

**Land at Fenny Bridges
Devon
Archaeological Metal Detector Survey
Phases 1&2
Site Code: FENY25**



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SUMMARY

Project Name: Land at Fenny Bridges, Devon

Location: Fenny Bridges, Devon (centred on grid reference 311421 098527)

Site Code: FENY25

Type: Metal Detector Survey

Date: Fields 1-3: 1-3 February 2025; Field 4: 17-18 May 2025

Location of Archive: To be returned to landowners

Summary: An archaeological metal detector survey was undertaken by a team of archaeologists and metal detectorists led by The Battlefields Trust.

The primary objective of the survey was to assess the presence/absence, nature, survival and distribution of any unstratified archaeological artefacts associated with the Battle of Fenny Bridges (28 July 1549), the first engagement of the “Western Uprising” or Prayer Book Rebellion.

A single lead bullet was recovered, which may be associated with the events of 1549. All other finds were of post-medieval and modern date.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In February and May 2025, The Battlefields Trust undertook a systematic metal detector survey on land at Fenny Bridges, Devon (Figure 1). The primary objective of the survey was to assess the presence/absence, nature, survival and distribution of any unstratified archaeological artefacts associated with the Battle of Fenny Bridges (28 July 1549), the first engagement of the “Western Uprising” or Prayer Book Rebellion.
- 1.2 The site does not form part of a Historic England Registered Battlefield.

THE SITE

- 1.3 Four fields were investigated during the survey and are identified as Fields 1 to 4 (F1–F4, Figure 2).
- 1.4 F1 was situated entirely on private land and is located between the B1377 and the railway line linking the Exeter to London. To the north of the railway line runs the A30 and it is bordered to the east by the River Otter, with the modern bridge across the river to the immediate south east. The field was permanent pasture that had been planted with trees, the saplings reaching a height of about 18 inches. The field had not been grazed recently, and was covered in long tussocky grasses. In addition, the site is on the flood plain of the River Otter and since the battle may have been subjected to flooding, resulting in vertical accretion (increase in soil levels during to deposits during flooding). The field was generally level at approximately 58m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).
- 1.5 F2 was immediately adjacent to F1, south of the B3177 on private land. It also contained long, coarse, tussocky grass and is thought to have been pasture for a considerable time. It was broadly level, between 58 and 60m aOD.
- 1.6 F3 was situated in a slightly elevated position above the floodplain on the southern bank of the River Otter. F3 has more recently been under arable cultivation but during the survey had a level surface with closely cropped grass. It generally sloped downwards towards the river in a south-western direction from 70 to 62m aOD.
- 1.7 F4 was located north of the B3177 and west of F1 and F2. It comprised short grass currently used to graze horses and sheep. The surface was level at approximately 58m aOD.

- 1.8 The bedrock geology is formed of Helsby Sandstone Formation and Sidmouth Mudstone Formation. Superficial geology is recorded as Alluvium – Clay, silt sand and gravel. (BGS Online Viewer 2025).

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 1.9 The Battle of Fenny Bridges took place on the 28th of July 1549 and was the first serious engagement in the “disturbances” known variously as the “Western Rising”, “Commotion Time” and “Prayer Book Rebellion”, a result of simmering and growing tensions in the region. Ultimately, it was a popular response by the ordinary men and women of Devon and Cornwall to the imposition by Edward VI of a book of Common Prayer written in English, alongside grievances resulting from recently introduced taxation. The Battle took place when a contingent of West Country men moved east from the besieged city of Exeter, and encountered the loyalist army under Lord Russell, Privy Seal, to the west of Honiton, at Fenny Bridges. The Royalist army overcame the rebels and forced them back towards Exeter (Stoyle 2022, Fox 2020).
- 1.10 There are no eyewitness accounts of the battle nor completely contemporaneous publications. The written account generally accepted as providing the most comprehensive coverage is that of the Exeter Chronicler John Hooker (1527-1601) who was present in the city during the siege. The rebels sought to defend the bridge on the ‘Honiton Way’ (the Honiton-Exeter Road). As they were forced back the two sides met in the “Meadow below the bridge”, to the east of the bridge. Again, the rebels were forced to retreat and were pursued by the loyalist soldiers. There then came a surprise counterattack by around 200 Cornish men which was eventually rebuffed, following which Russell recalled his troops and the pursuit ended. The loyalists returned to Honiton (Hooker 1919). The precise site of the battle has not been finally determined (Hodgkins 2013) .
- 1.11 A commemorative stone places the battle in a field known as “Bloody Meadow” north of the London-Exeter railway line, north west of the present bridge. This has long been assumed to be the area where the initial encounter took place. Modern interpretation, with particular reference to Hooker’s account, has identified the battle as being astride the B3177 immediately west of the present-day bridge with the rebels falling back to Fenny Bridges and Feniton over the Vine Water. This would have been strategically sound for the rebels, with the River Otter protecting their right flank and the Honiton Way providing an escape route if necessary (Hodgkins, 2013). The counter-attack is recorded as occurring when the loyalist soldiers had begun to pillage the fallen.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES

- 1.12 The objectives for the survey were:
- i. To confirm the location of the battlefield through the identification of battle-related artefacts;
 - ii. To search for evidence for firearms and/or artillery use during the battle;
 - iii. To search for evidence which would confirm the presence/absence of foreign mercenaries during the battle;
 - iv. To obtain evidence that could assist in explaining the position of the opposing forces and how the battle progressed;
 - v. To assess all finds to determine their relevance to the battle or any archaeological significance.

