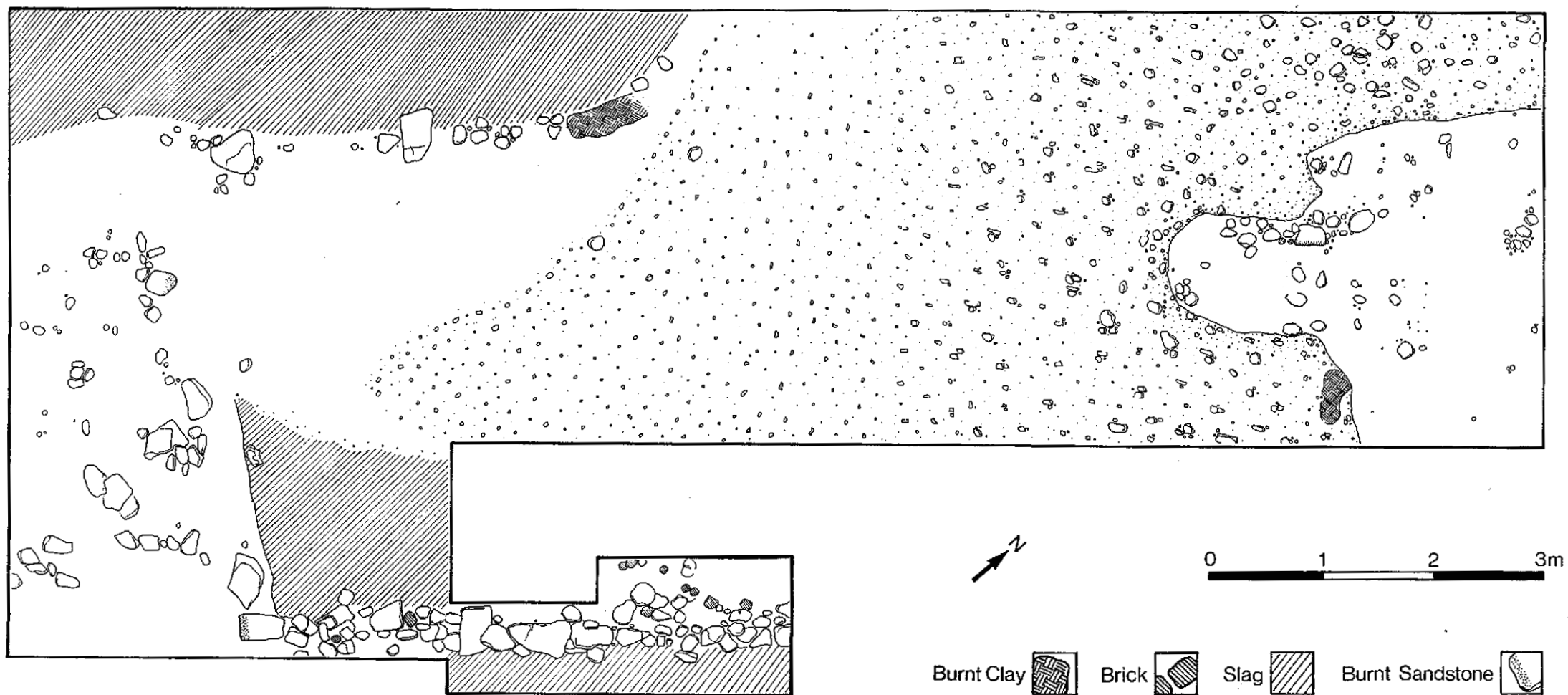
