**, two pieces of iron **GM/M/30** and **GM/M/31** and **Bag 75** (pottery sherds- missing). From the northern section of the baulk between trenches 1 and 7 a soil sample 29/4/54 of clay containing charcoal was taken from a feature described as a hearth (2263) in Layer B. From the southern section of the baulk between trenches 1 and 7 in the bone and shell layer (2258) came 72 sherds of pottery which were bagged (‘trenches 1-7. Baulk S, 29/4/1954’) and are present in the archive but are not given any finds numbers- originally bag numbers were probably bags 71 and 72. Also from the southern section of the baulk between trenches 1 and 7 (2237) was **Bag 73** (stones and shell- the stones are missing). From the northern section of the baulk between trenches 1 and 7 (2237) was **Bag 74** (stones and shell- the stones

are missing). From the central section of the baulk between trenches 1 and 7 (2237) was **Bag 77** (shell and stones- the stones are missing). (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

56. April 30th 1954 – The following stones were found ‘in the floor of ‘House 3’, Layer B’ (2264): **GM/BB** loom weight, **GM/BC** notched slate, **GM/BD** hone, **GM/BE** whetstone, **GM/BF** (missing), **GM/BG** skinning tool, **GM/BH** whetstone and anvil, **GM/BI** hone, **GM/BJ** gritstone, **GM/BK** skinning tool, **GM/BO** (grit pebble) and **GM/BP** (lapstone). Also ‘in the floor of ‘House 3’, Layer B’ (2264) was an iron pin **GM/M/32** and an iron nail **GM/M/120** (discarded), **Bag 78** (pottery- missing), **Bag 79** (stones- missing) and outside the north-west wall of ‘House 3’ in Layer B (2232) was another iron pin **GM/M/33** and **GM/BN** (lapstone). The following worked stones were collected on the final day of the season: **GM/BT** (half an upper rotary quern), **GM/BU** (half an upper rotary quern), **GM/BV** (half a lower rotary quern), **GM/BW** (portion of rotary quern)- all forming the lining of the hearth in ‘House 2’ (2255), **GM/BX** (portion of lower rotary quern) from the north-west wall of ‘House 3’ (2230), **GM/BY** (socketed stone) from the entrance of ‘House 4’ Layer B (2265), **GM/BZ** (grit pebble) from the west side of ‘House 3’ Layer B (2237), **GM/CA** (grit pebble) from the west side of ‘House 3’ Layer B (2237), **GM/CB** (grit pebble) from the west side of ‘House 3’ Layer B (2237), **GM/CC** (portion of upper rotary quern) from the west wall of ‘House 3’ Layer B (2237), **GM/CE** (portion of rotary quern) from the north-west wall of ‘House 3’ Layer B (2237), (**PR site notebook no. 1**).

7.3.5 1955 Excavations

Cuttings Excavated: baulk between the ‘Inner cutting’ and the ‘New Rectangular Cutting’, baulk between Trench 2 and 3, baulk between the ‘Inner cutting’ and ‘House 2’ ‘Western Extension’, ‘Area Y’, ‘Test Trench’ in the centre of GMI, ‘Test Trench’ to the east of the central ‘House 1’ baulk.

7.3.6 1955 Season

57. March 24th 1955 – Cleaning of GMI started. (**PR site notebook no. 2**).
58. March 25th 1955 – Cleaning of GMI continued. (**PR site notebook no. 2**).
59. March 27th 1955 – The west face of GMI was cleaned. (**PR site notebook no. 2**).
60. March 28th 1955 – Work continued clearing ‘Houses 2 and 3’ and trowelling next to the west face of GMI where large quantities of sand had blown in from the previous season. In ‘House 3’ the top of a wall (2335) was uncovered in Layer C overlain by ‘House 3’ 2242. Finds for the day included **Bag 1** (pottery- the pottery is missing but now contains 2 pebbles) from Layer B (2232), **Bag 2** (pottery-missing) from Layer B (2232), **GM/CH** (slate plaque) from inside ‘House 3’ in layer B (2237), **GM/CI** (lapstone) from inside ‘House 3’ in layer B (2237), **GM/M/47** (piece of iron with rivets) unstratified and **GM/M/48** (pointed iron implement) from Layer B (2232). (**PR site notebook no. 2**).
61. March 29th 1955 – The baulk between the inner cutting and the new rectangular cutting was trowelled out; at the western end of this baulk a large lump of charcoal was recovered N side- unstratified, ‘**sample 1 Rectangular new cut, W end**’. At the eastern end of the north face of the baulk between the new rectangular cutting

and the 'House 2' area was a pit [2266] sealed by Layer B (2232) containing large quantities of shell. The shells at the top of the fill (2267) had been crushed but lower down they appeared to be mainly small unbroken mussel shells mixed with a few limpets, charcoal and bone. Below this was a primary fill (2268) of 'earthy matter' which was sampled (sample 1x2) this earthy fill (2268) also contained charcoal which was sampled (sample 2). The pit [2266] was 2'6" in diameter and 1'3" deep and was either lined with stones or had a deposit of stones in the primary fill (2268) on the south side. There is a sketch section of it in **PR notebook 2**, and a pre-ex sketch plan and another sketch plan after the removal of the shell fill (2267) in **PR notebook 4**. It was also photographed at various stages of excavation. Finds for the day included **Bag 3** (amphorae sherds- missing) from Layer B (2208), **Bag 4** (pottery, stones and shell- the stone is missing) from Layer B (2208), **Bag 5** (pottery and bones- missing) from Layer B (2208) and **GM/CJ** a 'grass-marked' flat piece of slate from inside 'House 3' in Layer B (2237). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).

62. March 30th 1955 – The shell pit [2266] was completely excavated and photographed; there is a sketch section of it in **PR notebook 4**. On the opposite side of the baulk to the shell pit and slightly to the east was another pit (2269) which is shown on a sketch plan and a sketch section with steeply sloping sides and a concave base (no dimensions given) in **PR notebook 2**. This pit (2269) was excavated. Layer B (2232) in area Y was trowelled out and in the western half of the 'House 1' area Layer B (2208) was cleared of loose sand, whilst in the eastern half of 'House 1' clearing continued along the eastern face of the central baulk. The remainder of the baulk separating the new rectangular cutting from 'Houses 2 and 3' was removed and this area taken down to clean sand. Finds for the day included **GM/M/49** (discarded) a lump of iron from Layer A (2203) in the north-south baulk of 'House 1', **GM/CK** a large slick stone from the base of the shell pit (2268), **GM/CL** a piece of spotted slate with perforation from layer B (2208) in the inner cutting, **GM/CM** a piece of granite from Layer A (2203) in the inner cutting, **Bag 6** (pottery and whelk) Layer B (2270), **Bag 7** (pottery- missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 8** (pottery) Layer B (2270), **Bag 9** (pottery) Layer B (2270), **Bag 10** (pottery) Layer B (2270) and a **bag of bones** from area Y in Layer B (2232) marked **30/3/55**. (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
63. March 31st 1955 – Continued to clear area Y and to remove the southern baulk of the new rectangular cutting and the baulk between trenches 2 and 3; there are sketch plans showing these areas in **PR notebooks 2 and 4**. Work also continued with the removal of Layer B (2208) on the eastern side of the 'House 1' central baulk; there is a sketch plan of this in **PR notebook 4**. Finds for the day included **Bag 11** (pottery- the pottery is missing but now contains pebble) Layer B (2270), **Bag 12** (pottery- missing), **GM/M/50** (discarded) a piece of iron from the south face of cutting 2 in Layer B (2260), **GM/M/51** (iron pin) from Layer A (2203) in the central baulk of 'House 1'. (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
64. April 1st 1955 – Continued to trowel down the baulk on the northern side of the new rectangular cutting to expose the top of Layer B (2208). Once Layer B (2208) had been exposed its gradual removal began. The northern edge of this baulk was used as the new site base line and there is a sketch plan of this in **PR notebook 2**. Trowelling continued on the southern baulk of the new rectangular cutting down to Layer B (2232). Once Layer B (2232) had been revealed here it was then trowelled through to reveal half of a flat bottomed pit [2274] approximately 2' deep and 2'6" wide cut into clean sand (the other half remained under the baulk to

the east). The top fill (2271) of this pit was a layer of shell overlying a fill (2272) of brown sand with black patches which overlay what is described as 'a hearth' (2273) (a primary fill of charcoal containing slag). There is a north-south sketch section of this feature in PR notebook 4 and there are photographs. A plan was drawn (**Drawing 14** not illustrated) showing the partial outline of GMI and GMA. Finds for the day included **Bags 13, 14 and 15** all from Layer B (2270) **Bag 13** (pottery, shell, pebble and bone) and **GM/CN** (hone) from the northern side of Trench 2 (2232), **Bag 14** (pottery- missing) and **GM/CO** (notched pebble) and **GM/CP** (slate hone) from the northern side of the new rectangular cutting (2208), **Bag 15** (pottery- missing). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).

65. April 4th 1955 – Continued to trowel down the baulk through Layer B and probably C (2209) on the northern side of the new rectangular cutting. Here the southern terminal of what was described as 'a shell refuse trench' (2275) was uncovered which extended under the central 'House 1' baulk to the north. In addition the terminal of a linear feature filled with charcoal (2226) was also uncovered; its extension eastwards had been uncovered but not excavated the previous year. There is a sketch plan in **PR notebook 4** showing both features (2275) and (2226). In this area finds **Bags 16, 17 and 18** were recovered from Layer B or C (2209) it is unclear if any are from features. **Bag 16** (polished bone), **Bag 17** (pottery and shell) and **Bag 18** (pottery and burnt pebble). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
66. April 5th 1955 – Continued to trowel down the baulk through Layer B and probably C (2209) on the northern side of the new rectangular cutting. A plan was created of the 'House 1' area showing finds and features associated with both Layers A and B (2202), (2203), (2208) (**Drawing 16** see Fig. 28). Finds from this area in Layer B or C (2209) included **GM/M/59** (piece of iron- discarded), **GM/M/60** (long iron pin), **Bag 19** (pottery), **Bag 20** (pottery), **Bag 21** (pebble, burnt bone, shell and slag- the slag and bone are missing), **Bag 22** (quill/fishbone). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
67. April 6th 1955 – Continued to trowel down the baulk through Layer B and probably C (2209) on the northern side of the new rectangular cutting. At the eastern end of this baulk an area of ginger sand (2276) 5' long was identified overlying layer B (2208), there is a sketch plan in **PR notebook 4** and a **sample** of it was taken although this is now missing. Layer B (2232) including half the hearth pit [2274] was also trowelled through in the southern baulk of the new rectangular cutting. This created a north-south section through the pit [2274] which showed that there was a flue attached to it on the southern side. A detailed measured section drawing of this part of the baulk was drawn in **PR notebook 4**. The stratigraphy here was clean blown (2200) sand over the 'tramlines' (2223) over clean sand (2277) over shell fill (2271) of pit over dark brown sand with black patches (fill of pit and flue) over dirty brown sand (2272) in pit over lenses of alternate pink burnt sand, dark brown sand and black sand in pit (2273) over pit and flue cut [2274] over clean sand (2280) over 'tramlines' (2278) over clean sand (2279). A large lump of slag came from the primary black sand fill (2273). Finds for the day from Layer B or C (2209) included **Bag 23** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 24** (pottery and shell), **Bag 25** (pottery- missing) and **Bag 26** (pebble and glazed slag- the slag may be in the bag of slag for 1955, possibly the furnace lining piece) from the 'hearth' pit (2273). **GM/BM** (slickstone) also came from the 'hearth' pit (2273). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).

68. April 7th 1955 – Continued to trowel down the baulk through Layer B and probably C as well (2209) on the northern side of the new rectangular cutting. Trowelling through Layer B (2232) was also started and completed in the baulk to the east of Trench 2- both of these areas are shown on a sketch plan in **PR notebook 4**. The ‘hearth’ or charcoal fill (2273) of a possible furnace pit was sampled (sample 6) and the remainder of the feature was removed. Finds for the day from Layer B or C (2209) included **Bag 27** (pottery- missing), **Bag 28** (pottery), **Bag 29** (slag-missing) probably from the ‘hearth’ pit (2273), **Bag 30** (pottery- missing). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
69. April 8th 1955 – The removal of the baulk on the north side of the new rectangular cutting was completed creating a section through Layer B and probably C (2209) as well along the east-west base line which was photographed. Finds for the day from Layer B or C (2209) here included **Bag 31** (pottery), **Bag 32** (pottery- missing), **Bag 33** (slag and pebble- the slag is missing). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
70. April 9th 1955 – Trowelling commenced through a small baulk in the north-west corner of ‘House 1’. This baulk contained Layer A overlying Layer B and C. A portion of the central baulk (still containing Layer A (2203)) in ‘House 1’ was also trowelled down. There is a sketch plan in PR notebook 4 showing these baulks. The section through layer B (2208) and C (2210) along the east-west base line was drawn (**Drawing 18** see Fig. 29). Finds for the day from Layer A (2203) in these two baulks included **Bag 34** (pottery), **Bag 35** (bones shell and pebble), **Bag 36** (pottery), **Bag 37** (pebbles and teeth), **Bag 38** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 39** (stones and slag- missing), **GM/M/63** (iron) from central ‘House 1’ baulk, **GM/M/64** (iron- discarded) from central ‘House 1’ baulk, **GM/CS** (hone) from the central ‘House 1’ baulk Layer B (2208). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
71. April 10th 1955 – Trowelling commenced through Layer B and probably C as well (2209) in a north-south strip along the western side of ‘House 1’ down to clean sand (2280) or (2279). There is a sketch plan of this location in **PR notebook 4**. Finds from Layer B or C (2209) here included **Bag 40** (pottery and shell- the pottery is missing), **Bag 41** (pebble, burnt bone and charcoal- the burnt bone is missing), **GM/M/65** (bronze), **GM/M/66** (iron needle head). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
72. April 11th 1955 – A section line was set up east-west across the interior of ‘House 3’ 2242 and trowelling through the floor (Layer B) (2264) commenced on the southern side of the line. Some stones were revealed in the floor (2264) here and pottery and iron were retrieved. The hearth in ‘House 3’ (2281) was also sectioned east-west and the fill comprised charcoal overlying brown clay which was sampled (sample 7). An area along the base line to the south of ‘House 1’ was trowelled through Layer B and probably C (2209). There is a sketch plan showing these two areas in **PR notebook 4**. The western edge of GMI was extended slightly westwards and a start was made de-turfing and removing the blown sand (2200). Finds for the day from Layer B or C (2209) included **Bag 42** (pottery) Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 43** (pottery, worked bone and pebbles- the worked bone is missing) Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 44** (pottery) Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 45** (pottery, pebble and worked bone- the worked bone is missing) Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 46** (pottery and bones) Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 47** (pottery, pebble, burnt bone and charcoal- the burnt bone is missing) Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 48** (bones) Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 49** (bones) Layer B or C (2209), there is a bag of bone marked ‘House 3’ floor Layer B 11/4/55 from (2264), another bag of bone is

marked **S side 'House 1' Layer B 11/4/55** from either Layer B or C (2209), **GM/M/67** (iron) from 'House 3' floor (2264), **GM/M/68** (iron-discarded) from 'House 3' floor (2264), **GM/M/69** (iron-discarded) from 'House 3' floor (2264), **GM/M/71** (iron nail) from the area of the base line in Layer B or C (2209). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).

73. April 12th 1955 – The sectioning of the hearth (2281) in 'House 3' was finished and the hearth photographed. Trowelling continued in the southern half of 'House 3' where fish bones and 3 scales or gills were found in (2264). Trowelling of Layer B and probably C as well (2209) also continued along the east-west base line to the south of 'House 1' where large numbers of 'H. aspersa' were found. A yellow square sectioned bead was found here in (2209). Along the western edge of GMI progress was made shovelling off the clean blown (2200) sand onto the top of the 'tramlines' (2223) - there is a sketch plan in **PR notebook 2** showing sections along the western edge which were to be trowelled down. Finds for this day included **Bags 50-60** which were presumably all associated with Layer B or C (2283) in various areas. **Bag 50** (pottery, pebble and burnt bone- missing) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 51** (bones and scales- missing) from 'House 3' floor (2264), **Bag 52** (pottery) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 53** (pottery) from Layer B or C along the base line (2209), **Bag 54** (worked bone- missing) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 55** (fish bones) from 'House 3' floor (2264), **Bag 56** (iron slag, pottery and pebbles- the slag and pebbles are missing) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 57** (yellow bead) from Layer B or C along the base line (2209), **Bag 58** (bones and teeth- the bone is missing) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 59** (bones and teeth- missing) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 60** (fish bone) Layer B or C (2283). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
74. April 13th 1955 – trowelling commenced at the northern end of the western edge of the site through Layer A (2202) and at the southern end to the top of Layer B (2232) and there is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the extended edge of excavation. Leading into the southern half of the original west edge of excavation were two short sections of walling which were termed 'House 4' 2245- these were removed prior to the excavation of the extension. The walls (2284) and (2286) of 'House 4' and the structure to the west of 'House 3' 2244 could still be seen in the section and the interior of the structure to the west of 'House 3' 2244 and "House 4" was filled by a shell midden (2285) overlain by the 'tramlines' (2223). In the southern half of 'House 3' a sondage 18" wide and aligned north-south running from the section line to the southern internal edge of the house was dug through the underlying strata. There is a sketch plan in **PR notebook 4** showing the location of the sondage. Trowelling of Layer B (2264) in the southern half of 'House 3' also continued and a flaying stone was found. The central hearth (2255) in 'House 2' was sectioned and a decomposed sherd or lump of fired clay was selected for a paleomagnetic reading. Finds for this day included **Bags 61-71**. **Bag 61** (pottery and burnt bone- the burnt bone is missing) from Layer A (2202) at the northern end of the western edge of GMI, **Bag 62** (worked slate and pebbles) from Layer A (2202) at the northern end of the western edge of GMI, **GM/CW** (hone) from Layer A (2202) at the northern end of the western edge of GMI, there is also a bag of bone labelled **Main N-S section Layer A 3/4/55 (should be 13/4/55)** from the western edge of GMI in Layer A (2202), **Bag 63** (pottery-missing) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 64** (pottery- one BA sherd and burnt clay) from the hearth in 'House 2' (2255), **Bag 65** (slate and pebbles) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 66** (pottery and pebble) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 67** (fish bones and pebbles) Layer B or C

(2283), **Bag 68** (pebbles) Layer B or C (2283), **GM/CX** (notched slate) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 69** (tooth) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 70** (bones, burnt bone, worked bone and pebbles- the bones are missing) Layer B or C (2283), **Bag 71** (bones and teeth- the bones are missing) Layer B or C (2283), **GM/CU** (skinning tool) from inside 'House 3' at the base of Layer B (2264), **GM/CV** (smoothed slate) from inside 'House 3' at the base of Layer B (2264), **GM/M/73** (iron) from inside 'House 3' at the base of Layer B (2264). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).

75. April 14th 1955 – Trowelling commenced through Layers A (2202) and B (2208) and (2232) at the northern and southern ends of the western edge of GMI. Trowelling also continued through Layers B and C (2209) to the south of 'House 1' and north of the base line. A trench was opened aligned north-south along the east side of the central 'House 1' baulk (there is a sketch plan of it in **PR notebook 4**). The aim was to look at the stratigraphy in the eastern face of the central baulk. At this point it was realised that what the excavators had thought was Layer B (2208) here was, in fact, both Layers B and C (2209) separated by an intermittent clean sand lens (2228). Finds for this day from either Layers A, B or C (2287) included **Bags 72-91**. **Bag 72** (eight sherds and pebbles- these are missing, bag now contains one sherd, a piece of burnt clay), **Bag 73** (pottery and burnt bone- the bone is missing), **Bag 74** (grass-marked pottery (missing)- now contains a piece of burnt clay), **Bag 75** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 76** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 77** (slate and pebbles- the slate is missing), **Bag 78** (pottery, pebbles, shell- the pebbles are missing), **Bag 79** (pottery), **Bag 80** (pottery and pebbles- missing), **Bag 81** (pottery and slag- the slag is missing), **Bag 82** (bones teeth, pebbles and slag- the bones, teeth and slag are missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 83** (shell, iron ore, and teeth- the iron ore is missing) (2287), **Bag 84** (small bones) Layer B (2270), **Bag 85** (scored bone and burnt bone- missing) (2287), **Bag 86** (bones and teeth- missing) Layer A (2202), **Bag 87** (small fish bones) Layer B (2270), **Bag 88** (teeth and bones- the bones are missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 89** (stones-missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 90** (teeth and sawn bone- the bone is missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 91** (teeth and bones) Layer C (2210), **GM/M/75** (iron-discarded) from new cutting to the east of the central 'House 1' baulk- unstratified. (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
76. April 15th 1955 – Trowelling continued along the western edge of GMI through Layer B (2270) where fragments of a large bar-lug pot were left *in situ* to be photographed. This layer was cleared except at the southern and northern ends of the strip. At the southern end of the strip the top of 'House 4' 2245 and the structure to the west of 'House 3' 2244 was revealed along with the internal shell midden (2285)- there is a sketch plan of this area in **PR notebook 4**. At the northern end of the strip Layer B (2208) appeared to dip down sharply so it was left. A posthole (2315)? in the centre of 'House 3' was cleaned and photographed. Work also continued in the trench to the east of the 'House 1' central baulk where the section showed that what had so far been excavated was both Layers B (2208) and C (2210). In addition, another trench aligned north-south leading southwards from the south-west corner of the central 'House 1' baulk was dug (there is a sketch plan of it in **PR notebook 4**). This narrow trench was taken to a depth of 7'6" from the top of the sand layer (2280) below Layer C. At a depth of 6' two turf lines (2252) were noted but nothing that could be equated with Layer D (2211) recorded in 1953. Below the turf lines was more wind blown sand (2253). Finds for this day from either Layers A, B or C (locations unknown) included **Bags 92-110**. **Bag 92** (pottery- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 93** (pottery) Layer B (2270), **Bag**

94 (pottery, iron slag and pebble- the pottery and slag are missing) Layer A (2202), **Bag 95** (bone) Layer A (2202), **Bag 96** (pottery- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 97** (pottery- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 98** (pottery, pebbles, shell, barnacles and bone- the barnacles are missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 99** (pottery and pebble) Layer B (2270), **Bag 100** (pottery) Layer B (2270), **Bag 101** (burnt bone and pebbles- missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 102** (pottery) Layer A, B or C (2287), **Bag 103** (bones- missing) Layer A, B or C (2287), **Bag 104** (pottery and slate- missing) Layer A (2202), **Bag 105** (bones- missing) Layer A (2202), **Bag 106** (bone) Layer B (2270), **Bag 107** (teeth) Layer C (2210), **Bag 108** (ash and pebbles- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 109** (sawn bone- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 110** (sawn bone, shell, barnacle and pebble- missing) Layer B (2270), **GM/M/76** (iron object) from west edge of site in Layer B (2270), **GM/M/77** (iron nail) from along the base line Layer B (2208), **GM/CY** (hone with groove) from along the base line Layer B (2208). (PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4).

77. April 16th 1955 – Trowelling continued along the western edge of GMI and at the northern end were two pits apparently seen in section only, one (2320) associated with Layer A (a flat bottomed pit with vertical sides containing bones with a layer of charcoal at the base) and one (2321) full of charcoal with sea urchin fragments sealed by Layer B (2208) (only half excavated in the main section). Trowelling of layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued in the east-west strip to the north of the base line where a piece of glass, 3 E-ware sherds and a platter rim were found in Layer C (2210). Here care was taken to remove Layers B and C separately. The trench on the east side of the central ‘House 1’ baulk was completed and it was seen that layers A (2203) and B (2208) were separated more distinctly at the northern end of the trench. Section **drawing 18** was then corrected to show this separation. The sherd or burnt clay in the hearth (2255) of ‘House 2’ was ‘palaeomagnetically sampled’ which involved painting magnetic north on it in white ink and the charred incrustation was collected as **sample 10**. Finds for this day (locations unknown) included **Bags 111-120, 126 and 139**. There is also a bag of bone and shell from layer B (2208) labelled **N side rectangular new cut Layer B 16/4/55** (but may read **6/4/55**). **Bag 111** (sea urchin fragments- in ACT’s draw) from layer B pit (2321) on west edge of site, **Bag 112** (pottery) Layer C (2210), **Bag 113** (bone- missing) from layer B pit (2321) on west edge of site, **Bag 114** (teeth, burnt and sawn bone- missing) Layer B (2208), **Bag 115** (pottery and iron ore- the ore is missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 116** (bone and teeth- the teeth are missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 117** (pottery and pebbles) Layer B (2208), **Bag 118** (pottery, bone, teeth and pebble- the pottery, bone and pebble are missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 119** (pottery) from the pit (2320) in layer A along the western edge of the site, **Bag 120** (pottery- missing) Layer B (2208), **Bag 126** (glass- possibly in ACT’s draw) Layer B (2208), **Bag 139** (pottery) Layer B (2208), **GM/M/78** (iron pin) from north of base line Layer B (2208), **GM/M/79** (iron- discarded) from north of base line Layer B (2208), **GM/M/80** (iron nail head) from north of base line Layer B (2208). (PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4).

78. April 17th 1955 – Trowelling of layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued in the east-west strip to the north of the base line where care was taken to remove Layers B and C separately. Work also took place at the southern end of the western edge of GMI on ‘House 4’ 2245 where stones were removed in order to free pottery sherds which made up almost a complete bar-lug pot with a grass-marked base in (2322). Finds for the day included **Bags 121-129**. **Bag 121** (pottery) Layer C (2210), **Bag 122** (pottery and pebble) Layer C (2210), **Bag 123** (pottery- missing) Layer A

(2203), **Bag 124** (iron ore, slag and pebbles- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 125** (bones) Layer B (2208), **Bag 127** (bones, teeth and charcoal- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 128** (bones and teeth- teeth are missing) Layer A (2203), **Bag 129** (burnt bone, and bone) from the fill of the Layer A pit (2320) along the western edge, **GM/M/82** (iron pin) from layer B or C (2209) in the east-west strip to the north of the base line. Other bags of bone (showing a large amount) were retrieved from the Layer A pit (2320) although they were not given finds bag numbers or dates of retrieval and are marked **N end main N-S section Layer A pit**- there are 5 of these. (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).

79. April 18th 1955 – Work continued on all areas in GMI. Some trowelling took place inside ‘House 2’ revealing only wind blown sand beneath the cut of the house. A north-south section through ‘House 1’ was drawn showing Layers A, B and C (**Drawing 19** see Fig. 30) and the final major sherd of the **bar-lug pot** from ‘House 4’ was found- this was reconstructed (there are photographs) and is possibly now in pieces in an unmarked box. Finds for the day included **Bags 130-138 and 140-142**. **Bag 130** (pottery- missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 131** (pebbles and burnt bone- missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 132** (pottery, pebble, shell and sea urchin) Layer B (2270), **Bag 133** (pottery- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 134** (pottery) Layer B (2270), **Bag 135** (pebble) Layer B (2270), **Bag 136** (pottery and bones- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 137** (bones and teeth- the bones are missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 138** (bones, teeth and charcoal) Layer B (2270), **Bag 140** (shell, teeth and bones- the shell is missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 141** (bones and teeth) Layer B (2270), **Bag 142** (small bones- fish etc) Layer B (2270). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
80. April 19th 1955 – Work continued in the area of ‘House 4’ trowelling through Layer B (2232) and (2265) exposing more stones belonging to the house. Work also continued to the north of the base line cutting through the ginger layer (2276) and Layers B (2208) and C (2210). In the afternoon Radford visited the site and suggested that the oval shaped ‘rubbish pits’ that had been encountered might be storage pits for grain and he interpreted the basal charcoal fills as matting used as liners. Finds for the day included **Bags 143-149**. **Bag 143** (pottery and iron slag- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 144** (bones- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 145** (pottery, bones and teeth- the pottery and bones are missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 146** (pottery, pebbles and iron ore- missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 147** (pottery, bones and teeth- the pottery is missing) ginger layer (2276), **Bag 148** (grass-marked base sherd) Layer unknown- unstratified, **Bag 149** (bone including sheep skull with horn) Layer B (2270), **GM/M/84** (lead) from fill of ‘House 4’ Layer B (2265). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
81. April 20th 1955 – Trowelling of the ‘spill’ (2322) on the south side of ‘House 4’ continued and to the north of the base line through Layers B (2208) and C (2210) and the ginger layer (2276). Finds for the day included **Bags 150-164**. **Bag 150** (amphora sherd- missing) from the charcoal fill of the layer A pit (2320), **Bag 151** (pottery, slate and charcoal- the pottery is missing) from the ginger layer (2276), **Bag 152** (pottery and slate- missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 153** (pebbles- missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 154** (pottery) Layer C (2210), **Bag 155** (pottery, shells, pebbles) Layer C (2210), **Bag 156** (pottery and pebbles) Layer B (2270), **Bag 157** (pottery- missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 158** (bones and iron slag- the slag is missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 159** (burnt bones and barnacle- missing) Layer B (2270), **Bag 160** (bone needle) Layer C (2210), **Bag 161** (bones and teeth- the bones are missing) Layer C (2210), **Bag 162** (bones and teeth) Layer B (2270), **Bag**

163 (bones and teeth) Layer B (**2270**), **Bag 164** (bones and teeth- missing) from the ginger layer (**2276**), **GM/M/85** (bronze strip) from Layer C (**2210**) to the north of the base line, **GM/M/86** (iron hook) from Layer C (**2210**) to the north of the base line, **GM/M/87** (iron nail) from Layer B (**2208**) to the north of the base line. (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).

82. April 21st 1955 – A small amount of trowelling took place in the western half of the east-west strip to the north of the base line. Finds for the day included **Bags 165-167**. **Bag 165** (pottery) Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 166** (pottery- missing) Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 167** (bones and teeth) Layer C (**2210**). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
83. April 22nd 1955 – A small amount of trowelling took place in the east-west strip to the north of the base line. Finds for the day included **Bags 168-170**. **Bag 168** (pottery and pebbles- the pebbles are missing) from the ginger layer (**2276**) above layer B, **Bag 169** (bones and teeth) Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 170** (bones- missing) the layer below Layer C (**2280**). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
84. April 24th 1955 – Continued to trowel Layer B (**2208**) to the south of the ‘House 1’ wall in two areas- one on the western side and one on the eastern side. There is a sketch plan in PR notebook 4 showing the locations of these strips. Finds for the day included **Bags 171-174**. **Bag 171** (pottery, bone and tooth- the pottery and bone are missing) Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 172** (pottery) Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 173** (bones and pottery) Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 174** (bones and teeth- the bones are missing) Layer B (**2208**). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
85. April 25th 1955 – Continued to trowel Layer C (**2210**) in the eastern area on the southern side of ‘House 1’. This was where a linear charcoal filled feature (**2226**) in ‘The Square’ had been found but not excavated in 1954. This feature (**2226**) ‘hearth’ (at the base of Layer C) was now cleaned and photographed- the photograph shows that only half of the feature was exposed, but that it was key hole shaped and approximately 5’ long and the pit approximately 2’ wide- its orientation is unclear. Finds for the day included **Bags 175-177**. **Bag 175** (pottery) Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 176** (pottery- missing) Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 177** (teeth, bones, slag and stone- missing) Layer C (**2210**). (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
86. April 27th 1955 – From the key hole shaped feature (**2226**) at the base of Layer C came an iron dagger blade about 8” long **GM/M/89** which was photographed. (**PR site notebooks nos. 2 and 4**).
87. June 14th 1955 – **GM/DI** (hone) was picked up from Layer B (**2208**) in the ‘House 1’ area.

7.3.7 1956 Excavations

Cuttings Excavated: baulk between GMI and GMA, ‘Houses 2, 3 and 4’, ‘Inner Cutting’, ‘East extension’, ‘Northern extension’

7.3.8 1956 Season

88. March 19th 1956 – After the 1955 season large quantities of blown sand had accumulated on site and baulks had eroded and collapsed. The plan for the beginning of this season was to remove ‘Houses 2 **2241** and 3’ **2242** which **PR Notebook 7** states had already been drawn and photographed although these drawings do not survive, and to open an area in the middle of the site to examine the occupation layer beneath. It was proposed that ‘Houses 2 and 3’ should be

rebuilt in the newly opened area on completion of excavation. Clearing commenced of the south face of layers B (2208) and C (2210) of 'House 1' and the interiors of 'Houses 2 2241 and 3' 2242 down to the level of the previous year's excavation except the sondage in 'House 3' which was left. There is a sketch plan in **PR Notebook 7** showing the areas cleared. Finds for the day included **Bags 1-5 and 72**. **Bag 1** (pottery and teeth- the teeth are missing) from the surface, **Bag 2** (pottery and shell) from Layers B or C (2209) to the north of the base line, **Bag 3** (pottery, burnt bone and slag- the burnt bone is missing) from Layers B or C (2209) to the north of the base line, **Bag 4** (pottery) from Layers B or C (2209) to the north of the base line, **Bag 5** (pottery, slag, bone and shell) from Layers B or C (2209) to the north of the base line, **Bag 72** (pottery, bone and teeth) from Layers B or C (2209) to the north of the base line. **PR Notebook 7**.

89. March 20th 1956 – The western edge of GMI was cleared of blown sand (except around 'House 4') and the area between 'Houses 1 and 2 and 3'. There is a sketch plan in **PR Notebook 7** showing the areas cleared. Cow bones and horn in a bag marked '**W baulk, N end A pit cut through B 20/3/56**' were retrieved from the Layer A pit (2320) at the northern end of the western edge of the site. Finds for the day included **Bag 6** (pottery- two residue samples from a single sherd were dated in 2005 (Ams dates) OxA-14526 Cal AD 560-660 and SUERC-6159 Cal AD 420-610) and **GM/DJ** (hone) from Layer B (2208) in the middle of the western edge, **Bag 7** (pottery) from Layer B (2232) at the southern end of the western edge, **Bag 73** (bones and teeth) from Layers A or B (2225) at the northern end of the western edge, **Bag 74** (bones- but now contains pottery) from Layer B (2208) at the northern end of the western edge. **PR Notebook 7**.
90. March 22nd 1956 – Work started on the central 'House 1' baulk removing what was left of Layer A (2203). Clearance of blown sand continued to the south and west of 'Houses 2 and 3' and also on the eastern edge of the site to the north of what remained of the central east-west baulk. This blown sand was used to fill a large hollow created by wind to the east of the centre of the site. There is a sketch plan in **PR Notebook 7** showing the areas cleared. An unexcavated strip of Layer B (2232) was uncovered between the southern walls of 'Houses 3 and 4'. Finds for the day included **Bags 9-15**. **Bag 9** (pottery and charcoal) from the central 'House 1' baulk in layers A and B (2225), **Bag 10** (pottery and tooth) from the western side of 'House 3' in layer B (2232), **Bag 11** (pottery, shell and bone- the pottery is missing) from the western side of 'House 3' in layer B (2232), **Bag 12** (pottery) from the central 'House 1' baulk in layer A (2203), **Bag 13** (bone, charcoal, shell and pottery- the bone is missing) from the central 'House 1' baulk in layer A (2203), **Bag 14** (missing) from the southern side of 'Houses 2 and 3' in layer B (2232), **Bag 15** (bone, teeth, pebble, shell and slate point) from the southern side of 'Houses 2 and 3' in layer B (2232), **GM/M/91** (iron object) to the south of 'Houses 2 and 3' in clearing- unstratified. **PR Notebook 7**.
91. March 24th 1956 – The removal of Layer A (2203) continued in the central 'House 1' baulk and clearance of sand on the south-west side of 'House 3', along the base line and the eastern side around the remains of the east-west baulk also continued. Finds for the day included **Bags 16-21**. **Bags 16** (pottery) and **Bag 17** (pottery and bone- the bone is missing) came from the porch area of 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **Bag 18** (pottery) from the floor of 'House 3' in Layer B (2264), **Bag 19** (bone, pottery and slag) from the east side of the 'House 1' area in Layer C (2210), **Bag 20** (pottery, iron and slag) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer A (2203), **Bag 21** (bones teeth and shell) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer A (2203),

GM/M/92 (iron object) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer A or B (**2225**).
PR Notebook 7.

92. March 25th 1956 – Trowelling of the unexcavated strip of Layer B (**2232**) between 'Houses 3 and 4' commenced. Here a small hearth pit (**2323**) was uncovered containing dense black ash and to the east an arcing strip of pink burnt sand which was sectioned. Trowelling of Layer B (**2208**) also commenced to the south of 'House 1' on the east side. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas where work was taking place. Layer C (**2210**) was trowelled through to the south-east of 'House 1' and trowelling continued on the 'House 1' central baulk. Finds for the day included **Bags 22-31**. **Bag 22** (pottery and bone- the bone is missing) from clearance- unstratified, **Bag 23** (bone- missing) from the central 'House 1' baulk Layer A (**2203**), **Bag 24** (pottery and shell) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 25** (pottery and bone) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 26** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 27** (bone and shell) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 28** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 29** (bone and teeth) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 30** (pottery) in Layer B (**2232**) between 'Houses 3 and 4', **Bag 31** (shell) from Layer B (**2208**) at the northern end of the western edge of site. **PR Notebook 7.**
93. March 26th 1956 – The area of Layer C (**2210**) to the south of 'House 1' at the east end was cleared and trowelling continued through Layer B (**2208**) at the west end of the 'House 1' area up to the northern end of the western edge of site. In the Layer A pit (**2320**) here more cow bones were found. Trowelling also continued in the area of Layer B (**2232**) between 'Houses 3 and 4' where what was first thought to be an ash filled pit (**2323**) turned out to be an ash filled trench approximately 3' long surrounded by burnt pink sand which was excavated. A grass-marked sherd (low rimmed platter with handle) was found next to the trench (**2323**). There is a sketch plan of the ash trench (**2323**) and a sketch plan showing the areas where work took place in **PR notebook 7**. Finds for the day included **Bags 32-37**. **Bag 32** (bone, slag and pottery- the bone and slag are missing) from north of the base line at the east end in Layers B and C (**2209**), **Bag 33** (pottery) from north of the base line at the east end in Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 34** (pottery, pebbles and tooth) from Layer B (**2232**) between 'Houses 3 and 4', **Bag 35** (pottery and bone) from Layer B (**2232**) between 'Houses 3 and 4', **Bag 36** (pottery, bone, tooth and shell) from the west end of 'House 1' area in Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 37** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' area in Layer B (**2208**), **GM/M/93** (bronze object) from the north end of the western edge of site in Layer B (**2208**). **PR Notebook 7.**
94. March 27th 1956 – The remainder of the east-west baulk through the centre of the site on the east side was trowelled down partially through Layer B (**2208**). The ash trench (**2323**) between 'Houses 3 and 4' was cleaned for a photograph which was never taken. At the northern end of the western extension to the site trowelling continued through Layer B (**2208**) where some large stones (**2325**) were revealed in a black deposit (**2324**). These stones (**2325**) were left *in situ*. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in that day. Finds for the day included **Bag 38-41**. **Bag 38** (bone, shell and slag) from Layer B (**2208**) on the western side of the 'House 1' area, **Bag 39** (pottery) from Layer B (**2208**) on the western side of the 'House 1' area, **Bag 40** (pottery) from Layer B (**2208**) in the east-west baulk through the centre of the site on the east side, **Bag 41** (charcoal-missing) from the area of stones in Layer B (**2324**) at the northern end of the western edge of site, **GM/DK** (grit pebble) from Layer B (**2208**) in the 'House 1'

- area, **GM/DL** (quern fragment) from Layer B (**2208**) in the 'House 1' area, **GM/DM** (quern fragment) from Layer B (**2208**) in the 'House 1' area, **GM/DN** (quern fragment) from Layer B (**2208**) in the 'House 1' area. **PR Notebook 7.**
95. March 28th 1956 – Continued trowelling Layer B (**2208**) in the remainder of the east-west baulk through the centre of the site on the east side revealing clean sand (**2280**) below it which was shovelled out. Trowelling of Layer B (**2208**) continued on the western side of the 'House 1' area and against the northern end of the western edge of site where trowelling extended to the southern end of the western wall of 'House 1'. At the northern end of the western edge Layer B was very black (**2324**) and sloped down towards the north. In order to find an extent to this black stony area an extension was made along the western edge 10' long to the north. This extension was deturfed. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in that day. Finds for the day included **Bags 42-46**. **Bag 42** (bone and teeth) from the area of stones (**2324**) in Layer B at the northern end of the western edge of site, **Bag 43** (pottery and bone) from Layer B (**2208**) in the east-west baulk through the centre of the site on the east side, **Bag 44** (bone, tooth and shell) from Layer B (**2208**) in the east-west baulk through the centre of the site on the east side, **Bag 45** (pottery) from the tramlines (**2223**) in the north-west extension, **Bag 46** (pottery-missing) from the western area of 'House 1' in Layer B (**2208**). **PR Notebook 7.**
96. March 29th 1956 – Trowelling of Layer A (**2202**) commenced in the newly opened northern extension of the west face and trowelling of Layers B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) continued in the western half of the 'House 1' area from the central baulk to the western wall of 'House 1'. Near the central baulk Layers B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) were clearly separated by a lens of blown sand (**2228**) but further west the blown sand (**2228**) was not present and here these two layers were inseparable. It was noted that Layer B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) here had produced a noticeable amount of imported wares. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in that day. Finds for the day included **Bags 47-57**. **Bag 47** (bone, teeth, shell and pottery) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 48** (pottery, charcoal and slag) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 49** (bone and shell) from the western half of the 'House 1' area in Layers B or C (**2209**), **Bag 50** (pottery, burnt clay and bone) from the western half of the 'House 1' area in Layers B or C (**2209**), **Bag 51** (pottery and bone) from the western half of the 'House 1' area in Layers B or C (**2209**), **Bag 52** (bones) from Layer A (**2202**) in the northern extension, **Bag 53** (pottery) from Layer A (**2202**) in the northern extension, **Bag 54** (bone, teeth and shell) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 55** (pottery) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 56** (pottery) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 57** (pottery) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer C (**2210**), **GM/M/94** (iron object- discarded) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer C (**2210**), **GM/M/95** (bronze strip) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer C (**2210**), **GM/M/96** (iron knife blade) from the central 'House 1' baulk in Layer C (**2210**), **GM/DT** (whetstone) from Layer C (**2210**) in the middle of the 'House 1' area. **PR Notebook 7.**
97. March 30th 1956 – Trowelling of Layers B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) continued in the western half of the 'House 1' area from the central baulk to the western wall of 'House 1'. Trowelling of Layer A (**2202**) was completed in the northern extension of the western edge. The accumulation of blown sand was removed from the west end of 'House 1' and the west wall of 'House 1' (**2251**) was also removed. Two

reference lines were laid out aligned east-west across the northern part of the site named 'L' and 'M'. Line 'M' ran along the northern side of the 'House 1' wall (2201) and line 'L' was located 15' to the south of it. In addition a new base line was set up on the southern side of the 'House 1' front wall (2201) with the intention of removing Layers B (2208) and C (2210) to the south of it whilst leaving the front wall (2201) of 'House 1' intact. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in that day and the new reference lines. Finds for the day included **Bags 58-71**. **Bag 58** (bones and teeth) from the northern extension in Layer A (2202), **Bag 59** (pottery and bone) from the northern extension in Layer A (2202), **Bag 60** (bones and shell) from the northern side of the 'House 1' area in Layers B or C (2209), **Bag 61** (bone and shell- missing) from the west side of the 'House 1' area in Layers B or C (2209), **Bag 62** (pottery-missing) from the west side of the 'House 1' area in Layers B or C (2209), **Bag 63** (pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from the west side of the 'House 1' area in Layers B or C (2209), **Bag 64** (bone and shell- the shell is missing) from the middle of the 'House 1' area in Layer C (2210), **Bag 65** (pottery and charcoal) from the middle of the 'House 1' area in Layer C (2210)– residue on the pottery has been dated to SUERC-6158 Cal AD 540-660, **Bag 66** (pottery) from the middle of the 'House 1' area in Layer C (2210), **Bag 67** (pottery- missing) from the west of the 'House 1' area in Layers B or C (2209), **Bag 68** (bone and shell) from the east of the 'House 1' area in Layer B (2208), **Bag 69** (pottery- missing) from the east of the 'House 1' area in Layer B (2208), **Bag 70** (bone, pottery and charcoal) from the east of the 'House 1' area in Layer B (2208), **Bag 71** (pottery and charcoal) from the northern extension in Layer A (2202), **GM/DU** (whetstone) from the middle of the 'House 1' area in Layer C (2210), **GM/DV** (polished stone) from the east end of the 'House 1' area in Layer B or C (2209), **GM/DW** (worked slate slab 'grass-marked') from the east end of the 'House 1' area in Layer B (2208). **PR Notebook 7**.

98. March 31st 1956 –The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (2201) heading north. At the west end of this excavated face, outside and to the west of 'House 1' a black linear feature (2293) aligned NE-SW appeared. Separating this feature from the parallel lines of stones (2325) in the north-west corner was a depression. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the 'walling' (2325) and the areas worked in that day. Finds for the day included **Bags 75-94**. **Bag 75** (pottery) from Layer C (2210) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 76** (pottery) from Layer A (2202) in the northern extension, **Bag 77** (pottery, slag and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from Layer B or C (2209) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 78** (bones) from Layer B or C (2209) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 79** (pottery and burnt clay) from Layer B (2208) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 80** (bones) from Layer B (2208) on the west side of 'House 1', **Bag 81** (bones, pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from Layer B (2208) on the west side of 'House 1', **Bag 82** (bones, shell and pebble) from Layer B or C (2209) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 83** (bones and pottery) from Layer B (2208) outside the west end of 'House 1', **Bag 84** (pottery and charcoal) from Layer B (2208) outside the west end of 'House 1', **Bag 85** (bones and teeth) from Layer B (2208) outside the west end of 'House 1', **Bag 86** (bones and pottery) from Layer C (2210) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 87** (slag and charcoal) from Layer C (2210) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 88** (bone) from Layer B (2208) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 89** (pottery) from Layer B (2208) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 90** (pottery-missing) from Layer B (2208) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 91** (bones and teeth) from Layer C (2210)

at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 92** (pottery) from Layer C (**2210**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 93** (pottery) from Layer C (**2210**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 94** (pottery, bone, teeth, pebble and shell) from Layer B or C (**2209**) in the middle of 'House 1', **GM/M/97** (iron knife) from Layer B (**2208**) outside the west end of 'House 1', **GM/DY** (stone object- missing) from the east end of the 'House 1' area in Layer C (**2210**), **GM/DZ** (hone-missing) from the middle of the 'House 1' area in Layer B or C (**2209**). **PR Notebook 7**.

99. April 1st 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (**2201**) heading north. Trowelling of the 'parallel walling feature' (**2326**) outside the west end of 'House 1' also continued. Continued work on the linear charcoal feature (**2293**) suggested that it was '*a dark layer within layer B dipping sharply and out across horizontally*'. It is unclear from the notes what extent or form this feature (**2293**) took although it appears on **Drawing 45** (see Fig. 45) as a linear trench approximately 12' long by 1' wide. The remnants of the east-west central baulk were cleared to the east of the site. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the 'walling' (**2325**) and the areas worked in that day. Finds for the day included **Bags 95-102**. **Bag 95** (bone and charcoal) from Layer B or C (**2209**) at the west end of 'House 1', **Bag 96** (bone, teeth, pottery and shell) from Layer B or C (**2209**) at the west end of 'House 1', **Bag 97** (pottery- including BA, bone, teeth and charcoal) from Layer B (**2208**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 98** (pottery) from Layer B (**2208**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 99** (pottery) from Layer B (**2208**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 100** (pottery) from Layer C (**2210**) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 101** (burnt bone- missing) from Layer C (**2210**) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 102** (pottery) from Layer B or C (**2209**) in the middle of 'House 1'. **PR Notebook 7**.
100. April 2nd 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall heading north to the new base line. Trowelling also continued along the western edge up to the new base line outside the west end of 'House 1'. The parallel walled feature (**2325**) here revealed a few more stones at a slightly lower level. The loose stone walling (**2234**) of 'House 2' was removed and piled in the centre of the site. This showed that Layer B (**2232**) overlay the bottom courses of the wall. The remains of the hearths (**2255**) and (**2281**) in 'Houses 2 and 3' which had been sectioned the previous year were removed. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the 'walling' (**2325**) and the areas worked in that day. Finds for the day included **Bags 103-124**. **Bag 103** (bone and pottery) from Layer B or C (**2209**) under the west wall of 'House 1', **Bag 104** (bone, shell and pottery) from Layer B or C (**2209**) under the west wall of 'House 1', **Bag 105** (bone, slag, charcoal and pottery) from Layer B or C (**2209**) under the west wall of 'House 1', **Bag 106** (bone and pottery) from Layer B or C (**2209**) under the west wall of 'House 1', **Bag 107** (bone, tooth, pebbles and shell) from Layer B (**2234**) associated with the south wall of 'House 2', **Bag 108** (pottery and charcoal) from Layer B (**2234**) associated with the north wall of "House 2", **Bag 109** (bone and shell) from Layer C (**2210**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 110** (bone and bone bead) from Layer B or C (**2209**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 111** (pottery) from Layer C (**2210**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 112** (pottery and slag) from Layer C (**2210**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 113** (bone and pottery) from Layer C (**2210**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 114** (bone) from Layer B (**2208**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 115** (pottery and stone) from Layer B (**2208**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 116** (pottery and charcoal- the pottery is missing) from Layer B (**2208**) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 117**

(pottery) from Layer B (2208) at the east end of 'House 1', **Bag 118** (bone, teeth, pottery and shell) from Layer B or C (2209) at the west end of 'House 1', **Bag 119** (pottery) from Layer B or C (2209) at the west end of 'House 1', **Bag 120** (pottery) from Layer B or C (2209) at the west end of 'House 1', **Bag 121** (bone) from Layer C (2210) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 122** (pottery) from Layer C (2210) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 123** (pottery) from Layer C (2210) in the middle of 'House 1', **Bag 124** ('clayish' soil sample) from Layer B or C (2209) at the west end of 'House 1' - now filed under **soil sample 124, GM/EE** (whetstone) from the east end of the 'House 1' area in Layer B or C (2209). **PR Notebook 7.**

101. April 3rd 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line. Trowelling of the 'walling' feature (2325) outside the west wall of 'House 1' also continued along with trowelling of Layer B at the base of the 'House 2' walls (2328). Midway along the construction cut [2246] of the northern wall of 'House 2' (and under the stones) was a posthole (2329) 6" in diameter and there was another posthole (2330) of the same diameter midway along the southern wall construction cut [2246] of this house. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the locations of these two postholes and also indicating another feature (2331) immediately to the east of the posthole (2329) in the northern wall. This feature (2331) is drawn as some stones in Layer B protruding slightly into the interior of 'House 2' on the north-east side. There is also a sketch plan showing the areas where work was carried out that day. Finds for the day included **Bags 125-148**. **Bag 125** (pottery and bone) from the north wall of 'House 2' Layer B (2328), **Bag 126** (pottery and fish bones- the fish bones are missing) from the north wall of 'House 2' Layer B (2328), **Bag 127** (bones) from the north wall of 'House 2' Layer B (2328), **Bag 128** (pottery and bone) from the south wall of 'House 2' Layer B (2328), **Bag 129** (bones) from the south wall of 'House 2' Layer B (2328), **Bag 130** (pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from outside the west wall of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 131** (burnt teeth, bone and shell) from outside the west wall of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 132** (burnt teeth, bone and shell) from under the west wall of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 133** (pottery) from under the west wall of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 134** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 135** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 136** (pottery and bone) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 137** (bones and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 138** (pottery and bone) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 139** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 140** (fish bones and charcoal- the fish bones are missing) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 141** (bone, teeth, pebble and shell) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 142** (slag and bone) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 143** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 144** (pottery and bone) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 145** (pottery and bone) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 146** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 147** (pottery, burnt clay and bone) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 148** (bone) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **GM/M/101** (curved iron object) from the north wall of 'House 2' Layer B (2328). **PR Notebook 7.**

102. April 4th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (2201) heading

north to the new base line. The trowelling down of the construction cut [2246] of the walls of 'House 2' was completed revealing another posthole (2332) at the eastern end of the northern wall below stones (2331) which lay to the north of a shallow pit (2333). There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked that day and the locations of the postholes in 'House 2'. Finds for the day included **Bags 149-171**. **Bag 149** (pottery and bone) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 150** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 151** (bone, teeth, slag and shell) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 152** (pottery- including the rim of a possible drinking vessel made into a whole pot with plaster of paris) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 153** (pottery) from under the west wall of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 154** (pottery and bone) from under the west wall of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 155** (pottery and bone) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 156** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 157** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 158** (charcoal, bone and teeth) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 159** (pottery and burnt clay) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 160** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 161** (bones and charcoal) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 162** (pottery and bone) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 163** (teeth and bones) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 164** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 165** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 166** (pottery, charcoal and slag- the charcoal is missing) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 167** (charcoal and bones) from outside the west wall of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 168** (pottery) from outside the west wall of 'House 1' Layer B or C (2209), **Bag 169** (bones) from the fill of the construction cut of 'House 2' south wall Layer B (2328), **Bag 170** (bones and pottery) from the fill of the construction cut of 'House 2' north wall Layer B (2328), **Bag 171** (bones, pottery and charcoal) from the fill of the construction cut of 'House 2' north wall Layer B (2328), **GM/EI** (slate slab- grass-marked- missing) from the east wall of 'House 1' (2214), **GM/EJ** (whetstone) from the east end of the 'House 1' area in Layer C (2210), **GM/EK** (slate slab- grass-marked- missing) from 'House 2' construction cut Layer B (2328). **PR Notebook 7**.

103. April 5th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line. The majority of the western side of this area had already been taken back to the base line and the remainder was very close to it. At the base line it was noted that the blown sand lens (2228) separating Layers B (2208) and C (2210) was thicker and more obvious than it had been further south where it appeared in patches. It was also noted that this blown sand lens (2228) ran uphill to the west until it lay below Layer A (2202) and therefore separated Layer A (2202) from Layer C (2210) (Layer B (2208) therefore appears to have been missing here in the north-west corner of the site). It was noted that with this evidence in mind reinterpretation of the Layers was required. The pit (2333) and posthole (2332) at the east end of the north wall cut of 'House 2' were photographed and then excavated. A start was made on removing the party wall (2334) between 'Houses 2 and 3' carefully examining the southern junction of the two walls to assess if possible which of the two was earlier (no conclusive evidence was found). The eastern part of the northern wall (2230) of 'House 3' was removed and the fill (2250) under the walling was partially taken down. Trowelling was started on the west side of the assumed doorway in 'House 3' and part of the wall

(2230) here was also removed. Another line of reference was laid out which was called line 'K' 15' to the south of line 'L'. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas excavated during the day and the new line of reference 'K'. Finds for the day included **Bags 172-195**. **Bag 172** (bones, tooth and fish bone) from the fill (2328) of the construction cut of 'House 2' Layer B, **Bag 173** (bones, teeth and shell- the shell is missing) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 174** (bone, bone spindle whorl and charcoal) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 175** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 176** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 177** (bones and burnt clay) from the west end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 178** (bones and teeth) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 179** (polished bone) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 180** (bone and teeth- missing) from under the east wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2250), **Bag 181** (bone and pottery- the pottery is missing) from under the east wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2250), **Bag 182** (pottery, burnt clay and granite pebble- the pebble is missing) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 183** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 184** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 185** (bone teeth and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 186** (bone, teeth and shell) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 187** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 188** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 189** (teeth) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 190** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 191** (bone and shell) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 192** (pottery and slag) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 193** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 194** (pottery and charcoal) from under the west wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2250), **Bag 195** (pottery-missing) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **GM/M/102** (iron object-discarded) from under the west wall of 'House 2' Layer B (2328), **GM/ES** (skinning tool) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **GM/ET** (whetstone) from the under the west wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2230). **PR Notebook 7.**

104. April 6th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall heading north to the new base line. The removal of the 'House 3' walling (2230) continued and Layer B continued to be trowelled down here. Under the north-west section of reconstructed wall staining of the sand below Layer B (2250) was very noticeable. This area was cleaned and photographed. The stone lined pit [2313] ('pot rest feature') in the south-west portion of 'House 2' was cleared and a sherd of pottery with stamped decoration was found in the top of the fill (2309). There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing 'the pot rest feature' [2313] and the sections of walling removed that day along with the areas trowelled. Finds for the day included **Bags 196-209**. **Bag 196** (bone and teeth) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 197** (pottery- missing) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 198** (briquetage) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 199** (pottery) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 200** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 201** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 202** (slag and shell) from the middle of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 203** (bone and teeth) from the middle of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 204** (bone, teeth and slag) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 205** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 206** (charcoal- missing) from under the west wall of 'House 2'

in Layer B (2328), **Bag 207** (pottery) from under the west wall of 'House 2' in Layer B (2328), **Bag 208** (bone) from under the west wall of 'House 3' in Layer B (2250), **Bag 209** (pottery) from under the west wall of 'House 3' in Layer B (2250). **PR Notebook 7.**

105. April 7th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. The trowelling of Layer B (2250) continued below the west reconstructed wall of 'House 3' and below the west wall (2334) of 'House 2'. The stone lined pit [2313] in the south-west portion of 'House 2' was planned (**Drawing 21** see Fig. 31) and sectioned NE-SW (**Drawing 39** see Fig. 41) and a sample was taken from the fill (2310) or/and (2311) (**Sample 4**). There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in that day. Finds for the day included **Bags 210-224**. **Bag 210** (wood- missing or poss. **Sample 4**) from the fill (2311) of the pit in the south-west of 'House 2', **Bag 211** (pottery, bone, teeth and shell) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 212** (flint and charcoal) from the west end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 213** (pottery) from under the west wall of 'House 2' in Layer B (2328), **Bag 214** (bone) from under the west wall of 'House 2' in Layer B (2328), **Bag 215** (bone) from under the west wall of 'House 3' in Layer B (2250), **Bag 216** (bone and charcoal-missing) from the fill (2310) and/or (2311) of the pit in the south-west of 'House 2', **Bag 217** (pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from the fill (2310) and/or (2311) of the pit in the south-west of 'House 2', **Bag 218** (bone and teeth) from the middle of 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **Bag 219** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **Bag 220** (bone and shell) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **Bag 221** (slag, charcoal and flint) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **Bag 222** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **Bag 223** (bone) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **Bag 224** (pottery-missing) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer C (2210), **GM/FB** (whetstone) from the east end of 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **GM/M/103** (fragment of knife or saw) from the middle of 'House 1' in Layer B (2208). **PR Notebook 7.**
106. April 8th 1956 – The section of the stone lined pit [2313] in the south-west portion of 'House 2' was drawn (**Drawing 39** see Fig. 41) and the remainder of the pit was partially excavated. Trowelling of Layer B (2328) continued under the western wall of 'House 2'. Finds for the day included **Bags 225-230**. **Bag 225** (bone- missing) from the fill of the pit (2310) and/or (2311) in the south-west of 'House 2', **Bag 226** (pottery) from under the west wall of 'House 2' in Layer B (2328), **Bag 227** (small bones and fish scales- missing) from under the west wall of 'House 2' in Layer B (2328), **Bag 228** (charcoal) from the fill of the pit (2310) and/or (2311) in the south-west of 'House 2', **Bag 229** (pottery) from the fill of the pit (2310) and/or (2311) in the south-west of 'House 2', **Bag 230** (clay-missing) from the fill of the pit (2311) in the south-west of 'House 2'. **PR Notebook 7.**
107. April 9th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. The trowelling of Layer B (2250) continued under the southern portion of the 'House 3' reconstructed walls and under the western wall of 'House 2' (2328). The remainder of the stone lined pit [2313] in 'House 2' containing shells in the fill (2311) was excavated and photographed and it was noted that the stone lining (2312) was burnt. Section

drawing 39 (see Fig. 41) shows that this feature [2313] measured 2' in diameter by 1' 9" deep and had three fills. The primary fill (2311) was 'dark sandy material with shell, small bones, charcoal and occasional small pieces of ochre clay and a wooden object' 1' deep. Above this was a fill (2310) of 'very dark material with an intense concentration of mussel and limpet shells with frequent charcoal, occasional small bones and pottery' 6" deep. This lay below killas capping stones (2309) (average stone 9" x 5" x 6") in a matrix of dark material containing shell and occasional pottery. The cut [2313] of the pit had vertical sides and an almost flat base and the sides were lined (2312) with large, thin, vertically set killas slabs (average stone 1'10" x 1' x 1½"). There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in that day. Finds for the day included **Bags 231-247**. **Bag 231** (shell, bone and teeth- the bone and teeth are missing) from the east wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2328), **Bag 232** (pottery) from the east wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2328), **Bag 233** (bone- missing) from the fill of the pit (2311) in the south-west of 'House 2', **Bag 234** (pottery and bone) from the fill of the pit in the south-west of 'House 2', **Bag 235** (bone) from the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2250), **Bag 236** (pottery-missing) from the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2250), **Bag 237** (pottery) from the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2250), **Bag 238** (bone, teeth, charcoal, shell and pebble- the charcoal and pebble are missing) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 239** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 240** (bone, charcoal, shell and slag) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 241** (pottery- missing- but this has a date from a residue sample of Cal AD 550-650) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 242** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 243** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 244** (bone and pottery- the bone is missing) from the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2250), **Bag 245** (pottery) from the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (2250), **Bag 246** (bone, shell and pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 247** (slag and pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **GM/FF** (burnt granite slab) from the fill of the pit (2312) in the south-west of 'House 2', **GM/FG** (skinning tool) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208). **PR Notebook 7**.

