

**YCCART 2018/Y7
Iwood (Mr Collins 3).
Excavation June 2018**

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The trench

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Abstract

A metal detectorist informed a YCCCART member that he had found a wall in the field. A small excavation was unable to locate this feature. The finds seem to indicate a modern dump consolidating the track from the field to the nearby bridge over the Yeo.

Acknowledgements

The excavation would not have taken place without the authorisation of the landowner Mr Alan Collins.

The authors are also grateful for the hard work by the members of YCCCART in performing and recording the excavation and to Vince Russett for editing this report.

Introduction

Yatton, Congresbury, Claverham and Cleeve Archaeological Research Team (YCCCART) is one of a number of Community Archaeology teams across northern Somerset, formerly supported by the North Somerset Council Development Management Team.

Our objective is to undertake archaeological fieldwork to enable a better understanding and management of the heritage of the area while recording and publishing the activities and locations of the research carried out.

Site location



Figure 1: Site location, indicated by arrow.

The site lies in Iwood a hamlet on the eastern edge of the parish of Congresbury. Location of excavation is provided in the Site Record in the Appendix.

The field is privately owned but crossed by a public footpath.

Land use and geology

The north end of the field lies on the Keuper Marl, which is overlain in the southern part by the alluvial clays of the Northmarsh. The current course of the Yeo runs along the southern boundary of the field.

The field is used for grazing cattle.

Historical & archaeological context

Please see the YCCART reports 2010/Y16, 2010/Y32, 2012/Y14 and 2013/Y1 for the historical & archaeological context of this area.

Excavation objectives

The excavation was undertaken to locate a wall found by a metal detectorist.

Methodology

The excavation took place from the 24 May and 7 June 2018. A trench 8.7m long and approximate depth of 0.3m and a 1.3m by 0.79m section at right angles, was excavated. See plan below (Fig 2).

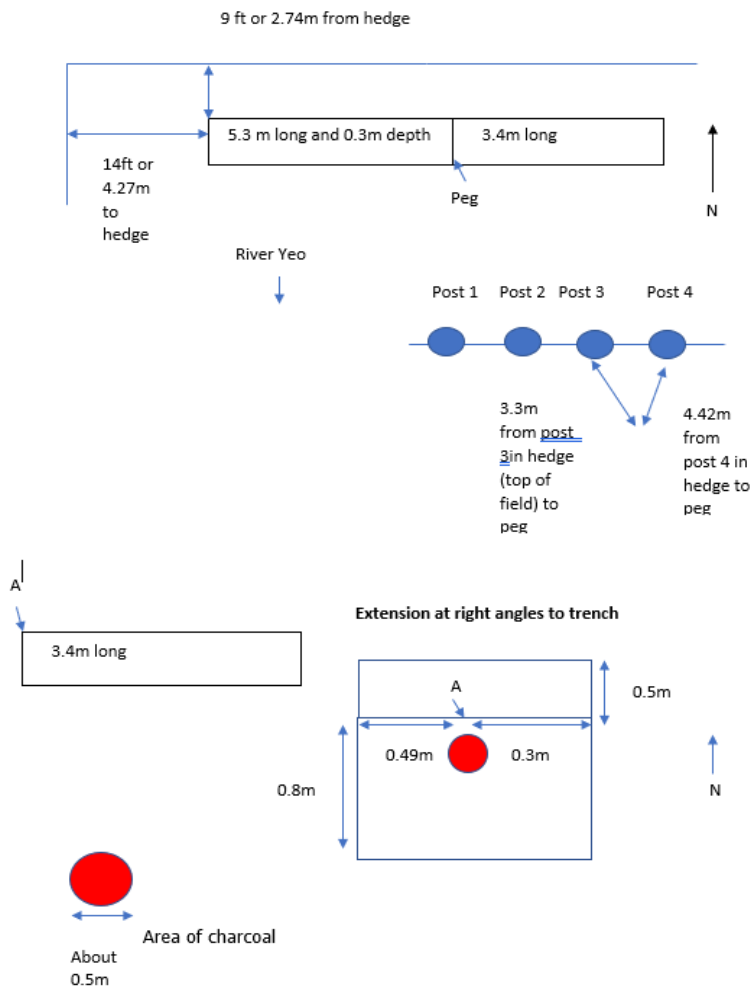


Fig 2: Excavation plan.

