

# Wiltshire Council Event/Activity Full Report

21/08/2019

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## Melksham Without Neighbourhood Plan - Events Report

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWI3508	The Avebury Project - The Medieval and Post Medieval Assessment	Event - Interpretation

### External Reference:

Dates: 01/01/1996 - 29/02/1996, between (1996)

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### Project Details:

#### Event Types

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT  
WALKOVER SURVEY

#### Event/Activity References

WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 3645  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 3842  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 3841  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 3808  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 3676  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 3663  
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WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4673  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4662  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4661  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4659  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4658  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4623  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4616  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4613  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4496  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 3843  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 4488  
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 3845

**Event ID:** EWI3508

**Name:** The Avebury Project - The Medieval and Post Medieval Assessment

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WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number	3891
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WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number	3853
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number	3852
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number	3851
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number	5815
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number	4495

**Organisation:** Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England    Recorder

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred SU 0527 6960 (28550m by 24430m)    SU06NE    Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	All Cannings, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Avebury, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Bishops Cannings, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Bremhill, North Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Bromham, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Bulkington, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Calne Without, North Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Chiseldon, Swindon, Swindon
Civil Parish	Christian Malford, North Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Compton Bassett, North Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Devizes, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Fyfield, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Keevil, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Lacock, North Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Ogbourne St Andrew, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Ogbourne St George, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Potterne, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Poulshot, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Seend, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Stanton Fitzwarren, Swindon, Swindon
Civil Parish	Winterbourne Bassett, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Worton, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Wroughton, Swindon, Swindon

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A report was compiled to present the evidence for medieval and post-medieval settlement earthworks in the study area identified during fieldwork and to recommend sites for subsequent survey at a scale of 1:1000. Documentary and cartographic evidence was referred to for the desk-based analysis, and some sites were

visited for further survey.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: RCHME. 1996. The Avebury Project, the Medieval and Post Medieval Assessment. RCHME. (1996.050)
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**Associated Monuments**

- ST95NE452 Deserted Medieval Village, Church and Townsend Farms (Monument ST95NE452)  
ST95NE460 Marston (Monument ST95NE460)  
ST95NE461 Worton and Worton Littlecourt (Monument ST95NE461)  
ST95NE464 Eastwell (Monument ST95NE464)  
ST95NE465 Potterne Wick (Monument ST95NE465)  
ST95NE602 Probable Medieval Moat, South of Poulshot (Monument ST95NE602)  
ST95NE603 Undated Linear Features, Poulshot Green (Monument ST95NE603)  
ST95NW400 Keevil (Monument ST95NW400)  
ST95NW450 Bulkington Village (Monument ST95NW450)  
ST95NW457 Keevil Wick (Monument ST95NW457)  
ST95NW460 Remains of Old Coople Church (Monument ST95NW460)  
ST96NE454 Deserted Medieval Settlement, East of Whetham House (Monument ST96NE454)  
ST96NE457 Heddington (Monument ST96NE457)  
ST96NE467 Broads Green (Monument ST96NE467)  
ST96NE468 Medieval Settlement, Heddington Wick (Monument ST96NE468)  
ST96NE471 Spye Park (Monument ST96NE471)  
ST96NE473 Spye Park (Monument ST96NE473)  
ST96NE477 Medieval Settlement, Chittoe (Monument ST96NE477)  
ST96NE531 Nonsuch (Monument ST96NE531)  
ST96NE619 Stockley Farm (Monument ST96NE619)  
ST96NW451 Nash Hill (Monument ST96NW451)  
ST96NW461 Nash Hill (Monument ST96NW461)  
ST96NW469 Selves Farm (Monument ST96NW469)  
ST96NW473 Nash Hill Farm (Monument ST96NW473)  
ST96NW474 Nethermore Farm (Monument ST96NW474)  
ST96NW477 Bowden (Monument ST96NW477)  
ST96NW481 Bowden Park (Monument ST96NW481)  
ST96SE451 Old Park Pale, Devizes (Monument ST96SE451)  
ST96SE452 Medieval Moat, Summerham Bridge (Monument ST96SE452)  
ST96SE459 Wick Farm (Monument ST96SE459)  
ST96SE468 Abbots Wood Farm (Monument ST96SE468)  
ST96SW452 Medieval Settlement, Southeast of Snarlton Farm (Monument ST96SW452)  
ST96SW454 Medieval Settlement, West of Pile Farm (Monument ST96SW454)  
ST96SW455 Littleton Green Farm (Monument ST96SW455)  
ST96SW456 Medieval Settlement, West of Redstocks (Monument ST96SW456)  
ST96SW462 Sandridge (Monument ST96SW462)  
ST96SW466 Inmarsh (Monument ST96SW466)  
ST96SW468 Melksham Forest (Monument ST96SW468)  
ST96SW469 Seend Park (Monument ST96SW469)  
ST96SW608 Littleton Mill Farm (Monument ST96SW608)  
ST97NE400 Christian Malford (Monument ST97NE400)  
ST97NE453 Foxham (Monument ST97NE453)  
ST97NE454 Lower Cadenham Farm (Monument ST97NE454)  
ST97NE467 Spirthill (Monument ST97NE467)

ST97NE611 Linears, North East Beanhill Farm (Monument ST97NE611)  
ST97SE401 Bremhill (Monument ST97SE401)  
ST97SE450 Stanley Abbey (Monument ST97SE450)  
ST97SE463 Medieval Pottery, South of Berhills Farm (Monument ST97SE463)  
ST97SE528 Conigre Farm (Monument ST97SE528)  
ST97SE529 Rumsey House (Monument ST97SE529)  
ST97SE608 Centred East of Studley House Farm (Monument ST97SE608)  
ST97SW454 Pewsham Forest (Monument ST97SW454)  
ST97SW458 Settlement, Tytherton Lucas (Monument ST97SW458)  
SU05NW474 Potterne Wick (Monument SU05NW474)  
SU05NWU03 Unloc - Potterne Park Farm Area (Monument SU05NWU03)  
SU06NE452 Beckhampton (Monument SU06NE452)  
SU06NW450 Moat, Blackland Farm (Monument SU06NW450)  
SU06NW451 Calstone Willington (Monument SU06NW451)  
SU06NW452 Stockley (Monument SU06NW452)  
SU06NW460 Blackland Park Settlement (Monument SU06NW460)  
SU06NW465 Spray's Farm, Calstone Wellington (Monument SU06NW465)  
SU06SE400 Saxon Settlement, Stanton St Bernard (Monument SU06SE400)  
SU06SE452 Allington (Monument SU06SE452)  
SU06SE453 All Cannings (Monument SU06SE453)  
SU06SE458 South Farm (Monument SU06SE458)  
SU06SW454 Settlement, Bishops Cannings (Monument SU06SW454)  
SU06SW455 Bourton & Easton Farm (Monument SU06SW455)  
SU06SW456 Coate (Monument SU06SW456)  
SU06SW464 Medieval Settlement, Calcote Farm (Monument SU06SW464)  
SU06SW467 Horton (Monument SU06SW467)  
SU06SW546 Blackwell Farm (Monument SU06SW546)  
SU07SE452 Winterbourne Monkton (Monument SU07SE452)  
SU07SE455 Rabson (Monument SU07SE455)  
SU07SW451 Cowage (Monument SU07SW451)  
SU07SW453 Highway (Monument SU07SW453)  
SU07SW454 Compton Bassett (Monument SU07SW454)  
SU07SW457 Sands Farm (Monument SU07SW457)  
SU07SW463 Manor Farm (Monument SU07SW463)  
SU07SW619 Earthworks, Freeth Farm (Monument SU07SW619)  
SU08SE469 Little Park (Monument SU08SE469)  
SU08SW462 Vasterne (Monument SU08SW462)  
SU16NE459 Clatford (Monument SU16NE459)  
SU16NE460 Manton (Monument SU16NE460)  
SU16NE461 Preshute (Monument SU16NE461)  
SU16NE479 Coney Bury (Monument SU16NE479)  
SU16NE530 Clatford Park (Monument SU16NE530)  
SU16NEU26 Unlocated - Clatford (Monument SU16NEU26)  
SU16NW405 East Kennett (Monument SU16NW405)  
SU16SE455 Milkhouse Water (Monument SU16SE455)  
SU16SE459 East Wick Farm (Monument SU16SE459)  
SU16SW400 Alton Barnes Village (Monument SU16SW400)  
SU16SW451 Alton Priors (Monument SU16SW451)  
SU16SW452 Wilcot (Monument SU16SW452)