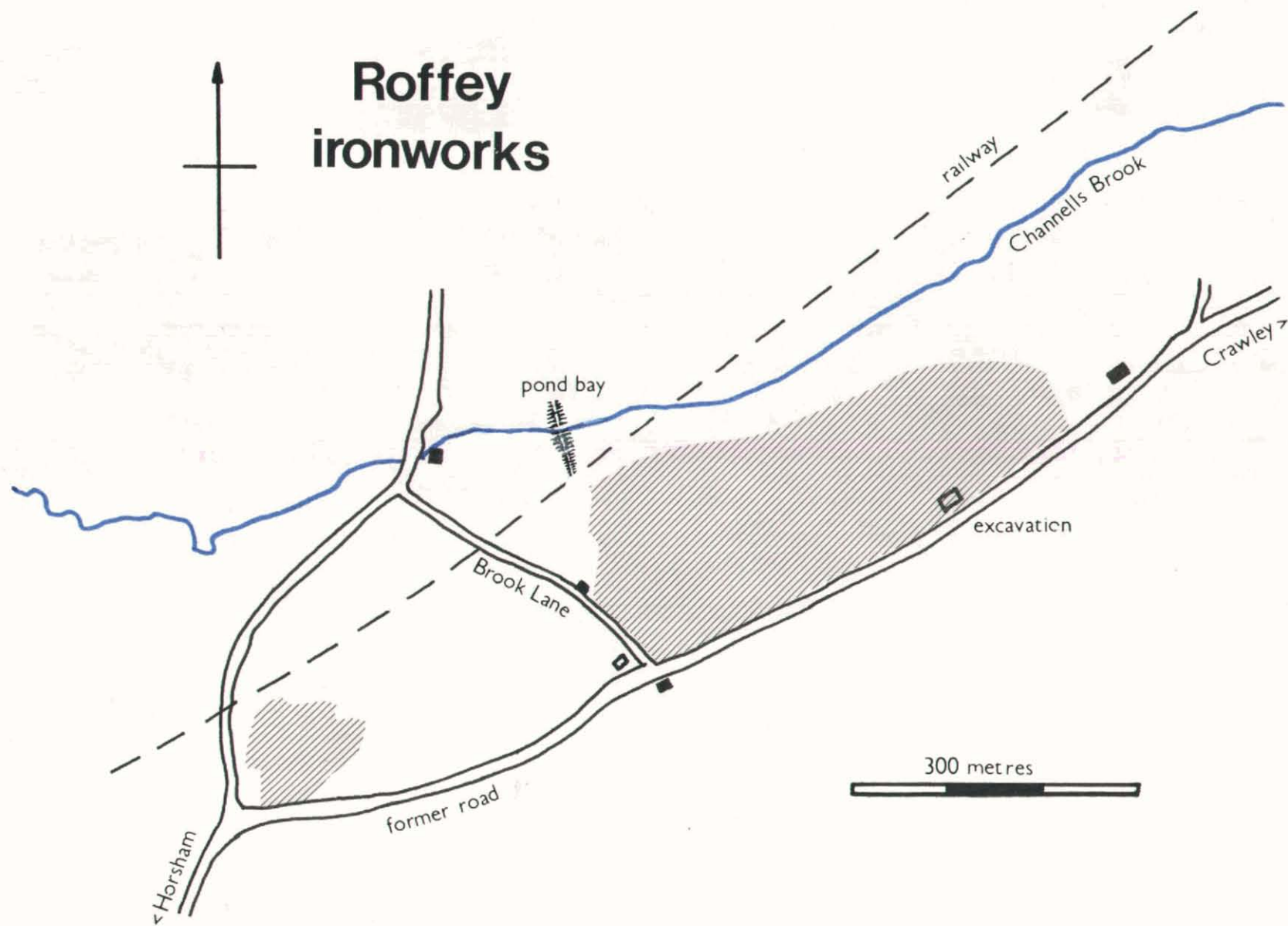


