

CH75

CONTEXT F F.1952.

CUTTING K99..... CO-ORDINATES: East..... North.....

DATE EXPOSED ..... DATE COMPLETED .....

DESCRIPTION (triple post hole?) Pit + 2 postholes?  
 Posthole suspected after removal of layer ② revealing a  
 dense surface scatter of burnt oolite. An apparently circular patch  
 in one area of burnt stone was half sectioned, and examination  
 of the section suggested that the edge of a feature lying to  
 MAX. WIDTH AND DIRECTION .....

MAX. LENGTH AND DIRECTION .....

MAX. DEPTH/HEIGHT THICKNESS .....

OVERLIES .....

OVERLAIN BY ..... layer ② .....

CUTS .....

CUT BY .....

ABUTS OR CONTIGUOUS WITH .....

PLANS No..... SECTIONS No..... See following page.

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

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

EXCAVATOR

RECORDER

## ASSOCIATED FEATURES

ASSOCIATED FINDS 1 rounded burnt pebble of "pot boiler" type  
 1 small pottery fragment and 2 patches of charcoal.

## COMMENT

The North/West of the section had been dug away.  
 The section line was therefore extended North Westwards  
 and the North East half of the feature removed.

A reasonable but by no means well-cut edge was found on  
 the East side, the edge on the South East, partly trowelled  
 away at the beginning of the work, was picked up  
 at a lower level and some large horizontal stones were  
 treated as an edge to the North West. A further edge

was then found cut into the bottom of the feature in the North west corner, and when the large blocks which lay partly over it had been removed it was followed round and turned out to be the edge of a well cut circular posthole some 40cm in diameter. Its floor lay at a somewhat lower level than the floor of the main feature, at this stage thought to be a pit.

The fill from the "pit" and the posthole was of moderately-sized stones lying at a variety of angles, with the interstices between the stones filled by chipples, earth, and innumerable roots. About two bucketfuls of stones from this fill were burnt pink or (to a lesser extent) grey, and one rounded burnt pebble of "pot boiler" type was found high up on the East edge, where there seemed to be a concentration of burnt stone. Some flecks of charcoal were found at two spots in the fill above the posthole (on one of these occasions so little was found that the charcoal was not bagged) and a small pottery fragment was found on the North West lip of the feature.

Examination of the section suggested that a further small posthole had been cut into the fill of the "pit" (more likely, in fact, to be a rather badly cut posthole) and the removal of this showed that this posthole was defined partly by a slight difference in the fill (the stones were smaller and there were more chipples) and partly by the vertical angle of stones round the edge.

Removal of the rest of this complex of features revealed edges which joined with those excavated earlier to make a figure-of-eight shape. Since the deeper well-cut post-hole lay just off the line of the section, its relationship with the shallower posthole was difficult to establish. However, the large blocks of stone suggest an attempt to establish a firm edge in an area of earlier disturbance, and, since they apparently join a continuation of the edge of the shallower posthole this can be presumed to be later than the deeper posthole which the stones overlie. The third posthole was cut into the fill of the other two and must therefore be later than them.

COMMENT FOR PHASING SEE END OF DESCRIPTION

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