108. April 10th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. During excavation of the east wall (2214) of 'House 1' it was discovered that the lower courses had been constructed in Layer B. A plan of the wall (2214) in Layer B was made back to the baseline (**drawing 28** see Fig. 36). Trowelling continued on the south wall of 'House 3' (2250) and the western wall of 'House 2' (2328) where three postholes and 5 stakeholes (2339) appeared which were planned (**drawing 31** see Fig. 37). Under the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B appeared to be deeper than elsewhere which was interpreted as a possible pit although it is more likely that this was the construction cut of the southern wall filled by (2250). There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the location of this possible pit or probable wall trench below the southern wall of 'House 3' and the postholes and stakeholes (2339) below the west wall of 'House 2'. Finds for the day included **Bags 248-266**. **Bag 248** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 249** (bone and shell- the shell is missing) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (2208), **Bag 250** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 251** (pottery, bone, teeth and shell) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 252** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 253** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 254** (bone and shell) from the middle of 'House

1' Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 255** (pottery and bone- the bone is missing) from the west wall of 'House 2' Layer B (**2328**), **Bag 256** (bone) from the under west wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2250**), **Bag 257** (pottery) from the under west wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2250**), **Bag 258** (bone) from the under the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2250**), **Bag 259** (pottery) from the under the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2250**), **Bag 260** (pottery) from the under the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2250**), **Bag 261** (bone, teeth and shell) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 262** (pottery and slag) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 263** (bone) from the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2230**), **Bag 264** (pottery) from the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2230**), **Bag 265** (charcoal and pebble- the charcoal is missing) from the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2230**), **Bag 266** (pottery) from under the west wall of 'House 2' Layer B (**2328**), **GM/M/107** (iron awl) from the under the south wall of 'House 3' Layer B (**2250**). **PR Notebook 7.**

109. April 11th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (**2201**) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. A section was excavated through the east wall (**2214**) of 'House 1' and it was noted that at the base of the cut there was an 'intense' charcoal fill (**2346**). The area under the south wall of 'House 3' continued to be trowelled which revealed what appeared to be a series of three joining pits **2243** (which later turned out to be a possible construction cut) containing a few stones aligned NE-SW. This appeared to extend to and be contemporary with the walling (**2335**) under the north-east part of 'House 3'. This area was planned (**drawing 24** see Fig. 34) and the east side of 'House 3' was cleared horizontally to reveal the full extent of these features. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in that day and the extent of the features so far revealed. Finds for the day included **Bags 267-276**. **Bag 267** (bone, teeth, shell, charcoal and pebble) from the cut of the east wall of 'House 1' (**2346**) Layer B, **Bag 268** (slag, charcoal and pebble- the charcoal and pebble are now in **bag 267**) from the cut of the east wall of 'House 1' (**2346**) Layer B, **Bag 269** (pottery) from the cut of the east wall of 'House 1' (**2346**) Layer B, **Bag 270** (pottery) from the cut of the east wall of 'House 1' (**2346**) Layer B, **Bag 271** (bone and shell) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 272** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (**2210**), **Bag 273** (bone and pebble) from under 'House 3' Layer C (**2233**), **Bag 274** (pottery) from under 'House 3' Layer C (**2233**), **Bag 275** (bone, pottery and shell) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 276** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (**2208**), **GM/M/108** (iron nail) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer B (**2208**), **GM/M/109** (bronze sheet) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (**2210**), **GM/FN** (whetstone) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (**2210**). **PR Notebook 7.**

110. April 12th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) continued to the south of the 'House 1' front wall (**2201**) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. An east-west 6' section (**drawing 22** see Fig. 32) was drawn through the east wall (**2214**) of 'House 1', 1'8" to the south of the base line. The north-east area (structure **2243**) below 'House 3' was added to the plan of this area (**drawing 24** see Fig. 34). Finds for the day included **Bags 277-279**. **Bag 277** (bone and shell) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 278** (pottery) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer B (**2208**), **Bag 279** (bone and shell) from the middle of 'House 1' Layer C (**2210**). **PR Notebook 7.**

111. April 13th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the ‘House 1’ front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. Finds for the day included **Bags 280-283**. **Bag 280** (pottery) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 281** (pottery) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 282** (slag) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 283** (bone and shell) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **GM/M/112** (iron knife fragment) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210). **PR Notebook 7**.
112. April 14th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the ‘House 1’ front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. The baulk between GMI and GMAβ was shovelled out down to the top of the tramlines (2223) (there is a sketch plan of this in the notebook). Finds for the day included **Bags 284-289**. **Bag 284** (pottery-missing) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 285** (stone amulet) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 286** (pottery) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 287** (bones, teeth and shell) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 288** (shell) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer B (2208), **Bag 289** (pottery) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer B (2208). **PR Notebook 7**.
113. April 15th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) continued to the south of the ‘House 1’ front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. Finds for the day included **Bags 290-292**. **Bag 290** (bone, teeth, stone and shell- the stone is missing) from the middle of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 291** (pottery) from the middle of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 292** (pottery) from the middle of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210). **PR Notebook 7**.
114. April 16th 1956 – The vertical section by section excavation of Layers B (2208) and C (2210) was finished to the south of the ‘House 1’ front wall (2201) heading north to the new base line in the eastern half. The western 25’ of the section along the east-west base line was drawn (**drawing 23** see Fig. 33). Trowelling continued of the north-western part of the features 2243 below ‘House 3’ and the planning of this area continued (**drawing 24** see Fig. 34). There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in for that day and the features 2243 below ‘House 3’. Finds for the day included **Bags 293-301**. **Bag 293** (bones and teeth) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer B (2208), **Bag 294** (pottery) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer B (2208), **Bag 295** (pottery and charcoal- the pottery is missing) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer B (2208), **Bag 296** (bones, teeth, shell and pottery) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 297** (pottery, charcoal and slag) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 298** (pottery) from the east end of ‘House 1’ Layer C (2210), **Bag 299** (bones and teeth) from under ‘House 3’ (2233), **Bag 300** (pottery) from under ‘House 3’ (2233), **Bag 301** (pottery) from under ‘House 3’ (2233). **PR Notebook 7**.
115. April 17th 1956 – An extension to the section along the base line was made on the eastern edge of the site to view the eastern side of the construction cut [2348] for the east wall of ‘House 1’. The extension measured 6’ east-west by 5’ north-south. Here a very thin Layer A (2202) was removed to reveal a layer of blown sand (2204) which was also removed and trowelling started on Layer B (2208). The baulk between GMI and GMA cutting β was trowelled down to the top of a ‘well set arc of walling’ of ‘House 4’ (2284). There is a sketch plan in the notebook

showing this and the extension on the eastern edge of GMI. Finds for the day included **Bags 302-305**. **Bag 302** (bone, teeth and shell) from the eastern extension outside 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **Bag 303** (pottery and slag) from the eastern extension outside 'House 1' in Layer B (2208), **Bag 304** (bone) from the eastern extension outside 'House 1' in Layer A (2202), **Bag 305** (bone point- in ACT's draw) from the eastern extension outside 'House 1' in Layer A (2202). **PR Notebook 7**.

116. April 18th 1956 – The eastern extension continued to be cleared in order to find the eastern side of the construction cut [2348] which was not clear like the western side of the cut. An extension was also made to the northern end of the western edge of GMI. This extension measured 12' north-south by 8' east-west and was made to examine the extent of the feature [2326] with parallel walling uncovered immediately to the south. The blown sand under the turf here was partially shovelled out. The plan of the features 2243 below 'House 3' was finished (**drawing 24** see Fig. 34) and in the baulk between GMI and GMA cutting β 'House 4' 2245 took the shape of an open sided rectangle with a stone wall (2284) two or so courses deep- the open side facing south-west. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the areas worked in that day, the two extensions, 'House 4' 2245 and the features below 'House 3' 2243. Finds for the day included **Bags 306-314**. **Bag 306** (bone) from 'House 4' Layer B (2265), **Bag 307** (pottery and tin ore) from 'House 4' Layer B (2265), **Bag 308** (bone and shell) unstratified, **Bag 309** (pottery) unstratified, **Bag 310** (bone, teeth and shell) from the eastern extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 311** (pottery and pebbles) from the eastern extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 312** (bone and shell) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 313** (pottery, slag and stone) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 314** (pottery) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208). **PR Notebook 7**.
117. April 19th 1956 – Trowelling continued in the eastern extension and trowelling of Layer C (2210) was started in the north-west extension. The features under 'House 3' 2243 continued to be planned and trowelled and 'House 4' 2245 was cleaned. Finds for the day included **Bags 315-325 and Bag 315** (pottery) from the north-west extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 316** (pottery- missing) from the north-west extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 317** (bone and shell) from the north-west extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 318** (pottery, charcoal, bone and shell- the bone and shell are missing) unstratified, **Bag 319** (pottery, charcoal and pebble) unstratified, **Bag 320** (bone stones and shell- the stones are missing) from the eastern extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 321** (pottery) from the eastern extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 322** (bone, worked bone, teeth, claw and shell) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 323** (painted pottery sherd- missing) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 324** (pottery, slag and pebbles) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 325** (pottery) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208), **GM/M/114** (iron pin) from structure 2243, **Bag 348** (bone and shell) unstratified, **GM/GH** (whetstone) unstratified. **PR Notebook 7**.
118. April 20th 1956 – Trowelling in the eastern extension was completed whilst trowelling of layer C (2210) continued in the north-west extension. Excavation of the parallel walling feature [2326] in the north-west corner of the site was started. The deep fill (2324) between the two parallel lines of walling was blackened sand containing large lumps of charcoal. The walling [2326] of this feature was vertically set and formed what appeared to be a flue. This feature was photographed. A layer of collapse or occupation (2265) was cleared from the interior of 'House 4' prior to planning and cleaning and planning of the features 2243 below 'House 3'

continued. Finds for the day included **Bags 326-336**. **Bag 326** (pottery and bone) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner, **Bag 327** (charcoal and bone) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner, **Bag 328** (bone, burnt bone and shell) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner, **Bag 329** (pottery, shell and bone) from the north-west extension Layer C (2210), **Bag 330** (pottery) from the north-west extension Layer C (2210), **Bag 331** (coprolite and pebbles) from the north-west extension Layer C (2210), **Bag 332** (bone) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 333** (pottery) from the east end of 'House 1' Layer C (2210), **Bag 334** (bone and shell) from under 'House 3' (2233), **Bag 335** (pottery) from under 'House 3' (2233), **Bag 336** (bone- missing) from the interior of 'House 4' Layer B (2265), **GM/M/115** (iron nail) from the north-west extension Layer C (2210), **GM/M/116** (iron object- discarded) from under 'House 3' in (2233). **PR Notebook 7**.

119. April 21st 1956 – The eastern half of the east-west section along the base line was drawn (**drawing 23** see Fig. 33) and a plan of 'House 4' 2245 was started (**drawing 25** see Fig. 35). Trowelling of Layer C (2210) continued in the north-west extension where **soil sample 20** was taken and part of the flue feature [2326] here was excavated. The plan of the features 2243 below 'House 3' was finished (**drawing 24** see Fig. 34). Finds for the day included **Bags 337-347 and 349-354**. **Bag 337** (pottery, slag and bone) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 338** (pottery, burnt clay and charcoal) from the eastern extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 339** (pottery) from the eastern extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 340** (pottery, slag, pebble, shell and bone) from the eastern extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 341** (pottery) from the north-west extension in Layer C (2210), **Bag 342** (charcoal and bone) from under 'House 3' in (2233), **Bag 343** (pottery) from under 'House 3' in (2233), **Bag 344** (pottery, shell and bone) from the north-west extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 345** (pebbles) from the north-west extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 346** (pottery) from the north-west extension in Layer B (2208), **Bag 347** (pottery) from the north-west extension in Layer B (2208), **GM/M/117** (bronze earring) from the north-west extension Layer C (2210), **Bag 349** (pottery) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 350** (pottery) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 351** (charcoal) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 352** (stone and slag) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 353** (bone and shell) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 354** (bone) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C. **PR Notebook 7**.

120. April 22nd 1956 – There are no site notes. Finds for the day included **GM/M/118** (iron nail head) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C.

121. April 23rd 1956 – There are no site notes. Finds for the day included **Bag 355** (bone and burnt clay) from the north-west corner in Layer C (2210), **Bag 356** (bone and shell) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 357** (pottery) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 358** (pottery- missing) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 359** (charcoal) from the fill of the flue (2324) in the north-west corner in Layer C.

122. April 24th 1956 – There are no site notes. Finds for the day included **Bag 360** (pottery) from 'House 4' in Layer B (2265), **Bag 361** (bone- missing) from 'House

4' in Layer B (**2265**), **Bag 362** (pottery- missing) from the fill of the flue (**2324**) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **Bag 363** (charcoal, coprolite and bone- the bone is missing) from the fill of the flue (**2324**) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **GM/M/119** (iron nail) from inside 'House 4' in Layer B (**2265**).

123. April 25th 1956 – There are no site notes. Finds for the day included **Bag 364** (bones) from the construction cut of 'House 4' in Layer B (**2284**), **GM/GI** (burnt granite) from the fill of the flue (**2324**) in the north-west corner in Layer C, **GM/GJ** (slick stone) from the features below 'House 3' in (**2233**), **GM/GK** (lapstone) from the features below 'House 3' in (**2233**), **GM/GL** (lapstone) from the features below 'House 3' in (**2233**), **GM/GM** (skinning tool) from the features below 'House 3' in (**2233**), **GM/GN** (skinning tool) from the features below 'House 3' in (**2233**), **GM/GO** (lapstone) from the features below 'House 3' in (**2233**), **GM/GP** (quern fragment) from 'House 1' Layer B (**2208**), **GM/GS** (grit pebble) from the floor of 'House 4' (**2265**).
124. April 28th 1956 – There are no site notes. **Soil sample 22** was taken from the fill of the flue (**2324**) in the north-west corner in Layer C.

7.3.9 Chance Finds 1957

8/4/57- **GM/KM** from the eastern end of the front wall of 'House 1' (**2201**)

7.3.10 1958 Excavations

Cuttings Excavated: the 'furnace area', western extension to the 'furnace area' and northern extension to the 'furnace area'

7.3.11 1958 Season

The aim of this season was to uncover and completely excavate the 'furnace' feature [**2326**] in the north-west corner of GMI which had been partially excavated at the end of the previous season.

125. March 28th 1958 – The western edge of excavation adjacent to the 'kiln' [**2326**] was cut back where it had collapsed over the winter. The turf and sand below it (**2200**) were removed and a start was made trowelling down the strip of exposed Layer A (**2202**). There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the 'kiln' [**2326**] with a linear flue splayed at the southern end and a circular pit at the northern end, and the area cut back to the west. Finds for the day included **Bag 1** (bone and stone) unstratified from the section fall and **Bag 2** (bone and slickstone- missing) from Layer A (**2202**) in the north-west corner. **PR Notebook 7**.
126. March 29th 1958 – Finished trowelling down the strip of exposed Layer A (**2202**) along the western edge of excavation and the blown sand (**2204**) below it was cleared off onto the top of Layer B (**2208**). Finds for the day included **Bag 3** (pottery, bone and teeth) from Layer A (**2202**) in the north-west corner, **Bag 4** (bone and oyster shell- missing) from the blown sand (**2204**) between Layers A and B in the north-west corner, **GM/HD** (polished pebble) from Layer A (**2202**) in the north-west corner, **GM/HE** (ground slate- missing) from Layer A (**2202**) in the north-west corner. **PR Notebook 7**.
127. March 30th 1958 – Clearance of the fall from along the western edge continued and the sand (**2204**) between Layers A and B in the strip along the western edge was completely cleared onto the top of Layer B (**2208**). Finds for the day included **Bags 5-8**. **Bag 5** (pottery and jaw bones) from Layer B (**2208**) in the north-west

corner, **Bag 6** (pottery and coprolites) unstratified from the section fall in the north-west corner, **Bag 7** (oyster shell and bone- missing) from Layer A (**2202**) in the north-west corner, **Bag 8** (pottery and coprolites) unstratified from the section fall in the north-west corner. **PR Notebook 7.**

128. March 31st 1958 – Trowelling continued of Layer B (**2208**) in the strip along the western edge of excavation. A cutting was laid out measuring 6' east-west by 10' north-south over north-western corner of 'House 1' abutting the eastern edge of the northern extension where the 'kiln' was. Accumulated sand and newly grown turf was cleared from this area. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the new cutting, the north-west corner of 'House 1' and the 'kiln' [**2326**]. Finds for the day included **Bags 9-12. Bag 9** (pottery and bone) unstratified from the section fall in the north-west corner, **Bag 10** (bone and cow horn) from Layer B (**2208**) in the north-west corner, **Bag 11** (pottery, oyster shell and polished bone- the oyster shell is missing) from Layer B (**2208**) in the north-west corner, **Bag 12** (pottery, burnt clay and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from Layer B (**2208**) in the north-west corner, **GM/HK** (lapstone/anvil) from Layer B (**2208**) in the north-west corner, **GM/HL** (skinning tool) from Layer B (**2208**) in the north-west corner. **PR Notebook 7.**
129. April 1st 1958 – Trowelling through Layer B (**2208**) was continued along the strip of the western edge. A start was made excavating the new cutting where Layer C (**2210**) was reached in the southern part which was left to be carefully trowelled. In the northern part of this cutting it was discovered that an old cutting had existed here and the deposits had already been removed. There is a sketch section in the notebook showing Layers B (**2208**) and C (**2210**) intact under the 'House 1' wall, whilst everything to the north of this was backfill. No finds were recovered on this day. **PR Notebook 7.**
130. April 3rd 1958 – Trowelling through Layer B (**2208**) was finished along the strip of the western edge and a start was made trowelling Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1' in the new cutting. Finds for the day included **Bags 13-18. Bag 13** (bone and shell- missing) from Layer B (**2208**) in the north-west corner, **Bag 14** (pottery and burnt clay) from Layer B (**2208**) in the north-west corner, **Bag 15** (pottery and quartz crystal- the crystal is missing) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **Bag 16** (charcoal) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **Bag 17** (jaws and teeth) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **Bag 18** (bone and shell) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1'. **PR Notebook 7.**
131. April 4th 1958 – Trowelling continued of Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1'. Finds for the day included **Bags 19-22. Bag 19** (pottery, shell and tooth) unstratified from the section fall in the north-west corner, **Bag 20** (bone and shell) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **Bag 21** (pottery) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **Bag 22** (pottery) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **GM/HN** (hone) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1'. **PR Notebook 7.**
132. April 5th 1958 – Trowelling continued of Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1'. The east-west section along the base line was cleaned and then compared with the drawing of it made the previous year (**drawing 23** see Fig. 33). Finds for the day included **Bags 23-26. Bag 23** (bone and shell- missing) from Layer C (**2210**) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **Bag 24** (burnt clay-

missing) from Layer C (2210) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **Bag 25** (pottery) from Layer C (2210) under the north-west corner of 'House 1'- this has a date from a residue sample of Cal AD 420-600, **Bag 26** (pottery- missing) from Layer C (2210) under the north-west corner of 'House 1', **GM/HQ** (slate hone-missing) from Layer C (2210) under the north-west corner of 'House 1'. **PR Notebook 7.**

133. April 7th 1958 – The removal of the backfilled material in the old trench continued in the northern half of the new cutting. Finds for the day included **Bag 27** (pottery, shell and bone) unstratified from the backfill. **PR Notebook 7.**
134. April 8th 1958 – The removal of the backfilled material in the old trench continued in the northern half of the new cutting and a shotgun cartridge was found at the base of this fill. The blown sand and collapse was cleared from against the northern edge of the north-west extension. The area around the southern end of the flue [2326] was cleaned to expose this end of the feature. There is a sketch plan in the notebook showing the southern end of the flue [2326] and the extent of the old trench. Finds for the day included **Bags 28-30. Bag 28** (bone and shell-missing) unstratified from the backfill, **Bag 29** (shotgun cartridge- missing) unstratified from the backfill, **Bag 30** (pottery) unstratified from the backfill. **PR Notebook 7.**
135. April 9th 1958 – The top of the kiln [2326] at the south end was cleaned. At the top of the 'kiln' [2326] part of Layer C (2355) had sunk into the hollow left by the feature which comprised well compacted brown sand containing shell. The northern half of the area around the 'kiln' [2326] was cleaned and the northern extent of the 'kiln' was located cut into clean blown sand (2279). To the north of the northern end of the 'kiln' [2326] a test pit was dug against the northern edge of excavation to make sure that no part of the 'kiln' had been covered by clean sand. There is a sketch plan of this area in the notebook showing the kiln [2326] aligned NE-SW with a posthole (2261) lying just to the east of the northern end of the kiln and the test pit to the north. Finds for the day included **Bags 31-33. Bag 31** (pottery) unstratified from the backfill, **Bag 32** (bone- missing) unstratified from the backfill, **Bag 33** (bone, shell and burnt clay- missing) from the top fill (2355) of the 'kiln'. **PR Notebook 7.**
136. April 15th 1958 – The 'kiln' [2326] was cleaned and prepared for photography. **PR Notebook 7.**
137. April 16th 1958 – The 'kiln' [2326] was cleaned and two photographs were taken one from the north-east and the other from the south-west. It was then planned before excavation (**drawing 33** see Fig. 39). The drawing shows that the top of the kiln cut [2326] measured 10' NE-SW by 5' NW-SE and was linear with rounded ends. The black fired fill (2324) of the 'kiln' measured 8' NE-SW by 2' NW-SE by 2' deep it had steeply sloping sides and a flat base and comprised lenses of charcoal separated by lenses burnt pinkish brown sand. This fill (2324) was contained by stone lined sides (2325) comprising vertically set killas slabs (the largest measuring 2' x 2' x 6"). The killas slabs were blackened on the internal face and some were heat shattered. On the outer face of the stones the fill of the construction cut was a grey sand. Notes at the end of the 1958 season describe the fill (2324) as containing masses of charcoal, very little bone or shell, no slag and a small amount of pottery and that the rounded edges of the cut into clean blown sand (2279) were scorched pink. The assessment of the charcoal samples taken

from this feature have identified that the following species were present: oak, hawthorn, gorse/broom, hazel, alder, birch and heather. **PR Notebook 7.**

138. April 17th 1958 – The excavation of the ‘kiln’ [2326] was completed. Finds from its excavation included **Bags 34-36. Bag 34** (charcoal sample) from the black fill (2324) of the ‘kiln’, **Bag 35** (burnt bone- missing) from the black fill (2324) of the ‘kiln’, **Bag 36** (oyster shell and pottery- the oyster is missing) from the black fill (2324) of the ‘kiln’. **PR Notebook 7.**

139. September 2nd and 3rd 1958 – There are no notes for these dates but the following finds were collected: **Bag 37** (pottery) unstratified, **Bag 38** (pottery) from ‘House 1’ Layer B (2208).

7.3.12 Chance Finds 1960

22/6/60- pottery labelled ‘Main cutting N-S section Layer B (2270)

13/7/60- pottery- unstratified

7.3.13 Soil Sample 1965

6/4/65- soil sample 5 from the north side of the new rectangular cutting Layer B (2208)

7.3.14 Chance Finds 1966

1966- pottery- surface find

7.4 Context Descriptions

(2200) Sand below turf across entire site

- This is a layer of grey sand approximately 1’ deep immediately below the turf, but it also includes the layer directly below this which is a light coloured wind blown sand approximately 2’ deep. Both these layers were excavated as a single context and finds cannot be separated.
- It lies below the turf and above (2223).
- Plan: None
- Section: **Plan III, Plan VII, Drawings 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 35**
- Finds: None
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2201) Northern wall of ‘House 1’ (Cutting: Section A)

- This is the front (northern) wall of a sub rectangular open sided building. It was first revealed in Layer A and therefore recorded initially as belonging to that layer. However, later excavation showed that the footings of this wall belonged to the later phases of ‘Layer B’. It is aligned E-W and is approximately 28 feet long (8.5m long) by 2 or 3’ wide and comprised roughly hewn killas blocks (average stone 1’ x

6" x 6") apparently unbonded and randomly coursed: *'The wall itself is composed of unbonded medium sided killas and quartz blocks, almost all rough and angular. A number of collapsed stones were found mostly on the outer side.'* At the eastern end there is a square stone lined post socket set within the wall measuring 1' square and there is another of these approximately 5' from the western end set on the internal face of the wall. Roughly in the centre of the entire length of the wall is a contemporary paved entrance **(2205)** and at either end are short lengths of return walls **(2251)** (west) and **(2214)** (east) (returning to the south).

- It lies below **(2204)** and above **[2367]**.
- Plan: **Plan V, Plan IX, Drawings 3, 16, 32, 40**
- Section: **Plan IV, Plan VIII, Drawings 32, 35**
- Finds: **GM/KM** from the eastern end of the front wall
- Excavated 1957.

(2202) 'Layer A' in the northern half of GMI outside 'House 1' (Cutting: Section A, Inner Cutting and The Square)

- 'Layer A' in the primary record is a term used to describe both a single layer and a cultural horizon comprising many contexts and including both the occupation and abandonment of 'House 1'. This context **(2202)** has been assigned to separate the finds from 'Layer A' outside 'House 1' from the finds from 'Layer A' deposits inside 'House 1'. It is described as a layer of dark greyish brown containing shells and finds. Layer A **(2203)** is recorded as being up to 1'6" deep in contrast to the exterior just outside the front wall where Layer A **(2202)** is approximately 6" deep. This suggests that 'Layer A' may be the fill of a sunken building hollow for 'House 1'.
- It lies below **(2277)** and above **(2204)**.
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan IV, Plan VIII, drawing 2, 35**
- **1953 finds:** (GM/1 (in cabinet) to GM/10- GM/9 is missing) (bone, teeth, shell and pebbles were grouped and pottery- unstratified), seven of these were from a thin layer of dark grey-brown sandy loam- possibly Layer A **(2202)**, sherds **GM/65 and 66**, a flint flake **GM/BQ, GM/D** (slickstone), **GM/E** (slickstone), **GM/F** (slickstone), **GM/C** (slickstone), From the area of the western half of the wall of 'House 1' came sherds **GM/146-160-** sherd **154** is missing, **GM/M/45**, a triangular piece of iron
- **1954 finds:** April 13th 1954: from under the porch of 'House 1' in Layer A **(2202)**: slag (missing), a grit flaying stone **GM/AD**, a scallop (missing), pottery sherds **1024-1057** (sherds **1024, 1027, 1045 and 1053** are missing) and **Bag 18** (stone-missing). April 16th 1954: from Layer A **(2202)** and **(2203)**: sherds **1244-1249** (sherds **1248 and 1249** are missing) and **Bag 36** (stone and teeth- the stone is missing)
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 61** (pottery and burnt bone- the burnt bone is missing), **Bag 62** (worked slate and pebbles), **GM/CW** (hone), a bag of bone labelled **Main N-S**

section Layer A 3/4/55 (should be 13/4/55), Bag 86 (bones and teeth-missing), **Bag 94** (pottery, iron slag and pebble- the pottery and slag are missing), **Bag 95** (bone), **Bag 104** (pottery and slate- missing), **Bag 105** (bones- missing)

- **1956 finds:** **Bag 52** (bones), **Bag 53** (pottery), **Bag 58** (bones and teeth), **Bag 59** (pottery and bone), **Bag 71** (pottery and charcoal), **Bag 76** (pottery), **Bag 305** (bone point- in ACT's draw),
- **1958 finds:** **Bag 2** (bone and slickstone- missing), **Bag 3** (pottery, bone and teeth), **GM/HD** (polished pebble), **GM/HE** (ground slate- missing), **Bag 7** (oyster shell and bone- missing)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2203) 'Layer A' in the northern half of GMI inside 'House 1' (Cutting: Section A, Inner Cutting and The Square)

- 'Layer A' in the primary record in a term used to describe both a single layer and a cultural horizon comprising many contexts and including both the occupation and abandonment of 'House 1'. This context **(2203)** has been assigned to separate the finds from 'Layer A' outside 'House 1' from the finds from 'Layer A' deposits inside 'House 1'. It is described as a layer of dark greyish brown containing shells and finds but also includes other features associated with this 'horizon' within and including the 'House 1' structure. Layer A **(2203)** is recorded as being up to 1'6" deep in contrast to the exterior just outside the front wall where Layer A **(2202)** is approximately 6" deep. This suggests that 'Layer A' may be the fill of a sunken building hollow for 'House 1'. Due to the method employed on site of assigning the term 'Layer A' to many separate contexts there is confusion in the record as to where 'Layer A' stops and where 'Layer B' starts. This has resulted in the top 'Layer B' deposits and the base 'Layer A' deposits being interchangeable between the two 'Layers'.
- It lies below **(2277)** and above the bulk of the contexts in **(2208)**.
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan III, drawing 19, 32**
- **1953 finds:** From the area of the western wall of 'House 1' **(2203)** and **(2202)** came sherds **GM/146-160-** sherd **154** is missing, April 10th 1953: a jaw and a partially saw horn- missing, pottery **GM/183-217-** sherds **189, 197, 201, 202, 208, 211 and 216** are missing and an iron saw **GM/M/45**. Sherd **193** co-joins with sherd **34** from 1955. A flint scrapper **GM/BR**
- **1954 finds:** shell **P1**, stone, shell and bone **P2** (the stone is missing), sherds **276-281-** sherds **277 and 281** are missing, granite muller with a conical hollow **GM/N-**missing, a whetstone (code unknown), stone, bone and shell **P5** (the stone and bone are missing), lump of slag (missing), April 3rd 1954: bone (missing), pottery (sherds **515-540-** sherds **515-520, 529 and 538** are missing), two pieces of metal (missing), whetstones **GM/Q** and **GM/P** and stone and shell **P10** (the stone is missing), **GM/M/38** (tip of sickle) and **GM/M/39** (sickle blade). 7th April 1954: a piece of slag (missing), some pottery (sherds **677-690-** sherd **688** is missing), a smooth stone (**GM/S**) and shell and flint **P19** (the shell is missing) April 10th 1954: sherds **844-852 and Bag 8** (stone- missing). sherd **1000, Bag 16** (shell and

stone- the stone is missing), **GM/M/13** (iron), **GM/M/14** (iron) and **GM/M/15** (iron), pottery **sherds 1058-1079** (sherd **1072** is missing), a piece of L-shaped iron **GM/M/16** (discarded in 1957), a tiny piece of worked bone (missing) and **Bag 21** (quartz pebble). The following finds came from the baulk at the west end of the front of 'House 1' from Layer A **(2203)**: a grit rubber **GM/AE**, a flint flake **GM/AF**, pottery **sherds 1080-1100** and **Bag 20** (stone-missing). The following finds were recovered from Layer A **(2202)** and **(2203)**: **sherds 1244-1249** (**sherds 1248 and 1249** are missing) and **Bag 36** (stone and teeth- the stone is missing). April 19th 1954: a piece of slag (missing), **Bag 45** (stone and shell- the stone is missing) and pottery **sherds 1405-1416** (sherd **1411** is missing). **GM/M/49** (discarded) a lump of iron, **GM/CM** a piece of granite, **GM/M/51** (iron pin), **Bag 34** (pottery), **Bag 35** (bones shell and pebble), **Bag 36** (pottery), **Bag 37** (pebbles and teeth), **Bag 38** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 39** (stones and slag- missing), **GM/M/63** (iron) from central 'House 1' baulk, **GM/M/64** (iron- discarded) from central 'House 1' baulk,

- **1955 finds:** **Bag 123** (pottery- missing), **Bag 128** (bones and teeth- teeth are missing)
- **1956 finds:** **Bag 12** (pottery), **Bag 13** (bone, charcoal, shell and pottery- the bone is missing), **Bag 20** (pottery, iron and slag), **Bag 21** (bones teeth and shell), **Bag 23** (bone- missing)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2204) Layer of sand below 'Layer A' and above 'Layer B' in the northern half of GMI.

- This is an intermittent layer of light sand approximately 9" deep (maximum) apparently separating 'Layer A' from 'Layer B'. Its extent is unknown.
- It lies below **(2276)** and **(2202)** and above **(2370)**, **(2308)**, **(2293)**, **(2229)**, **(2257)?**, **(2275)**, **(2366)**, **(2226)**, **(2227)**, **(2205)**, **(2251)**, **(2201)**, **(2214)** and **(2219)**.
- Plan: None
- Section: **Plan III, Plan IV, Plan VIII, Drawings 2, 19, 32, 35**
- **1958 finds:** **Bag 4** (bone and oyster shell- missing)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2205) Paved entrance to 'House 1' (Cutting: Section A)

- Roughly in the centre of the entire length of the 'House 1' front wall is a contemporary paved entrance **(2205)** facing north. Here '*a large sunken flagstone interrupts the wall and five or six other flagstones of slate form the actual paving of the porch*'. The entrance measures approximately 4' x 4' and an average killas slab measures 1'6" x 1' x 3".
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2341)** and **(2349)**
- Plan: **Plan V, Plan IX, Drawings 3, 16, 32, 40**
- Section: None

- Finds: None
- Excavated 1953-1954.

2206 'House 1' Layer A structure (Cutting: Section A, Inner Cutting and The Square)

- The 'House 1' structure was initially recorded as belonging to 'Layer A'. However, it was also later recorded as belonging to 'Layer B'. The only section drawings through the structure suggest that the eastern, western and internal walls were constructed during the later phase of 'Layer B'. It is possible that the walling of the structure is not of a single phase and that sections of the building may have been rebuilt during 'Layer A', but the primary record is not clear enough to suggest this. The structure **2206 and 2207** as it appears in the primary record comprises a long wall with central doorway and short lengths of return walls at either end. There is also an internal wall. The layout suggests that this was a rectangular open sided, roofed building (possibly constructed in a hollow) with low stone walls containing post sockets for a timber superstructure. The building is aligned E-W and is approximately 30' long (9m long) by 15' wide (4.5m wide).
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2340)**
- Plan: **Drawings 3**
- Section: **Drawings 23**
- Excavated 1953-1956.

2207 'House 1' Layer B structure (Cutting: Section A, Inner Cutting and The Square)

- The 'House 1' structure was initially recorded as belonging to 'Layer A'. However, it was also later recorded as belonging to 'Layer B'. The only section drawings through the structure suggest that the eastern, western and internal walls were constructed during the later phase of 'Layer B'. It is possible that the walling of the structure is not of a single phase and that sections of the building may have been rebuilt during 'Layer A', but the primary record is not clear enough to suggest this. The structure **2206 and 2207** as it appears in the primary record comprises a long wall with central doorway and short lengths of return walls at either end. There is also an internal wall. The layout suggests that this was a rectangular open sided, roofed building (possibly constructed in a hollow) with low stone walls containing post sockets for a timber superstructure. The building is aligned E-W and is approximately 30' long (9m long) by 15' wide (4.5m wide).
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2340)**
- Plan: **Drawings 3**
- Section: **Drawings 23**
- Excavated 1953-1956.

(2208) General context number for the whole of 'Layer B' in the northern half of GMI

- 'Layer B' in the primary record is a term used to describe both a single layer and a cultural horizon comprising many contexts and including the construction and

occupation of 'House 1'. This horizon is described as a layer of dark soil containing shells and finds but also includes other features associated with this 'horizon' including the 'House 1' structure. Layer B (**2208**) is recorded as being 14" deep and section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) demonstrates that the base of this horizon sloped downwards to the east; it also demonstrates that Layer B was much thinner along the western edge of the site than it was to the east. Due to the method employed on site of assigning the term 'Layer B' to many separate contexts there is confusion in the record as to where 'Layer A' stops and where 'Layer B' starts. This has resulted in the top 'Layer B' deposits and the base 'Layer A' deposits being interchangeable between the two 'Layers'. Similarly there is some confusion between 'Layers B and C' which were often excavated as a single context until half way through the 1955 season.

- It lies below (**2204**) and above (').
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawings 2, 18, 19, 23, 32, 35**
- **1953 finds:** grit stone **GM/G**, a hone **GM/H**,
- **1954 finds:** March 26th 1954: a complete cow skull, March 27th 1954: a piece of notched worked bone (in ACT's draw), hone **GM/O**, **GM/M/40** (a spherical iron lump- discarded), a grit pebble **GM/V**, a slate awl **GM/W**, a quartz crystal **GM/X**, a bronze awl **GM/M/44**, pottery sherds **1441-1458** (sherds **1441, 1442, 1448, 1450, 1452 and 1457** are missing), **Bag 46** (bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 49** (bone and teeth) and **GM/M/34** (sheet bronze), April 21st 1954: bits of bronze (missing), pottery sherds **1469-1471** and **Bag 51** (shell). **sherd 1524**, a piece of iron **GM/M/23**, **GM/M/26** which was discarded in 1957, sherds **1683-1687** (sherds **1685 and 1686** are missing)
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 3** (amphorae sherds- missing), **Bag 4** (pottery, stones and shell- the stone is missing), **Bag 5** (pottery and bones- missing), **GM/CL** a piece of spotted slate with perforation, **GM/CP** (slate hone), **GM/CS** (hone), **GM/M/77** (iron nail), **GM/CY** (hone with groove), a bag of bone and shell labelled **N side rectangular new cut Layer B 16/4/55** (but may read **6/4/55**), **Bag 114** (teeth, burnt and sawn bone- missing), **Bag 117** (pottery and pebbles), **Bag 120** (pottery- missing), **Bag 126** (glass- possibly in ACT's draw), **Bag 139** (pottery), **GM/M/78** (iron pin), **GM/M/79** (iron- discarded), **GM/M/80** (iron nail head), **Bag 125** (bones), **GM/M/87** (iron nail), **Bag 169** (bones and teeth), **Bag 171** (pottery, bone and tooth- the pottery and bone are missing), **Bag 172** (pottery), **Bag 174** (bones and teeth- the bones are missing), **GM/DI** (hone)
- **1956 finds:** **Bag 6** (pottery- two residue samples from this were dated to Cal AD 560-650 and Cal AD 420-600), **GM/DJ** (hone), **Bag 74** (bones- but now contains pottery), **Bags 16** (pottery), **Bag 17** (pottery and bone- the bone is missing), **Bag 24** (pottery and shell), **Bag 25** (pottery and bone), **Bag 26** (pottery), **Bag 27** (bone and shell), **Bag 31** (shell), **Bag 36** (pottery, bone, tooth and shell), **Bag 37** (pottery), **GM/M/93** (bronze object), **Bag 38** (bone, shell and slag), **Bag 39** (pottery), **Bag 40** (pottery), **GM/DK** (grit pebble), **GM/DL** (quern fragment), **GM/DM** (quern fragment), **GM/DN** (quern fragment), **Bag 43** (pottery and bone), **Bag 44** (bone, tooth and shell), **Bag 46** (pottery-missing), **Bag 47** (bone, teeth, shell and pottery), **Bag 48** (pottery, charcoal and slag), **Bag 68** (bone and shell), **Bag 69** (pottery- missing), **Bag 70** (bone, pottery and charcoal), **GM/DW**

(worked slate slab ‘grass-marked’), **Bag 79** (pottery and burnt clay), **Bag 80** (bones), **Bag 81** (bones, pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing), **Bag 83** (bones and pottery), **Bag 84** (pottery and charcoal), **Bag 85** (bones and teeth), **Bag 88** (bone), **Bag 89** (pottery), **Bag 90** (pottery-missing), **GM/M/97** (iron knife), **Bag 97** (pottery- including BA, bone, teeth and charcoal), **Bag 98** (pottery), **Bag 99** (pottery), **Bag 114** (bone), **Bag 115** (pottery and stone), **Bag 116** (pottery and charcoal- the pottery is missing), **Bag 117** (pottery), **Bag 138** (pottery and bone), **Bag 139** (pottery), **Bag 140** (fish bones and charcoal- the fish bones are missing), **Bag 141** (bone, teeth, pebble and shell), **Bag 160** (pottery), **Bag 161** (bones and charcoal), **Bag 178** (bones and teeth), **Bag 179** (polished bone), **Bag 182** (pottery, burnt clay and granite pebble- the pebble is missing), **Bag 183** (pottery), **Bag 184** (pottery), **Bag 185** (bone teeth and charcoal- the charcoal is missing), **Bag 189** (teeth), **Bag 190** (pottery), **Bag 195** (pottery-missing), **GM/ES** (skinning tool), **Bag 218** (bone and teeth), **Bag 219** (pottery), **Bag 220** (bone and shell), **Bag 221** (slag, charcoal and flint), **Bag 222** (pottery), **GM/FB** (whetstone), **GM/M/103** (fragment of knife or saw), **Bag 246** (bone, shell and pottery), **Bag 247** (slag and pottery), **GM/FG** (skinning tool), **Bag 248** (pottery), **Bag 249** (bone and shell- the shell is missing), **Bag 261** (bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 262** (pottery and slag), **Bag 275** (bone, pottery and shell), **Bag 276** (pottery), **GM/M/108** (iron nail), **Bag 277** (bone and shell), **Bag 278** (pottery), **Bag 288** (shell), **Bag 289** (pottery), **Bag 293** (bones and teeth), **Bag 294** (pottery), **Bag 295** (pottery and charcoal- the pottery is missing), **Bag 302** (bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 303** (pottery and slag), **Bag 312** (bone and shell), **Bag 313** (pottery, slag and stone), **Bag 314** (pottery), **Bag 323** (painted pottery sherd- missing), **Bag 324** (pottery, slag and pebbles), **Bag 325** (pottery), **Bag 337** (pottery, slag and bone), **Bag 338** (pottery, burnt clay and charcoal), **Bag 344** (pottery, shell and bone), **Bag 345** (pebbles), **Bag 346** (pottery), **Bag 347** (pottery), **GM/GP** (quern fragment), **Bag 322** (bone, worked bone, teeth, claw and shell) from the eastern extension.

- **1958 finds:** **Bag 5** (pottery and jaw bones), **Bag 10** (bone and cow horn), **Bag 11** (pottery, oyster shell and polished bone- the oyster shell is missing), **Bag 12** (pottery, burnt clay and charcoal- the charcoal is missing), **GM/HK** (lapstone/anvil), **GM/HL** (skinning tool), **Bag 13** (bone and shell- missing), **Bag 14** (pottery and burnt clay), **Bag 38** (pottery)
- **Soil Samples:** 6/4/65- soil sample 5 from the north side of the new rectangular cutting Layer B (**2208**)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2209) General context number for ‘Layer B and C’ in the northern half of GMI

- This context number was assigned for finds that were recovered from either ‘Layer B’ or ‘Layer C’ in the northern half of GMI.
- **1953 finds:** April 3rd 1953: Finds from ‘The Square’ included a whetstone, a bone needle, a possible weaving comb and pottery **GM/76-82** (sherds **78, 79 and 82** are missing),
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 16** (polished bone), **Bag 17** (pottery and shell) and **Bag 18** (pottery and burnt pebble), **GM/M/59** (piece of iron- discarded), **GM/M/60** (long iron pin), **Bag 19** (pottery), **Bag 20** (pottery), **Bag 21** (pebble, burnt bone, shell and slag- the slag and bone are missing), **Bag 22** (quill/fishbone), **Bag 23**

(pottery and pebble), **Bag 24** (pottery and shell), **Bag 25** (pottery- missing) and **Bag 26** (pebble and glazed slag- the slag may be in the bag of slag for 1955, possibly the furnace lining piece) from the 'hearth' pit (**2273**), **Bag 27** (pottery-missing), **Bag 28** (pottery), **Bag 29** (slag- missing) probably from the 'hearth' pit (**2273**), **Bag 30** (pottery- missing), **Bag 31** (pottery), **Bag 32** (pottery- missing), **Bag 33** (slag and pebble- the slag is missing), **Bag 40** (pottery and shell- the pottery is missing), **Bag 41** (pebble, burnt bone and charcoal- the burnt bone is missing), **GM/M/65** (bronze), **GM/M/66** (iron needle head), **Bag 42** (pottery), **Bag 43** (pottery, worked bone and pebbles- the worked bone is missing), **Bag 44** (pottery), **Bag 45** (pottery, pebble and worked bone- the worked bone is missing), **Bag 46** (pottery and bones), **Bag 47** (pottery, pebble, burnt bone and charcoal- the burnt bone is missing), **Bag 48** (bones), **Bag 49** (bones), bag of bone is marked **S side 'House 1' Layer B 11/4/55**, **GM/M/71** (iron nail), **Bag 53** (pottery), **Bag 57** (yellow bead), **GM/M/82** (iron pin)

- **1956 finds:** **Bag 2** (pottery and shell), **Bag 3** (pottery, burnt bone and slag- the burnt bone is missing), **Bag 4** (pottery), **Bag 5** (pottery, slag, bone and shell), **Bag 72** (pottery, bone and teeth), **Bag 32** (bone, slag and pottery- the bone and slag are missing), **Bag 49** (bone and shell), **Bag 50** (pottery, burnt clay and bone), **Bag 51** (pottery and bone), **Bag 60** (bones and shell), **Bag 61** (bone and shell- missing), **Bag 62** (pottery- missing), **Bag 63** (pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing), **Bag 67** (pottery- missing), **GM/DV** (polished stone), **Bag 77** (pottery, slag and charcoal- the charcoal is missing), **Bag 78** (bones), **Bag 82** (bones, shell and pebble), **Bag 94** (pottery, bone, teeth, pebble and shell), **GM/DZ** (hone-missing), **Bag 95** (bone and charcoal), **Bag 96** (bone, teeth, pottery and shell), **Bag 102** (pottery), **Bag 103** (bone and pottery), **Bag 104** (bone, shell and pottery), **Bag 105** (bone, slag, charcoal and pottery), **Bag 106** (bone and pottery), **Bag 110** (bone and bone bead), **Bag 118** (bone, teeth, pottery and shell), **Bag 119** (pottery), **Bag 120** (pottery), **Bag 124** ('clayish' soil sample) from Layer B or C (**2209**) at the west end of 'House 1'- now filed under soil sample **124**, **GM/EE** (whetstone), **Bag 130** (pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing), **Bag 131** (burnt teeth, bone and shell), **Bag 132** (burnt teeth, bone and shell), **Bag 133** (pottery), **Bag 135** (pottery), **Bag 136** (pottery and bone), **Bag 137** (bones and charcoal- the charcoal is missing), **Bag 147** (pottery, burnt clay and bone), **Bag 153** (pottery), **Bag 154** (pottery and bone), **Bag 155** (pottery and bone), **Bag 156** (pottery), **Bag 157** (pottery), **Bag 158** (charcoal, bone and teeth), **Bag 159** (pottery and burnt clay), **Bag 167** (charcoal and bones), **Bag 168** (pottery)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2210) General context number for the whole of 'Layer C' in the northern half of GMI

- 'Layer C' in the primary record is a term used to describe both a single layer and a cultural horizon comprising many contexts below 'Layer B'. This horizon is described as a layer of dark soil containing shells and finds but also includes other features associated with this 'horizon' including industrial features. Layer C (**2210**) is recorded as being up to 3' deep and section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) demonstrates it comprised at least five different layers and associated features. Due to the method employed on site of assigning the term 'Layer C' to many separate contexts there is some confusion between 'Layers B and C' which were often excavated as a single context until half way through the 1955 season.

- It lies below (2228) and above (2280).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawings 18, 19, 23, 35**
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 90** (teeth and sawn bone- the bone is missing), **Bag 91** (teeth and bones), **Bag 92** (pottery- missing), **Bag 96** (pottery- missing), **Bag 97** (pottery-missing), **Bag 107** (teeth), **Bag 108** (ash and pebbles- missing), **Bag 109** (sawn bone- missing), **Bag 112** (pottery), **Bag 115** (pottery and iron ore- the ore is missing), **Bag 116** (bone and teeth- the teeth are missing), **Bag 118** (pottery, bone, teeth and pebble-the pottery, bone and pebble are missing), **Bag 121** (pottery), **Bag 122** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 124** (iron ore, slag and pebbles- missing), **Bag 127** (bones, teeth and charcoal- missing), **Bag 133** (pottery- missing), **Bag 136** (pottery and bones- missing), **Bag 143** (pottery and iron slag- missing), **Bag 144** (bones-missing), **Bag 154** (pottery), **Bag 155** (pottery, shells, pebbles), **Bag 157** (pottery-missing), **Bag 158** (bones and iron slag- the slag is missing), **Bag 160** (bone needle), **Bag 161** (bones and teeth- the bones are missing), **GM/M/85** (bronze strip), **GM/M/86** (iron hook), **Bag 165** (pottery), **Bag 166** (pottery- missing), **Bag 167** (bones and teeth), **Bag 173** (bones and pottery), **Bag 175** (pottery), **Bag 176** (pottery- missing), **Bag 177** (teeth, bones, slag and stone- missing)
- **1956 finds:** **Bag 19** (bone, pottery and slag), **Bag 28** (pottery), **Bag 29** (bone and teeth), **Bag 33** (pottery), **Bag 54** (bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 55** (pottery), **Bag 56** (pottery), **Bag 57** (pottery), **GM/M/94** (iron object- discarded), **GM/M/95** (bronze strip), **GM/M/96** (iron knife blade), **GM/DT** (whetstone), **Bag 64** (bone and shell- the shell is missing), **Bag 65** (pottery and charcoal) residue on the pottery has been dated to Cal AD 540-660, **Bag 66** (pottery), **GM/DU** (whetstone), **Bag 75** (pottery), **Bag 86** (bones and pottery), **Bag 87** (slag and charcoal), **Bag 91** (bones and teeth), **Bag 92** (pottery), **Bag 93** (pottery), **GM/DY** (stone object- missing), **Bag 100** (pottery), **Bag 101** (burnt bone- missing), **Bag 109** (bone and shell), **Bag 111** (pottery), **Bag 112** (pottery and slag), **Bag 113** (bone and pottery), **Bag 121** (bone), **Bag 122** (pottery), **Bag 123** (pottery), **Bag 134** (pottery), **Bag 142** (slag and bone), **Bag 143** (pottery), **Bag 144** (pottery and bone), **Bag 145** (pottery and bone), **Bag 146** (pottery), **Bag 148** (bone), **Bag 149** (pottery and bone), **Bag 150** (pottery), **Bag 151** (bone, teeth, slag and shell), **Bag 152** (pottery-including the rim of a possible drinking vessel made into a whole pot with plaster of paris), **Bag 162** (pottery and bone), **Bag 163** (teeth and bones), **Bag 164** (pottery), **Bag 165** (pottery), **Bag 166** (pottery, charcoal and slag- the charcoal is missing), **GM/EJ** (whetstone), **Bag 173** (bones, teeth and shell- the shell is missing), **Bag 174** (bone, bone spindle whorl and charcoal), **Bag 175** (pottery), **Bag 176** (pottery), **Bag 177** (bones and burnt clay), **Bag 186** (bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 187** (pottery), **Bag 188** (pottery), **Bag 191** (bone and shell), **Bag 192** (pottery and slag), **Bag 193** (pottery), **Bag 196** (bone and teeth), **Bag 197** (pottery- missing), **Bag 198** (briquetage), **Bag 199** (pottery), **Bag 200** (pottery), **Bag 201** (pottery), **Bag 202** (slag and shell), **Bag 203** (bone and teeth), **Bag 204** (bone, teeth and slag), **Bag 205** (pottery), **Bag 211** (pottery, bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 212** (flint and charcoal), **Bag 223** (bone), **Bag 224** (pottery-missing), **Bag 238** (bone, teeth, charcoal, shell and pebble- the charcoal and pebble are missing), **Bag 240** (bone, charcoal, shell and slag), **Bag 241** (pottery- missing- but this has a date from a residue sample of Cal AD 550-650), **Bag 242** (pottery), **Bag 243** (pottery), **Bag 250** (pottery), **Bag 251** (pottery, bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 252** (pottery), **Bag 253** (pottery), **Bag 254** (bone and shell), **Bag 271** (bone and shell), **Bag 272** (pottery),

GM/M/109 (bronze sheet), **GM/FN** (whetstone), **Bag 279** (bone and shell), **Bag 280** (pottery), **Bag 281** (pottery), **Bag 282** (slag), **Bag 283** (bone and shell), **GM/M/112** (iron knife fragment), **Bag 284** (pottery-missing), **Bag 285** (stone amulet), **Bag 286** (pottery), **Bag 287** (bones, teeth and shell), **Bag 290** (bone, teeth, stone and shell- the stone is missing), **Bag 291** (pottery), **Bag 292** (pottery), **Bag 296** (bones, teeth, shell and pottery), **Bag 297** (pottery, charcoal and slag), **Bag 298** (pottery), **Bag 310** (bone, teeth and shell), **Bag 311** (pottery and pebbles), **Bag 315** (pottery), **Bag 316** (pottery- missing), **Bag 317** (bone and shell), **Bag 320** (bone stones and shell- the stones are missing), **Bag 321** (pottery), **Bag 329** (pottery, shell and bone), **Bag 330** (pottery), **Bag 331** (coprolite and pebbles), **Bag 332** (bone), **Bag 333** (pottery), **GM/M/115** (iron nail), **Bag 339** (pottery), **Bag 340** (pottery, slag, pebble, shell and bone), **Bag 341** (pottery), **GM/M/117** (bronze earring), **Bag 355** (bone and burnt clay)

- **1958 finds:** **Bag 15** (pottery and quartz crystal- the crystal is missing), **Bag 16** (charcoal), **Bag 17** (jaws and teeth), **Bag 18** (bone and shell), **Bag 20** (bone and shell), **Bag 21** (pottery), **Bag 22** (pottery), **GM/HN** (hone), **Bag 23** (bone and shell- missing), **Bag 24** (burnt clay- missing), **Bag 25** (pottery), **Bag 26** (pottery-missing), **GM/HQ** (slate hone- missing)
- **Soil Samples:** soil sample 20 was taken from **Layer C** in the north-west extension
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2211) 'Layer D' recorded in the 1953 test pit in the northern half of GMI (Cutting: Section A test pit)

- On the western side of the 'porch' (2205) a rectangular test pit was dug to investigate stratigraphy. This pit was later 'extended' and 'Layer D' (2211) was recorded as a layer of dark sand and shells 9" deep containing bones, jaw, red pot, ribbed pot, small grey rim and other pottery lying below a layer of sand separating it from 'Layer C' (2221). The test pit was continued to the base of the mound where a pit or ditch (E) (2217) was found at the base of the slope either cutting or underlying Layer D (2211). Layer D was only ever recorded in this test pit in 1953 and it seems likely that this context was recorded in later years as part of 'Layer C' (2210).
- It lies below (2222) and above (2215).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan IV, Plan VII, Plan VIII**
- **1953 finds:** three sherds came from Layer D (2211) (**GM/72-74**)- there are now 19 sherds marked 72 and the original sherd cannot be identified, sherds 73 and 74 are, however, present. Sherds **GM/99-101** (sherd 101 is missing). Sherds **GM/131-145** (sherds 132, 134 and 135 are missing). Sherds **GM/161-167** (sherds 163 and 166 are missing)
- Excavated 1953.

(2212) Deep layer of wind blown sand below 'Layer D' recorded in the 1953 test pit in the northern half of GMI (Cutting: Section A test pit)

- On the western side of the 'porch' (2205) a rectangular test pit was dug in 1953 to investigate stratigraphy. This pit was later 'extended' and light blown sand was recorded at 4'2" down from the top of 'Layer A' directly below 'Layer D' (2211). This Layer is almost certainly equivalent to (2280) (wind blown sand below 'Layer C' (2210)) in the rest of GMI.
- It lies below (2222) and above (2215).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan IV, Plan VII, Plan VIII**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1953.

(2213) Burnt layer on top of 'Layer A' in the northern half of GMI- possibly the same as (2216) (Cutting: Section A and The Square)

- A burnt layer (2213) was identified overlying the 'Layer A' inside 'House 1' (2203), the extent and depth of this deposit are unknown. This burning indicates either that 'House 1' had been destroyed by fire or that industrial processes involving fire were taking place inside the open fronted building. When this layer of black soil (2213) was excavated in The Square a large piece of burnt timber was uncovered within it. 'Specimens' were taken from the timber but now appear to be lost.
- It lies below (2277) and above (2216).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- **1953 finds:** GM/218-229- sherds 223, 226 and 227 are missing
- Excavated 1953.

(2214) Eastern stone wall of 'House 1' (Cutting: Section A and The Square)

- The eastern wall (2214) of 'House 1' measured approximately 6' north-south by 4' east-west and was 4' deep and lay within a construction cut which cut through the lower levels of 'Layer B'. At the southern end of the wall the termination was very definite with two square post slots built into the end of the wall to take vertical timbers. During excavation of the east wall (2214) of 'House 1' it was discovered that it had been constructed during the later phase of 'Layer B'. A section was excavated through the east wall and it was noted that at the base of the cut there was an 'intense' charcoal fill (2346) which was possibly the remains of a burnt structural timber.
- It lies below (2204) and above (2346).
- Plan: **Plan IX, Drawing 3, 16, 28, 40**
- Section: **Plan III, Drawing 22, 23**

- **1956 finds: GM/EI** (slate slab- grass-marked- missing)
- Excavated 1953- 1956.

(2215) Possible posthole in 1953 test pit at the base of **(2211)** (Cutting: Section A test pit)

- On the western side of the ‘porch’ **(2205)** a rectangular test pit was dug in 1953 to investigate stratigraphy. This pit was later ‘extended’ and light blown sand **(2212)** was recorded at 4’2” down from the top of ‘Layer A’ directly below ‘Layer D’ **(2211)**. The blown sand layer **(2212)** is almost certainly equivalent to **(2280)** (wind blown sand below ‘Layer C’ **(2210)**) in the rest of GMI. Into this blown sand layer **(2212)** a possible posthole **(2215)** was cut although there is no record of dimensions and no description of it.
- It lies below **(2217)** and **(2211)** and above **(2212)**.
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1953

(2216) Layer of ash above the possible ‘floor’ of ‘House 1’- possibly the same as **(2213)** (Cutting: The Square and Section A)

- In the L-shaped trench a layer of ash **(2216)** was uncovered just above the ‘floor’ of ‘House 1’ and ash deposits **(2216)** were also discovered inside the north-western corner of the building above the ‘floor’. Excavation in ‘The Square’ exposed a long piece of burnt wood in this layer which was later treated with polyvinyl.
- It lies below **(2213)** and above **(2224)**.
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 18**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1953.