METAL DETECTING METHODOLOGY

- 1.13 The survey was carried out under the management and guidance of the Battlefields Trust based on the principles contained within its [*Battlefield Investigation Policy and Guidance*](#). It also adhered to ClfA guidance for field evaluation (ClfA 2009).
- 1.14 The survey area was split into a series of five metre spaced parallel transects set out across the fields. The positions of the transects were marked out using a systematic arrangement of coloured flags, ensuring detectorists maintained their positions. The position of each transect was recorded by GPS. The detectorists sought to complete a two-metre wide sweep while surveying along each transect, giving an overall coverage for a sampled area of approximately 40%. All encountered signals were investigated.
- 1.15 Artefacts were removed from the ground using a small spade or trowel. Care was taken to fill in and level all holes after the removal of material. All finds of possible archaeological significance were individually bagged, given a unique ID number and plotted using a GPS.
- 1.16 The equipment used to carry out the survey consisted of high-grade metal detectors and Leica GPS survey equipment.
- 1.17 The survey targeted non-ferrous metals only, due to the potential for a large number of ferrous metal signals across most farmland, the recovery of which would have introduced a significant time delay within a project of a very limited time frame.

- 1.18 The survey complied fully with the provisions of the Treasure Act 1996 and Treasure (Designation) Order 2002 and the Code of Practice referred to. No potential treasure finds were located.

2. RESULTS

- 2.1 All numbered finds are recorded and described in Appendix A (F1), Appendix B (F2), Appendix C (F3) and Appendix D (F4).

Field 1. Finds 1-12 (Figure 3)

- 2.2 No lead bullets were recovered. One heavily corroded horseshoe of later medieval to early post-medieval date was located. The shoe was x-rayed (Fig 6) and the resulting pictures sent to Dr. John Clark for comment. The shoe and photographs were also inspected by Dr. Rob Webley but it was not possible to ascertain a more closely dateable identification (Figures 5 and 6).
- 2.3 Other finds were all identified as belonging to the period 18th/20th Century.

Field 2. Finds 13-22 (Figure 3)

- 2.4 No lead bullets were discovered. There were ten finds in Field 2, none of which could be directly related to the battle. Finds included: two buttons (Figure 7), one buckle, one coin, and part of a probable curb chain from a horse's bridle, all of 18th/19th century date.

Field 3. Finds 23-90 (Figure 4)

- 2.5 There were sixty-seven finds in field 3, none of which could be directly related to the battle. There were a high number of buckles and buttons in this field and, in general finds very characteristic of agricultural land, which may have been lost, discarded or found their way onto the field during manuring (Figure 8).
- 2.6 Of note is the potential re-identification of an artefact originally identified by the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) as a dagger pommel of German origin from the mid-16th century and apparently found within F3 (currently unlisted on the PAS database). This identification has been called into question by Dr. Robert Webley, University of Reading, who suggests it is more likely an addition to a belt of 16th/17th century date. This is due to a lack of attachment point for a dagger, the design showing two cut away sections on either side which would allow a belt to be passed through. Irrespective of the identification there is also some uncertainty about the original findspot, which might differ from that originally recorded. This may be an administrative

error, but the challenge to both the identification and the location undermine the evidential value regarding this object in relation to the battle.

- 2.7 With the more favourable detecting conditions and increased number of finds, none of which were battle related it becomes less likely that F3 played any significant role in the engagement.

Field 4. Finds 91-122 (Figure 3)

- 2.8 A lead bullet (find 116) was recovered, which could potentially be from the battle (Figure 9). This had a flattened circumferential band and 7.71mm gash to the remaining rounded surface and was heavily impacted. Two parallel incisions in the centre of the impact site were clean and suggested recent damage. No casting line was visible. The distorted bullet was 17.6mm in diameter and weighed 30 grams. The impact damage and associated deformation make it impossible to be certain of the weapons calibre. It is likely to have been of musket size (12–14 bore), given that its damaged weight was 30 grams, implying at least a 15 bore weapon. Due to the isolated nature of the bullet, it is unclear whether it came from the battle although this cannot be ruled out.
- 2.9 Other finds of note included two buckles/strap fittings (finds 117 and 121) of post medieval date, which could conceivably have been lost in the battle, but equally could have been deposited during unrelated activity. A crotal bell was also recovered (Figure 10).

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 One lead bullet found in F4 could be from the battle of Fenny Bridges, but it is insufficient on its own to be conclusive. Two further lead bullets were made available to the project by a local member of the community and were reported to have come from the F4 survey area, though this was not been confirmed with the original finder / detectorist. These bullets were:

Lead Bullet One. Corrosion masking features and distorting one side of the bullet. Sprue removed but remains slightly proud. Small gash to side of sprue may have occurred during removal. No firing band visible. No major marks of impact. Casting line visible. Colour white/red patina.

Dimensions. Weight 33gms (13 bore). Diameter Min 17.6mm. Max 19.45 cm

Lead Bullet 2. Lead bullet appears to be unfired. Sprue cleanly removed
Casting line visible. No corrosion Colour white patina.

Dimensions. Weight 31gms (14/15 bore). Diameter Min 17.22 mm. Max 19.45 cm.

