

1. Introduction

- 1.1 A second season of archaeological excavation has taken place at the Old Vicarage and the adjacent fields in Mellor, Stockport, Cheshire during June, August and September 1999.
- 1.2 The excavation strategies were formulated to confirm the suggestion that the remains discovered during the 1998 season of archaeological evaluation are in fact those of an Iron Age hillfort.
- 1.3 The excavation comprised a total of ten trenches, nine locating the perimeter ditch. Six of these were in the field to the north of the Old Vicarage, two were within the Old Vicarage gardens and one in the church car park. The remaining trench was excavated within the gardens over anomalies identified on the 1998 geophysical survey. Further geophysical survey work was undertaken in the field adjacent to the church car park.
- 1.4 This report presents the results of the excavation, and gives an account of the archaeological finds, features and deposits revealed.

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