SU16SW453 Settlement, Draycot Fitzpayne (Monument SU16SW453)  
SU16SW454 Settlement, Huish (Monument SU16SW454)  
SU16SW456 West Stowell (Monument SU16SW456)  
SU16SW457 Settlement, East Stowell (Monument SU16SW457)  
SU17NE401 Chiseldon (Monument SU17NE401)  
SU17NE451 Overtown (Monument SU17NE451)  
SU17NE452 Draycot Foliat (Monument SU17NE452)  
SU17NW451 Broad Hinton (Monument SU17NW451)  
SU17NW452 Uffcott (Monument SU17NW452)  
SU17NW605 North of White Horse (Monument SU17NW605)  
SU17SE452 Ogbourne St George (Monument SU17SE452)  
SU17SE453 Ogbourne St Andrew (Monument SU17SE453)  
SU17SE454 Rockley (Monument SU17SE454)  
SU17SW452 Winterbourne Bassett (Monument SU17SW452)  
SU18SE452 Medieval Settlement, Badbury Wick (Monument SU18SE452)  
SU18SE463 Hodson (Monument SU18SE463)  
SU18SE472 Burderop (Monument SU18SE472)  
SU18SW456 South of Costow Farm (Monument SU18SW456)  
SU18SW457 Deserted Settlement, Salthrop House (Monument SU18SW457)  
SU18SW458 Deserted Settlement, Chilton (Monument SU18SW458)  
SU18SW459 Elcombe House (Monument SU18SW459)  
SU18SW613 Elcombe Hill Farm (Monument SU18SW613)

**Event ID:** EWI3540      **Name:** Watching Brief on the Beanacre to St Edith's Marsh Gas Pipeline

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI3540	Watching Brief on the Beanacre to St Edith's Marsh Gas Pipeline	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/1990 - 31/12/1990, between (1990)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References**

WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number	3641
WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number	3639

**Organisation:** Thamesdown Archaeological Unit

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Thamesdown Archaeological Unit      Carried out by

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9401 6467 (7732m by 1834m)      ST96SW      Line

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Bromham, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Melksham, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Rowde, Kennet, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Overall, the watching brief found two areas where substantial archaeological activity was present. These were the earthworks at Forest Farm and the area between Lower Woodrow Road and the stream, representing medieval and Roman deposits respectively.

**Sources**

Report: Gregory, J. + Miller, A.. 1990. Beanacre to St. Ediths Marsh Gas Pipeline 1990. Thamesdown Archaeological Unit. (1990.015)

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**Associated Monuments**

ST96NW313	Lower Woodrow (Find Spot ST96NW313)
ST96NW459	Woodrow Medieval Settlement (Monument ST96NW459)

**Event ID:** EWI5849      **Name:** Archaeological Evaluation on the Route of the A350 Semington-Melksham

<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI5849	Archaeological Evaluation on the Route of the A350 Semington-Melksham Diversion	Event - Interpretation

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/12/2001 - 31/12/2002, between (2003)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EVALUATION

**Event/Activity References**

WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 898

WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number 5949

**Organisation:** Wessex Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Wessex Archaeology Excavator

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9037 6118 (951m by 3671m) ST96SW Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Thirty five evaluation trenches were excavated along the line of the proposed A350 Semington to Melksham diversion. No features of archaeological significance were discovered during the evaluation, and a limited quantity of finds were recovered.

**Sources**

Report: Wessex Archaeology. 2003. A350 Semington-Melksham Diversion, Wiltshire. (2003.058)

**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EWI6830      **Name:** Watching Brief along the Holt to Semington Water Main Replacement

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI6830	Watching Brief along the Holt to Semington Water Main Replacement	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 07/07/2010 - 24/11/2010, between (2010)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      contexto1-95222

**Organisation:** Context One Archaeological Services Ltd

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Context One Archaeological Services Ltd      Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 8850 6193 (3084m by 1155m)      ST86SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Broughton Gifford, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Hilperton, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Holt, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Context One Archaeological Services Ltd (COAS) carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks relating to a water main replacement scheme running between Holt and Semington, Wiltshire (centred on NGR ST 88434 61711 to NGR ST 89982 61192). The watching brief revealed three main areas of archaeological activity along the route of the easement. These included two areas of medieval ridge and furrow and a post medieval/modern foundation of a small agricultural building.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Evans, P.. 2011. BS069: Holt to Semington Water Main Replacement, Wiltshire. An Archaeological Watching Brief. Context One Archaeological Services. (2011.042)
- (2) Article in serial: Draper, S.. 2013. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2011. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 106.

**Associated Monuments**

MWI31389	Agricultural Building, Outmarsh Farm (Monument MWI31389)
MWI31390	Ridge and Furrow, North of Outmarsh Farm (Monument MWI31390)
MWI31391	Ridge and Furrow, Northwest of Whaddon (Monument MWI31391)
ST86SE457	Medieval Settlement, South-west of Monkton House (Monument ST86SE457)





**Event ID:** EW17049      **Name:** Environmental Impact Assessment on Land at Clackers Brook, Snarlton

<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17049	Environmental Impact Assessment on Land at Clackers Brook, Snarlton Lane	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 23/03/2004 - 23/03/2004, throughout (2004)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** CgMs Consulting

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

CgMs Consulting      Publisher

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9190 6373 (653m by 550m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The study found evidence of significant early human activity in the surrounding area, likely to be Neolithic and Bronze Age. From the Iron Age to the Roman period, evidence from the surrounding area indicates possible emparkment and settlement, though the site itself is likely to have been arable. In the medieval period, evidence is peripheral, but adjacent ridge and furrow suggests inclusion within the Melksham common field area. Later developments nearby indicate forest clearance and the transition to enclosed landscape. The report concludes that the effects of development on the known historic and significant buildings in the area can be mitigated by design, and recommends further evaluation in areas where archaeological potential is indicated.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Dawson, M.. 2004. Land at Clackers Brook, East Melksham, Wiltshire. CgMs Consulting. (2004.151)

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EW17050      **Name:** Archaeological Excavation at Clackers Brook, Snarlton Lane, Melksham,

<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17050	Archaeological Excavation at Clackers Brook, Snarlton Lane, Melksham, Wiltshire.	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/03/2010 - 31/08/2010, between (2010)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Cotswold Archaeological Trust