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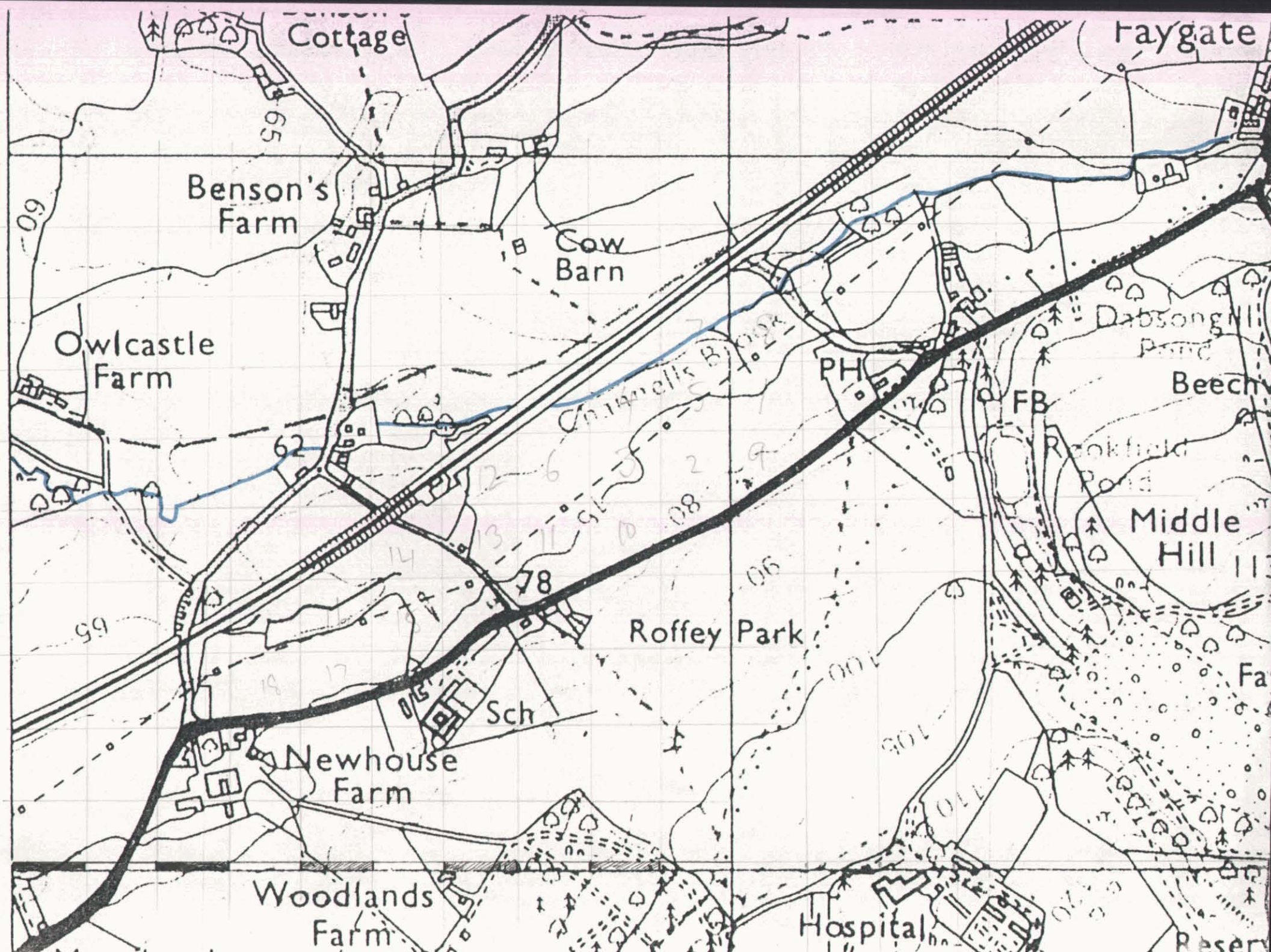
Roffey ironworks