(2217) Pit ‘E’ either cutting or underlying ‘Layer D’ in the 1953 test pit (Cutting: Section A test pit)

- On the western side of the ‘porch’ **(2205)** a rectangular test pit was dug to investigate stratigraphy. This pit was later ‘extended’ and ‘Layer D’ **(2211)** was recorded as a layer of dark sand and shells 9” deep. The test pit was continued to the base of the mound where a pit or ditch ‘E’ **(2217)** was found at the base of the slope either cutting or underlying Layer D **(2211)**. This pit or ditch measured 4’ wide by 1’ deep and contained a piece of slag and an iron pin with a coiled head **GM/M/46** along with pottery **GM/168-182** - sherds **170 and 171** are missing. *‘The slag found in pit or ditch (E) (2217) was analysed by K G Hosking at The Camborne School of Mines and was shown to have come from iron concretions in the nearby Godrevy cliff and included*

fragments of sand. Layer D was only ever recorded in this test pit in 1953 and it seems likely that this context was recorded in later years as part of 'Layer C' (2210).

- It lies below (2222) and above (2215).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan VII, Plan VIII**
- **1953 finds:** a piece of slag and an iron pin with a coiled head **GM/M/46** along with pottery **GM/168-182** - sherds **170 and 171** are missing
- Excavated 1953.

(2218) Dark spread/layer revealed in Layer C under (2369) in the northern half of GMI. This is probably the same as (2358)

- This 'blackened' brown spread/layer is shown on **Drawing 42** (see Fig. 44) as what was probably a sub-circular feature measuring approximately 25' in diameter and 6" deep. Only the southern half of this feature was revealed to the south of the northern edge of GMI. Another blackened spread (2369) overlay the centre of this feature and it is possible that both spreads were created by the waste material that came from furnace [2326] during its use.
- It lies below (2369) and above (2280). It is probably the same as (2358)
- Plan: **Drawing 42**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1956.

(2219) 'Layer B' in the test pit (Cutting: Section A test pit)

- On the western side of the 'porch' (2205) a rectangular test pit was dug in 1953 to investigate stratigraphy. 'Layer B' (2219) in the pit was a dark sand with shells 6" deep containing pottery, bone, spindle whorl and whetstone. This was probably called 'Layer C' at a later date.
- It lies below (2204) and above (2220).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan IV**
- **1953 finds:** March 29th 1953– two small sherds, a cow jaw and oysters from layers B and C (2219) and (2221). March 30th 1953– three sherds from Layers B and C (2219) and (2221) (GM/69-71)- sherds **69 and 70** are missing and there are now 40 sherds marked **71** (the original sherd cannot be identified). April 3rd 1953– finds from Layers B and C (2219) and (2221) in the pit included a grit adze (**GM/A**) and sherds **GM/94-98** (sherd **94** is missing). **GM/128-130** came from Layers B and C in the pit (2219) and (2221). *A small clay spindle whorl was found in Layer B (2219)*
- Excavated 1953.

(2220) Stained sand below 'Layer B' in the test pit (Cutting: Section A test pit)

- On the western side of the 'porch' (2205) a rectangular test pit was dug in 1953 to investigate stratigraphy. (2220) was a stained darkish sand 6" deep lying directly below 'Layer B' (2219) in the pit.
- It lies below (2219) and above (2221).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan IV, Plan VIII**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1953.

(2221) 'Layer C' in the test pit (Cutting: Section A test pit)

- On the western side of the 'porch' (2205) a rectangular test pit was dug in 1953 to investigate stratigraphy. (2221) 'Layer C' was a very dark sand with shells 5" deep containing a cow skull, bones, horns, jaw, pottery, teeth and two small pieces of decomposed granite in the pit.
- It lies below (2220) and above (2222).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan IV, Plan VIII**
- **1953 finds:** March 29th 1953– two small sherds, a cow jaw and oysters from layers B and C (2219) and (2221). March 30th 1953– three sherds from Layers B and C (2219) and (2221) (GM/69-71)- sherds **69 and 70** are missing and there are now 40 sherds marked **71** (the original sherd cannot be identified). April 3rd 1953– finds from Layers B and C (2219) and (2221) in the pit included a grit adze (GM/A) and sherds **GM/94-98** (sherd **94** is missing). **GM/128-130** came from Layers B and C in the pit (2219) and (2221).
- Excavated 1953.

(2222) Stained sand below 'Layer C' in the test pit (Cutting: Section A test pit)

- On the western side of the 'porch' (2205) a rectangular test pit was dug in 1953 to investigate stratigraphy. (2222) was a stained darkish sand 5" deep below 'Layer C' (2221) in the pit.
- It lies below (2221) and above (2211) and (2217).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Plan IV, Plan VIII**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1953.

- (2223) ‘Tramlines’: Two turf lines in the sand above ‘Layer A’ across the whole of GMI
- These two turf lines recorded on site as ‘Tramlines’ were uncovered below 3’ of blown sand below the turf and were visible in section across the whole of GMI. Each of the turf lines were 1” deep with a 2” depth of clean sand separating them. The lower of the two turf lines overlay a thin layer of blown sand (2277) which sealed the post-Roman deposits. Pottery from the ‘Tramlines’ appears to be medieval and post-medieval in date.
 - It lies below (2200) and above (2304).
 - Plan: **None**
 - Section: **Drawings 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 35**
 - **1956 finds: Bag 45** (pottery)
 - **Finds from all years:** A bag of pottery (28 sherds) marked ‘Tramlines’
 - Excavated 1953- 1958.
- (2224) Possible floor layer inside ‘House 1’ (Cutting: Section A, Inner Cutting and The Square)
- This possible ‘floor’ layer inside ‘House 1’ was not recorded in any drawings and only briefly mentioned in the notebooks with no accompanying description. It was sealed by burnt deposits (2213) and (2216) and is presumed to be part of ‘Layer A’.
 - It lies below (2216) and above (2276).
 - Plan: **None**
 - Section: **None**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated 1954.
- (2225) General context number for finds from either ‘Layer A or B’ in the northern half of GMI
- This context number was assigned for finds that were recovered from either ‘Layer A’ or ‘Layer B’ in the northern half of GMI.
 - **1953 finds:** sherds **GM/230-232**, July 4th 1953-Fragments of charcoal were collected from The Square from (2225) (sample in bag marked ‘Square’), and general surface finds included a slickstone **GM/C, D or E, GM/B**, two quartz pebbles, two whelks, a sea top, a sheep’s tooth, a fragment of glass and a barbed and tanged arrowhead.
 - **1954 finds:** March 27th 1954 – two bar-lugs which came from in and around (2225) the internal north-south wall of ‘House 1’ (2227) these are among the following sherds: (sherds **289-298** pot base? Sherds **289, 291-296 and 298** are missing), sherds **299-312-** sherd **299** is missing). Sherds **314-353** were from (2225) but **321, 328, 334, 339, 341-344 and 349-353** are missing. March 29th 1954 – a scallop shell, much more pottery **356-390** (**375, 380, 384, 385 and 387-390** are missing). March

29th 1954 – **stone, shell and bone P7** (the bone is missing). March 30th 1954 – Pottery (**sherds 391-515-** sherds **398, 400, 401, 414, 419, 455, 474 and 483** are missing) and one piece of slag (missing). April 1st 1954 – **stone and shell P9** (the stone is missing). April 4th 1954 – a polished bone tool (in ACT's draw), the handle of the saw previously found **GM/M/2**, pottery (**sherds 541-552** – sherds **546 and 549** are missing) and **stone and shell P11** (missing). April 5th 1954 – **stone, shell and bone P12** (the bone is missing), **stone, shell and bone P13** (the stone and bone are missing), a piece of slag, bones and teeth (put in the Layer A box), **shells and stone P14** and pottery (**sherds 552-582-** sherds **553, 555, 566, 567, 572, 575, 576, 579 and 582** are missing). April 6th 1954 – **sherds 583-613** – sherds **583, 584, 590, 597, 601 and 602** are missing, **sherds 614-631-** all present, an L-shaped piece of iron **GM/M/4**, **sherds 632-640-** sherds **632, 638 and 640** are missing, a hone stone **GM/R**. April 7th 1954 – an iron pin **GM/M/5** and an iron split pin **GM/M/6**, **sherds 649-669** (**sherds 653, 654 and 666** are missing) and **bone, shell and stone P17** (the bone and stone is missing), **sherds 670-676** and **bone, shell and pebble P18** (the bone is missing). April 9th 1954 – **sherds 837-843** (**sherds 839, 941 and 842** are missing) and **Bag 5** (stone and shell- the shell is missing). April 15th 1954 – two large pieces of slag (missing), worked bone points (in ACT's draw), pottery **sherds 1185-1209** (**sherds 1186, 1198, 1200, 1208 and 1209** are missing) and **Bag 26** (stone, shell and bone- the stone is missing)

- **1956 finds: Bag 73** (bones and teeth), **Bag 9** (pottery and charcoal), **GM/M/92** (iron object)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2226) Charcoal filled trench on the south side of The Square (Cutting: The Square)

- A burnt patch was uncovered in Layer B (which was later found to be a charcoal filled keyhole shaped trench) **(2226)** on the south side of 'The Square', from which charcoal samples were taken on March 26th 1954 (marked charcoal 1) and a triangular smoother (**GM/I**) came from the surface of this. This feature **(2226)** was cleaned and photographed at the base of Layer C- the photograph shows that only half of the feature was exposed, but that it was key hole shaped and approximately 5' long and the pit approximately 2' in diameter- its orientation is unclear. From the key hole shaped feature **(2226)** came an iron dagger blade about 8" long **GM/M/89** which was photographed.
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2241)**.
- Plan: **Drawing 3, 16, 41, 45**
- Section: **Drawing 18**
- Finds: a triangular smoother (**GM/I**), an iron dagger blade about 8" long **GM/M/89**
- Soil Samples: March 26th 1954 (marked charcoal 1)
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2227) Internal 'Layer B' wall of 'House 1' (Cutting: Inner Cutting)

- This internal stone wall of 'House 1' led from the front wall (**2201**) (just to the west of the paved entrance (**2205**)) to the south-east for approximately 6' and then returned to a north-south alignment for another 6' to the south. It is recorded as belonging to 'Layer B' but is clearly contemporary with the front wall (**2201**) of 'House 1'. The wall was trowelled and then replaced in March 1954 and it seems that plans were drawn after reconstruction. However, the wall, which is approximately 3' wide, comprised roughly coursed killas block facing with what appears to be an earth core. Two bar-lugs came from in and around it.
- It lies below (**2204**) and above (**2241**).
- Plan: **Drawing 16, 40, 41**
- Section: **Drawing 19**
- Finds: March 28th 1954 – Within the internal wall (**2227**) of 'House 1' a complete bar-lip and lug were found squashed amongst the stones along with other pottery and these are probably amongst the following sherds: sherds **314-353** (but **321, 328, 334, 339, 341-344 and 349-353** are missing), a fragment of spindle whorl (missing), a piece of possible iron ore (missing) and **stone P6** (missing). March 29th 1954 – sherd **355**, a tip of a cow horn (missing), a hone **GM/J**. March 31st 1954 – **stone P8** (missing)
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2228) Lens of sand between 'Layers B and C' in the northern half of GMI

- This is a lens of clean blown sand that separates 'Layer B' from 'Layer C' which was thick in the northern and eastern parts of the northern half of GMI (up to 1' deep) but intermittent in the southern and western parts of the northern half of the site. To the south and west of the northern half of GMI this sand lens was very intermittent and sometimes absent which caused much confusion between 'Layers B and C' during excavation, and meant that for much of the time 'Layers B and C' were dug as a single context and the finds from these areas were recorded simply as 'Layer B'. On April 14th 1955 it was realised that what the excavators had thought was 'Layer B' (**2208**) was, in fact, both 'Layers B and C' separated by an intermittent clean sand lens (**2228**). It was also noted that this blown sand lens (**2228**) ran uphill to the west until it lay below Layer A (**2202**) and therefore separated Layer A (**2202**) from Layer C (**2210**) (Layer B (**2208**) therefore appears to have been missing here in the north-west corner of the site).
- It lies below (**2321**), (**2345**) and (**2353**) and above (**2354**).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 2, 18, 19, 23, 35**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2229) Hearth in the centre of The New Rectangular Cutting (Cutting: The New Rectangular Cutting)

- A hearth (2229) was uncovered in 1954 roughly in the centre of the new rectangular cutting which was photographed. It was sub-circular and measured approximately 3' in diameter. April 6th 1954 – There is a sketch plan of the excavation area in the notebook showing the location of the hearth (2229) and a hone stone next to it **GM/R** in Layer A or B (2225). April 7th 1954 – The hearth (2229) was photographed and sectioned but the section was never drawn. The hearth (2229) was also **sampled** which was labelled '**central pit hearth**'
- It lies below (2204) and above (2341).
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 32, 45**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds:** April 7th 1954- **shell and stone P22, stone and shell P23** (the shell is missing)
- **Samples:** April 7th 1954 – '**central pit hearth**'
- Excavated 1954.

(2230) Stone wall of 'House 3' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- The majority of the plans for 'House 3' were drawn after the structure had been rebuilt by the excavators in the form it was thought to have taken. These plans show 'house 3' as a single phase sub-circular stone walled building. However, there is one plan (**Drawing 12** see Fig. 27) and a variety of photographs which show parts of the structure prior to reconstruction. These suggest that the form and layout of the building were not as the reconstruction suggests. From the *in situ* evidence it seems more likely that this was a sub-rectangular structure of several phases. The stone wall which was rebuilt by the excavators to give the impression of an external coursed stone wall seems to have been a stone revetting for the sides of a sunken feature. With the aid of photographs it is now possible to say that the building which shared a party wall with 'House 2' (and was contemporary with 'House 2') was constructed in a purpose made hollow in wind blown sand. The edges of the hollow were probably lined with turf or soil (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and possibly on top. A more plausible layout for the building is shown on **Drawing 31** (see Fig. 37) superimposed on the drawing of the reconstruction. The doorway which is shown in the northern wall is clearly in the wrong place and it is more likely that there was an opening in the west wall. The building stone used for this revetment wall was roughly hewn killas blocks.
- It lies below (2263) and above (2294) and (2250).
- Plan: **Drawing 10, 12, 31**
- Section: **Drawing 4, 8, 11**
- **1954 finds:** **GM/BX** (portion of lower rotary quern)
- **1956 finds:** **GM/ET** (whetstone), **Bag 263** (bone), **Bag 264** (pottery), **Bag 265** (charcoal and pebble- the charcoal is missing)
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2231) General context for 'Layer A' in the southern half of GMI

- General context number given for finds from 'Layer A' in the southern half of GMI.
- It lies below (2277) and above (2299).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds: GM/T and GM/U** (from trench 1 Layer A (2231))
- Excavated 1954- 1955.

(2232) General context for 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- 'Layer B' in the primary record is a term used to describe both a single layer and a cultural horizon comprising many contexts and including both the occupation and abandonment of 'House 1', 'House 2', 'House 3', 'House 4' and the structure to the west of 'House 3'. Context (2232) is a general context number given to divide finds from all 'Layer B' contexts in the southern half of GMI from those in the northern half of the site.
- It lies below (2299) and above (2323), (2271), (2269), (2267), (2289), (2240), (2301).
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds: GM/M/37** (an iron knife), **sherds 831-834, sherds 853-856, Bag 7** (bone and shell- missing), **Bag 9** (bone missing) and two pieces of iron **GM/M/7 and GM/M/8, sherds 857-864 and Bag 10** (stone- missing), **sherds 865-876, sherds 887-889, Bag 6** (stone- missing), Pottery **sherds 1397-1404** (sherds 1402 and 1403 are missing) and **Bag 42** (bone-missing), sherds **1515-1523 and Bag 50** (stone), **sherds 1525-1527, Sherd 1663**, a hone **GM/AX** and pottery **sherds 1664-1668, iron GM/M/28 and GM/M/29, pottery sherds 1688-1707** (sherds 1692, 1701, 1702 and 1707 are missing) and **Bag 68** (stone and slag- missing), **sherd 1762, iron pin GM/M/33 and GM/BN** (lapstone).
- **1955 finds: Bag 1** (pottery- the pottery is missing but now contains 2 pebbles), **Bag 2** (pottery- missing), **GM/M/48** (pointed iron implement), a **bag of bones** from area Y in Layer B (2232) marked **30/3/55, Bag 13** (pottery, shell, pebble and bone) and **GM/CN** (hone) from the northern side of Trench 2
- **1956 finds: Bag 7** (pottery), **Bag 10** (pottery and tooth), **Bag 11** (pottery, shell and bone- the pottery is missing), **Bag 14** (missing), **Bag 15** (bone, teeth, pebble, shell and slate point), **Bag 30** (pottery), **Bag 34** (pottery, pebbles and tooth), **Bag 35** (pottery and bone)
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2233) General context for 'Layer C' in the southern half of GMI

- ‘Layer C’ in the primary record is a term used to describe a cultural horizon in the northern half of GMI and early deposits associated with ‘House 3’ in the southern half of GMI. Context **(2233)** is a general context number given to early deposits associated with ‘House 3’ but called ‘Layer C’ in the southern half of GMI.
- It lies below **(2247)** (possibly the same as **(2365)**) and above **(2280)**
- Plan: **Drawing 24, 42**
- Section: **Drawing 24**
- **1956 finds:** **Bag 273** (bone and pebble), **Bag 274** (pottery), **Bag 299** (bones and teeth), **Bag 300** (pottery), **Bag 301** (pottery), **Bag 334** (bone and shell), **Bag 335** (pottery), **GM/M/116** (iron object- discarded), **Bag 342** (charcoal and bone), **Bag 343** (pottery), **GM/GJ** (slick stone), **GM/GK** (lapstone), **GM/GL** (lapstone), **GM/GM** (skinning tool), **GM/GN** (skinning tool), **GM/GO** (lapstone)
- Excavated 1956.

(2234) Stone wall of ‘House 2’ in ‘Layer B’ in the southern half of GMI

- The majority of the plans for ‘House 2’ were drawn after the structure had been rebuilt by the excavators in the form it was thought to have taken. These plans show ‘house 2’ as a single phase sub-circular or sub-square stone walled building. Unlike the reconstruction of ‘House 3’, the reconstruction of ‘House 2’ appears to have followed the lines of *in situ* walling and the original entrance also appears to be *in situ*. The stone wall which was rebuilt by the excavators to give the impression of an external coursed stone wall, like ‘House 3’, was likely to have been a revetment lining, the inner face of a structural wall set in a sunken hollow. With the aid of photographs it is now possible to say that the building which shared a party wall with ‘House 3’ (and was contemporary with ‘House 3’) was constructed in a purpose made hollow in wind blown sand. The edges of the hollow probably lined with turf or soil (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and in the case of ‘House 2’ on top of the soil or turf. A single course of stonework is visible *in situ* on top of the construction cut fill arranged so that the long axis of each killas block lies next to the long axis of the next killas block across the width of the wall creating a ‘daisy petal effect’ in plan. An average size stone is 1’6” x 9” x 6”.
- It lies below **(2260)** and above **(2328)**
- Plan: **Drawing 21, 31**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds:** a grit rubber **GM/Y** which was built into the wall
- **1956 finds:** **Bag 107** (bone, tooth, pebbles and shell), **Bag 108** (pottery and charcoal)
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2235) Hearth in Trench 2 in the southern half of GMI (Cutting: Trench 2)

- There is a brief mention in the notes for 1954 that a ‘hearth was uncovered and photographed in Trench 2 in the southern half of GMI. Unfortunately there are no other records of this feature and the photograph cannot be identified.
- It lies below **(2277)?** and above **(2280)?**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1954.

(2236) General context number for finds from either ‘Layer A or B’ in the southern half of GMI

- This context number was assigned for finds that were recovered from either ‘Layer A’ or ‘Layer B’ in the southern half of GMI.
- **1954 finds:** sherds 775-822 (sherds 776, 781, 783, 787, 792, 796 and 811 are missing), a piece of slag (missing), sherds 823-830 (sherds 824, 826 and 830 are missing), **Bag 4** (bone shell and pottery- missing) was recovered from Trench 3, sherds 877 and 886 and **Bag 11** (stone) from Trench 2, from a large oval pit **(2240)** (also described as the ‘robber trench’) and Layer A or B **(2236)** came sherds 890-893 and **Bag 12** (shell). In Trench 1 outside ‘House 2’ sherds 894-898, **Bag 14** (stone- missing) and a whetstone covered in rust **GM/Z**. April 11th 1954 – a chicken’s foot with spur and a wish bone. **Sherd 912** came from the west end of the new rectangular cutting, on the south-east side of ‘House 2’ **(2236)** was a group of marbles or five-stones (in ACT’s draw), sherds 913-916 (sherd 916 is missing) and **Bag 15** (stone- missing), sherds 1113-1120 and **Bag 54** (stone- missing). April 15th 1954 – bird bones (missing), a long iron pin **GM/M/18** (probably from Layer B), pottery sherds 1219-1231 (sherd 1222 is missing) and **Bag 25** (stone and bone- the stone is missing), sherds 1250-1285 (sherds 1250, 1251, 1253, 1279, 1284 and 1285 are missing), sherds 1289-1302 (sherd 1292 is missing), **Bag 29** (some small bones- missing) and **Bag 34** (several lumps of charcoal and bone- the bone is missing), a piece of hone **GM/BL**, pottery sherds 1286-1288 and **Bag 32** (shell). A lump of charcoal (**sample bag 33**), **Bag 33** (shell and stone- the stone is missing) and **Bag 35** (shell- missing) were recovered in Trench 4. A hone **GM/AK**, a large pot disc in two pieces sherds 1343-1344 and sherds 1345-1361 (sherd 1356 is missing), sherds 1389-1393 (sherd 1391 is missing) and **Bag 41** (shell, bone and pottery- missing). sherds 1362-1388 were found (sherds 1368, 1370, 1378 and 1384 are missing), and also **Bag 40** (stone, shell and pottery- the stone and pottery are missing), **Bag 38** (stone- missing)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2237) Context for finds from all ‘Layer B’ deposits inside ‘House 3’ in the southern half of GMI

- This is a context number given to all finds which are associated with the construction, occupation and abandonment of ‘House 3’ but cannot be placed within a single context.

- It lies below (2299) and above (2298)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 4**
- **1954 finds:** **GM/M/41** (large piece of iron), a piece of iron **GM/M/9**, **Bag 43** (pebble- missing), pottery sherds **1417-1421**, pottery sherds **1472-1493** (sherds **1476, 1486, 1488 and 1492** are missing), pottery sherds **1569-1611** (sherds **1586, 1587, 1592, 1596 and 1599** are missing) were recovered along with stonework **GM/AT** and **GM/AU**, Sherds **1649-1662** (sherds **1658 and 1661** are missing), flint scraper **GM/AY**, pottery sherds **1739-1761** (sherds **1740, 1741, 1744, 1747, 1752 and 1757** are missing) and **Bag 69** (stones and shell- the stones are missing), a hone **GM/AZ**, pottery sherds **1708-1738** (sherds **1720, 1721, 1723 and 1732** are missing) and **Bag 70** (stones and pottery- missing), a grooved rubber **GM/BA**, two pieces of iron **GM/M/30** and **GM/M/31** and **Bag 75** (pottery sherds- missing), **Bag 73** (stones and shell- the stones are missing), **Bag 74** (stones and shell- the stones are missing), **Bag 77** (shell and stones- the stones are missing), **GM/BZ** (grit pebble), **GM/CA** (grit pebble), **GM/CB** (grit pebble), **GM/CC** (portion of upper rotary quern), **GM/CE** (portion of rotary quern)
- **1955 finds:** **GM/CH** (slate plaque), **GM/CI** (lapstone), **GM/CJ** a ‘grass-marked’ flat piece of slate
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2238) Rubble collapse, demolition or closure of ‘House 2’ in the southern half of GMI

- This context is described in the notebooks as a layer of rubble inside ‘House 2’. Pre-excavation photographs show that this layer of killas rubble in a dark earth matrix was more or less confined to the interior of ‘House 2’ and is associated with its abandonment. The abandonment of ‘House 3’ which adjoins ‘House 2’ and is presumed to be contemporary is different. Following the abandonment of ‘House 3’ this structure was filled with a deep shell midden. Inside ‘House 2’ there is no evidence of a similar midden. The only records that survive of this rubble collapse (or perhaps deliberate closure) are the photographs. Its depth is unknown as there are no section drawings through the house.
- It lies below (2259)? and above (2260)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds:** **GM/AA** a slate club, **GM/AB** a club, **GM/AC** a hone and **Bag 17** (stone- missing), sherds **917-939** (sherds **928 and 929** are missing). The residue on **Sherd 924** from the internal rubble collapse of ‘House 2’ was dated to Cal AD 650-780. A piece of polished stone **GM/AG**, pottery sherds **1101-1112** (sherd **1104** is missing) and **Bag 19** (shell, stone and bone- the stone and bone are missing). From the collapse **(2238)** or the layer over the collapse **(2254)** came a piece of slag (missing), sherds **1211-1218** and **Bag 28** (shell- missing). An iron knife **GM/M/19**, an iron pin **GM/M/20**, pottery sherds **1303-1342** (sherds **1328, 1333, 1337 and 1339** are missing) and **Bag 37** (stone- missing). Pottery sherds **1394-1396**. Stonework **GM/AO**, **GM/AP**, **GM/AQ**, **GM/AR** and **GM/AS**

- **Soil Samples:** A soil sample 13/4/54 was taken from just inside the wall of 'House 2' in or over the rubble collapse (2238) which comprised burnt sand, unfired clay and tiny bones.
 - Excavated 1954.
- (2239) General context number for finds from either 'Layer A or B' inside 'House 2' in the southern half of GMI
- This context number was assigned for finds that were recovered from the interior of 'House 2' either in 'Layer A' or 'Layer B' which could not be assigned to a single context but which were associated with the construction, occupation and abandonment of 'House 2'.
 - **1954 finds: sherds 835-836, Bag 3** containing shell (missing),
 - Excavated 1954-1956.
- (2240) Cut and fill of large ovoid pit in SW corner of The New Rectangular Cutting (Cutting: The New Rectangular Cutting)
- This is the cut and fill of large ovoid pit in SW corner of The New Rectangular Cutting which was at first misleadingly named as a 'robber trench'. The pit measures 4' in diameter by 1' deep with almost vertical sides and a flat base and is filled by a dark brown soil containing many shells towards the base and two iron objects. The pit (2240) is located immediately to the north of two inter-cutting sunken feature cuts for 'House 3' [2247] and the structure to the west of 'House 3' 2244.
 - It lies below (2232) and above (2280)
 - Plan: **Drawing 3, 10, 31, 45**
 - Section: **Drawing 1**
 - **1954 finds:** from a large oval pit (2240) and Layer A or B (2236) came **sherds 890-893** and **Bag 12** (shell) and two pieces of iron came from the oval pit (2240) **GM/M/11** and **GM/M/12**
 - Excavated 1954.
- 2241 'House 2' structure in the southern half of GMI
- The majority of the plans for 'House 2' were drawn after the structure had been rebuilt by the excavators in the form it was thought to have taken. These plans show 'house 2' as a single phase sub-circular or sub-square stone walled building. Unlike the reconstruction of 'House 3', the reconstruction of 'House 2' appears to have followed the lines of *in situ* walling and the entrance also appears to be *in situ*. The stone wall which was rebuilt by the excavators to give the impression of an external coursed stone wall, like 'House 3' seems actually to have been a stone revetting for the sides of a sunken feature. With the aid of photographs it is now possible to say that the building which shared a party wall with 'House 3' (and was contemporary with 'House 3' and may even have shared the same roof) was

constructed in a purpose made hollow dug approximately 2' deep into wind blown sand. Inside the edges of the hollow, turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf lined with a stone revetment. In the case of 'House 2' on top of the soil or turf there was a distance of approximately 2' to the exterior edge of the cut of the hollow. This 2' gap between the stonework and the external edge of the sunken feature cut may have accommodated the eaves of a roof. A single course of stonework is visible *in situ* on top of the construction cut fill arranged so that the long axis of each killas block lies next to the long axis of the next killas block across the width of the wall creating a 'daisy petal effect' in plan. At the base of the construction cut were occasional small postholes and stakeholes which suggest that the building was both of stone and timber construction. Inside the structure is a central hearth and to the west of it a deep stone lined pit. The internal diameter of the building after reconstruction was 8' (2.44m). However, the diameter of the construction hollow was approximately 15' (4.58m) and it is possible that the stone wall was, in fact, a ledge inside the building which would have created a much larger space internally. The entire building was removed by excavation in 1956.

- It lies below (2277) and above (2300)
- Plan: **Drawing 3, 21, 31**
- Section: **None**
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

2242 'House 3' structure in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- The majority of the plans for 'House 3' were drawn after the structure had been rebuilt by the excavators in the form it was thought to have taken. These plans show 'house 3' as a single phase sub-circular stone walled building. However, there is one plan (**Drawing 12** see Fig. 27) and a variety of photographs which show parts of the structure prior to reconstruction. These suggest that the form and layout of the building were not as the reconstruction suggests. From the *in situ* evidence it seems more likely that this was a sub-rectangular structure of several phases and appears more complex than 'House 2'. The stone wall which was rebuilt by the excavators to give the impression of an external coursed stone wall seems to have been a stone revetting for the sides of a sunken hollow. With the aid of photographs it is now possible to say that the building which shared a party wall with 'House 2' (and was contemporary with 'House 2' possibly sharing the same roof) was constructed in a purpose made hollow dug into wind blown sand. This hollow is deeper than the hollow for 'House 2' and may well be of two phases. In section the hollow is stepped (see **Drawing 4** see Fig. 20) the upper half of the hollow being contemporary with 'House 2' whilst the lower part of the hollow may be earlier than 'House 2'. Unfortunately 'House 3' was reconstructed several times during its excavation and the building was seen and dug only as a single phase structure. A series of photographs (see Figs. 60-63) taken sequentially through the excavation show how 'House 3' appeared at various stages. Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and possibly on top. A more plausible layout for the building is shown on **Drawing 31** (see Fig. 37) superimposed on the drawing of the

reconstruction. The doorway which is shown in the northern wall is clearly in the wrong place and it is more likely that there was an opening in the west wall. The building stone used for this revetment wall was roughly hewn killas blocks. There are several postholes inside the structure indicating that the building was both of stone and timber construction. Inside the structure are two possible hearths of different phases. The upper 'hearth' is a large sub-circular deposit 5' in diameter of charcoal rich soil sealed by stone rubble which was revealed below the shell midden. The lower (partially stone lined) hearth was uncovered at a lower level adjacent to the opening in the west wall. It is possible that this building opened directly into structure **2244**. The internal diameter of the building after reconstruction was 10' (3.05m). However, the diameter of the construction hollow was approximately 15' (4.58m) and it is possible that the stone wall was, in fact, a ledge inside the building which would have created a much larger space internally. The entire building was removed by excavation in 1956.

- It lies below **(2299)** and above **(2361), (2335), (2327)**
- Plan: **Drawing 3**
- Section: **Drawing 4**
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

2243 'House 3' structure in 'Layer C' in the southern half of GMI

- In 1954 the excavation of a test trench in 'House 3' parallel with the party wall between 'Houses 2 and 3' revealed the top of a wall **(2335)** in what was called 'Layer C' overlain by the north-east corner of 'House 3' in 'Layer B' **2242**. After uncovering the wall this feature was left until 1956 to be excavated after the removal of all deposits thought to belong to 'Layer B' associated with 'House 3'. It is possible that some of the deposits identified as 'Layer B' may have been associated with the features termed 'Layer C' within the 'House'. It is now difficult to make sense of the features termed 'Layer C' below 'House 3', although we do know that they were constructed within a sunken feature. It is possible that they relate to an earlier phase of the building or below floor activity associated with the building or equally possible that they relate to industrial features unrelated to the building above. The area under the south wall of 'House 3' revealed what was originally thought to be a series of three joining pits which later appeared to be a possible construction cut containing a few stones aligned NE-SW. This appeared to extend to and be contemporary with the walling **(2335)** under the north-east part of 'House 3'. See **Drawing 24** (Fig. 34).
- It lies below **[2247]** (possibly the same as **[2365]**) and above **(2280)**
- Plan: **Drawing 24, 42**
- Section: **Drawing 4, 24**
- Finds: **GM/M/114** (iron pin) from under the wall of 'House 3'
- Excavated 1954 and 1956.

2244 Structure to the west of 'House 3' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- When this structure was first uncovered in 1954 it was identified as part of 'House 4' along with the northern wall of 'House 4' which was visible in the western section. Later in 1956 when the baulk between GMI and GMAß was removed the southern half of 'House 4' was revealed and structure 2244 was no longer referred to as 'House 4'. As with 'House 3' this structure has been not been fully represented on the field drawings. It lies immediately to the west of 'House 3' and appears to be contemporary but during the reconstruction of 'House 3' by the excavators the eastern wall of this building 2244 was removed. However, there is one plan (**Drawing 12** see Fig. 27) and a variety of photographs which show parts of the structure prior to reconstruction. These suggest that the form and layout of the building were not as the reconstruction suggests. From the *in situ* evidence it seems likely that this was a sub-rectangular 'cell' possibly with a recess for hearth (2281) opening into the western side of 'House 3'. This 'cell' was constructed in a purpose made hollow dug into wind blown sand and the cut for the hollow intersects on the northern side with the cut for the 'House 3' hollow. In section **Drawing 9** (see Fig. 24) it is clear that the hollow cut for this structure is shallower (approximately 1' deep) than both 'House 3' and 'House 4'. Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone wall possibly laid on top. The building stone used for the wall was roughly hewn killas blocks and there is a substantial posthole (2319) at the southern end of the eastern wall. The interior of this structure 2244 and 'House 4' was filled by a shell midden (2285) overlain by the 'tramlines' (2223). It is possible that this building opened directly into 'House 3'. The western walling of this structure was exposed but the remainder of the structure was never fully excavated.
- It lies below (2285) and above (2280)
- Plan: **Drawing 10, 25, 31, 45**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Excavated 1954-1956.

2245 'House 4' structure in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- When the northern wall of this structure was first uncovered in 1954 it was identified as part of 'House 4' along with the northern wall of structure 2244. Later in 1956 when the baulk between GMI and GMAß was removed the southern half of 'House 4' was revealed and structure 2244 was no longer referred to as part of 'House 4'. As with 'House 3' this structure has been not been fully represented on the field drawings. It lies immediately to the west of 'House 3' and to the south of structure 2244 and appears to be contemporary, but during the reconstruction of 'House 3' by the excavators (see above), the northern wall which originally extended eastwards and probably joined the south-western wall of 'House 3' was removed. Although the structure is represented as a small square building on the plans it seems more likely that it was an open fronted (to the south) sub-rectangular building adjoining the southern half of 'house 3' and it is possible that wall (2256) adjoining the southern wall of 'House 3' was the eastern wall of 'House 4'. If this is the case hearth (2323) would sit centrally within the building and the building would measure approximately 13' E-W by 5' N-S. There is one plan (**Drawing 12** see Fig. 27) and a variety of photographs which show parts of the structure prior to

the damaging reconstruction of 'House 3'. 'House 4' was constructed in a deep purpose made hollow (approximately 2' deep) dug into wind blown sand. Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and possibly on top. The building stone used for the wall was roughly hewn killas blocks. The interior of structure **2244** and 'House 4' was filled by a shell midden (**2285**) overlain by the 'tramlines' (**2223**). Below the shell midden there was a layer of building rubble in the eastern half of 'house 4' (either collapse, demolition or deliberate closure). The eastern walling of this structure was exposed but the remainder of the structure was never fully excavated.

- It lies below (**2285**) and above (**2280**)
- Plan: **Drawing 10, 25, 31, 45**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Excavated 1954-1956.

[2246] Construction cut for 'House 2' hollow in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- With the aid of photographs it is now possible to say that 'House 2' which shared a party wall with 'House 3' (and was contemporary with 'House 3' and may even have shared the same roof) was constructed in a purpose made hollow cut into wind blown sand. The cut of the hollow was approximately 2' deep with almost vertical sides and a flat or slightly concave base. The diameter of the construction hollow was approximately 15' (4.58m). Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and, in the case of 'House 2', on top of the soil or turf, but leaving a distance of approximately 2' to the exterior edge of the cut of the hollow. This 2' gap between the stonework and the external edge of the sunken feature cut may have accommodated the eaves of a roof, and it is possible that the stone wall was, in fact, a ledge inside the building which would have created a much larger space internally.
- It lies below (**2333**), (**2330**), (**2329**), (**2332**), (**2339**) and above (**2300**)
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

[2247] Construction cut for 'House 3' hollow in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- With the aid of photographs it is now possible to say that 'House 3' which shared a party wall with 'House 2' (and was contemporary with 'House 2' and may even have shared the same roof) was constructed in a purpose made hollow cut into wind blown sand. This hollow is deeper than the hollow for 'House 2' and may well be of two phases. In section the hollow is stepped (see **Drawing 4** see Fig. 20) the upper half of the hollow being contemporary with 'House 2' whilst the lower part of the hollow may be earlier than 'House 2'. Because 'House 3' was

reconstructed several times during its excavation the area that the reconstructed building covered became greater to the west than it should have been, and the original western wall was overlooked. In addition, this new area defined as 'House 3' (although it encompassed 'House 3' and part of structure **2244**) was seen and dug only as a single phase structure. The cut of the upper hollow was approximately 2' deep with an almost vertical northern side, a gently sloping southern side and a flat or slightly concave base, whilst the cut of the lower hollow was stepped, 2' to the south of the upper hollow had a vertical northern edge and a gently sloping southern edge and was 2' deep. The diameter of the construction hollow was approximately 15' (4.58m). Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and in the case of 'House 2' on top of the soil or turf but leaving a distance of approximately 2' to the exterior edge of the cut of the hollow. This 2' gap between the stonework and the external edge of the sunken feature cut may have accommodated the eaves of a roof, and it is possible that the stone wall was, in fact, a ledge inside the building which would have created a much larger space internally.

- It lies below **(2298)** and above **(2361)?, (2335)?, (2327)?**
- Plan: **Drawing 3, 10, 31**
- Section: **Drawing 4**
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

[2248] Construction cut for structure **2244** hollow in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- From the *in situ* evidence it seems likely that structure **2244** was a sub-rectangular 'cell' opening into the western side of 'House 3'. This 'cell' was constructed in a purpose made hollow cut in wind blown sand and the cut for the hollow intersects on the northern side with the cut for the 'House 3' hollow and on the southern side intersects with the cut hollow for 'House 4'. In section **Drawing 9** (see Fig. 24) it is clear that the hollow cut for this structure is shallower (approximately 1' deep) than both 'House 3' and 'House 4'. Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone wall possibly laid on top. The cut on the northern edge is almost vertical and the flat or slightly concave base continues southwards for approximately 6' before dropping sharply into the construction cut for 'House 4'.
- It lies below **(2303)** and above **(2280)**
- Plan: **Drawing 10, 31**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

[2249] Construction cut for 'House 4' hollow in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- It lies immediately to the west of 'House 3' and to the south of structure **2244** and appears to be contemporary but during the reconstruction of 'House 3' by the excavators, the northern wall which originally extended eastwards and probably joined the south-western wall of 'House 3', was removed. Although the structure is represented as a small square building on the plans it seems more likely that it was an open fronted (to the south) sub-rectangular building adjoining the southern half of 'house 3' and it is possible that wall **(2256)** adjoining the southern wall of 'House 3' was the eastern wall of 'House 4'. If this is the case hearth **(2323)** would sit centrally within the building and the building would measure approximately 13' E-W by 5' N-S. 'House 4' was constructed in a purpose made hollow (approximately 2' deep) dug into wind blown sand and the cut for the hollow intersects on the northern side with the cut hollow for 'House 4'. In section **Drawing 9** (see Fig. 24) it is clear that the hollow cut for this structure is deeper than that for structure **2244**. The extent of this hollow to the south was never found since the southern edge of excavation did not extend far enough. Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and possibly on top. The cut on the northern edge is almost vertical and the flat or slightly concave base continues southwards for approximately 6' before reaching the southern edge of excavation.
- It lies below **(2284)** and above **(2280)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2250) Fill of construction cut for 'House 3' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- With the aid of photographs it is now possible to say that the building which shared a party wall with 'House 2' (and was contemporary with 'House 2') was constructed in a purpose made hollow dug into wind blown sand. Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and possibly on top. This fill around the edges of the hollow is described as a dark brown sand with a few sea shells.
- It lies below **(2230)**, **(2256)**, **(2337)**, **(2336)** and above **(2307)**.
- Plan: **Drawing 10, 31**
- Section: **Drawing 4, 11**
- **1956 finds:** All these finds are from under the western reconstructed stone walling and could therefore be associated with occupation rather than construction: **Bag 180** (bone and teeth- missing), **Bag 181** (bone and pottery- the pottery is missing), **Bag 194** (pottery and charcoal), **Bag 208** (bone), **Bag 209** (pottery), **Bag 215** (bone), **Bag 256** (bone), **Bag 257** (pottery)

From under the southern walling: **Bag 235** (bone), **Bag 236** (pottery- missing), **Bag 237** (pottery), **Bag 244** (bone and pottery- the bone is missing), **Bag 245** (pottery), **Bag 258** (bone), **Bag 259** (pottery), **Bag 260** (pottery), **GM/M/107** (iron awl)

- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2251) Western stone wall of 'House 1' (Cutting: Section A)

- The western wall of 'House 1' was a continuation of the northern wall and was joined by a rounded corner. It was aligned NE-SW and measured approximately 6' NE-SW and was 3' wide with a possible depth of 1'. The wall itself was constructed with roughly hewn killas blocks, randomly coursed and with no apparent bonding material. There was no apparent construction cut associated with this wall but stratigraphically it appeared to be contemporary with the eastern wall of 'House 1' **(2214)** during the later phase of 'Layer B', although it was constructed at a higher level. At the southern end of the wall a termination was apparent although not as definite as the eastern wall. This wall was entirely removed during 1956.
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2341)**.
- Plan: **Plan IX, Drawing 3, 16, 40**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1953- 1956.

(2252) Deep turf lines below clean blown sand **(2279)** (Cutting: Test Trench in New Rectangular Cutting)

- A trench aligned north-south leading southwards from the south-west corner of the central 'House 1' baulk was excavated in 1955. This narrow trench was taken down to a depth of 7'6" from the top of the sand layer **(2280)** below Layer C. At a depth of 6' two turf lines **(2252)** were noted. These probably represent early stabilisation horizons.
- It lies below **(2279)** and above **(2253)**.
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 18, 35**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1955.

(2253) Clean blown sand below deep turf lines **(2252)** (Cutting: Test Trench in New Rectangular Cutting)

- A trench aligned north-south leading southwards from the south-west corner of the central 'House 1' baulk was excavated in 1955. This narrow trench was taken to a depth of 7'6" from the top of the sand layer **(2280)** below Layer C. At a depth of 6' two turf lines **(2252)** were noted. Below the turf lines was more wind blown sand **(2253)** which was excavated to a depth of approximately 1'6" and continued below this but was never excavated.
- It lies below **(2252)** and above limit of excavation.

- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 18, 35**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1955.

(2254) Layer overlying ‘House 2’ rubble collapse/ closure in the southern half of GMI

- The only description that exists in the record for this context is a statement in the notebook that there was ‘a layer overlying the rubble collapse of ‘House 2’.
- It lies below **(2277)** and above **(2259)**?
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds:** pottery **sherds 1174-1184** (sherds **1174-1176** are missing). April 15th 1954 – from the collapse **(2238)** or the layer over the collapse **(2254)** came a piece of slag (missing), **sherds 1211-1218** and **Bag 28** (shell- missing).
- Excavated 1954.

(2255) Hearth in the centre of ‘House 2’ ‘Layer B’ in the southern half of GMI

- This stone lined hearth was roughly centrally placed in ‘House 2’ and is contemporary with the occupation of the building. It was pentagonal in plan and lined with halves and fragments of granite rotary quern stones. In diameter the hearth measured approximately 2’. It was drawn in 1954 but the drawing is now missing. **GM/BT** (half an upper rotary quern), **GM/BU** (half an upper rotary quern), **GM/BV** (half a lower rotary quern), **GM/BW** (portion of rotary quern)-formed the lining of the hearth. It was sectioned in 1955 (but not drawn) and a decomposed sherd or lump of fired clay was selected for a paleomagnetic reading which involved painting magnetic north on it in white ink and the charred incrustation was collected as **sample 10**. It is not known whether a reading was ever taken. The remains of the hearths **(2255)** and **(2281)** in ‘Houses 2 and 3’ which had been sectioned the previous year were removed in 1956.
- It lies below **(2260)** and above **(2280)**?
- Plan: **Drawings 3, 31**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds:** **Bags 22-23** (stone- missing). **GM/BT** (half an upper rotary quern), **GM/BU** (half an upper rotary quern), **GM/BV** (half a lower rotary quern), **GM/BW** (portion of rotary quern)- all forming the lining of the hearth in ‘House 2’ **(2255)**
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 64** (pottery- one BA sherd and burnt clay, and 2 clay mould fragments)

- **Sample:** April 16th 1955- The sherd or burnt clay in the hearth **(2255)** of ‘House 2’ was ‘palaeomagnetically sampled’ which involved painting magnetic north on it in white ink and the charred incrustation was collected as **sample 10**.
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2256) Wall adjoining southern wall of ‘House 3’ ‘Layer B’ (Cutting: Trench 7)

- In Trench 7 a wall of large quartz stones **(2256)** was uncovered (aligned NE-SW) it adjoined the southern wall of ‘House 3’ in ‘Layer B’ and appeared to be contemporary. This wall terminated approximately 5’ to the south-west. It is possible that this wall formed the south-eastern wall of an open sided sub-rectangular structure, the western half of which was named ‘House 4’. If this is the case hearth **(2323)** would sit centrally within the building and the building would measure approximately 13’ E-W by 5’ N-S. This wall is possibly part of the structural make-up of ‘House 4’ but may also be part of another cell joining the southern side of ‘House 3’.
- It lies below **(2292)** and above **(2250)**
- Plan: **Drawings 3, 12, 31**
- Section: **None**
- Excavated 1954- 1956.

(2257) Feature described as ‘wall trench’ in NE corner of New Rectangular Cutting (Cutting: New Rectangular Cutting)

- There a record in the notebook in 1954 which states that a piece of glass (possibly in ACT’s drawer) was found in the top of the fill of a ‘wall trench’ **(2257)** in the new rectangular cutting in the north-east corner associated with ‘Layer B’. The feature is also partially shown on **Drawings 32 and 41** (see Fig. 38 and 43) although is unlikely to be a ‘wall trench’.
- It lies below **(2204)?** and above **(2341)?**
- Plan: **Drawings 32, 41**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds:** A piece of glass (possibly in ACT’s drawer)
- Excavated 1954.

(2258) Shell infill of ‘House 3’ in ‘Layer B’ in the southern half of GMI (Cutting: Trench 7 and extension)

- This is a thick layer of midden material dumped inside the stone walls of ‘House 3’ after abandonment. It is mostly made up of sea shells such as limpets and mussels but also contains bone, pottery, stone and iron. It is up to 1’6” deep.
- It lies below **(2299)** and above **(2263)**
- Plan: **Drawings 10**

- Section: **Drawings 4, 8, 11**
- **1954 finds:** April 19th 1954 – a piece of slag (missing), four stones (unidentified), **Bag 44** (stone) and pottery **sherds 1422-1439** (sherd **1431** is missing). **Bag 52** (shell and stone- the stone is missing). A piece of iron **GM/M/24** and pottery **sherds 1528-1568** (sherds **1544 and 1567** are missing). Stonework **GM/AL** (the other half of GM/AA), **GM/AM and GM/AN, Bag 65** (stone and shell- the stone is missing) and **Bag 67** (stone- missing). A lump of iron **GM/M/25**, two stones **GM/AV and GM/AW**, pottery **sherds 1612-1648** (sherds **1619, 1622, 1629, 1639, 1644 and 1647** are missing) and **Bag 66** (shell and stone- the stone is missing). An iron nail **GM/M/27** and pottery sherds **1669-1682** (sherd **1669** is missing). **72 sherds** of pottery which were bagged (**'trenches 1-7. Baulk S, 29/4/1954'**) and are present in the archive but are not given any finds numbers- originally bag numbers were probably **bags 71 and 72**
- Excavated 1954.

(2259) Sand and shell layer inside 'House 2' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI (Cutting: Trench 7 and extension)

- This layer is only referred to in the 1954 notebook briefly to note where some sherds were found. It is described as a sand and shell layer overlying 'House 2' and as it was excavated several days before the excavation of the rubble fill of 'House 2' (**2238**) it could be assumed that it post-dates the rubble. It seems likely that this shell and sand layer is more or less contemporary with the shell infill (**2258**) of 'House 3'. Dimensions of this layer are unknown.
- It lies below (**2254**)? and above (**2238**)?
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds:** **sherds 1463-1468** (sherds **1463 and 1467** are missing) and **Bag 47** (bone and shell- missing)
- Excavated 1954.

(2260) Possible floor layer inside 'House 2' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- Possible floor layer inside 'House 2' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI. This context is recorded as 'Layer B inside House 2'. There are no drawings and no other descriptions of it although it appears in photographs as a layer of dark brown soil which appears to be contemporary with the central hearth. It is probably an intact occupation surface.
- It lies below (**2238**) and above (**2255**)?, (**2309**)?, (**2234**)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- **1954 finds:** pottery **sherds 1494-1514** (sherds **1511 and 1514** are missing), pieces of iron **GM/M/21 and GM/M/22** and **Bag 53** (stone- missing).

- **1955 finds: Bag 12** (pottery- missing), **GM/M/50** (discarded) a piece of iron
 - Excavated 1954- 1955.
- (2261) Posthole at the base of 'Layer C' associated with furnace [2326] (Cutting: Northern extension)
- This posthole lies 2' to the east of the northern end of furnace [2326]. It is sub-circular in plan with vertical sides and a concave base and measures 1' in diameter by 1' deep. It is filled by brown sand and contains a vertically set piece of killas post packing.
 - It lies below (2355) and above (2356)
 - Plan: **Drawing 33 and 45**
 - Section: **Drawing 33**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated 1956.
- (2262) Two 'dark brown sticky patches' on the west side of Trench 7 extension (Cutting: Trench 7 extension)
- On April 28th 1954 on the west side of Trench 7 extension two 'dark brown sticky patches' (2262) were identified in 'Layer B' from which a **soil sample** was taken. This is the only mention of this context and there are no drawings or photographs.
 - It lies within (2232)
 - Plan: **None**
 - Section: **None**
 - Finds: **None**
 - **Soil Sample:** April 28th 1954 a **soil sample** was taken
 - Excavated 1956.
- (2263) Possible hearth or area of burning in 'House 3' 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI
- This context is not mentioned in the notebooks and it has not been drawn but there are clear photographs of it when it was revealed below the shell infill layer (2258) in 'House 3'. This 'upper hearth' is a large sub-circular deposit 5' in diameter of charcoal rich soil sealed by stone rubble only within the confines of the feature. Its northern edge appears to overlie the northern stone wall of 'House 3' (2230). The lower (partially stone lined) hearth (2281) was uncovered at a lower level adjacent to the opening in the west wall. The burning (2263) could have taken place during the latest phase of occupation or immediately after abandonment of the building.
 - It lies below (2258) and above (2230)

- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated 1954- 1955.

(2264) 'Floor' of 'House 3' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- This layer is a possible 'floor' layer in 'House 3'. It comprises dark brown sand with a maximum depth of 6". Whilst excavating this layer in the southern half of the reconstructed 'house' some stones were revealed. It is possible that these stones were the remains of the western wall of 'House 3' which had by this stage been incorporated into the interior of the reconstructed 'House 3'. In the floor pottery, iron, fish bones, scales or gills and many stone tools were found.
- It lies below **(2307)** and above **(2281), (2296), (2297), (2295), (2314-2319), (2339)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 4, 11**
- **1954 finds:** **GM/BB** loom weight, **GM/BC** notched slate, **GM/BD** hone, **GM/BE** whetstone, **GM/BF** (missing), **GM/BG** skinning tool, **GM/BH** whetstone and anvil, **GM/BI** hone, **GM/BJ** gritstone, **GM/BK** skinning tool, **GM/BO** (grit pebble) and **GM/BP** (lapstone), an iron pin **GM/M/32** and an iron nail **GM/M/120** (discarded), **Bag 78** (pottery- missing), **Bag 79** (stones-missing)
- **1955 finds:** a bag of bone marked 'House 3' floor Layer B 11/4/55, **GM/M/67** (iron), **GM/M/68** (iron-discarded), **GM/M/69** (iron-discarded). **Bag 51** (bones and scales- missing), **Bag 55** (fish bones), **GM/CU** (skinning tool), **GM/CV** (smoothed slate), **GM/M/73** (iron)
- **1956 finds:** **Bag 18** (pottery)
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2265) 'Layer B' inside 'House 4' the southern half of GMI

- A layer of collapse or occupation **(2265)** lay immediately below the shell layer **(2285)** covering 'House 4' and Structure **2244**. **(2265)** comprised a dark sand approximately 1' deep.
- It lies below **(2285)** and above **(2322)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- **1956 finds:** **GM/BY** (socketed stone), **GM/M/84** (lead), **Bag 306** (bone), **Bag 307** (pottery and tin ore), **Bag 336** (bone- missing), **Bag 360** (pottery), **Bag 361** (bone- missing), **GM/M/119** (iron nail), **GM/GS** (grit pebble)
- Excavated: 1954-1956

[2266] Cut of pit full of shells on the southern side of the New Rectangular Cutting sealed by 'Layer B' and filled by (2267) and (2268) (Cutting: New Rectangular Cutting)

- On March 29th 1955 at the eastern end of the north face of the baulk between the new rectangular cutting and the 'House 2' area a pit [2266] was uncovered which was sealed by Layer B (2232) and contained large quantities of shell. The shells at the top of the fill (2267) had been crushed but lower down they appeared to be mainly small unbroken mussel shells mixed with a few limpets, charcoal and bone. Below this was a primary fill (2268) of 'earthy matter' which was sampled (sample 1x2) this earthy fill (2268) also contained charcoal which was sampled (sample 2). The pit [2266] was 2'6" in diameter and 1'3" deep and was either lined with stones or had a deposit of stones in the primary fill (2268) on the south side. There is a sketch section of it in **PR notebook 2**, and a pre-ex sketch plan and another sketch plan after the removal of the shell fill (2267) in **PR notebook 4**. It was also photographed at various stages of excavation. This pit was either contemporary with or pre-dated the buildings on site.
- It lies below (2268) and above (2280)
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: March 29th 1955 **PR notebook 2**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955

(2267) Top shell fill of pit [2266] (Cutting: New Rectangular Cutting)

- On March 29th 1955 at the eastern end of the north face of the baulk between the new rectangular cutting and the 'House 2' area a pit [2266] was uncovered sealed by Layer B (2232) containing large quantities of shell. The shells at the top of the fill (2267) had been crushed but lower down they appeared to be mainly small unbroken mussel shells mixed with a few limpets, charcoal and bone. Below this was a primary fill (2268) of 'earthy matter' which was sampled (sample 1x2) this earthy fill (2268) also contained charcoal which was sampled (sample 2). The pit [2266] was 2'6" in diameter and 1'3" deep and was either lined with stones or had a deposit of stones in the primary fill (2268) on the south side. There is a sketch section of it in **PR notebook 2**, and a pre-ex sketch plan and another sketch plan after the removal of the shell fill (2267) in **PR notebook 4**. It was also photographed at various stages of excavation.
- It lies below (2232) and above (2268)
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
- Section: March 29th 1955 **PR notebook 2**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955

(2268) Primary fill of pit [2266] (Cutting: New Rectangular Cutting)

- On March 29th 1955 at the eastern end of the north face of the baulk between the new rectangular cutting and the 'House 2' area a pit [2266] was uncovered sealed by Layer B (2232) containing large quantities of shell. The shells at the top of the fill (2267) had been crushed but lower down they appeared to be mainly small unbroken mussel shells mixed with a few limpets, charcoal and bone. Below this was a primary fill (2268) of 'earthy matter' which was sampled (sample 1x2) this earthy fill (2268) also contained charcoal which was sampled (sample 2). The pit [2266] was 2'6" in diameter and 1'3" deep and was either lined with stones or had a deposit of stones in the primary fill (2268) on the south side. There is a sketch section of it in **PR notebook 2**, and a pre-ex sketch plan and another sketch plan after the removal of the shell fill (2267) in **PR notebook 4**. It was also photographed at various stages of excavation.
 - It lies below (2232) and above (2268)
 - Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
 - Section: March 29th 1955 **PR notebook 2**
 - **1955 finds:** GM/CK a large slick stone
 - **Samples:** March 29th 1955- the 'earthy matter' was sampled (sample 1x2) this earthy fill (2268) also contained charcoal which was sampled (sample 2)
 - Excavated: 1955
- (2269) Cut and fill of pit to the south-east of pit [2266] (Cutting: Baulk between New Rectangular Cutting and Trench 2)
- On March 30th 1955 on the opposite side of the baulk to the shell pit [2266] and slightly to the east was another pit (2269) which is shown on a sketch plan and a sketch section with steeply sloping sides and a concave base (no dimensions given) in **PR notebook 2**. This pit (2269) was excavated.
 - It lies below (2232) and above (2280)
 - Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
 - Section: March 30th 1955 **PR notebook 2**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1955
- (2270) General context number for finds from 'Layer B' in the northern or southern halves of GMI
- This context number was assigned for finds that were recovered from 'Layer B' in either the northern or southern halves of GMI.
 - **1955 finds:** **Bag 6** (pottery and whelk), **Bag 7** (pottery- missing), **Bag 8** (pottery), **Bag 9** (pottery), **Bag 10** (pottery), **Bag 11** (pottery- the pottery is missing but now contains pebble), **Bag 13** (pottery, shell, pebble and bone), **Bag 14** (pottery-missing), **Bag 15** (pottery- missing), **Bag 82** (bones teeth, pebbles and slag- the bones, teeth and slag are missing), **Bag 84** (small bones), **Bag 87** (small fish bones),

Bag 88 (teeth and bones- the bones are missing), **Bag 89** (stones-missing), **Bag 93** (pottery) Layer B (**2270**), **Bag 98** (pottery, pebbles, shell, barnacles and bone- the barnacles are missing), **Bag 99** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 100** (pottery), **Bag 101** (burnt bone and pebbles- missing), **Bag 106** (bone), **Bag 110** (sawn bone, shell, barnacle and pebble- missing), **GM/M/76** (iron object), **Bag 130** (pottery-missing), **Bag 131** (pebbles and burnt bone- missing), **Bag 132** (pottery, pebble, shell and sea urchin), **Bag 134** (pottery), **Bag 135** (pebble), **Bag 137** (bones and teeth- the bones are missing), **Bag 138** (bones, teeth and charcoal), **Bag 140** (shell, teeth and bones- the shell is missing), **Bag 141** (bones and teeth), **Bag 142** (small bones- fish etc), **Bag 145** (pottery, bones and teeth- the pottery and bones are missing), **Bag 146** (pottery, pebbles and iron ore- missing), **Bag 149** (bone including sheep skull with horn), **Bag 152** (pottery and slate- missing), **Bag 153** (pebbles- missing), **Bag 156** (pottery and pebbles), **Bag 159** (burnt bones and barnacle- missing), **Bag 162** (bones and teeth), **Bag 163** (bones and teeth)

- **1960 finds:** 22/6/60- pottery labelled 'Main cutting N-S section Layer B
- Excavated 1953-1960.

