

## Excavation at Postcombe

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**D**URING October 1971 a short excavation was undertaken in the fields near Postcombe (SU 706996) on the line of the motorway. Field walking had turned up some Medieval sherds and aerial photographs of the area showed linear markings indicative of some form of occupation.<sup>1</sup>

A large area (100 m. × 30 m.) was stripped of topsoil by mechanical excavator and the natural subsoil was revealed. In this case it was a capping of red clay on top of the greensand.

Apart from a linear ditch, probably representing the alignment of an old hedge boundary, no archaeological features were encountered. There is no obvious explanation for the discrepancy between the aerial photographs and the absence of identified features on the ground.

<sup>1</sup> National Monument Record Photograph. Numbers SU 7099/1/423-5