

Date (dd/mm/yy): 14/06/08 EU: 5 SU: 5412

Area: VIGLA Supervisor: MA Recorder: MA

Summary: Removing soil from possible cut in the bedrock

Chronology: _____ (to be filled out by RSM or MH)

Harris matrix

	<u>5409</u>	
	<u>5412</u>	

Coordinates

N 1452.80N
W 4449.43E E 4450E
S 1452.30N

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 7.5 5/6 Strong Brown
Soil type: Sandy Clay
Consolidation: Loose & Cemented
Stoniness: 20 %
Dominant clast size: pebble

Maximum top elevation: 55.06 m.o.s.l.
Minimum bottom elevation: 54.49 *
(*Indicate elevations on SU plan) (see next page)
Slope: ?

Features

- f1. 5412-f1: Depression in bedrock.
- f2.
- f3.
- f4.
- f5.

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p. 1, p. 2.

List all drawings of this SU (d1, d2, etc.):

Procedure

Dry sieve Water sieve _____ If water sieve, # of bags: _____

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 2 Stone _____ Bone 1 Metal _____ Organic _____ Plaster _____ Other Birds/Tile ? 1.

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Description: As we brought down the soil to bedrock in SU 5409 I noticed that it drops very sharply about half way ~~to~~ east to west across the area, so I decided to isolate the soil from within that depression into a separate SU 5412. There is no discernible difference in the soil type and colour, but it looks a bit more stony. Not much is coming out except a few sherds a piece of bone and a piece of what might be mudbrick. There are also a few spots of charcoal.

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Description: As ~~a~~ we continue to remove soil from this area we think that this is not a cut, but a natural depression in the bedrock. We've uncovered a ~~thin~~ limestone ~~thin~~ block sitting flat ~~across~~ under the sandstone blocks that ~~are~~ ^{are} part of ~~the~~ feature ~~#~~ 5402-f2. There's also small (cobble to pebble size) limestone chips ~~under~~ ~~the~~ and mortar underneath that. So it would appear that this depression was filled up so that feature 5402-f2 could be put in place. Not much is coming out by way of ~~finds~~ and the pottery ~~is~~ sherds are very small. I think I can see some biclone ware, which would suggest a date as early as the classical period for feature ~~#~~ 5402-f2

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Description: We are still digging through sandy soil with pebble size limestone chips. We've stopped encountering cultural material.

We are about 0.50m down in the depression and the cut in the bedrock seems to continue straight down, which makes me think that it could be man-made, but the lack of cultural material is curious. What is fairly certain is that when feature 5402-f2 was put in place this depression was visible, or at least became visible in the process of putting it in, since it seems to be filled up ~~on~~ under the sandstone slabs that make up that feature.

We will leave this su at this point due to time constraints and perhaps finish it at a later date.

* Therefore the minimum bottom elevation for this su is not actually bedrock and not final.

Even though we are not sure that this is a man-made cut, we will name this depression feature 5412-f1 for reference purposes.

feature
5412-f1