(2271) Top fill of pit **[2274]** (Cutting: Trench 2)

- On April 1st 1955 Trowelling continued on the southern baulk of the new rectangular cutting down to Layer B (**2232**). Once Layer B (**2232**) had been revealed here it was then trowelled through to reveal half of a flat bottomed pit **[2274]** approximately 2' deep and 2'6" wide cut into clean sand (the other half remained under the baulk to the east). The top fill (**2271**) of this pit was a layer of shell overlying a fill (**2272**) of brown sand with black patches which overlay what is described as 'a hearth' (**2273**) (a primary fill of charcoal containing slag). There is a north-south sketch section of this feature in **PR notebook 4** and there are photographs.
- It lies below (**2232**) and above (**2272**)
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
- Section: April 1st 1955 **PR notebook 4**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955

(2272) Fill of pit and flue **[2274]** below (**2271**) (Cutting: Trench 2)

- On April 1st 1955 Trowelling continued on the southern baulk of the new rectangular cutting down to Layer B (**2232**). Once Layer B (**2232**) had been revealed here it was then trowelled through to reveal half of a flat bottomed pit **[2274]** approximately 2' deep and 2'6" wide cut into clean sand (the other half remained under the baulk to the east). The top fill (**2271**) of this pit was a layer of shell overlying a fill (**2272**) of brown sand with black patches (fill of pit and flue) which overlay what is described as 'a hearth' (**2273**) (a primary fill of charcoal containing slag). There is a north-south sketch section of this feature in **PR notebook 4** and there are photographs.
- It lies below (**2271**) and above (**2273**)

- Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
- Section: April 1st 1955 **PR notebook 4**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955

(2273) Charcoal primary fill of pit **[2274]** (Cutting: Trench 2)

- On April 1st 1955 Trowelling continued on the southern baulk of the new rectangular cutting down to Layer B **(2232)**. Once Layer B **(2232)** had been revealed here it was then trowelled through to reveal half of a flat bottomed pit **[2274]** approximately 2' deep and 2'6" wide cut into clean sand (the other half remained under the baulk to the east). The top fill **(2271)** of this pit was a layer of shell overlying a fill **(2272)** of brown sand with black patches (fill of pit and flue) which overlay what is described as 'a hearth' **(2273)** (a primary fill of charcoal containing slag) lenses of alternate pink burnt sand, dark brown sand and black sand. There is a north-south sketch section of this feature in **PR notebook 4** and there are photographs. The 'hearth' or charcoal fill **(2273)** of a possible furnace pit was sampled (**sample 6**)
- It lies below **(2272)** and above **[2274]**
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
- Section: April 1st 1955 **PR notebook 4**
- Finds: April 6th 1955 - **Bag 26** (pebble and glazed slag- the slag may be in the bag of slag for 1955, possibly the furnace lining piece), **GM/BM** (slickstone), **Bag 29** (slag- missing)
- Sample: The 'hearth' or charcoal fill **(2273)** of a possible furnace pit was sampled (**sample 6**)
- Excavated: 1955

[2274] Cut of pit and flue feature **[2274]** (Cutting: Trench 2)

- On April 1st 1955 trowelling continued on the southern baulk of the new rectangular cutting down to Layer B **(2232)**. Once Layer B **(2232)** had been revealed here it was then trowelled through to reveal half of a flat bottomed pit **[2274]** approximately 2' deep and 2'6" wide cut into clean sand (the other half remained under the baulk to the east). Photographs of the section through the area of the pit show that there was a flue to the south of the pit which was not recognised during excavation. There is a north-south sketch section of this feature in **PR notebook 4** and there are photographs.
- It lies below **(2273)** and above **(2280)**
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
- Section: April 1st 1955 **PR notebook 4**
- Finds: **None**

- Excavated: 1955

(2275) Linear shell filled trench (Cutting: New Rectangular Cutting)

- This linear trench is aligned north-south and measures approximately 7' long by 1'6" wide. It is described early on in the notes as a shell filled trench but drawing 45 executed at a later date clearly illustrates it as a charcoal filled trench. It seems likely that this was a industrial feature which was later infilled with shells.
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2341)**
- Plan: **Drawing 16, 41, 45**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2276) Spread of ginger sand in the NE corner of the New Rectangular Cutting (Cutting: New Rectangular Cutting)

- In the north-east corner of the New Rectangular Cutting an area of ginger sand **(2276)** 5' long was identified overlying layer B **(2208)**, there is a sketch plan in **PR notebook 4** and a **sample** of it was taken although this is now missing. Its depth and exact extent are unknown.
- It lies below **(2224)** and above **(2204)**
- Plan: **PR notebook 4**
- Section: **None**
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 147** (pottery, bones and teeth- the pottery is missing), **Bag 151** (pottery, slate and charcoal- the pottery is missing), **Bag 164** (bones and teeth-missing), **Bag 168** (pottery, clay mould fragment and pebbles- the pebbles are missing)
- Excavated: 1955

(2277) Clean wind blown sand below 'tramlines' (turf lines) **(2223)**

- This is a thin layer of wind blown sand below the 'tramlines' **(2223)** which is visible across the entire site. It is approximately 6" deep.
- It lies below **(2304)** and above **(2285), (2254), (2231)? (2291), (2338), (2235)? (2213), (2202)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawings 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 19, 32, 35**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1953- 1958

(2278) ‘Tramlines’ (two turf lines) below **(2280)**

- Two turf lines were uncovered below the wind blown sand **(2280)** which lay below ‘Layer C’. Each of the turf lines was approximately 1” thick and they were separated by a layer of blown sand 6” deep.
- It lies below **(2280)** and above **(2279)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawings 1, 18, 35**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1953- 1958

(2279) Clean blown sand below ‘Tramlines’ (two turf lines) **(2278)**

- This is a deep layer of wind blown sand below ‘Tramlines’ (two turf lines) **(2278)**. It is approximately 5’ deep.
- It lies below **(2278)** and above **(2252)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawings 18, 35**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1953- 1958

(2280) Clean blown sand below ‘Layer C across the whole of GMI

- This is a layer of wind blown sand immediately below and predating all the post-Roman activity on site. It is approximately 1’ deep at its deepest. This is probably the same as (2212) excavated in the 1953 test pit.
- It lies below [2249], [2248], (2255), [2313], (2300), [2365], (2323), [2274], (2269), [2266], (2289), (2240), (2301), (2291), (2338), (2235)? (2218), (2358) and above **(2278)**
- Plan: **Drawings 7, 10**
- Section: **Drawings 1, 6, 8, 9, 11, 18, 35, 39**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954- 1958

(2281) Stone lined hearth in ‘House 3’

- This is a sub-rectangular hearth aligned roughly east-west. It is partially lined with granite slabs on southern and eastern sides and measures approximately 3’ E-W by 2’ N-S. It is unclear as to whether this hearth was ever located inside ‘House 3’ and it seems more likely that it was located inside structure **2244** on the western side within what appears to be a recess in the building constructed to house the hearth. On April 11th 1955 the hearth **(2281)** was sectioned east-west and photographed

and the fill comprised charcoal overlying brown clay which was sampled (**sample 7**).

- It lies below **(2264)** and above **(2298)**
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Samples: April 11th 1955- **sample 7**
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2282) Posthole at the base of 'Layer C' associated with the furnace **[2326]**

- This is a small sub-circular posthole shown on **Drawing 33** (see Fig. 39) but not referred to anywhere else in the record. It measures 9" in diameter and is 9" deep and is filled by brown sand. There is also a section drawing of it on **Drawing 33** which shows that it has vertical sides and a concave base.
- It lies below **(2355)** and above **(2356)**
- Plan: **Drawing 33**
- Section: **Drawing 33**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2283) General context number for finds from either 'Layer B' or 'Layer C' in the northern or southern halves of GMI

- This context number was assigned for finds that were recovered from either 'Layer B' or 'Layer C' in either the northern or southern halves of GMI.
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 50** (pottery, pebble and burnt bone- missing), **Bag 52** (pottery), **Bag 54** (worked bone- missing), **Bag 56** (iron slag, pottery and pebbles- the slag and pebbles are missing), **Bag 58** (bones and teeth- the bone is missing), **Bag 59** (bones and teeth- missing), **Bag 60** (fish bone), **Bag 63** (pottery-missing), **Bag 65** (slate and pebbles), **Bag 66** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 67** (fish bones and pebbles), **Bag 68** (pebbles), **GM/CX** (notched slate), **Bag 69** (tooth), **Bag 70** (bones, burnt bone, worked bone and pebbles- the bones are missing), **Bag 71** (bones and teeth- the bones are missing)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2284) Stone wall of 'House 4'

- 'House 4' lies immediately to the west of 'House 3' and to the south of structure **2244** and appears to be contemporary but during the reconstruction of 'House 3' by the excavators the northern wall which originally extended eastwards and probably joined the south-western wall of 'House 3' was removed. 'House 4' was constructed in a deep purpose made hollow (approximately 2' deep) in wind blown sand Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to

reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and possibly on top. The building stone used for the wall was roughly hewn killas blocks.

- It lies below **(2306)** and above **[2249]**
- Plan: **Drawing 25, 31, 45**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- **1956 finds: Bag 364** (bones)
- Excavated: 1954- 1956

(2285) Layer of shell infill inside 'House 4' and structure **2244**

- The interiors of the structure to the west of 'House 3' **2244** and 'House 4' **2245** were filled by a shell midden **(2285)**. This shell midden was approximately 6" deep and was deposited on abandonment of the two structures. It was not sampled.
- It lies below **(2277)** and above **(2265) and (2286)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954- 1956

(2286) Stone wall of structure **2244**

- Structure **2244** lies immediately to the west of 'House 3' and appears to be contemporary but during the reconstruction of 'House 3' by the excavators the eastern wall of this building **2244** was removed. However, there is one plan (**Drawing 12** see Fig. 27) and a variety of photographs which show parts of the structure prior to reconstruction. These suggest that the form and layout of the building were not as the reconstruction suggests. From the *in situ* evidence it seems likely that this was a sub-rectangular 'cell' possibly with a recess for hearth **(2281)** opening into the western side of 'House 3'. Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone wall possibly laid on top. The building stone used for the wall was roughly hewn killas blocks and there is a substantial posthole at the southern end of the eastern wall.
- It lies below **(2285)** and above **(2302)**
- Plan: **Drawing 10, 25, 31, 45**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954- 1956

(2287) General context number for finds from either 'Layer A', 'Layer B' or 'Layer C' in the northern or southern halves of GMI

- This context number was assigned for finds that were recovered from either 'Layer A', 'Layer B' or 'Layer C' in either the northern or southern halves of GMI.
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 72** (eight sherds and pebbles- these are missing, bag now contains one sherd, a clay mould fragment), **Bag 73** (pottery and burnt bone- the bone is missing), **Bag 74** (grass-marked pottery (missing)- now contains a piece of burnt clay which has been identified as a clay mould fragment), **Bag 75** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 76** (pottery and pebble), **Bag 77** (slate and pebbles- the slate is missing), **Bag 78** (pottery, pebbles, shell- the pebbles are missing), **Bag 79** (pottery), **Bag 80** (pottery and pebbles- missing), **Bag 81** (pottery and slag- the slag is missing), **Bag 83** (shell, iron ore, and teeth- the iron ore is missing), **Bag 85** (scored bone and burnt bone- missing), **Bag 102** (pottery), **Bag 103** (bones- missing)
- Excavated 1953-1958.

(2288) Late pit underlying the top grey sand of (2200) in the southern half of GMI

- This pit is shown on a section drawing only (**Drawing 1** see Fig. 17) and is not referred to in the notes. It is filled by grey sand and is 1'6" wide by 2' deep and underlies the top grey sand layer of (2200) cutting the bottom windblown sand layer (2200). It is a post-medieval feature.
- It lies within (2200)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 1**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2289) Pit underlying 'Layer B' (2232) containing charcoal fill at base in the southern half of GMI

- This sub-circular pit is shown on a section drawing (**Drawing 1** see Fig. 17) and plans (**Drawings 31 and 45** see Fig. 37 and 45) and is not referred to in the notes. It is filled by blackened sand containing mussel and limpet shells (6" deep) overlying a charcoal rich deposit (3" deep) and is 1'6" in diameter. It has steeply sloping sides and a fairly flat base.
- It lies below (2232) and above (2280)
- Plan: **Drawings 31, 45**
- Section: **Drawing 1**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2290) Cut and fill of 'Layer A' pit (Cutting: Inner Cutting)

- This sub-circular pit is shown in on plans (**Drawings 16, 41 and 45** see Fig. 28, 43 and 45) and possibly on section (**Drawing 2** see Fig. 18) and is not referred to in the notes. It appears on **drawing 45** (see Fig. 45) as if the fill contains charcoal and it is approximately 2' in diameter.
- It lies within **(2202)**
- Plan: **Drawings 16, 41 and 45**
- Section: **Drawing 2**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2291) Shallow pit or hearth on the western side of the New Rectangular Cutting (Cutting: New Rectangular Cutting)

- This sub-circular pit is shown in on plans (**Drawings 31 and 45** see Fig. 37 and 45) and on section (**Drawing 2** see Fig. 18) and is not referred to in the notes. It appears on **drawing 45** (see Fig. 45) as if the fill contains shells and it is approximately 2' in diameter. On section (**Drawing 2**) it is shown as being up to 6" deep and filled by 'blackened sand'.
- It lies below **(2277)?** and above **(2280)?**
- Plan: **Drawings 31 and 45**
- Section: **Drawing 2**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2292) Hearth or charcoal dump on the southern side of wall (2256) (Cutting: Trench 7)

- This semi-circular hearth or dump of charcoal is shown on plan (**Drawing 3** see Fig. 19) and is not referred to in the notes. It appears on plan against the southern side of wall (2256) which adjoins the southern wall of 'House 3'. It measures approximately 2' E-W by 1'6" N-S.
- It lies below **(2299)?** and above **(2256)**
- Plan: **Drawings 3**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2293) Charcoal filled trench on the west side of the Inner Cutting (Cutting: Inner Cutting)

- Outside and to the west of 'House 1' a black linear feature **(2293)** aligned NE-SW was uncovered. It is suggested at one point in the notes that this linear charcoal feature was '*a dark layer within layer B dipping sharply and out across horizontally*'. It is unclear from the notes what extent or form this feature **(2293)** took although it appears on **Drawing 45** (see Fig. 45) as a linear trench approximately 12' long by 1' wide filled with charcoal.
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2341)**
- Plan: **Drawings 3, 16, 32, 41, 45**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2294) Posthole associated with a later phase of 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This probable posthole is shown on section **Drawing 4** (see Fig. 20) and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is filled by brown sand, has steeply sloping sides and a pointed base. It measures approximately 1' wide at the top and is 9" deep and is associated with a later phase of 'House 3'.
- It lies below **(2230)** and above **(2307)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 4**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2295) Posthole associated with an early phase of 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This posthole is shown on section **Drawing 4** (see Fig. 20) and plan **Drawing 24** (see Fig. 34) there is no other reference to it in the record. It is filled by dark brown sand, has steeply sloping sides and a concave base. It measures approximately 1'6" wide at the top and is 1'6" deep and is associated with an early phase of 'House 3'.
- It lies below **(2264)** and above **(2298)**
- Plan: **Drawing 24**
- Section: **Drawing 4**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2296) Stakehole associated with an early phase of 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This stakehole is shown on section **Drawing 4** (see Fig. 20) and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is filled by dark brown sand, has steeply sloping

sides and a concave base. It measures approximately 4” wide at the top and is 6” deep and is associated with an early phase of ‘House 3’.

- It lies below **(2264)** and above **(2298)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 4**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2297) Stakehole associated with an early phase of ‘House 3’ in the southern half of GMI

- This stakehole is shown on section **Drawing 4** (see Fig. 20) and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is filled by dark brown sand, has steeply sloping sides and a concave base. It measures approximately 4” wide at the top and is 6” deep and is associated with an early phase of ‘House 3’.
- It lies below **(2264)** and above **(2298)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 4**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2298) Possible floor layer associated with an early phase of ‘House 3’ in the southern half of GMI

- This possible floor layer is shown on section **Drawing 4** (see Fig. 20) and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is shown as a layer of dark brown sand at the base of the ‘House 3’ hollow cut approximately 3” deep.
- It lies below **(2281)**, **(2296)**, **(2297)**, **(2295)**, **(2314-2319)**, **(2339)** and above **[2247]**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 4**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954- 1956

(2299) Upper light brown layer of **(2232)** in the southern half of GMI

- This layer of light brown sand was approximately 10” deep and overlay what was called ‘Layer B’ in the southern half of GMI. It is referred to as an ‘upper Layer B’.
- It lies below **(2231)?** and above **(2232)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 6, 11**

- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954- 1956

(2300) Cut and fill of flue feature to the east of 'House 2' in the southern half of GMI

- To the north of the pit **(2301)** was a linear feature **(2300)** filled with blackened sand and charcoal surrounded by scorched pink sand. A **sample 26/4/54** was taken from the edges of **(2300)**, presumably of the scorched pink sand. This burnt feature was aligned E-W and lay directly outside the entrance of 'House 2' (appearing from photographs to pre-date it) and was planned (**Drawing 7** see Fig. 22). The photographs suggest the section of this feature under the construction cut of 'House 2' formed a pit and from this the probable flue extended eastwards. This feature measured approximately 3'6" long by 1' wide and appears to be associated with pit **(2301)** immediately to the south.
- It lies below **[2246]** and above **(2280)**
- Plan: **Drawing 7, 31**
- Section: **Drawing 6**
- Finds: **None**
- Soil Sample: A **sample 26/4/54** was taken from the edges of **(2300)**, presumably of the scorched pink sand
- Excavated: 1954

(2301) Cut and fill of pit to the south of **(2300)** in the southern half of GMI

- A pit **(2301)** was uncovered filled with dark brown sand and a few shells and bone cutting the clean blown sand **(2280)**, and to the north of the pit was a linear feature **(2300)** filled with blackened sand and charcoal surrounded by scorched pink sand which appears to be associated with it. The pit measures approximately 3' in diameter by 2' deep with a possible stakehole cut into the base on the northern side filled by shells. It had steeply sloping sides and a more or less flat base.
- It lies below **(2232)** and above **(2280)**
- Plan: **Drawing 7, 31**
- Section: **Drawing 6**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954

(2302) Fill of construction cut **[2248]** for structure **2244** in the southern half of GMI

- Inside the edges of the hollow for structure **2244** turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone wall possibly laid on top. This fill comprised dark brown sand with occasional shells and stones and was approximately 1'6" deep.

- It lies below **(2286)** and above **(2303)**
- Plan: **Drawing 10**
- Section: **Drawing 8**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2303) Black sand lens below **(2302)** in structure **2244** in the southern half of GMI

- This lens of black sand is shown in section **drawing 8** (see Fig. 23) only which is located on the northern side of structure **2244** and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is approximately 1'3" wide and 2" deep and lies at the base of the construction cut for structure **2244**.
- It lies below **(2302)** and above **2244**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 8**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2304) Dark sand layer above clean sand **(2277)** above 'House 4' and structure **2244** in the southern half of GMI

- This layer of dark sand is shown in section **drawing 9** (see Fig. 24) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is approximately 7' N-S and 4" deep and overlies the shell infill of structure **2244** and 'House 4'.
- It lies below **(2223)** and above **(2277)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2305) Clean blown sand layer inside 'House 4' in the southern half of GMI

- This layer of clean blown sand is shown in section **drawing 9** (see Fig. 24) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It appears towards the base of the construction cut for 'House 4' and is approximately 2" deep.
- It lies below **(2322)** and above **(2306)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Finds: **None**

- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2306) Dark sand layer inside 'House 4' below **(2305)** in the southern half of GMI

- This layer of dark sand is shown in section **drawing 9** (see Fig. 24) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It lies at the base of the construction cut for 'House 4' and is approximately 10" deep. It is probably an intact floor surface.
- It lies below **(2305)** and above **(2284)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 9**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2307) Clean sand lens below infills of 'House 3' Layer B structure in the southern half of GMI

- This lens of clean blown sand is shown in section **drawings 4 and 11** (see Fig. 20 and 26) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is sealed by the shell infill of 'House 3' and is approximately 2" deep.
- It lies below **(2294) and (2250)** and above **(2264)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 4, 11**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2308) Linear charcoal streak to the SW of 'House 1' (Cutting: Inner Cutting)

- This thin line of charcoal is shown in plan **drawings 16 and 45** (see Fig. 28 and 45) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is aligned NW-SE and is approximately 6' long by 1" wide.
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2341)**
- Plan: **Drawing 16, 45**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2309) Stone capping of stone lined pit **[2313]** in 'House 2'

- On April 6th 1956 the stone lined pit **[2313]** (named by the excavators 'pot rest feature') in the south-west portion of 'House 2' was cleaned and a sherd of pottery with stamped decoration was found in the top of the fill **(2309)**. There is a sketch

plan in the notebook (**Notebook 7**) showing the pit [2313]. This feature was planned (**Drawing 21** see Fig. 31) and sectioned NE-SW (**Drawing 39** see Fig. 41) and a sample was taken from the fill (2310) or/and (2311) (**Sample 4**) on April 7th 1956. All the fills were excavated and the pit was photographed and it was noted that the stone lining (2312) was burnt. Section **drawing 39** shows that this feature measured 2' in diameter by 1' 9" deep and had three fills. The primary fill (2311) was 'dark sandy material with shell, small bones, charcoal and occasional small pieces of ochre clay and a wooden object' 1' deep. Above this was a fill (2310) of 'very dark material with an intense concentration of mussel and limpet shells with frequent charcoal, occasional small bones and pottery' 6" deep. This lay below killas capping stones (2309) (average stone 9" x 5" x 6") in a matrix of dark material containing shell and occasional pottery. The cut [2313] of the pit had vertical sides and an almost flat base and the sides were lined (2312) with large, thin, vertically set killas slabs (average stone 1'10" x 1' x 1½").

- It lies below (2260) and above (2310)
- Plan: **Drawing 21, 31, 42**
- Section: **Drawing 39**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2310) Top fill of stone lined pit [2313] in 'House 2'

- On April 6th 1956 the stone lined pit [2313] (named by the excavators 'pot rest feature') in the south-west portion of 'House 2' was cleaned and a sherd of pottery with stamped decoration was found in the top of the fill (2309). There is a sketch plan in the notebook (**Notebook 7**) showing the pit [2313]. This feature was planned (**Drawing 21** see Fig. 31) and sectioned NE-SW (**Drawing 39** see Fig. 41) and a sample was taken from the fill (2310) or/and (2311) (**Sample 4**) on April 7th 1956. All the fills were excavated and the pit was photographed and it was noted that the stone lining (2312) was burnt. Section **drawing 39** shows that this feature measured 2' in diameter by 1' 9" deep and had three fills. The primary fill (2311) was 'dark sandy material with shell, small bones, charcoal and occasional small pieces of ochre clay and a wooden object' 1' deep. Above this was a fill (2310) of 'very dark material with an intense concentration of mussel and limpet shells with frequent charcoal, occasional small bones and pottery' 6" deep. This lay below killas capping stones (2309) (average stone 9" x 5" x 6") in a matrix of dark material containing shell and occasional pottery. The cut [2313] of the pit had vertical sides and an almost flat base and the sides were lined (2312) with large, thin, vertically set killas slabs (average stone 1'10" x 1' x 1½").
- It lies below (2309) and above (2311)
- Plan: **Drawing 21**
- Section: **Drawing 39**
- **1956 finds:** **Bag 216** (bone and charcoal- missing) from the fill (2310) and/or (2311) of the pit, **Bag 217** (pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from the fill (2310) and/or (2311) of the pit, **Bag 225** (bone- missing) from the fill of the

pit (2310) and/or (2311), Bag 228 (charcoal) from the fill of the pit (2310) and/or (2311), Bag 229 (pottery) from the fill of the pit (2310) and/or (2311).

- Soil Sample: April 7th 1956 – a sample was taken from the fill (2310) or/and (2311) (Sample 4)
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2311) Primary fill of stone lined pit [2313] in ‘House 2’

- On April 6th 1956 the stone lined pit [2313] (named by the excavators ‘pot rest feature’) in the south-west portion of ‘House 2’ was cleaned and a sherd of pottery with stamped decoration was found in the top of the fill (2309). There is a sketch plan in the notebook (Notebook 7) showing the pit [2313]. This feature was planned (Drawing 21 see Fig. 31) and sectioned NE-SW (Drawing 39 see Fig. 41) and a sample was taken from the fill (2310) or/and (2311) (Sample 4) on April 7th 1956. All the fills were excavated and the pit was photographed and it was noted that the stone lining (2312) was burnt. Section drawing 39 shows that this feature measured 2’ in diameter by 1’ 9” deep and had three fills. The primary fill (2311) was ‘dark sandy material with shell, small bones, charcoal and occasional small pieces of ochre clay and a wooden object’ 1’ deep. Above this was a fill (2310) of ‘very dark material with an intense concentration of mussel and limpet shells with frequent charcoal, occasional small bones and pottery’ 6” deep. This lay below killas capping stones (2309) (average stone 9” x 5” x 6”) in a matrix of dark material containing shell and occasional pottery. The cut [2313] of the pit had vertical sides and an almost flat base and the sides were lined (2312) with large, thin, vertically set killas slabs (average stone 1’10” x 1’ x 1½”).
- It lies below (2310) and above (2312)
- Plan: Drawing 21
- Section: Drawing 39
- **1956 finds:** Bag 216 (bone and charcoal- missing) from the fill (2310) and/or (2311) of the pit, Bag 217 (pottery and charcoal- the charcoal is missing) from the fill (2310) and/or (2311) of the pit, Bag 225 (bone- missing) from the fill of the pit (2310) and/or (2311), Bag 228 (charcoal) from the fill of the pit (2310) and/or (2311), Bag 229 (pottery) from the fill of the pit (2310) and/or (2311). Bag 210 (wood- missing or poss. Sample 4) from the fill (2311)
- Soil Sample: April 7th 1956 – a sample was taken from the fill (2310) or/and (2311) (Sample 4)
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2312) Stone lining of stone lined pit [2313] in ‘House 2’

- On April 6th 1956 the stone lined pit [2313] (named by the excavators ‘pot rest feature’) in the south-west portion of ‘House 2’ was cleaned and a sherd of pottery with stamped decoration was found in the top of the fill (2309). There is a sketch plan in the notebook (Notebook 7) showing the pit [2313]. This feature was planned (Drawing 21 see Fig. 31) and sectioned NE-SW (Drawing 39 see Fig. 41) and a sample was taken from the fill (2310) or/and (2311) (Sample 4) on April 7th

1956. All the fills were excavated and the pit was photographed and it was noted that the stone lining (2312) was burnt. Section **drawing 39** shows that this feature measured 2' in diameter by 1' 9" deep and had three fills. The primary fill (2311) was 'dark sandy material with shell, small bones, charcoal and occasional small pieces of ochre clay and a wooden object' 1' deep. Above this was a fill (2310) of 'very dark material with an intense concentration of mussel and limpet shells with frequent charcoal, occasional small bones and pottery' 6" deep. This lay below killas capping stones (2309) (average stone 9" x 5" x 6") in a matrix of dark material containing shell and occasional pottery. The cut [2313] of the pit had vertical sides and an almost flat base and the sides were lined (2312) with large, thin, vertically set killas slabs (average stone 1'10" x 1' x 1½").

- It lies below (2311) and above [2313]
- Plan: **Drawing 21, 42**
- Section: **Drawing 39**
- **1956 finds: GM/FF** (burnt granite slab)
- Excavated: 1955-1956

[2313] Cut of stone lined pit [2313] in 'House 2'

- On April 6th 1956 the stone lined pit [2313] (named by the excavators 'pot rest feature') in the south-west portion of 'House 2' was cleaned and a sherd of pottery with stamped decoration was found in the top of the fill (2309). There is a sketch plan in the notebook (**Notebook 7**) showing the pit [2313]. This feature was planned (**Drawing 21** see Fig. 31) and sectioned NE-SW (**Drawing 39** see Fig. 41) and a sample was taken from the fill (2310) or/and (2311) (**Sample 4**) on April 7th 1956. All the fills were excavated and the pit was photographed and it was noted that the stone lining (2312) was burnt. Section **drawing 39** shows that this feature measured 2' in diameter by 1' 9" deep and had three fills. The primary fill (2311) was 'dark sandy material with shell, small bones, charcoal and occasional small pieces of ochre clay and a wooden object' 1' deep. Above this was a fill (2310) of 'very dark material with an intense concentration of mussel and limpet shells with frequent charcoal, occasional small bones and pottery' 6" deep. This lay below killas capping stones (2309) (average stone 9" x 5" x 6") in a matrix of dark material containing shell and occasional pottery. The cut [2313] of the pit had vertical sides and an almost flat base and the sides were lined (2312) with large, thin, vertically set killas slabs (average stone 1'10" x 1' x 1½").
- It lies below (2312) and above (2280)
- Plan: **Drawing 21, 31**
- Section: **Drawing 39**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2314) Posthole in 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This posthole is shown on plan **Drawing 31** (see Fig. 37) in the NE corner of the reconstructed 'House 3' and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is filled by brown sand and measures approximately 6" in diameter. Its depth is unknown. It is probably associated with an earlier phase of 'House 3' and is probably part of the structure of the building.
- It lies below **(2264)** and above **(2298)**
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2315) Posthole in 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This posthole is shown on plan **Drawing 31 and 24** (see Fig. 37 and 34) in the centre of the reconstructed 'House 3' and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is filled by brown sand and measures approximately 4" in diameter. Its depth is unknown. It is probably associated with an earlier phase of 'House 3'.
- It lies below **(2264)** and above **(2298)**
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 24**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2316) Posthole in 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This posthole is shown on plan **Drawing 31** (see Fig. 37) in the NW corner of the reconstructed 'House 3' and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is filled by brown sand, has stone post packing and measures approximately 6" in diameter. Its depth is unknown. It is possibly associated with an earlier phase of 'House 3' or structure **2244** and possibly with the stone lined hearth **(2281)**.
- It lies below **(2264)** and above **(2298)**
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2317) Posthole in 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This posthole is shown on plan **Drawing 31 and 24** (see Fig. 37 and 34) in the SW corner of the reconstructed 'House 3' and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is filled by brown sand and measures approximately 6" in diameter. Its

depth is unknown. It is possibly associated with an earlier phase of 'House 3' or structure 2244 and possibly with the stone lined hearth (2281).

- It lies below (2264) and above (2298)
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 24**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2318) Posthole in 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This posthole is shown on plan **Drawing 31** (see Fig. 37) in the SW corner of the reconstructed 'House 3' and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is larger than the other postholes and filled by dark sand containing charcoal. It measures approximately 1' in diameter. Its depth is unknown. It is either associated with an earlier phase of 'House 3' or 'House 4'.
- It lies below (2264) and above (2298)
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2319) Posthole to the west of 'House 3' associated with structure 2244 in the southern half of GMI

- This posthole is shown on plan **Drawing 31** (see Fig. 37) at the southern end of the eastern wall of structure 2244 and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is larger than the other postholes and photographs taken in the area show that its post packing was left *in situ* after the area around it and the fill had been removed. The post packing comprised large vertically set killas slabs and the fill was dark sand containing charcoal. It measures approximately 1' in diameter. Its depth is unknown. It is associated with structure 2244.
- It lies below (2264) and above (2298)
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2320) Pit in 'Layer A' seen in the western section (Cutting: Western extension)

- On April 16th 1955 at the northern end of the western edge of GMI two sub-circular two pits (2320) and (2321) were first seen in section only. Pit (2320) was

associated with 'Layer A' and is described and sketched as a flat bottomed pit with vertical sides containing many bones with an upper fill of shells and a layer of charcoal at the base. It is approximately 4' in diameter and probably 1' or 2' deep.

- It lies within (2202)
- Plan: **Drawing 16, 40, 41, 45**
- Section: **None**
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 119** (pottery), **Bag 129** (burnt bone, and bone), bags of bone (showing a large amount) were retrieved from the Layer A pit (2320) although they were not given finds bag numbers or dates of retrieval and are marked **N end main N-S section Layer A pit**- there are 5 of these. **Bag 150** (amphora sherd-missing) from the charcoal fill. Cow bones and horn in a bag marked '**W baulk, N end A pit cut through B 20/3/56**'
- **1956 finds:** Cow bones and horn in a bag marked '**W baulk, N end A pit cut through B 20/3/56**'
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2321) Pit sealed by 'Layer B' seen in the western section (Cutting: Western extension)

- On April 16th 1955 at the northern end of the western edge of GMI two sub-circular pits (2320) and (2321) were first seen in section only. Pit (2321) was full of charcoal with sea urchin fragments sealed by Layer B (2208). It is approximately 2'6" in diameter and probably 1' deep.
- It lies below (2341) and above (2228)
- Plan: **Drawing 16**
- Section: **None**
- **1955 finds:** **Bag 111** (sea urchin fragments- in ACT's drawer), **Bag 113** (bone-missing)
- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2322) Stone rubble inside 'House 4' (Cutting: Western extension and baulk between GMI and GMA)

- This is a rubble infill of 'House 4' which appears to be confined to inside the walls. During the removal of the rubble pottery sherds which made up a complete bar-lug pot with a grass-marked base were recovered. This was reconstructed (there are photographs) and is possibly now in pieces in an unmarked box. The depth of the rubble infill is unknown.
- It lies below (2265) and above (2305)
- Plan: **Drawing 25, 31**
- Section: **None**
- **1955 finds:** During the removal of the rubble pottery sherds which made up a complete bar-lug pot with a grass-marked base were recovered. This was

reconstructed (there are photographs) and is possibly now in pieces in an unmarked box.

- Excavated: 1955- 1956

(2323) Hearth pit between 'House 4' and 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- A hearth pit **(2323)** was uncovered in the area between 'Houses 3 and 4' containing dense black ash and to the east of it was an 'arcing strip of pink burnt sand' which was sectioned but not drawn. The pit **(2323)** was approximately 3' long by 2' wide surrounded by burnt pink sand which was excavated. A grass-marked sherd (low rimmed platter with handle) was found next to the trench **(2323)**. There is a sketch plan of the ash trench **(2323)** in **PR notebook 7** on March 26th 1956. It was cleaned for a photograph which was never taken.
- It lies below **(2232)** and above **(2280)**
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2324) Black fill of furnace **[2326]** (Cutting: Western extension and Northern extension)

- On March 27th 1956 at the northern end of the western extension to the site trowelling continued through Layer B **(2208)** where some large stones **(2325)** were revealed in a black deposit **(2324)**. These stones **(2325)** were left *in situ*. In order to find an extent to this black stony area an extension was made along the western edge 10' long to the north. **(2324)** was discovered to be a deep fill between two parallel lines of walling (aligned NE-SW). This fill was a blackened sand containing large lumps of charcoal. The walling **[2326]** of this feature was vertically set and formed what appeared to be a flue. This feature was photographed in 1956. The black fired fill **(2324)** of the 'furnace' measured 8' NE-SW by 2' NW-SE by 2' deep it had steeply sloping sides and a flat base and comprised lenses of charcoal separated by lenses of burnt pinkish brown sand. It was contained by a stone lining **(2325)** comprising vertically set killas slabs (the largest measuring 2' x 2' x 6"). The killas slabs were blackened on the internal face and some were heat shattered. On the outer face of the stones the fill of the construction cut was a grey sand. Notes at the end of the 1958 season describe the fill **(2324)** as containing masses of charcoal, very little bone or shell, no slag and a small amount of pottery and that the rounded edges of the cut into clean blown sand **(2279)** were scorched pink. The assessment of the charcoal samples taken from this feature have identified that the following species were present: oak, hawthorn, gorse/broom, hazel, alder, birch and heather.
- It lies below **(2355)** and above **(2325)**
- Plan: **Drawing 33, 42**
- Section: **Drawing 23**

- **1956 finds:** **Bag 41** (charcoal- missing), **Bag 42** (bone and teeth), **Bag 326** (pottery and bone), **Bag 327** (charcoal and bone), **Bag 328** (bone, burnt bone and shell), **Bag 349** (pottery), **Bag 350** (pottery), **Bag 351** (charcoal), **Bag 352** (stone and slag), **Bag 353** (bone and shell), **Bag 354** (bone), **GM/M/118** (iron nail head), **Bag 356** (bone and shell), **Bag 357** (pottery), **Bag 358** (pottery- missing), **Bag 359** (charcoal), **Bag 362** (pottery- missing), **Bag 363** (charcoal, coprolite and bone- the bone is missing), **GM/GI** (burnt granite)
- **1958 finds:** **Bag 34** (charcoal sample), **Bag 35** (burnt bone- missing), **Bag 36** (oyster shell and pottery- the oyster is missing)
- Soil Samples: April 28th 1956 – There are no site notes. **Soil sample 22** was taken from the fill of the flue (**2324**) in the north-west corner in Layer C. **Bag 34** (charcoal sample)
- Excavated: 1956-1958

(2325) Stone lining of furnace [**2326**] (Cutting: Western extension and Northern extension)

- On March 27th 1956 at the northern end of the western extension to the site trowelling continued through Layer B (**2208**) where some large stones (**2325**) were revealed in a black deposit (**2324**). These stones (**2325**) were left *in situ*. In order to find an extent to this black stony area an extension was made along the western edge 10' long to the north. (**2324**) was discovered to be a deep fill between two parallel lines of walling aligned NE-SW. This fill was a blackened sand containing large lumps of charcoal. The walling [**2326**] of this feature was vertically set and formed what appeared to be a flue. This feature was photographed in 1956. The black fired fill (**2324**) of the 'furnace' measured 8' NE-SW by 2' NW-SE by 2' deep it had steeply sloping sides and a flat base and comprised lenses of charcoal separated by lenses burnt pinkish brown sand. It was contained by stone lined sides (**2325**) comprising vertically set killas slabs (the largest measuring 2' x 2' x 6"). The killas slabs were blackened on the internal face and some were heat shattered. On the outer face of the stones the fill of the construction cut was a grey sand. Notes at the end of the 1958 season describe the fill (**2324**) as containing masses of charcoal, very little bone or shell, no slag and a small amount of pottery and that the rounded edges of the cut into clean blown sand (**2279**) were scorched pink. The assessment of the charcoal samples taken from this feature have identified that the following species were present: oak, hawthorn, gorse/broom, hazel, alder, birch and heather.
- It lies below (**2324**) and above [**2326**]
- Plan: **Drawing 33, 42**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956-1958

[**2326**] Cut of furnace (Cutting: Western extension and Northern extension)

- On March 27th 1956 at the northern end of the western extension to the site trowelling continued through Layer B (2208) where some large stones (2325) were revealed in a black deposit (2324). These stones (2325) were left *in situ*. In order to find an extent to this black stony area an extension was made along the western edge 10' long to the north. (2324) was discovered to be a deep fill between two parallel lines of walling aligned NE-SW. This fill was a blackened sand containing large lumps of charcoal. The walling [2326] of this feature was vertically set and formed what appeared to be a flue. This feature was photographed in 1956. The black fired fill (2324) of the 'furnace' measured 8' NE-SW by 2' NW-SE by 2' deep it had steeply sloping sides and a flat base and comprised lenses of charcoal separated by lenses burnt pinkish brown sand. It was contained by stone lined sides (2325) comprising vertically set killas slabs (the largest measuring 2' x 2' x 6"). The killas slabs were blackened on the internal face and some were heat shattered. On the outer face of the stones the fill of the construction cut was a grey sand. Notes at the end of the 1958 season describe the fill (2324) as containing masses of charcoal, very little bone or shell, no slag and a small amount of pottery and that the rounded edges of the cut into clean blown sand (2279) were scorched pink. The assessment of the charcoal samples taken from this feature have identified that the following species were present: oak, hawthorn, gorse/broom, hazel, alder, birch and heather.
 - It lies below (2325) and above (2356)
 - Plan: **Drawing 33, 42**
 - Section: **Drawing 23**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956-1958
- (2327) Posthole associated with structure 2243 below 'House 3' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI
- This posthole is shown on plans **Drawings 24 and 42** (see Fig. 34 and 44) below 'House 3' in 'Layer B' and there is no other reference to it in the record. It is sub square in plan with a width of 9" and filled by dark sand containing charcoal. Its depth is unknown. It is probably associated with an early phase of 'House 3'.
 - It lies below [2247]? and above (2280)
 - Plan: **Drawing 24, 42**
 - Section: **None**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956
- (2328) Fill of construction cut for 'House 2' in the southern half of GMI
- Inside the edges of the hollow for structure 2244 turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone wall possibly laid on top. This fill comprised dark

brown sand with occasional shells and stones and was approximately 2' deep. The cut of the hollow for the building had almost vertical sides and a flat or slightly concave base. The diameter of the construction hollow was approximately 15' (4.58m). Inside the edges of the hollow turf or soil had been packed (presumably to reduce the chance of collapsing sand and absorb water) and then to seal the soil or turf a stone revetment had been built against it and in the case of 'House 2' on top of the soil or turf but leaving a distance of approximately 2' to the exterior edge of the cut of the hollow. This 2' gap between the stonework and the external edge of the sunken feature cut may have accommodated the base of the roof of the building, and it is possible that the stone wall was, in fact, a ledge inside the building which would have created a much larger space internally.

- It lies below **(2234) and (2334)** and above **(2333), (2330), (2329), (2331), (2339)**
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- 1956 finds: **Bag 125** (pottery and bone), **Bag 126** (pottery and fish bones- the fish bones are missing), **Bag 127** (bones), **Bag 128** (pottery and bone), **Bag 129** (bones), **GM/M/101** (curved iron object), **Bag 169** (bones), **Bag 170** (bones and pottery), **Bag 171** (bones, pottery and charcoal), **GM/EK** (slate slab- grass-marked-missing), **Bag 172** (bones, tooth and fish bone), **GM/M/102** (iron object-discarded), **Bag 206** (charcoal- missing), **Bag 207** (pottery), **Bag 213** (pottery), **Bag 214** (bone), **Bag 226** (pottery), **Bag 227** (small bones and fish scales- missing), **Bag 231** (shell, bone and teeth- the bone and teeth are missing), **Bag 232** (pottery), **Bag 255** (pottery and bone- the bone is missing), **Bag 266** (pottery)
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2329) Posthole in the centre of the north wall of 'House 2' in the southern half of GMI

- Midway along the construction cut **[2246]** of the northern wall of 'House 2' (and under the stones) was a posthole **(2329)** 6" in diameter and there was another posthole **(2330)** of the same diameter midway along the southern wall construction cut **[2246]** of this house. Posthole **(2329)** is filled by brown sand. Its depth is unknown. It is part of the timber structure of 'House 2' probably associated with supports for the roof.
- It lies below **(2328)** and above **[2246]**
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2330) Posthole in the centre of the south wall of 'House 2' in the southern half of GMI

- Midway along the construction cut **[2246]** of the northern wall of 'House 2' (and under the stones) was a posthole **(2329)** 6" in diameter and there was another posthole **(2330)** of the same diameter (6") midway along the southern wall construction cut **[2246]** of this house. Posthole **(2330)** is filled by brown sand. Its

depth is unknown. It is part of the timber structure of 'House 2' probably associated with supports for the roof.

- It lies below **(2328)** and above **[2246]**
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2331) Possible post surround for posthole **(2332)** in the north wall of 'House 2' in the southern half of GMI

- On April 3rd 1956 – There is a sketch plan in the notebook (**PR notebook 7**) showing the locations of two postholes **(2329)** and **(2330)** and also indicating another feature **(2331)** immediately to the east of the posthole **(2329)** in the northern wall. This feature **(2331)** is drawn as some stones in 'Layer B' protruding slightly into the interior of 'House 2' on the north-east side. The stones overlay another posthole **(2332)** at the eastern end of the northern wall and may have formed a post surround or upper packing for it.
- It lies below **(2328)** and above **(2332)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2332) Posthole in the north wall of 'House 2' in the southern half of GMI

- On April 3rd 1956 – There is a sketch plan in the notebook (**PR notebook 7**) showing the locations of two postholes **(2329)** and **(2330)** and also indicating another feature **(2331)** immediately to the east of the posthole **(2329)** in the northern wall. This feature **(2331)** is drawn as some stones in 'Layer B' protruding slightly into the interior of 'House 2' on the north-east side. The stones overlay another posthole **(2332)** at the eastern end of the northern wall approximately 6" in diameter fill by dark sand with an unknown depth. The stones **(2331)** may have formed a post surround or upper packing for it.
- It lies below **(2331)** and above **[2246]**
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2333) Shallow pit to the south of posthole (2332) inside 'House 2' in the southern half of GMI

- A posthole (2332) was revealed at the eastern end of the northern wall of 'House 2' below stones (2331) which lay to the north of a shallow pit (2333). This pit was approximately 1'6" in diameter with a depth of 3" filled by dark sand.
- It lies below (2328) and above [2246]
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2334) Party wall between 'Houses 2 and 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This is a linear stone wall which forms the division between 'Houses 2 and 3'. It comprises a single course of killas blocks *in situ* on top of the construction cut fill arranged so that the long axis of each killas block lies next to the long axis of the next killas block across the width of the wall. At the base of the construction cut were occasional small postholes and stakeholes which suggest that the building was both of stone and timber construction. It is stated in the notes that the southern junction of this wall and the southern wall of 'House 3' was examined to assess if possible which of the two was earlier (no conclusive evidence was found and it seems likely that they were contemporary).
- It lies below (2260) and above (2328)
- Plan: **Drawing 31**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2335) Walling of structure 2243 below 'House 3' in 'Layer B' in the southern half of GMI

- In 1954 the excavation of a test trench in 'House 3' parallel with the party wall between 'Houses 2 and 3' revealed the top of a wall (2335) in what was called 'Layer C' overlain by the north-east corner of 'House 3' in 'Layer B' 2242. After uncovering the wall, which comprised two or more courses of killas blocks (approximately 4' long) on the same alignment and immediately below the north-east 'Layer B' wall of 'House 3', this feature was left until 1956 to be excavated after the removal of all deposits thought to belong to 'Layer B' associated with 'House 3'. It is possible that some of the deposits identified as 'Layer B' may have been associated with the features termed 'Layer C' within the 'House'. It is now difficult to make sense of the features termed 'Layer C' below 'House 3', although we do know that they were constructed within a sunken feature. It is possible that they relate to an earlier phase of the building or below floor activity associated with the building or equally possible that they relate to industrial features unrelated to the building above. The area under the south wall of 'House 3' revealed what was

originally thought to be a series of three joining pits which later appeared to be a possible construction cut containing a few stones aligned NE-SW. This appeared to extend to and be contemporary with the walling (2335) under the north-east part of 'House 3'. See **Drawing 24**.

- It lies below [2247] and above [2365]
- Plan: **Drawing 24, 42**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1954-1956

(2336) Shell filled pit and flue cutting fill (2250) of construction cut for 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This pit with associated flue is shown on plan **Drawing 31 and 45** (see Fig. 37 and 45) on the northern side of the reconstructed 'House 3' cutting the fill (2250) of the construction cut for 'House 3' and there is no other reference to it in the record. The pit is filled by shells overlying dark sand and measures approximately 2' in diameter and 1' deep and adjoining the northern edge of the pit is a flue approximately 1'6" wide by 2'6" long by 6" deep filled by dark sand. This feature post-dates the construction of 'House 3'.
- It lies below (2299) and above (2250)
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2337) Shell filled pit cutting fill (2250) of construction cut for 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI

- This pit with is shown on plan **Drawing 31 and 45** (see Fig. 37 and 45) on the northern side of the reconstructed 'House 3' cutting the fill (2250) of the construction cut for 'House 3' and there is no other reference to it in the record. The pit is shown on **drawing 45** as being filled by shells and measures approximately 2' in diameter (its depth is unknown). This feature post-dates the construction of 'House 3'.
- It lies below (2299) and above (2250)
- Plan: **Drawing 31, 45**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

- (2338) Possible pit in 'Layer B' (Cutting: New Rectangular Cutting)
- This is shown as half a pit against the baulk on plan **Drawing 31** (see Fig. 37) to the north of 'House 2' and there is no other reference to it in the record. The half pit is shown measuring approximately 3' in diameter (its depth and southern extent is unknown). It is unclear if this feature was ever fully excavated.
 - It lies below (2277) and above (2280)
 - Plan: **Drawing 31**
 - Section: **None**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1955-1956
- (2339) Group of three postholes and five stakeholes below the party wall (2334) between 'Houses 2 and 3'
- Below the party wall between 'Houses 2 and 3' and fill of the construction cut for these buildings were a cluster of sub-circular stakeholes and postholes presumably to take timber posts to support an upper timber structure or roof. The three postholes measured approximately 6" in diameter and the five stakeholes measured 4" in diameter; their depths are unknown.
 - It lies below (2264) and above (2298)
 - Plan: **Drawing 31**
 - Section: **None**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956
- (2340) Layer of dark brown sand (part of 'Layer B' (2208)) in the northern half of GMI
- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a dark brown sand layer which is part of the later phase of the 'Layer B' horizon. It is located against the interior of the eastern wall of 'House 1' and measures 3' east-west by up to 1' deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2208).
 - It lies below [2348] and above (2341) and (2349)
 - Plan: **None**
 - Section: **Drawing 23**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956
- (2341) Layer of brown sand (part of 'Layer B' (2208)) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer which is part of the later phase of the 'Layer B' horizon. It is located across the whole of the interior of 'House 1' and could be a floor layer. It is described as a brown sand and measures approximately 4" deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context **(2208)**.
- It lies below **(2340)**, **[2367]**, **(2251)**, **(2205)**, **(2227)**, **(2226)**, **(2366)**, **(2275)**, **(2257)?** **(2229)**, **(2293)**, **(2308)**, **(2370)** and above **(2321)**, **(2342)** and **(2343)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2342) Posthole (part of 'Layer B' **(2208)**) sealed by **(2341)** in the northern half of GMI

- This posthole is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) and plan **Drawings 32, 41 and 45** (see Fig. 38, 43 and 45) but is not referred to in the notes. It is a posthole which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon. It is located to the west of the centre along the northern side of the interior of 'House 1' and could be associated with roof supports for this structure. The fill is not described but it measures approximately 2' in diameter at the top narrowing to 6" wide at the base and is 2' deep. It is sealed by a possible floor layer **(2341)**. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context **(2208)**.
- It lies below **(2341)** and above **(2345)**
- Plan: **Drawings 32, 41 and 45**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2343) Layer of clean blown sand against the eastern wall of 'House 1' (part of 'Layer B' **(2208)**) sealed by **(2341)** in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23 and 22** (see Fig. 33 and 32) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of clean blown sand which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon. It is located against the interior of the eastern wall of 'House 1' and measures approximately 3' east-west by up to 6" deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context **(2208)**.
- It lies below **(2341)** and above **(2344)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 22, 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2344) Layer of grey sand containing sea shells (part of 'Layer B' (2208)) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23 and 22** (see Fig. 33 and 32) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of grey sand containing sea shells which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon and may be a levelling layer for the floor of 'House 1'. It is located against the interior of the eastern wall of 'House 1' and extends approximately 10' to the west and is 10" deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2208).
- It lies below (2343) and above (2345)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 22, 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2345) Layer of gingery brown sand (part of 'Layer B' (2208)) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23 and 22** (see Fig. 33 and 32) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of gingery brown sand which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon and may be a levelling layer for the floor of 'House 1'. It is located against the interior of the eastern wall of 'House 1' and probably extends to the west wall of 'House 1' and is approximately 1' deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2208).
- It lies below (2342), (2344) and above (2228)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 22, 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955-1956

(2346) Fill of wall cut [2348] of the eastern wall of 'House 1' (part of 'Layer B' (2208)) in the northern half of GMI

- This is the basal fill of the construction cut for the eastern wall of 'House 1' which is shown on section **Drawing 23 and 22** (see Fig. 33 and 32) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is described both as 'a brown sand fill with shells' and also 'a black sand fill with heavy concentrations of shell and charcoal' which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon. This fill is approximately 1'6" deep.
- It lies below (2214) and above (2347)?
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 22, 23**

- **1956 finds:** **Bag 267** (bone, teeth, shell, charcoal and pebble), **Bag 268** (slag, charcoal and pebble- the charcoal and pebble are now in **bag 267**), **Bag 269** (pottery), **Bag 270** (pottery)
- Excavated: 1956

(2347) Posthole at the base of the eastern wall of 'House 1' (part of 'Layer B' **(2208)**) in the northern half of GMI

- This posthole is visible at the base of the construction cut for the eastern wall of 'House 1' on the internal side and is shown on section **Drawing 23 and 22** (see Fig. 33 and 32) and plan **Drawings 32, 41 and 45** (see Fig. 38, 43 and 45) but is not referred to in the notes. The fill is described as 'a black sand fill with heavy concentrations of shell and charcoal' and it is also shown containing stones (probably post packing). It is unclear where the posthole is cut from but it measures approximately 1' in diameter and extends 1' below the wall construction cut. It has vertical sides and an almost flat base.
- It lies below **(2346)?** and above **[2348]?**
- Plan: **Drawings 32, 41 and 45**
- Section: **Drawing 22, 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

[2348] Construction cut for the eastern wall of 'House 1' (part of 'Layer B' **(2208)**) in the northern half of GMI

- An eastern extension was made in the northern half of GMI in order to find the eastern side of the construction cut **[2348]** for the eastern wall of 'House 1'. When the eastern extent of the wall had been found the construction cut on this side was not clearly identified as it had been on the western side. The cut on the western side of the wall was an approximately 4' deep, vertical cut continuing into the cut of the associated posthole **(2347)**, and cutting through most of the upper 'Layer B' deposits. On the eastern side the cut is not represented on the drawings but the width of the wall is approximately 4' here. A possible scenario is that the eastern wall was constructed on the ground surface and because it lay down slope from the western wall deposits were dumped internally on the eastern side to create a level floor, and on the external face deposits built up gradually over time.
- It lies below **(2347)?** and above **(2340)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2349) Layer of light brown sand (part of 'Layer B' **(2208)**) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer or dump of light brown sand which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon and lies up against the external side of the eastern wall of 'House 1'. It is approximately 1' deep and extends 2' to the east of the eastern wall of 'House 1'. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context **(2208)**.
- It lies below **(2340)** and above **(2350)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2350) Layer of black sand with shells (part of 'Layer B' **(2208)**) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer or dump of black sand containing shells which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon and lies up against the external side of the eastern wall of 'House 1'. It is approximately 1' deep and extends from the external face of the eastern wall of 'House 1' into the edge of excavation to the east. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context **(2208)**.
- It lies below **(2349)** and above **(2351)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2351) Layer of dark brown sand (part of 'Layer B' **(2208)**) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of dark brown sand which appears to contain some wall tumble and is part of the 'Layer B' horizon and lies up against the external side of the eastern wall of 'House 1'. It is approximately 2' deep and extends from the external face of the eastern wall of 'House 1' into the edge of excavation to the east. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context **(2208)**.
- It lies below **(2350)** and above **(2352)**
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2352) Layer of dark brown sand with shells (part of 'Layer B' (2208)) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of dark brown sand with shells which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon and lies up against the external side of the eastern wall of 'House 1'. It is approximately 4" deep and extends from the external face of the eastern wall of 'House 1' into the edge of excavation to the east. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2208).
- It lies below (2351) and above (2353)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2353) Layer of dark brown sand (part of 'Layer B' (2208)) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of dark brown sand which is part of the 'Layer B' horizon and lies up against the external side of the eastern wall of 'House 1'. It is approximately 1'6" deep and extends from the external face of the eastern wall of 'House 1' into the edge of excavation to the east. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2208).
- It lies below (2352) and above (2228)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2354) Layer of greyish brown sand (part of the top of 'Layer C' (2210)) in the northern half of GMI

- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of greyish brown sand which forms the top of the 'Layer C' horizon and lies below the layer of clean blown sand separating 'Layers B and C'. It extends from the western edge of excavation in the northern half of GMI to within 3' of the internal face of the eastern wall of 'House 1' where it tapers out. It is approximately 1' deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2210).
- It lies below (2228) and above (2355)
- Plan: **None**
- Section: **Drawing 23**

- Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956
- (2355) Layer of black sand with shells (part of the top of 'Layer C' (2210)) in the northern half of GMI
- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of black sand with shells within the upper half of the 'Layer C' horizon and overlies the furnace fill (2324). It extends across the whole of the northern half of GMI and is approximately 1' deep. Any further finds collected from this context will be included in context (2210).
 - It lies below (2354) and above (2282), (2261) and (2324)
 - Plan: **None**
 - Section: **Drawing 23**
 - **1958 finds: Bag 33** (bone, shell and burnt clay- missing)
 - Excavated: 1956- 1958
- (2356) Layer of greyish brown sand (part of 'Layer C' (2210)) in the northern half of GMI
- This layer is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) only and is not referred to anywhere else in the record. It is a layer of greyish brown sand within the upper the 'Layer C' horizon. It extends from the eastern side of the furnace [2326] across the whole of the rest of the northern half of GMI and is approximately 1' deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2210).
 - It lies below (2282), (2261) and [2326] and above (2368) and (2357)
 - Plan: **None**
 - Section: **Drawing 23**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956- 1958
- (2357) Spread of black sand with shells (part of 'Layer C' (2210)) in the northern half of GMI (same as (2369))
- This spread of black sand with shells is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) and it is probably the same spread as (2369) shown on plan **Drawing 42** (see Fig. 44). It is probably a sub-circular feature (although the northern half of it was never exposed) measuring approximately 17' in diameter and 6" deep and is located to the east of the furnace [2326]. Only the southern half of this feature was revealed to the south of the northern edge of GMI. Another blackened spread (2358), which is probably the same as (2218), was seen below this feature and it is possible that both spreads were created by the waste material that came from furnace [2326] during its use. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2210).

