

Anglo Saxon Period Site?
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Front cover. Looking east down to river Ribble.

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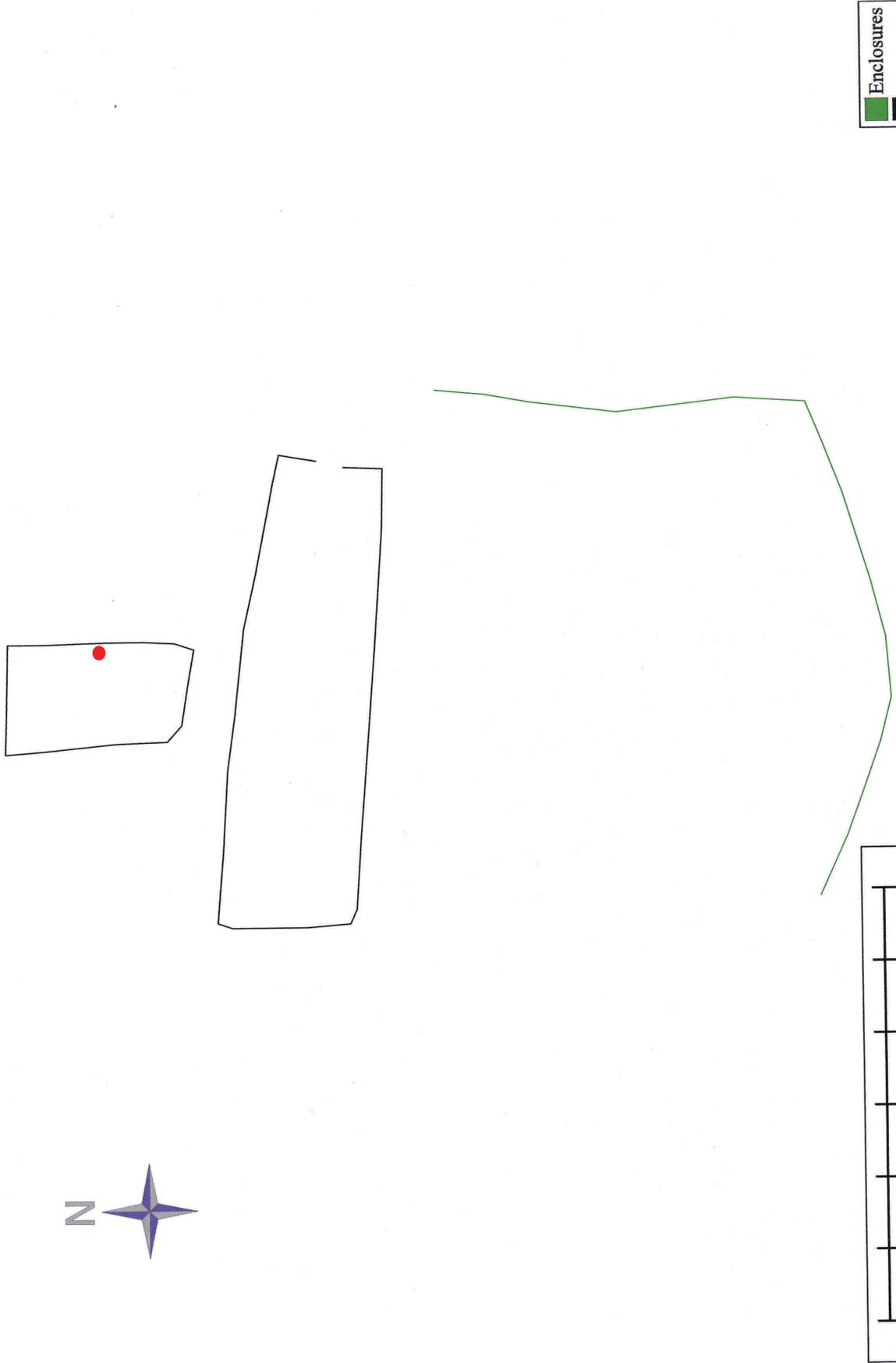
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The remains of two rectangular structures and enclosure walls were found at the above location. The largest structure measures approximately 16.25m x 4.85m, aligned east to west, the smaller one is 6.70m x 3.75m aligned north to south (Fig1). There are enclosure remains on the southern side of the largest structure which are possibly a holding area for stock being housed within this. The smaller structure may be a dwelling there is no evidence of enclosure wall remains related to this.

A gradiometer scan was carried out over both structures, a large magnetic anomaly was located in the smaller structure, examination of this resulted in finding four iron artefacts which appear to have been deposited together. A scan of the larger structure resulted in no evidence of any magnetic anomalies, this was rather disappointing and meant we could not locate a hearth with charcoal remains in either structure, so we were unable to radio carbon date the site.

The iron artefacts do provide a clue to the period of occupation/use of the site, the most significant being the blade of an Anglo Saxon axe/adze. There are also two iron rings possibly horse harness fittings and a piece of bent H section bar, the only uses we can attribute this to is either the tine of a hay rake, or a tillage implement of some type.

Is this a Anglo Saxon period site? The artefact finds and the earthwork remains are the same as a large number of other sites in the local area. Many of these have been radio carbon dated to this period. The evidence on this site suggests that it is also very likely to be remains from the Anglo Saxon period.



Enclosures
Structures

Fig 1. Survey of site, red dot shows location of finds.

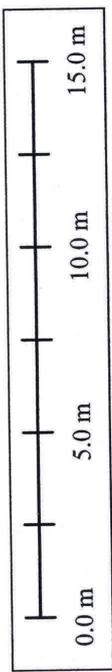




Plate 1. Looking east through long structure.

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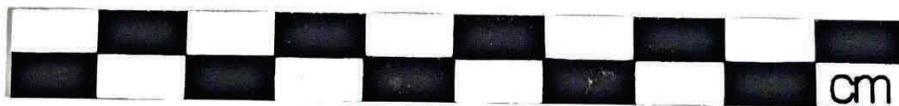


Plate 2. Blade of Anglo Saxon axe head.

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Plate 3. Iron artefacts.

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