- 3.2 No other possible battlefield related finds were confidently identified. The difficult detecting conditions caused by long rough grass and probable alluvial deposits in F1 and F2 are likely to have hindered the recovery of any objects should they have been present, which is perhaps reflected in the increased number of finds in F3 & F4 further from the river. At present the extent of alluvial deposition within the fields alongside the River Otter is currently unknown and future work on the site might benefit from an initial geoarchaeological examination of this area to attempt to identify where the 1549 surface might be located in comparison the modern level.

4. PROJECT TEAM

- 4.1 Metal detecting was led by Sam Wilson, assisted by Bryn Gethin, Simon Marsh, Clive Hammett, Paul Hemingway, Stuart Woolger, Stephen Doyle and Gary Pettifer. The report was written by Tim Felton with contributions by Simon Marsh, Sam Wilson and Hayley Roberts. Illustrations were by Tim Felton and Simon Marsh. Finds were assessed by Tim Felton and selected finds were also assessed by Dr. Robert Webley, University of Reading.
- 4.2 Particular thanks go to the landowners for giving permission to undertake the survey on their land and to Exeter University for the technical support it provided to the project and to Tim Felton, who used the survey results as part of his dissertation. The fieldwork was funded by The Battlefields Trust.
- 4.3 The Project management team were Prof Oliver Creighton (University of Exeter), Tim Felton (University of Exeter), Dr Ed Fox (Independent Researcher), John Griffiths (Devon Archaeological Society), Bill Horner (Devon County Archaeologist), Simon March (Battlefields Trust), Hayley Roberts (Past Participate), and Sam Wilson (Battlefields Trust).

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APPENDIX A. Field 1: Finds 1-12

Find no.	Date	Finder	Material	Description	Provisional Date	Comments
1	1/02/25	SW	Cu. Alloy	Buckle	C18th/20 th	Rectangular frame with keeper bar.
2	1/02/25	SM	Brass	Button	C18 th /20 th	Flat button. No visible markings on face. Small remnants of gilding on bottom part with part shank remaining.
3	1/02/25	SW		Scrap	undatable	
4	1/02/25	SW	Cu. Alloy	Strap Buckle	C18 th /20 th	Rectangular with two scalloped corners and wider side at top. No central bar
5	1/02/25	SM	Cu. Alloy	Strap Buckle	C18 th /20 th	As for no. 4
6	1/02/25	SM	Cu. Alloy	Strap Buckle	C18 th /20 th	As for nos. 4&5
7	1/02/25	BRG	Cu. Alloy	Strap Buckle	C18th/20 th	Rectangular with two scalloped corners and tongue in centre of top side.
8	1/02/25	SW	Cu. Alloy	Container/Canister?	C19th/20th	Circular shape folded double, with Rounded raised circumference. Flaps of jagged metal attached to circumference. Remnants of red paint visible. Engraved are two small circles one within the other containing 16 segments. Approx: diameter of object 9.25mm.
9	1/02/25	CJH	Bronze	Coin		George VI Farthing 1945
10	1/02/25	SW		Strap Buckle	C19 th /20 th	
11	1/02/25	PH	Brass	Cartridge	C late 19 th /20 th	
12	1/02/25	PH	White Metal	Indeterminable	undatable	V. small fragment.

APPENDIX B. Field 2: Finds 13 - 22

Find no.	Date	Finder	Material	Description	Provisional Date	Comments
13	1/02/25	CJH	Cu. Alloy/ White Metal	Button	C18 th /19 th	Plain silvered flat button. Remnants of gilding on reverse side with the initials E&T and the word "PLATED" inscribed around the shank which remains intact.
14	1/02/25	SW	Cu. Alloy	Scrap	C19 th /20 th	Irregular shaped fragment with jagged edges which may be manufactured teeth and which formed part of larger object. No identifiable purpose.
15	1/02/25	CJH	White Metal	Button	C18 th /19 th	White Metal button with slightly convex surface. The face has an irregular wavy oval pattern of an abstract appearance. Possibly resulting from damage to the button. The shank is broken off but was mounted on a dome in the centre of button.
16	1/02/25	SW	Fe.	Cast Iron Slug	C19 th	Cast iron slug used for heating the base of a smoothing iron. Some corrosion and pitting on both sides. No indication of the maker. Chipped on one side of square end.
17	1/02/25	SW	Cu. Alloy	Cap/Plug	C19 th /20 th	Disc of diameter 37.09mm. with two concentric circles. The centre of the disc is corroded (Fe?), the corrosion possibly obscuring a small aperture. The underside has a raised rim approximately 16.5mm inside the line of the surface circumference. Again, there is possible Fe. corrosion on the centre underside. Specific function unknown.
18	1/02/25	CJH	Cu. Alloy	Buckle	C18 th /19 th	Plain Rectangular type buckle 29.07mm x 21.35. damaged sustained to one end bending and twisting the frame.
19	1/02/25	SW	Cu. Alloy	Coin	C18 th /19 th	Coin diameter 22.95mm has no visible signs on either face for identification purposes. Coins with this diameter can be found in the 18 th and 19 th centuries.

