

RED HILL, WISLEY : EMBANKED FEATURE (NG TQ 08485963)

Attention was first drawn to the site by Mr Biddle, a surveyor with the South-Eastern Road Construction Unit. He was concerned that the site, which he apparently discovered, would be affected by landscaping for the slip road that would eventually connect the A3 with the M25, and reported it to Guildford Museum.

SURVEYS BY AJC. The site was surveyed approximately by pacing in January 1974, and rapidly scanned with the fluxgate gradiometer. The results of this work are shown on the accompanying plan.

The site has much the appearance of a small henge, although the 10 gamma and 30 gamma anomalies near the centre are positioned and shaped like graves, although surprisingly strongly magnetic ones. A, A mark the approximate positions of other anomalies not greater than 5 gamma. If all these anomalies do in fact represent graves, the site should perhaps rather be interpreted as a cemetery.

The damage on the NE side has been caused by quarrying, presumably for the ironstone that occurs in the sand bedrock hereabouts. The quarrying could be a Roman industry with which the Chatley Farm bath house could be connected.

RECENT SURVEYS. The site has been used as a training test-bed for students of archaeological science courses at Surrey University. A considerable amount of magnetic and resistivity data, as well as an accurate topographical survey and profiles, have been obtained, and are not yet fully analysed.

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Sketch plan measured by pacing

Scale 1:200

0 5 10 m



