

HADS FIELD TRIP ~ SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY

Despite the cold weather several members turned out at the Heath Hotel at Dibden Purlieu for a fantastic morning of dowsing. Our target was to discover why the Roman Road to Lepe changed direction across the heath.

We quickly realised that a minor road was present where the Lepe Road spurred off (see OS map).

We also followed the dowsing rods and came across a multi-phase site at Fawley Inclosure. This site is located on a small plateau above an old river course. It appears to have been used as an industrial area having jetties and warehouses backing onto the river and a large rectangular structure near the centre of the plateau. Several buildings were identified on this site and a return visit will be essential so that the buildings can be recorded.

On a previous visit near to this site, HADS identified a possible Roman Temple and several Iron Age structures near to an old beach deposit. The OS map does show several Bronze Age barrows in the vicinity so obviously the area is one of high interest to archaeologists.



On the Roman Road to Lepe



Locating Roman buildings in Fawley Inclosure



Site of Industrial Area



Well !