20	1/02/25	SW	Cu.	Lead object	unknown	Finger shaped piece of solid lead. Weight 181gms. Length 71.57mm. Width varies from 13.95mm to 15.62. At one end the finger has been damaged and un-clearly cut through distorting the end. Possible weight but not confirmed. White patina.
21	1/02/25	SW	Cu. Alloy	Disc	C19th/20th	Disc shaped with diameter of 28.4mm. There are two holes completely drilled out at 13.33mm apart on the diameter. Two-part drill marks are visible 7.86 mm from the fully drilled holes and 13.24 mm from each other. Function unknown.
22	1/02/25	SW	Cu. Alloy	Part Curb Chain	C18th/19th	Chain link made up of 5 concave links. Diameter 22.76mm. Probable curb chain from curb bit, part of horse harness.

APPENDIX C. Field 3: Finds 23-90

Find no.	Date	Finder	Material	Description	Provisional Date	Comments
23	02/02/2025	SM	Cu. Alloy	Bridle Rosette	Mid C19 th to Modern	Horse furniture. Facing for a Conical Bridle Rosette. The rosette is bent double and has remnants of gilt. It is patterned with lines emanating from the centre, broken by a line running round at approx. midway to the circumference. The facing would have been set on a backplate. The backplate would have had a strap bar on the reverse which could be attached to a bridle. Purely decorative. Maslin 2020.
24	02/02/2025	SWIL	White Metal	Button	C18th/19 th	Plain Flat Button - waistcoat
25	02/02/2025	SWIL	White Metal	Coin	Mid-C20th	White metal coin 18.08mm. Very badly corroded. A head facing right is just visible. Possibly a Queen Elizabeth II sixpenny piece minted between 1953-67. Made of cupro nickel
26	02/02/2025	SWIL	Metal alloy.	Button	Late C19th/20th	Four holes for sewing directly onto material with concave centre.
27	02/02/2025	CJH	Metal alloy	Button	C18th/19th	Flat Button with shank missing. Highly corroded no discernible features
28	02/02/2025	BRG	Cu.	Coin	Late 18 th /Early 19th	27.3mm diameter badly corroded coin. A head can just be made out facing to the right. The measurement and outline of the face are in line with a George III half penny.
29	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Button	C18th/19th	Plain Flat Button
30	02/02/2025			Tube Clamp		
31	02/02/2025	SWIL	Ceramic	Part of domestic artefact	C17th to Modern	Small fragment of blue and white decorated piece of pottery. Width only 2.64mm. Potentially "Willow Pattern"
32	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Stud		Flat head roughly in shape of a clover leaf. Head diameter 14.77m. Function unknown.

33	02/02/2025	SW	White Metal	Fragment	Unknown	Small fragment. Badly corroded no determinable features.
34	02/02/2025	SWIL	Cu. Alloy	Single Link	C19th/20th	Single circular link. Diameter 27.08mm. Function unknown.
35	02/02/2025	SWIL	Cu. Alloy	Fragment	Unknown	No discernible markings. A semi-circular clip mark is visible on one edge. Function unknown.
36	02/02/2025	SW	Cu.	Coin	Late C18th/ Early 19 th	27.0 mm diameter. Weight 7gms. Badly corroded coin. No discernible features measurement and weight are indicative of a George III half penny.
37	02/02/2025	SW	White Metal	Button	C18th/19 th	Plain Flat Button. Diameter 13.84mm.
38	02/02/2025	PH	Fe.	Nail	C18th/Modern	Following X-Ray confirmed as iron nails.
39	02/02/2025	SM	Cu.	Coin	Unknown	No discernible markings. Diameter 21.15mm. Date & Value unknown.
40	02/02/2025	Paul H	Fe.	Link	Scrap	Karabiner, triangular shape. Very badly corroded. Speculatively, part of horse harness or connecting part for unknown purpose.
41	02/02/2025	CJH	Metal case Lead interior	Bullet	C20th	Part .45 calibre bullet.
42	02/02/2025	Paul H	Cu.	Coin	Unknown	No discernible markings. Diameter 21.15mm. Date & Value unknown. 21.30mm. See 39 above.
43	02/02/2025	SM	Fe.	Weight	Suggested date post medieval C19th.	Unmarked. Square 26.47mm wide x 17.77mm deep. Weight 41 gms. Very badly corroded.
44	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Nail/Tack	Modern	Round head. Shank has squared edges. Shank 19.15mm. Similar to nails used on felt roofs.
45	02/02/2025	SW	Alloy	Button	Late C19 th /20 th	Four holed button. Concave at centre. No identifiable markings.
46	02/02/2025	CJH	Silvered	Button	C18th/19th	Elaborately decorated with floral pattern silvered button. Corrosion on back and appearing through centre of face has Fe. Characteristics. Diameter 21.72mm

