

HAMPSHIRE
ARCHAEOLOGICAL
DOWSERS
(HADS)
INTERIM REPORT
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The 2010 season started by completing two desk-top surveys, the first at the National Monument Record in Swindon where many aerial photographs were studied especially looking at our site at Nursling Mill near Southampton. The second site studied was that of Kings Barrow Ridge near Stonehenge where future dowsing activities are planned.



Desk-top research at the NMR

Another two days of research took place over the early months of 2010 at Eastleigh Museum where members of HADS spent many hours studying old Ordnance Survey maps looking for evidence of Roman roads and Iron Age remains around the Chandlers Ford area. This proved very positive as evidence of an Iron Age enclosure ditch was noted on an early map, this was later located on the ground using dowsing methods.



Members of HADS at Eastleigh Museum

In the early months of 2010 on a clear but frosty day the route of the Winchester to Porchester Roman road was surveyed in using a newly acquired GPS handset. Recording forms were produced and readings logged upon them.



Surveying the Roman Road at Owslebury near Winchester

First AGM

On February 7th our first Annual General Meeting was held at The Ship Inn, Redbridge, Southampton. Twenty people attended the meeting with representatives from the Sussex Dowsers and the New Forest dowsers present.

The following Officers were elected to stand for office: -

Don Bryan	Director
Clive Essery	Assistant Director
Paul Herbert	Chairman
Clive Essery	Vice Chairman
Gill Herbert	Hon. Secretary
Edwina Cole	Hon. Treasurer
Alan Sandford	Minutes Secretary

A report was circulated by the Hon. Treasurer.

A constitution was passed unanimously.

The BSD Code of Ethics was also adopted unanimously.

Formal affiliation to the BSD would be processed the week commencing 8th February 2010 and the group would be listed in the next BSD journal.

After the formal meeting Don Bryan gave a presentation of the field work undertaken by members of HADS during 2009.

Don also listed anticipated work in 2010 which included continuing the Roman Road survey around Nursling Mill and the New Forest routes. For those members interested in Earth energies further research would include trips to Stonehenge, Avebury and Glastonbury.

A five day tour of Dartmoor would take place in September of 2010 where various archaeological and high energy sites would be dowsed.

A series of guest speakers would be invited to talk to HADS in the winter of 2010.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

NURSLING RESEARCH

Throughout February and March the archaeological research programme around the site of the Roman Settlement at Nursling Mill with the co-operation of the land-owner who gave a great deal of support to the group during the visits. The survey is on-going but has already produced, not only the Roman Road crossing of the River Test but has also identified a wide settlement boundary ditch, numerous possible Roman buildings which lie on both banks of the River Test.

The site is identified on the OS Roman map of Britain as *Honna* but under the *Ravenna Cosmography* it is listed as *Ueluelannio* or translated from Latin "Wellow Clearing".