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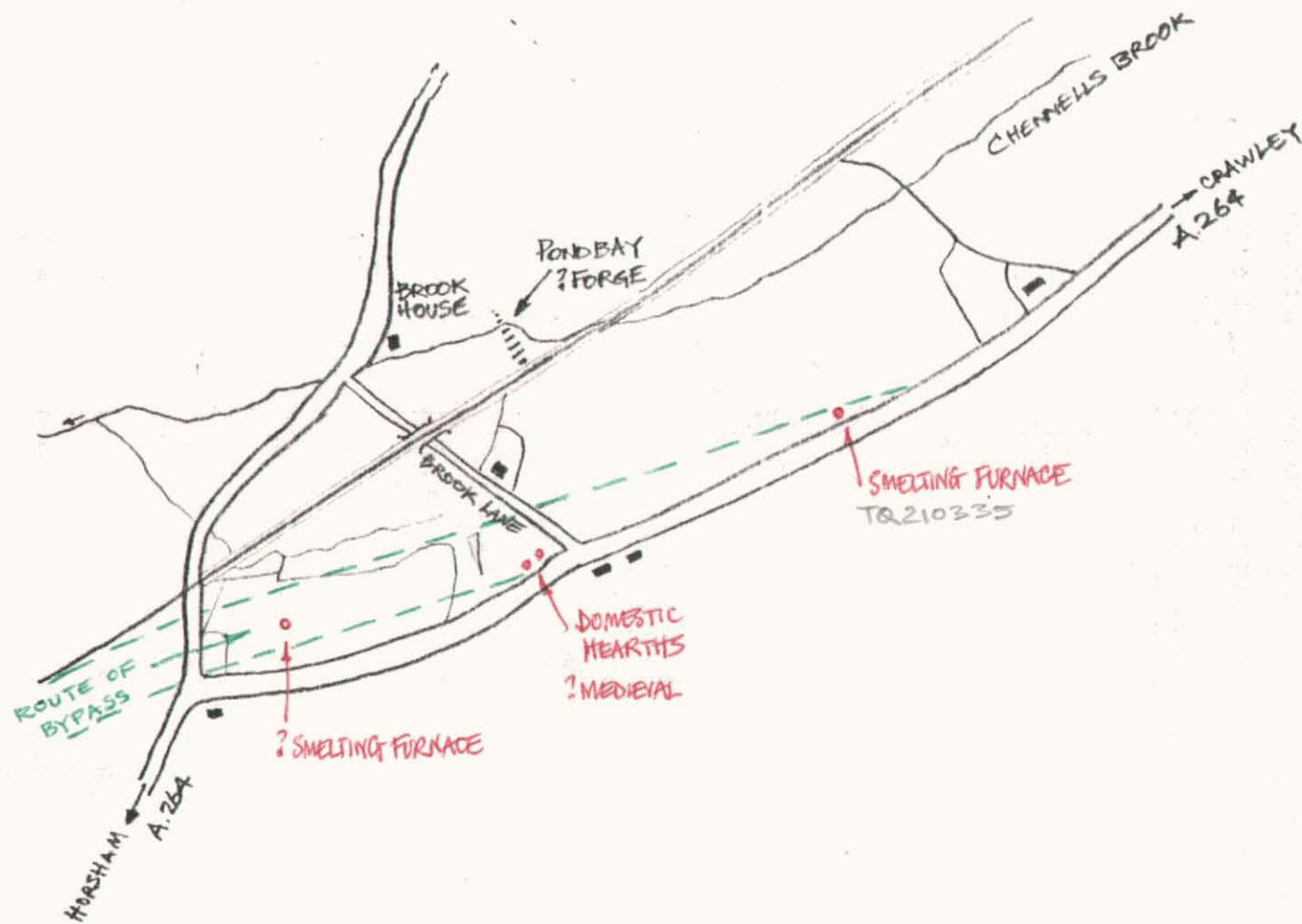
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ROFFEY BLOOMERY