47	02/02/2025	CJH	Cu. Alloy	Buckle	C18th / 19th	Rectangular with offset bar.
48	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Buckle	C17th/19 th	Clog/shoe buckle/fastener
49	02/02/2025	CJH	Silvered	Livery Button	C18th/19th	Decorated with a gauntleted hand holding a complete arrow.
50	02/02/2025	CJH	White Metal	Button	C18th/19th	Plain silvered Flat Button.
51	02/02/2025	Paul H	Cu. Alloy	Small machinery part	Scrap	Circular shape teeth machined into outside edge. Purpose unknown
52	02/02/2025	SWIL	Cu. Alloy	Button	C18th/19th	Plain Flat Button.
53	02/02/2025	SWIL	Cu. Alloy	Horse Mount	Clate19th/C20th	Egg shaped, convex face. Cracked through centre. Part edge missing. No discernible markings on face. Length 67.34 mm.
54	02/02/2025	Paul H	White Metal	Button	C18th/19th	Plain Flat Button.
55	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Unknown	Unknown	Fragment with base 36.43mm wide tapering into stem of 19.11mm. Width 1.53. Speculatively – strap end.
56	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Unknown	Unknown	Fragment no discernible identifying features or function.
57	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Coin	Unknown	Diameter 26.42mm. V. badly corroded. No identifying features on either face.
58	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Fragment of horse furniture	C19th/20th	Fragment with pattern. Suggested horse furniture, part rosette for a bridle.
59	02/02/2025	Paul H	Silvered	Button	C18th/19th	Plain Flat Button.
60	02/02/2025	BRG	Fe.	Horse Harness	C19 th / early 20 th	Rectangular shape with hooking attachment. Badly corroded
61	02/02/2025	SWIL	Cu. Alloy	Coin	unknown	No discernible features on either surface. Circumference 28.04mm
62	02/02/2025	BRG	Cu. Alloy	Coin	unknown	No discernible features on either surface. Circumference 26.67mm

63	02/02/2025	SW	White Metal	Stud	unknown	Heart shaped. Convex surface. Possible bridle decoration?
64	02/02/2025	SW	White Metal	Button	C18th/19th	Plain Flat Button.
65	02/02/2025	SWIL	Cu. Alloy	Horse Furniture	C19th/20 th Century	Circular Diameter 30.61mm. Flat. Gilded central circular patterning with a circle of beads inside and round the outside of the decoration.
66	02/02/2025	SWIL	Cu. Alloy	Coin	Unknown	Broken in half. Diameter 26.73mm. No discernible markings on either surface.
67	02/02/2025	Paul	Cu. Alloy / Gilt	Button	C18th/19th	Gilt Flat Button with words "Stand. Colour on rear side.
68	02/02/2025	CJH	Cu. Alloy	Coin	Unknown	No discernible features on either surface. Circumference 27.50mm
69	02/02/2025	SM	Cu. Alloy	Button	C18th/19th	Plain Flat Button. Shank still attached
70	02/02/2025	PH	White Metal	Button	C18th/19th	Plain Flat Button. Broken in half. Shank attached.
71	02/02/2025	SM	Cu. Alloy /Gilded	Button	C18th/19th	Elaborate gilded flat button with a weave pattern inside slightly raised rim. Not in good condition.
72	02/02/2025	Paul H	White Metal	Button	C18th/19th	Plain Flat Button.
73	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Button	C18th/19th	Flat Button. Some wording visible on underside but illegible due to corrosion.
74	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Possible Strap-End.	Late /Post Medieval	Length 40.39mm. width tapering from 14.78 to 11.05 mm. No decorations or markings visible. A rivet or other means of connection visible bit obscured by corrosion
75	02/02/2025	SW	White Metal	Button	C18th/C19th	Plain Flat Button. Slightly raised rim on lower side.
76	02/02/2025	SM	Cu. Alloy	Buckle	C18th/C19th	Rectangular two loop buckle. Slightly convex with bar mounted on top of the frame. 35.45 x 28.42mm. See find 83
77	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Fragment	unknown	Very small fragment with no discernible features or markings.

78	02/02/2025	SW	Cu.	Coin	Unknown	V. badly corroded on identifying features on either face. Diameter 20.79. Minted.
79	02/02/2025	CJH	Brass	Military One Piece Button	Late C18th Early C19th	19.74mm x 19.15mm. Royal Artillery. Three cannons one above the other on their carriages, pointing left and 3 cannon balls positioned horizontally over top cannon. Open back no markings.
80	02/02/2025	Paul H	Ag	Coin	1869	Silver Queen Victoria 3d dated 1869. The head of the monarch is badly tarnished and cannot be seen with any clarity. However, the design was changed in 1887 and so this coin would contain what is known as the "young head" of Queen Victoria.
81	02/02/2025	CJH	Cu. Alloy	Horse Furniture	C19th	Oval shape max length 31.70mm width 22.85mm. Stamped pattern of an outer ring of leaves surrounding a central flower burst pattern.
82	02/02/2025	SM	Gilded	Strap or harness mount		Circular shaped strap or harness mount with dome minute tracings of gilt visible at circumference. Face corroded and nothing visible Attaching spikes in place
83	02/02/2025	SM	Cu. Alloy	Buckle	C18th/C19th	Rectangular two loop buckle. Slightly convex with bar mounted on top of the frame. 30.61mm x 24.71mm. See find 76.
84	02/02/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	unidentified	C19th/Early C20 th	Top section of unidentified object. Circular base tapering to a spout with square aperture. Just below the rim of the aperture a hole has been drilled into the neck.
85	02/02/2025	SM	Cu. Alloy	Coin	Unidentified	Copper coin minted. No identifying features on either face. Diameter 26.39mm. Potential Half-Penny.
86	02/02/2025	SW	Bronze	Coin	1907	Edward VII Half-Penny. The bare head of the monarch, seated Britannia on the reverse side and date are all clearly visible. Green Patina.
87	02/02/2025	SW	Pb	Seal	C19th/Early C20th	Lead Seal for quality control purposes on agricultural products. The seal has been damaged on two sides and is hard to read. M38 appears towards the centre of the seal.