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Results

An area of charcoal as indicated in Fig 2 was found plus 5 nails, sherds of 19th century pottery and mortar fragments. There was no sign of a wall.

Finds

19th century pottery including 14 shards of pale cream glazed ware.

5 nails (4 from horse shoes).

Fragments of mortar.



Fig 3: Nails & cream ware.

Conclusions

Despite the excavation and using a probe around the excavation site no wall could be found.

Recommendations for further work

No further action.

References

Please see the YCCART reports 2010/Y16, 2010/Y32, 2012/Y14 and 2013/Y1 for the historical & archaeological context.

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Appendix A

Site Report Iwood: Collins 3 – Excavation

24 May 2018

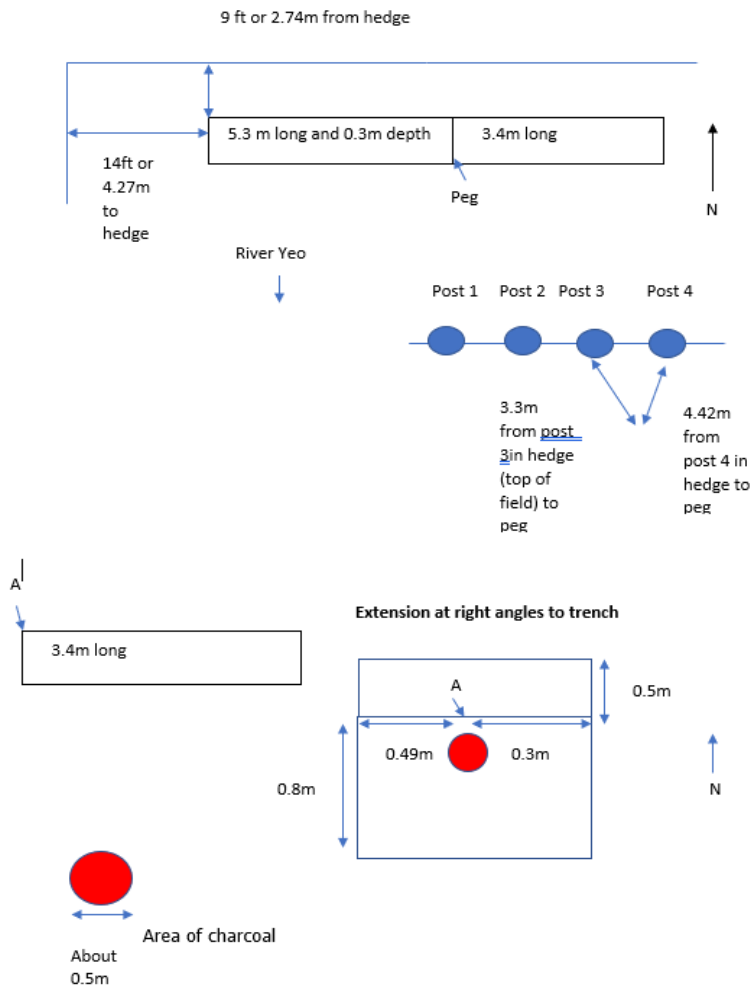
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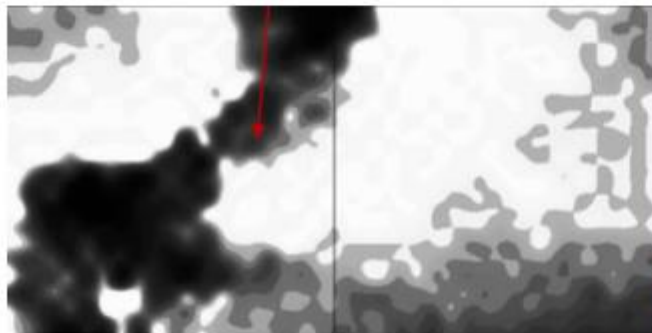
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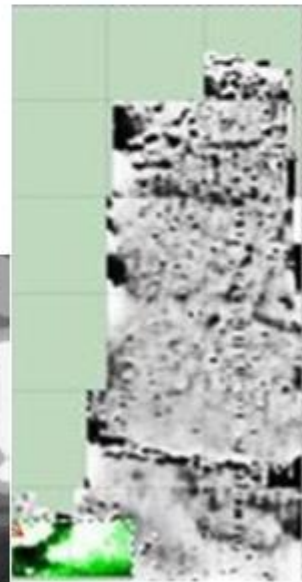
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