Chilterns Hillforts Conference 2014

Back to Earth - measuring up, volunteers and surveys

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The form...

- Your details
- Info on the site
- Landscape setting
- Vital statistics
- Water source?
- Possible pre- or post- hillfort activity
- Number of breaks/entrances
- Number of banks and ditches, etc
- Condition of site
Yes, Jill with the clipboard!
Pulpit Hill view
Pulpit Hill
Fig. 8.2 Interpretative diagram of the earthwork survey at Pulpit Hill.
Woodland boundary bank

Inner floor

Bank

Ditch

Outer area scarp edge -> (obscured by vegetation)

Pulpit Hill

SW earthworks profile
Method: level + staff
June 2014
JE, JL, MG.
Pulpit Hill

East profile of earthworks
Profile oriented due E.

Method: level and staff.

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- Inner floor
- Bank
- Ditch
- Berm
- Bank
- Ditch
- Outer area

5 metres
0.5m

No. Vertical exaggeration
Bulstrode Camp, Gerrards Cross—numbered breaks in ramparts 1 to 10 are major breaks, there are further minor breaks.
Desborough Castle, High Wycombe
Desborough castle

Bank of ring ditch

Ring ditch

Secondary break
9 metres from start of bank to ditch or slope end
Greenfield Copse – IA or Medieval?
Why do volunteers volunteer?

- To learn new things
- To discover more about an area/topic
- To contribute to local sites issues
- To relax
- To have fun
- Meeting people
- To contribute to a national programme
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Next hillfort and training session

Boddington, Wendover

Tuesday 21st October, 10.30- lunchtime
Then Sunday Nov 2nd - site tbc