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Cotswold Archaeological Trust      Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9190 6373 (653m by 550m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Three areas were excavated across the development area, split into five stripped areas in all. The great majority of features excavated were of the 11th to 13th centuries, with evidence of iron production and probably ironworking. There was no clear evidence of domestic occupation, perhaps because the site had been heavily truncated. An animal burial with a barbed-and-tanged flint arrowhead suggests Early Bronze Age activity. A single human inhumation contained a medieval potsherd, but this is considered most likely to be intrusive and the burial to be of Roman or early medieval date.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Davenport, P. + Schuster, J.. 2012. Land at Clackers Brook, East Melksham, Wiltshire. Cotswold Archaeology. (2012.003)
  - (2) Report: Hardy, A. + Dungworth, D.. 2013. A Medieval Iron Production Site at Little Snarlton Farm, East Melksham, Wiltshire: Excavations in 2010. Cotswold Archaeology. (2013.054)
  - (3) Article in serial: Hardy, A. + Dingworth, D.. 2014. A medieval iron production site at Little Snarlton Farm, East Melksham, Wiltshire: excavations in 2010. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 107.
  - (4) Article in serial: Draper, S.. 2012. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2010. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 105.
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI74524	Excavated Features from Area 1, Little Snarlton Farm, East Melksham (Monument MWI74524)
MWI74525	Excavated Features from Area 2A, Little Snarlton Farm, East Melksham (Monument MWI74525)
MWI74526	Excavated Features in Area 2B & C, Little Snarlton Farm, East Melksham (Monument MWI74526)

**Event ID:** EW17150      **Name:** Watching Brief on the Corsham to Norington Cable Route

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17150	Watching Brief on the Corsham to Norington Cable Route	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/03/2010 - 31/05/2010, between (2010)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Foundations Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Foundations Archaeology      Carried out by

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 8642 6679 (4037m by 3750m)      ST86NE      Line

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Atworth, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Box, North Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Broughton Gifford, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

No archaeological features or deposits were identified.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Vessey, J.. 2010. Corsham to Norington, 33kV Cable Route, Wiltshire. Foundations Archaeology. (2010.087)

**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EW17152      **Name:** Watching Brief at Shaw C of E School, Wiltshire.

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17152	Watching Brief at Shaw C of E School, Wiltshire.	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 28/04/2009 - 01/05/2009, between (2009)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Michael Heaton Heritage Consultants

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Michael Heaton Heritage Consultants      Carried out by

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 8882 6581 (26m by 27m)      ST86NE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

No archaeological deposits were revealed and no artefacts recovered during groundworks for the construction of a new hall at the school.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Heaton, M.. 2009. Shaw C of E Primary School, Shaw, Melksham Without, Wiltshire. Michael Heaton Heritage Consultants. (2009.020)
  - (2) Article in serial: Draper, S.. 2011. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2009. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 104.
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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EW17532      **Name:** Evaluation at Melksham Town Football Club

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17532	Evaluation at Melksham Town Football Club	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 02/06/2014 - 06/06/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EVALUATION

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS	wessexar1-181255
PC - Project Code/ Site Code	102042.01
<b>Organisation:</b>	Wessex Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Wessex Archaeology	Excavator
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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9219 6286 (608m by 685m)	ST96SW	Area
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

An evaluation revealed a cluster of archaeological features indicative of a small Romano-British farmstead, including linear ditches, gullies, pits and/or postholes. Roofing and box flue tile were recovered, alluding to a high-status Roman building in the vicinity.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Dinwiddy, M.. 2014. Melksham Town FC, Melksham, Wiltshire. Wessex Archaeology. (2014.070)
  - (2) Article in serial: Clarke, B.. 2016. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2015. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 109.
  - (3) Article in serial: Powell, A.B.. 2018. Romano-British edge-of-settlement activity and landscape organisation, north of Bath Road, Melksham. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 110.
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI64722	Roman-British Farmstead, Melksham Town Football Club (Monument MWI64722)
MWI76809	Romano-British Ovens, Melksham Town Football Club (Monument MWI76809)

**Event ID:** EW17533      **Name:** Geophysical Survey at Melksham Town Football Club

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17533	Geophysical Survey at Melksham Town Football Club	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 06/01/2014 - 22/01/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      wessexar1-173953

PC - Project Code/ Site Code      102041.01

**Organisation:**      Wessex Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Wessex Archaeology      Geophysical Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9210 6293 (824m by 873m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A magnetometry survey revealed anomalies of possible archaeological interest within the survey area, including regular ploughing trends, thought to relate to ridge and furrow activity from differing agricultural periods, several former field boundaries and possible pits.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Dickinson, C.. 2014. Melksham Town FC. Wessex Archaeology. (2014.071)

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**Associated Monuments**

MWI64721      Field Boundaries at Melksham Town Football Club (Monument MWI64721)

MWI64722      Roman-British Farmstead, Melksham Town Football Club (Monument MWI64722)

MWI64723      Ridge and Furrow at Melksham Town Football Club (Monument MWI64723)

MWI74439      Pits, Melksham Town FC (Monument MWI74439)

MWI74440      Ditches, Melksham Town FC (Monument MWI74440)

**Event ID:** EW17574      **Name:** Desk Based Assessment on Land East of Spa Road

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17574	Desk Based Assessment on Land East of Spa Road	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/08/2013 - 31/03/2014, between (2013-2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** CgMs Consulting

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

CgMs Consulting      Carried out by

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9163 6316 (726m by 516m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

Civil Parish      Melksham, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The assessment established that the south western portion of the site has high potential for prehistoric/Roman remains of local significance. The site has low potential for remains of all other periods. The prehistoric/Roman remains will be impacted by earthmoving operations such as topsoil stripping, cutting foundations, and the construction of infrastructure.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Bourn, R.. 2014. Land East of Spa Road, Melksham, Wiltshire. CgMs Consulting. (2014.083)

**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EW17575      **Name:** Geophysical Survey on Land off Snowbery Lane

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17575	Geophysical Survey on Land off Snowbery Lane	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 03/03/2014 - 07/03/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      stratasc1-253988

OASIS - OASIS      stratasc1-183607

PC - Project Code/ Site Code      J6506

**Organisation:**      Stratascan

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Stratascan      Geophysical Surveyor

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9163 6316 (726m by 516m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

Civil Parish      Melksham, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A number of features of archaeological interest have been identified within the survey area. These include a concentrated area of ditches, enclosures, and pitting possibly related to historic settlement activity. Extensive ridge-and-furrow is also present across the site. Possible footpaths linked to features on historic mapping have also been identified. Other anomalies identified are likely modern or natural in origin including ploughing, land drains, ferrous objects in the topsoil and magnetic disturbance relating to field boundaries and fences.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Jones, J. T. + Prestidge, O. J.. 2014. Land off Snowbery Lane, Melksham, Wiltshire. Stratascan. Appendix (2014.087)
- (2) Report: Bourn, R.. 2014. Land East of Spa Road, Melksham, Wiltshire. CgMs Consulting. Appendix (2014.083)

**Associated Monuments**

MWI64723      Ridge and Furrow at Melksham Town Football Club (Monument MWI64723)

MWI74426      Ridge and Furrow, East of Snowberry Lane (Monument MWI74426)

MWI74427      Romano-British Settlement, East of Snowberry Lane (Monument MWI74427)