88	02/02/2025	Paul H	Base Metal	Teaspoon	Modern	Teaspoon with broken stem.
89	02/02/2025	CJH	Pb	unidentified	C19th	Unidentified.
90	02/02/2025	CJH	Cu. Alloy	Lid	Unknown	Circular lid shaped object with no identifying features. Scrap.

APPENDIX D. Field 4: Finds 91-122

Overall survey find no.	Original find no.	Date	Finder	Material	Description	Provisional Date	Comments
91	1	17/05/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Washer/Seal	Modern	Washer/Seal. Ring shaped; Diam 27.07mm; width 2.32 mm.
92	2	017/05/2025	CH	Cu. Alloy	Horse Brass	C18th/19 th	Rectangle with scalloped corners; section missing on one long side; 53.72 mm. / approx. 42.80mm.
93	3	17/05/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Horse Brass	C18th/19 th	Ovoid shape;49.22mm /39.76mm. Part fastenings on back still attached. Corroded/ no markings or decoration visible.
94	4	17/05/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Unknown	Unknown	Short bent, folded, unmarked strip of metal width 22.03mm. Estimated length 59mm.
95	5	17/05/2025	SW	Cu. Alloy	Unknown.	Unknown.	Irregular disc or coin shaped object. 28.44mm x 27. 44mm.Edge missing, broken off for approx.: 22mm. Badly corroded. No obvious markings to be seen. Numerous narrow incisions marks of irregular length on both sides radiating in from rim.
96	6	17/05/2025	SW	Pb	Potential bale seal.	C18th/19th	Irregular/damaged lozenge shaped. No identifiable markings. 22.44 x17.27mm.
97	7	17/05/2025	SW	Copper	Coin.	C18th/19th	Circular disc; 22.79 x 22.58mm. 1.10 mm thin at rim. Badly corroded no discernible markings. Measurements suggest George III Farthing.
98	8	17/05/2025	SW	Brass	Beer/Wine Tap.	Post-Medieval	Almost complete save for damage to key handle spigot area. There appears to be no open spout with a bollard shaped plug fitted into the area where the spout would normally emerge. From the housing there is a plain pipe which flares out before tapering. The tapered part of the tube has striations and 4 sets of four holes at the base. Total length 149.03mm. Height 23.95 Green patina.
99	9	17/05/2025	CH		Single bladed penknife	Modern	30.06mm. Badly corroded. Does not open.
100	10	17/05/2025	Paul H		Horse Mount, Teaspoon.		Teaspoon lozenge shape. Flattened; Broken at base of potential handle. Surface irregular pock marks. 43.80 x 26.23mm.

101	11	17/05/2025	Paul H	Fe.	Peg	C19th/20th	Iron Peg. 146 x 32.61(top) x 10.38 (bottom) Tent peg shape, wide at top tapering to point. Highly corroded.
102	12	17/05/2025	SW	Pb	Leg for vessel?	Medieval?	Irregular shape does not assist identification but smooth on top surface with rounded sides, pitted, cratered on one end and underside. 53.04 x 42.55 x 21.48 mm. Weight 171 gms. Possible leg or stand for a vessel. Dr. R Webley
103	13	17/05/2025	Paul H	Fe.	Horse Harness Buckle	C19th/20th	Harness Buckle. D shaped buckle with buckle pin (prong) still attached. Highly corroded. 66.70 x 48.mm
104	14	17/05/2025	SW	Pb.	Potential part strap end?	Post-Medieval	Potential Belt Strap end. 46.29 x 19.52 (top) x 12.23 (bottom). Tapered top to bottom, crease in centre, damaged top part cut through. NO evidence of rivet to attach to belt
105	15	17/05/2025	CH	Cu. Alloy	Buckle	C17th/18 th Record ID: OXON-34AFE6	Buckle. Rectangular shape with rounded corners. Thickens at centre where spindle was connected. Convex when laid flat Spindle and pin missing 33.44 x 30.36 x 3.03. No decoration.
106	16	17/05/2025	Paul H	Cu. Alloy	Buckle	C18 th /C19th	Cast Buckle frame. Delicate/small, simple D shape with no defining features or markings.22.50 x 14.99 x 2.33.
107	17	17/05/2025	CH	Cu. Alloy	Coin	C20th	Coin. USA dime. Head of Roosevelt. The design on the reverse shows a torch with an olive branch to the left of it and an oak branch to the right. No date discernible. Pre-1965 dimes are more valuable due to silver content.
108	18	17/05/2025	SW	Pb	Fragment. Unknown	Unknown	Unknown. Flat mushroom shaped object creased or deliberately bent over between stem and flat top with width 22.30mm. Stem broken 17.75mm. possible roofing material designed to keep tile in place.
109	19	17/05/2025	CH	Bronze	Coin.	C19th	Napoleon 111 Empereur. Badly corroded. Date unreadable. Hole drilled top centre to create a pendant. Head facing left, surrounded by beaded perimeter. Inscribed front rim "Napoleon Empereur" Inscription round outside reverse rim "Empire France". 24.50 x 25.55 mm. Value 5 centimes
110	20	17/05/2025	CH	Cu. Alloy	Coin	Unknown	Coin. Badly corroded bent in middle. No obvious distinguishing marks. 14.93 mm x 13.83 mm.
111	21	17/05/2025	CH	Cu. Alloy	Unknown. Suggested	C20th	Unidentified. Dog bone shaped strip. Broken off at one end with small areas of red and yellow paint coloured surface. 90.56 x 37.65. Width .39mm. Possible Dr. Scholl insole.