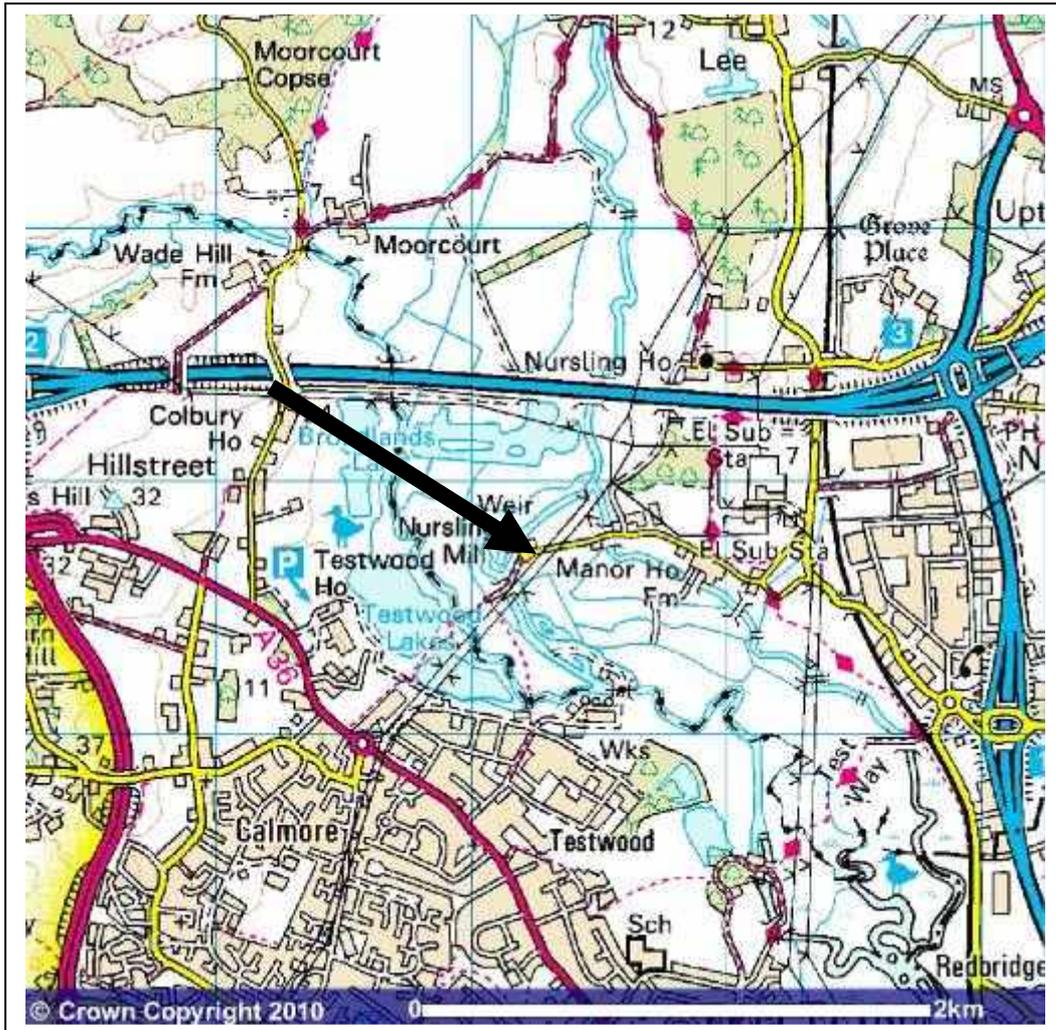
It is planned to return to Nursling to complete this survey and hopefully obtain permission to excavate a few small trenches over the possible structures identified by dowsing.



HADS member Graham Baldwin recording the Roman site at Nursling



Members of HADS surveying the Roman buildings at Nursling Mill
(Flags are marking the outline of a building)