Event ID: EW17633

Name: Evaluation at Land East of Spa Road, Melksham

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Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EW17633	Evaluation at Land East of Spa Road, Melksham	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

Dates: 06/10/2014 - 24/10/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EVALUATION

**Event/Activity References**

PC - Project Code/ Site Code MESR 14

PC - Project Code/ Site Code 60148

**Organisation:** Oxford Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Oxford Archaeology Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9162 6317 (851m by 519m) ST96SW Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

During the evaluation, five trenches revealed significant archaeological features, all concentrated in a field to the south-east of Bowerhill Lodge. All of the significant features identified appear to be of Roman date. Their location corresponds closely with a complex of enclosures previously detected by geophysical survey. The overall layout appears to be an organised rectilinear plan, with at least two phases of ditched enclosure, with an entrance track to the south and possible building plots in the middle. The excavated features include a series of enclosure ditches and pits, with slight evidence for stone structural elements or surfaces coinciding with the possibly building plots. The associated pottery assemblage was quite large, given the very limited extent of the investigation, and indicated that the site was occupied in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD. A single Roman Antoninianus coin, from the fill of an enclosure ditch, dates from c AD 260-296, which lends supports to the pottery dating evidence. The settlement does not appear to have been occupied beyond c. 300 AD and appears to have been relatively low status. Two fragments of Roman window glass, and one of vessel glass were recovered from the site. Animal bone and charred plant remains were recovered by sieving from soil samples. Small amounts of slag from the sieved soil samples indicate some metal-working activity in the vicinity. The discovery of traces of a boot and a shoe from two separate trenches (recognised from distinctive clusters of hobnails and other metal components), is interesting in this context and might suggest the presence of a cobbler or smith engaged in making or repairing shoes. After the Roman period the site seems to have developed as part of the core agricultural lands associated with Melksham. 'Ridge-and-furrow', the remnants of medieval and post-medieval open field agriculture, were clearly apparent on the geophysical survey plot in all of the fields investigated. The ridges do not survive as upstanding earthworks, but traces of furrows were visible in some of the evaluation trenches.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Hughes, V.. 2014. Land East of Spa Road, Melksham, Wiltshire. Oxford Archaeology. (2014.104)
- (2) Article in serial: Clarke, B.. 2015. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2013-14. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 108.

**Associated Monuments**

MWI64723 Ridge and Furrow at Melksham Town Football Club (Monument MWI64723)

**Event ID:** EW17633

**Name:** Evaluation at Land East of Spa Road, Melksham

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- MWI73978 Ridge and Furrow, Melksham (Monument MWI73978)
- MWI74426 Ridge and Furrow, East of Snowberry Lane (Monument MWI74426)
- MWI74427 Romano-British Settlement, East of Snowberry Lane (Monument MWI74427)
- MWI74439 Pits, Melksham Town FC (Monument MWI74439)

**Event ID:** EW17639      **Name:** Geophysical Survey on Land at Bowerhill

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17639	Geophysical Survey on Land at Bowerhill	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 27/05/2014 - 02/06/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Archaeological Surveys Ltd

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Archaeological Surveys Ltd      Geophysical Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9119 6262 (511m by 338m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A detailed magnetometer survey was carried out on land at Bowerhill. The survey located a number of positive linear and discrete anomalies within each field. On the western side of the site, positive linear and discrete anomalies were weak and fragmented and could not be confidently interpreted as cut features. Former ridge and furrow and recently removed field boundaries were also located, as well as widespread magnetic debris. To the east, the area contained two positive linear anomalies that are parallel with the former ridge and furrow within the field. Although their response is stronger and clearer than the rest of the ridge and furrow, they cannot be confidently interpreted. A cluster of pit-like responses appears to be located in the vicinity of a pale patch of subsoil within the field and it is possible that the material has been dumped or used as infill.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Sabin, D. + Donaldson, K.. 2014. Land at Bowerhill, Melksham, Wiltshire. Archaeological Surveys Ltd. (2014.109)
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73961      Ridge and Furrow, South of Melksham (Monument MWI73961)  
MWI74359      Pits, Bowerhill (Monument MWI74359)  
MWI74360      Ditches, Bowerhill (Monument MWI74360)



**Event ID:** EW17644      **Name:** Geophysical Survey on Land at Semington Road

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17644	Geophysical Survey on Land at Semington Road	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 28/10/2014 - 05/11/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      thamesva1-204561

PC - Project Code/ Site Code      SRB 14/130

**Organisation:**      Thames Valley Archaeological Services

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Thames Valley Archaeological Services      Geophysical Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9028 6249 (339m by 306m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A range of magnetic anomalies were recorded by the geophysical survey of which only two, both in the eastern field, are likely to be archaeological in origin. The remaining anomalies represent the ridge and furrow farming system that is visible as earthworks across the site and a series of features that are plotted on 19th and 20th century maps. The latter includes field boundaries, footpaths, buildings and the line of the Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Bray, D. + Dawson, T.. 2014. Land at Semington Road, Berryfield, Melksham, Wiltshire. Thames Valley Archaeological Services. (2014.113)

**Associated Monuments**

MWI73961      Ridge and Furrow, South of Melksham (Monument MWI73961)

MWI74313      Ditches, Semington Road (Monument MWI74313)

**Event ID:** EW17645      **Name:** Evaluation on Land at Semington Road

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17645	Evaluation on Land at Semington Road	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 17/11/2014 - 21/11/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS	thamesva1-204565
PC - Project Code/ Site Code	SRB 14/130

**Organisation:** Thames Valley Archaeological Services

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Thames Valley Archaeological Services	Excavator
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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9028 6249 (339m by 306m)	ST96SW	Area
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The evaluation revealed a small quantity of archaeological features, probably of medieval date, with a few residual sherds possibly of Iron Age date.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Bray, D.. 2014. Land at Semington Road, Berryfield, Melksham, Wiltshire. Thames Valley Archaeological Services. (2014.114)

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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73961	Ridge and Furrow, South of Melksham (Monument MWI73961)
MWI74313	Ditches, Semington Road (Monument MWI74313)

**Event ID:** EWI7670      **Name:** Excavation at Melksham

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI7670	Excavation at Melksham	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/1986 - 31/12/1986, between (1986)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References**

WSMR - Wiltshire SMR Event Number                      1272

**Organisation - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals**

POWELL, A - Unassigned                                      Carried out by

**Associated Organisations**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9274 6382 (92m by 51m)                      ST96SW                      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish                                      Melksham, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Excavation for research purposes.

Carried out by: A POWELL

Date of event: 1986

Results: Archaeological features found. See full SMR record

Source: PERSONAL COMMUNICATION ALISON BORTHWICK WCC ASSISTANT ARCH FIELD OFFICER

**Sources**

(1) Unassigned: Wilcox, Dr R. 1984. Excavation R Wilcox & Chippenham College Archaeological Group 1984.

