1.7 Features immediately to the north-east and south-east of the aisled hall

The drainage gully

F1066 A912824-A997710	Drainage Ditch	Phase: Roman
Below L720, L723	Cut by F1064,	Cuts F1082, F1109/F1110,
	?F1065, ?F1072	L743–4

Length: 16 m Width: top – 0.8–1.5 m, base – 0.12–0.3 m Depth: 0.4–0.78 m

Description: Straight linear gully aligned WNW–ESE running from the east corner of the aisled hall to the terminal of the enclosure ditch F1082. It appears to have functioned as a drainage ditch, which emptied into the partly silted enclosure ditch. It had a V-shaped profile, which had probably originally had a narrow flat base, but had subsequently become distorted into a rounded U-shaped runnel when tunnelled along by badgers. At the east end (cutting 1) where it cut across the top of F1109 it had a more U-shaped profile with splayed sides and rounded base.

Fill: *Cutting* 3/(1) Dark brownish-grey silty soil containing a moderate density of subangular chalk up to 40 mm and occasional subangular flint *c*.25 mm, plus rare mortar lumps and charcoal. Small finds: 3218 Iron strip, 3276 Iron fragment. Samples: 4106 Slag; 4069 Flotation.

Where not truncated by the graves a similar pattern of silting was visible in section to that described for cutting 2.

Cutting 2/(1) Orange-brown silty soil containing subangular-subrounded chalk 5–30 mm, which concentrate into two diffuse lenses, one across the base and running up the sides and the second across the top, where it was mixed with frequent flint nodules and angular flints 20–120 mm. [Natural silting and erosion deposits.] Small finds: 3233 Copper alloy rod; 3221 Iron strip, 3318 Iron stud; Samples: 4126 Slag.

Cutting 1/(1) Orange-brown clay soil mixed with very rare subangular-subrounded chalk grit contained a lens of subangular flints 30–60 mm across the upper part of the layer. [Natural silting.] Small finds: 3210 Copper alloy Aucissa brooch (AD 43–60).

Cutting 5/(1) Orange-brown clayey soil containing a low density of subangular-subrounded chalk 15–35 mm, scattered flints *c*.30 mm and a broken fragment of limestone slab 80 mm. Small finds: F1066/4 (1) 3340 Iron strip; F1066/7 (1) 3235 Iron strip.

Cutting 7/(1) 4114 Slag.

Features related to iron-working

F1118 A801994	Burnt feature	Hearth: Type 3b
Below L720, L763	Cuts natural	
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Length: 0.65 m Width: 0.6 m Depth: 0.1 m

Description: Sub-square shallow hollow with irregular flat base and sloping sides. [Appears to be some sort of hearth for industrial activity.]

Fill: (1) Brown clayey soil with extensive black mottles from fine charcoal, ash and burnt debris, mixed with a high density of charcoal fragments, together with occasional pieces of slag up to 50 mm, flecks of orange fired clay and sparse chalk grit. Small finds: 3289 Copper alloy; 3370, 3290, 3291, 3347 Iron objects; 3369 Lead; (2) 3349 Iron object. Samples: 4097 Slag; (1) 4133, 4162, (2) 4137 Flotation.

F1119 C786013 Below L720, L763 Burnt feature Cuts natural

Hearth: Type 3b

Length: 0.76 m Width: 0.74 m Depth: 0.15 m

Description: One main circular hollow with a shallow basin-shaped profile and with smaller hollows to the west.

Fill: (1) Dark brown clayey soil containing a high density of fine charcoal smears and charcoal fragments, very rare chalk grit and scattered small angular flints. Small finds: 3294, 3365, 3366 Iron objects. Samples: 4099, 4131, 4159, 4160, 4175 Slag.

(2) Brown clayey soil containing rare chalk grit and small lumps, frequent charcoal flecks, lenses of clean orange clay, flecks of orange fired clay and a few large flint nodules c.100 mm. Small finds: 3359 ?Copper alloy coin. Samples: 4166 Charcoal; 4173 Slag.

F1120 C814015

Burnt feature Cuts natural Hearth: Type 3b

Below L720, L763 Cuts na

Length: 1.0 m Width: 0.72 m Depth: 0.26 m

Description: Oval hollow with deeper circular scoop forming the main part with shallower rounded scoops around the east edge. Undulating irregular base and sloping sides. [Hearth for industrial activity?]

Fill: (1) Dark brown fine silty clay soil containing a high density of fine charcoal containing a low density of subangular-subrounded chalk 5–20 mm sometimes concentrating as patches or lenses, a scatter of angular flints 30–60 mm and a few large nodules up to 200 mm. Flecks of charcoal and fired orange clay were visible throughout the fill and occasional fragments of slag. Small finds: (1) 3353, 3388 Iron objects; (2) 3348 Iron object. Samples: (1) 4130, 4156 Slag; 4176 Flotation; (2) 4148, 4136 Slag.

F1138 C800010

Burnt hollow Cuts natural

Hearth: Type 3b

Below L720, L763

Length: 1.24 m Width: 0.68 m Depth: 0.18 m

Description: Irregular subtriangular-oval shallow hollow composed of a series of intercutting shallow scoops. The base is undulating and irregular, merging up into sloping sides. [Hearth for industrial activity.]

Fill: (1) Infilling the shallower western hollow was a brown clayey soil with chalk grit and discoloured by dark mottles from fine charcoal, ash and burnt debris, mixed with a high density of charcoal fragments, together with occasional pieces of slag, flecks of orange fired clay and sparse chalk grit. Samples: 4149 Slag; 4157 Charcoal.

(2) Filling the deeper eastern hollows was a brown clayey soil containing a low density of chalk grit and lumps up to 40 mm, frequent charcoal smears, dust and fragments, flecks of orange fired clay and a few large flint nodules 100–250 mm. Samples: 4172 Slag; 4135 Flotation.