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Roffey Bloomery Excavation

April 6th 1985

The patch of unburnt sandstone embedded in clay, surrounded by a 'carpet' of burnt clay, burnt sandstone, (charcoal & slag) appears to be the base of a type of plinth. It is built on a thin 'carpet' of the burnt mixture which, in turn, rests upon the subsoil.

There is a great deal of slag to the east, to a depth of 3ft. interspersed with which is nothing of the 14th or 15th century.

The area excavated corresponds to a dark patch in a large field where there are several dark patches. This might indicate that the whole field (perhaps 30 acres) has sites all over, indicating a very considerable site and suggesting that Roffey may well have been one of the major sites in medieval times.

Why it failed to continue into the period of the indirect process is answered, perhaps, by the fact that, as a force, it required only a moderate supply of water from a small pond, and the Channells Brook valley is too wide for other than a very large pond. And there are no early blast furnaces nearby.

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Monday, 20th October.

Dear Jeremy,

Enclosed is a photocopy of the finds reports
I did for John - short report and an archive report.
Good luck in getting the illustrations out of him!

Apparently, Rod Clough is at the Institute
until mid-January, so you still have time to
try and 'knowle' him!

All the best,

Robin

Table 1 : late medieval pottery

<u>Context</u>	<u>Wares</u>	<u>Handle frag</u>	<u>Rimshards</u>	<u>Baseshards</u>	<u>Bodyshards</u>	<u>Forms</u>
Surface finds	Ware 1	4	2	3	21	Dishes & jug
	Ware 2	4	11	10	64	Cooking pots & jugs
	Ware 3	-	-	-	-	-
	Ware 4	-	2	-	5	-
Topsoil cx	Ware 1	2	4	5	76	Dishes & pitcher
	Ware 2	-	3	1	10	Cooking pot
	Ware 3	-	-	-	-	-
	Ware 4	-	2	-	5	Cup
Topsoil/L1/C	Ware 1	1	3	2	8	Cooking pots & dishes
	Ware 2	-	2	1	27	Cooking pots
	Ware 3	-	-	1	1	Jug
	Ware 4	-	3	4	14	Cup
A/L1	Ware 1	-	1	-	21	-
	Ware 2	-	1	-	12	Cooking pot
	Ware 3	-	-	-	-	-
	Ware 4	-	-	-	1	-
B/L1	Ware 1	1	3	1	26	Dish
	Ware 2	-	2	2	6	Cooking pots
	Ware 3	-	-	-	-	-
	Ware 4	-	-	-	-	-
C/L1/Wall	Ware 1	-	-	2	2	-
	Ware 2	-	-	-	3	-
	Ware 3	-	-	-	-	-
	Ware 4	-	1	-	-	-
C/sky	Ware 1	-	1	1	7	Jug
	Ware 2	-	-	-	-	-
	Ware 3	-	-	-	-	-
	Ware 4	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>12</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>309</u>	

The wares

Ware 1: fine sandy buff or orange wares, often including small flecks of mica; includes painted wares and wares with internal and/or external yellow-green glaze. The majority of these 'sherds' are Graffham ware (Stretton pos. comm.).

Ware 2: fine sandy white wares, including wares with internal and/or external green glaze. These 'sherds' are Surrey white wares, referred to as 'coarse border ware' (Orton pos. comm.). Date range: late 14th century - 15th century.

Ware 3: fine sandy white wares. These 'sherds' represent a Cheam white ware jug (Orton pos. comm.). Date range: late 14th century - 15th century.

Ware 4: fine sandy white wares with internal and external green glaze. These 'sherds' are 'Tudor green' wares (Orton pos. comm.). Date range: late 14th century - early 16th century.

1985.5/HM SAG /Raffay iron - working site.

Post-medieval pottery

6 'shards' (4 stoneware and 2 earthenware) were recovered from the topsoil. The stoneware is 16th-17th century in date; the earthenware dates to the 17th-18th century. 3 fragments of brick or tile also came from the topsoil.

Flint

3 pieces of flint were recovered: a flake, a possible fragment of a later neolithic arrowhead and a possible fragment of a mesolithic tanged axe-sharpening flake. These result from sporadic activity in the area during the prehistoric period.