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**Associated Monuments**

ST96SW306    W of Eight Acre Plantation (Find Spot ST96SW306)

ST96SW308    SW of Eight Acre Plantation (Monument ST96SW308)

**Event ID:** EW17690      **Name:** Evaluation at Land South of Western Way, Bowerhill, Melksham

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17690	Evaluation at Land South of Western Way, Bowerhill, Melksham	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 03/11/2014 - 07/11/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EVALUATION

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS	cotswold2-228602
PC - Project Code/ Site Code	5119
PC - Project Code/ Site Code	LBM14
<b>Organisation:</b>	Cotswold Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Cotswold Archaeology	Excavator
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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9119 6262 (546m by 338m)	ST96SW	Area
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

An archaeological evaluation identified archaeological features of likely medieval date in one area, as well as features of post-medieval/modern date were identified in other parts of the site. Features included a series of undated ditch features with shallow U-shaped profiles, a shallow undated pit, two small pits, a posthole, a ditch/gully and a pit producing a large amount of medieval Minety ware pottery dating to the 12th to 15th centuries. Environmental evidence from the same pit also suggests that this could be representative of domestic activity.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Howard, A.. 2014. Land South of Western Way, Bowerhill, Melksham, Wiltshire. Cotswold Archaeology. (2014.132)
  - (2) Report: Last, J., Carpenter, E. + Evans, S.. 2016. West Wiltshire National Archaeological Identification Survey Lowland Pilot Project Report. Historic England. 38-2016. (2016.189)
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73961	Ridge and Furrow, South of Melksham (Monument MWI73961)
MWI74359	Pits, Bowerhill (Monument MWI74359)
MWI74360	Ditches, Bowerhill (Monument MWI74360)

**Event ID:** EW17855      **Name:** Geophysical Survey for Melksham Link, Wilts & Berks Canal

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17855	Geophysical Survey for Melksham Link, Wilts & Berks Canal	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 07/01/2015 - 04/02/2015, between (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      archaeol20-207420

PC - Project Code/ Site Code      586

**Organisation:**      Archaeological Surveys Ltd

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Archaeological Surveys Ltd      Geophysical Surveyor

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 8987 6254 (551m by 2756m)      ST86SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A detailed magnetometer survey was undertaken over a 3km long corridor of land between the Kennet and Avon Canal in Semington to the River Avon in Melksham, Wiltshire, a corridor outlined for a new route of the Wilts and Berks Canal. The survey identified a number of geophysical anomalies that indicate the presence of archaeological features within three survey areas in the northern part of the site. These include a small number of linear ditches, pits, rectilinear enclosures and possible pit alignments in the central and northern part of the survey corridor. Many of the survey areas contain weakly positive linear and discrete responses, and although some may relate to further cut features, many are too short, fragmented or lack a coherent morphology preventing confident interpretation. A number of relatively recently removed field boundaries and former ridge and furrow can be seen in several survey areas as can evidence for a zone of temporary wartime structures.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Sabin, D. + Donaldson, K.. 2015. Melksham Link, Wilts & Berks Canal, Wiltshire. Archaeological Surveys Ltd. (2015.021)
  - (2) Article in serial: Clarke, B.. 2016. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2015. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 109.
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI75667      Neolithic/Bronze Age Enclosure, North of Boundary Farm (Monument MWI75667)

MWI75668      Roman Ditches, North East of Boundary Farm (Monument MWI75668)

**Event ID:** EW17890      **Name:** Field Observation East of Berryfield Lane

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17890	Field Observation East of Berryfield Lane	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 24/06/2015 - 24/06/2015, throughout (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Wiltshire Council Archaeology Service

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Wiltshire Council Archaeology Service      Recorder

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 8979 6273 (526m by 273m)      ST86SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A number of structures were observed during a field visit which looked military. The site of RAF Melksham was located to the east, but during this visit, a number of additional buildings (at least three) were noted east of Berryfield Lane. These might have been associated with the training operations at RAF Melksham. A tower was photographed, located at 389925 162686.

**Sources**

- (1) Personal communication: Foster, R.. 2015. Email Regarding World War II Structure East of Berryfield Lane. (Map Square File: ST86SE)

**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EW17954      **Name:** Geophysical survey at Sandridge Solar Farm, Melksham, Wiltshire

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW17954	Geophysical survey at Sandridge Solar Farm, Melksham, Wiltshire	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 04/11/2013 - 22/11/2013, between (2013)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS	wardella2-166290
PC - Project Code/ Site Code	CP10714
<b>Organisation:</b>	Wardell Armstrong

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Wardell Armstrong	Geophysical Surveyor
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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9382 6385 (1553m by 1340m)	ST96SW	Area
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Geomagnetic surveys covering c.70ha of land were conducted within 21 separate fields to the east of Melksham, covering the the locations of proposed solar modules, and the supporting infrastructure. The surveys detected areas of significant modern disturbance across the site, associated with the routes of a gas main and water main, and two overhead electricity lines. The geomagnetic surveys detected a series of former field boundaries, some of which are depicted on the Melksham Tithe Map of 1840 and the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1888 but have since been removed. Extensive ridge and furrow cultivation, with possible origins in the medieval period was also detected across the site along with a network of post-medieval/modern land drains. A number of soil-filled features were also detected, some of which are believed to be fluvial features associated with a drainage ditch that crosses the center of the site, or features associated with former woodland.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Railton, M.. 2013. Sandridge Solar Farm, Melksham, Wiltshire. Wardell Armstrong. (2013.120)

**Associated Monuments**

MWI74485	Field Boundaries, Sandridge Solar Farm (Monument MWI74485)
MWI74486	Pits, Sandridge Solar Farm (Monument MWI74486)
MWI74487	Ditches, Sandridge Solar Farm (Monument MWI74487)

**Event ID:** EWI8018      **Name:** Desk Based Assessment at Land to the North of Sandridge Common,

<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8018	Desk Based Assessment at Land to the North of Sandridge Common, Melksham, Wiltshire	Event - Interpretation

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 30/06/2015, pre (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References**

PC - Project Code/ Site Code      SW/19899

**Organisation:**      CgMs Consulting

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

CgMs Consulting      Carried out by

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9173 6432 (212m by 267m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The desk based assessment established that no designated assets lay within or in the immediate proximity of the site. Non-designated assets on the site comprised poorly preserved earthwork remains of former post medieval cultivation and a post medieval or medieval earthen bank of local significance. The construction of the proposed development was felt to potentially impact the earthwork remains and possibly on any previously unrecorded archaeology (if present). However, some truncation was suggested to have already occurred on site as a result of later agricultural activity.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Weaver, S.. Land to the North of Sandridge Common, Melksham, Wiltshire. CgMs Consulting. (2015.084)

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EWI8019      **Name:** Heritage Statement for Land to the North of Sandridge Common,

<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8019	Heritage Statement for Land to the North of Sandridge Common, Melksham, Wiltshire	Event - Interpretation

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 30/11/2015, pre (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

HISTORIC AREA ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References**

PC - Project Code/ Site Code      SW/19899

**Organisation:**      CgMs Consulting

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

CgMs Consulting      Carried out by

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9173 6432 (212m by 267m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A heritage statement was prepared in advance of residential development on the site. This considered a suite of archaeological and historical information gathered for the proposed development area and surrounding area. This information was used to identify heritage assets which may have been affected by the proposed development (including the setting of these assets).

