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CONTEXT **F 3474**.....CUTTING **A7**..... CO-ORDINATES: East **5.0** North **5.0**..DATE EXPOSED **B. 7.89**..... DATE COMPLETED .....DESCRIPTION *Large circular hollow occupying much of E. half of A7, and in which a whitebeam & hawthorn grow. Layering of hollow overlaid →*MAX. WIDTH AND DIRECTION **7.5 E-W**.....MAX. LENGTH AND DIRECTION **8m N-S**.....

MAX. DEPTH/HEIGHT THICKNESS .....

OVERLIES .....

OVERLAIN BY **F.1, 3480?, 3475?**.....CUTS **Bedrock**.....

CUT BY .....

ABUTS OR CONTIGUOUS WITH .....

PLANS No. **SP1**..... SECTIONS No. ....

PHOTO: B/W ..... COL. .... NEG. NOS. ....

SAMPLE Type: ..... Nos. ....

EXCAVATOR **Various**RECORDER **Tr C**

## ASSOCIATED FEATURES

## ASSOCIATED FINDS

COMMENT *Dense, intercutting network of tree roots hampered excavation. During the excavation of its upper fill (black humic soil F.1), a shard of I.A. pottery c.5.5cm long was recovered. Its size tended to suggest that it would not have survived repeated disturbances by gromping and that the date of this layer - presumably a gromping - is likely to be I.A. The finds of pit & bone from ① of this hollow are not so PHASING numerous as to indicate its re-use as a rubbish pit.*

*Iron Age, but re-used in DK. Age for a hub.*

# F3474 HOLLOW: LAYERING

(F.1) = ① Black humic topsoil & leaf-mould below canopy of trees.

3521 = ② Light brown soil with small stones and very large slabs: a dump back into a quarry hole? Numerous small burnt stones.

overlies 3506

SEE NOTES FOR 3508 ALSO.

SS 2; SS 3;

This layer appears to be an earlier fill than the top of large slabs and small worn stones of 3475 which trickles down the slope, although this relationship is not easy to discern. Overlain by ③.

3475 = ③ Worn layer of small, med. & large stones trickling over W. lip of hollow 3474. Overlain by 3474 ①, overlies 3474 ② & bedrock. Snail samples (2) taken from this.

~~3474 overlies 3485~~ ~~LARGE RUBBLE FILL.~~

THE ABOVE WERE THOSE LAYERS INITIALLY RECOGNISED. SUBSEQUENT EXCAVATION REVEALED INDIVIDUAL FEATURES SEPARATELY NUMBERED, e.g. 3508, 3524, 3525, 3521, and the above layer sequence ceased at 3474 ③.

19.8.89:

NOTE: 3474 ② IS THE KEY STRATIGRAPHIC CONTEXT WHICH ESTABLISHES THE SEQUENCE OF IRON AGE/DARK AGE OCCUPATION IN A7/A6/AA. 3474 ②/3521 OVERLIES THIS I.A. RAMPART COLLAPSE 3547. SEE MAIN NE-SW-S SECTION.