1985.5/HMSA6/ Roffey iron-working site. Medieval pottery - archive report

Key:

Inclusions:

F fine sand

Ware:

w white

b buff

o orange

o-r orange-red

P painted

+G with grey core

+mica with mica

Glaze:

int internal

ext external

S splashed

m mottled

y yellow

g green

Decoration:

1 Incised lines

2 Combing

3 Stabbing on the handle

4 Applied figurine

5 Impressed decoration at base

Forms:

1 Cooking pot

2 Jug

3 Dish

4 Pitcher

5 Cup

1985.5/HISAG/Raffey

Decorative Forms

Handle frag

Rimsherds

Base sherds

Body sherds

Surface finds

F b + G					4
F o		1			4
F o + G	3		2	2	3
F o-r					2
F w (CBW)	1, 2	2	7	3	39
F o + mica					1
F o P		2			
F w + int/ext g (Tudor green)			2		5
F w + int m g (CBW)	1		1	7	11
F w + ext m g (CBW)	1, 2	2	3		14
F o + int y-g				1	3
F o + ext g	1				1
F o + mica + ext g					1
F o + G + ext g	3	2	1		2
		<u>Total</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>
					<u>90</u>

Topsoil CX

F b	1		1		45
F b + G	1		1		
F b + int y-g	4		1	4	9
F b + ext y-g	3		1		7
F b + G + ext y-g					5
F b P	5			1	
F w (CBW)			1	1	8
F w + ext g (prob. CBW)	1		2		2
F w + int/ext g (Tudor green)	5		2		5
F o		1			1
F o + G	2		1		6
F o P					1
F o P + ext g					2

Decoration forms Handle peg. Rimsheds Base sheds Bodysheds

Topsoil / L1 / C

Fb + ext sg				2
Fb P				3
F o P				1
F o	1		2	1
F o + mica				1
F o + int g	3		1	2
F o + ext g	4	1		
Fw (CBW)	1		2	18
Fw (Cheam ware)	2		1	1
Fw + int mg (pub CBW)			1	5
Fw + ext mg (pub CBW)				4
Fw + int/ext g (Tudor green)	<u>5</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>A / L1</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>50</u>

Fb			1	12
Fb P				2
Fb + int g				1
Fb + ext g				2
Fw (CBW)				12
Fw + int g (CBW)	1		1	
Fw + int/ext g (Tudor green)				1
F o				1
F o + ext g				2
F o + int/ext g				1

B / L1

Fb				9
Fb + G				1
Fb + int g			1	
Fb + ext g		1		6
Fw (CBW)	5	1	1	3

	Decoration forms		Handle frag.	Rimsheds	Backsheds	Bodysheds
Fw + ext mg (prb CBW)	2	1		1		3
Fw + int y-g (prb CBW)					1	
Fo						1
Fo + G		3		2		4
Fo P				1		4
Fo + int y-g						1
<u>C/LI/Wall.</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
Fb						2
Fw (CBW)						2
Fw + int g (prb CBW)						1
Fw + int/ext g (Tudor green)				1		
Fo + G			<u>Total</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>C/slag</u>						
Fb + int/ext g						1
Fo P						2
Fo + int/ext g		2	<u>Total</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
						<u>7</u>

Notes: Tudor green

CBW = Coarse Border Ware

Cheam ware

late 14th → early 16th

1360 - 1480

late 14th / 15th

1985.5	<u>Post-medieval pottery - archive report</u>	Limbsheds	Basesheds	Botlysheds
	<u>Surface finds</u>			
	Stoneware - English (17th	1		1
	<u>Topsoil CX</u>			
	Stoneware - English (16th	1		
	Stoneware - English (17th	1		
	Earthenware - lead glazed, red bodied			1
	<u>Topsoil / LI / C</u>			
	Earthenware - lead glazed, red bodied with white slip			1

Brick/tile

Surface finds

3 fragments

1985.5 Flint - archive report

Surface finds

1 flake (struck with a hard hammer)

1 ? fragment transverse arrowhead (Laker neolithic).

B/L1

1 ? fragment tranchelet axe-sharpening flake (mesolithic)

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