**Sources**

(1) Report: Weaver, S.. Land to the North of Sandridge Common, Melksham, Wiltshire. CgMs Consulting. (2015.085)

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EW18020      **Name:** Geophysical survey on Land North of Sandridge Common, Melksham,

<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW18020	Geophysical survey on Land North of Sandridge Common, Melksham, Wiltshire	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 28/10/2015 - 28/10/2015, throughout (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS	OASIS ID - stratasc1-241224
PC - Project Code/ Site Code	J9010

**Organisation:** Stratascan

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Stratascan	Geophysical Surveyor
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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9173 6432 (212m by 267m)	ST96SW	Area
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A detailed gradiometry survey was conducted over approximately 3.1 hectares of grassland. The survey has not identified any anomalies of probable archaeological origin. A small number of possible bank features may be of archaeological origin, however a post-medieval agricultural or natural origin would be more likely. Areas of ridge and furrow cultivation and former field boundaries suggest that the site has been used for agricultural purposes since the medieval period. The remaining anomalies are modern in origin, relating to scattered magnetic debris, ferrous objects, and fencing.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Richardson, T.. 2015. Land North of Sandridge Common, Melksham, Wiltshire. Stratascan. (2015.086)

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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73983	Ridge and Furrow, East of Melksham (Monument MWI73983)
MWI74757	Banks, East of Melksham (Monument MWI74757)

**Event ID:** EWI8022      **Name:** Evaluation at Land North of Sandridge Common

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8022	Evaluation at Land North of Sandridge Common	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 29/02/2016 - 02/03/2016, between (2016)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      fieldsec1-245498

PC - Project Code/ Site Code      P4783

**Organisation:**      Worcestershire Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Worcestershire Archaeology      Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9173 6432 (212m by 267m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The evaluation revealed an historic field boundary that was removed in the latter half of the 20th century, and limited survival of post medieval ridge and furrow. The site lay within the medieval Royal Forest of Melksham, and it was suggested that the land was wooded until disafforestation in the 17th century for agricultural purposes, therefore precluding any earlier settlement activity.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Lovett, P.. 2016. Land North of Sandridge Common, Melksham, Wiltshire. Worcestershire Archaeology. (2016.002)

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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73983      Ridge and Furrow, East of Melksham (Monument MWI73983)

MWI74757      Banks, East of Melksham (Monument MWI74757)

**Event ID:** EW18127      **Name:** Geophysical Survey at Woodrow Road

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW18127	Geophysical Survey at Woodrow Road	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 04/01/2016 - 07/01/2016, between (2016)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Pre-Construct Geophysics

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Pre-Construct Geophysics      Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9113 6522 (596m by 348m)      ST96NW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A fluxgate gradiometer survey was undertaken and recorded only limited magnetic variation that conceivably reflects archaeological remains - in the form of a small number of ditch/pit-like anomalies that were detected in the mid northern and north eastern regions. It is more likely that the majority reflect natural features. Predominately strong responses were recorded along and adjacent to the course of a back-filled canal, in proximity to modern boundaries, with variously strong readings across former or possible post medieval boundaries. Traces of ridge and furrow cultivation were detected in the north western corner.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Bunn, D.. 2016. Woodrow Road, Melksham, Wiltshire. Pre-Construct Geophysics Ltd. (2016.018)

**Associated Monuments**

MWI73990      Medieval Settlement, North of Melksham (Monument MWI73990)  
MWI74725      Ditches, North of Melksham (Monument MWI74725)  
MWI74726      Undated Pits, North of Melksham (Monument MWI74726)  
MWI75560      Roman Settlement, North of Melksham (Monument MWI75560)

**Event ID:** EWI8128      **Name:** Excavation at Melksham Town Football Club

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8128	Excavation at Melksham Town Football Club	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/10/2014 - 30/11/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References**

PC - Project Code/ Site Code 102043.02

**Organisation:** Wessex Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Wessex Archaeology Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9226 6275 (422m by 476m) ST96SW Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The excavation was the final stage of a programme of archaeological works relating to the wider development area and revealed a range of archaeological features of Romano-British date, including ditches, curved gullies, pits, post-holes, and ovens, indicating settlement and agricultural activity on and probably adjacent to the site. Three phases of enclosure were suggested by some of the ditches, pottery from the earliest of them being predominantly early Romano-British date. Associated with the enclosures was a circular arrangement of gullies possibly indicating some form of structure, a series of ovens and clusters of pits and post-holes. Another series of parallel ditches represents the organised division of the landscape into fields and a possible trackway. Because the relationships between these ditches and the enclosures was not firmly established the sequence of activity remains unclear.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Clelland, S. + Powell, A.. 2015. Melksham Town FC, Melksham, Wiltshire. Wessex Archaeology. (2015.125)
  - (2) Article in serial: Clarke, B.. 2016. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2015. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 109.
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI64722 Roman-British Farmstead, Melksham Town Football Club (Monument MWI64722)

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**Event ID:** EWI8369      **Name:** Celtic language influences on the names of the Sem and Semington Brook

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8369	Celtic language influences on the names of the Sem and Semington Brook	Event - Interpretation

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2012 - 31/12/2012, at some time (2012)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** University of Navarre

**Associated Individuals**

Breeze, A. - Unassigned      Researcher

**Associated Organisations**

University of Navarre      Publisher

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9069 4444 (5112m by 34371m)      ST94SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	Keevil, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Sedgehill & Semley, Salisbury, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Seend, Kennet, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Semington, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	Staverton, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire
Civil Parish	West Tisbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

This research looks at medieval Welsh and Irish sources for the origin of the names of the Sem and Semington Brook, and confirms the persistence of British (Celtic) communities and language on Wiltshire's western fringe. The Sem runs past Semley to meet the Nadder by Wardour Castle; and Semington Brook flows past Semington into the Avon.

**Sources**

(1) Article in serial: Breeze, A.. 2012. Celts, the Sem, and Semington Brook. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 105.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EW18401      **Name:** Land at Roundponds Farm, Broughton Gifford, Wiltshire

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW18401	Land at Roundponds Farm, Broughton Gifford, Wiltshire	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 12/02/2014 - 21/02/2014, between (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      archaeol11-178510

**Organisation:** Archaeological Services WYAS

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Archaeological Services WYAS      Geophysical Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 8888 6416 (950m by 671m)      ST86SE      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Broughton Gifford, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A geophysical (magnetometer) survey covering approximately 26 hectares was carried out on agricultural land at Roundponds Farm, Broughton Gifford, to inform the determination of an outline planning application for a proposed solar park. No anomalies of archaeological potential have been identified and none have been identified at the sites of two possible ring ditches which are recorded within the Wiltshire HER. The survey has mainly detected anomalies which are consistent with the 19th century agricultural landscape as depicted on historical mapping sources, although evidence of ridge and furrow cultivation may suggest an earlier medieval agricultural land use. Therefore, on the basis of the magnetic survey the archaeological potential of the site is considered to be low, confirming the conclusions of a desk-based assessment of the site.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Harrison, D.. 2014. Land at Roundponds Farm, Broughton Gifford, Wiltshire. Archaeological Services WYAS. (2014.239)

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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73924      Ridge and Furrow, Roundponds Farm (Monument MWI73924)  
MWI73926      Field Boundary, Leechpool Farm (Monument MWI73926)  
MWI73927      Ridge and Furrow, Northeast of Broughton Gifford (Monument MWI73927)  
ST86SE604      Ring Ditch, South East of Leechpool Farm (Monument ST86SE604)  
ST86SE608      Ring Ditch, South East of Leechpool Farm (Monument ST86SE608)

**Event ID:** EW18459      **Name:** Magnetometer Survey at 398A The Spa, Melksham

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW18459	Magnetometer Survey at 398A The Spa, Melksham	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 20/12/2016 - 20/12/2016, throughout (2016)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Archaeological Surveys Ltd

