

ARCHÆOLOGICAL NOTES FROM THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY MUSEUM

THE list given below includes all archæological finds brought to the attention of the Buckinghamshire County Museum during 1964 and, unless otherwise stated, they were actually made in that year. Where a number is given in brackets at the end of an entry, the material concerned has been given to the Museum and has this accession number.

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Aylesbury, Baptist Hall, St. Mary's Square

Early Iron Age and twelfth to thirteenth-century sherds were found when digging foundations for a new hall.

N.G.R. SP 81781393 (36-37.64)

Aylesbury, Bedgrove Farm

The Deserted Medieval Village of Caldecote was surveyed and the excavation of a part of one house platform was started by the County Museum. A large area of cobbling was found and the position of two buildings located. One of these was approximately 18 ft. by 11 ft. and had stone foundations, a single entrance and was partly floored with rammed chalk. Sherds dating from the late twelfth to the early fourteenth century were found.

N.G.R. SP 839127

Aylesbury, 9 Earlswood Close

An Iron Age A sherd was dug up in the garden.

N.G.R. SP 835123 (144.64)

Aylesbury, Silver Street Area

A number of fifteenth to eighteenth-century timber buildings were recorded by the County Museum during the course of demolition work.

N.G.R. SP 819137

Beaconsfield, Deans Farm

Twelfth to fourteenth-century sherds were found when digging the garden over a period of years prior to 1939.

N.G.R. SU 97149095 (11.64)

Bierton, Parsons Lane

Romano-British sherds, roofing tile, flue tile and tesserae, and thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds were found by Miss S. M. Noble and also collected from levelling operations on the site of a new school.

N.G.R. SP 83741517 (128-130.64)

Bishopstone, Longcroft

A twelfth to thirteenth-century sherd was found in his garden by Mr. A. Lackie.
N.G.R. SP 804104 (35.64)

Bledlow, Manor Cottage

A Neolithic polished stone axe was found in the garden by Mrs. A. Young.
N.G.R. SP 778021 (159.64)

Bledlow, The Cop

Flint flakes and a core were collected from the surface.
N.G.R. SP 77330108 (127.64)

Bourne End, Beesden, New Road

Two hand axes were found by Mr. George Drewett in the garden when a septic tank was being dug some years ago.
N.G.R. SU 897877 (115-116.64)

Bow Brickhill

Belgic, Romano-British and thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds were found in a field ditch by Adrian Knight.
N.G.R. SP 89153555

Bradwell, Home Farm

A Belgic sherd was found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard.
N.G.R. SP 831402 (67.64)

Buckingham, Bourton Grounds

Mr. C. W. Green completed the excavation of a Romano-Celtic temple. The structure consists of a cella, 17 ft. square, set within a portico, 53 ft. square, together with forebuildings. The 315 coins found range in date from A.D. 244-408.
N.G.R. SP 729329

Chearsley, School Lane

Thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds were collected from the spoil from foundation trenches.
N.G.R. SP 71881066 (38 and 58.64)

Thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds were collected from the surface of a building site.
N.G.R. SP 71871070 (117 and 127.64)

Clifton Reynes

Romano-British sherds were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard.
N.G.R. SP 902517 (65.64)

Ellesborough, The Golf Course

Pieces of red deer antler, one showing human workmanship, an ox scapula, a flint flake and human bones were found by Mr. P. Bailey during excavations for a new clubhouse.
N.G.R. SP 84700719 (190.64)

Emberton

The neck of an early-twelfth-century jug was found in a garden and reported by Mr. D. Mynard.
N.G.R. SP 887500 (5.64)

Fenny Stratford, Saffron Gardens

A Belgic coin and Belgic sherds were found associated with a ditch by Mr. R. W. Griffiths. N.G.R. SP 884333

Thirteenth-century sherds were found associated with a ditch by Mr. R. W. Griffiths. N.G.R. SP 885333

Fenny Stratford, Watling Street

A Belgic sherd was found in the roadside ditch by Mr. R. W. Griffiths. N.G.R. SP 886339-892335 (145.64)

Fenny Stratford, Bathing Station, Watling Street

Excavations by the Bletchley Archæological and Historical Society located rough rubble foundations, and earth floors with two graves cut through them. Coins of Tetricus, Carausius and Constans, together with a quantity of Romano-British sherds, were found. N.G.R. SP 887338

Fingest, Cadmore End Common

Thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds were found by Mr. S. J. Smith in association with an oven or some other similar structure during road construction. N.G.R. SU 793926 (188.64)

Great Brickhill, Jack of Ironcaps Lane

Thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds were found by Miss C. M. Mahany and also collected on the surface. N.G.R. SP 904309 (46 and 70-71.64)

Great Kimble, Ragpit Hill

Iron Age A sherds were collected from the surface. N.G.R. SP 827060 (123.64)

Great Linford

A fifteenth to sixteenth-century sherd was found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard. N.G.R. SP 856407 (2.65)

