

## Section 2 ~ Field Evaluations

### AVON

#### Bath

2/1(C.08.0705)

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#### **6 SOMERSET LANE, BATH**

Beaton, M Bath: Bath Archaeological Trust, 1995

*Work undertaken by:* Bath Archaeological Trust

Two trenches were hand excavated which revealed nothing of archaeological significance. [AIP]

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#### **BELMONT HOUSE, COMBE DOWN**

*An Evaluation of the Archaeological Potential of part of the garden of Belmont House, Combe Down*

Beaton, M Bath: Bath Archaeological Trust, 1995, 3pp

*Work undertaken by:* Bath Archaeological Trust

A trench was hand dug on what seemed from 19th century sources to be part of a Roman villa. Buried rubble was revealed overlying a buried turf line which probably represented debris from quarrying or from the construction of Belmont House. The buried turf line sealed the natural brash limestone and no artefacts were found in any of the layers. [Au]

2/3(C.08.0706)

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#### **FORMER TA CENTRE, UPPER BRISTOL ROAD, BATH**

*An Evaluation of the Archaeological Potential of the Former TA Centre, Upper Bristol Road, Bath*

Beaton, M Bath: Bath Archaeological Trust, 1995, 4pp, figs

*Work undertaken by:* Bath Archaeological Trust

Four trenches were excavated in the courtyard of the Territorial Army depot which was only a few metres from the north bank of the River Avon to investigate the possibility of prehistoric and Roman occupation at Lower Common just to the north of the site. No evidence to support this possibility was forthcoming or any material of 18th century or earlier. A large brick culvert was revealed running towards the river which channelled the natural stream which was open until the early 19th century running from Sion Hill past Lower Common to the river. The culvert was buried by deliberate contemporary dumps of soil, rubble and rubbish to artificially terrace the river bank. [Au]

*Archaeological periods represented: PM*

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**THE CHRISTOPHER HOTEL, BATH**

***An evaluation of the archaeological potential of 11-14 High Street, Bath***

Beaton, M Bath: Bath Archaeological Trust, 1995, 7pp, figs

*Work undertaken by:* Bath Archaeological Trust

Fourteen test pits were excavated by builders under close archaeological supervision. One of these trenches in the basement was dug entirely archaeologically. This basement trench was the only pit that penetrated Roman deposits, these were found to be severely truncated by the construction of the cellars that were 18th century in date. Less than 30cm of thinly stratified deposits were recorded. The other trenches were dug from floor level. Only one of these trenches penetrated deeper than 18th century deposits, this was trench 5 which penetrated 2 metres into an 18th century construction trench that revealed what appeared to be undisturbed earlier deposits in its section. The shallower trenches revealed 18th century yard surfaces, shallow footings etc implying that earlier deposits remained undisturbed beneath them. [Au]

*Archaeological periods represented: RO, PM*

**Bristol**

2/5(C.08.0713)

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**76-96 VICTORIA STREET, BRISTOL**

***Archaeological Evaluation of 76-96 Victoria Street, Bristol***

Tavener, N Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1996, 49pp, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

The evaluation was undertaken within an area of Bristol that was occupied at least as far back as the 13th century and that features, deposits and possibly structures dating back to that period could exist within the study area. The medieval ground surface and a possible wall were revealed as well as post-medieval drainage systems and related features. Additional archaeological intervention was recommended to reveal further evidence for early settlement activity in Bristol. [AIP]

*Archaeological periods represented: MD, PM, MO, UD*

2/6(C.08.0718)

ST53578261

**BRITISH GAS SEABANK, SEVERNSIDE, BRISTOL**

***Archaeological Evaluation of British Gas Seabank, Severnside, Bristol***

Brett, J & Finn, G Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 46pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

The evaluation was undertaken on a site within the Avon Levels, a reclaimed wetland on the south of the River Severn. A high archaeological potential had been recognised as a result of investigation work associated with the construction of the English approaches to the Second Severn Crossing which revealed several sites, notably the Iron Age settlement at Hallen. Evidence relating to medieval and post-medieval activity on the site was revealed in the shape of a series of ditches and pottery finds. Continuing archaeological investigation of the site was recommended in order that the site was understood more completely. [AIP]

*Archaeological periods represented:* MD, PM

2/7(C.08.0727)

ST72555823

**CANONS MARSH (BRISTOL HARBOURSIDE DEVELOPMENT), BRISTOL**  
*Archaeological Evaluation of land at Canons Marsh, Bristol (Bristol Harbourside Development)*

Burchill, R Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 29pp, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

The evaluation found limited evidence of the post-medieval reclamation of the site from marsh and subsequent evidence for the development of the site. Evidence for 17th century and later buildings was revealed as well as medieval and early post-medieval pottery which suggested the possibility of earlier features nearby. [AIP]

