

Found in Middle
of blanks

BROADFIELDS

Bloomery furnaces

WEALDEN IRON RESEARCH GROUP

SITE QUESTIONNAIRE

I. Field Work

- a. Site Name (accepted name, derived from Straker or other source - state which).

Broadfields (accepted name)

- b. National Grid Reference (2 letters, 6 figures).

- c. Accessibility (state difficulties, or name of owner or agent to whom any prior written application may be necessary)

None

- d. Owner, and tenant if let (see above also)

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- e. Main features visible on the ground (state if these differ from published descriptions - due, for instance, to later ploughing or building).

None

- f. Are there any buildings, industrial, domestic or agricultural apparently dating from the likely period of the site? If so, describe, give location, and any published descriptions or references.

- g. Has the site been re-used (e.g. Corn mill)

NO

- h. Surface finds.

Iron Yes

Ore No

Slags/cinders - what type? if sampled, where kept? Yes, loomery tap

Pottery Romano British Course rare

Other 12 Bowl furnaces 2 Shaft furnaces, 2 Charcoal burning areas, one Roman Ditch, postholes, one possible slag dump.

- j. Has any excavation, published or unpublished, ever taken place ?
Have you any details, in the case of unpublished work, of the excavator or location of finds ?

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- k. IS THE SITE THREATENED IN ANY WAY ?

Of a total of 15 furnaces excavated only four remain un damaged ,

1. Other comments. the rest of the site will be completed by the end of July

II. Documentary Work

No questionnaire, particularly on documentary material, can hope to be comprehensive. Collections of estate papers contain many miscellaneous and unpredictable items, which only examination of catalogues in the Record Office will disclose.

The use of exact location of the site will often serve as a focus for search for scattered material whose existence might not always be expected.

- a. Bibliography:

Published references to manuscript document sources:

Have you discovered whether anyone has worked on such sources ?

- b. Was the site ever part of a large estate ?

Are archives from such an estate deposited accessibly ?

(These might comprise manorial records (useful in the medieval period for relevant occupational surnames, found in charters, leases, Views of Frankpledge, etc) estate accounts, maps and surveys, deeds and leases, correspondence etc.)

What dates do such collections - or isolated items - cover ?

What are the main classes of record surviving ?

- c. Do Parish Registers survive for the locality (16th century and after?). Do they refer to the occupations of the persons named, or of their relations ?

- d. Have Wills and Probate Inventories for the area been collected in the appropriate County Record Office ?

- e. Do any indications of the site - e.g. field names, ponds, - appear on the tithe appropriation map kept in the County Record Office for the area ?
- f. Persons found to have owned, leased or worked the site (with dates and maximum details.)
- g. Supplementary information.

III. Layout of Site

Please sketch the visible features and attach any relevant photographs.