- It lies below (2356) and above (2358)=(2218)
- Plan: **Drawing 42**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956- 1958

(2358) Layer of brown sand with shells (part of 'Layer C' (2210)) in the northern half of GMI (same as (2218))

- This 'blackened' brown spread/layer of sand is shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33) and it is probably the same spread/layer as (2218) shown on plan **Drawing 42** (see Fig. 44). It is probably a sub-circular feature (although the northern half of it was never exposed) measuring approximately 25' in diameter and 6" deep and is located to the east of the furnace [2326]. Only the southern half of this feature was revealed to the south of the northern edge of GMI. Another blackened spread (2357), which is probably the same as (2369), was seen overlying this feature and it is possible that both spreads were created by the waste material that came from furnace [2326] during its use. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2210).
- It lies below (2357)=(2369) and above (2280)
- Plan: **Drawing 42**
- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956- 1958

(2359) Fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243 in the southern half of GMI

- This is a light brown sand fill at the southern end of a probable construction cut or trench aligned north-south and contains a whetstone and an iron nail and occasional stones. It is part of structure 2243 in what has been termed 'Layer C' (2233) which lies in a cut hollow below the 'Layer B' 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI. It is approximately 1' deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2233).
- It lies below (2360) and above (2364)
- Plan: **Drawing 24, 42**
- Section: **Drawing 24**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

- (2360) Black shell fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure **2243** in the southern half of GMI
- This is a black sand fill containing shells at the southern end of a probable construction cut or trench aligned north-south. It is part of structure **2243** in what has been termed 'Layer C' (**2233**) which lies in a cut hollow below the 'Layer B' 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI. It is approximately 9" deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (**2233**).
 - It lies below (2361) and above (2359)
 - Plan: **Drawing 24, 42**
 - Section: **Drawing 24**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956
- (2361) Stone fill or wall of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure **2243** in the southern half of GMI
- This is a mid brown fill containing stones on the top in the probable construction cut or trench aligned north-south. It is part of structure **2243** in what has been termed 'Layer C' (**2233**) which lies in a cut hollow below the 'Layer B' 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI. It is approximately 9" deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (**2233**).
 - It lies below [2247]? and above (2360) and (2362)
 - Plan: **Drawing 24, 42**
 - Section: **Drawing 24**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956
- (2362) Charcoal fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure **2243** in the southern half of GMI
- This is a charcoal fill in the probable construction cut or trench aligned north-south. It is part of structure **2243** in what has been termed 'Layer C' (**2233**) which lies in a cut hollow below the 'Layer B' 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI. It is approximately 4" deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (**2233**).
 - It lies below (2361) and above (2363)
 - Plan: **Drawing 24**
 - Section: **Drawing 24**
 - Finds: **None**
 - Excavated: 1956

(2363) Mid brown fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243 in the southern half of GMI

- This is a mid brown fill in the probable construction cut or trench aligned north-south. It is part of structure 2243 in what has been termed 'Layer C' (2233) which lies in a cut hollow below the 'Layer B' 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI. It is approximately 9" deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2233).
- It lies below (2362) and above (2364)
- Plan: **Drawing 24**
- Section: **Drawing 24**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2364) Dark shell fill of cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243 in the southern half of GMI

- This is a dark fill containing shells in the probable construction cut or trench aligned north-south. It is part of structure 2243 in what has been termed 'Layer C' (2233) which lies in a cut hollow below the 'Layer B' 'House 3' in the southern half of GMI. It is approximately 1'2" deep. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2233).
- It lies below (2359) and (2363) and above [2365]
- Plan: **Drawing 24**
- Section: **Drawing 24**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

[2365] Cut feature (probable construction cut) of structure 2243 in the southern half of GMI

- The area under the south wall of 'House 3' revealed what was originally thought to be a series of three joining pits which later appeared to be a possible construction cut containing a few stones aligned NE-SW. This appeared to extend to and be contemporary with the walling (2335) under the north-east part of 'House 3'. This cut is approximately 3' wide by 10' long (NE-SW) by 2' deep.
- It lies below (2364) and (2335) and above (2280)
- Plan: **Drawing 24**
- Section: **Drawing 24**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

[2367] Possible construction cut for the western half of 'House 1' in 'Layer B' in the northern half of GMI

- This context number has been given to a possible line of a construction cut which is shown on **Drawing 41** (see Fig. 43). It is unclear as to whether this is purely conjectural or if the feature could be seen during excavation, but a cut is not shown on section **drawing 23** (see Fig. 33). **Drawing 41** shows a possible cut approximately 3' wide extending from the northern end of the internal 'House 1' wall (2227) arcing round to join the western wall of 'House 1'.
- It lies below (2201)? and above (2341)?
- Plan: **Drawing 41**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956

(2368) Charcoal dump (part of 'Layer C' (2210)) in the northern half of GMI

- This dump of charcoal is shown on plan **Drawing 42** (see Fig. 44) only and there is no other reference to it in the record. It lies on top of (2369) a probably a sub-circular spread (although the northern half of this was never exposed). Only the southern half of this dump was revealed to the south of the northern edge of GMI and it measures approximately 6' east-west by 1' north-south. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2210).
- It lies below (2356) and above (2369)
- Plan: **Drawing 42**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956- 1958

(2369) Spread of black sand with shells (part of 'Layer C' (2210)) in the northern half of GMI (same as (2357))

- This spread of black sand with shells is shown on plan **Drawing 42** (see Fig. 44) and it is probably the same spread as (2357) shown on section **Drawing 23** (see Fig. 33). It is probably a sub-circular feature (although the northern half of it was never exposed) measuring approximately 17' in diameter and 6" deep and is located to the east of the furnace [2326]. Only the southern half of this feature was revealed to the south of the northern edge of GMI. Another blackened spread (2358), which is probably the same as (2218), was seen below this feature and it is possible that both spreads were created by the waste material that came from furnace [2326] during its use. Any finds collected from this context will be included in context (2210).
- It lies below (2368) and above (2358)=(2218)
- Plan: **Drawing 42**

- Section: **Drawing 23**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1956- 1958

(2370) Scatter of 24 stakeholes (part of 'Layer B' **(2208)**) in the northern half of GMI

- These stakeholes are shown on **Drawing 45** (see Fig. 45) but not referred to anywhere else in the record. They are all located in 'Layer B' within the 'House 1' area and are probably associated with either the internal structure of 'House 1' or activities within 'House 1'. Each of the stakeholes is sub-circular with a diameter of 2 or 3".
- It lies below **(2204)** and above **(2341)**
- Plan: **Drawing 45**
- Section: **None**
- Finds: **None**
- Excavated: 1955-1956

8 GMA

8.1 GMA Context Index

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
(2107)	GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S, GMA- α GMA- β	Deposit	Variegated (?) sand below turf and above tramlines - Same as (2200) in GMI.	-	Just visible in occasional photos.	1955	GMA-N/S 1955 45, 46, GM/M/83, 49, 50 GMA-β 1955 Probably 51, 52 and 58
(2108)	GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S GMA- α GMA- β	Deposit	Tramlines (distinctive parallel turf lines with sand between) – Same as (2223) in GMI.	-	Just visible in occasional photos.	1955	GMA-α 1955 15, 22
(2109)	GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S (termed 'main site' in 1956), GMA- α GMA- β	Deposit	General 'dark occupation' – Layer B. <hr/> <small>(NOTE: although GMA-N, S and N/S had all been merged into a single GMA-main cutting in 1956, some of the 1956 notebook/finds register descriptions make it clear that finds came specifically from the N or the S – as a result cutting names GMA-N and GMA-S have been used in addition to cutting name GMA-main site).</small>	34, 42, 44, 45	Sketch plan and section in notebook 3 for 11/4/1955.	1955 / 1956	GMA-N 1955 7, 9, 10, GM/M/62 = missing, 13, 14, 16 GMA-S 1955 8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 29, 39, GM/M//74 GMA-N/S 1955 57, 65 = missing, 66, 67, 68, GM/M/88 = missing GMA-α 1955 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, GM/M/72, 33 = missing, 34, 35, 36, 37 GMA-β 1955 71, 74, 76 <hr/> GMA-N 1956 21, 22, GM/FO, GM/FQ, GM/FR, GMA-S – 1956 52, 53, GMA-N/S – 1956 U/S = GM/M/113 = missing, 42, 43, GMA-α – 1956 5, 9, GM/M/105 = missing, GM/M/106, 10, 11, GM/M/110, GM/M/111, 13, 14, GMA-β 1956 6, 7, 8, 12, 17, 18, 20, 36, 37, 38, 39, 49, 50, 51, (Following finds appear to come from lower layer B? = 54, 55, 56, 57, ?58 and 59? = missing.
(2110)	GMA-N	Build / Deposit	Walling/stone tumble.	34, 44, 45	Visible in occasional photos.	4/4/1955 onwards	1955 GM/M/58
(2111)	GMA-N	Deposit	Pale sandy (triangular shaped) internal deposit of structure 2124 .	34, 44, 45	-	4/4/1955 onwards	-
[2112]	GMA-N	Cut	Wall foundation trench of cornered structure 2124 in N part of GMA-N.	34, 44, 45	-	4/ 4/ 1955 onwards	-
(2113)	GMA- α	Build / Deposit	Stones in S of GMA- α , associated with structure 2140 .	34, 42, 44, 45	-	15/4/1955 onwards	-
(2114)	GMA- α	Deposit	'High?' shell midden deposit – associated with lower shell deposit (2145)?	34, 44, 45	-	9-15/4/ 1955.	-

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
(2115)	GMA- α	Deposit	Linear burnt feature – Layer B/C (2144) associated.	34, 42	-	Not referred to in 1955	-
(2116)	GMA- β	Deposit	Hearth feature – associated with structure 2137.	34, 44, 45	-	26/4/1955	-
(2117)	GMA- β	Build / Deposit	Walling/stones - associated with structure 2137.	34, 44, 45	-	26/4/1955	-
(2118)	GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S (termed 'main site' in 1956), GMA-α GMA-β	Deposit	General – Layer A.	-	Just visible in occasional photos.	1955	GMA-N 1955 1, and an un-numbered bone bag GMA-N/S 1955 Probably 53, 54, 55, 56, GM/DA, GM/DB, and 64. GMA-α 1955 An un-numbered bone bag from layer A and above? GMA-β 1955 69, 70
(2119)	GMA-β	Deposit	'Heavy deposit of shells above hearth (2116).	-	-	-	-
(2120)	GMA-N/S	Deposit	Band of sand in S part (? separating layer A from B? – changing to charcoal in N).	-	Sketch in notebook 2	21/4/1955	-
(2121)	GMA-N/S	Deposit	Band of charcoal in N part (?separating layer A from B? - changing to sand in S).	-	Sketch in notebook 2	21/4/1955	-
(2122)	GMA-N	Deposit	Shells sealing Structure 2124 and 2142?	-	-	2/4/1955 onwards	-
2123	GMA-β	Probable structure	Probable Structure – associated with [2141] and (2146).	-	-	Notebook 7, 18/4/1956	-
2124	GMA-N	Structure	Structure - see (2111), (2112) and (2143).	34, 44, 45	Visible in occasional photos.	4/4/1955 onwards	Finds found in immediate area of structure 2124 (but not in named context). 1955 - GM/M/55 and 57 = missing, GM/M/56, GM/M/61, 4
(2125)	GMA-N	Deposit	Yellow clay deposit/fill (?) – c1' across, approximately centrally located within cutting.	-	-	8/4/1955	1955 - Soil / clay Sample 8
(2126)	GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S (termed 'main site' in 1956), GMA-α, GMA-β	Deposit	General Layer A or/and Layer B material – described as 'top part of layer B?'	-	-	3/4/1955? onwards	GMA-N 1955 2, 3 = missing, 5, an un-numbered U/S bone bag. GMA-S 1955 6, 28, 30 GMA-α 1955 23, GM/M/70, 38, 40 <hr/> GMA-N/S – 1956 15, 16, 19, 26, GMA-α – 1956 1, 2, GMA-β- 1956 3, 4, GM/M/104, 29, 30
(2127)	GMA-S, GMA-N/S	Deposit	'Clean sand' recorded beneath (2126) / (2109), cut by [2128].	-	Sketch in notebook 3	11/4/1955	-
[2128]	GMA-N/S	Possible structure	Possible sunken structure – partially defining the planned edge of (2109).	-	Sketch in notebook 3	11/4/1955	1955 - ?20, ?21, GM/CT
(2129)	GMA-S	?Cut / Deposit	An un-described cut / deposit? visible on sketch section only.	-	Sketch in notebook 3	11/4/1955	-

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/ Deposit/ Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Findings bag no.
(2130)	-	-	NOT USED	-	-	-	-
(2131)	GMA-S	Deposit	'Dark occupation' in SE corner of GMA-S.	Position marked on 44.	-	12/4/1955	-
(2132)	GMA- α	Deposit	'Dark, hard packed soil' / floor surface? – associated with stones (2113) and structure 2140.	See stones on 34, 42 and 44.	-	15/4/1955 onwards	1955 - 41, (42, 43 and 44 ? associated) 1956 - 27, 28 = missing, 40, 41
(2133)	GMA-N/S	?Cuts / fills?	Reference to pits along W side of GMA-N/S. Not described or drawn or photographed?	Position marked on 34, 44 and 45.	-	Reference notebook 2 for 25/4/1955	1955 - Probably 72, 73 and 75?
(2134)	GMA-β	Deposit	'Occupation' deposit - associated with structure 2137, (2116) and (2117).	Position marked on 34, and 45.	-	26/4/1955	1955 - 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 77 = missing?, 78, 79, 80, 81 = missing, 82.
(2135)	GMA-N (1956 main site)	Deposit	Burnt / black deposit near stones (2143) (and (2110)?).	-	-	12/4/1956	-
[2136]	GMA- β	Cut/fill	Angular sunken portion of structure 2137.	-	-	See sketch in notebook 7 - 18/4/56	-
2137	GMA- β	Structure	Structure – associated with cut [2136], hearth (2116), occupation/fill? (2134), and stones (2117).	34, 44, 45	-	See sketch in notebook 7 - 18/4/56 (& 3 – 29/4/55).	-
(2138)	GMA- α	Deposit	Sandy occupation?	34, 42 and 45	-	1955/56?	-
(2139)	GMA-S, GMA- β	Deposit	'Clean' sand	34, 44, 45	-	1955/56?	-
2140	GMA- α	Structure	Structure – associated with stones (2113), ?stakeholes (2150), compacted surface (2132) and stones (2149).	34, 42, 44, 45	-	See sketch in notebook 7 - 18/4/56	-
[2141]	GMA- β	Cut/fill	Sunken edge of a structure? – associated with (2146).	Position marked on 34.	-	See sketch in notebook 7 - 18/4/56	1956 36, 37, 38 and 39.
2142	GMA-N	Structure	Structure – closely? associated with structure 2124 to its N, stones (2110) and stakeholes (2147).	34, 44, 45	-	4/4/1955 onwards into 1956.	-
(2143)	GMA-N	Build / Deposit	Stones set within (2112) defining edge of structure 2124.	34, 44, 45	-	4/4/1955 onwards into 1956.	-
(2144)	GMA-α,	Deposit	?Layer B/C? – see context description.	42	-	Notebook 7 –16/4/56	-
(2145)	GMA-α	Deposit	Deep, 'dense' shell deposit – basal part of shell deposit (2114)?	-	-	15/4/1956.	1956 23, 24, 25
(2146)	GMA-β	Cuts and fills?	'Regular hollows' ? pits / postholes associated with [2141]	-	-	18/4/1956.	-
(2147)	GMA-N	Cuts and fills	Five stakeholes – associated with structure 2142.	34, 45	-	1956	-
(2148)	GMA-N/S	Cuts and fills	Three stakeholes – possible [2128] association.	34, 45	-	1956	-
(2149)	GMA-α	Build / Deposit	Walling – associated with structure 2140	34, 42	-	1956	-
(2150)	GMA-α	Cuts and fills	Three stakeholes – possibly associated with structure 2140?	34	-	1956	-

8.2 GMA Summary (Figures: 2, 3, 5, 44 to 50 and matrix 10)

This cutting was excavated in 1955 and 1956, and originally consisted of a northern and a southern cutting (termed GMA-N and GMA-S) (see Fig. 3). Quite quickly (in the first year) additional cuttings were opened, spanning the wide space between GMI and GMA. GMA- α was opened to the east of GMA-N, and GMA- β was opened to the east of GMA-S. GMA- β was subsequently linked to GMI (in 1956) due to the extension west of 'house 4' (discussed in the GMI summary) in to the baulk between GMA- β and GMI. The baulk between GMA-N and GMA-S was then removed forming a new, near equally sized cutting – termed GMA-N/S. The main GMA cutting for 1956 was now a large 30' x 11' long N-S aligned excavation (330 square feet). At the same time GMA- α was expanded to measure 11' x 7' N-S (77 square feet), and GMA- β measured 11' x 10' (110 square feet) prior to its extension north and east into GMI.

Site GMA as a whole has produced evidence for between four and six structures (see Fig. 5). In the northern part of GMA-N the southern triangular corner of a sunken, wall defined structure was identified – structure **2124**. Contexts associated with this include foundation trench [**2112**], walling (**2143**) and internal sand fill (**2111**). Adjacent (and probably closely related) was a lean-to or cell-like structure, **2142**, which was recorded to the immediate south of structure **2124**. It consisted of a loose arc of stones, a number of which may have been *in situ*, which approximately mirror the outer circuit of **2124**. Running around the internal periphery were stakeholes (**2147**). Sealing both of these structures was shell deposit (**2122**), which appears to represent a final abandonment phase and may or may not have been associated with dismantlement of the stone walls.

In GMA- α structure **2140** was recorded as consisting of a deep compacted occupation deposit (**2132**) – which was noted as containing a notable amount of slate, and stones (**2113**) and (**2149**). Extending round the northern edge of this deep deposit of occupation material was an arc of un-recorded material which appears to have formed the northern edge of the structure. Upper stones (**2113**) were recorded first and these appear to represent tumbled, or pushed in stones. Lower stones (**2149**) represent *in situ* walling which lined the edge of an (un-recorded) hollow structure. To the south in GMA- β , a further structure was located. Structure **2137** consisted of a hearth (**2116**), a loose rectangle of stones (**2117**), an occupation deposit (**2134**) rich in pottery (including a number of conjoining sherds), and a rectangular cut [**2136**] (which was only recorded on a notebook sketch plan). In common with the two structures in GMA-N, structure **2137** was recorded as being sealed by a shell deposit (**2119**).

In addition to these structures a further two probable structures are suggested on the basis of linear/angular cuts which are, at least, partially defined by the recorded edges of layer B (**2109**). One is cut [**2128**] located between GMA-S and GMA-N/S appears to form a SW to NE aligned structure which may well be associated with stakeholes (**2148**). The other is cut [**2141**] located in the NW corner of GMA- β , which has also been suggested as a likely structure set in a hollow. Like [**2128**] the cut was filled with occupation material and appears to have a linking S edge defined by layer B. It also had a number of regular hollows (**2146**) recorded close to its' eastern edge, which may be traces of postholes. All of the structures identified appear to have a SW to NE orientation, and all appear to have been set within hollows (like those on GMI). Where recorded these sunken floors have been lined (or supported) by stone, and in some cases associated occupation deposits have been separated out from the general mass of layer B material.

It should be stated that for site GMA, layer A (**2118**) was never categorically separated from layer B (**2109**) in the records. Similarly Layer B was never recorded in detail, and where encountered within deeper cuts was occasionally mis-identified as pre-layer B. Layer

B (**2109**) contains within it all the structures and many of the finds, while late layer B (or layer A/B (**2126**)) marks final abandonment, dismantlement and closure. The complete absence of section drawings and most of the photographs has made interpretation of some of these deposits problematic in terms of depths, extents etc.

The archive for the GMA cuttings consists of notebooks 2, 3 and 7; drawings 14, 15, 26, 30 (see Fig. 3), (which are all cutting location plans), 34, 42, 44, 45, 46 (see Fig. 49, 44, 50 and 45), (all inked up post excavation plans) and 34 (a useful original field plan), occasional photographs, a single soil sample and the stone, metal and general finds registers 1 and 2.

FINDS NOTE: all 1955 finds bags from 1 to 64 were recorded in the original finds register as coming from layer A, all finds from 65 to 82 were recorded as coming from layer B. Allocation of finds to either layer A or layer B was frequently questioned at the time of recording and at the time of excavation was not strictly adhered to unless the description of the context (according to the notebook) is identifiable as A or B (or another feature/context, ie. an occupation spread specifically associated with a structure?).

8.3 Archive Record

8.3.1 1955 Season

1. 22/3/1955 – Notebook 2 - Site laid out along the baseline, and the pegs put in for cutting A. Fencing erected where needed.
2. 1/4/1955 – Notebook 2 - *'The men to start in on Cutting A, S side with turfing and removal of top sand (**2107**) to 1'6" all over. This cutting to be 11' x 8.'* This first cutting termed GMA-S. A. Langridge to supervise and record for 1955 in notebook 3.
3. 2/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – GMA-S cut down to 1'6" level at N face.

Notebook 3 for GMA-N *'shovelled out to a 1' depth all over ... probing revealed shell layer (**2122**) approx. another 1' & possible foundation?'*

4. 3/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – Continued taking down GMA-N. 1'6" deep in N, 2' deep in S. Probing along N edge. The following is then recorded *'... 1'6" sand, 2' shell (**2122**), 2'6" sand, 3' sand'*. This appears to be the record for the changing layers at given depths – from topsoil?

Finds bag 1 – 1 x pie-crust rim sherd (grass-marked). GMA-N.

Notebook 3 - describes a number of sherds all from an approximate 2'6" depth - some of these sherds may not have been bagged until the next day (ie. bags 2 and 3).

5. 4/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – at N end of GMA-N a triangular shape (corner of a structure = (**2111**) and [**2112**]) was recorded as cutting into a larger area projecting S in to the cutting for a 2'5" distance. This was apparently photographed, although no photographs have been found in the archive. Some *'stones?'* were also to be cleared up and photographed.

Notebook 3 – shows a sketch drawing of the pale triangular feature (**2111**). This triangular feature looks like the right-angled corner of an angular structure extending N beyond the edges of the cutting. It is described as a pale sand triangle = (**2111**) (inside the structure?), cut in to a larger round cornered *'Dark soil/dense shell deposit'* [**2112**]. This trench-like feature was subsequently found to contain stones and would seem to represent a partially? robbed wall trench. The deposit into which this wall trench was cut is not described. *Portion of lap-stone found centre of site approx. 2'11" deep'*.

Finds bag 2 – 2 x pie-crust rim sherds, 1 x body sherd, 2 x bar-lug sherds. GMA-N.

Notebook 3 – describes a decorated sherd as coming from a 2'11" depth to the WSW of the tip of the triangular feature described above.

Finds bag 3 – Missing. GMA-N. Unknown find type originally.

GM/M/55 – Discarded in 1957. GMA-N. (Originally described as *'Head of an iron pin'*). Notebook 3 records it as being found near the N side of the cut at a 1'9" depth. The Consolidation notebook refers to this piece as coming from a 2'4" depth in the occupation material and shows a sketch tracing of it.

GM/M/56 – 1 x Curled over head of pin. Notebook 3 – describes this as coming from a 3' depth. GMA-N.

GM/M/57 - Discarded in 1957. GMA-N. (Originally described as a *'Copper or bronze object'*). The Consolidation notebook refers to this piece coming from a 3'1" depth and as consisting of a *'Tiny frag. ? copper ore'*.

6. 5/4/1955 – Notebook 2 and 3 – GMA-N cutting photographed. GMA-S cutting had a small sondage *'2' square in the NE corner'* cut. After lunch GMA-N was *'levelled off at 3'6"*. A section string running N-S across the cutting (located 4' from the E side) was set up and the E half was to be taken down first. *'Wall appearing running ESE-WNW, with spill of stones to both sides'*. Walling/stones given context number **(2110)**. Notebook 3 states that a small, squarish piece of metal (GM/M/58) was located in the top of the walling (at a 3'5 1/2" depth). It also states that a piece of bar-lug came up from amongst the stones.

Finds bag 4 – 2 x EM sherds. GMA-N. Notebook 3 states that a triangular shaped piece of pottery - *'thick, black ware'* was found at a 2'11" depth.

Finds bag 5 – 1 x fish bone. GMA-N. Strangely the Consolidation notebook lists the contents of this bag to have consisted of *'Quill. Burnt substance – (charred pot).'*

Finds bag ? – 14 x animal bones and teeth. From Layer A, 3' - GMA-N.

GM/M/58 – GMA-N. 1 x small piece of iron (Originally *'Part of knife blade'*).

GMA-S *'taken down to 2'6" on N face, showing dark occupation layer (2118)/?(2126) below tramlines (2108), with a few stones, occasional sherd, and many bones'*.

Finds bag 6 – 1 x EM sherd, 6 x slag, 1 x burnt bone. GMA-S.

7. 6/4/1955 – Notebook 2 and 3 – GMA-N cleared up and photographed. *'Section on E side to be taken down to either side of putative wall'*. GMA-S continued to be trowelled down to 3'2" depth.

Notebook 3 states *'...greenish clayey substance with blue flecks resting on a stone ...'*. This sounds like a copper object decaying within an organic matrix (?), which *'appears to be decomposing'*. This was found at a 3'2" depth in GMA-S, in the central N end.

Finds bag 7 - 1 x EM grass-marked sherd. GMA-N. (Original description *'Sherds, inc. qu. Stamped?'*). Notebook 3 states that this decorated rim sherd was found against the N face of the cutting at a 3'2" depth.

Finds bag 8 – 1 x EM grass-marked sherd. GMA-S. The Consolidation notebook states *'basal sherd (square)'*.

New sondage GMA- α started. Designed to chase possible walling **(2110)**.

7/4/1955 – Notebook 2 and 3 – W side of GMA-N collapsed due to rabbits. SE corner cleared to base of wall. '*Short baulk from 3'6" E face of the cut continued on a N-S line across cutting, and clearance started on W side of the baulk*'. GMA-S continued to be trowelled, producing a number of small sherds.

Finds bag 9 – 2 x EM sherds, 1 x pebble. (Originally '*Sherds*'). GMA-N.

Finds bag 10 – 7 x fish bones. (Originally '*Bird bones*'). GMA-N.

GM/M/61 – Iron knife in ACT's cabinet. Notebook 3 states that this was found at a 3'9" depth, towards the N end of the cutting against the W face. GMA-N.

GM/M/62 – **Missing**. Small iron object. Discarded in 1957. Notebook 3 states that this was found at a 4' depth, in the E half towards the S end. GMA-N. The Consolidation notebook refers to this piece being found at a 4' depth. There is a sketch tracing of it, showing a broken tapered piece.

Finds bag 11 – 2 x EM sherds, 1 x pebble. (Originally '*Sherds, pebbles, slag*').GMA-S.

GMA- α started to chase possible walling seen in GMA-N.

8/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – GMA-N '*...wall now presents many problems*'.

GMA-S – '*Spasmodic work continues*'.

Notebook 3 mentions an approximate 1' wide (diameter) '*light yellow clayey substance*' (2125) which was found at a 3'5" depth (approximately centrally) was sampled.

Soil Sample 8 – 1 x Yellowish clay sample (same original description). GMA-N.

Finds bag 13 – 1 x EM sherd. (Originally '*Sherds*'). GMA-N.

Finds bag 14 – 20 x fish bones. (Originally '*Bird bones*'). GMA-N.

Finds bag 12 – 11 x animal bones and teeth. (Originally '*Sherds, teeth and pebbles*'). GMA-S.

8. 9/4/1955 - Notebook 3 – work continued in GMA-S which was taken down all over to a 2'6" depth. A sketch plan, however, states that a 2'9" depth was reached centrally and a 3'2" depth reached in the N 1/3. GMA-N also worked.

Finds bag 16 – 4 x fish bones. (Originally '*Small bones*'). GMA-N.

Finds bag 17 – 2 x EM sherds, 1 x pebble, 1 x animal tooth. GMA-S.

GMA- α expanded to measure 11' x 7' (with a 2' depth all over according to notebook 3, although this same notebook then goes onto say that this cutting was quickly shovelled out to a 2'9" depth).

Finds bag 15 – 1 x M sherd, 6 x slate. GMA- α . Notebook 3 states that this Medieval sherd was found at a 2'8" depth on the tramline.

NOTE: This is the last recorded 1955 date of excavation on GMA-N. Amongst the U/S – un-numbered finds bags is an un-dated 1955 bag of 41 x animal bones and teeth from GMA-N.

9. 10/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – work continued in GMA-S.

Finds bag 18 – 1 x flint pebble, 1 x animal tooth. (Originally '*Sherds, teeth*').GMA-S.

10. 11/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – No work on GMA-N. GMA-S = '*trowelling continued down through black layer round about the tramlines. Weak occupation material*'. This represents (2118) (and possibly (2126)).

Notebook 3 - shows a 'dark occupation layer' = (2109) extending S into GMA-S from GMA-N. This was subsequently termed Layer B and is labelled as such on original field drawing 34. It is recorded on the sketch drawing as containing a grass-marked sherd = finds bag 19.

A small sketch section of the N face of GMA-S is recorded in the same notebook for this date showing from top to bottom: topsoil, sand, turf and sand = (2107), turf/tramlines = (2108), occupation = (2118) / (2109) (ie. layer A, A/B and B), (see Fig. 46). On the upper W side the 'occupation' material is cut in to by (an un-described) context (2129) and on the lowest exposed E side a steeply cut edge [2128] was shown cutting into 'clean sand' (2127)/(2139) – showing that what was called 'Layer B' at least partially filled a cut (pit/house?). The edge of this cut appears to define the edge of layer B as shown on plans 34, 44 and 45. This lowest point was recorded as being at a 5'10 1/2" deep. Both 'Layer B' and the sand continued down below this point.

NOTE: The considerable depth at which [2128] etc were recorded would seem to imply a sub layer B/layer C context, but this is not suggested on the sketch.

Finds bag 19 – 2 x EM sherds, 1 x animal bone, 1 x burnt clay or daub. (Originally 'Sherds and bone'). GMA-S.

GMA- α (Notebook 2) - 'Continued trowelling into top part of occupation layer just below tramlines. Remarkable amount of apparently polished fragments of slate, mainly from the W half of this cutting' – associated/focussed around the area of structure 2140.

GMA- α (Notebook 3) '2 Medieval sherds on 2nd turf line (tramline)'.

Finds bag 20 – 16 x slate (possibly utilised?). GMA- α . The Consolidation notebook states 'Slate + 20 pieces – discarded'.

Finds bag 21 – 3 x pebbles (possibly gaming counters?). GMA- α .

Finds bag 22 – 1 x EM sherd, 2 x M sherds. GMA- α .

Finds bag 23 – 4 x EM sherds, 1 x slag. GMA- α .

GM/M/70 – 1 x fragment of tanged knife. GMA- α . Notebook 3 states that this was found at a 3' depth in the N half of the cutting.

GM/CT - 1 x broken grit hone stone with polish and percussion marks.

Finds bag ? – 25 x animal bones. This bag is contained within the U/S un-numbered bags. It is described as coming from 'Layer A and above' - GMA- α .

11. 12/4/1955 – Notebook 2 and 3 – GMA-S tidying up blown sand and occupation layers. Down to a 3'6" depth all over – except for the N face (2109) and SE corner (2131) where the dark occupation (so called Layer B) was seen. A grass-marked sherd (see finds bag 29) found in the SE corner at a 2'8" depth according to notebook 3.

Finds bag 28 – 3 x small animal bones. GMA-S.

Finds bag 29 – 1 x EM sherd (grass-marked), 2 x pebbles. (Originally contained 'charcoal' as well). GMA-S.

Finds bag 30 – 1 x fragment of cut bone. GMA-S. The Consolidation notebook refers to this piece being found in the SW corner of the cutting.

GMA- α - 'Trowelling occupation layer to c.2'6" at N end'.

Finds bag 24 – 12 x slates (possibly utilised?). GMA- α .

Finds bag 25 – 2 x EM sherds. (Originally '*Sherds and charcoal*').GMA- α .

Finds bag 26 – 2 x animal bones. (Possibly utilised?). GMA- α . The Consolidation notebook refers to '*Polished bone*'.

Finds bag 27 – 1 x fish bone, 4 x animal bones. (Originally '*small bones and teeth*'). GMA- α .

Finds bag 31 – 7 x animal bones and teeth. GMA- α .

Finds bag 32 – 1 x pebble. (Originally '*Sand and stone?*'). GMA- α .

GM/M/72 – 1 x Knife blade fragment. GMA- α . Found at a 3'6" depth.

12. 13/4/1955 – Notebook 2 and 3 – GMA-S was cleared and photographed (these cannot at present be identified). GMA- α '*Trowelling down to 3' (N end) continued*'.

Finds bag 33 – **Missing**. (Originally '*Biv sherd*'). GMA- α .

Finds bag 34 – 1 x EM sherd, 1 x animal bone. (Originally '*Sherds and burnt bone*').GMA- α .

Finds bag 35 – 2 x pebbles. (Originally '*Slate and pebbles*'). GMA- α .

Finds bag 36 – 15 x animal bones and teeth. GMA- α .

Finds bag 37 – 11 x small animal bones and teeth. GMA- α .

New cutting GMA- β pegged out to S of GMA- α and to E of GMA-S.

13. 14/4/1955 – Notebook 2 and 3 – The step/baulk in the NE corner of GMA- α was removed. Continued '*trowelling through layer A to c 4'2" in SW corner in search of walling found in GMA-N cutting*' - (this seems a bit too deep for layer A? Finds bags 38 and 40 as a consequence have been allocated layer A/B context (**2126**)).

Notebook 3 states '*Object of new cut GMA- β is a) to link GMA-S with the main cutting, and to see if layer A or B is represented here. b) to find W half of house IV*'.

Finds bag 38 – 2 x pebbles. (Originally '*Pebbles and slate*'). GMA- α .

Finds bag 39 – 1 x flint. (Originally '*Worked flint saw and sherds*'). Recorded in notebook 3 as coming from a 4' depth in the SW corner of GMA- α .

Finds bag 40 – 6 x animal teeth and bones. (Originally '*Small bones*'). GMA- α .

GM/M/74 – Iron hook in ACT's cabinet. Recorded in notebook 3 as coming from a 4' depth in the SW corner of GMA- α .

14. 15/4/1955 – Notebook 2 - GMA- α taken down a further 1' on the W side, while GMA- β was de-turfed.

Notebook 3 states that stones (**2113**) were appearing at the S face in GMA- α – '*walling appears to be under baulk between GMA- α and GMA- β* '. GMA- α also produced some grass-marked sherds from the SW corner near / amidst the stones and '*dark, hard packed soil*' (**2132**).

Finds bag 41 – 4 x EM sherds. (Originally '*Sherds and burnt clay*'). GMA- α .

Finds bag 42 – 1 x slate, 1 x pebble. (Originally '*Slate and pebbles*'). GMA- α .

Finds bag 43 – 3 x animal bones, 4 x fish bones. (Originally '*Bones, small; burnt*'). GMA- α .

Finds bag 44 – 6 x animal bones and teeth. GMA- α .

15. 16/4/1955 – Notebook 2 and 3 – baulk between GMA-N and GMA-S was de-turfed (termed GMA-N/S - or GMA-centre in some of the notebooks) and taken

down to tramlines (2108), layer A/upper B? (2118)/(2126), and then onto the occupation layer (2109). The object was to get a complete 30' long section across GMA. Unfortunately the photographs for this cannot be located and the section was never drawn.

GMA-N/S was de-turfed and the sand (2107) removed down to 3" above tramlines (2108).

Finds bag 45 – 1 x EM sherd, 3 x pebbles. (Originally 'Sherds (1 bar-lug), slate (worked)'). GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 46 – 1 x animal tooth. (Originally 'Bones, teeth, shell'). GMA-N/S.

GM/M/81 – Missing. Iron object. Discarded in 1957. GMA-N/S. The Consolidation notebook refers to this piece and shows a sketch tracing in plan and showing an angular profile.

16. 17/4/1955 – Notebook 2 and 3 – continued taking down GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 47 – 3 x pebbles. (Originally 'Sherds, pebbles, sandstone, slate'). GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 48 – 6 x animal bones and teeth. GMA-N/S.

GM/M/83 – 1 x very decayed iron object. GMA-N/S.

17. 18/4/1955 – No notes in notebook 2. Notebook 3 states excavation of GMA-N/S continued with removal of topsoil etc down to a 1'6" depth.

Finds bag 49 – 17 x EM sherds, 1 x oyster shell. (Originally 'Sherds (Made up)'). GMA-N/S. Drawing 44 shows these finds to have come from a spot mid way between walling (2110) and the S edge of (2109) ie. in the S part of GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 50 – 3 x animal bones, 1 x shell. (Originally 'Bones, teeth, shell, slate'). GMA-N/S.

18. 19/4/1955 – No notes in notebook 2 re: excavation, but finds from GMA-β and GMA-N/S. Notebook 2 implies that there had been a lot of preparation and site staging prior to a visit by Radford, (plus sorting of pottery into categories etc).

Notebook 3 – GMA-N/S also states '*a.m. Cutting reduced southwards. Some few charcoal fragments to SW end. Occupation layer and material. p.m. area reduced to 1' below tramlines*'. Notebook 3 lists GMA-N-S finds as including a rabbit skull, a small piece of charcoal and 2 small iron objects. Some of these do not appear to have entered the finds bag system and register. Those that did have been assigned layer A/B context (2126).

Finds bag 51 – 1 x EM sherd. (Originally 'Sherds'). GMA-β.

Finds bag 52 – 1 x slag. (Originally 'Pebbles, slag, haematite'). GMA-β.

Finds bag 53 – 2 x shells. (Originally 'Sherds and shells', from below layer A). GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 54 – 3 x EM sherds. GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 55 – 1 x pebble, 2 x bone = 1 x sawn animal bone, 1 x wrasse jaw. (Originally 'Pebbles, sawn bone and sea wolf palette'). GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 56 – 6 x animal bones and teeth. GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 57 – 5 x animal bones and teeth. (Below layer A). GMA-N/S.

GM/DA – 1 x elongate, used grit stone. (Originally 'small bone'). GMA-N/S.

GM/DB – 1 x large, broken hone stone with distinctive wear/polishing. GMA-N/S. (Notebook 3 states that this had a 9 ½” length).

Finds bag 58 – 4 x animal bones. GMA-β

19. 20/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – continued trowelling down GMA-N/S and GMA- β. Notebook 3 records Layer A as having ‘*an average depth of 4” only*’.

Finds bag 59 – 1 x slag, 2 x shell. (Originally ‘*Pebbles, barnacle, slag, slate, shells*’). GMA-β. Notebook 3 states that this bag contained ‘*17 pebbles and some slate fragments?*’

Finds bag 60 – 5 x PR/EM sherd. (**NOTE:** co-joins with material from bag 80). GMA-β.

Finds bag 61 – 1 x cover plate from a bone comb of PR/EM date, with incised line decoration. (The original description refers to ‘*riveting?*’). GMA-β.

NOTE: Drawing 44 locates the find spot for this comb as being to the N of structure **2137** (between the 2 northern most stones). The Consolidation notebook refers to ‘Peg AV, 11’E, 3’5”S and a 3’6” depth.

Finds bag 62 – 2 x crab claws. GMA-β.

Finds bag 63 – 5 x animal bones and teeth. GMA-β.

Finds bag 64 – 5 x animal bones. (Originally ‘*Bones, including 1 horse scapular, pebble*’). GMA-N/S.

20. 21/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – a sketch section (see Fig. 48) through the N/S baulk, showing from top to bottom; turf; a thick deposit of unrecorded form/complexity (**2107**); tramlines - 2 x parallel, thin turf lines (**2108**); ‘*Layer A*’ (unrecorded appearance / complexity)- including a rabbit hole (**2118**); ‘*clean sand*’ (**2120**) in the N 1/3 (3’6” stretch visible), replaced by ‘*charcoal layer*’ (**2121**) in S 2/3 (both the ‘*clean sand*’ and the ‘*charcoal*’ appear to form a reasonably thin layer between layers A and B); and ‘*Layer B*’ (**2109**) (again of unrecorded appearance / complexity). No depths or further description is given.

NOTE - All finds are now tentatively described as coming from layer B in the original finds register.

Finds bag 65 – Missing. (Originally described as ‘*Dog’s jaw*’). GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 66 – 1 x pebble, 5 x animal bones and teeth, 1 x charcoal fragment. (Originally ‘*Bones, charcoal, pebbles, sherd*’). GMA-N/S.

21. 22/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – ‘*Steady trowelling all day through GMA-N/S layer ?B*’.

Finds bag 67 – 3 x PR/EM sherds.(Originally ‘*Sherds and pebbles*’). GMA-N/S.

Finds bag 68 – 8 x animal bones and teeth. GMA-N/S.

GM/M/88 – Missing. Iron lump. Discarded 1957. GMA-N/S. Notebook 3 says that this came from a 4’3” depth as does the Consolidation notebook, which also refers to the piece as being slag.

22. 24/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – working on GMA-β. There is a small sketch plan in the notebook showing the W half of the cutting as being down to an approximate 2’ level (approximate base of layer A (**2118**), and the E half to be taken down to 3’6” approximate (**2126**)/(**2109**) level. At this point there is a 4’6” baulk between GMA-β and GMA-S to the W. The stated aim was to ‘*obtain further sections and to locate stones, if any*’.

Notebook 3 states that GMA-β produced ‘*sundry bones, 2 fragments of charcoal, 1 oyster shell, 1 piece of bone with part-polished surface, and 2 sherds*’. These were supposed to be the contents of bags 69 and 70.

Finds bag 69 – 3 x EM sherds. GMA-β. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the W side of the cutting.

Finds bag 70 – 5 x animal teeth and bones. GMA-β. The Consolidation notebook refers to this find coming from the E half of the cutting.

23. 25/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – ‘*Continued GMA-N/S, on W side to get pits in section*’. These ‘*pits*’ have been given single context number (2133) simply to record their presence. There are no other 1955 records at all for these features ie. no notes, plans, sections, photographs or recorded finds etc?).

GMA-β – continued to be taken down. ‘*Large section of platter with grass-marked base from here, also wall section of bar-lug*’. Notebook 2 states that 2 ‘*flintstones*’ were found?

Finds bag 71 – 2 x pebbles, 1 animal bone, 1 x shell. (Originally ‘*Shell, chewed bone, marbles*’). GMA-β. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the W side of the cutting.

Finds bag 72 – 1 x EM sherd. (Originally ‘*Sherds*’). GMA-N/S. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the W side of the cutting.

Finds bag 73 – 1 x pebble. (Originally ‘*Stones*’). GMA-N/S. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the W side of the cutting.

Finds bag 74 – 4 x EM sherds (1 x bar-lug). (Originally ‘*Sherds, including platter and bar-lug*’). GMA-β. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the W side of the cutting.

Finds bag 75 – 3 x animal bones and teeth. GMA-N/S. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the W side of the cutting.

Finds bag 76 – 10 x animal bones and teeth. GMA-β. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the E side of the cutting.

24. 26/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – ‘*Yesterday, going down on the E side of GMA-β, JHR uncovered a group of finds amongst the stones (2117) in an occupation layer (2134) lying just beneath the tramlines (2108). Since this is only 5’ from layer B on the W face of GMI, it is safe to assume this is also layer B here on the E side of GMA-β. The finds include a flaying stone, half a bone, rim-to-base sections of a bar-lug pot with XX on the lug and simple notched rim. To be photographed, allowed to dry, and then removed carefully (as GMA bag 74).* **NOTE:** the reconstructed bar-lug pot, visited by the author and currently on exhibition in the Royal Cornwall Museum (Truro) appears to perfectly fit this description.

In the afternoon the following was recorded – ‘*Continued work on GMA-β. Almost a whole pot now coming out (bag 77). Possibility that this was lying in a hearth*’.

Notebook 3 states that ‘*Pottery emanated from what appeared to be a hearth*’, ie. hearth (2116). Notebook 3 also lists flaying stone GM/DC as having been found on this date, but this appears to be a mistake.

Finds bag 77 – Missing – but likely to be the reconstructed pot currently on exhibition in the Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro, see above note. (Originally ‘*Pot to be made up*’). GMA-β.

In the 1955/56 photograph album is a picture (neg. roll XXXII) of this pot reconstructed – it may also be featured elsewhere in reconstructed drawings and photographs etc.

Finds bag 78 – 1 x animal bone. (Originally *Bones and stones*). GMA-β. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the NW corner of the cutting.

Finds bag 79 – 2 x EM sherds. GMA-β. The Consolidation notebook refers to this being found in the NW corner of the cutting. There is a note at the start of the Consolidation notebook which states that finds bags 77 and 79 were amalgamated.

25. 27/4/1955 – Notebook 2 - GMA-β – *'trowelling continued here with object of recovering more of bag 77 to make up pot with. This was finally recovered, and the pot completed: a rather odd bar-lug with XXX on the lugs, notched rim, and rather lighter than the one previously reconstructed'*. Presumably this reconstructed pot represent the remains of a single pot (rather than two).

Notebook 3 states *'Remainder of pot 77. Sherds of another bar-lug pot, 1 'fivestone', small fragments of bone, 1 oyster shell, 1 tooth, 1 portion of tench jaw. Hearth now definitely a hearth'*.
Hearth (2116).

Finds bag 80 – 27 x EM sherds (including bar-lug and rims – some grass-marked NOTE: co-joins with bag 60). GMA-β.

Finds bag 81 – Missing. (Originally contained *'Bones, shell and stones'*). GMA-β.

26. 28/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – *'Made up plastered pot no. 77'*.

27. 29/4/1955 – Notebook 2 – work continued on GMA-β.

Notebook 3 contains a sketch plan for GMA-β showing the location of the hearth (2116) plus some stones including slates (2117) and the location of a bone, all within occupation (2134), (See Fig. 47). *'Much pottery underlying the stones but above the hearth. The hearth was under a heavy deposit of shells'*. Shells = (2119). Finds for the morning are listed in the notebook (3) as consisting of 1 large rim sherd, 1 small sherd, 2 'fivestones', 1 small piece of iron ore, 11 bone fragments'.

Finds bag 82 – 1 x EM sherd, 2 x pebbles, 3 x animal bones and teeth (including wrasse jaw), 1 x charcoal fragment, 1 x shell. GMA-β.

8.3.2 1956 Season

Note: - Finds bag numbers for this year started at 1 again.

28. 9/4/1956 – Notebook 3 – GMA-α and GMA-β cleared of sand blow, except for the most northern 3' of each cutting (in an effort to prevent collapse of section edges etc).

Initial finds bags for 1956 were accidentally assigned GMA-N or S cutting names rather than their actual alpha and beta cutting names – see below. They appear to represent initial finds collected during clearance of the previous year's cuttings and as a result have been assigned the most general of context numbers ie. (2126).

Finds bag 1 – 1 x animal (pig) tooth. (Originally *'bone, shell and slag'*). From *'blown sand'* in GMA-S (but must mean GMA-α ?).

Finds bag 2 – 1 x EM sherd. (Originally *'Sherds – native'*). From *'blown sand'* in GMA-S (but must mean GMA-α ?).

Finds bag 3 – 5 x animal bones and teeth. From *'blown sand'* in GMA-N (but must mean GMA-β ?).

Finds bag 4 – 1 x EM sherd. (Originally *'Sherds – native'*). From *'blown sand'* in GMA-N (but must mean GMA-β ?).

GM/M/104 – 1 x part of bill hook. (Originally *'Iron object'*). GMA-N, (but must mean GMA-β ?).

29. 10/4/1956 – Notebook 7 – work continued on GMA. Notebook 3 – GMA-α being trowelled at a 4'6" depth and apparently produced a piece of iron blade – this does not appear to have entered the finds register.

GMA-β – 3' extension added to N edge of cut. Apparently already taken down to a 3'2" to 3'4" depth.

All finds are recorded in the register as coming from *'Occupation'*, but there are no records at all as to what was actually being seen in terms of material/features. The vast majority of what was described as *'occupation'* was termed Layer B in the finds register and has consequently been given context number **(2109)**.

Finds bag 5 – 3 x EM sherds (2 grass-marked), 4 x charcoal pieces. From N of cutting GMA-α.

Finds bag 6 – 1 x pigs jaw bone. From S of GMA-β.

Finds bag 7 – 1 x EM sherd, 1 x slag fragment. (Originally *'Native sherds, charcoal and slag'*). From S of GMA-β.

Finds bag 8 – 1 x burnt clay, daub or briquetage. (Originally *'sherd'*). From S of GMA-β.

Finds bag 9 – 1 x pebble, 3 x animal bones (inc. horn core), 1 x oyster shell. From N of GMA-α.

GM/M/105 – Missing. Discarded in 1957. 1 x *'head of iron pin'*. GMA-α. S part. The Consolidation notebook refers to this piece as coming from a 3' depth and shows a sketch tracing of it.

GM/M/106 – GMA-α. N part. 1 x small punch or awl. (Originally *'Iron object'*).

30. 11/4/1956 – Notebook 3 and 7 – GMA-α trowelling throughout at a 4'10" depth. Finds are listed as including a small bronze fragment, a small angled iron pin, iron slag and a few sherds. Notebook 7 says N part of cutting was being worked.

GMA-β being *'trowelled out'* in N extension to a depth of 3'2" to 3'10" all over. In addition a square sondage being taken down in the SE corner of the cutting to a depth of 5'9" below topsoil. There are no records at all dealing with the different contexts being seen and excavated.

NOTE: GMA-main cut refers to GMA-N, GMA-S and GMA-N/S (which now form a single cutting).

Finds bag 10 – 2 x EM sherds. GMA-α, from *'Occupation'*.

Finds bag 11 – 2 x slag fragments, 2 x animal bones and teeth, 12 x fish bones including a wrasse jaw. (Originally *'Iron slag and stone'*). GMA-α, from *'Occupation'*.

Finds bag 12 - 3 x animal bones and teeth. (Originally *'Sherd'*). GMA-β, from *'Occupation'*.

GM/M/110 – 1 x Bronze fragment (in ACT's cabinet). GMA-α, *'Occupation'*.

GM/M/111 – 1 x broken wood working staple. (Originally *'Iron hooked nail'*). GMA-α, *'Occupation'*.

GM/M/113 – Missing. 1 x Iron object. GMA-main cut, U/S.

31. 12/4/1956 – Notebook 3 and 7 – GMA-α being worked in the rain. A small, simplistic sketch showing this cutting with steps cut down one side and two un-

mentioned blobs of unknown form extending under one of the sides of the cutting – no N point given? GMA-β being worked in SE corner only.

GMA-main cut '*clearing away blown sand and infill*'. W edge of cutting extended by 3'. Turf removed. A small, simplistic sketch showing the main cutting with a reference to a '*Black deposit ... burning?*' (**2135**) in the vicinity of the stones in the N.

Notebook 7 – '*Cutting GMA-N/S was cut back on the W side, where the baulk was badly undercut, and clearance of winter silting was begun. The baulk dividing cutting GMA-N end, from GMA-α is badly undercut on both sides, and it would seem the best policy, when clearance is complete on both sides, to cut away this baulk, particularly since there appears to be a line of stones (2110) in occupation layer, in GMA-N running E into the baulk, and running N (?) under the baulk.*' The removal of this wide baulk never took place.

Finds bag 13 – 6 x animal bones and teeth, 1 x oyster shell. (Originally '*Bone*'). GMA-α, occupation.

Finds bag 14 – 1 x EM sherd, 1 x daub fragment. (Originally '*Sherd and slag*'). GMA-α, occupation.

Finds bag 15 – 7 x animal bones and teeth, 1 x shell. (Originally '*Bone*'). GMA-Main cut, occupation.

Finds bag 16 – 1 x EM sherd. (Originally '*Sherds*'). GMA-Main cut, occupation.

Finds bag 17 – 1 x animal bone. SE corner of GMA-β, occupation.

Finds bag 18 – 2 x EM sherds. SE corner of GMA-β, occupation.

Finds bag 19 – **Missing**. (Originally '*Sherd-BIV?*'). From GMA-main cut, occupation.

Finds bag 20 – 1 x EM sherd. GMA-β, occupation.

32. 13/4/1956 – No notes in notebook 3. Notebook 7 states that GMA-N/S continued to have its N end trowelled and cleared '*preparatory to taking down baulk between this and cutting GMA-α*'. This does not appear to have taken place.

Finds bag 21 – 2 x EM sherds. GMA-N, occupation.

Finds bag 22 – 6 x animal bones and teeth. GMA-N, occupation.

GM/FO – 1 x large granite fragment with polished/striated wear = quern muller. GMA-N, occupation.

GM/FQ – 1 x small, polished quartzite pebble slickstone with finger grip. GMA-N, occupation.

GM/FR – 1 x elongate pebble with percussion damage – line winder? GMA-N, occupation.

33. 14/4/1956 – No notes in notebook 3. Notebook 7 says that the baulk between GMA-β and GMI was de-turfed and taken down to the tramlines – contexts (**2107**) and (**2108**).

34. 15/4/1956 – Notebook 3 – GMA-α. '*Trowelling through at 5'2"*. Heavy shell layer (**2145**) N of cut. Few sherds of pottery recovered in this layer'.

Notebook 7 says that occupation continued to be cleared away from GMA (unsure which cutting?).

In view of the depth that this shell deposit was found and excavated it is probable that it relates (?) to Layer B/C context (2144). The piece of recorded slag may have some relevance to the proximity of burnt deposit/feature (2115).

Finds bag 23 – 5 x animal bones and teeth. GMA- α , occupation.

Finds bag 24 – 1 x chipped slate disk (pot lid), 1 x charcoal fragment. GMA- α , occupation.

Finds bag 25 – 1 x EM sherd with circular stamped decoration, 1 x slag. GMA- α , occupation.

35. 16/4/1956 – Note: **Finds bags 31 to 35** came from the linking GMA- β to GMI baulk.

Notebook 3 and 7 - GMA- α trowelling at a 5'10" depth. Sketch plan in notebook showing shells (2114) to N, 'area of burning' (2115) to E and steps to S (no ref. to the blobs drawn on a previous sketch?).

GMA- β Baulk on E side of cut removed to level of the stonework in GMI. Extensions to N, W and E to GMI shown on sketch.

GMA-main cut 'Trowelling and reducing additional 3' on W side of cut. No pottery.' This represents a 3' wide extension westwards from the cutting, running N-S along its length.

Notebook 7 – states for GMA- α that 'there appears to be a lower occupation layer, which A.L. (Langridge – the supervisor) suggests, with good reason, appears to be lower than Layer C in GMI.'

Finds bag 26 – 3 x animal bone and teeth. GMA-main cut.

Finds bag 27 – 9 x animal bones and teeth, 1 x charcoal sample. GMA- α .

Finds bag 28 – Missing. (Originally 'Sherds'). GMA- α .

Finds bag 29 – 3 x animal bones and teeth, 1 x shell. GMA- β – N side.

Finds bag 30 – 1 x quartzite whetstone used as a knife. GMA- β – N side.

36. 17/4/1956 – Notebook 3 and 7 - GMA- α trowelling occupation layer at a depth of 6'3" (ie. the basal (?) fill (2132) of sunken structure 2140). Stonework (2113) exposed in S (SW area) and running N (2149). This N area apparently produced a single sherd. (NOTE: this description corresponds with plan 34, and strongly suggests that stones (2113) and (2149) are related ie. basal *in situ* stones (2149) and later tumble (?) (2113)).

GMA- β primarily being worked in the western area, ie. the working of [2141]? **Finds bags 36, 37, 38 and 39** have been assigned to sunken cut [2141]. To the east of GMA- β the baulk area was being worked = dealt with as part of GMI.

GMA-main site continued to be slowly worked.

Finds bag 36 – 8 x animal bones. GMA- β , W side, occupation.

Finds bag 37 – 8 x animal bones and teeth, 1 x shell. GMA- β , W side, occupation.

Finds bag 38 – 3 x EM sherds, 1 x slag fragment. GMA- β , W side, occupation.

Finds bag 39 – 1 x chipped slate – line winder?, 1 x pebble whetstone. GMA- β , W side, occupation.

Finds bag 40 – 1 x animal tooth, 1 x shell. GMA- α , occupation.

Finds bag 41 – 1 x EM sherd, 1 x charcoal sample. GMA- α , occupation.

Finds bag 42 – 1 x pebble – gaming counter, 3 x animal bones and teeth, 3 x fish bones. GMA-main cut, occupation.

Finds bag 43 – 2 x EM sherds. GMA-main cut, occupation.

(Note: **Finds bags 44 to 48** came from the linking GMA- β to GMI baulk.

37. 18/4/1956 – Notebook 3 and 7 - Cuttings GMA- α and GMA- β and GMA-main cut all continued to be worked.

GMA-main cut produced an unstratified piece of iron which does not feature in the register. The southern part of the cutting was being worked.

Notebook 7 states *In the W side of the cutting (GMA- β), there appears to be regular hollows (2146) of occupation in the clean blown sand. This area is being carefully cleared horizontally, and it should be possible to see any pattern more clearly to morrow*'. There is a very sketchy sketch plan in notebook 7 for this date, which shows what appears to be the sunken edge [2141] (possible structure 2123).

Finds bag 49 – 10 x animal bones and teeth, 3 x fish bones, 3 x shells. GMA- β , layer B.

Finds bag 50 – 1 x EM sherd, 1 x charcoal. (Originally 'Charcoal, pebble, slag, sherds'). GMA- β , layer B.

Finds bag 51 – 8 x EM sherds (some grass-marked). GMA- β , layer B.

Finds bag 52 – 8 x animal bones and teeth. GMA-main cut, unstratified.

Finds bag 53 – 2 x EM sherds. GMA-main cut, unstratified.

38. 19/4/1956 – No notes in notebook 3. Notebook 7 states that GMA- β occupation was being trowelled in the middle area (?) '*... in order to see more clearly the regular looking sharp dips in the occupation layer*' ie. (2146). GMA-main area continued to be worked.

Finds bag 54 – 1 x pebble, 2 x animal bones and teeth. GMA- β , layer B.

Finds bag 55 – 1 x EM sherd. (Originally 'Sherds'). GMA- β , layer B.

Finds bag 56 – 7 x animal bones and teeth (Originally 'Bone and charcoal'). GMA- β , layer B.

Finds bag 57 – 2 x EM sherds. GMA- β , layer B.

39. 20/4/1956 – No notes in notebook 3. Notebook 7 states '*Continued trowelling occupation in cutting GMA- β to blown sand (2139) on one level, to leave the deeper patches - (2146) of occupation showing*'. There are no sketches to show these potential pits/postholes and no photographs are referred to.

Finds bag 58 – 3 x animal bones and teeth, 1 x shell. GMA- β – SE corner, layer B.

Finds bag 59 – **Missing**. (Originally 'Sherds – native'). GMA- β – SE corner, layer B.

There are no further records for any of the GMA cuttings.

8.4 Context Descriptions

(2107) – Upper sand deposits

- **Located** – GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S, GMA- α and GMA- β .

- **Described** – Variegated or banded sandy contexts (sometimes with disturbance), positioned below turf/topsoil and above the Medieval dated tramlines. Recorded in all GMA cuttings, as well as across GMI where it has been assigned context number **(2200)**. The notebooks for the GMA cuttings do not describe this context, although we know that GMA-S (the first cutting at GMA to be opened) had a 1'6" depth of **(2107)** (and turf) removed – see notebook 2, 1/4/1955. Elsewhere this context appears to have been deeper, extending to in excess of 2'6" thick. This context appears to have consisted of more than one Medieval and later bands of deposit, all or most of which appear to have been markedly sandy in character. **(2107)** was regarded as overburden and removed wholesale from across the GMA cuttings. No useful photographs have been found and no sections were drawn. Some finds were collected from this context, but many are likely to be residual.
- **Stratigraphically** – below topsoil, above tramlines **(2108)**.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2, 3 and 7 give occasional brief reference to material above the tramlines.
- **Finds** - GMA-N/S 1955 = **45, 46, GM/M/83, 49, 50**. GMA-β 1955 = Probably **51, 52 and 58**.

(2108) – Tramlines – parallel turf lines

- **Located** – GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S, GMA-α and GMA-β.
- **Described** – '*Tramlines*' consisting of distinctive parallel turf lines with a uniform band of sand separating them. Recorded in all GMA cuttings, as well as across GMI where it has been assigned context number **(2223)**. The notebooks for the GMA cuttings do not describe the 'tramlines', although they do occasionally refer to them. No useful photographs have been found and no sections were drawn. The depth of the tramlines across GMA appears to have been very approximately between 2'6" and c3'. There are no descriptions of the thickness, colour or character of the turf lines. Some Medieval sherds were recorded as lying on the second (earlier) tramline at a 2'8" depth in GMA-α.
- **Stratigraphically** – below **(2107)** and above Layer A **(2118)** and/or associated contexts.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2, 3 and 7 give occasional brief references to the 'tramlines'.
- **Finds** - GMA-α 1955 = **15, 22**.

(2109) – General 'dark occupation' – Layer B.

- **Located** – GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S (termed 'main site' in 1956), GMA-α GMA-β.