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Archaeological Surveys Ltd      Geophysical Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9143 6292 (125m by 91m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The survey results indicate the presence of a number of positive linear and discrete anomalies, but they lack a coherent morphology preventing confident interpretation. It is possible, however, that they relate to cut, ditch-like features. The site also contains former ridge and furrow which has been crossed by later linear ditches or gullies. A negative curvilinear anomaly is located in the north eastern corner of the site but its origin is uncertain. Magnetic debris of modern origin and former garden boundaries were also located.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Donaldson, K. + Sabin, D.. 2016. 398A The Spa, Melksham, Wiltshire. Archaeological Surveys Ltd. (2016.107)
  - (2) Article in serial: Clarke, B.. 2018. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2017. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 111.
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73962      Medieval Ridge and Furrow, East of Melksham (Monument MWI73962)  
MWI75042      Ditches, The Spa (Monument MWI75042)  
MWI75043      Pits, The Spa (Monument MWI75043)

**Event ID:** EWI8517      **Name:** Evaluation on Melksham Link Canal

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8517	Evaluation on Melksham Link Canal	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/06/2015 - 30/06/2015, at some time (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** AC Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

AC Archaeology      Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9017 6267 (991m by 3282m)      ST96SW      Line

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A first phase of archaeological evaluation, consisting of the excavation and recording of seven machine excavated trenches, was undertaken on the route of the proposed canal linking the River Avon at Melksham with the Kennet and Avon canal at Semington. The evaluation followed an earlier geophysical survey, with the trenches being located by GPS to target a series of geophysical anomalies or areas of magnetic disturbance. Four of the trenches revealed evidence for archaeological activity, including probable post-holes and ditches. The earliest phase of this activity comprised part of a Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age enclosure ditch revealed in Trenches 8 and 9, with further later activity, including a number of Romano-British deposits revealed in Trenches 4 and 5.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Robinson, S.. 2015. Melksham Link Canal: Results of Stage 1 Trench Evaluation. AC Archaeology. (2015.192)

**Associated Monuments**

MWI73892      Ridge and Furrow, Berryfield (Monument MWI73892)

MWI75667      Neolithic/Bronze Age Enclosure, North of Boundary Farm (Monument MWI75667)

MWI75668      Roman Ditches, North East of Boundary Farm (Monument MWI75668)

**Event ID:** EWI8607      **Name:** Evaluation at Land at Woolmore Manor, Melksham

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8607	Evaluation at Land at Woolmore Manor, Melksham	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/03/2015 - 31/03/2015, between (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EVALUATION  
TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** AC Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

AC Archaeology      Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9164 6257 (142m by 164m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

An evaluation consisting of four machine-excavated trenches. The evaluation revealed a number of modern field drains, most associated with magnetic anomalies recorded in the geophysical survey.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Holes, G.. 2015. Land at Woolmore Manor, Melksham, Wiltshire. AC Archaeology. (2015.201)

**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EWI8652      **Name:** Geophysical Survey on Westlands (East)

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8652	Geophysical Survey on Westlands (East)	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 07/01/2017 - 10/01/2017, between (2017)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Sumo Survey

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Sumo Survey      Geophysical Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 8924 6599 (316m by 384m)      ST86NE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The survey identified tentative ridge and furrow cultivation patterns, but nothing of archaeological interest. Pylons, former pylons and modern services dominated the results.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Edwards, A.. 2017. Westlands (East), Melksham, Wiltshire. Sumo Survey. (2017.043)

**Associated Monuments**

MWI73999      Ridge and Furrow, East of Whitley (Monument MWI73999)

**Event ID:** EWI8660      **Name:** Melksham to Thingley Cable Installation, Wiltshire

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8660	Melksham to Thingley Cable Installation, Wiltshire	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2015 - 30/04/2015, occasionally (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EXCAVATION  
MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      wessexar1-216960  
**Organisation:**      Wessex Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Wessex Archaeology      Geophysical Surveyor  
Wessex Archaeology      Excavator

**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9031 6812 (318m by 3218m)      ST96NW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Lacock, North Wiltshire, Wiltshire  
Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The programme of works commenced with a watching brief on topsoil stripping in January and February 2015. During the watching brief, a concentration of Romano-British pottery was uncovered close to the line of a known Roman road, on land to the south of Wick Farm. A further phase of mitigation, comprising a strip, map and record excavation, was then undertaken. This phase of work, carried out between February and April 2015, revealed extensive remains of a previously unknown Romano-British roadside settlement. Finds of worked flint provided evidence for occasional human activity in the area from the Mesolithic/Neolithic onwards, whilst a small group of postholes containing Bronze Age pottery, suggested there may have been a settlement in the vicinity at this time. There was no evidence for any activity on the Site during the Iron Age, but by the late 1st century AD a settlement had developed along the Roman road from Aquae Sulis (Bath) to Cunetio (near Mildenhall). The settlement appears to have expanded during the 2nd/3rd century and continued to be occupied until the 4th century. At its maximum, the settlement appears to have extended more than 0.5 km along either side of the Roman road and covered an area of at least 5 ha. The route of the new cable provided an opportunity to investigate a transect across the western part of the roadside settlement, the results of which were supplemented by a geophysical survey. The Roman road was revealed, which developed into a hollow way as the use of this route continued into the post medieval period. A second hollow way ran parallel immediately to the south, with another probably branching of it to the south-east. An unusual early Romano-British sunken-featured building lay adjacent to the latter hollow way, and a relatively small number of other features dispersed across the site also belonged to this early phase. Subsequently, a number of ditches were dug to define enclosures and perhaps property boundaries extending either side of the Roman road, with buildings at this time probably built of timber. The most striking aspect of at least this part of the settlement was the large number of multi-use ovens, numbering more than 40. These features produced abundant charred plant remains and some animal bone providing evidence for bread making, malting and the roasting of pigs, which suggests that the production of food and beer was a significant part of the settlement's economy. Two small stone altars were uncovered from subsoil immediately to the north of the Roman road, and may have been associated with a roadside shrine in this area, where a stone surface, a large well and a dog burial were also found. During the later Roman period at least two relatively substantial buildings with stone footings were constructed, both of which were subsequently demolished and robbed of stone, probably in the late 4th century. Three neonates

were buried within or adjacent to the various buildings, and there was also an isolated adult burial with hobnails. The excavation of the roadside settlement produced a substantial assemblage of Roman pottery, with an interesting group of samian ware, whilst other finds included coins, metalwork, iron slag and animal bone broadly typical of roadside settlements elsewhere. The remainder of the cable route was largely devoid of archaeological remains, even in two areas where earthworks and cropmarks probably associated with medieval settlement have been recorded. A topographical survey did, nevertheless, highlight the existence of an insubstantial earthwork in one area.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Mason, C.. 2015. Melksham to Thingley Cable Installation, Wiltshire. Wessex Archaeology. (2015.209)
  - (2) Monograph: Mason, C.. 2018. A Romano-British Roadside Settlement at Beanacre, Wiltshire. Wessex Archaeology. (2018.121 Bookshelf)
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI75426	Bronze Age Pit and Postholes, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI75426)
MWI75429	Romano-British Building, West of Silverlands Lake (Building MWI75429)
MWI75430	Romano-British Settlement, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI75430)
MWI75432	Romano-British Settlement, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI75432)
MWI75435	Romano-British Corn Drier, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI75435)
MWI75437	Romano-British Well, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI75437)
MWI75438	Romano-British Building, West of Silverlands Lake (Building MWI75438)
MWI76646	Possible Roman Roadside Shrine, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI76646)
MWI76647	Romano-British Dog Burial, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI76647)
MWI76648	Romano-British Burial, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI76648)
MWI76649	Romano-British Hearth, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI76649)
MWI76650	Romano-British Burial, West of Silverlands Lake (Monument MWI76650)
ST86NE304	Roman Road (Monument ST86NE304)

