

# NURSLING DIG

## SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

The first thing I would want to say is a big thank-you for those members who turned up at Nursling to help on the trial excavations. The results were not as expected, especially in Trench One where all we found was natural clay overlying the alluvial deposits.

Trench Two was a bit more encouraging as we did manage to find an area of permeated chalk which may have made a natural causeway for the Roman's to use to cross the river.

We did find out where the ford was and we can't be far away from finding the actual road. I am convinced that we are very close to where the three roads converge and need to go back on October 16th to flag out all three routes approaching the river crossing.

What Sunday did show is that we were professional in our approach, had two teams who worked exceedingly well together and that there was a very good atmosphere on the day which encouraged me a great deal...so very well done to both the teams.



Didn't we have a wonderful day?

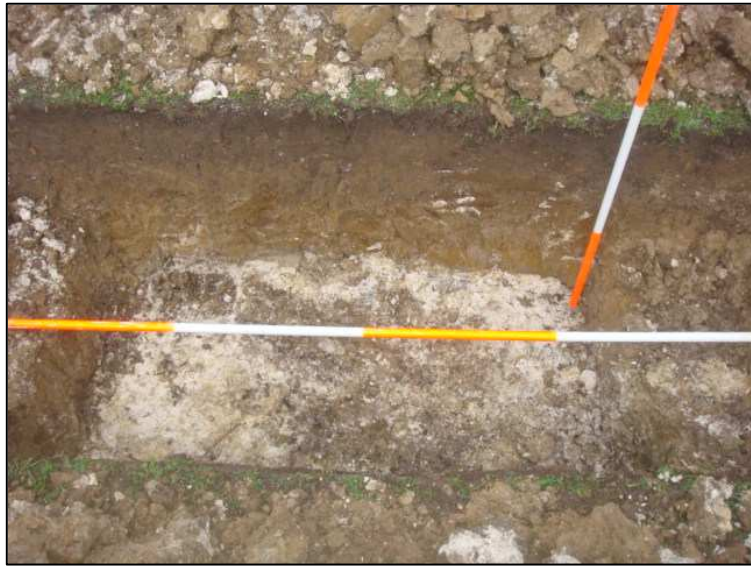


Trench One



Trench Two





Layer of permeated chalk in Trench Two



Anyone seen the Roman Road?



Oh there it is...the ford



HADS can do it on one leg