Described – '*Dark occupation material*' consisting / containing all structures and associated features from across the GMA cuttings located below the later shell deposits/middening (associated with the post-abandonment use of the structures), and overlying sand (often described as '*clean sand*') wherever any basal deposit was mentioned. This context also acts as a 'catch all' number for the listing of all finds associated with layer B on the context index lists.

No descriptions are given as to appearance, depth etc of layer B, but it appears to have had a variable thickness, deepening from nothing (see drawings 34, 44 and 45) at its southern fringes to c1'6" to ?3' depending on location as it extended north

towards and across cuttings GMA-N and GMA- α , from GMA-S and GMA- β . It was recognised as a dark occupation deposit which contained finds, sometimes recognised as forming concentrations. Layer B (and A) relate directly to the presence, position and use of the various different structures. **(2109)** seems to represent both a landsurface and other deposits which were not distinguished at the time of excavation.

Confusion between layers A and B did occur, as did confusion between layers B and C towards the end of the excavation of GMA cuttings. No section drawings at all were recorded, there are no written descriptions, and the vast majority of the photographs cannot be traced (at present).

- **Stratigraphically** – generally below layer A/A-B ie. **(2118)/(2126)**, (except in GMA-N/S where a thin band of sand **(2120)** in the S and charcoal **(2121)** in the N overlie **(2109)**), and above Layer B/C **(2144)** associated contexts and ‘clean’ sands **(2127)** and **(2139)**.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2, 3 and 7 give brief references to Layer B. Plans 34, 42, 44 and 45, plus a sketch plan and section in notebook 3 for 11/4/1955.
- **Finds** – 1955 GMA-N = 7, 9, 10, GM/M/62 = missing, 13, 14, 16; GMA-S = 8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 29, 39, GM/M//74; GMA-N/S = 57, 65 = missing, 66, 67, 68, GM/M/88 = missing; GMA- α 1955 = 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, GM/M/72, 33 = missing, 34, 35, 36, 37; GMA- β = 71, 74, 76; 1956 GMA-N = 21, 22, GM/FO, GM/FQ, GM/FR; GMA-S = 52, 53; GMA-N/S = U/S GM/M/113 = missing, 42, 43; GMA- α = 5, 9, GM/M/105 = missing, GM/M/106, 10, 11, GM/M/110, GM/M/111, 13, 14; GMA- β = 6, 7, 8, 12, 17, 18, 20, 49, 50, 51, (Following finds appear to come from lower layer B? = 54, 55, 56, 57, ?58 and 59? = missing.

(2110) – Walling and tumble associated with structure 2142.

- **Located** – N part of GMA-N
- **Described** – drawn as an approximate 8’ long tumbled arc of E to W aligned stones, positioned to the S of wall foundation trench **[2112]/(2143)**, (see Figs. 45, 49 and 50). A number of these stones clearly represent *in situ* walling – forming an approximately 2’ wide wall, while others appear to more closely represent tumble. There are no drawn sections, good photographs or detailed descriptions of either the stones or their associated deposits/finds.

Since this walling appears to partially mirror or respect walling **(2143)**, it is suggested that **(2110)** represents a cell or linked extension (structure **2142**) belonging to the adjacent northern/presumably contemporary structure **2124**. Similarly cell-like, stone defined divisions have also been recorded in the GMI area of excavation (see for example Structure **2244**). A break in this arc of walling to the W may represent a narrow entrance, positioned close to the angular northward turn of structure **2124**. A single piece of metalwork was found in or on the walling at a depth of 3’5 1/2” – see notebook 2/3, 5/4/1955. A piece of bar-lug pottery was also found but this has not been isolated from other finds of the day.

- **Stratigraphically** – below shell midden **(2122)** and above unknown ?sand.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3 from 4/4/1955, plus drawings 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** – GM/M/58 – found immediately on/in **(2110)**.

(2111) – Sand within structure 2124

- **Located** – N part of GMA-N
- **Described** – as *'pale sand'* forming a triangular shape and extending beyond the N edge of cutting GMA-N. It appears to represent an internal (wind blown?) sand fill of structure **2124**, and was defined by wall foundation trench and stones **[2112]/(2143)**. There are no further descriptions regarding colour, variations or finds etc. It seems to represent deliberate structure **2124** infilling prior to subsequent sealing beneath shells **(2122)**. It is not recorded as having been excavated and the depth is unknown. On plan it had an approximate 3'4" E-W length and a 2' N-S width visible (the notebook states a 2'5" extension in to GMA-N from the N).
- **Stratigraphically** – below shells **(2122)** and above **(2143)**.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3 from 4/4/1955, plus drawings 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

[2112] – Wall foundation trench for structure 2124.

- **Located** – N part of GMA-N.
- **Described** – as a reasonably clearly defined, parallel sided, angular cut containing remnant stone wall **(2143)**. The matrix surrounding the stones was *'dark'* and shelly. The depth, edges and base were not recorded in the notebooks. We know that the wall trench was at least partially excavated and photographed, but these cannot be located. On plans 34, 44 and 45 it is shown as 1'6" wide at the W edge and 2'3" wide at the E end. Its NW-SE arm is 3' long and the longer, wider S-NE arm is 6' long. The junction between these arms forms a rounded right angle.
- **Stratigraphically** – below remnant wall **(2143)** and above unknown ?sand.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3 from 4/4/1955, plus drawings 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2113) – Stones - upper part of stone revetting/wall (2149), part of Structure 2140.

- **Located** – S part of GMA- α .
- **Described** – occasional, reasonably substantial stones found higher than related stone revetting/walling **(2149)** – located to the immediate N. These stones appear to have been set within compacted surfacing **(2132)**, against and running beneath the S edge of cutting GMA- α . No depths were recorded, and an insufficient number were revealed to give a plan. They probably represent the upper disturbed parts of the walling for structure **2140**, (discovered and excavated at an earlier date due to the excavation of a sondage trench against the S edge of the cutting).
- **Stratigraphically** – below **(2126)** and above **?(2144)**.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3 from 15/4/1955 onwards, plus drawings 34, 42, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2114) – 'Upper' shell midden deposit

- **Located** – N part of GMA- α .

- **Described** – on plan 34 as ‘*high shell layer of A or B*’. There are no further descriptions of this midden deposit in the records. It may or may not have been totally removed, and appears contemporary with **(2126)** (upper layer B or layer A). There are no written records describing thickness of deposit or components/finds etc, and no drawings, photographs or samples. Plans 42 and 44 (see Figs. 44 and 50) show the likely spread of this curvilinear midden towards the N, NE and NW. Subsequent excavations in 1956 record shells **(2145)** at a depth in excess of 5’2” which might suggest that this context records the top part only of a deeper deposit which may have filled a sunken cut area, or that it is the upper one of two separate shell middens.
- **Stratigraphically** – below **(2126)** and above **?(2115)/(2144)**.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3, 9-15/4/1955, and plans 34, 44 and 45.
- **Findings** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2115) – Linear burnt feature

- **Located** – E part of GMA- α .
- **Described** – This deposit is not described at all in the notebooks. It does not appear to have been excavated, but was recorded only on plans 34 and 42 (see Figs. 49 and 44) as part of an apparently linear feature/‘*burnt layer*’ running up and extending beyond the N and E edge of cutting GMA- α . It was uncovered in 1956 sometime after the removal of shell midden **(2114)**. There may well have been general layer B **(2109)** occupation deposits above it, although these were never described. The plans show it was in excess of 8’ N-S and approximately 2’ wide. It may have had an industrial function, note the piece of slag (**finds bag 25**) found close to (but not in) this deposit.
- **Stratigraphically** – unexcavated, below shells **(2144)** and probably below **?(2109)**.
- **Archive** – Plans 34 and 42.
- **Findings** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2116) – Hearth in structure 2137

- **Located** – central GMA- β .

Described – as a clear area of burning which formed a hearth (see Fig. 47). It had a stone slab placed on top prior to being sealed by shells **(2119)**. It was located within structure **2137** related occupation material **(2134)** (which included pottery found above and around the hearth). According to the plans the immediate hearth area was near circular and had a just over 2’ diameter. The sketch plan in notebook 3 shows a slightly oval E-W aligned hearth. There are no records relating to hearth lining etc.

Notebook 2 for 26/4/1955 states that ‘*Almost a whole pot now coming out (bag 77)*’ from the hearth, while notebook 3 records that ‘*Pottery emanated from what appeared to be a hearth*’. Notebook 3 for 29/4/1955 also contains a sketch plan of the NE quadrant of GMA- β showing the location of hearth **(2116)** plus stones **(2117)** (including slates etc), and says that ‘*Much pottery underlying the stones but above the hearth. The hearth was under a heavy deposit of shells (2119)*’. The associated pottery indicates *in situ* hearth and occupation material.

- **Stratigraphically** – associated with structure occupation (2134), below (2119) and above (2136).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3, 26/4/1955 onwards and plans 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** – see occupation (2134).

(2117) – **Stones - associated with structure 2137**

- **Located** – central GMA-β.
- **Described** – as a loosely rectangular arrangement of stones and slabs focussed around hearth (2116), forming what superficially appears to be the visible periphery of small rectangular structure 2137. These stones may reflect an internal setting (or wall tumble?). The original outer edge of the construction hollow [2136] may or may not have been walled/revetted and actually defined a larger area for the structure than that suggested by this stonework. No associated foundation trench, post/stakeholes, clay, daub etc were recorded. The stones externally form an 8' long, 5' wide, SW to NE aligned pattern. Further stones to the SW (and W) may also be related. The relationship of this structure to nearby 'House 4' in GMI is not known.
- **Stratigraphically** – below shells (2119) and associated with (2134) etc.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3, sketch plan in notebook 3 for 29/4/1955 and plans 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2118) – **General layer A context**

- **Located** – in all (?) GMA cuttings.
- **Described** – Never drawn or described except as a dark occupation layer around the tramlines '*weak occupation material*' – see 11/4/1955 notebook 2. It is likely that it varied in appearance and thickness, and is known to have contained finds. Like the other alphabetical layer contexts applied to GMA, this context number is designed to catch all layer A associated finds (when these have been identified). It is known that layer A was frequently not identified separately from layer B (which was also described as a dark occupation material). The finds register entries do record many finds as having come from layer A, but much of this information seems to have been added after actual excavation.

A sketch section in notebook 2 for 21/4/1955 (see Fig. 48) shows a N-S section through GMA-N/S which separates layer A from B with a thin band of sand (2120) in the N and charcoal (2121) in the S. Although the A and B were marked on this sketch, they were not excavated separately and finds were not reliably kept apart. No depths or further descriptions for any of the contexts are given. This sketch additionally shows that at least parts of layer A had been disturbed by rabbits prior to excavation.

- **Stratigraphically** – below tramlines (2108), and above (2126) layer A/B.
- **Archive** – Not recorded or drawn, possibly just visible in occasional photographs.
- **Finds** – 1955 GMA-N - 1, and an **un-numbered bone bag**. GMA-N/S - Probably 53, 54, 55, 56, GM/DA, GM/DB, and 64. GMA-α - An **un-numbered bone bag** (from layer A and above?). GMA-β - 69, 70.

(2119) – Shells above structure 2137

- **Located** – in GMA-β.
- **Described** – as ‘*a heavy deposit of shells*’ overlying hearth (2116) and other structure 2137 related contexts. There are no further references or descriptions. This dump appears to represent post-abandonment sealing of structure 2137. Other dumped shell middens over buildings have been recorded elsewhere on GMI and GMA etc.
- **Stratigraphically** – below layer A (2118) and above structure 2137 related deposits.
- **Archive** – Not drawn. Notebook 3 for 29/4/1955.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2120) – Thin band of sand separating layer A and B

- **Located** – in GMA-N/S.
- **Described** – drawn as a thin band of ‘*clean sand*’ separating layer A (and A/B?) from layer B in the S part of cutting GMA-N/S – see notebook 2 for 21/4/1955 (see Fig. 48). To the N an equally thin, contemporary band of charcoal (2121) takes its place. There are no further details or drawings. Note this was not detected as a major horizon across the entire site.
- **Stratigraphically** – beneath layer A and A/B (2118) and (2126), above layer B (2109).
- **Archive** – Notebook 2 for 21/4/1955 contains a sketch section for this context.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2121) – Thin band of charcoal separating layer A and B

- **Located** – in GMA-N/S.
- **Described** – drawn as a thin band of ‘*charcoal*’ separating layer A (and A/B?) from layer B in the S part of cutting GMA-N/S – see notebook 2 for 21/4/1955 (see Fig. 48). To the S an equally thin, contemporary band of sand (2121) takes its place. There are no further details or drawings.
- **Stratigraphically** – beneath layer A and A/B (2118) and (2126), above layer B (2109).
- **Archive** – Notebook 2 for 21/4/1955 contains a sketch section for this context.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2122) – Shell deposit – ? sealing structure 2124 (and (2142)?)

- **Located** – in GMA-N.
- **Described** – as a deposit of shells located alongside stones (described as structural walls) during probing along the N edge of the cutting (having already excavated to 1’ down). The deposit’s plan or full extent was never recorded. Notebook 3 for 2/4/1955 states ‘... *shovelled out to a depth of 1’ all over ... probing revealed shell layer approx. another 1’ and possible foundation?*’. This shell deposit overlay structure 2124, and probably sealed adjacent structure 2142.

- **Stratigraphically** – below layer A/B (2126) and sealing structure 2124 associated contexts.
- **Archive** – Notebook 3 for 2/4/1955, and notebook 2 for 3/4/1955.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

2123 – Possible sunken structure?

- **Located** – in GMA-β.
- **Described** – as a possible sunken structure (not identified at the time of excavation), defined by NE-SW aligned cut [2141] and regular features (2146). Cut [2141] seems similar to that recorded for structure 2137 (also in GMA-β), probable sunken floor [2128] in cutting GMA-N-S plus other recorded sunken structures in GMI. Unfortunately the regular hollows were never wholly defined or excavated planned and the cut was only ever sketched (see notebook 7 for 18/4/1956). Both the linear cut and the regular hollows were filled by ‘dark occupation’ material. The lack of full excavation means that we do not know the dimensions for this feature, which primarily lay under the baulks left between cuttings GMA-S, GMA-N/S and perhaps GMA-α. There are no photographs or other records.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2126), and above unexcavated sand (2139). Includes [2141] and (2146).
- **Archive** – Notebook 7 for 18/4/1956.
- **Finds** – see [2141] and (2146). None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

2124 – Structure

- **Located** – in northern GMA-N.
- **Described** – Identified as a structure, but was only defined by partially exposed angular foundation trench [2112], which formed a rounded near right angled corner (the internal S corner of the structure. Remnant stone walling (2143) survived. The structure extended N and NE(?) beyond the N edge of cutting GMA-N. The full shape, orientation and size of the structure was never established. No associated postholes etc. were recorded. The dark matrix (within which the stones were set) may suggest turf revetment or walling. Contained within the walled internal space was sand (2111). The structure may have been rectangular, and of a sunken form.

Like most of the post-Roman structures uncovered, this structure appears on abandonment to have been sealed by a rapid dump of shells (possibly mixed with other midden debris). We know that parts of this structure were excavated and photographed, but the results were not drawn or described and the photographs have not been identified within the existing archive.

- **Stratigraphically** – beneath shells (2122), within (2109) and above unexcavated sand?
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3 from 4/4/1955 onwards, and plans 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** - GM/M/55 and 57 = missing, GM/M/56, GM/M/61. **Finds bag 4.** (All found in 1955). No others specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds

registers, but if there were any then they will have entered the system as part of the general layer B (2109) list of finds.

(2125) – Clay deposit

- **Located** – GMA-N
- **Described** – as ‘*light yellow clayey substance*’. It appears to have had an approximate 1’ diameter, an unknown thickness, was found at a 3’5” depth and was positioned centrally within GMA-N. It was sampled (see 1955 **sample 8**). A central location would place it amidst structure **2142** activity. Its diameter might suggest a pit lining?, or even a remnant surface.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2110), within (2109), forming part of (?) structure **2142**.
- **Archive** – Notebook 3 for 8/4/1955 and sample/finds register 1.
- **Finds** – 1955, Soil Sample 8.

(2126) – General Layer A/Layer B

- **Located** – GMA-N, GMA-S, GMA-N/S (termed ‘main site’ in 1956), GMA- α , GMA- β .
- **Described** – as occupation, indistinguishable from but consisting of either layer A or layer B. There are very occasional references to layer A, upper layer B and/or occupation around the tramlines, ie, in notebook 2 for 11/4/1955 the following is stated ‘*trowelling continued down through black layer round about the tramlines. Weak occupation material*’. This context number is designed to catch all finds that can be attributable to this uncertain horizon.
- **Stratigraphically** – below tramlines (2108)/layer A (2118) and above layer B (2109) (where distinguishable).
- **Archive** – No clear records (see above).
- **Finds** – 1955 GMA-N - **2, 3** = missing, **5**, an **un-numbered U/S bone bag**. GMA-S - **6, 28, 30**. GMA- α - **23, GM/M/70, 38, 40**. 1956 GMA-N/S – **15, 16, 19, 26**. GMA- α – **1, 2**. GMA- β - **3, 4, GM/M/104, 29, 30**.

(2127) – ‘Clean’ sand

- **Located** – in GMA-S and GMA-N/S.
- **Described** – as a thick lower deposit of ‘*clean sand*’, cut by [2128] and sealed by layer B (2109). It is only recorded in a sketch section in notebook 3 for 11/4/1955 (see Fig. 46). It is likely to equate with sand deposit (2139), shown on plans 34, 44 and 45 (see Fig. 49, 50 and 45). The sketch section does not show a scale but a depth in excess of 1’ is suggested. The base of the deposit was not exposed or recorded. Approximately 3’+ long (E to W) and located on the E side of the N face of GMA-S.
- **Stratigraphically** – below [2128] and above unknown/unexcavated deposits. Equivalent to (2139) in GMA-S and GMA- β , and (2138) in GMA- α .
- **Archive** – Sketch section in notebook 3 for 11/4/1955.
- **Finds** – None.

[2128] – Probable structure cut

- **Located** – GMA-S and GMA-N/S.

Described – A small sketch section of the N face of GMA-S is recorded in notebook 3 (11/4/1955) showing all deposits from topsoil down to below layer B (see Fig. 46). It shows a steep/sheer sided cut, sealed and filled (?) by (2109)/occupation material. Only the upper E edge of the cut is shown. The W edge extends beyond the W edge of cutting GMA-S. The S edge of this cut appears to define the edge of layer B as shown on plan 34, 44 and 45 (see Fig. 49, 50 and 45). The lowest point of the section drawing was recorded as being at a 5'10 1/2" depth. Both the infilling 'occupation' of [2128] and the sand continued down below this depth.

On the basis of structure cuts recorded in GMI and elsewhere in GMA, ie the structures in GMA-β (see [2136] and ?[2141]), cut [2128] almost certainly represents the edge of another sunken structure. Its full size, shape, alignment or associated features is not known, but is likely to have been at least 8' long (W to E) and orientated NE to SW, very much like that of probable structure 2123 and structure 2140.

- **Stratigraphically** – below (2109) and above (2127).
- **Archive** – Sketch section in notebook 3 for 11/4/1955.
- **Finds** - 1955 – probably 20 and 21, GM/CT. Additional finds are likely to be within the general layer B (2109) list of finds.

(2129) – Shallow fill/deposit in NW corner of GMA-S, associated with layer A

- **Located** – in GMA-S (and GMA-N/S).
- **Described** – recorded in a sketch section only (notebook 3 for 11/4/1955 – see Fig. 46). Located in the extreme NW corner of GMA-S and visible as the E side of a shallow scoop beneath the tramlines and layer A (2118). Unknown size, shape and fill. The sketch shows it to extend W beyond the cutting edge and N into GMA-N/S, suggesting that it was at least 4" deep. A concave shallow E edge and a near flat base. Interpretation has been left open.
- **Stratigraphically** – below/part of layer A (2118)/layer A/B (2126) and above Layer B (2109).
- **Archive** – Sketch section in notebook 3 for 11/4/1955.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2130) – CONTEXT NUMBER NOT USED.

(2131) – Occupation deposit in SE corner of GMA-S

- **Located** – SE corner of GMA-S.
- **Described** – During the 'tidying up of blown sand and occupation layers', at an all over depth of 3'6" it became apparent that (2109) was separated from very similar dark occupation material (2131) visible in the SE corner of cutting GMA-S. It was not unfortunately described in terms of edges etc and never appears to have been excavated, but it is possible that it filled a cut. **Finds bag 29** is described as having come from this same corner, but at a higher level (2'6") prior to the visible separation of (2131) from (2109) – it has as a result been placed within the general Layer B (2109) context.

- **Stratigraphically** – below (2126), equivalent? to (2109) and above sand (2139).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3 for 12/4/1955.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2132) – Compacted occupation/surface within structure 2140

- **Located** – S part of GMA- α .
- **Described** – in notebook 3 on 15/4/1955 as *'dark hard packed soil'* found in the SW part of the cutting in the immediate vicinity of stones (2113) (described as *'amidst'* in the notebook). Two days later a number of deeper (6'3" deep) stones were found to the immediate NE which probably relate to (2132). The arrangement of these stones as a whole appears very similar to structure associated stonework seen elsewhere, implying that the compacted dark soil relates either to an internal compacted surface, or perhaps turf/soil reinforcing around the stones within a trench or ?lining the edge of an unrecorded cut (possibly related to the arc shown on plan 34 (see Fig. 49) encircling the N edge). This is probably a good candidate for dating.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2126), within (2109), associated with structure 2140 and above (2144).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 3 for 15/4/1955 onwards.
- **Finds** - 1955 - 41, (42, 43 and 44 ? associated). Additional finds will be included within the general layer B (2109) list of finds. 1956 - 27, 28 = missing, 40, 41.

(2133) – 'Pits' along the W edge of excavation

- **Located** – W edge of cutting GMA-N/S.
- **Described** – *'Continued GMA-N/S, on W side to get pits in section'*, as referred to in notebook 2 for 25/4/1955. These *'pits'* have been given single context number (2133) simply to record their presence. There are no other records at all for these features.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2121)/(2120), part of (2109), above unknown (probable sand (2139)).
- **Archive** – Notebook 2 for 25/4/1955. The approximate location has been added to plans 34, 44 and 45, (see Fig. 49, 50 and 45).
- **Finds** - 1955 - Probably 72, 73 and 75? No others specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2134) – Occupation associated with hearth and stones of structure 2137

- **Located** – in central GMA- β .
- **Described** – as a central GMA- β deposit associated with/in the immediate vicinity of hearth (2116) and stones (2117). Recorded in notebook 2 for 26/4/1955 *'Yesterday, going down on the E side of GMA- β , JHR uncovered a group of finds amongst the stones (2117) in an occupation layer (2134) lying just beneath the tramlines (NOTE: there is also clear reference to the hearth etc being sealed by shell-rich abandonment deposits). The finds include a flaying stone, half a bone, rim-to-base sections of a bar-lug pot with XX on the lug and simple notched rim.'* This reconstructed bar-lug pot is currently on exhibition in the Royal Cornwall Museum. It should also be added that a

reasonable proportion of another pot was found in association with this structure, consisting of conjoining sherds from **finds bags 60 and 80**. The apparent focus of sherds in this vicinity, ie. within the tumbled stone and associated with the hearth imply that this material represents *in situ* occupation material related to the use of structure **2137**. An approximate 6' to 8' diameter is estimated for the extent of this occupation spread. The quantity of pottery from this occupation deposit, found in association with the hearth and sealed by abandonment related shells makes this a good candidate for dating occupation.

- **Stratigraphically** – below/sealed by (**2119**).
- **Archive** – Notebook 2 for 26/4/1955, and position marked on plan 34 and 45.
- **Finds** - 1955 - **59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 77, 78?, 79, 80, 81** = missing, **82**.

(2135) – Black, burnt deposit associated with structure 2124 (and 2142)?

- **Located** – In N part of GMA-N.
- **Described** – In 1956, after the clearance of collapse and sand blow following the 1955 excavation a *Black deposit around and under (2143) (and (2110)?)*. *Burning?* was noted around the northernmost stones in GMA-N. There are no further records of appearance, depth, size of spread, inclusions etc. This black deposit probably relates to floor (?) deposits associated with structure **2124** (beneath sand (**2111**)), but could be related to material underlying walling (**2143**) and extending S into the area of structure **2142?**
- **Stratigraphically** – below and around (**2111**)/(**2143**) and above unknown/sand?
- **Archive** – Notebook 3 and 7 for 12/4/1956.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

[2136] – Sunken cut for structure 2137

- **Located** – centrally within GMA-β.
- **Described** – as a *deeper patch of occupation* and shown on a sketchy plan (aligned NE to SW) rectangular(?) cutting, approximately 5'+ wide and 8'+ long. The S/SE end of the cut was not shown. The N corner formed a rounded right angle with straight edges running SE and SW away from it. The stones (**2117**) are not referred to on the sketch (and had probably already been removed at this point), but they were probably contained within the inner circuit of this cut. This cut represents the edge of a purpose dug hollow, similar to a number of other sunken structures found within GMI and GMA (see structure **2124**). The cut was not referred to again or recorded as having been excavated, its depth is unknown. An entrance may have been positioned in the S, (where there is a break in the stones).
- **Stratigraphically** – beneath (**2134**) (and (**2116**)/(**2117**)?), and above sand (**2139**).
- **Archive** – Notebook 7 for 18/4/1956 (including a sketch plan).
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the finds registers/notebooks beyond those known to be associated with structure occupation (**2134**).

2137 – Structure

- **Located** – centrally within GMA-β.

- **Described** – A structure consisting of sunken floor space [2136], collapsed stones or/and walling (2117), hearth (2116) and associated occupation debris (2134). The occupation deposit was contained within and around the hearth, stones and sunken floor cut. Finds (including a notable amount of pottery – some of which was subsequently reconstructed to form a whole pot now on display in the Royal Truro Museum) were recorded at the time as being focussed within the rectangular circuit of stones and from around the immediate hearth area – see (2134).

The structure itself was NE to SW aligned and appears to have had a southern entrance area (see [2136]). The structure appears from bottom up to have consisted of a sunken rectangular floor surrounded by walling, which appears to have lined /revetted the cut and perhaps had once extended up beyond it as walls. The walling may or may not have had additional support or stabilisation of sand (2139) by the addition of timber posts, stakeholes, turf etc, (none of which was recorded). Within the space a hearth was established and once the building went out of use was partly demolished(?). The stone lying directly on top of the hearth appears to represent a deliberate act. The hearth and the internal area of the structure was then sealed by a mass of shell debris (2119) and perhaps other midden material. The impression is that this structure witnessed a rapid closure, with little or no time for abandonment related deposits to build up naturally such as wind blown sand, obvious disturbance or patchy turf development.

- **Stratigraphically** – below shells (2119) and above sand (2139).
- **Archive** – 3/4/1955 onwards in notebooks 2, 3 and 7. Shown on plans 34, 44 and 45 and as a cut on a sketch plan in notebook 7 (18/4/1956).
- **Finds** – see (2134).

(2138) – Sandy deposit - to N of structure 2140

- **Located** – centrally within GMA- α .
- **Described** – Not described at all but likely to be a general sandy occupation deposit. Its representation via differential shading on plan 45 (see Fig. 45) suggests that it was sandier and less densely occupational in appearance than some parts of (2109).
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2115) and above unknown material.
- **Archive** – Not recorded but area visible on plan 34 and 45.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2139) – ‘Clean’ sand

- **Located** – across GMA-S and in the SW of GMA- β .
- **Described** – as a ‘blown sand’ deposit (notebook 7 for 20/4/1956), cut into by layer B features. This clean, pale sand deposit appears to have been in excess of 1’ deep - see context (2127), and may be broadly contemporary with layer B/C (2144) – separating layer B from layer C (as found elsewhere in GMI).
- **Stratigraphically** – not excavated, below all strictly layer B associated contexts.
- **Archive** – Notebook 7 for 20/4/1956, and plans 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

2140 – Structure

- **Located** – in SW corner of GMA- α .
- **Described** – identified as a loose concentration of upper stones (2113) in compacted occupation deposit (2132), possibly associated with stakeholes (2150), and slightly lower stones (2149). In addition, plan 34 shows an arc or outer stone circuit (c1'6" wide) (of unrecorded character), which seems to enclose and perhaps define the northern edge of this structure. The structure's true shape, size and orientation is not known, although recorded dimensions on plan can be seen to exceed 7'. The main body of the structure extends S and W beyond the edges of cutting GMA- α towards GMA- β and GMA-N/S. The stakeholes lie within and beyond the arc, which could indicate a slightly later date.

This structure was built within a purpose dug hollow, which when excavated revealed stones (2149). Like structures 2124, 2142 and 2137 the stone element had a loose, partially tumbled appearance suggesting either reveting or tumbled wall. Unlike structures 2124, 2142 and 2137 no dumped shell deposits were recorded above the abandoned structure.

This is the only structure within GMA to have had an occupation deposit (2132), recorded as being compacted at the time of excavation. Like structure 2137 in GMA- β which had a concentration of pottery, this structure was identified as being associated with a '*Remarkable amount of apparently polished fragments of slate, mainly from the W half of the cutting*' (see notebook 2 for 11/4/1955). Much of this spread of slate would fall within the immediate area of the stones and arc. Unfortunately the current finds bags contents do not reflect this concentration of material. It is likely that much of this 'polished slate' was either not kept or has simply decayed/fractured away since collection.

- **Stratigraphically** – below layer A/B (2126), within layer B (2109) and above layer B/C (2144).
- **Archive** – Notebook 2 (3 and 7) for 11/4/1955 onwards and plans 34, 44, 45, 46,.
- **Finds** – see (2132).

[2141] – Sunken cut for probable structure 2123

- **Located** – in NW corner of GMA- β .
- **Described** – as '*deeper occupation*' (see notebook 7 for 18/4/1956) filling a straight sided cut, aligned NE to SW. Only an approximate 7' length was revealed forming the eastern edge. It was never excavated. The W and N edges extended into the baulks surrounding GMA- β . The edge of layer B (2109) as planned on plan 34 (see Fig. 49) probably represents the S continuation of this cut. If so it extended W for an approximate 6'-7' from a right angled SE corner. A similarly sharp right angled corner has been suggested for [2128] and is clearly visible for structure 2124. The depth of this cut is not known, but is likely to be well in excess of 1' on the basis of the other sunken structures. Its visible top fill (?) was recorded as dark occupation material. Some of this appears to have been excavated – see 17/4/1956 notebooks 3 and 7.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2126) and above (2139).
- **Archive** – see notebook 7 for 17 and 18/4/1956, position marked on plan 34 from notebook 7 sketch.

- **Finds bags** – 1956 - **36, 37, 38** and **39**. These finds may not be sufficiently secure to date this structures use. NOTE: finds bag 74 may also relate to this structure.

2142 – Structure

- **Located** – In the N part of GMA-N.
- **Described** – as a lean-to? or cell-like structure linked/attached to adjacent structure **2124**, located to its' immediate N. It is defined by the existence of remnant walling (**2110**) and stakeholes (**2147**), which appear to closely mirror the internal edge of the walling. Structure **2142** has been separated from structure **2124** on the basis of different internal fills recorded as being at the same level (ie the top of walling). Structure **2124** was filled with pale sand, while structure **2142** was filled with dark occupation material. Unfortunately the occupation fill did not have its finds separated at the time of excavation from general layer B (**2109**) finds. As a result we do not have any secure dating material for this structure. It is uncertain whether this structure was dug into or contemporary with (**2109**).

This loosely defined structure may have extended W beyond the edge of cutting GMA-N on the basis of two planned stones on the immediate W edge of the cutting. It is known to have extended E into the baulk area. The baulk was never recorded as having been excavated, although the intention to remove it with the specific aim of following stones (**2110**) was recorded. A series of dashed lines marking out the E continuation of this walling were marked on the original field plan (plan 34). These have not been reproduced in this report since it is not proven that they were ever seen. It is uncertain whether these lines represent rapid excavation, probing or suggested extension out of various features. On the basis of the plan this structure had an E-W extent in excess of 8'.

NOTE; an alternative suggestion for this structure would be that its S end was in fact represented by what has been termed possible structure [**2128**] in conjunction with the edge of (**2109**). This scenario was not followed partly on the basis of the density of shading given to layer B apparently linking structures **2124** to **2142** and partly on the proximity of the walling

- **Stratigraphically** – beneath shells (**2122**), closely associated with layer B (**2109**) and structure **2124**, and above unexcavated probable sand?
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2, 3 and 7 from 4/4/1955 onwards, and plans 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** - None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers. All associated finds will have become incorporated within the general layer B (**2109**) list of finds for the cutting.

(2143) – Walling/stone tumble associated with structure 2124

- **Located** – in N part of GMA-N.
- **Described** – as a well defined arrangement of stones located within foundation trench cut [**2112**]. On plans 34, 44 and 45 (see Fig. 49, 50 and 45) the walling is shown as having an approximately 1'6" wide. Its NW-SE arm is 3' long and the longer, wider S-NE arm is 6' long. The junction between these arms forms a rounded right angle. No photographs can be found to show the stones although we know that some were taken. These stones represent the only certain bit of *in situ* walling, all other stones exposed within the GMA cuttings appear to relate to partially dismantled, pushed in or collapsed structure associated walls.

- **Stratigraphically** – above foundation trench [2112] and below (2111).
- **Archive** – Notebook 2 from 4/4/1955 and plans 34, 44 and 45.
- **Finds** - None specifically referred to in the notebooks or finds registers.

(2144) – Possible general layer B/layer C context

- **Located** – suggested to be present in GMA- α .

Described – ACT in notebook 7 for 16/4/1956 states that *‘there appears to be a lower occupation layer, which A.L. (Langridge – the supervisor for GMA 1956) suggests, with good reason, appears to be lower than Layer C in GMI.’* The existence of a layer C in GMA- α may not be correct. It would seem instead that the depth reached ie 5’10” (see notebooks 3 and 7 for 16/4/1956) for this occupation material and finds reflects the basal portions of layer B associated sunken structure **2140**. However, since the field notes are limited and there is a lack of any drawn sections (or photographs) it is difficult to completely dismiss the existence of patchy pre-layer B (**2109**) activity, particularly since a sondage in GMA- α was taken down to in excess of 6’3”.

- **Stratigraphically** – below? layer B (**2109**).
- **Archive** – Notebook 7 for 16/4/1956.
- **Finds** – None.

(2145) – Deep shell deposit

- **Located** – N part of GMA- α .
- **Described** –In notebook 3 for 15/4/1956 as *‘Trowelling through at 5’2”’. Heavy shell layer in N of cut. Few sherds of pottery recovered in this layer’*. The depth attained during excavation of this N part of GMA- α suggests either that this is a different shell deposit to that recorded as *‘High shell layer’* (**2114**) on plan 34, or that it represents the continuation of the same shell dump down into a sunken cut.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (**2114**) and above sand (**2138**)/unexcavated.
- **Archive** – Notebook 3 for 15/4/1956.
- **Finds** – 1956 – **23, 24 and 25**.

(2146) – Small pits/post holes (?) associated with [2141]

- **Located** – W (NW?) side of GMA- β .
- **Described** – in notebook 7 for 18/4/1956 as *‘In the W side of the cutting (GMA- β), there appears to be regular hollows of occupation in the clean blown sand. This area is being carefully cleared horizontally, and it should be possible to see any pattern more clearly tomorrow’*. There is a (very sketchy) sketch plan in notebook 7 for this date, which shows the sunken edge of cut [2141]. The reference to *‘regular hollows’* particularly with reference to nearby structures, ie. **2137**, suggests the presence of pits or postholes. Unfortunately they were never planned (or excavated?). On the basis of their location to the W only of structure **2137** (and to some extent the lack of stones recorded in association with [2141]) these otherwise unrecorded features have been linked with [2141]. On 19/4/1956 in notebook 7 the following was recorded *‘... in order to see more clearly the regular looking sharp dips in the occupation layer’*. The regularity of these features would suggest postholes. In notebook 7 for 20/4/1956 it was

stated that 'Continued trowelling occupation in cutting GMA-β to blown sand (2139) on one level, to leave the deeper patches of occupation showing'. Unfortunately there are no sketches or written descriptions to show these features and no photographs are referred to.

- **Stratigraphically** – within layer B (2109), and above (2139) sand.
- **Archive** – Notebook 7 for 18-20/4/1956.
- **Finds** – None.

(2147) – Five stakeholes – associated with structure 2142

- **Located** – In GMA-N.

Described – shown only on plan 45 (see Fig. 45). Never described or recorded in any other way. On the basis of their position it has been suggested that they are related to structure 2142, following the internal edge of the arc of stonework/walling (2110).

- **Stratigraphically** – within layer B (2109).
- **Archive** – Plan 45 (added to plan 34).
- **Finds** – None.

(2148) – Three stakeholes – associated with [2128]?

- **Located** – In GMA-N/S.

- **Described** – shown only on plan 45 (see Fig. 45). Never described or recorded in any other way, but on the basis of their position it is suggested that they could be related to the W edge?? of [2128] (or to pits (2133)?). They are arranged in a slight arc running from the SW to the NE – the same alignment as that suggested for [2128] on the basis of the sketch section at the edge of layer B (see context [2128] description) and the recorded edge of layer B (2109).

- **Stratigraphically** – within layer B (2109).
- **Archive** – Plan 45 (added to plan 34).
- **Finds** – None.

(2149) – Walling associated with structure 2140

- **Located** – In GMA-α

Described – as a SW to NE alignment of large stones/slabs, visible/recorded for approximately 6' long. Their uniform arrangement would suggest that they are *in situ* and that they record the original, basal part of the walling for structure 2140. The depth at which they were recorded 6'3" shows them to have been set within a hollow – probably lining the W edge of a SW to NE aligned cut?

- **Stratigraphically** – within structure 2140, associated with and below upper stones (2113), (and occupation (2132)).
- **Archive** – Notebook 3 and 7 for 17/4/1956 and Plan 34.
- **Finds** – None.

(2150) – Three stakeholes – possibly ?associated with structure 2140

- **Located** – In GMA-α

Described – shown only on plan 45 (see Fig. 45). Never described or recorded in any other way, but on the basis of their position it has been suggested that they may be related to structure **2140**, (although they could also be later features, overlying the structures postulated N edge – see plan 34). These stakeholes form the three points of a triangle.

- **Stratigraphically** – within layer B (**2109**).
- **Archive** – Plan 45 (added to plan 34).
- **Finds** – None.

9 GMB

9.1 GMB Context Index

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
[2021]	GMB	Cut	Late cut/disturbance? filled with mixed banded sand and shell deposits.	-	20	9-11/4/1955	-
[2022]	GMB	Cut / fill	Late cut/disturbance? filled with sand and occasional shell deposits with turf.	-	20	9-11/4/1955	-
[2023]	GMB	Cut / fill	Large, late cut/disturbance? filled with sand and bits of turf etc. Edges probably not drawn correctly? (Is the possibility that confusion with (2029) finds occurred at the base of this feature).	-	20	9-20/4/1955	May inc. finds from? (2029)?
(2024)	GMB	Deposit	3 old turf lines interspersed with sand layers	-	20	9-20/4/1955	?1
(2025)	GMB	Deposit	Blown sand?	-	20	9-20/4/1955	?1
(2026)	GMB	Deposit	?Dark sand with many shells	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2027)	GMB	Deposit	Blown sand?	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2028)	GMB	Deposit	Dark sand?	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2029)	GMB	Deposit	Blown sand – thick deposit. More complex than drawn – inc. charcoal (2039). (Is the possibility that confusion with [2023] finds occurred).	-	20	15-20 / 4 / 1955	15, 16, 18, 19, 20, GM/CZ. Bag 17 is missing.
(2030)	GMB	Deposit	Dark sand with shells above pale sand with shells	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2031)	GMB	Deposit	Brown sand	-	20	9-20/4/1955	?2, 3, 4, 5, 6
(2032)	GMB	Deposit	Dark brown sand with much? shell	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2033)	GMB	Deposit	Brown sand with shell (and occasional stone)	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2034)	GMB	Deposit	Blown sand with shell	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2035)	GMB	Deposit	Sand	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2036)	GMB	Deposit	Blown sand	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2037)	GMB	Deposit	Dark brown sand with shell	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2038)	GMB	Deposit	Sand?	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2039)	GMB	Deposit	Charcoal/hearth?	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Findings bag no.
(2040)	GMB	Deposit	Hearth – associated with stones (2041)?	See notebook 5 sketch plan.	-	11-14 / 4 / 1955	-
(2041)	GMB	Build	Stone alignment - associated with hearth (2040)?	See notebook 5 sketch plan.	-	11-14 / 4 / 1955	-
(2042)	GMB	-	General context no. containing all GMB finds from uncertain contexts.	-	-	9-20/4/1955 and April 1956?	7, 21, 22, 23. Bags 8, 9 and 22 are missing.
(2043)	GMB	Deposit	Late, brown sand deposit – disturbance related?	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2044)	GMB	Deposit	Pale sand and shell deposit	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2045)	GMB	Deposit	Brownish sand and shell deposit	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2046)	GMB	Deposit	Brownish sand and shell deposit	-	20	9-20/4/1955	-
(2047)	GMB	Deposit	Pale sand between 'hearth' and 'stones'	-	Photos	11-14 / 4 / 1955	-
(2048)	GMB	Deposit	Pale sand beneath 'hearth'	-	Photos	11-14 / 4 / 1955	-
(2049)	GMB	Deposit	Very dark deposit, possibly with charcoal	-	Photos	11-14 / 4 / 1955	10, 12, 13, 14. Bag 11 is missing.
(2050)	GMB	Fill	Upper dark sand and shell fill of pit [2021]	-	20 and photos	9-11/4/1955	-
(2051)	GMB	Fill	Middle dark sand and charcoal fill of [2021]	-	20 and photos	9-11/4/1955	-
(2052)	GMB	Fill	Basal dark sand and shell fill of [2021]	-	20 and photos	9-11/4/1955	-

9.2 GMB Summary (Figures: 2, 3, 5, 51, 52 and matrix 11)

Cutting B was located 14' due W of cutting A (see Fig. 3). It was originally planned as one of two 8' (E-W) wide, 11' (N-S) long rectangular cuttings to be termed GMB-N and GMB-S. Only the N one was ever opened. It was positioned 1' W of survey pegs Bi, Bii and Biii. It was excavated during 1955, (although a surface find was recorded in 1956 – taken presumably from the collapsing edges referred to in notebook 7 when the fences were inspected. The 2005 cuttings survey plan (see Fig. 2) shows cutting GMB now as having an oval plan.

This cutting has produced evidence for a number of phases. The latest was the digging of pit/ditch features [2021], [2022] and [2023] which cut through uppermost deposits (2024) and (2025) located just beneath the topsoil. No finds were recorded and they were not fully excavated. Beneath was a series of sand and turf lines with layers of alternating light and dark coloured sands – (2027) to (2037), and (2044) to (2046), some containing shells (particularly (2032) and (2037)), others producing finds (including bones and pottery), and others sterile. Some of these layers clearly relate to occupation/midden activities. Located approximately centrally within the cutting was an E-W, single coursed stone alignment (2041), overlying a thin skim of sand (2047), which contained what was described as 'hearth' (2040). This feature lay on sand (2048). The stones, although initially thought to be associated with the area of burning are probably later. Locating these central deposits

within the stratigraphic sequence has proven tricky (see matrix). Below the lowest exposed occupation-related level (2028/2037) is thick, pale sand deposit (2029). However, a reference in notebook 5 refers to bones coming from it, and the section shows charcoal deposit (2039). The presence of bone and charcoal shows (2029) not to simply be a 'blown sand' deposit. An approximate 4'6" depth was reached in the cutting when the decision was made to cease excavation.

The available archive for this cutting consists of site notebooks 2 and 5 (where north appears sometimes to have been mistaken for south); a single reference in notebook 7; finds register 1; the stone register; and various photographs. Three photographs of the hearth/stones have been identified in the unbound photo collection, plus two photographs of the 'mortarium sherd'. Photographs of each section are in the album. There are no recorded metalwork finds, and no samples were taken. No excavation plans exist. There is a sketch plan in notebook 5 (Fig. 51), which is difficult to tie in with the section drawings. Drawing 15 (not reproduced) shows the location of GMB and other Post-Roman cuttings, plus an upper profile linking survey points Bi to Bvi (not reproduced). Drawing 20 (see Fig. 52) shows the long E facing section and the two short N and S facing sections. The W facing section was never drawn but was photographed. In addition four cutting location plans exist showing the proposed cutting size and location only.

9.3 Archive Record

9.3.1 1955 Season

Notebook 5 (unless notebook 2 stated).

1. 6/4/1955 – Cutting laid out and deturfed. A. Guthrie was the supervisor.
2. 9/4/1955 – Remnant turf and 'loose sand' removed down to c.1' level. 'Trowelling started'.
3. 11/4/1955 – 'Hearth-like patch partially surrounded by stones appearing above 'tram-line' level'. NOTE – tramline level in this instance seems to refer to either (2026) and/or (2031). An 'unusual sherd' with 'scalloped rim and broad inner flange with incised xxx decoration' was found (there are a couple of original loose photographs showing this sherd). The following peg co-ordinates are given – 'Bii/3'0"/2'1"W/2'0"' (although there seems to be some discrepancy between N and S? on some of the Post-Roman drawings it is assumed that the pre-numbered survey pegs were always correctly referred to). Notebook 2 states that this was from a 'mortarium' vessel – see finds bag 2.

Finds bag 1 – Layer ? - 1 x used? pebble. (Original description 'slate (worked) pebbles').

Finds bag 2 – Layer ? - 2 x PR/EM sherds. (Original description 'sherds (inc. qu. Mortarium rim)').

4. 12/4/1955 – The E half of the cutting was levelled 'except for the app. Hearth area'. The W half cut down 5" below the E side ie. to a depth of '2'3" below top of peg Biii.' The NW (should be NE) and the SW corners of the cutting are recorded as having 'light mussel shell midden' plus 'occupation stains between'. The finds for the day are then summarised in much the same way as stated in the finds register – see finds bags 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Notebook 2 states 'Limpet and blown sand above tramlines, c.2'2" below turf. Trowelling down to occupation layer on southern half'.

Finds bag 3 – Layer ? - 1 x PR/EM sherd, 1 x slag fragment. (Original description 'sherds, burnt clay').

Finds bag 4 – Layer ? - 2 x used? Pebbles. (Original description ‘*slate (worked)*’).

Finds bag 5 – Layer ? - 3 x ironstone. (Original description ‘*iron slag*’).

Finds bag 6 – Layer ? - 2 x animal teeth. (Original description ‘*bones and teeth*’).

5. 13/4/1955 – Notebooks 2 and 5 state = ‘*continued to take floor of cutting down c.2’3*’. In *process of cleaning for photography*. pm = ‘*Section on N-S centre line completed and photographed. E side of cutting commenced, including hearth? Position Bi, 5’8”S 3’5”W. 2’6” (from base of Bi)*’.

Notebook 6 contains the only plan (sketched) for this cutting. It consists of a measured sketch, with 1’ square grid showing the position of the ‘*suggested hearth*’ plus a slight E-W stone alignment running along the S edge of the probable hearth for 4’6”. A 1’6” long stone is shown running up the E edge of the hearth from this stone alignment – suggesting contemporaneity. It is difficult to gauge the exact relationship of these stones to the hearth (2040) (labelled ‘*H*’ on the plan) since the stones (2041) extend beyond (the E and W edges) the hearth periphery. The hearth on this sketch is shown to lie 2’ due W of peg Bi, and has a slightly amorphous plan (approximately 2’ diameter). To its immediate N is a large deposit (labelled ‘*C*’ on the plan) of ‘*mainly clean yellow shell sand with very little occupation debris*’ which extends to within 2’ from the W edge of the cutting up to and beyond the NE corner (of the cutting). In the SW corner, extending 1’ N and 1’6” E is shown (labelled ‘*A*’ on the plan) a ‘*heavy concentration of mussel shell*’. Linking ‘*A*’ to ‘*C*’ and presumably underlying ‘*H*’ was a deposit described as a ‘*fairly heavy spread of mussel, some bone and occupation stain*’. Beneath the sketch plan is written ‘*Boundaries approx. Depth 2’6” from Bi and appear just below ‘tramlines.’*’ This sketch drawing has been reproduced (see Fig. 51).

Finds bag 7 – Layer ? - 1 x PR/EM grass-marked sherd. (Original description ‘*sherds and charcoal*’).

Finds bag 8 – Missing - Layer ? - (Original description ‘*iron slag*’).

Finds bag 9 – Missing - Layer ? - (Original description ‘*bones*’).

6. 14/4/1955 – Hearth removed and ‘*area under stones as black as in area enclosed by ...*’ (hearth?) *One thick coarse sherd, grass-marked, under. Whole cutting level to 3’ below Bi. Further sherds in occupation stain material below hearth* – (2049). Excavation down of W (E?) side of cutting was then begun. Finds bags plus bones are then listed plus a sketch of a spindle whorl – see finds bag 15 (found on the following day).

Notebook 2 am. states that the whole cutting has now been taken down to a 3’ depth. pm. states that the section should now be drawn (after? removal of a further 1’6” depth?).

Finds bag 10 - Layer ? - 1 x PR/EM grass-marked sherd. (Original description ‘*sherds (grass-marked), barnacle*’).

Finds bag 11 - Missing - (Original description ‘*small bones*’).

Finds bag 12 – Layer ? - 1 x PR/EM sherd, 1 x barnacle. (Original description ‘*sherds, pebble, barnacle*’).

Finds bag 13 – Layer A - 14 x small animal bones. (Original description ‘*small bones*’).

Finds bag 14 - Layer A – 2 x animal bones, 1 x animal tooth. (Original description ‘*bones and teeth*’).

7. 15/4/1955 – The W (E?) side of the cutting continued to be worked down primarily removing *‘yellow sand with little bone. Heavily disturbed by rabbits, with many open holes. At S (N?) end, against baulk, a spindle whorl of femur ball joint, sawn off, found – Bii/5’5”-6’9” W. 3’ below Biii.’* This yellow sand with open rabbit holes – on the basis of the photos and the section drawing seems to be **(2029)**. In the afternoon the removal of steps ?? to avoid layer confusion? During which a large sherd and two large bones were found. The finds bags for the day are then listed.

Finds bag 15 – Layer A – 1 x worked bone spindle whorl. (Original description *‘spindle whorl (bone)’*).

Finds bag 16 – Layer A – 3 x PR/EM sherds. (Original description *‘sherds’*).

Finds bag 17 – Missing – Layer A - (Original description *‘shell, pebble, 5 stone’*).

Finds bag 18 – Layer A – 3 x fish scales. (Original description *‘fish scales’*).

Finds bag 19 – Layer A – 3 x small animal bones. (Original description *‘small bones’*).

Finds bag 20 – Layer A – 3 x animal bones. (Original description *‘bones and teeth’*).

8. 16/4/1955 – Step at base of cutting removed *‘and bones lifted from Bii 1’10”/6’10” W/2’10”depth’*. The following intriguing sentence is then recorded *‘Floor probed with 21” probe – no contact except at Bi/3’2” S/4’6” W/5’2”.’* A final step is then removed from the other side of the cutting. No finds found.
9. 18/4/1955 – *‘E half of cutting worked in error. Cut to below occupation stain. Find. 1 broken bone. No further work here.’*

Stone find GM/CZ – Layer A – 1 x broken grit hone stone. (Original description – *‘whetstone’*).

10. 20/4/1955 – *‘N, W and S side drawn in section, after some cleaning and trimming of batter. Section completed in pencil. Finds – spindle whirl rough 21, sherd 21, sandy bone 22.’*

Finds bag 21 – Layer A - 1 x PR/EM sherd, 2 x Bi amphora spindle whirl throughout. (Original description *‘sherds (incl. spindle whirl throughout and 1 amphora Biv sherd)’*).

Finds bag 22 – Missing - (Original description *‘bones’*).

9.3.2 1956 Season

11. April 1956 – There are no notes for work taking place in cutting GMB. A single find listed in register 1.

Finds bag 23 – Surface find – 1 x flint blade. (Original description *‘flint blade, grass-marked sherd’*).

9.4 Context Descriptions

[2021] – Late pit

- **Located** – in E facing section, at S end.
- **Described** – shown in section **drawing 20** (see Fig. 52) as a sheer sided 2’2” deep cut sealed by turf. Its S side is very steep and clearly cuts through a number of deposits. N side is slightly less sharp and appears disturbed. Maximum N-S width of 2’8”. Uneven basal profile. Filled with **(2050)**, **(2051)** and **(2052)**. Unclear if this ‘pit’ feature was a ditch (ie. whether or not it also appeared in the W facing section). No references to this feature in the notebooks. Never recorded in plan.

- **Stratigraphically** – Below (2052), cuts (2024).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs (tartan GMI photographic album).
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

[2022] – Late pit (cut and fill)

- **Located** – in N facing section.
- **Described** – shown as a 2'2" deep and broad, 5' wide pit (in section drawing 20, see Fig. 52). Sealed by turf. Appears to have been filled with a uniform, brownish sand with shell, plus a number of 'old turfs' in disarray. Stepped profile with a near flat base. Primarily cut through blown sand and turf deposits, except at base where darker sand and shell deposits were recorded. Unclear if this 'pit' feature was a ditch (ie. whether or not it also appeared in the S facing section). No references to this feature in the notebooks. Never recorded in plan.
- **Stratigraphically** – Below turf, cuts (2024).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

[2023] – Late pit (cut and fill)

- **Located** – in E and S facing sections.
- **Described** – as a large, flat bottomed feature with variably sloped sides. The E edge of the cut is more clearly defined than the SW edge, which appears to have been heavily affected by slumping etc. Some animal disturbance is evident in the section drawing (see Fig. 52) and the photographs (as voids). It has a maximum recorded width of c.4' E-W and 3-4' N-S. A full/straight profile was not exposed. It has a depth of 3'6". The base of the cut was extended downwards specifically to reach the base of this feature – cut into pale sand (2029). The fill is described on section drawing 20 as 'brownish sand with occasional shell'. However, both the photograph and the section drawing show additional lenses of material including 'old turf' and (2030) (on its S side), suggesting further animal disturbance or that the edges here were less well defined.
- **Stratigraphically** – below turf and (2021), and cuts (2043)/(2025).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to, but basal finds could potentially be included within those listed for sand (2029).

(2024) – 'Blown sand and three old turf lines' (beneath topsoil/turf).

- **Located** – originally sealed whole area of cutting.
- **Described** – A c.1' deep deposit consisting of three old turf lines interspersed with pale blown sand, topped by a c.5" thick sandy brown topsoil and turf. These deposits can be seen (in the photographs) around all edges of the cutting, except where cut into by pits (2021), (2022) and (2023). This thick deposit represents a

period of alternate sand deposition and turf formation, which took place after the last spread of shell midden etc. was formed. This is a stabilization horizon.

- **Stratigraphically** – below turf/dirty sand and (2022), above (2031).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – Possibly **Finds Bag 1**.

(2025) – ‘Blown sand’

- **Located** – in S facing section, E half.
- **Described** – as a late, pale, blown sand deposit. It can be seen in photographs to extend E beyond the drawn section and is visible in the W facing section (dipping down below some old turf lines, which may or may not equate with (2024)). It is shown on drawn section 20 (see Fig. 52) as being 1’6” thick. This deposit may represent a distinct but localised episode of sand blow.
- **Stratigraphically** – below turf and [2043], above (2026).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – Possibly **Finds Bag 1**.

(2026) – ‘Brown sand with shells’ – midden spread.

- **Located** – in S facing section, E half.
- **Described** – shown as a uniformly shelly, near horizontal layer, with a maximum 3” thickness. It extends E beyond the drawn section (see Fig. 52), and is cut away by pit [2023] to the W. It appears to represent a spread of midden, sandwiched between thin lenses of blown sand. This layer appears from the photographs to be contemporary with the top of the stones (2041) and the top of the so-called hearth/burnt spread (2040). Its deposition immediately over *in situ* occupation activity, in conjunction with its shell-rich content suggests small scale abandonment processes (of the sort seen in GMI and GMA). The photographs do not show a very heavy shell to sand ratio, although the drawing suggests quite a dense shell deposit.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2025), above (2027), cut by [2023].
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2027) – ‘Blown sand’

- **Located** – in S facing section, E half.
- **Described** – a 4” thick, near horizontal layer of pale sand. It extends E beyond the drawn section, and is cut away by [2023] to the W. The photographs show this layer as being darker than for example the much lower mass of blown sand (2029). The photographs also show an area of disturbance (or possibly stones) immediately below (2043) – this is not shown on the section drawing.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2026), above (2028), cut by [2023].

- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2028) – ‘Brown sand’

- **Located** – in S facing section, E half.
- **Described** – a 3”-5” thick dark sand deposit, sandwiched between pale sand. It extends E beyond the drawn section (see Fig. 52), and is cut away by [2023] to the W. It is not recorded as containing any shell etc, but its dark colouration may suggest midden? (material). The layer is near horizontal apart from a slight thickening beneath (2043) which may relate to disturbance.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2027) and above (2029).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2029) – Thick ‘Blown sand’ deposit

- **Located** – in S facing section, E half.
- **Described** – *‘yellow sand with little bone. Heavily disturbed by rabbits, with many open holes. At S (N?) end, against baulk, a spindle whorl of femur ball joint, sawn off, found – Bii/5’5”-6’9” W. 3’ below Biii.’* - the section drawing and the photographs show this extending beyond the cutting in all directions, and underlies all excavated contexts. It was never fully excavated and is shown on the section drawing as being in excess of 2’4” thick. The drawing, photographs and notebook references all refer to animal disturbance and burrowing. The notebook refers to bones coming from this context. This is the lowest mixed occupation deposit (and may incorporate part of former land surface).
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2028). Not known what lay below since it was not fully excavated.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – Probably **Finds Bags 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20** and **Stone find GM/CZ**. (NOTE: **Bag 17** has not been located and is missing).

(2030) – ‘Dark sand and shell’ deposit

- **Located** – in E facing section.
- **Described** – as *‘dark sand and shell’*, visible in the section (see Fig. 52) as 3’8” long and 3”-7” deep. The 7” thick part of the deposit is in the area of a very small, ‘bowl-shaped’, clearly defined depression (3” deep and 5” wide) which dips down into underlying (2044). It’s fill (whether a deliberate cut or disturbance) is clearly visible on the photographs and is inseparable from the rest of (2030). Both the S and the N ends of this deposit appear to have been cut by later pits into [2023] and [2021]. It appears to represent part of a remnant spread of material, potentially contemporary with (2031)/(2033)?
- **Stratigraphically** – below sandy slumped fill of [2023] and above (2044).

- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2031) – ‘Brown sand’

- **Located** – in E and N facing sections.
- **Described** – shown on the section as a brown sand and in the photographs as a dark, stone/shell free deposit, this layer is cut by [2021] and [2022]. It is an approximately level layer with a maximum thickness of 4” in the short E facing section, and is nearly 8’ long in the N facing section (see Fig. 52).
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2024) and above (2032)/(2038).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – Probably **Finds Bags 2?, and 3, 4, 5 and 6.**

(2032) – ‘Dark brown sand with shell’

- **Located** – in E and N facing sections.
- **Described** – a thin but dense spread of apparent shell midden, sandwiched between brown sand deposits. It is cut by both [2021] and [2022] (which it partially underlies). It has a maximum 4” thickness, and is shown to be at least 6’6” long (from E-W) on the N facing section (see Fig. 52). This layer becomes rapidly less shelly in the SE corner of the cutting.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2031) and above (2033).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2033) – ‘Brown sand with shell’ (and stone?)