**Event ID:** EWI8717      **Name:** Evaluation of Land at Woodrow Road

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8717	Evaluation of Land at Woodrow Road	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 03/10/2016 - 30/11/2016, occasionally (2016)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      cotswold2-282698

PC - Project Code/ Site Code      6047

**Organisation:**      Cotswold Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Cotswold Archaeology      Archaeological Field Investigator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9113 6522 (596m by 346m)      ST96NW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

An archaeological evaluation involving 25 trenches. Prehistoric, Roman, medieval and post-medieval archaeological remains were found. The Roman features were related to mid to late 1st to 2nd century settlement activity. The medieval ditches, gullies and pits were related to a deserted settlement.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Whelan, J. + Orellana, J.. 2016. Land at Woodrow Road, Melksham, Wiltshire. Cotswold Archaeology. (2016.153)
  - (2) Article in serial: Clarke, B.. 2018. Excavation and Fieldwork in Wiltshire 2017. Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine. 111.
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73990      Medieval Settlement, North of Melksham (Monument MWI73990)

MWI74726      Undated Pits, North of Melksham (Monument MWI74726)

MWI75560      Roman Settlement, North of Melksham (Monument MWI75560)

**Event ID:** EWI8775      **Name:** Evaluation for Melksham Link Canal, Results of Stage 1 Trench Evaluation

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8775	Evaluation for Melksham Link Canal, Results of Stage 1 Trench Evaluation	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/06/2015 - 30/06/2015, occasionally (2015)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** AC Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

AC Archaeology      Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 8986 6285 (259m by 163m)      ST86SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A first phase of archaeological evaluation, consisting of the excavation and recording of seven machine excavated trenches, was undertaken on the route of the proposed canal linking the River Avon at Melksham with the Kennet and Avon canal at Semington. The work was undertaken in support of a planning application for the construction of a new waterway and associated infrastructure. The evaluation followed an earlier geophysical survey, with the trenches being located by GPS to target a series of geophysical anomalies or areas of magnetic disturbance. Four of the trenches revealed evidence for archaeological activity, including probable post-holes and ditches. The earliest phase of this activity comprised part of a late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age enclosure ditch revealed in Trenches 8 & 9, with further later activity, including a number of Romano-British deposits revealed in Trenches 4 & 5.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Robinson, S.. 2015. Melksham Link Canal, Results of Stage 1 Trench Evaluation. AC Archaeology. (2015.214)
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**Associated Monuments**

MWI75667      Neolithic/Bronze Age Enclosure, North of Boundary Farm (Monument MWI75667)  
MWI75668      Roman Ditches, North East of Boundary Farm (Monument MWI75668)

**Event ID:** EWI8905      **Name:** Geophysical Survey at Melksham

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI8905	Geophysical Survey at Melksham	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 20/11/2014 - 20/11/2014, throughout (2014)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      stratasc1-253303

**Organisation:**      Stratascan

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Stratascan      Geophysical Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9164 6257 (140m by 164m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A detailed gradiometry survey was conducted over approximately 1.2 hectares of grassland. A former field boundary and evidence of agricultural activity in the form of ploughing support the results of the search of PastScape, however there is no evidence of prehistoric or Roman activity on the site. A linear anomaly, indicative of a former cut feature, may be of archaeological origin however, it may also be related to modern drainage. The remaining features include a service, such as pipe or cable, and magnetic disturbance caused by nearby ferrous objects.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Davies, R.. 2014. Melksham, Wiltshire. Stratascan. (2014.275)

**Associated Monuments**

MWI73962      Medieval Ridge and Furrow, East of Melksham (Monument MWI73962)

MWI75913      Undated Enclosure, East of Melksham (Monument MWI75913)

**Event ID:** EWI9019      **Name:** Watching Brief on a Romano-British shrine and other archaeological

<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EWI9019	Watching Brief on a Romano-British shrine and other archaeological features, Outmarsh Farm	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/05/2017 - 30/06/2017, between (2017)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** AC Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

AC Archaeology      Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9021 6142 (375m by 202m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Semington, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Archaeological investigations at Outmarsh Farm recovered slight evidence for Later Bronze Age or Early Iron Age activity. In the later Roman period a hexagonal, ditched enclosure associated with a centrally-placed post was constructed. The post-pit produced a coin hoard comprising 30 copper alloy issues deposited in the early fifth century AD. The enclosure was interpreted as a rural shrine and the hoard a votive deposit.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Corney, M.. 2017. A Romano-British shrine and other archaeological features at Outmarsh Farm, Semington, Wiltshire. AC Archaeology. (2017.143)

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**Associated Monuments**

MWI76045      Romano-British Shrine, Outmarsh Farm (Building MWI76045)

**Event ID:** EW19102      **Name:** Geophysical Survey of Land off Semmington Road, Melksham

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW19102	Geophysical Survey of Land off Semmington Road, Melksham	Event - Survey

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 10/04/2018 - 10/04/2018, throughout (2018)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

MAGNETOMETRY SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Magnitude Surveys

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Magnitude Surveys      Geophysical Surveyor

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9001 6287 (345m by 220m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A survey identified a number of anomalies of probable and possible archaeological origin. Despite the weak signal of many of these anomalies and intersecting ploughing trends, a coherent area of linear responses and pits has been identified, which may indicate an early agricultural function or settlement fringe. The archaeological responses are concentrated in the southern half of site. The responses in the northern half of site are more ambiguous and subtle in nature and have therefore been classified as 'Undetermined'. These may possibly represent a continuation of the features to the south or be resultant from natural or agricultural processes.

**Sources**

(1) Report: Salmon, F.. 2018. Land off Semmington Road, Melksham, Wiltshire. Magnitude Surveys. (2018.031)

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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73885      Post Medieval Ridge and Furrow, North of Berryfield (Monument MWI73885)

MWI76322      Undated Pits, South of Western Way (Monument MWI76322)

MWI76323      Undated Ditches, South of Western Way (Monument MWI76323)

**Event ID:** EW19193      **Name:** Evaluation on Land off Semington Road

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<b>Event ID</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Event Type</b>
EW19193	Evaluation on Land off Semington Road	Event - Intervention

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 04/06/2018 - 11/06/2018, throughout (2018)

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**Project Details:**

**Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Cotswold Archaeology

**Associated Individuals**

**Associated Organisations**

Cotswold Archaeology      Excavator

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred ST 9001 6287 (345m by 220m)      ST96SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Melksham Without, West Wiltshire, Wiltshire

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Thirteen trenches were excavated. Eight ditches and three pits were identified across the site. The majority of the features were undated, though possibly prehistoric ditched were identified towards the southern extent of the site and a possible Roman pit from the central area. A further ditch and six furrows likely dating to the post-medieval period were also recorded.

**Sources**

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**Associated Monuments**

MWI73885      Post Medieval Ridge and Furrow, North of Berryfield (Monument MWI73885)

MWI76322      Undated Pits, South of Western Way (Monument MWI76322)

MWI76323      Undated Ditches, South of Western Way (Monument MWI76323)