*Archaeological periods represented:* MD, PM

2/8(C.08.0720)

ST60606840

**FORTFIELD ROAD, HENGROVE, BRISTOL**  
*Archaeological Evaluation of Fortfield Road, Hengrove, Bristol*

Longman, T Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 13pp, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

The evaluation centred on an area of land which archaeological and documentary evidence had indicated to have been farmland from at least the Roman period to the late 1940s when prefabricated houses were built to help alleviate the housing shortage after the Second World War. No archaeological features were revealed. [Au]

2/9(C.08.0719)

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**GREAT MEADOW/BRADLEY STOKE WAY, BRADLEY STOKE, BRISTOL**  
*Archaeological Evaluation of Great Meadow/Bradley Stoke Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, Avon*

Burchill, R, Boore, E, Brogden, T & Jones, R Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 27pp, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

The evaluation was undertaken on an area of land which lay close to Late Iron Age and Romano-British settlement debris. A complex of features and deposits were revealed which clearly demonstrated a multi-period occupation dating from the Romano-British period or earlier. The bulk of the ceramic assemblage comprised Romano-British wares of the 1st or 2nd century with a small number of native sherds dating to the late or Ultimate Iron Age and were indicative of domestic activity. [Au(adp)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* LIA, RO

2/10(C.08.0503)

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**HARRY STOKE FARM (LAND TO REAR OF), OFF FOXDEN ROAD, HARRY STOKE, BRISTOL**

*Archaeological Evaluation. Site Off Foxden Road, Harry Stoke, Bristol*

Samuel, J Bristol: Avon Archaeological Unit, 1995, 18pp, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Avon Archaeological Unit

An evaluation was carried out at a proposed development site which lay adjacent to the sites of an abandoned medieval settlement, a former coal mine and an unexcavated cropmarked enclosure. One of the eight evaluation trenches was sited in order to investigate a large flattened spur or bank, which was found to have been created by the dumping of hardcore over a slight natural rise. An early modern drain was also recorded within this trench, and two small gullies which probably related to 18th or 19th century agricultural activity were recorded within a trench excavated nearby. A small number of finds were recovered, including modern pottery, glass, brick and a fragment of clay pipe. Elsewhere on the site, no archaeologically significant features or artefacts were revealed. [AIP] *SMR Primary Record Number:* 10749

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM, UD

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**HENGROVE PARK, BRISTOL**

*Archaeological Evaluation at Hengrove Park, Bristol*

Bristol and Region Archaeological Services Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 26pp, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

The evaluation was undertaken on a site with known Roman occupation debris identified in the immediate vicinity. A geophysical survey had previously revealed anomalous linear features within the study area. Despite the proximity of the site to the Roman remains nothing, bar one tentatively dated sherd of Roman pottery, of archaeological interest was revealed. A stone linear feature was discovered within one of the sample trenches but a lack of archaeological data left it unclassified. [AIP]

*Archaeological periods represented:* RO, UD

2/12(C.08.0723)

ST59867265

**LAND AT AVON STREET, BRISTOL**

*Archaeological Evaluation of Land at Avon Street, Bristol, Avon*

Brett, J & Longman, T Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 25pp, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

The evaluation uncovered evidence of the development of the riverside and identified construction periods from the early to mid-eighteenth century. The evidence recorded by the evaluation was too limited to provide a definitive phasing of the archaeological features which prompted a recommendation for further archaeological intervention during development. [AIP]

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM

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**MITCHELL'S SALT RHINE TO NEW PILL, AVONMOUTH, BRISTOL**

*Archaeological Desktop Study and Evaluation of Mitchell's Salt Rhine to New Pill, Avonmouth, Bristol*

Burchill, R Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 29pp, figs, colour pls, tabs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

An evaluation supported by desk-based assessment was undertaken to document the likely impact of proposals to upgrade tidal defences between Mitchell's Salt Rhine and New Pill, creating a wetland for wildlife and diverting the course of the Stup Pill. Assessment identified that, based on previous investigations, although the visible landscape of the north-Avon levels dates chiefly from the medieval and post-medieval periods, a hidden earlier landscape survives buried beneath a thick layer of alluvial clay. The excavation of two trenches in an area affected by a new wetland pond revealed part of a field boundary fenceline associated with Stup Pill and evidence of remodelling of the ground surface level on the south bank of Stup Pill, possibly associated with the railway. Of most interest was the sequence of peats, all of which were sampled for possible radiocarbon dating during environmental analysis. [AIP]

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM

2/14(C.08.0009)

ST59577263

**PORTWALL AND DITCH, TEMPLE BACK, BRISTOL**

*Archaeological Excavation at The Portwall and Ditch, Temple Back, Bristol*

Tavener, N Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 33pp, figs, tabs, colour pls, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Bristol and Region Archaeological Services