					part shoe insole		
112	22	18/05/2025 Bag not dated	Stevie	Pb.	Unknown.	Unknown	Unknown. Tear drop/onion shape. Broken at top and would have formed part of a larger artefact. Damaged on back with crush marks. No detectable markings other than surface damage.
113	23	18/05/2025	CH	Cu. Alloy	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown. Semi-circular. Broken midway. Appears to be part of entire ring/circle. Diameter 59.53mm. Suggest part of heavy horse harness, or tethering ring.
114	24	18/05/25	CH	Cu. Alloy		C18th/C19th	Catastrophically corroded. Back missing but minute evidence of gilt. Front appears to be formed of a central circle at the heart of the dome surrounded by a chevron pattern. Diam.20.52 mm. Diameter of central circle.9.55mm. Weight 3gms.
115	25	18/05/2025	CH	Cu. Alloy	Crotal Bell	Post Medieval	A spherical bell made up of two hemispheres with a horizontal moulded join. The upper hemisphere has two holes on either side of a D ring attachment on the top of the sphere. The lower hemisphere has two holes on either side offset from the two above. Lower sphere corroded at bottom no slit visible. Possible indistinct patterning on bottom hemisphere. This bell has a join around the circumference only. It does not have a vertical mould joint lines which are characteristic of the 15th century. It also has holes in the top hemisphere which is a post medieval feature.
116	26	18/05/2025	CH	Cu. Alloy	Lead Bullet	C16 th / C17th	Lead Bullet. Part lead bullet with flattened circumferential band and 7.71mm gash to remaining rounded surface. Heavily impacted. Impact site mounded with centre of bullet remaining. Two parallel incisions centre of impact site. white colour. No casting line visible. The two parallel incisions are very clean and suggest recent damage.
117	27	18/05/2025	Paul H	Cu. Alloy	Suggested buckle or strap fitting	Post Medieval	Unknown. Oval / rectangular shape frame with rounded corners. Object intact original shape distorted by extended bending. 58.12mm x 58.53 measurement distorted. Width 0.96. See find 31
118	28	18/05/2025	Steve	Copper	Coin	1807	George III Half- Penny. The date can just be made out along with the words "Georgius". Part of Britannia's trident is visible on the reverse side. Poor condition.

119	29	18/05/2025	Steve	Cu.	Coin	Late C18th/ C19th	Coin. Heavily corroded 23mm diameter coin. A wreath pattern is partly discernible on one side. 23mm Diameter and a wreath are commensurate with a USA half cent
120	30	18/05/2025	SW		Gilt Livery button	C19th/Early 20 th	Button. Gilded. Lion sitting upright, facing left. Outstretched forelegs holding a pole on which is placed the crown. Diameter 20.32mm. Bent shank still attached
121	31	18/05/2025	Steve	Cu. Alloy	Suggested buckle or strap fitting?	Post -Medieval.	Unknown. Oval / rectangular shape links with rounded corners. Object intact original shape distorted by extending bending. Shows considerable ware on two opposite sides suggesting further attachment 58.12mm x 58.53 measurement distorted. Width 0.96. See find 27.
122	32	18/05/2025	Steve		Coin Very badly corroded. Raised rim with beading on rim. No other marking discernible.		29mm diameter width 2mm. Weight. 16gms. Possibly a foreign coin or token



Figure 1: Battle of Fenny Bridges Survey Location (Base map © Ordnance Survey Open Data used under an OGL3.0 Licence)

