Fieldwalking at Marquee Brow Stanmer, Brighton.

On Saturday February 15th 1997 members of the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society (John Funnell, Laurie Gagton, Maria Gardiner, Heloise and Mark Gillingham, Linda Fenfold, Dot McBrien, Gary Bishop. Graig Moore, Alexis Over, Fraser Russell and Bill Santer) conducted a field walking survey of Marquee Brow, Stanmer, near Brighton. The field (ref TQ 338084) is bounded by the Brighton bypass to the north east, Lewes Road to the south east, and Coldean Lane to the west.. The Brighton bypass encroached upon the original field boundary to the north east.

The field is believed to have been walked as part of the Brighton bypass evaluation. The new research programme was undertaken because of the possibility of development in the area. The finding and excavation of two Middle Bronze age settlements found at both Downsview, Coldean Lane and Varley Hall of Residence prompted renewed examination of the adjacent fields. Geophysics at Varley Hall on the land surrounding the excavated areas confirms the presence of further Bronze age round house platforms, The extent of the Bronze age settlement down the south west facing slopes of the fields at Coldean is yet to be determined.

The datum for the fieldwalking was set at the south west corner of the field and east of the Hikers Rest Public House. (Ref TQ 337OO625) The grids were set out 20 metres apart and lines were walked at 20 metre intervals. The weather was warm and sunny. The lines were walked south to north. Most lines were walked in pairs as a training exercise for new people.



