2.5 Miscellaneous features

Catalogue

Gullies

F894 Tr2 D112195-D162173 Gully Phase: Roman
Rel: 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
Rel: 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
Rel: 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