

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE
STABLE COURTYARD

AT
HAFOD
CEREDIGION

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Photograph 1. Trench 1 after the excavation of the sondage showing the pitched-stone drain.

Photograph 2. Trench 2 after the excavation of the sondage showing the cobble layer (07).

Photograph 3. Trench 2 after removal of the turf showing layer 02.

Photograph 4. Trench 3 after removal of the turf showing stony layer 02 and layer 03.</

SUMMARY

Four trenches and four test pits were excavated in the stable yard, Hafod. The excavations revealed that stratified archaeological deposits up to 0.5m thick and dating from the late 18th-century to the 20th century survive across the yard. Deposits are well preserved. Recent use of the stables and yard by work horses has caused little if any damage to the buried archaeology.

INTRODUCTION

Forest Enterprise Partnership has recently submitted a planning application to restore and convert the stables at Hafod, Ceredigion (SN75907330). Because

Test Pit 4 (Fig. 7; Photo. 10)

This measured 1.9m by 1m. The thin and loose turf (01) has been cut up by horses' hooves. A deposit of mortar containing shale slabs and other stones (02) lay directly beneath turf at the northern end of the pit. This overlay, but did not completely cover, a pitched-stone surface (03). At the southern end of the pit lay a deposit of compacted silt-clay containing small angular stones and occasional larger stones (04). It was not clear whether the silt-clay layer had been cut away for the insertion of the pitched-stone surface, or whether the silt-clay and the pitched stones were deposited at roughly the same time. Excavation did not continue beyond these levels.

The character and location of the deposits

APPENDIX 1

ARCHIVE DEPOSITION

The excavation archive has been deposited with the National Monuments Record, housed with RCAHMW, Aberystwyth.

The following categories of material are present in the archive:

- A.1 Final report
- A.4 Report on disc

- B.1 Context records - paper

- C.1 Catalogue of drawings
- C.2 Site drawings

- D.1 Catalogue of photographs
- D.2 Colour slides

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Reporting

Six copies of the report detailing all the findings of the investigations will be provided. The report will contain recommendations to the future management of the site. Copies of the report will be lodged with the National Monuments Record and the regional SMR. An archive of the investigation will be prepared. This will be lodged with the National Monuments Record.

K Murphy. Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology. 3 May 2000



