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Report on the excavation of a cable trench at Moel Hiraddug, 1993.

The Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) was commissioned by MANWEB in July 1993 to excavate the line of a cable trench at the VHF aerial station at Moel Hiraddug (SAM Flint 12), near Dyserth, Clwyd (SJ 064 781). The excavation was funded by MANWEB as part of their Scheduled Monument Consent requirement, and was carried out by a team of two people on the 19th of July 1993.

The excavation of the cable trench follows an earlier excavation undertaken at the site in December 1993, also by CPAT, in the area effected by the erection of a new mast and radio hut. This revealed no features of archaeological interest, although a stone maul used in early metalworking was recovered (Thomas 1993, p2).

A trench approximately 20m long and 0.2m wide was excavated to a depth of 0.3m to facilitate the laying of the cable between the radio hut and telegraph pole. The trench generally followed the line of a previous cable trench, and so no archaeological horizons were disturbed. The trench crossed the line of the inner rampart, which is still visible, and in this area more stone was observed in the backfill of the previous cable trench.

After the excavation of the trench the cable was immediately laid, and the trench backfilled.

References

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