Great Marlow, Bluey's Farm

A Neolithic flint scraper and two flakes were found in the garden some years ago and reported by Mr. W. Genaway. N.G.R. SU 81998925 (7.64)

Halton, Boddington Hill

A section was cut through the bank and ditch of the Iron Age hill fort under the direction of Flying Officer J. A. W. Burden and Flight Lieutenant J. Jeffers. An occupation layer containing "A" sherds was found immediately underlying the rampart. The finds have been given to the Museum. N.G.R. SP 88050780

Hardmead

Belgic, Romano-British and thirteenth to eighteenth-century sherds were picked up from the ploughed surface of the moated enclosure in 1962 by Mr. D. Mynard. N.G.R. SP 932471 (139-140.64 and 15.65)

Twelfth to thirteenth-century sherds were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard. N.G.R. SP 926489 (13.65)

Thirteenth and seventeenth to eighteenth-century sherds were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard. N.G.R. SP 938480 (16.65)

Haversham

Romano-British sherds, a piece of fused glass, building stone and roofing and flue tiles were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. E. G. Cockerill and Mr. C. W. Green. N.G.R. SP 824421

Haversham, Hill Farm

An as of Domitian and a Romano-British ear-scoop, brooch, sherds, tile and building stone were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. R. S. Harris. N.G.R. SP 836436

A Romano-British bronze pin was found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. R. S. Harris. N.G.R. SP 836440

A Romano-British bone pin was found by Mr. R. S. Harris when foundations were being dug for an out-building. N.G.R. SP 836437

An Æ 3 of Constans and an Æ 3 of Valentinian I were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. R. S. Harris. N.G.R. SP 840440

High Wycombe, Booker Hill

Thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds were found by Mr. H. Mumford in a cutting made for a new road. N.G.R. SU 838927 (141, 187.64)

High Wycombe, Castle Street

Twelfth to early thirteenth-century sherds were found in two rubbish pits, and eighteenth-century sherds and vessels, wine bottles, etc., were found in a third rubbish pit when foundations for a new building were being excavated.

N.G.R. SU 86599312 (132-137.64)

High Wycombe, The Memorial Hospital

A hippopotamus tooth was found in Coombe rock by Mr. W. Clarke during excavations for a new building. N.G.R. SU 864927

High Wycombe, Dragons, Bledlow Ridge

A flint blade was found on the surface in the garden by Mrs. M. J. Buchanan. N.G.R. SU 802973

Ivinghoe, The Beacon

Excavations were continued on the Iron Age hill-fort, under the direction of Professor S. S. Frere on behalf of the Buckinghamshire Archæological Society. A section was cut across the defences on the south side and a second outer scarping ditch was found in addition to the main ditch.

A large area in the middle of the hill-fort was cleared and a number of bronze objects, including a razor, were found. An area on the north side adjacent to that examined in 1963 was stripped and a number of post-holes, evidently belonging to a large building, were found. N.G.R. SP 961169

Milton Keynes

Thirteenth-century sherds were found by Mr. E. Hands when a hole was being excavated for a telegraph pole. N.G.R. SP 89123887 (162.64)

Monks Risborough, Place Farm

A sestertius of Commodus was found by Mr. E. West. (153.64)

Newton Longville, Salden Wood

First to second-century A.D. sherds associated with ditches and pits were found by Mr. R. W. Griffiths. N.G.R. SP 832311

Olney, Ashfurlong

A flint blade and a flint flake were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard. N.G.R. SP 897528 (5.65)

Romano-British sherds, building stone and roofing and flue tile were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard.

N.G.R. SP 896527

Two Roman coins, one possibly of Claudius II, the other House of Constantine, and Romano-British sherds were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. R. Bailey. N.G.R. SP 89435275

An Æ 3 of Constantine I was found on the surface of a ploughed field by Master Richard Janko. N.G.R. SP 89535274

Second to fourth-century A.D. sherds were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard. N.G.R. SP 89455245

Olney, Olney Hyde

Thirteenth-century sherds were found by Miss C. M. Mahany and also collected from the surface of fields. N.G.R. SP 88625412, 88585431,

88535450 (45, 54-57.64)

Petsoe Manor

Thirteenth-century sherds were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. D. Mynard. N.G.R. SP 926483 (14.65)

Pitstone

An Iron Age saddle quern was found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. J. Hawkins. N.G.R. SP 49382155

Pitstone, Tunnel Portland Cement Co. Ltd. Quarry

The Ivinghoe and Pitstone Local History Group excavated eight Iron Age pits and located a series of contemporary post-holes. They also excavated a small medieval building and various other features of the same period. The finds have been given to the Museum. N.G.R. SP 949146

Ravenstone

Third to fourth-century A.D. sherds and a scatter of Romano-British roof tiles and building stone were found by Mr. D. Mynard on the surface of a ploughed field adjacent to the place where similar finds were made when a trench for a gas main was dug in 1963. N.G.R. SP 840501

