
5 LAIGH NEWTON NORTH-WEST,

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A short distance to the north of the Laigh Newton West excavation area (*illus 1*), on a lower-lying shoulder of the hill, were the remains of a medieval farmstead (*James forthcoming*). Prehistoric pottery sherds were recovered from unstratified topsoil contexts above these features. Five sherds were recovered from a thick soil deposit (374) and further sherds were recovered from the fills of two linear features (55010 and 55005) during the initial evaluation of this area. One quartz flake was recovered from the loose greyish-brown silt deposit (070) that had accumulated subsequent to the repair

of the south-east corner of Structure A, a sunken-floored medieval building. Another quartz chip was recovered from the post-abandonment deposit (100) from the same building. Several more quartz flakes and chips were recovered from the internal floor (263) and post-abandonment sealing deposits (358 and 395) of a corn-drying kiln. A single quartz chip was recovered from the post-abandonment deposit (295) sealing another structure, and others from the fills (360 and 418) of two of the ditches associated with the farmstead.