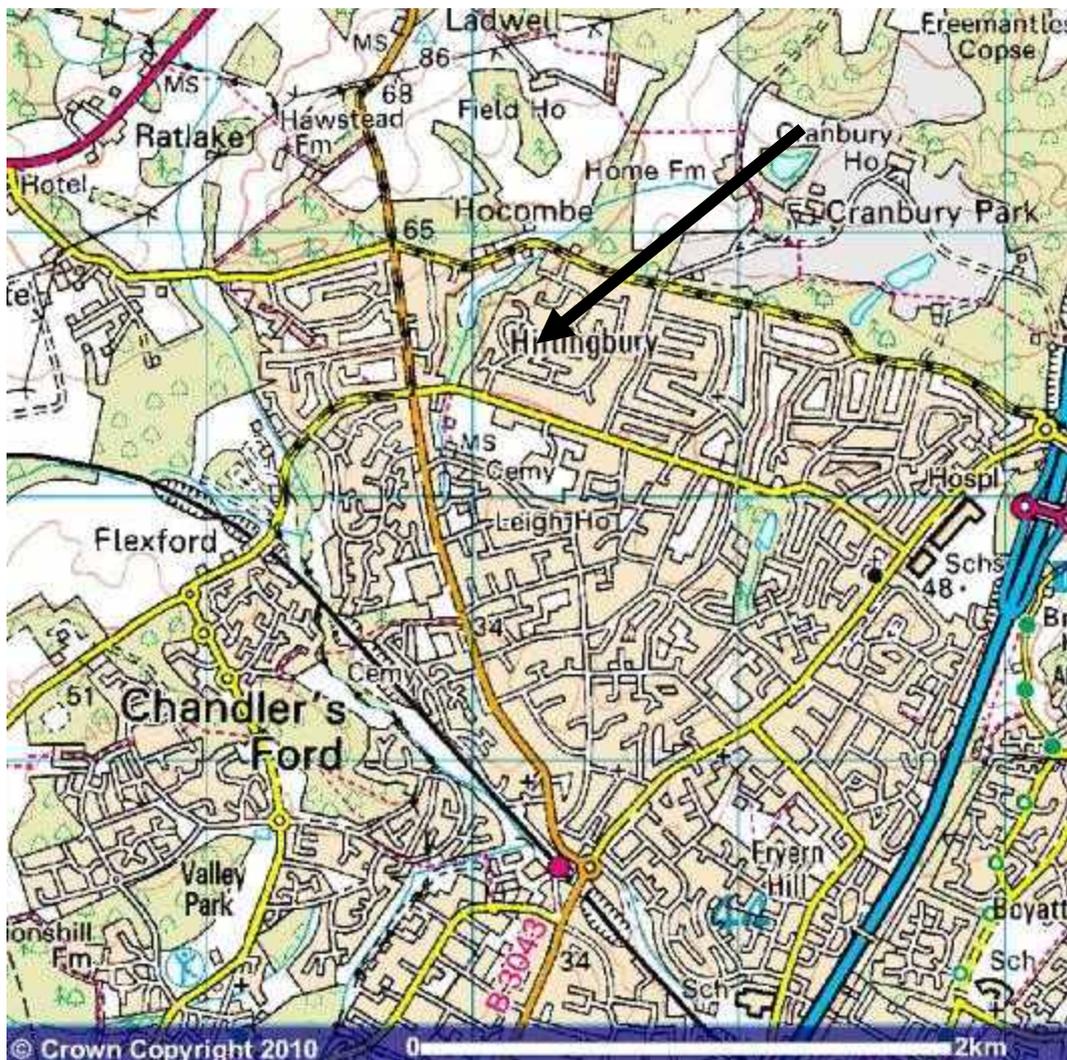
Area of study at Nursling Mill



Members of HADS locating the Roman settlement boundary ditch

HILTINGBURY COMMON CHANDLERS FORD

Members of HADS have completed an archaeological survey of an Iron Age “banjo enclosure” located at Hiltingbury Common, Chandlers Ford. This lies virtually at the doorstep of Don Bryan’s front door so he has a great interest in the outcome of the research. The Iron Age ditch is clearly marked on the Ordnance Survey six inch maps of the area as discovered by members completing their desk-top survey at Eastleigh Museum earlier in the year. The size of the enclosure is very large indeed and although much of the site was destroyed by gravel extraction in earlier years the outline of the “banjo” could still be traced over the surface.



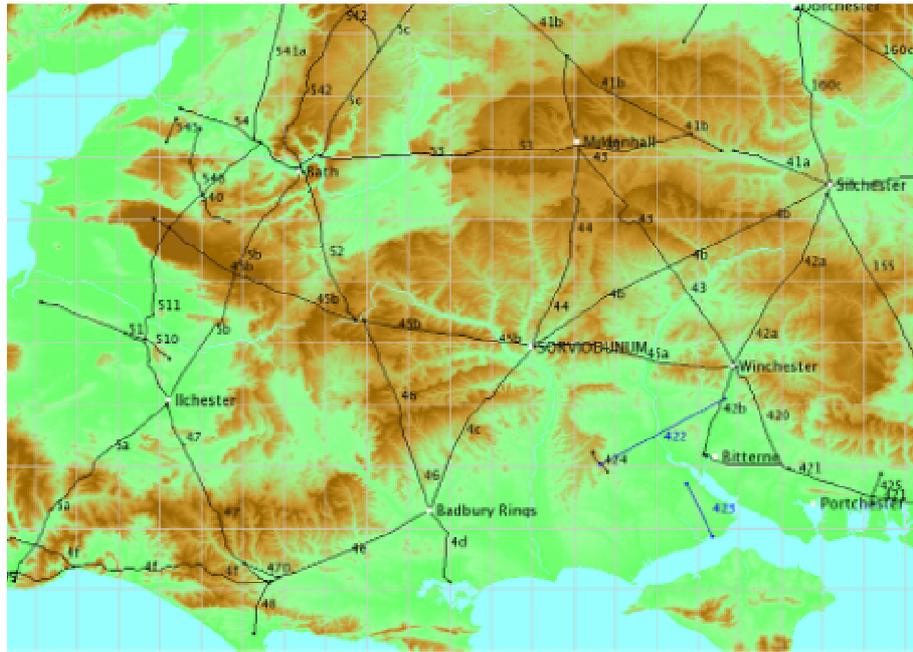
Site of the Iron Age enclosure at Hiltingbury



