

A re-survey of the outlying northern barrow of a group of barrows on Frensham Common, Frensham, Surrey

Introduction

Following a heathland fire and minor damage by a bulldozed emergency firebreak in August 2010, the group of three barrows, centred at SU 85333 40642 on the King's Ridge, were surveyed at the request of English Heritage in order to record the state of the monuments. A further barrow lies approximately 50m north of the group and is the subject of this separate survey.

Description

As with the other members of the group, the outlying barrow lies on the western edge of the King's Ridge and, being the largest, is clearly visible from the low ground around Frensham Great Pond. Again, as with the other members of the group, this barrow was surveyed by the RCHME in 1996 in advance of repair work, which involved raising the mound by about 60cm and laying gravel along the line of the footpath which crosses the barrow. This gravel has now worn away in places and the main path is again cutting into the core of the mound (fig 1). Elsewhere other paths have been abandoned or have shifted their courses slightly and much of the surrounding bank and possible ditch noted by the 1996 survey has been lost. There are a couple of ridges fairly close to but not visibly connected with the barrow. These are probably vehicle tracks, possibly left by tank training during the Second World War and have been ignored for the purposes of the 2010 survey.

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Fig 1 Surveying the northern mound in 2010

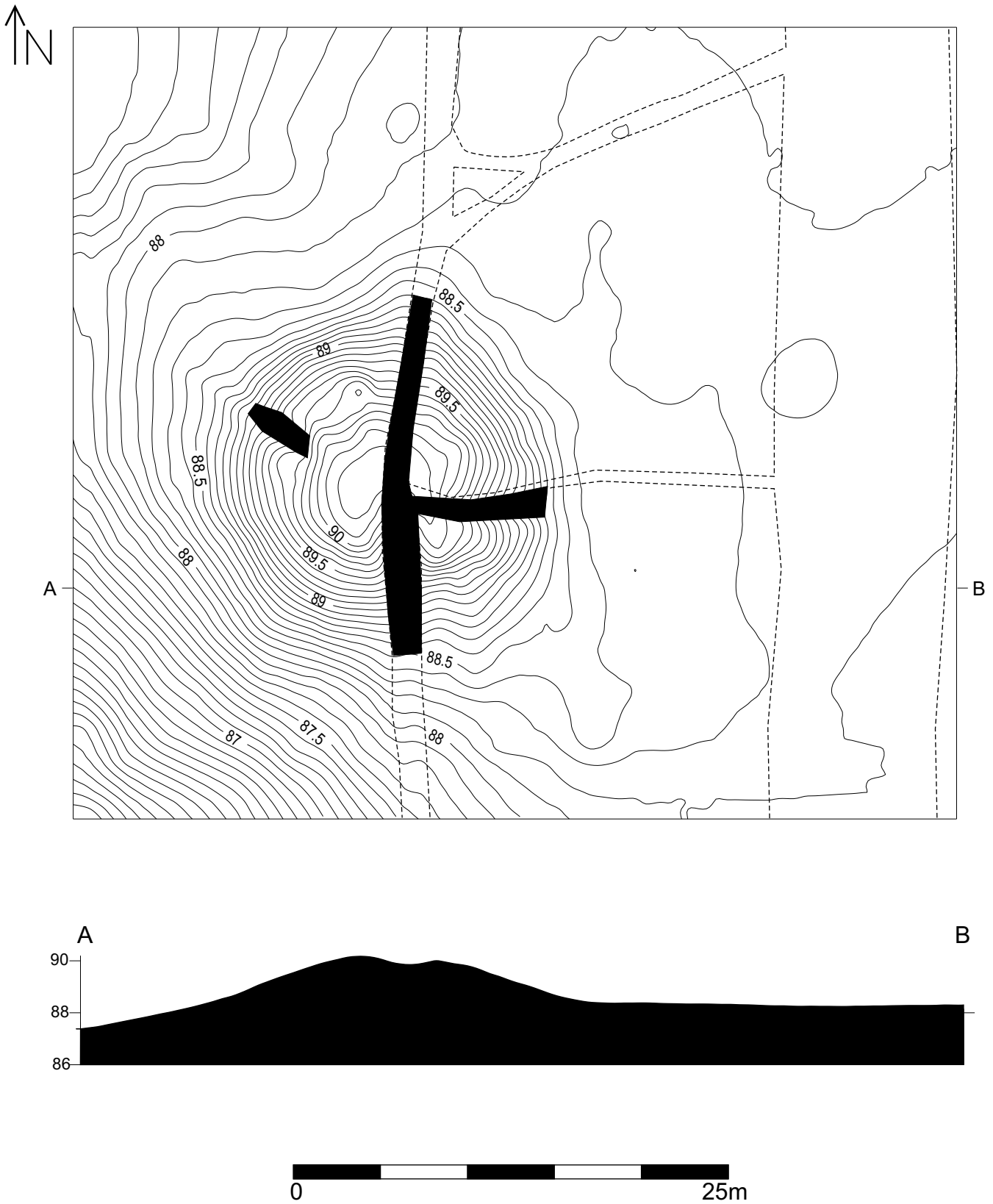


Fig 3 Outlying northern barrow of group on King's Ridge, Frensham Common, Surrey (centred SU 85333 40642). Contour plan and profile, paths shown in red, damage in grey tone.