- **Located** – in E and N facing sections.
- **Described** – as ‘brown sand with shell on drawing 20 (see Fig. 52). Contains occasional stone. Part of a layer seen in the E and N facing sections. Has a maximum 6” thickness, and is cut by both [2021] and [2022]. Does not extend E beyond [2022].
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2032) and above (2034).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2034) – Pale ‘Sand with shell’

- **Located** – in E and N facing sections.
- **Described** – as a pale sand (with animal disturbance) and a pale turf line on the N facing section (E end), and as a pale sand with occasional shell on the E facing section (see Fig. 52). It is drawn with a maximum 6” thickness and was not fully

separated from (2036) on the drawing – it may be that the turf line represents the line of separation linking with (2035) and separating (2034) from (2036).

- **Stratigraphically** – below (2033) and above (2035).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2035) – ‘Brown sand’

- **Located** – in E and N facing sections.
- **Described** – as ‘*brown sand*’ sealed between paler sand layers, cut by [2021]. Peters out beneath [2022], but may well link up with the turf line recorded in section to the E. Has a maximum thickness of 4”.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2034) and above (2036).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2036) – ‘Blown sand’

- **Located** – in E and N facing sections.
- **Described** – as ‘*blown sand*’ this layer extends along the whole of the N facing section and the S half of the E facing section (see Fig. 52). In the SE corner of the cutting it is defined by (2037) below and a thin turf line above (which equates with (2035) in the SW corner of the cutting. In the E facing section this deposit can be seen to be rising above (2045) before becoming patchy and disappearing in the general disturbance and collapse associated with the S side of [2023]. This deposit has a maximum thickness of 5”, although this varies. A sketch plan in notebook 5 (13/4/1955) shows this deposit in plan. In the plan it does not quite extend to the NW corner of the cutting as shown on section drawing 20.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2035) and (2046) and above (2045). Possibly the same as (2048)?
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2037) – ‘Dark brown sand with shell’

- **Located** – in E and N facing sections.
- **Described** – shown as a slightly undulating layer of ‘*dark brown sand with shell*’, overlying a clear mass of pale sand (2029). It extends across the length of the N facing section, rising, thinning and becoming noticeably more shelly in the central part of the E facing section before dropping and thickening markedly at the edge or within the [2023]. This may be the result of slumping or the accumulation of similar deposits etc at the base of [2023]. It has an average 5-6” thickness, except in the vicinity of [2023] where it thickens to 1’. There were slight pockets of animal disturbance visible at its base in the N section – shown as cutting down into the

lower (2029) sand. They do not appear to represent deliberately cut features. Two stones are shown in the section, but these are small and do not suggest structural activity within this part of the layer. A sketch plan shown in notebook 5 (13/4/1955) shows the shell content of this deposit to become denser in the SW corner. It has not been given an additional context number since it does not feature on section drawing 20.

- **Stratigraphically** – below (2045) and above (2029).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2038) – Pale sand lens

- **Located** – in N facing section.
- **Described** – as a short pale sand lens cut on its W side by pit [2022], and not recorded as emerging from the other side. Maximum 2'8" long and 3-4" thick.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2031) and above (2032).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2039) – Charcoal deposit – ‘hearth’

- **Located** – in N facing section.
- **Described** – a very small c.3-4" long, 1" thick lens of charcoal described as a ‘*hearth*’ on drawing 20 (see Fig. 52). It is visible towards the base of the N facing section in the extreme SE corner of the cutting. Its full extent is not known. Its existence within (2029) not only puts doubt on the interpretation of (2029) as a totally wind blown deposit, but may also suggest that it was an *in situ*, discrete area of burning. It is located 8" below the top of (2029).
- **Stratigraphically** – within (2029).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2040) – Charcoal spread – ‘Hearth’

- **Located** – approximately centrally within the cutting.
- **Described** – ‘*Hearth-like patch partially surrounded by stones ..*’. The sketch plan (in notebook 5 for 13/4/1955) (see Fig. 51) shows the stones as extending beyond the ‘*suggested hearth*’ on one side and partially curved around the other by the positioning of a large stone slab. In the photographs this slab appears to be lying on pale sand. Unfortunately the hearth photographs do not positively locate either the hearth (or the stones) within the stratigraphic sequence. Once the hearth was removed it was recorded in the notebook that the area under the stones was as black as in the area enclosed by the hearth – the photographs show a thin spread of sand between the stones and this underlying dark deposit, which may relate to (2037) (since it appears to be at the same (3') depth below topsoil). The sketch plan shows the

'hearth' to have an amorphous shape with an approximate 2' diameter. The hearth photographs, however, show a much less clearly defined feature.

- **Stratigraphically** – below (2047) and above (2037) (based on photographs and guesswork!)
- **Archive** – Loose photographs and a sketch plan in notebook 5. Possibly related stones are also just visible in some of the section photographs in the tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2041) – Stone alignment

- **Located** – lying across centre of cutting.
- **Described** – on a measured sketch plan (notebook 5, date 13/4/1955) as an essentially E to W aligned, single coursed stone alignment running along the S edge of 'hearth' (2040) for a 4'6" length. A 1'6" long stone, forming part of this alignment is shown running up the W edge of the 'hearth'. We do not have any good photos showing the stones, - the photos showing the 'hearth' only, show those regarded as being related to the 'hearth'. Where the stones are clearly shown and *in situ*, they appear to be laid flat or bedded on to thin pale sand deposit (2047), although the mini-section shows one extending down through (2048). Because of sand (2047) the 'hearth' may or may not have been visible when the stones were positioned.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2026) and above (2047).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2042) – General cutting number – for finds

- **Located** – throughout the cutting.
- **Described** – as a general context number specifically created to contain all finds from the cutting that cannot be assigned a definite context. Unfortunately, because the cutting was excavated in different areas to different depths on the same day, and finds seem to have been bagged in a slightly arbitrary way, it is impossible to work out on the basis of date etc, which context/s were being dug at any one time. As a result the majority of the cuttings finds have been ascribed this number.
- **Stratigraphically** – throughout the cutting.
- **Archive** – Site notebooks 5 and 2, and finds registers.
- **Finds** – **Finds Bags 7, 8, 9, 21, 22 and 23.** (NOTE: **Bags 8, 9 and 22** have not been located and are currently missing).

(2043) – An upper brown sand deposit

- **Located** – in the S facing section.
- **Described** – as a small, late slump-like feature, positioned at the immediate upper E edge of [2023]. It consisted of brown sand and may represent animal disturbance. It is 1' deep and c.3' long (W to E). It has an undulating profile.

- **Stratigraphically** – below turf and above (2025), it may or may not be associated with the slumping sides of [2023].
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2044) – Pale ‘sand with shell’

- **Located** – in E facing section.
- **Described** – A pale sand and shell deposit representing the remaining part of an *in situ* deposit cut on the N by [2023] and on the S by [2021]. It has a drawn length of 4’2” and a thickness of 3”-5”. A small, clearly defined ‘bowl-shaped’ area of disturbance? cuts down into this deposit from upper deposit (2030).
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2030) and above (2046).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2045) – ‘Brown sand and occasional shell’

- **Located** – in E facing section.
- **Described** – shown on the E facing section drawing (see Fig. 52) as very similar/same as [2023], which would appear to cut it on the basis of the *in situ* layers above and below. The photographs seem to show it as slightly darker than [2023]. It has a maximum 6” thickness and is visible for 4’ before thinning and disappearing in the S.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2036), above (2037).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2046) – Brown sand and occasional shell’

- **Located** – in E facing section.
- **Described** – shown on the E facing section drawing as very similar/same as [2023], which would appear to cut it on the basis of the *in situ* layers above and below. The photographs seem to show it as slightly darker than [2023]. It has a maximum 6” thickness and is visible for c.4’3”. It thins to the N.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2044), above (2036).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2047) – Pale sand

- **Located** – in centre of cutting.

- **Described** – a pale looking sand shown/referred to only on the ‘hearth’ photographs. It appears to have a 1”-2” thickness, sealing ‘hearth’ (2040) and immediately underling the stones.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2041), above (2040) – based on photographic evidence.
- **Archive** – Photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2048) – Pale sand

- **Located** – in centre of cutting.
- **Described** – a pale looking sand shown/referred to only on the ‘hearth’ photographs. It has a c.3” thickness and seems to be dropping down from beneath the ‘hearth’ southwards, under the stones and beyond towards the S facing section. Layer (2036) shown in the S facing section may be the same as (2048)? To the S of the ‘hearth’ as the N facing section is approached a thin dark line appears and disappears.
- **Stratigraphically** – below ‘hearth’ (2040) and above (2049). Possibly the same as (2036)?
- **Archive** – Photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2049) – Dark sand

- **Located** – in centre of cutting.
- **Described** – A dark deposit visible in the ‘hearth’ photographs, shown as dropping down from below the position of the ‘hearth’ towards the S (ie. under the stones). It appears to have been little more than a thin spread to the N, becoming thicker – in excess of 5” below (but unrelated to) the ‘hearth’. The short stretch of section visible in the ‘hearth’ photos does not extend deep enough to follow the line of this deposit. It may represent the top of a cut feature? or simply be a descending layer?
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2048) and probably the same as (2037)?
- **Archive** – Photographs.
- **Finds** – **Finds Bags 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.** (NOTE: **Bag 11** has not been located and is missing).

(2050) – Top fill of [2021]

- **Located** – in E facing section.
- **Described** – Brown sand with shell on section drawing 20 (see Fig. 52). Includes a dislodged? lense of (2051) on its S side. Represents the latest fill of cut [2021]. The S end of (2030) has slumped in this fill from the N. The fill has a maximum depth of 1’4”, and has seen some rabbit disturbance.
- **Stratigraphically** – below turf, above (2051).

- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2051) – Middle fill of [2021]

- **Located** – in E facing section.
- **Described** – as a brown/dark sand with charcoal and shell inclusions. It is shown dipping in from the S side of cut [2021]. This fill has a maximum thickness of 6”. Its basal part was disturbed by animals.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2050), above (2052).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2052) – Basal fill of [2021]

- **Located** – in E facing section.
- **Described** – as brown sand with shells. It represents the basal fill of cut [2021]. It has a maximum depth of 10” on the S side.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2051) and above cut [2021].
- **Archive** – Section drawing 20 and section photographs in tartan GMI photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

10 GME and GMVIII

10.1 GME and GMVIII Context index

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
(2000)	GME-N	Deposit	Slump? (former GMVIII cutting) in S half of cutting	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	?Soil Samp.2.
(2001)	GME -N	Deposit	Turfy occupation	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2002)	GME-N	Deposit	Upper (?) shell midden material over lower (?) brown occupation – separated by charcoal lenses.	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	? Finds bags 1, 5 and 10. Missing bags 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9. Metal finds GM/M/52, 53 and 54. Missing Stone GM/CD and CG.

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
(2003)	GME -N	Deposit	Charcoal deposits within (2002)	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2004)	GME-N	Deposit	Sand	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2005)	GME -N	Deposit	Ashy sand	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2006)	GME-N	Deposit	Dark sand? layer	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	? Finds bags 12, 13. Missing bags 11, 14, 15, 22. Stone finds GM/CQ, CR & ED. These finds were mixed with (2009) finds.
(2007)	GME -N	Deposit	Charcoal spread at base of slump	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2008)	GME-N	Deposit	Ashy sand	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2009)	GME -N	Deposit	Reddish occupation	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-? See (2006)
(2010)	GME-N	Deposit	White sand lens	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2011)	GME -N	Deposit	Sand	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2012)	GME-N	Cut/fill	Ashy sand fill of ?remnant posthole	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2013)	GME -N	Deposit	Burnt sand and charcoal – hearth?	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2014)	GME-N	Cut/fill	Ashy sand fill of ?remnant posthole	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
(2015)	GME-N	Cut/fill	Ashy sand fill of ?remnant posthole	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2016)	GME-N	Cut/fill	Ashy sand fill of ?remnant posthole	-	17	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	-?
(2017)	GME-N	Cut/fill	Ash pit	-	-	31/3 to 14/4/1955, April 1956.	Soil Samp. 18
(2018)	GME-N	-	General context no. for all finds, samples etc. found in cutting which cannot be ascribed specific contexts.	-	-	-	Soil Samp. 3 & 4. Bone Box. Finds bags 1, 5 and 10. Missing bags = 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 22. Metal finds GM/M/52, 53 and 54. Missing Stone finds GM/CD and CG.
(2019)	GME-S	Cut/fill	Charcoal – hearth deposit	-	-	4-14/4/1955, April 1956.	Soil samp. 9.
(2020)	GME-S	-	General context no. for all finds, samples etc. found in cutting which cannot be ascribed specific contexts.	-	-	-	Finds bags 21, 23. Missing Finds 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.

10.2 GME and GMVIII Summary (Figures: 2, 3, 6, 53 and matrix 12)

Originally opened on 5/9/1954 as a small trial trench (VIII), this cutting was subsequently incorporated into the northern one of two larger rectangular cuttings opened up the following year in 1955 and termed GME (see Fig. 2, 3 and 6). These cuttings were located to the W of the main GMI excavations. The N cutting (Cutting GME-N) was enlarged and eventually became 11' (N-S) long and 8' (E-W) wide. The drawn section (see Fig. 53) shows it to have been excavated down to approximately 5'4". There are no measured plans, although small sketches exist within the notebook. To the S a further cutting was opened (Cutting GME-S), of unknown size. There are no drawn plans or sections for this cutting. There are some photographs which show Cutting GME-N (but none can be recognised for GME-S or preliminary trial trench VIII). Linking notebook recorded descriptions to the section drawing (or in some cases the photographs) has proven difficult because of the excavation methodology.

The stratigraphic sequence in GME-N was as follows: (from top to bottom) turf/topsoil, slump (2000), 'turfy occupation' (2001), charcoal deposit (2007) and thick midden deposit

(2002) which incorporated charcoal deposits (2003), and has slumped downslope on its drawn N edge. Context (2002) represents a rapid and substantial accumulation of midden material containing much bone and shell, which overlay a number of other more gradually formed deposits. Beneath this was sand (2004) incorporating ‘*ashy sand*’ (2005)?, which appears to have cut down into underlying layer (2006). Sandy layer (2006) incorporated bone finds – see drawing 17, plus linear ashy sand deposit (2008). Below this was ‘*reddish occupation*’ layer (2009) cut by possible stake/posthole (2015), and included ‘*white sand lens*’ (2010) and sealed either pockets of disturbance or remnant features? (2012), (2014) and (2016). Animal disturbance is referred to. This may or may not relate to the depressions associated with reddish layer (2009). These features do appear to line the base of a slight hollow, perhaps suggesting a slightly sunken area for activities. No surfaces or floor levels were recognised at the time and bedrock was never seen. The lowest deposit identified was sand layer (2011) which was never fully excavated and included burnt sand and charcoal deposit (2013). It is uncertain as to how many of the short, flat lens-like charcoal and burnt deposits relate to *in situ* fires (as opposed to sporadic dumps and upcast). In 1956 a collapse of the section in the SE corner of the cutting revealed ‘*ash pit*’ (2017).

Cutting GME-S was not so deeply excavated and the extent of the excavation is unknown. A circular area of charcoal and apparently *in situ* burning was recorded in the top couple of feet, which was interpreted as a hearth (2019). This cutting is known to have revealed the southern continuation of midden (2002), but it is uncertain what else was excavated.

The archive exists of Notebooks 2 and 6, Finds Register 1 and 2, the 1953-1954 Stone Implements Register, the Metalwork Register, within drawings portfolio 1 - Section Drawing 17 (see Fig. 53), showing a 7’4” E-W and 5’ N-S portion of the section of Cutting E-N, a profile and pre-excavation plan on drawing 15, plus occasional photographs. Two general context numbers have been given to finds from GME-N and GME-S which cannot be assigned to particular contexts.

10.3 Archive Record

10.3.1 1954 Season

Notebook 6.

1. 5/9/1954 – Trial trench VIII excavated (in one day?) by ACT and BW? Finds bags 1 to 4 were generated but no notes, drawings or photographs to record the trench have been found. All four finds bags were listed as “September 1954 N” (ie. incorporated within the area of GME-N cutting). Three of these bags have since gone astray.

Finds Bag 1 – 8 x small, rounded pebbles, originally “Stone”.

Finds Bag 2 – Missing – ‘Shell’

Finds Bag 3 – Missing – ‘Pot’

Finds Bag 4 – Missing – ‘Pot, bone’

Missing Stone Find CD – Site VIII Final cutting – dated 1954. ‘Handle end of slate flaying stone’.

Missing Stone Find CG – Site VIII Trial cutting - undated. ‘Slate bone, battered one end’.

10.3.2 1955 Season

Notebooks – notes from notebook 6, unless otherwise stated ie. notebook 2.

2. 31/3/1955 – am. JVS Megaw is named supervisor for this season’s excavation at GME-N and S. The cutting was laid out according to an already decided cutting layout – some of which were never opened.

pm. The notebook records these dimensions - 8’ wide (from E to W) and 11’ (from N to S). The notebook recorded surface profile shows a pronounced 4’ drop down of slope from S to N. ‘*Turf piled at foot to prevent blow-in. Dug down to level of trial cut; much disturbed by rabbit.*’ The only reference to finds or context is as follows ‘*Much bone; few blackened sherds local ware. Final clear of brushing sides/flattening dump/improving faces, 17.53 hrs.*’. A single finds bag recorded for this day.

Notebook 2 states that a ‘bone box’ was started today. This subsequently came to contain all bone from all contexts for GME-N.

Finds Bag 5 – N cutting – 3 x Post-Roman/Early Med. grass-marked sherds, 2 x polished pebbles (gaming counters?), originally “*Sherds and stones*”

3. 1/4/1955 – am. ‘*Continued to cut down on the level; reached <2’6”.* Section still uncooperative. Much bone, several sherds grass-marked, and spur end prick ... charcoal/bone patch in disturbed layer’.

pm. ‘*Work continued as before, labourers having shifted dumps to N and W. Tanged iron knife found in association with dark burnt patch (North of Peg E iii, 2’10”; West 2” from edge of cutting, vertical depth 2’9”.*’ These coordinates relate to GM/M/53. The dark patch associated with GM/M/53 appears to have been incorporated within the midden – (2002)/(2003). The second knife – GM/M/54 recorded coordinates are from Peg E ‘3’6”; W. 3”; vert. 2’9”’.

Notebook 2 states ‘*Exciting find of ...?spur, 2’6” down in GME. To be sent off to Devizes to be put in tank over the weekend: also 2 tanged knives ...*’.

Finds Bag 6 – Missing – N cutting ‘*Stone and shell*’

Finds Bag 7 – Missing – N cutting ‘*Pottery*’

Finds Bag 8 – Missing – N cutting – ‘*Worked bone and shell disk*’- (‘...also contained part of tenech jaw and 30 oyster shells = unbagged’).

Metalwork find GM/M/52 – N cutting – Part of prick spur, iron. Currently in ACT’s cabinet.

Metalwork find GM/M/53 – N cutting – Tanged knife, iron. Currently in ACT’s cabinet.

Metalwork find GM/M/54 – N cutting – Tanged knife, iron.

4. 2/4/1955 – am. No work due to heavy rain.

pm. ‘*Continued cutting back to north end at c.3’6” level. Piece of black ware (non-grass-marked) base; fine paste with grits; Peg E 2’6”; W. 7’, vert. 2’6”.* At close (10.00 hrs) cleared to level’. An additional note states that 3 unbagged oyster shells were found.

Finds Bag 9 – Missing – N cutting – ‘*Pot, stone etc.*’

Finds Bag 10 - N cutting – 1 x basal sherd Post-Roman/Early Med., originally ‘*Unusual pot base*’

5. 4/4/1955 – am. ‘*Working up on level from north end. At Peg E ii, 4’; west 6’; vert. 1’3”, much decomposed bone in association with oyster shells stratified in dark occupation layer below blown sand lens.*’ Sample 2 (1/2 pint size) was taken from the base of this blown sand deposit. The sketch section (shown in the notebook for this date) is described as being sealed by a thin skim of charcoal – not sampled? ‘*Sample taken at Peg E ii,*

1'5"; W. 3', depth 2.' '...darker occupation layer with shells'. Sample 3 was taken, but it is uncertain as to what was sampled.

'Black rim sherd Peg E ii, 1'8", W 4'1 1/2", depth 2.' 'Worked bone, Peg E ii, 1' 10", W. 5'4", depth 2' 4".' 'Black body sherd Peg E ii 1' 3", W. 4' 4", depth 2' 2".'

pm. 'Occurrence of *H. Aspersa*; several stones, dropped through from higher levels. At Peg E ii, 0'; W. 3'; vert. 2' 9", a red-brown lens resting on blown sand sealed over by dark brown occupation ... lens extends and broadens to N; section at Peg E iii 4'; vert. 2' 6" ...' a sketch section then follows which appears to show the N? end of the trench with, from top to bottom – blown sand with dark depressions (postholes?/disturbance?), charcoal (described as an intermediate layer) a red/dark brown layer with teeth etc, over blown sand and rabbit/animal disturbance. Beneath this sketch is the following 'At close down to <5'.'

Finds were listed as 'bags; 11, 12, 13'. While the '42 oysters and c.25 *h.aspersa*' were unbagged.

Notebook 2 states am. 'GME working down to 5' face on S face, N cutting. General impression :- complete lack of stratigraphy, turf horizon 6"-9" resting directly on occupation material (2002). Subsequent wholesale disturbance by rabbit, indicating apparent absence of stone walls. Contents:- few pieces burnt bone, large no. of oyster shells. Also occurrence of *H. Aspersa*. Accumulation of rubbish has dictated contour of mound at this point. This reference to wholesale rabbit disturbance is not features on section drawing 17.

Notebook 2 states pm. 'Down to 5'. Vast no.s of bones. Finds:- bags 11, 12, 13, 42 oysters, 25 *Helix Aspersa*.

Finds Bag 11 - Missing - N cutting – 'Tiny bones'

Finds Bag 12 - N cutting – 13 x Post-Roman/Early Med. Sherds (some grass-marked), originally 'Pottery'

Finds Bag 13 - N cutting – 3 x pebbles (2 polished – possible gaming counters), 2 x ironstone, originally 'Slag, shells etc.'

Soil Sample 2 – N cutting. Consolidated in 1990 by CT and ACT.

Soil Sample 3 – N cutting. Consolidated in 1990 by CT and ACT.

6. 5/4/1955 – am. 'Completing cutting back to south face at c.5' level. Considerable bone as previous. Tip line continues; at east side some ash/ charcoal. Due to subsidence on west face, cutting extended one foot. At Peg E ii 3'; west 8'; vert. 2'; stone hone'. Stone hone referred to = stone CQ. This description is then followed by a small sketch showing 'East section sketch due to land slip' (ie. the southern part of the west facing section, approximately between Pegs E ii and E iii), as subsequently recorded on section drawing 17 (see Fig. 53). There is a discrepancy in that (2002) is shown in the sketch as filling an apparent cut (13" deep), its N edge cutting down through (2004), while drawing 17 shows (2002) as a substantial layer which has either been cut away or slumped in the N. (2002) is described in the notebook sketch as consisting of 'shell, coal, and disturbed', but on the actual section drawing 17 it is described as 'Brown occupation' and 'Shell, bone and pottery'. The sketch section describes (2005) as 'ash brown'.

Notebook 2 states that many more oysters and bones were found and that section collapse meant that the edge of the cutting had to be taken back 6". Finds bags 14, 15 and stone CQ were found in the morning, plus 25 oysters and 18 *h. aspersa* –

both unbagged. The bone (which apparently included pigs teeth - ?notebook 2 states a *'box of pigs teeth'*) was collected.

pm. Section drawing 17 drawn (see Fig. 53) showing south facing section and part of east face.

Peg E iii; west 2'; vert. 3'6" revealed circular area of burnt sand and charcoal disturbed by rabbit'.

Finds Bag 14 – Missing - N cutting – *'Sherds'*

Finds Bag 15 – Missing - N cutting – *'Sherds'*

Stone Find CQ – N cutting. 1'6" – 3'6" - undated. *'Smooth granite bone, broken'*.

Stone Find CR – N cutting. 3' - undated. *'Large broken grip lap stone'*. This stone is not mentioned in the notebooks.

Soil Sample 4 – N cutting. *'Pink sand'*. Consolidated in 1990 by CT and ACT.

GME – S begun. *'South cutting commenced; laid out and excavated to c. one foot. Finds as north cutting. Patch of charcoal'*

Notebook 2 for the afternoon states that the section was being drawn in GME–N but that section collapse ended excavation.

A sample – Sample 4, was taken from the base, by the eastern section *'appro. E ii 1'W, 3'6" down where pink sand appears, but was not listed until the following day in the register'*.

For GME–S the notebook states that it was de-turfed and taken down all over. *'This appears at first sight to be the same as GME–N., ie unstratified midden, but may prove to be deeper owing to false crest of mound etc.'*

Finds Bag 16 – Missing - S cutting – *'Sherds'*

7. 6/4/1955 – am/pm. Notebook 6 says that the sample – sample 4 was taken first thing on this date from GME–N.

GME–S - *'Continued work on south cutting down to c.2'. Black area left in 3".'* This burnt area was apparently photographed in colour, but this has not been identified from the archive. Finds bags 17, 18 and 19 are listed.

Notebook 2 states that the pink sand and charcoal found at the base of cutting GME–N was cleaned, photographed and sampled, and that GME–S was excavated down to an all over depth of 1'6".

Finds Bag 17 – Missing - S cutting – *'Stones'*

Finds Bag 18 – Missing - S cutting – *'Shells'*

Finds Bag 19 – Missing - S cutting – *'Pottery, polished bone'*

8. 7/4/1955 – GME–S – am. *'Cutting back from south end in one foot spit. Charcoal hearth cleaned and sectioned'*.

pm. A sketch section was drawn showing shells to the N and charcoal to the S beneath turf (and (2001)?). The intervening deposit is not described, but the charcoal (2018) *'hearth'* is shown as two slightly concave, short, thin, linear lines, one above the other. Sample taken.

Notebook 2 states that work continued on cutting GME–S and that sample 9 was taken from the *'charcoal mass in middle ...'* was subsequently photographed.

Finds Bag 20 – Missing - S cutting – ‘*Sherds*’

Finds Bag 21 - S cutting – 1 x slag fragment, 3 x pebbles, originally ‘*Slag, stones, red clay*’.

Charcoal Sample 9 – S cutting. ‘*Charcoal mass*’. Consolidated in 1990 by CT and ACT.

9. 14/4/1955 – No notes.

Finds Bag 22 – Missing – Surface find – ‘*Bar-lug sherd.*’

NOTE: There is an un-numbered bag containing 305 animal bones from the northern cutting, dated only to 1955. This would seem to be the bone box referred to during the excavation of cutting GME-N. All contexts were mixed on excavation.

Season 1956

10. April 1956 – GME-N - Notebook 6 states that a whetstone (GM/ED) was found ‘*c.2’ below the turf in weathered sand on W. face; with it were a few bone fragments*’.

‘*An ash pit was exposed by a slip in the SE corner. Depth 9” – 1’3”. Length c2’. Sample taken*’.

Stone find ED – N cutting – ‘*below turf*’ – ‘*whetstone*’.

Charcoal Sample 18 – Cutting N. ‘*Ash pit, SE corner, exposed by slip*’. ‘*Charcoal sample*’. Consolidated in 1990 by CT and ACT. This was listed in the register on 19/4/1956.

GME-S – ‘*1 large rim sherd exposed by weathering found in N half of trench*’.

Finds Bag 23 – S cutting – ‘*Rim sherd*’. – ‘*Weathered sand?*’ (see below)

NOTE: There is an un-numbered bag, (from GME-S), containing 1 x large rim sherd with slash decoration, Post-Roman/Early Med., Not local. This is the missing bag 23 sherd.

10.4 Context Descriptions

Cutting GME-N

(2000) – Slump? in S half of cutting

- **Located** – GME-N.

Described – shown as a steep sided edge (perhaps the edge of former cutting GMVIII) or a slump?, apparently cutting through or forming a northern edge near to the top of the main GMI mound. This feature was shown on drawing 17 (see Fig. 53) cutting into midden context **(2002)**. Its deepest, steeply concave S edge is 2-2 ½’ deep and the base concave in profile. It was c.3’ long with a much shallower, perhaps even an open N edge. The photographs suggest that **(2000)** consisted of a loose, sandy-looking matrix. The section drawing shows it to have been overlain by turf **(2001)** (unless **(2001)** slumped in to form a redeposited fill?). Possible soil sample 2 taken from the sandy fill of this slump feature.

(A sketch section in notebook 6 shows the shell midden to be in a cut, cutting into an un-described context in the same approximate location as **(2000)**? This difference could reflect pre and post section collapse recording? We know that an ash pit later appeared in the same approximate location due to section collapse).

- **Stratigraphically** – beneath topsoil/turf, above **(2001)**.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17. No specific notebook references.
- **Finds** – None referred to. Possible **Soil Sample 2** taken.

(2001) – ‘Turfy occupation’

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – as ‘*turfy occupation*’, this layer is only recorded on section drawing 17 (see Fig. 53). It is shown as an upper layer with a 3-4” thickness, immediately underlying the turf, which sealed and slumped into **(2000)**. There are no other descriptions for this deposit, it cannot be seen on the probable cutting photographs and no finds are specifically referred to in the archive although the section drawing brackets **(2001)** with midden **(2002)** as producing shell, bone and pottery. This context represents a subsoil made of redeposited occupation material.
- **Stratigraphically** – below topsoil/turf and **(2000)**.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to, but we know that shell, bone and pottery was found in association with this deposit. If this still exists it will be included within general GME-N context **(2018)**.

(2002) – ‘Brown occupation’, shell midden material

- **Located** – GME-N.

Described – shown on drawing 17 (see Fig. 53), as a substantial midden deposit up to 3’6” deep max. Drawing 17 shows **(2002)** to consist of a main upper shell deposit containing ‘*shell, bone and pottery*’, and a lower ‘*brown occupation*’ deposit. The drawn section shows **(2002)** as being in the S, highest part of the cutting, where a visible ‘*shell mound*’ can be seen running along the top of the main GMI mound (‘*shell mound*’ referred to in the large, pale Site 1, 1954:1 photographic album). The drawing shows the midden to have been placed on the mound with slump? **(2000)** forming the N edge. However, the photographs all show the midden as contained within a cut, as does a sketch in notebook 6. Drawn section 17 thus directly contradicts the photographic evidence seen in the above named album, plus the small red notebook containing Cossar’s negatives/contact strips for 1955 and 1956, plus the large dark incomplete 1954 GMI album.

According to the photographs, **(2002)** contained large quantities of shell (including oysters - the only named species in the record), none of which were kept. **(2002)** is also known to have contained bones, pottery, metal, stone etc. Because of the excavation methodology it has proven difficult to ascribe with certainty specific finds to this context. For example, the majority of the bones appear to have come from underlying layers (when collected), but due to the establishment of a cutting ‘*bone box*’ early on, all bones were mixed from the start. The box currently contains 305 pieces.

It is clear from the section drawing (see Fig. 53) that discreet pockets of identifiably different, apparently *in situ* layers existed within **(2002)**, implying intervening periods of stability which apparently included small fires etc (ie. the short, linear charcoal deposits discussed as **(2003)** below). As suggested above (and below), **(2002)** should probably have been drawn as two separate contexts ie. an upper and a lower context separated by charcoal **(2003)**.

- **Stratigraphically** – sealed below **(2001)** and above **(2004)**. Contains potential fire settings – charcoal deposits **(2003)**.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.

- **Finds** – It is possible that the following finds came from this deposit, ie **Finds bags 1, 5 and 10. Missing bags 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.** Definitely **Metal finds GM/M/52, 53 and 54. Missing Stone finds GM/CD and CG.** Additionally there is a ‘bone box’ which contains all bone from all contexts.

(2003) – Charcoal deposits within (2002)

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – only in section drawing 17. They are shown as two near horizontal, thin (c.1” thick), flat charcoal deposits with a 2’6” length (including the intervening 14” gap between the tow of them). They are securely sealed within midden context **(2002)** at a depth from top of turf of just under 3’. They appear to represent the remains of linked/associated fires. Interestingly they are on the same level as another charcoal deposit **(2007)** to the north (and rest almost on the upper part of **(2004)**). This would suggest that **(2002)** consisted of an upper and a lower deposit, (not a single deposit). There are no associated samples or finds.
- **Stratigraphically** – within midden deposit **(2002)**.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6.
- **Finds** – None referred to. No samples.

(2004) – ‘Sand’

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – only in section drawing 17 (see Fig. 53) as *‘blown sand’*. It has a uniform basal profile which slopes down from W to E, clearly overlying **(2006)**, but has a very irregular upper profile suggesting some marked disturbance – possible animal disturbance. It has a maximum thickness of 1’4”, a minimum of 2” and was found spread throughout this cutting. No finds etc. are referred to in the notebooks or shown on the section drawing. It is uncertain as to how ‘clean’ this *‘blown sand’* deposit was. It may have been more complex than drawn.
- **Stratigraphically** – under midden **(2002)** and above **(2006)**, and containing oddly shaped *‘ashy sand’* deposit **(2005)**.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2005) – ‘Ashy sand’

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – shown on section drawing 17 (see Fig. 53), but not clear on photographs. This may represent the edge of the ash pit referred to and sampled in 1956. It may also relate to the charcoal hovering above it – **(2007)**. It is shown as an amorphous, hour-glass shaped deposit. Its interpretation has been left open – see above. It could represent the edge of a larger feature, the fill of a cut or be the result of animal burrowing etc.
- **Stratigraphically** – within **(2004)** and extending down into **(2006)**.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2006) – Dark sand ? layer

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – Drawn on drawing 17 (see Fig. 53), but not described beyond ‘sand’ in the key, this deposit appears to be a sand-based layer, distinct from paler cleaner overlying (2004). It appears to be contained within a shallow, concave depression formed by underlying (2009) – mirroring the natural? profile of the underlying sand. The drawing shows bone and stone inclusions. References to large quantities of animal bone being found at this approximate level are made in the notebooks. However, bone was not bagged but simply put in a general bone box for the cutting, thus individual bones cannot be ascribed this context number. The photographs show a near uniformly dark deposit merging with what is described on drawing 17 as a ‘reddish’ coloured occupation deposit. It is likely that this deposit also had a red or brownish colouration. The drawing records this deposit as having a maximum thickness of c.9” and a minimum 1” thickness in the N part of the cutting – it may in fact peter out down-slope in the N end. The upper profile of the deposit drops gently down from W to E and is essentially even and unbroken, with the exception of (2005). Its lower profile is more uneven and suggests disturbance or perhaps a bowl-like cut etc. – see above (2015).

Contained within this deposit was a long thin, uneven slither of ‘Ashy sand’ – (2008). This may suggest that (2006) was not uniform.

- **Stratigraphically** – below sand (2004) and (2005), and above ‘reddish occupation’ (2009). Contains (2008).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to. However, large numbers of bone are referred to at this approximate depth, and as a result much of the contents of the bone box may have come from this context. Slag is also referred to at this approximate level in the notebook, although none was registered in the finds bags. Other finds for this approximate level include **finds bags 12 and 13. Missing bags 11, 14, 15, 22. Stone finds GM/CQ, CR and ED.** It should be noted that these finds could also have come from underlying deposits (2009), and perhaps the small cut features underlying (2009).

(2007) – Charcoal spread at base of slump?

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – An uneven, c.1” thick, 1’4” long slither of charcoal located at the base of slump(?) (2000) on the N edge of the mounded shell midden (2002) deposit – drawing 17 (see Fig. 53). Not visible on photographs. Uncertain relationship to slump (2000)/(2001) deposit and (2002)/(2004) deposits. A reference in notebook 6 for the 5/4/1955 to ‘ash/charcoal’ may relate to this charcoal? It shares similarities with (2003) and may represent a late fire.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2001).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2008) – ‘Ashy sand’

- **Located** – GME-N.

- **Described** – A thin, curvilinear, uneven slither of ‘*ashy sand*’ located within part of the upper part of layer (2006). Approximately 1-2” thick and 2’9” long. It’s ashy sand description is the same as that for (2005) on drawing 17. It is not immediately obvious on the photographs, and its origin is not certain. It may simply represent disturbance from another ash or charcoal based feature. There are a number of small charcoal/fire deposits recorded in the section. No slag or charcoal was specifically referred to in connection with this deposit.
- **Stratigraphically** – within (2006).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2009) – ‘Reddish occupation’

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – shown on drawing 17 (see Fig. 53), as an all-over layer, dropping down from the W, mirroring the underlying sand deposit. It has a maximum thickness of c.10” and a minimum thickness in the SE corner of the cutting where a vertical, narrow ‘*ashy sand*’ filled feature (2015) is recorded on drawing 17. Its upper and lower profile is gently concave – rising slightly to the N. The deposit itself is described as ‘*reddish brown*’. There are no further descriptions within the notebooks, although there are references to large numbers of bones etc. It is not possible to definitely ascribe finds to this layer. The section drawing shows bone and shell in this context, plus a thin lens of ‘*white sand*’ (2010). The photographs show this deposit as uniformly dark and sand, with few large inclusions – quite unlike the bulk of upper midden deposit (2002), and barely distinguishable from slightly paler overlying (2006).
- **Stratigraphically** – beneath (2006) and above (2011). Contains (2010).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to. However, large numbers of bone are referred to at this approximate depth, and as a result much of the bone box contents may have come from this context. Slag is also referred to at this approximate level in the notebook, although none was registered in the finds bags. Other finds for this approximate level include **finds bags 12 and 13. Missing bags 11, 14, 15, 22. Stone finds GM/CQ, CR and ED.** It should be noted that these finds could also have come from (2006), (or the small cut features underlying (2006)).

(2010) – ‘White sand’ lens

- **Located** – GME-N
- **Described** – as 1’9” long, c. 1-2” thick lens of ‘white sand’ on drawing 17 (see Fig. 53). It is totally sealed within deposit (2009) and may represent animal disturbance. It is not specifically referred to in the notebooks.
- **Stratigraphically** – within (2009).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2011) – ‘Sand’

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – pale, clean looking sand shown at the base of the excavated cutting on some of the photographs, and described as ‘*blown sand*’ on drawing 17 (see Fig. 53). Full depth was never revealed. No finds specifically referred to. Maximum thickness of 1’6” in SW corner of cutting. May or may not represent underlying topography. Cutting down into this deposit from **(2010)** are four ashy sand filled features – **(2012)**, **(2014)**, **(2015)** and **(2016)**. Contained within this sand was **(2013)** – a short, straight, thin charcoal deposit representing a probable hearth or fire setting? **(2013)** may represent the base of layer b (or layer B/C?). The existence of **(2013)** suggests that **(2011)** was not a simple blown sand deposit.
- **Stratigraphically** – beneath layer **(2009)**. Contains charcoal deposit **(2013)**.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2012) – ‘Ashy sand’ fill – remnant posthole?

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – shown on drawing 17 (see Fig. 53) as a concave based, slope sided c.5” deep, 4-5” max. upper diameter – possibly truncated feature cut in to the top of sand deposit **(2011)**, with a basal fill of ‘*ashy sand*’. This feature represents one of four similar features cut from a similar level, with similar fills. It is uncertain whether it is cut from the top of **(2011)** or not.
- **Stratigraphically** – below **(2009)** and above **(2011)**.
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2013) – ‘Burnt sand and charcoal’ hearth? deposit within (2011)

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – shown on drawing 17 (see Fig. 53), as a short, linear thin deposit of ‘*burnt sand and charcoal*’. It’s description strongly suggests *in situ* burning – perhaps a hearth setting. It’s presence within sand **(2011)** indicates that **(2011)** was not a single episode of sand blow. It was 1’2” long and 1-2” thick and is positioned c.6” below the base of **(2012)** – which appears unrelated.
- **Stratigraphically** – within (sand deposit **(2011)**).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2014) – ‘Ashy sand’ fill – small remnant posthole?

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – Small ‘*ashy sand*’ filled, possibly truncated feature cut into the top of sand **(2011)**. 3” diameter at top and a 3” depth. Concave base and steeply sloping sides. Appears to be one of four similarly located features containing ashy sand. No obvious animal disturbance etc in area.

- **Stratigraphically** – below (2009) and above (2011).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2015) – ‘Ashy sand’ fill – remnant post/stakehole?

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – Small ‘*ashy sand*’ filled possibly truncated feature cut into the top of sand (2011). Vertical sided, narrow 1-2” diameter, 7” deep ?stakehole, plus a possibly associated wider (c.1’ diameter) bowl shaped upper cut into the top of (2009) – see drawing 17. If this upper portion is related to (2015) then the max. depth of (2015) would be c.1’. Appears to be one of four similarly located features containing ashy sand. No obvious animal disturbance etc in area.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2006) (within (2009)) and above (2011).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2016) – ‘Ashy sand’ fill – remnant posthole?

- **Located** – GME-N.
- **Described** – Small ‘*ashy sand*’ filled possibly truncated feature cut into the top of sand (2011). 6” upper diameter and 2-3” deep. Concave base and sloping sides. Appears to be one of four similarly located features containing ashy sand. No obvious animal disturbance etc in area.
- **Stratigraphically** – below (2009) and above (2011).
- **Archive** – Section drawing 17, notebooks 2 and 6 and photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2017) – ‘Ash pit’ in SE corner

- **Located** – GME-N, 1956.
- **Described** – ‘*An ash pit was exposed by a slip in the SE corner. Depth 9” – 1’3”. Length c2’. Sample taken.*’. There are no further details for this feature. We do not know exactly where it was located.
- **Stratigraphically** – uncertain
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 6.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to. **Charcoal Sample 18.**

(2018) – General cutting no. for unallocated finds

- **Located** – GME-N, 1954, 1955 and 1956.
- **Described** – a non-context related number, designed to include all otherwise non-context allocated finds and samples found in cutting GME-N, including finds from top to bottom of the cutting.
- **Stratigraphically** – uncertain

- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 6, finds registers etc.
- **Finds** – Soil Samples 3 and 4. Bone Box x 305 bones. Missing Finds bags 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 22.

Cutting GME-S

(2019) – Charcoal/hearth deposit

- **Located** – GME-S, 1955.
- **Described** – as a ‘black area’ located at 2’ deep below topsoil, and as a ‘charcoal hearth deposit’.
- **Stratigraphically** – Uncertain.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 6. No drawings or recognised photographs.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to. **Sample 9 - charcoal.**

(2020) – General cutting no. for unallocated finds

- **Located** – GME-S, 1955.
- **Described** – a non-context related number, designed to include all otherwise non-context allocated finds and samples found in cutting GME-N, including finds from top to bottom of the cutting.
- **Stratigraphically** – uncertain
- **Archive** – Notebooks 2 and 6, finds registers etc.
- **Finds** – Finds bag 21, 23. Missing Finds bags 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.

11 GMIV

11.1 GMIV Context Index

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
[2053]	GMIV	Cut	Linear feature – originally termed part of SW pit complex.	1 and 5	Sketch in note- book 8	1955/56	-
(2054)	GMIV	Fill	‘Grey sand and charcoal’ fill of cut [2053].	5	Sketch in note- book 8	1955/56	Finds bag 17.
(2055)	GMIV	Fill	Basal ‘burnt pink sand’ below [2053].	-	Sketch in note- book 8	1955/56	-
(2056)	GMIV	Fill	Dense charcoal deposit against S edge of pit [2053].	Seen in plan on photo	-	1955.	Charcoal sample – see 1955 summary. 1956 Charcoal sample/finds bag 30.
(2057)	GMIV	Fill	‘Dark (ashy charcoal) sand’ - W fill of [2053] – originally termed pit 3.	5	-	1956	-
[2058]	GMIV	Cut	Pit – (SW pit complex – termed pit 2 in the notes etc).	5	Seen in section on photo	1955/56	-

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
(2059)	GMIV	Fill	'Grey sand' fill of [2058].	5	Seen in section on photo	1955/56	-
[2060]	GMIV	Cut	Linear feature – originally termed 'NW pit' - possibly same as [2071].	5	?3?	1954/55/56	-
(2061)	GMIV	Fill	Main 'Light brown sand and shell' fill of [2060].	5	-	1954/55/56	-
(2062)	GMIV	Fill	Terminal 'Burnt patch' at S end of [2060].	5 and Seen on photo	-	1954/55	Finds bag 20.
[2063]	GMIV	Cut	Linear (disturbed) feature – originally termed 'central pit'.	1 and 5	2	1954/55/56	-
(2064)	GMIV	Deposit/fill	Charcoal (and stones?) – originally interpreted as a hearth – same as/see (2066).	1 and 5	?2?	1955 (and 1956?)	-
(2065)	GMIV	Fill	'Dark grey/brown sandy' fill of [2063].	5	2	1954/55/56	Finds bag 27 = missing, 31, 32.
(2066)	GMIV	Fill	Basal charcoal in [2063].	-	2	1955/56	Finds bags 15, Charcoal sample/finds bag 33.
[2067]	GMIV	Cut	Linear feature / pit? – originally termed 'NE pit'.	1 and 5	3	1955/56	-
(2068)	GMIV	Fill	'Hard, dark shelly' fill of [2067].	1 and 5	3	1955/56	Finds bag 34.
[2069]	GMIV	Cut	Large pit - originally termed 'SE pit'.	1 and 5	2	1954?/55/56	-
(2070)	GMIV	Fill	'Patchy grey / red sand with shell and bone' fill of [2069].	1 and 5	2	1954?/55/56	Finds bags 12, 16, 19.
[2071]	GMIV	Cut	Oval shaped pit – originally termed central pit in 1955 - same as [2060]?	1	-	1955	-
(2072)	GMIV	Fill	'Clean sand' fill of [2071].	1	-	1955	-
(2073)	GMIV	Fill	'Heavy charcoal lining' of [2071].	-	-	1955	-
(2074)	GMIV	Fill	'Grey ash fill' of [2053]. ?Same as (2093)	-	Sketch sections in notebooks 8 and 9	1956	-
(2075)	GMIV	Deposit	'Sterile grey/brown sand'.	-	3 and 6	1955/56	Finds bag 13, 35.
(2076)	GMIV	Deposit	'Light sand'	-	2	1954?/55/56	-
(2077)	GMIV	Deposit	'Blown sand' at base of excavated cutting	-	2, 3 and 6	1955/56	-
(2078)	GMIV	Fill	'Blown sand', fill of [2097]	-	2	1956	-
(2079)	GMIV	Fill	'Brown sand layer with shell, bone, charcoal etc', fill of [2097]	-	2	1956	?Finds bag 20?
(2080)	GMIV	Fill	'Greasy dark layer with shell' – fill of [2097]	-	2	1956	-
(2081)	GMIV	Deposit	'Hard dark shelly sand' - ?same as (2083)?	-	3	1955/56	?Finds bags 7 & 8? Finds bags 25, 26 = missing, 36.
(2082)	GMIV	Deposit	'Turfy sand' – same as (2092).	-	3	1955/56	?Finds bags 7 & 8?
(2083)	GMIV-A	Deposit	'Hard dark shelly sand' - same as (2081)?	-	3	1956	?Finds bags 7 & 8?
(2084)	GMIV-A	Deposit	A disturbed/slumped deposit containing (2100), (2083), (2095), (2087), (2088), (2089).	-	3	1955/56	-
[2085]	GMIV-A	Cut	Posthole? - seen in section only.	-	3	1956	-
(2086)	GMIV-A	Fill	Dense shell fill of [2085]	-	3	1956	-
(2087)	GMIV-A	Deposit	Mid grey brown sand.	-	3	1955/56	GM/M/100, Finds bag 29.

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
(2088)	GMIV-A	Deposit	Thin band of pale blown? Sand.	-	3	1955/56	-
(2089)	GMIV-A	Deposit	Mid grey brown sand.	-	3	1955/56	Finds bag 22.
(2090)	GMIV-A	Cut/fill	'Disturbance' / fill of pit.	-	3	1956	-
(2091)	GMIV-A	Cut/fill	Reddish brown sand with shell, bone charcoal etc / fill of pit.	-	2	1956	-
(2092)	GMIV-A	Deposit	Thin skim of pale sand	-	3 and 6	1955/56	-
(2093)	GMIV-A	Deposit	'Ashy' deposit – associated with / spread? around top of [2053]. ?Same as (2074)	-	3	1955/56	-
(2094)	GMIV-A	Deposit	Deposit consisting of blown sand sandwiched between 'harder darker' sandy accretions.	-	6	1955/56	-
(2095)	GMIV-A	Deposit	Sand layer.	-	3	1955/56	-
(2096)	GMIV-A	Deposit	'Greasy dark layer with shell'	-	2	1956	-
[2097]	GMIV-A	Cut	Cut filled with (2080), (2078), (2079).	-	2	1956	-
(2098)	GMIV-A	Deposit	Small shell lens.	-	2	1956	-
(2099)	GMIV-A	Deposit	'Blown sand'	-	2	1956	-
(2100)	GMIV-A	Deposit	'Blown sand' – see (2084)	-	3	1956	-
(2101)	GMIV-A	Fill	'Grey ash' fill of [2060]	-	Sketch in notebooks 8 and 9	1955/56	-
(2102)	GMIV-A	General	A general cutting A context no. for all un-stratified finds.	-	-	1954 - 1956.	1954 E cutting – Find 1-2? Find 3= GM/K, Find 4=GM/L; W cutting – Find 5, Find 6=GM/I, Find 7=GM/M/I = now identified in ACT's cabinet; Uncertain P4 , 1955 GM/DD, GM/M/90 = missing, Unstratified Finds Box – (NOTE: see summary). 1956 Finds bags 1, 2, 3, 4, GM/EB, 14, 15, 18, 23.
(2103)	GMIV-A	Cut/fill	Small pit / posthole.	-	2	1956	-

Context Number	Cutting	Type (Cut/Deposit/Build)	Description	Plan Number	Section Number	Date	Finds bag no.
(2104)	GMIV-A	Fill	Basal burnt / charcoal fill of [2067].	-	-	c5 / 5 / 1955.	Charcoal sample – see 1955 summary.
(2105)	GMIV-B	General	A general cutting B context no. for all finds.	-	-	1956	1956 Finds bag 5 & 6 – both missing, 37, 38, Charcoal sample / finds bag 39.
(2106)	GMIV-C	General	A general cutting A context no. for all finds.	-	-	1956	1956 Finds bags 9, 10, Charcoal sample / finds bag 11, 21 = missing, 24, 28.

11.2 GMIV Summary (Figures: 2, 3, 4, 6, 54 to 59 and matrix 13)

This cutting was located to the NE of site GMI, due E of the pond and south of the BA sites (see Fig. 2). It was opened in 1954 and continued to be excavated in 1955 and 1956. In 1954 the excavation consisted of two equally sized, parallel E-W aligned cuttings, each measuring 3' x 10', separated by a 2'3" baulk. In 1955 these two separate cuttings were combined into a long E-W aligned rectangular cutting measuring 4'6" x 23'6" (c.106' sq). In 1956 the cutting was again expanded N, S, E and W to c.6'8" x c.25'4" (c.166' sq), and named cutting GMIV-A. In addition two smaller satellite cuttings were opened, named GMIV-B and C (see Fig. 4). These, however were never described with any detail and were not drawn or photographed. A single context number has been assigned to each to 'catch' the occasional finds excavated.

In GMIV-A partial remains of four linear (burnt) features were discovered: E-W aligned [2053], NE-SW aligned [2060], NE-SW aligned [2063] and NW-SE aligned [2067]. Only the E end of [2053] was uncovered. It was originally termed '*SW pit complex*' because of later pit [2058] which cut down through it (see Fig. 6 and 59). The E terminal of [2053] formed a clearly defined bowl - seen in section to contain *in situ* burning in the form of dense charcoal packing(?) beneath ash. The mass of sand (2077), into which [2053] had been cut was recorded as having turned bright pink under the high temperatures reached by this feature when in use. Cut [2061], (the bowl end of which was initially termed '*central pit*' [2071] (see Fig. 55), and planned as such in 1955), was termed '*NW pit*' during the 1956 excavation (see Fig. 59) and was found to consist of a similar bowled terminal (at the S end) to that of [2053]. It too showed evidence for intense burning and *in situ* charcoal deposits. Cut [2063] ran across the width of the cutting, and in 1956 became known as the '*central pit*'. Neither terminal was visible and the central part was much disturbed by the previous years' excavation (or possibly an un-identified later cut?) when planned in 1956. Like the burnt cuts above, this too had a pronounced area of burning – identified only in the S (initially interpreted as a '*hearth*' (2064) with *in situ* burning and stones). Cut [2067] was originally called '*NE pit*' and when seen in section was found to have contained intense, *in situ* burning. To the immediate S of this was 'so-called' 'SE pit' [2069] filled with a mix of animal bones, shells, sand, slag/ore? etc. This deposit was never proven to be fill from a cut feature and could in fact represent a large mixed dump of waste which had been dumped on the SE edge of the slightly raised knoll on which GMIV was focussed.

Interpretation of these linear burnt features has been left open. The apparently very small quantity of slag and ore makes absolute interpretation of these features as metal working features uncertain. We know that the identification, collection and even noting of the presence of ore and slag was not standard practise during day to day excavation. It is possible that non-furnace activities related to the preparation of raw material (presumably local iron ores from beach/cliff exposures) ie. ore roasting, or the preparation of fuel in the form of charcoal burning etc. are represented by these features. It is possible that [2063] was used differently to the other bowl-ended, features described above. This was the only feature recorded as having contained a stone element – although whether this amounted to a partial lining? or a remnant superstructure is difficult to ascertain, since it appears to have been removed in a piecemeal way over the three different excavation seasons.

The available archive for this cutting consists of site notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9; Finds Register 2, within portfolio 2 - section drawings 2, 3 and 6 (see Figs. 56 and 57); drawn plans 1, 4 and 5 (see Figs. 55, 58 and 59); the Metalwork register and photographs (within the tartan album).

11.3 Archive Record

11.3.1 1954 Season

1. 27/3/1954 – Notebook 1 = *'the new site, IV' ... This was a scarcely visible mound between I and the dug-out, but appeared to have shells etc thrown from it. I started two trenches, 10' long and 3' wide, leading up to each other E-W with a 2'3" baulk between them: centre point of baulk referable to plan. Miss Gocher was in charge here. Finds;*

1) Rim sherd 283; 2) Sherd 282; 3) Whetstone GM/K; do. GM/L; 5) Neck of amphora 284; 6) Iron pin; 7) Whetstone GM/M; and numerous bones, left in bag, with a few pebbles.'

Below this is a sketch plan showing measurements, survey points (?) and find locations (1, 2, 3, 4 in the E cutting; finds 5, 6 and 7 in the W cutting), plus a series of depths for the finds: *'1) – 2"; 2) – 9"; 3) – 3"; 4) – 1'; 5) – 3"; 6) – 9"; 7) – 1'.'*

The no. 5 find - *Neck of amphora 284*, mentioned above is referred to in Box 2 Research Archive File : Gwithian Excavations 1953/1954 Plans etc. and early pottery analyses, where it is listed (for this date) Site IV as *'Buff Slip'* ware.

FIND ? – P4 (Described as GMIV *'1st cutting'*). Consists of teeth, bone and pebble - originally recorded as *'stone and pebble.'*

FIND 3 - Stone find GM/K – GMIV. East cutting, 3" down. 1 x broken hone stone. (Original description *'Broken grit hone, fractured surface'*.)

FIND 4 - Stone find GM/L – GMIV. East cutting, 1' down. 1 x tear drop shaped pestle. (Original description *'Cut pebble, possibly a pestle'*.)

FIND 7 - Stone find GM/M – GMIV. West cutting, 1' down. 1 x broken hone stone. (Original description *'Broken slate hone'*.)

FIND 6 - Metal find GM/M/I – GMIV. Long, square sectioned iron pin (identified as one of three iron pins in ACT's cabinet). E cutting. 9" down. Originally described as *'Long iron pin, square section (in ACT cabinet)'*.

2. 28/3/1954 – Notebook 1 = *'At site IV work continued, producing a few more bones, and a tiny piece of slag (?) from about 20' down (along?) the W cutting'*.

Notebook 6 = *'Flash-back to 1954'. 'This low shallow mound was suspected to conceal a midden, since numbers of shells were visible in rabbit holes on its surface. Two sections, E-W,*

each 10' x 3' were cut across it. Some rather interesting finds, including a BIII neck, and an iron pin, and 3 bones came out of it'.

FIND 1/2? – (Described as GMIV U/S surface find). Consists of 1 x Bii amphora neck sherd.

FIND 5 – (Described as GMIV Eastern trench, depth 3"). Consists of 1 x Bi (variant) amphora neck sherd.

FINDS – see note at end of 1955 section.

11.3.21955 Season

Notebooks 2, 6, 8 and 9

3. 25/4/1955 – Notebook 2 = *'The two cuttings enlarged into a single main cutting 24' x 5'. Object: to obtain a suitable section through the whole of this mound'.*

Notebook 6 = *'The turf removed during the extension of this cutting was used to face the linear dump on the S side of the cutting. A few sherd finds were made: sherds and bones, all unstratified.'* **Finds** – see note at end of 1955 section.

4. 26/4/1955 – Notebook 2 = *'Trowelled down all over. ... Finds ... Box 1; GM/DD.'*

Notebook 6 = *'... at E end considerable finds of semi-smelted iron manganese sand; few fragments pottery, some bone. Centre and W end mostly shell and clean sand'.* This metal-working debris would seem to be associated with pits **[2067]** and **[2069]**.

Finds – see note at end of 1955 section.

Stone find GM/DD – GMIV-A. 1 x broken hone stone. (Original description *'Large broken bone'*.)

5. 27/4/1955 – Notebook 2 = *'What is this? At the E end it is beginning to look suspiciously like an occupation layer. A complete section through it must be taken. More amphorae produced: a sherd which fits last year's BIII neck, and a BIV (?) neck'.*

Notebook 6 = *'At W end, fish (?) spear of beaten copper rod, earthy layer beneath turf. Pm. Large sherds of bar-lug ware and small portion platter rim. Also part neck of amphora'.* On the facing page is a 1/2 size scale drawing of the *'fish spear'*, with these co-ordinates *'NE 1'6", 1'2" N, 1' vert.'* This artefact was entered into the metalwork register for this date. The co-ordinates would seem to place the harpoon either on top or from within pit **[2067]**. **Finds** – see note at end of 1955 section.

Metal find GM/M/90 – Missing/stolen. *'Bronze Harpoon'*. (Photograph 16 in red book (1) Gwithian photographs 1955 – 1956, and in Tartan photo album. There is also a line drawing showing the harpoon. This was subsequently stolen).

6. 28/4/1955 – Notebook 2 = *'Trowelling continued'.*
7. 29/4/1955 – Notebook 2 = *'Trowelling down all over, leaving stones and hearth against S face, W side in situ'.* This is the first reference to either a hearth or stones in this notebook. Only a single stone was ever planned. This 'hearth' in fact appears to be the basal part of **[2063]** – associated with **(2066)**.
8. 1/5/1955 – Notebook 2 = *'Cleared up all the bones etc from GMIV, and went through the pottery'.* **Finds** – see note at end of 1955 section.
9. 2/5/1955 – Notebook 2 = *'Continued trowelling all over. Possible traces of a smelting hearth at the E end'.* Finds for GMIV listed as:

'Pit, SE 2 sherds and slag. [2069].'

Pit, NE, sberd and 'combed bone'. [2067].

All over: sherds and 'flying stone/DE'.

Stone find GM/DE – GMIV-A. 1 x flensing tool. (Original description *'Flying stone'*.)

Finds – see note at end of 1955 section.