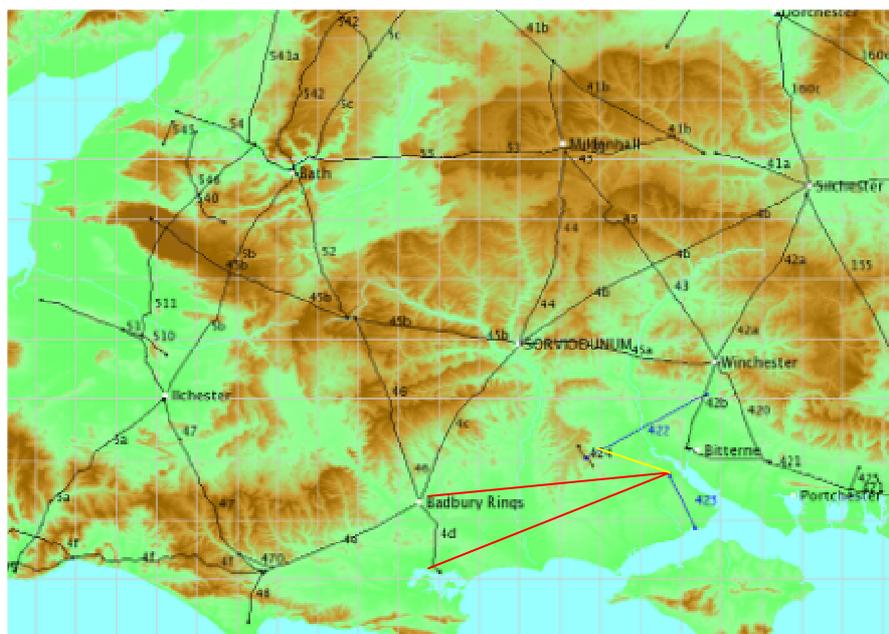
Members marking out the site of the Iron Age enclosure at Hiltingbury



Recording the archaeological features



Margary's route numbering system



New routes identified by HADS (in red & yellow) The southern red route is a direct road from Nursling to Hamworthy via the Watton's Ford on the River Avon just to the south of Ringwood. The northern red route has been identified as a direct route from Nursling to Badbury Rings via a ford at Ellingham to the north of Ringwood.

HADS have also identified a link between the two red routes at Stoney Cross.



The Badbury Road near Linwood, New Forest



The Roman route to Badbury used as a bridle-path today.



Hamworthy Road at Picket Cross



The Roman road to Hamworthy approaching Ringwood

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Members of HADS exploring the Stonehenge landscape



Two concentric ring ditches were found at The Cuckoo Stone at Durrington Walls by HADS



We are always delighted to welcome new members to the group and will offer guidance to anyone who wishes to discover more about dowsing.

HADS have an on-going programme of research which will be undertaken over the next few years. We have barely scratched the surface thus far but have achieved so much in our first few years of study. We still have several routes to discover out of Winchester, each one will be methodically recorded and eventually each route will be published so that others may be enlightened in the true routes of the Roman road system in Central Wessex.