

Excavations to the East of Patcham Fawcett School 1993

The site to the East of Patcham Fawcett school was stripped of topsoil and features were revealed. A total of twenty pits were excavated but only six of these produced dateable material (Flintwork or pottery)

A feature of a rectangular configuration of post holes brought hope of a possible Saxon building, but upon sectioning contemporary material was found in the fills. One feature resembled a pond, but no evidence was found of a puddled layer adhering to the base as would be expected.

Two possible hut features were found consisting of postholes in circular configuration, hut no evidence of terracing. One post hole configuration of one of the huts in fact covered a large pit, a covered pit?

Four linear features ran from north west to south east across the site, these contained finds of Iron Age/ Romano-British dating, the features could suggest a trackway in 'the direction of 'Celtic field systems' noted by H. S. Toms to the west of Hollingbury hillfort. Finds from the site included, flintwork, fire-fractured flint, pottery from Bronze Age, Iron Age and Romano-British periods, and bones including pig, these are the subject of closer investigation as a pig farm is known to have existed in the area,

Some members of the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society assisted in the excavation, but week-end working was excluded which limited volunteer assistance.

