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NEW EVIDENCE FOR MESOLITHIC SETTLEMENT ON COLONSAY

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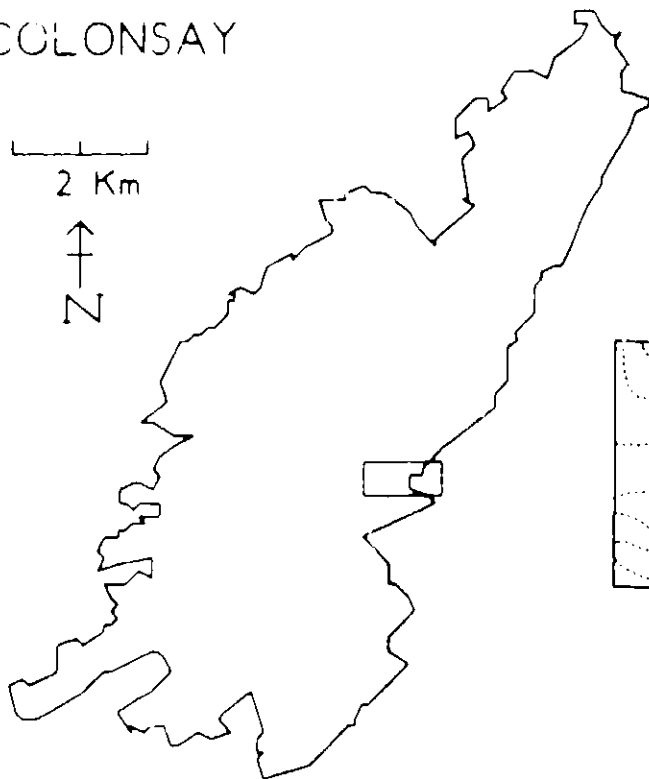
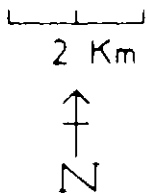
TABLE 3: SCALASAIQ BAY TEST PITS 1988 (see figure 5)

| PIT REF | O.D. (m) | DEPTH (m) | BASAL DEPOSIT | LITHIC MATERIAL RECOVERED |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------------------|--|
| (1,3) | 16.58 | 0.44 | Pebbly gravel | 1. A honey coloured single platform blade/flake core |
| (2,1) | 14.89 | 0.32 | " | 1. A proximal brown flake frag. 2. A quartz flake |
| (2,3) | 15.86 | 0.33 | " | |
| (2,4) | 16.55 | 0.23 | " | |
| (3,1) | 14.42 | 0.48 | " | 1. A small flake with a crushed platform |
| (3,3) | 15.01 | 0.17 | " | |
| (3,4) | 16.07 | 0.41 | " | |
| (3,5) | 17.18 | 0.33 | Bedrock | |
| (4,1) | 13.88 | 0.49 | N.B. | |
| (4,3) | 14.42 | 0.20 | Pebbly gravel | |
| (4,4) | 15.50 | 0.30 | " | |
| (4,5) | 16.17 | 0.25 | " | |
| (5,3) | 13.86 | 0.32 | Sandy/pebbly gravel | |
| (5,4) | 14.82 | 0.43 | Pebbly gravel | 1. A silet fractured flake 2. A burnt fragment 3. A burnt fragment |
| (5,5) | 15.42 | 0.35 | " | |
| (6,1) | 12.43 | 0.45 | " | |
| (6,3) | 13.12 | 0.26 | Sandy gravel | |
| (6,4) | 14.01 | 0.32 | Sandy/pebbly gravel | |
| (6,5) | 14.98 | 0.50 | Pebbly gravel | |
| (7,3) | 12.26 | 0.38 | Sandy gravel | |
| (7,4) | 13.21 | 0.27 | Pebbly gravel | |
| (7,5) | 14.13 | 0.60 | " | |

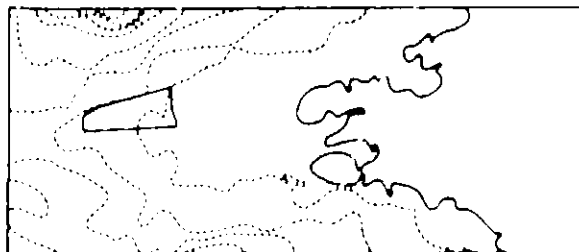
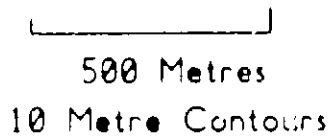
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| (8,3) | 11.32 | 0.72 | N.B. | |
| (8,5) | 13.20 | 0.35 | Sandy gravel | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A distally hinged grey flake with a plain platform 2. A flake fragment |
| (8,6) | 13.87 | 0.35 | " | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A large plain platformed flake 2. A burnt fragment 3. A burnt fragment 4. A transversely snapped single arrete blade frag. 5. A plain platformed flake 6. A large plain platformed plunged flake |
| (9,5) | 12.32 | 0.33 | " | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A plain platformed single arrete bladelet flake |
| (9,6) | 13.22 | 0.20 | Pebbly gravel | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A micro-core/scraper on a flake fragment |
| (10,3) | 14.73 | 0.55 | N.B. | |
| (10,5) | 11.41 | 0.66 | Sandy | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A flake fragment 2. A flake fragment 3. A pebble backed flake 4. A bladelet frag. 5. A bladelet frag. 6. A bladelet frag. 7. A bladelet frag. 8. A burin spall 9. A chip 10. A chip 11. A chip 12. A backed bladelet with a small plain platform |
| (10,6) | 12.76 | 0.50 | N.B. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A broken flake 2. A burnt fragment 3. A burnt fragment |
| (10,7) | 11.83 | 0.35 | Sandy gravel | |
| (11,3) | 14.15 | 0.63 | N.B. | |
| (11,6) | 11.89 | 0.89 | Sandy gravel | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A plain platformed flake 2. A burnt fragment 3. A burnt fragment |

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| (11,7) | 10.65 | 0.19 | Sandy gravel |
| (12,6) | ? | 0.41 | " |
| (12,7) | 10.6 | 0.28 | " |
| (13,6) | 15.87 | 0.35 | " |
| (13,7) | ? | 0.23 | " |

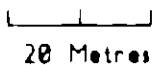
COLONSAY



SCALASAIG BAY



SCALASAIG TEST PITS 1988



□ 0.5 Metre Sq. Test Pit
producing 3 pieces of
worked flint