Shabbington

A street and at least four house platforms to the north-east of the church were surveyed before their destruction in the course of a new housing development (Fig. 1). They were medieval in date and once formed part of the village. The street is the footpath said to be part of the Roman road from Dorchester-on-Thames to Fleet

Marston.¹ No evidence of a Roman road could be seen in the commercial excavations on the site. The majority of the medieval sherds found during the commercial excavations were thirteenth century, with a few possibly earlier. Some Romano-British and post-medieval sherds were also found. The site was reported by the Vicar of Shabbington.
N.G.R. SP 667068 (68-9, 125, 131.64)

¹ *The Viatores: Roman Roads in the South-East Midlands*, 276.

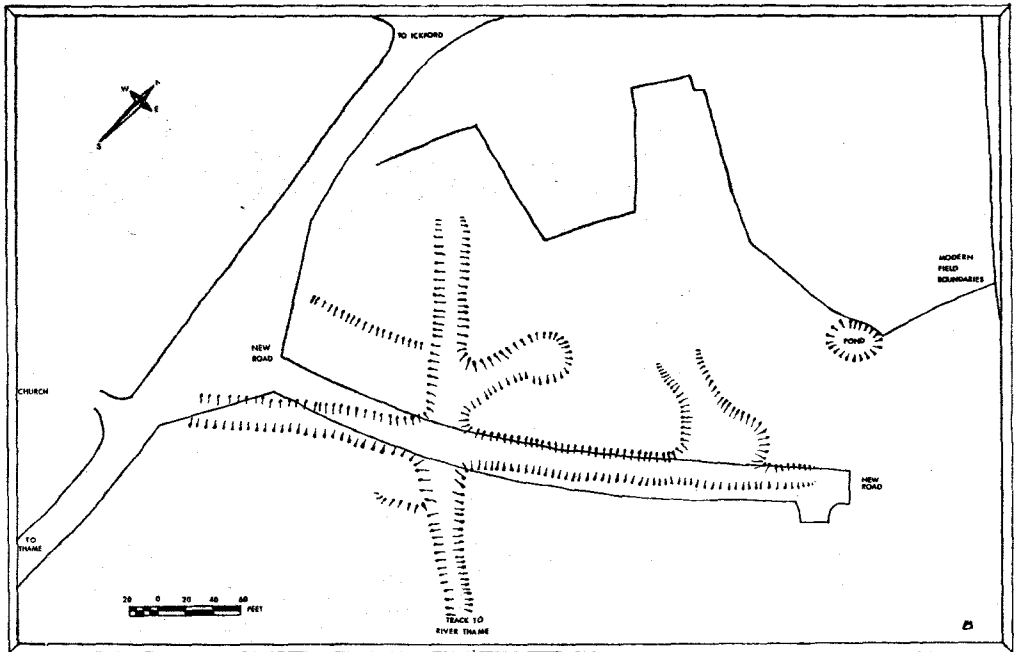


FIG. 1. Plan of medieval street and house platforms at Shabbington

Shenley Brook End

Thirteenth-century sherds were found in a roadside ditch by Mr. D. Mynard.
N.G.R. SP 834359 (4.65)

Sherington

Romano-British sherds were found by Mr. D. Mynard in trenches dug for the foundations of a barn.
N.G.R. SP 88964679

Stoke Goldington, Gorefields

Thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds and roofing tile, and eighteenth-century sherds, were found in ploughsoil in the levelled enclosure of the moat.
N.G.R. SP 816490 (66.64)

Tickford

A Romano-British sherd was found in a gravel pit by Mr. M. W. Pratt.
N.G.R. SP 88704407 (24.64)

Thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherds were found, mostly associated with ditches or pits, in a gravel pit by Mr. M. W. Pratt.

N.G.R. SP 88514400-88594402
(25-30, 32.64)

Tickford, Chicheley Brook

A thirteenth to fourteenth-century sherd was found in the bank of the brook by Mr. M. W. Pratt.

N.G.R. SP 88614420 (31.64)

Turville, Summer Heath

A Neolithic chipped flint axe was found by Mr. W. Genaway whilst ploughing some years ago.

N.G.R. SU 75159065 (6.64)

Wendover, 13 Pound Street

Part of a flint blade was dug up in the garden of Mr. P. Rubens.

N.G.R. SP 867077 (192.64)

Weston Underwood

A seventeenth-century tin-glazed earthenware drug jar was found by Mr. E. Bailey on the present surface of land which had been levelled.

N.G.R. SP 86865070 (L.91)

Weston Underwood, High Street

Romano-British sherds were found on the surface of a garden and reported by Mr. E. Bailey.

N.G.R. SP 86515051

Weston Underwood, Woolwich Barn Field

Romano-British and eighteenth-century sherds were found on the surface of a ploughed field by Mr. E. Bailey.

N.G.R. SP 861495 (44.64)

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