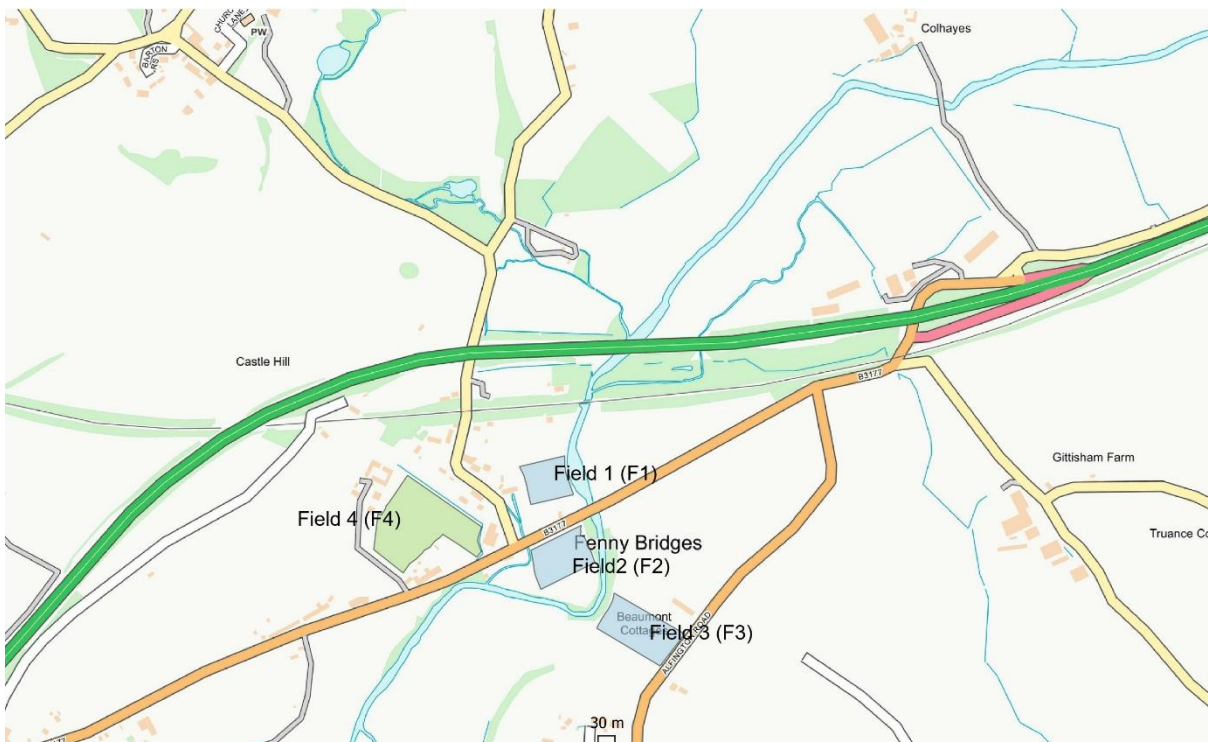


Figure 2: Survey areas at Fenny Bridges ((Base map © Ordnance Survey Open Data used under an OGL3.0 Licence)



Figure 3: Find spots in survey fields 1, 2, and 4 (left). (Base map © Ordnance Survey Open Data used under an OGL3.0 Licence)

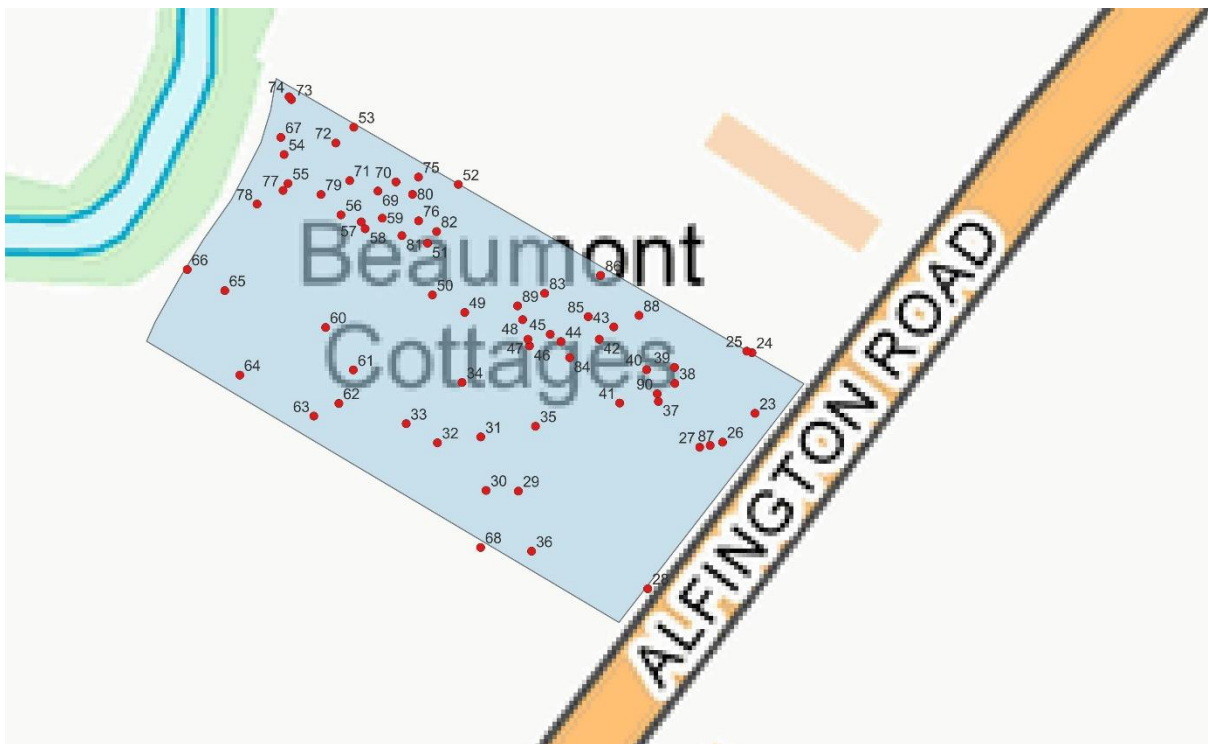


Figure 4: Find spots in Field 3 . (Base map © Ordnance Survey Open Data used under an OGL3.0 Licence)



Figure 5: Post medieval horseshoe from Field 1. Photo: Tim Felton.



Figure 6: X-Ray of post medieval horseshoe.



Figure 7: Two buttons from Field 2 dated to the 18th/19th Century. Photo: Tim Felton



Figure 8: A Military Button (Top), probable horse boss (centre) an elaborately decorated button (bottom) all from 18th 19th Century were found in Field 3. Photos: Tim Felton



Figure 9: Lead bullet from F4. Top left and bottom right show parallel gouges of probably modern creation. Top right shows impact damage to almost half the bullet. Photos: Tim Felton



Figure 10: Crotal bell from F4. Photo: Tim Felton