

2.5 Miscellaneous features

Catalogue

Gullies

F894 Tr2 D112195-D162173 Gully Phase: Roman

Rels: b. (481); c. Nat.

Length: 5.7 m Width: 0.4–0.65 m Depth: 0.05 m

Description: This linear feature was aligned WNW–ESE. It was rather irregular and sinuous and extremely shallow at the east end the only part to be excavated. It had a flat base but barely any sides at this point. It ended in a rounded terminal, but it is so shallow here that it is unclear whether this was a genuine end or where it had been so truncated as to be totally destroyed.

Fill: (1) Dark grey–greyish-brown silty clay soil discoloured by fine charcoal and charcoal fragments contained a low density of flint gravel and chalk grit.

F878 Tr3 C446400 Ditch/gully Phase: Iron Age–Roman

Rels: b. (482); c. Nat.

Length: >2 m Width: top: 1.4 m; base: 0.64–0.86 m Depth: 0.24 m

Description: This shallow linear feature aligned N–S had a flat base and gently sloping sides. The sides were slightly irregular, mainly on the east, where there was a deeper hollow along the basal angle. It ran parallel to F881, which lay 0.3 m to its west.

Fill: (1) Greyish-brown silty clay soil containing a moderate density of coarse chalk grit plus occasional larger fragments, rounded–angular *c.*30 mm. This layer ran along the east side of the feature at the north end.

(2) Large flint nodules 100–180 mm, some broken plus a low density of chalk blocks 30–100 mm set in a matrix of sticky brown clay. This ran along the west half at the north end but widened southwards to fill the whole feature. [Redeposited natural.]

Artefacts: Pottery, bone

F917 Tr3 C573400 Gully Phase: ?Iron Age/Roman

Rels: b. (482); c.b. ph 1158?; c. Nat.

Length: >2.0 m Width: top: 0.6 m; base: 0.3 m Depth: 0.3 m

Description: Linear gully, aligned N–S, with U-shaped profile. It had a flat base and moderately to steeply sloping sides ranging from 40–90 degrees to the base. The base was rather uneven in plan. Only 1 m length was excavated.

Fill: (1) Fine silty brown clay containing a moderate to high density of broken angular flints 50–130 mm. This layer was thickest against the east side of the gully. [Accumulation of flints in part filled gully as a result of ploughing.]

(2) Fine brown clayey silt containing a high density of subangular chalk, grit -20 mm formed a wedge-shaped layer, thickest against the west side, sloping down to the eastern basal angle. [Natural accumulation of fine eroded soil washed into basal angle from upslope.]

Artefacts: Clay tile, flint