10. 5/5/1955 – Notebook 6 = states the following: [2067] *'NE pit 9" deep, W half excavated. W edge undercut c.2"'. Contained much charcoal, including solid layer 2" thick at bottom ?Finds? (lump of iron ore found c. 1'6" higher but probably in the same layer)'.*

Soil sample ? (Described as *'Pit against N side'- [2067]/(2104)*). 1 x soil and charcoal sample. NOTE: This sample was never entered into any numbering system and can only be traced via the *'Pit against N side'* description.

[2069] *'SE pit, long, straggling, irregular outline. Contained some charcoal and much yellow-brown stained sand. 11" deep. W third of excavation. ?Finds?'. Joining NE, SE pits – streak of grey and stained sand 14" long, 2" wide at SE end, 1" at NW end. Similar mark leaving from SE pit to NE corner of trench'. (2064)? 'Hearth against S edge. Layer of charcoal 1"-3" thick. Stone near N edge. Very large quantity of mussel shells in this area'. [2071] 'Centre pit, long, oval. Heavy charcoal lining = (2073), filled with clean sand' (2072). This so-called pit was planned in 1955 (drawing 1), but in 1956 it appears differently, ie as a part of a longer near N-S aligned, linear flue-like feature [2060]. [2053] *'SW pit, very much charcoal. Patch of pale grey sand = (2059) fill of [2058] - (sample taken) ?Finds?**

Soil Sample ? (Described as *'SW pit' [2053]/(2056)*). 1 x soil and charcoal sample. NOTE: This sample was never entered into any numbering system and can only be traced via the *'SW pit'* description.

Notebook 6 for this date contains a sketch plan showing the features described above, and a partial sketch section through the SW pit = [2053], showing the feature to have been cut into clean sand and the main fill to have consisted of *'layers of sand and burnt material ... streaks of pink sand (burnt)'* = (2054/2055)?. There is also a very sketchy representation of all four faces of the cutting. The long northern and short eastern sections show an upper *'clean sand'* with a ragged *'tooth-like'* basal profile – possibly features?, cutting down into a thicker deposit of *'grey'* (which were never fully excavated and do not feature on subsequent section drawings). The long southern and short western sections in contrast show a huge mass of *'shell'* overlying a steeply mounded series of differentially coloured sands overlying a hearth near the SW corner of the cutting. The following page contains a biro drawn part section of a N face in an unknown cutting – it does not appear to relate to GMIV, (nor do the following pages of notes).

Finds Note: A collection of **305 animal bones plus 9 sherds** (including grass-marked and amphora neck sherds) have all been grouped together and labelled un-stratified (probably in 1956). The **305 animal bones** consist of 171 cow bones and teeth, 84 sheep bones and teeth, 16 pig bones and teeth, 1 roe deer antler, 2 horse bone fragments, 25 small bones (from fish, birds and rabbits) and 6 unidentified animal bones. These are almost certainly the missing finds referred to for 1954 and 1955. They appear to generally

correspond with the notebook finds descriptions above. They do not obviously link in with the 1956 bag numbering system or described finds that are missing for 1956.

11.3.3 1956 Season

Notebooks 7, 8, 9 and Main Journal for 1956.

11. 29/3/1956 – No notes, but a find found during clearance of previous years base of cutting following partial section collapse etc.

Finds Bag 1 Exposed base of 1955 cutting. 1 x worked flint. (Originally *flint scraper*).

12. 1/4/1956 - Notebook 8 = (Supervised by S. Chadwick). *The original long cutting extended in 1955 has been further extended this year and now measures 25' x 6'6"*. Unfortunately erosion during the winter of '55 has undermined the sides of the trenches and it is intended to extend the S face or the long trench by another foot. On the N side of Cutting A a 3' bank has been left and beyond it 2 cuttings B and C aligned with the end of A, 4' wide by 6' long'. The turf was removed from GMIV-B and GMIV-C and the periphery of GMIV-A. A 'spit' below the turf line was removed *'thick with shell and produced several fragments of thick coarse grained pottery, rim, base and body sherds, bones and a thatch weight'*. The reasoning behind the extension of these cuttings is to *'establish the nature of the site... whether pure midden or habitation ... to make sense of the section and establish some kind of dating sequence'*.

Finds Bag 2 GMIV-A. N face. Below turf. 1 x grass-marked sherd. (Originally *'Trebarveth sherd'*).

Finds Bag 3 GMIV-A. N face. Below turf. 5 x PR/EM sherds (including 1 x rim). (Originally *'Sherds (native) 1 rim'*).

Finds Bag 4 GMIV-A. N face. Below turf. 9 x slag fragments. (Originally *'Bones and slag'*).

Stone find GM/EB – GMIV-A, W face. Below turf. 1 x curved, notched slate – very large line winder?. (Original description *'Thatch weight. (Modern spade notch)'*).

13. 2/4/1956 - Notebook 9 = GMIV-A – *Trowelling N face back to obtain preliminary view or section. Pottery in dark grey sandy layer. 1) large thick fragment of native ware. W 14' x S 2' x -2'3"* (deep). 2) *Smaller bag in similar layer. W 4' x S 2' x - 2'3"* (deep). *Clear pit in section NE corner [2067]. SW corner – W face – pit in profile [2053]. Very black – pink sand, indicates burnt matter'*.

GMIV-B - *'Light sandy layer with slight discolouration, soft and easy to work. (?) bone and quite a lot of shell, begins 3' 4" below turf line'*.

GMIV-C – *'3-4" below turf, bone and large (base?) sherd of grass-marked ware with 'rucked' base, reddish clay. Layer of brownish (?) sand towards N face – sand coming in towards S face. Large sherd – 22"W x 6'6" N x – (depth) 4".'*

Notebook 8 = *'Work continued'* on clearance of spill from the sections beneath the turf in GMIV-A. The N face was cut back to *'achieve a preliminary sequence of layers'*. Finds are referred to as: *'2 fragments of Trebarveth ware both at depth of 2'3" but in the layer of spill from last winter's erosion – probably from the shelly and hard layer above the sterile grey/brown sand'*.

Notebook 8 = In the afternoon the *'top layers'* of GMIV-B and C were removed by *'careful trowelling'*.

GMIV-C - A near *'immediate find of a base sherd of grass-marked ware: a large piece and interesting because it is of the transition type with a kicked base (=22"W x 6'6" N x -4"'*

deep). *A further fragment of native ware found in the same layer, also bone and shell as to be expected.* It is recorded that the soil immediately beneath the turf is *'brownish and loamy, but a lens of lighter sand appears running above it in the SE corner – this may well run in from cutting B'*.

Finds Bag 9 - GMIV-C. N face. Loamy below turf. 2 x grass-marked sherds. (Originally *'Sherd – grass-marked'*).

Finds Bag 10 - GMIV-C. Below turf. 1 x animal bone. (Originally *'Bone'*).

GMIV-B – *'Light sand and shell below the turf – bones but no pottery'*. A *'darker layer'* recorded c.1' below the surface.

Finds Bag 5 – Missing – GMIV-B. Sandy layer with shell. (Originally *'Bones and charcoal'*).

Finds Bag 6 – Missing – GMIV-B. Sandy layer with shell. (Originally *'Iron slag'*).

GMIV-A – A *'rough section'* was drawn by the supervisor (S. Chadwick), who was by now convinced that it showed a midden. This drawing appears to be drawing no. 3, showing (according to the notebook) the *'E/W Section of N face, A cutting at 1'6" S'*. After naming the title of the drawing, Chadwick then continues with preliminary notes on the section – which have been copied as written:

'The section presents no very clear picture, but it can be seen that below the turf is an earthy subsoil containing shell, bone and sherds. At the E end a layer of hard dark sand (2081) full of shell, bone, sherds etc can be seen with one possible small pit [2085]/(2086) with harder packed material of the same kind and an obvious pit (?) clearly defined [2067] but containing the same material. This pit cuts into the layer of sterile grey/brown sand (2075) which tapers out into broken pockets (2084?) of the same sand in pale blown sand. Blown sand (2077) runs beneath the grey/brown sand on both sides of the section. On the W side the hard shelly layer is topped by a layer of blown sand (2091) and beneath it the 3 tongues of grey/brown sand deepening in colour as they go down and hardening, separated by thin lenses of blown sand. ie. (2075), (2087), (2088), (2089).

From both W and E the layers run downwards towards the middle and break up in sand. The middle section is much disturbed.

The only sensible interpretation is that the site is some kind of midden, with tips from each side becoming confused in the centre'.

Finds Bag 7 – GMIV-A. N face. Un-stratified shell layer. 1 x perforated bone, 1 x tooth. (Originally *'Bones'*).

Finds Bag 8 - GMIV-A. N face. Un-stratified shell layer. 1 x PR/EM sherd. (Originally *'Sherds – Trebarveth'*).

14. 3/4/1956 – Main Journal for 1956 = Work continued. Cutting has a *'midden character'*. Notebook 9 = a couple of pages relating to finds, co-ordinates and deposits has been lightly crossed out but re-written in notebook 8 (as have some other non-crossed out pages).

Notebook 8 = GMIV-A = was extended by 1' along S face, and 6" along E face. This large cutting now measured 25'6" E-W x 7'6" N-S. The two smaller cuttings (GMIV-B and C) measured 6' x 4'. E face cleaned up *'nothing remarkable – stratification quite clear but not revealing'*. Recorded (Chadwick) is unsure what to make of the patchy *'lower grey/brown sterile sand layer'* (2075), and the *'layer of patchy and discoloured grey/red sand containing shell, bone and a sherd'* – not sure which context this is

on the section. There is a sketch apparently showing the extended section (not shown on drawing 3).

Work then began on the S face, where a *'small sherd of Trebarveth ware in the patchy sand layer (2070) ... but little else except bone and shell'* (W 3', 1'7 1/2" deep). Section described as turf, over light sand (2076), over patchy sand with shell and bone (2070). The middle part of the section is described *'rather more interesting'*. The following description is then given: *'1) Turf, 2) Brown sand with shell and bone (2065) in fair number forming a pit seemingly cut in blown sand (2077). Beneath it was a spit of very dark sand (2066) in which a base sherd of Trebarveth ware (W 12' x S 7' x 1'10" deep) was found. The relationship of these layers will emerge when the whole face is cut back. At the moment they make no sense at all. There is in fact little stratification as such.'* The notebook then talks about areas that still need to be taken back. *'8" below turf at the W end however, a small piece of iron was found at the base of the earthy/shelly layer just beneath the turf. (W 20'4" x S 7'5" x 8" deep).*

During clearance at the bottom of the cutting a bar-lug sherd was found (W 12'7" x S 3'1" x 2'10" deep) in the *'dark grey sand layer'*. A short stretch of the W face was then drawn, showing [2053] *'The SW pit shows clearly in it, dug into blown sand (2077) with square section'*. See drawing 3 (see Fig. 57).

Finds Bag 12 – GMIV-A. S face. E end. Patchy sand. 2 x PR/EM sherds. (Originally *'Sherd(Treb.)'*).

Finds Bag 13 – GMIV-A. Floor of trench. Dark sandy occupation. 1 x grass-marked sherd. (Originally *'Bar-lug, rim sherd'*).

Finds Bag 14 - GMIV-A. S face. Un-stratified. 1 x horn core.

Finds Bag 15 – GMIV-A. Dark reddish brown sand. 1 x PR/EM sherd. (Originally *'Base sherd (Treb.)'*).

Finds Bag 16 – GMIV-A. S face. Patchy sand. 5 x animal bones. (Originally *'Bones'*).

Metal find GM/M/100 – GMIV-A. S face. 1 x Iron plate with central notch – razor?. (Originally *'metal fragment'*).

GMIV-C = *'deepened another 6" – little remarkable'*.

Sample/Finds bag 11 – GMIV-C. Brown layer beneath turf. 1 x animal bone, 1 x charcoal sample. (Originally *'Bones'*).

15. 4/4/1956 – Notebook 8 = Continued working on the S face. *'The SW corner reveals what would appear to be a series of pits cut into one another'*. These pits were provisionally termed 1, 2 and 3. The easternmost pit 1 [2053] had a fill described as *'dark ashy sand'* (2054) (also described as *'grey sand and charcoal'* on drawings), and as *'cut into blown sand'*. It is shown on the photographs. The 2nd pit [2058] cut into pit 1 and 3, and was *'full of grey water-borne sand'* and *'grey sand'* (2059). Pit 3 (the W end of [2053]) contained *'rather darker sand'* (2057). *'No section of the complex was possible owing to the fact that it had been cut away in the 1954 trench'*. The eastern edge of pit 1 produced a *'large sherd of Trebarveth ware'*. (W 22' x S 6'10" x 2'2" deep). The plan of the cutting (drawing 5) was then begun. A sketch in the notebook shows an E-W 4' long cross section of pit 1 [2053], showing a steep sided, partially concave stepped profile with a deeper concave base, clearly defined and containing a basal *'burnt pink sand'* (2055). The main fill of the cut was *'grey sand with charcoal'* (2054).

Finds bag 17 – GMIV-A. S face. W. SW pit fill. 1 x PR/EM sherd. (Originally *'pot sherd'*).

Finds Bag 18 – GMIV-A. Grey/brown layer. 1 x grass-marked sherd. (Originally ‘*sherd – grass-marked*’).

Finds Bag 19 – GMIV-A. S face. E. Patchy sand. 3 x animal teeth. (Originally ‘*Jaw bone and fish bone*’).

16. 5/4/1956 – Notebook 8 = Clearance of N face of cutting GMIV-A. ‘*Sherd of grass-marked ware in the greyish layer at W end*’. (W 18’ x S 4’ x 2’ deep). In the afternoon ‘*The hard shelly layer (2081) at the E end running above the pit [2067] produced bone, shell, charcoal and 1 sherd*’. (W 5’ x S 1’5” x 1’5” deep). ‘*This face also shows a scatter of large stones in the downward slope. The section is clearer and the layers may well be numerable*’. These large stones were not planned and do not appear to have been photographed.

‘*The pit fill [2060] has produced 1 sherd to date (W 18’ x S 6’7” x 2’3” deep) – nothing special, and 1 fragment iron ore (W18’ x S 5’10” x 2’4” deep). The pit is full of charcoal and the sand at the base is pink with a heavy black layer just above (?) burning*’. The iron ore does not appear to have been kept.

Finds Bag 20 - GMIV-A. S face. Grey/brown pit fill. 1 x PR/EM sherd. (Originally ‘*Sherds – grass-marked/ native, slag*’).

Finds Bag 21 – Missing - GMIV-C. (Originally contained ‘*burnt stone*’).

Finds Bag 22 – GMIV-A. N face. W. Grey brown. 1 x grass-marked sherd. (Originally ‘*Sherd – grass-marked*’).

Finds Bag 23 – GMIV-A. N face. E. Top levels. 2 x animal bones. (Originally ‘*Bones from top levels*’).

Finds Bag 25 – GMIV-A. N face. E. Hard shelly layer. 1 x PR/EM sherd. (Originally ‘*Sherd*’).

Finds Bag 26 – Missing – GMIV-A. Hard shelly layer. Originally contained ‘*Bone and charcoal*’.

Finds Bag 27 - Missing – GMIV-A. S face. Fill of central pit. Originally contained ‘*a tooth and a piece of charcoal*’.

Finds Bag 24 – GMIV-C. Grey brown with shell above blown sand. 4 x animal bones. (Originally ‘*Bones*’).

17. 6/4/1956 – Notebook 8 = GMIV-C ‘*taken down to a thick layer of sterile blown sand then abandoned in favour of further progress in cutting A*’.

Finds Bag 28 - GMIV-C. Brown sand. 2 x animal bones. (Originally ‘*Bones*’).

GMIV-A continued work on N face, ie removing the step left against the extended N face of the cutting. ‘*The NE pit [2067] now appears as a long gully extending across the trench to meet the now clear large pit [2069] full of patchy sand, shells etc. A small pit of similar shape also graces this face but at the opposite angle from the first (?) plan. Now the face is cut back the layers can be seen to relate to one another in a sensible manner. On the W face the pit [2053] also appears to be a long gully filled with black ash layers interspersed with blown sand, widening out into the oval pit [2058] cut into 2 others. This pit [2053] has all the appearance of one made for pot firing. (May be modern)*’. It is not explained why this may be modern? It does not appear to be on the basis of finds. The notebook then continues; ‘*On the S face the central hearth pit (2064) shows a semi-circular profile with a layer of pink sand outlining it at its base. The lowest layer is black but the fill is dark brown and greasy with shell, bone and sherds, slag of various kinds and burnt material*’.

Under the list of finds bag numbers the following was recorded: *'Sherd base – N face A cutting, E end. S 3" x W 6' x 1'7" deep hard shelly layer'*. It then states that *'Sherd of grass-marked ware. W face below turf'*.

Finds Bag 29 – GMIV-A. W face. Below turf. 1 x PR/EM sherd. (Originally *'sherd – grass-marked'*).

Sample/Finds Bag 30 - GMIV-A. W face. SW pit fill. 1 x PR/EM sherd, 1 x charcoal sample. (Originally *'Coal and charcoal'*).

Finds Bag 31 – GMIV-A. S face. Central pit fill. 2 x animal bones. (Originally *'Bones'*).

Finds Bag 32 – GMIV-A. S face. Central pit fill. 1 x grass-marked sherd. (Originally *'sberds'*).

Sample/Finds Bag 33 – GMIV-A. S face. Central pit fill. 4 x charcoal fragments. (Originally *'charcoal – burnt stones'*).

Finds Bag 34 – GMIV-A. N face. E end. NE pit fill. 6 x animal bones. (Originally *'Bones'*).

Finds Bag 35 – GMIV-A. N face. E end. Grey brown. 2 x animal bones. (Originally *'Bones'*).

Finds Bag 36 – GMIV-A. N face. Hard shelly layer. 1 x PR/EM basal sherd (Originally *'Base sherd'*).

18. 7/4/1956 – Notebook 8 = GMIV-A excavation completed down to previous years level. Excavation ceased due to *'the nearness to the water table'*. At this point a plan was drawn - *'a plan was made of the features at this level. This is arbitrary and hardly of any use except as an indicator of what there is – it does not attempt to reconstruct the size of these features at the ground level. This was of (?) impossible due to the extent of last year's cuttings and the lack of a comprehensive plan. The extent of the central pit complex is not clearly indicated because there was no time to excavate completely.'*

A section was drawn of the S face of A cutting but the remaining 3 sides still remain to be drawn and should be done before the whole trench silts up. Further cuttings need to be made in the centre to investigate the central pit and also in the SE corner to determine the limits of that pit.

As far as it is possible to see the whole trench reveals a system of pits and gullies of which little sense can be made. There seems to be a very large pit or ditch in the SE corner [2069] which is filled with patchy grey/red sand and productive of shell, bone etc (2069). The material from this does not seem vastly different from that elsewhere and there is no indication that the fill of this pit?/ditch? is earlier than the rest. In fact it might almost be thought that at least some of the gullies drain into it ie. NE pit [2067] runs towards it, and the discoloured patchy sand looks water affected as does the grey/brown sterile layer (2070) that underlies it in the NE corner.

The major difficulty in this idea is that you cannot have water-filled gullies in blown sand – they would not last. None of the pits can have remained open very long as all are cut with straight or clean semi-circular profile in blown sand. They must have been cut and the rubbish tipped in straight-away. The central pits, however, and the SW and NW pits are filled with dark burnt material and have the pink sand around them indicative of something burning.

NOTE: The central, SW and NW pits are the only pits seen at the time as having been burnt *in situ*. However, the on 5/5/1955 the NE pit contained much burnt debris including a pure charcoal base.

As far as they have been excavated the SW [2053] and NW [2060] pits show the unusual gully shape ending in a rounded bulge. The SW pit [2053] produced nothing but charcoal but its very blackness especially in the narrow neck suggests a pit for either 1) burning rubbish, 2) firing

pottery (using the narrow neck as a feed – it has a downward slope, or 3) for some processing connected with tin streaming. The same applies to the NW pit. Both these were roughly sectioned at floor level as it could not be done higher up. The central pit was actually found to contain pottery of grass-marked type and slag or tin ore.

On the N face towards the E end 3 or 4 stones remain in situ at a downward slope. They look suspiciously like ... a rubble fall and a trench should be cut behind them to check this point'.

There are 2 sketched sections showing the SW pit [2053], and the NW (not the NE as written) pit [2060] terminals. The near 6' long section recorded through the SW pit [2053] clearly shows the profile to drop from a 2" depth to a 7" depth at the slightly flared E terminal end. The edge then rises sharply through clean (non-burnt?) sand. From the bottom up the deposits are recorded as 'burnt layer'?(2056), 'dark brown sand' (2054) (forming a bulk fill at the E end), 'slightly darker brown sand' (2057) (at the W end), and the near centrally cutting 'sterile secondary pit' [2058], filled with 3 1/2" deep, 17" wide 'light brown sand' (2059). Sealing (2056) and (2057) was c1" thick 'grey ash' deposit (2074).

The NW pit [2060] is at least 4' long in section (see Fig. 54), and is clearly shown to terminate in a bowl-like profile. From bottom up the fills consist of a 4 1/2" max. deep 'burnt layer' (2062), a 1'6" long, 1 1/2" deep 'ash' deposit (2101), and what is described as 'blown sand' on the section, but 'light brown sand and shell' (2061) on plan 5. The pre- and post-excavated terminal is just visible on photos in the album.

NOTE: Comparison of these two drawn sections shows that the burnt *in situ* deposits in [2060] were thicker and essentially intact, as compared to those in [2053] which were thinner (perhaps suggesting that it had been cleaned out? and missing entirely from the E edge of the terminal, suggesting the actual loss of the end of the feature during clearance). Interestingly the section of [2060] shows the long flue? to be deepening towards the N, away from the bowl-like terminal. Could this mean that the differences between [2053] and [2060] are the result of opposite terminals having been looked at? ie the bowled terminal for [2053] may in fact still exist beyond the W edge of the excavated cutting. However, the similarity between these two features (in terms of plan, dimensions and burning) would imply that both had the same original function.

There are no further notes for GMIV-A.

GMIV-B = '... taken down a few more feet producing a darker layer beneath the light sandy one beneath the turf. Potsberds, bones etc came out'.

Finds Bag 37 – GMIV-B. 2 x animal bones. (Originally 'Bone, teeth').

Finds Bag 38 – GMIV-B. 1 x PR/EM sherd. (Originally 'Sherd (Treb.)').

Sample/Finds Bag 39 – GMIV-B. 1 x grass-marked sherd, 2 x charcoal fragments. (Originally 'Sherd (native) and charcoal').

11.4 Context Descriptions

[2053] – Linear feature – originally termed 'part of SW pit complex'.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A, western end.

Described – as a linear NW to SE aligned feature extending beyond the W edge of the cutting (see Figs. 5, 54 and 57). The E end of the cut terminated with a bowl-like feature, which was slightly wider and deeper than the shallower, narrower neck area. Other linear cuts displaying the same bowled terminal features were also

found in GMIV – cuts [2060] and [2067]. Extensive burning and the suggestion of an original timber lining prior to firing in this particular cut could indicate short term use after which the feature was rapidly backfilled (on the basis of the sharp, steep, clearly defined edges seen in the W section – drawing 3 (see Fig. 57). Plan 5 shows [2053] to have had a visible length in excess of 5'4", a general width of 1'4" and at the W end (where it was seen in section) a depth in excess of 1'3". The terminal bowl had a 2' width and an approximate 3'6" length, with the base of the bowl dropping down gently from the necked area – see notebook 9 sketch section (see Fig. 54). The lack of burning and jagged edge at the extreme E edge of the bowl may indicate post-use damage caused during the emptying of the bowl?

In notebook 8 (7/4/1956) *'As far as they have been excavated the SW [2053] and NW [2060] pits show the unusual gully shape ending in a rounded bulge. The SW pit [2053] produced nothing but charcoal but its very blackness especially in the narrow neck suggests a pit for either 1) burning rubbish, 2) firing pottery (using the narrow neck as a feed – it has a downward slope, or 3) for some processing connected with tin streaming. The same applies to the NW pit. Both these were roughly sectioned at floor level as it could not be done higher up. The central pit was actually found to contain pottery of grass-marked type and slag or tin ore.'*

This feature appears to represent one of a number of similar looking features in the immediate area. The burning at the base appears to be *in situ* and related directly to the functioning of the feature. Interpretation of this and the other linear burnt features has been left open. Quantifying the range, location and quantity of such debris as iron ore, slag, charcoal etc makes interpretation of the use and function of these features problematic. The fact that none of these features was fully uncovered, sampled or recorded limits interpretation.

- **Stratigraphically** – below fill (2056), above (2055)/(2077).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5, and the tartan photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2054) – Grey charcoal and sand fill of [2053]

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A, western end.
- **Described** – as *'brown sand'* in the notebook 8 and 9 cross-section of [2053]. It is recorded as being at least 7" deep and a nearly 3' long (from E to W) within the bowl-like terminal. This deposit was cut by pit [2058], and appears to never have extended beyond the bowled terminal. Originally it would have been deeper, but the top was removed during the 1954 and 1955 excavation seasons. This deposit forms the bulk of the fill of the bowl located at the E end of [2053]. It may represent deliberate, rapid backfill following the emptying of the bowled terminal after (firing) use.
- **Stratigraphically** – above fill (2057) and below fill/spread (2074)/(2093).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5, and the tartan photographic album.
- **Finds bag 17.**

(2055) – Basal burnt pink sand – edge of [2053]

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A

- **Described** – as ‘*pink sand*’ on plan 5 and as ‘*clean sand*’ on the notebook 9 sketch cross-section of the E bowl-ended terminal of [2053]. It appears to represent the heat discolouration of surrounding sand deposit (2077) – into which [2053] was cut (and as such does not constitute a fill of [2053], but instead results from the use of [2053]). The sketch section shows it as underlying the bowl, while plan 5 shows it as a clear rim running around the S edge of the bowl. The photographs show the S edge of the bowl to have had an internal charcoal edge.
- **Stratigraphically** – Below basal edge of cut [2053], below (2056).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5, and the tartan photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2056) – Burnt sandy charcoal fill

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a ‘*burnt layer*’ in the sketch sections (notebooks 8 and 9), running along the base of the bowl-like terminal but not extending up the extreme E edge. This burnt layer becomes more substantial as it rises to the neck of the bowl and appears to form much of the lower fill of [2053] in the W section – drawing 3 (see Fig. 54 and 57). It features in the sketch section for at least 4’ and extends W beyond the edge of the cutting. In the area of the bowl it was 1”-2” thick and in the W side of the cutting it was recorded in section as being 1’ thick. This burning represents *in situ* burning associated with the functioning of feature [2053], and according to the photograph consisted of *in situ* charcoal around the S edge of the bowl-like terminal, graduating to dark charcoal/sand at the base of the bowl. Could this suggest a timber lined feature? prior to burning? The charcoal sample(s) from this deposit should provide useful dating material.
- **Stratigraphically** – above [2053] and below (2057) and (2074/2093).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5, and the tartan photographic album.
- **Finds** = Charcoal sample (see 1955 summary) and 1956 charcoal sample/finds bag 30.

(2057) – Dark (ashy) sand - western fill of [2053]

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as ‘*dark sand*’ and as ‘*grey ash*’ this deposit is a fill of [2053] located to the immediate W of [2058]. It is shown in the sketch sections (in notebooks 8 and 9) as a fill directly overlying burnt basal deposit (2056). It has been described as a sterile secondary pit fill (see notebook 8 sketch for 7/4/1956), but overlying ash deposit (2093) seals both this deposit and (2056) – meaning that it cannot be a separate pit fill, but rather a fill within [2053]. It was recorded as being c.2’ long (N-S) and 10” wide, with a c.3” thickness. This deposit cannot be seen in the photograph, but may be that referred to as ‘*dark burnt patch*’ on plan 5.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2056), below (2054).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5, and the tartan photographic album.

- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

[2058] – Pale pit above [2053] – originally termed part of SW pit complex.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – The sketch sections show [2058] as a 1'6" wide, sheer sided flat bottomed pit cut into the fills of [2053]. Plan 5 shows it as having an amorphous, blob-like shape cutting through fills (2054) and (2093) and extending N beyond the edges of [2053] into the surrounding sand (2077). This pit-like feature post dates the backfilling of [2053] and is presumably unrelated to the function of the burnt linear features discovered in the cutting. It may be contemporary with the so-called hearth (2064)? It is clearly shown in a photograph (in the tartan album).
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2093)/(2074) and below fill (2059).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1 and 5, notebook 8 and 9 sketches and the tartan photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2059) – Grey sand fill of [2058]

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as 'grey water-borne sand' and 'grey sand' in notebook 8 (4/4/1956) and as 'light brown sand' in the sketch sections in notebook 8 and 9. The sketch sections show it as the sole, sterile fill of cut [2058]. Plan 5 shows it as an amorphous, blob-like spread overlying [2053] fills (2054) and (2093), and extending into the underlying sand dune (2077). It is clearly shown in a photograph (in the tartan album).
- **Stratigraphically** – above/fill of [2058], below (2092).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1 and 5, notebook 8 and 9 sketches and the tartan photographic album.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

[2060] – Linear feature – (same as [2071]?) – originally termed 'NW pit'.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A

Described – as a linear N-S aligned feature with steep sides and a rounded bowl-like S terminal containing *in situ* burnt deposits. It is shown on plan 5 (see Fig. 59) as being 6'+ long – the N end continuing on beyond the edge of the cutting, and 1'8" wide. The edges are steeply sloping. The slightly wider? top of the feature may have been lost through slumping etc (according to the recorded N section – drawing 3 (see Fig. 54 and 57). According to the sketch section drawings of the S bowl-like terminal the base of the cut sloped gently down towards the N.

In notebook 8 on the 5/4/1956 the following was recorded - 'The pit fill [2060] has produced 1 sherd to date (W 18' x S 6'7" x 2'3" deep) – nothing special, and 1 fragment iron ore (W18' x S 5'10" x 2'4" deep). The pit is full of charcoal and the sand at the base is pink with a heavy black layer just above (?) burning'. The iron ore does not appear to have been kept.

In notebook 8 (7/4/1956) 'As far as they have been excavated the SW [2053] and NW [2060] pits show the unusual gully shape ending in a rounded bulge. The SW pit [2053]

produced nothing but charcoal but its very blackness especially in the narrow neck suggests a pit for either 1) burning rubbish, 2) firing pottery (using the narrow neck as a feed – it has a downward slope, or 3) for some processing connected with tin streaming. The same applies to the NW pit. Both these were roughly sectioned at floor level as it could not be done higher up. The central pit was actually found to contain pottery of grass-marked type and slag or tin ore.

This feature appears to represent one of a number of similar looking features in the immediate area looked at by cutting GMIV. The burning at the base appears to be *in situ* and related directly to the use and function of the feature. Interpretation of this and the other linear burnt features has been left open. Quantifying the range, location and quantity of such debris as iron ore, slag, charcoal etc makes interpretation of the use and function of these features difficult. The fact that none of these features was fully uncovered, sampled or recorded limits clear interpretation.

- **Stratigraphically** – above (2095), below fill (2062).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to (although pot and iron ore was noted in the fill during excavation).

(2061) – Light brown upper sand and shell fill of [2060]

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as ‘dark brown’ and as ‘blown sand’ in the sketch sections – see notebooks 8 (7/4/1956) and 9 (see Fig. 54). It forms the main fill of [2060], sealing the burnt bowl deposits (2101) and (2061) and deepens as a fill to the N (beyond the bowl). It is shown as being 2” thick in the area of the bowl (according to the sketch sections), but it is known to have been substantially deeper and removed prior to recording. In the N section - drawing 3 (see Fig. 54 and 57) it features as the only visible fill of [2060] with a 2’9” width and a 1’3” plus depth. The base of the fill and cut was not recorded. It appears to have run along the 6’+ exposed length of [2060].
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2101)/(2072), below (2082)?
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to, although shell was recorded.

(2062) – Burning/charcoal recorded at terminal of [2060]

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as ‘burnt patch’ on plan 5 (see Fig. 54 and 59), and shown on sketch sections in Notebooks 8 (7/4/1956) and 9 as a 4 ½” deep, 4’+ long, concave shaped basal ‘burnt deposit’. It appears to represent the main fill of a bowl-like depression at the S terminal of [2060], topped by ash (2101). It is not certain as to how far along the base of the cutting this deposit continued, but according to the sketch sections it continued N, beyond the neck of the bowl but as a markedly thinner deposit. Charcoal is not specifically mentioned. It is assumed that it consists of charcoal flecks and dark or burnt sand etc. The N-S section cut through the terminal bowl of [2060] shows that deposit (2062) continued on up the terminal (S) edge of the bowl, but had been removed prior to the section being cut

and drawn. The surviving photograph (in the tartan album) appears to show quite a dense charcoal-like deposit prior to excavation.

- **Stratigraphically** – basal/bowl? or terminal fill of [2060], below (2101)/(2072).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5, and a photograph in the album.
- **Finds bag 20.**

[2063] – Linear feature with basal burning – originally termed ‘central pit’ (in 1956).

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a linear NNE-SSW aligned cut running across the cutting, extending N and S of the cutting edges – see drawing 5 (see Fig. 59). It was revealed over a number of excavation seasons, which seems to account for the amorphous, bulbous widening of the cut edges in the central portion (ie. in the areas of the extended 1954 and 1955 cuttings). It had a visible recorded length of nearly 10’ and a variable width of 1’6” at the N, approximately 5’ in the central area of disturbance, and 3’ at its S end (where basal burning (2066) was revealed. In the S section - drawing 2 (see Fig. 56), it was drawn as 2’9” wide, with sheer sides, a concave base and a 2’6” depth. In the N section (drawing 3), disturbance or slumping between [2060] and [2063] meant that the cut edges could not be so clearly seen, but an approximate 2’ width is likely. The base was not revealed. The relationship of hearth deposit (2064) to this feature is not certain. It could represent an upper fill (suggesting an added stone element) or it could be unrelated and later.

This feature appears to represent one of a number of similar looking features in the immediate area looked at by cutting GMIV, although this may be complicated by the overlying of other features including burnt layer (2064) and the disturbance caused by previous excavation work. The burning at the base appears to be *in situ* and related directly to the functioning of the feature. Interpretation of this and the other linear burnt features has been left open. Quantifying the range, location and quantity of such debris as iron ore, slag, charcoal etc makes interpretation of the use and function of these features problematic. The fact that none of these features was fully uncovered, sampled or recorded limits interpretation.

- **Stratigraphically** – above (2077), below fill (2066)/(2064). Top fill cut by [2097].
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3, 5 and 6.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2064) – Burnt ‘hearth’ deposit (and stone?).

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A

Described – as a ‘burnt layer’ on 1956 plan 5. In notebook 2 on 29/4/1955 the following was recorded ‘*Trowelling down all over, leaving stones and hearth against S face, W side in situ*’. The number or pattern of stones is not known. A single stone is shown on plan 5 and a stone is shown on section 2 – although whether these are related or not is uncertain.

This deposit/feature appears on plan to overlie (2065) (although this does not appear to have been the case). In fact (2064) appears to relate to [2063] basal deposit (2066). The S section referred to is the former S edge of the 1955 cutting.

Another description in notebook 6 for 5/5/1955 reads - *Hearth against S edge. Layer of charcoal 1"-3" thick. Stone near N edge. Very large quantity of mussel shells in this area*'.

It was planned with a near 3' length from E to W and a c2'4" N-S width (although we know that it extended further S on the basis of the following description in notebook 8 (6/4/1956) *'On the S face the central hearth pit shows a semi-circular profile with a layer of pink sand outlining it at its base. The lowest layer is black but the fill is dark brown and greasy with shell, bone and sherds, slag of various kinds and burnt material*'.

- **Stratigraphically** – above [2063]. Uncertain what was above it?
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1 and 5, and photo.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to, although shells, bone, pot and slag were mentioned in the records.

(2065) – Main dark grey brown sand fill of [2063].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as *'dark grey/brown sandy'* fill on S section drawing 2 (see Fig. 56). It is recorded as 2' deep and 2'9" wide, and as forming the main fill for cut [2063] at its S end. It is described in Notebook 8 on the 3/4/1956 as *'Brownny sand with shell and bone in fair number forming a pit seemingly cut in blown sand*'. SEE (2064) DESCRIPTION ABOVE.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2066), and below [2097].
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 2, 3 and 5, and photo.
- **Finds bag 27 = missing, 31, 32.**

(2066) – Basal charcoal fill of [2063] – southern end?

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – burnt, basal charcoal deposit seen only in S section (drawing 2 (see Fig. 56). Notebook 8 on the 3/4/1956 states *'... a spit of very dark sand in which a base sherd of Trebarveth ware was found*'. It is shown with a 2-3" thickness, lining the basal concave part of [2063] at the point where the bottom of the cutting met the S section. It is uncertain as to how far it extended N along the base of [2063]. This deposit would appear to indicate *in situ* firing or burning associated with the function of [2063]. (See features [2053], [2063] and [2067]). SEE (2064) DESCRIPTION ABOVE.
- **Stratigraphically** – basal fill of [2063], below fill (2065) – see/same as (2064).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2, and photo.
- **Finds bag 15 and charcoal sample/finds bag 33.**

[2067] – Linear feature – originally termed 'NE pit'.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – An apparently linear, round ended feature with sheer sides. The base was never located. It has a NNW-SSE orientation and extends NNW beyond the N edge of the cutting. It was excavated over 3 different seasons and located within the E end of the final cutting. When originally planned in 1955 it was shown as linking SE pit [2069] by a narrow linear gully (probably related to animal

burrowing). Plan 5 shows the feature as 3'2" long and c.2' wide. Section drawing 3 (see Fig. 57). shows it to have had a 1'+ depth.

On 2/5/1955 – Notebook 2 states *'Possible traces of a smelting hearth at the E end', and 'Pit, NE, sherd and 'combed bone'.* No photographs have been found showing this feature. On 5/5/1955 Notebook 6 states the following *'NE pit 9" deep, W half excavated. W edge undercut c.2". Contained much charcoal, including solid layer 2" thick at bottom ?Finds? (lump of iron ore found c. 1'6" higher but probably in the same layer).'*

This feature appears to represent one of a number of similar looking features in the immediate area. The burning at the base appears to be *in situ* and related directly to the primary function of the feature – note iron ore? Interpretation of this and the other linear burnt features has been left open. Quantifying the range, location and quantity of such debris as iron ore, slag, charcoal etc makes interpretation problematic. The fact that none of these features was fully uncovered, sampled or recorded limits interpretation.

- **Stratigraphically** – above (2075), below fill (2068).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to, although pot, charcoal, iron ore and bone recorded.

(2068) – 'Hard, dark shelly' fill of [2067].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as the only visible fill of [2067] and closely akin to surrounding / overlying matrix (2081), as seen in the E part of the N section drawing (see Fig. 57). It contained large amounts of shell, its *'hardness'* relating perhaps to concretion or compaction. The sheer/vertical edges it forms against the sandy contexts cut through by [2067], would suggest that it represents a rapidly deposited fill (probably representative of a deliberate backfilling episode). It is shown as being in excess of 1'2" deep and 2'4" wide. The base of the deposit was not seen in section, but was seen further S – see basal fill (2104).
- **Stratigraphically** – fill of cut [2067], above (2104), below (2081).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 3 and 5.
- **Finds bag 34.**

[2069] – Large pit – originally termed 'SE pit'.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A

Described – as a substantial 12' + long, 2'6" plus deep feature at the edge of or cut into sand (2077) – (see Figs. 55, 56 and 59). It had a steep near convex W edge, and was named the SE pit early on in the excavation in 1954/1955. It filled the SE corner of the final cutting. In notebook 6 on the 5/5/1955 the following was recorded - *'SE pit, long, straggling, irregular outline'.*

Plan drawing 1 (see Fig. 55) shows two narrow linear gullies running from the N edge of this cut towards NE pit [2067]. These are assumed to be of animal origin and were recorded (again in notebook 6 on the 5/5/1955) as *Joining NE, SE pits* –

streak of grey and stained sand 14" long, 2" wide at SE end, 1" at NW end. Similar mark leaving from SE pit to NE corner of trench'.

Notebook 8 (7/4/1956) states *'There seems to be a very large pit or ditch in the SE corner = [2069] which is filled with patchy grey/red sand and productive of shell, bone etc = (2070). The material from this does not seem vastly different from that elsewhere and there is no indication that the fill of this pit?/ditch? is earlier than the rest. In fact it might almost be thought that at least some of the gullies drain into it ie. NE pit = [2067] runs towards it, and the discoloured patchy sand looks water affected as does the grey/brown sterile layer that underlies it in the NE corner'.*

Because only a part of one edge of this feature was drawn in section and there are no photographs, it is unclear as to what form this feature originally took. It seems likely that it either represents a large pit? cut, or the dumping of midden and other industrial waste down the side of (or piled up against) an existent dune slope or other surface depression. This would have had the effect of stabilising the dune edge, increasing the available level raised surface area and allowing for the disposal of an apparently substantial amount of material.

- **Stratigraphically** – above (2099), below fill (2070).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 2 and 5.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to, although shell and bone recorded.

(2070) – 'Patchy grey/red sand with shell and bone' fill of [2069].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as *'Patchy grey/red sand with shell and bone'* on the S section drawing (see Fig. 55, 56 and 59), and *'contained some charcoal and much yellow-brown stained sand'* as well as *'2 sherds and slag'* in notebook 6 for the 5/5/1955. It is shown as a 2'3" deep, 12'+ long fill of [2069], and as extending E and S beyond the SE corner of the cutting. This fill is recorded as extending down beneath the exposed floor of the cutting. It appears to relate to a substantial mixed fill probably relating to midden disposal either off the edge of a dune or into a substantial pit/hollow.

Notebook 8 (7/4/1956) states *'There seems to be a very large pit or ditch in the SE corner = [2069] which is filled with patchy grey/red sand and productive of shell, bone etc = (2070). The material from this does not seem vastly different from that elsewhere and there is no indication that the fill of this pit?/ditch? is earlier than the rest. In fact it might almost be thought that at least some of the gullies drain into it ie. NE pit = [2067] runs towards it, and the discoloured patchy sand looks water affected as does the grey/brown sterile layer that underlies it in the NE corner'.*

- **Stratigraphically** – main fill of/above [2069], below (2076).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 2 and 5, and photo.
- **Finds bags 12, 16 and 19.**

[2071] – 1955 identified 'central' oval pit (terminal of [2060]?).

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as *'Centre pit, long oval. Heavy charcoal lining (2073), filled with clean sand' (2072).* This so-called pit was planned in 1955 (drawing 1 - see Fig. 55) as a NE-SW aligned oval feature termed *'central pit'*, but subsequent excavation (in 1956) and

expansion of the cutting showed this in fact to relate to a small part of the near terminal end of larger linear feature [2060]. Plan 1 shows this originally recognised feature as being approximately 3' long and 1'6" wide.

- **Stratigraphically** – terminal of/same as [2060]?, below (2073)/(2062).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 1.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2072) – ‘Clean sand’ fill of [2071].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – The only description of this is ‘*clean sand*’. We know it overlay charcoal (2073) and is likely to equate with (2062). There are no photographs, additional sketches/drawings or further written descriptions for this deposit. Its thickness is not known, but drawing 1 (see Fig. 55) shows an approximate 3' length and a 1'6" width. First recorded in 1955, then fully excavated as part of [2060] in 1956.
- **Stratigraphically** – above [2073], below ?(2061). Part of [2060].
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 1.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2073) – ‘Heavy charcoal lining’ of [2071].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a heavy or pronounced charcoal deposit or lining located against the edge of what at the time of excavation (in 1955) was seen as small oval pit? [2071] (see drawing 1 (see Fig. 55)). There are no photographs, additional sketches/drawings or further written descriptions for this deposit. Its thickness is not known, but drawing 1 suggests an approximate 3' length and a 1'6" width. First recorded in 1955, then fully excavated as part of [2060] in 1956.
- **Stratigraphically** – above cut [2071], above (2072). Part of [2060].
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2074) – Upper ‘Grey ash’ fill of [2053] - same as (2093).

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – on 2 sketch sections from notebooks 8 and 9 (see Fig. 54) as a thin skim partially extending across the fill of [2053] from the W edge of the cutting. The W section drawn through [2053] shows this deposit as more substantial. Its depth appears to vary from 1" to 1' in W section drawing 3, to ½ - 1" deep in the notebook sketches which attempt to record a N facing longitudinal section through [2053]. There are 2 photos which show the longitudinal section at this point (in the tartan album).
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2054), below (2092).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, sketches in notebooks 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.

- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2075) – ‘Sterile grey brown sand’ layer.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a sterile grey brown sand, visible in the E half of the N section (see Fig. 57). It is cut by [2067] and overlies (2077). It is shown with a 15” depth and a 9’6” length. Its W end is cut by [2063]. It may well have extended beyond this point originally.
- **Stratigraphically** – below [2067], above (2077).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds bags 13 and 35.**

(2076) – Upper ‘Light sand’ fill of [2069].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as an upper sand fill of pit [2069]. It is shown on the E side of the S section (see Fig. 56), dropping down from W to E. It is shown as overlain by turf and lying over the main bulk of fill (2070) in [2069]. A later cut or area of disturbance (2103) can be seen in the section, cutting from just below the turf down through the W edge of (2076) into (2070).
- **Stratigraphically** – above fill (2070), below turf and cut by (2103).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2077) – Thick deposit of ‘blown sand’ at base of cutting – not fully excavated.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – A dense apparently clean sand deposit recorded (see Fig. 56 and 57) along the majority of the base of the cut (at the level where excavation stopped). It has a max. 2’3” thickness (recorded to the immediate W edge of [2063]). Pit [2069] slices down through this deposit. It has an unknown true depth and would appear to extend out in all directions from the cutting as part of a major horizon. (The photographs do show it as being homogenous pale sand with no obvious inclusions). It appears to represent part of a large dune.
- **Stratigraphically** – below [2060]/[2071], (2089), (2075), [2053], (2094), [2063] and (2096).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawings 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, and photo.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2078) – ‘Blown sand’ fill of [2097].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – a pale sand fill located against the lower E edge of pit [2097]. It slopes down, giving the impression of a partial slump or perhaps a wind blown deposit. It has a max. 3” thickness and a 2’ visible length in section (see Fig. 56).
- **Stratigraphically** – above fill (2080), below fill (2079).

- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2, and photo.
 - **Finds** – None specifically referred to.
- (2079) – ‘**Brown sand with shell, bone, charcoal etc**’, fill of [2097].
- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
 - **Described** – as the main fill of pit [2097]. A brown sandy fill containing shell, bone and charcoal. It is partially visible on a photograph and only recorded on the S section drawing (see Fig. 56). It is sealed by turf. 4’ long and 14” deep. Its W upper edge is marked by a stone which projects up into the turf layer above.
 - **Stratigraphically** – above fill (2078), below (2098).
 - **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2, and photo.
 - **?Finds bag 20?**
- (2080) – ‘**Greasy dark layer with shell**’, fill of [2097].
- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
 - **Described** – as a thin basal fill of pit [2097] (see Fig. 56). It appears to be a thinner (perhaps compacted?) version of (2099) which extends eastwards away from [2097]. It is drawn as a densely shelly deposit 1½” thick and 2’6” long running along the entirety of the base of the cut. The photograph appears to show this deposit, but with occasional more sandy pockets?
 - **Stratigraphically** – above/fill of [2097], below (2078).
 - **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2, and photo?
 - **Finds** – None specifically referred to.
- (2081) – ‘**Hard dark shelly sand**’ – same as (2083)?
- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
 - **Described** – as a ‘*hard, dark shelly sand*’ deposit, located above and to either side of [2067]. Visible in the N section (see Fig. 57) for an 8’ length. It is shown with a max. 1’ depth. It is cut by potential posthole [2085] and appears to be closely related to the main fill of [2067] – ie (2068). It is drawn as a fairly dense shell layer.
 - **Stratigraphically** – above (2068), below [2085].
 - **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
 - **Finds bags 7? & 8? Finds bags 25, 26 = missing, 36.**
- (2082) – ‘**Turfy/light sand**’ – same as (2092)?
- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
 - **Described** – as turf sand, blown sand and pale sand this thin near surface deposit is sealed by turf. It is shown on the drawing of the N section (see Fig. 57 and 56) and is essentially the same as (2092). It was 5” thick and was cut by (2090).
 - **Stratigraphically** – above (2061), (2100) and (2086), below (2090).
 - **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.

- ?Finds bags 7 & 8?

(2083) – ‘Hard dark shelly sand’ – same as (2081).

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a ‘hard dark shelly sand’ in the E side of the N face (see Fig. 57), and potentially extending to the W edge of the cutting as (2081)? Drawn as c.8’ long and 1’ thick.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2095), below (2100).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- ?Finds bags 7 & 8?

(2084) – Disturbed/slumped contexts (2100), (2083), (2095), (2087), (2088), (2089) between [2060] and [2063].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – Visible in area between [2060] and [2063] on N section – drawing 3 (see Fig. 57). Consists of a series of apparently slumped/disturbed contexts within immediate area and affecting upper fills/portions of [2060] and [2063]. Primarily composed of differently coloured sands and occasional shells (see separate context descriptions – as listed above, for fuller range of colours etc). An approximate 2’ depth which clearly went deeper than the base of the excavation trench.

The processes behind the formation of these deposits is uncertain. Some may relate to the clearance out of adjacent linear/burnt features or other surrounding surface activities. Alternatively they could relate to deposits mounded over these features while they were in use (essentially rendering them air-tight?).

- **Stratigraphically** – above ?(2077), below (2082).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

[2085] – ?Posthole

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – A sheer sided, concave based probable posthole cut (see Fig. 57) with a 1’ depth and a 1’6” width/diameter. It is filled with a single dense shell fill. No others have been drawn or are referred to in the notebooks.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2081), below fill (2086).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2086) – Dense shell fill of [2085].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – shown as a distinct, steep edged, concave fill. It appears from the drawing (see Fig. 57) to consist of shell only. Fill of probable posthole [2085].
- **Stratigraphically** – above/fill of [2085], below (2082).

- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2087) – Mid grey brown sand

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – One of a number of differentially coloured sand layers, located to the W of [2053]. It was at least 4' long. It extended W beyond the edge of the cutting, where it was 1' thick (max). The E edge peters away (see Fig. 57).
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2088), below (2095).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2.
- **Finds bag 29 and GM/M/100.**

(2088) – Thin band of pale sand.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a very thin pale sand layer between darker sands to the W (see Fig. 57), and cut? by [2053]. It had an approximate 6' visible length and c.1" thickness. It extends W beyond the edge of the cutting.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2089), below (2087).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2089) – Mid grey brown sand.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – on N section drawing as one of a number of differentially coloured contexts cut by the W edge of [2060]. It is recorded as 6' long with a 4" thickness. It extends W beyond the edge of cutting (see Fig. 57).
- **Stratigraphically** – above unexcavated/(2077)?, below (2088).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds bag 22.**

(2090) – 'Disturbance'/fill of late pit? (or earlier cutting?)

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – Late? cut and fill feature, visible in the N section (see Fig. 57). It is shown with a substantial 12' length and a 2' depth. It had concave edges and a very flat base, cutting down on to the top of [2063]. Could it be that the very straight base relates to the flat bottom of the previous years cutting? The fill is not described and has not been located on photo.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2082), below turf.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2091) – 'Reddish brown sand with shell, bone, charcoal etc'/fill of late pit.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
 - **Described** – Late? cut and fill of a pit feature, high up in the section. It has been shown as a straight bottomed feature sloping down to the W, with steeply sloping edges, sealed by turf. Its fill is described on the drawing and shown in a photo as a uniformly filled feature containing ‘*Reddish brown sand with shell, bone, charcoal etc*’. It is drawn with a 5’ length and a 9” depth. Visible in S section only (see Fig. 56).
 - **Stratigraphically** – above **(2094)**, below **(2098)**.
 - **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2, and top E edge just visible on photo.
 - **Finds** – None specifically referred to, although shell and bone etc loosely referred to in the notebooks.
- (2092) – Thin skim of pale (and turfy) sand – same as (2082).**
- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
 - **Described** – as sand and turfy sand over light sand. it was drawn on the S, N and (partial) W section drawings (see Fig. 57, and 56). It appears to be a late?, thin deposit, positioned just beneath the turf. It is shown with a 3” max. thickness. It may represent an earlier stabilisation layer?
 - **Stratigraphically** – above **(2093)**, below turf.
 - **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3 and 6.
 - **Finds** – None specifically referred to.
- (2093) – ‘Ashy’ deposit associated with top of [2053], - same as (2074)?**
- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
 - **Described** – as ‘*ashy fill*’ on the N section drawing (see Fig. 57). It is shown as a shallow spread extending beyond the S edge of [2053], and as forming an upper fill within [2053]. It equates with **(2074)**. It is shown with at least a 2’6” length and a 1’ depth. Its presence implies that we have not lost the top of the cut due to truncation.
 - **Stratigraphically** – above **(2054)**, below **(2092)**.
 - **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
 - **Finds** – None specifically referred to.
- (2094) – Pale sand with/between ‘harder, darker accretions’.**
- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
 - **Described** – as a banded deposit cut by **(2091)** on its E edge (see Fig. 56). It consists of pale sand, sandwiched between an upper and a lower ‘*harder, darker sand accretion*’. Together these bands are 9” thick and 2’6”+ long (extending beyond the W edge of the cutting, dropping down gradually).
 - **Stratigraphically** – above **(2077)**, below **(2091)**.
 - **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 6.
 - **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2095) – Sand deposit.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – a sand deposit visible in the N section drawing (see Fig. 57), to the W of [2060]. It is shown as 3' long and 7" thick, as one of a number of sandy deposits dropping down slightly towards the W edge of [2060].
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2087), below [2060].
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2096) – 'Greasy dark layer with shell'.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a greasy, dark and shelly layer in the S section (see Fig. 56). It may be related to (2080) – the basal fill of [2097] (which appears to have been more shelly). It is shown with a 4' length and a 2-5" max. thickness at its E end (where it may fill a pocket of disturbance?)
- **Stratigraphically** – above ?(2077), below (2099).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2, and photo.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

[2097] – Late? pit cut.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – a pit cut on the S section drawing (see Fig. 56). It is shown with a gently concave base with a steep, concave E edge and a more gently sloped W edge. It contains three fills and is sealed by turf. The stone referred to below (see (2098)), may relate to its immediate W upper edge? It has a 4'6" length and a 14" depth.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2065), below fill (2080).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2, and photo.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2098) – Small shell lens.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – on S section as a late, small shell filled lens lying adjacent to the only stone shown in section near the W upper edge of [2063]. It is shown with a 14" length and a 2-3" thickness (see Fig. 56).
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2091), below turf.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2.
- **Finds** – None specifically named, although some shell referred to.

(2099) – Pale sand

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A

- **Described** – as ‘*blown sand*’ in the S section (see Fig. 56), and visible as a c15” thick, 3’6” long deposit, cut on the E by [2069], and later (?) by [2097] on the W. It contains a lens of probable shelly material.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2096), below [2069].
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 2, and photo.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2100) – Pale sand.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a sand deposit sealed between (2083) and (2082), but which appears to slump into [2060] and merge with resultant slumped/mixed deposit (2084). It is visible in the N section only (see Fig. 57), and is shown for an approximate 6’ length, varying in thickness from 1” to 8”.
- **Stratigraphically** – above (2083), below (2082).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, plus drawing 3.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2101) – ‘Grey ash’ fill of [2060].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – as a 1’6” long, 1 1/2” thick deposit of ‘*grey ash*’, sealed between lower *in situ* charcoal (2062) and burning and upper light brown shelly sand (2061). Shown only on a measured sketch section through the S terminal / bowl end of [2060] in notebook 9 (see Fig. 54). It appears to be an *in situ* deposit which was rapidly sealed by sand, and to directly relate to the function of feature [2060].
- **Stratigraphically** – above fill (2062), below fill (2061).
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, sketch drawings in notebooks 8 and 9. It is not visible as a deposit on the photographs in the tartan album, although the burning associated with the terminal is shown (by chance more than design! At the bottom of 3 photographs).
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2102) – General context number for un-allocated finds – Cutting A.

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – This is a context number, designed to identify all finds etc. that cannot be assigned a definite context. It lists all such finds from cutting GMIV-A for all 3 years of excavation.
- **Stratigraphically** – contains un-stratified finds from the whole of the cutting.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, finds registers etc.
- **Finds** – 1954 E Cutting = Find 1-2? Find 3 = GM/K, Find 4 = GM/L; W cutting = Find 5, Find 6 = GM/I, Find 7 = GM/M/I = missing; Uncertain - P4. 1955 Cutting A = GM/DD, GM/M/90 = missing, Unstratified Finds

Box – (NOTE: see summary). 1956 Cutting A = Finds bags 1, 2, 3, 4, GM/EB, 14, 15, 18, 23.

(2103) – Late animal disturbance?/posthole?

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – a single sheer sided feature approximately 1' in diameter and c.1' deep. It has filled with turfy sand and displaced **(2076)** – through which it cuts. It is shown at the E end of the S section drawing (see Fig. 56).
- **Stratigraphically** – above **(2076)** and below turf.
- **Archive** – section drawing 2.
- **Finds** – None specifically referred to.

(2104) – Basal burnt fill of [2067].

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-A
- **Described** – On 5/5/1955 in Notebook 6 states '*NE pit 9" deep, W half excavated. W edge undercut c.2". Contained much charcoal, including solid layer 2" thick at bottom ?Finds? (lump of iron ore found c. 1'6" higher but probably in the same layer)*'. This *in situ* burnt charcoal deposit or lining is not referred to elsewhere, was not photographed and was not drawn, but its description does suggest that **[2067]** functioned in the same way as a number of the other linear features seen in cutting GMIV.
- **Stratigraphically** – above **[2067]**, below **(2068)**.
- **Archive** – See Notebook 6.
- **Finds** – **Charcoal sample** – see summary above.

Cutting B.

(2105) – General context number for un-allocated finds

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-B
- **Described** – This is a context number designed to identify all finds etc. that came from this small cutting. There are no drawings, photographs or sketches, and the notebook descriptions are insufficient to warrant any additional or separate context numbers.
- **Stratigraphically** – contains un-stratified finds from the whole of the cutting.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, finds registers etc.
- **Finds bag 5 & 6 – both missing, 37, 38, Charcoal sample / finds bag 39.**

Cutting C.

(2106) – General context number for un-allocated finds

- **Located** – Cutting GMIV-C
- **Described** – This is a context number designed to identify all finds etc. that came from this small cutting. There are no drawings, photographs or sketches, and the

notebook descriptions are insufficient to warrant any additional or separate context numbers.

- **Stratigraphically** – contains un-stratified finds from the whole of the cutting.
- **Archive** – Notebooks 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9, finds registers etc.
- **Finds bags 9, 10, Charcoal sample / finds bag 11, 21 = missing, 24, 28.**

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13 Project archive

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2. Portfolio 1: Primary drawings of GMI, GMA, GMB, GME, GMVII and GMVIII
Portfolio 2: Primary drawings of GMIV
Portfolio 6: Primary drawings of GMXX and GMXXI
Portfolio 8: Primary drawings of Crane Godrevy
3. Primary site notebooks and memorandums in Box 5 (main post-Roman sites), Box 7 (main post-Roman sites) and Box 8 (Crane Godrevy)
4. Original Finds Registers in Box 14
5. Finds record sheets in Box 15-16 (GMI), Box 17 (GMA, GMB, GME and GMIV) and Box 18 (GMVII, GMVIII (GME), GMXX, GMXXI and GMXXII)
6. There is an electronic database containing information about all the finds from sites GMI, GMA, GMB, GME, GMVIII and GMIV (it also contains the finds from the main BA sites)
7. Photographs in various albums, loose prints, negatives and slides
8. Electronic drawings stored in the directory ..\CAD ARCHIVE\Sites G\Gwithian Archive 207100
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