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## Abstract

*This site yielded a single small piece of slag from a post-medieval cultivation furrow. The scrap of slag appears residual. It represents a small slag flow across a fuel substrate. Such slags are typical of iron smelting, but are occasionally seen in smithing hearths if a particularly fluid slag has been generated. It is not indicative of a detailed age (although must be Iron Age or younger).*

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## Methods

All investigated materials were examined visually, using a low-powered binocular microscope where necessary. All significant materials were summarily described and recorded to a database (Table 1). As an evaluation, the materials were not subjected to any high-magnification optical inspection, nor to any other form of instrumental analysis. The identifications of materials in this report are therefore necessarily limited and must be regarded as provisional.

## Results

The single piece of slag from the site was a small slag flow (15g), probably, but not certainly, from iron smelting.

## Interpretation

This piece of slag cannot be closely identified, and cannot be closely dated (except to say that it must be Iron Age or younger).

## Evaluation of potential

There is no useful potential in further investigation of this piece, nor any particularly reason for its retention.

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<i>context</i>	<i>sample</i>	<i>weight</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>notes</i>
124	101	15	1	dense flowed slag in tabular form with upper surface lobate, lower face dimpled, , looks residual, probably a flow slag but just possibly a hearth slag

Table 1: Summary catalogue

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