

## Late Iron Age Material from Ducklington

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THREE ditches and one pit were exposed in the drainage ditch on the northern side of the Ducklington bypass area, centre SP 35350772. These features were planned (FIG. 9), and several pieces of coarse pottery and animal bone fragments were found in the sections.<sup>14</sup>

F1 Ditch, E.-W., approx. 0.5 m. wide, 0.75 m. deep below topsoil surface. Cut F2. Dark loam fill with charcoal specks.

F2 Ditch, E.-W., 3 m. wide, deeper than 1 m. Dark, layered loamy soil fill with charcoal and ash. Cut by F1.

F3 Ditch, N.E.-S.W., 2 m. wide, 1 m. deep, trapezoidal cross-section. Dark, layered loamy soil fill with charcoal specks. Cut F4.

F4 Pit, over 3 m. diam., over 1 m. deep. Dark loam fill. Cut by F3.

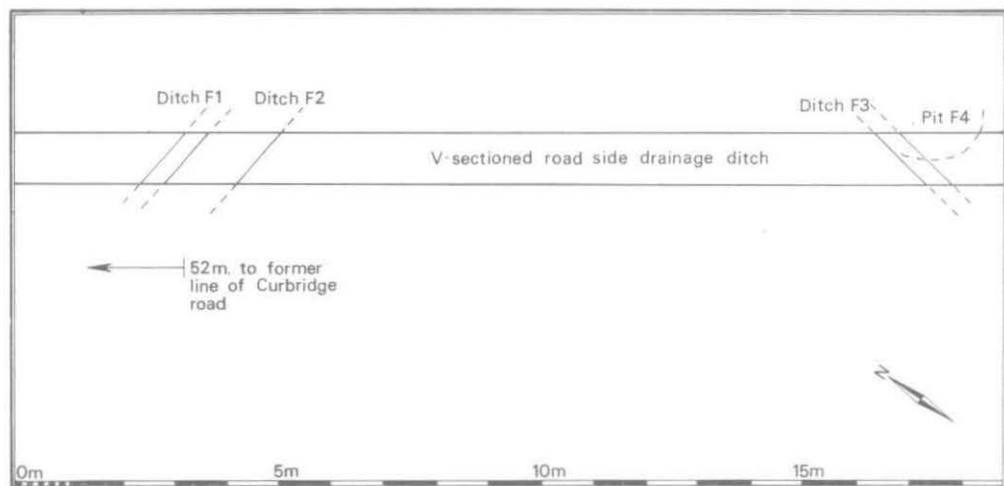


FIG. 9  
Iron Age features on the Ducklington Bypass, 1975.

### THE POTTERY

The pottery came chiefly from F2 and F3, and included two rim fragments from Belgic-style necked bowls<sup>15</sup> (below) accompanied by several coarsely calcite-gritted body sherds with two in a hard grey ware suggesting a late Belgic date.<sup>16</sup>

A single rim sherd of coarsely made pottery may belong to pre-Iron Age times. (FIG. 10)

<sup>14</sup> The site records and finds will be deposited at the Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock. P.R.N. 10, 734.

<sup>15</sup> D. W. Harding, *The Iron Age in the Upper Thames Basin* (1972), 117-25.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, 121.



FIG. 10

Pottery from the Ducklington Bypass (4).

- 1 Hard, fine, orange/buff fabric with grey core, high rounded shoulder with slight cordon at base of neck.
- 2 Coarsely gritted, firm black fabric, slightly pimply inside surface, exterior smoothed by burnishing.