

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report gives an account of the third and fourth years of archaeological investigation on the site located around the Old Vicarage, Mellor, Stockport.
- 1.2 The work was conducted in response to the findings of the 1998 and 1999 seasons of evaluation which suggest the site to be that of an Iron Age hillfort which subsequently had Roman occupation and previously was used in the Mesolithic Period.
- 1.3 Section 3 outlines the previous two season's work and that of the Mellor Archaeological Trust, including the successful Local Heritage Initiative grant.
- 1.4 Section 9 gives an overview of the periods, in particular in the North West. It also looks at how the site at Mellor fits into the surrounding archaeological landscape, outlining sites both within the close vicinity and towards the outreaches of the region.