

and it seems likely that the features observed during the watching brief are associated with the roadside settlement centred on the crossing of the River Windrush in the vicinity of Gill Mill House. Although very poorly preserved and not easily interpreted, it is worth noting that the possible foundations (structure 6 in particular) represent the first evidence for Roman stone-based buildings recorded from Gill Mill.

- 6.4 The large quantities and expansive date range of the finds attests to the continuous settlement of the area from the 1st to the 4th centuries and the coins and small fragment of worked oolitic limestone may strengthen the argument for a religious or ritual site in the area. There is also a fragment of sculpted limestone built into the wall of the barn at Gill Mill House, which, although its origins are uncertain, is likely to have come from the immediate vicinity.
- 6.5 Although these interpretations are somewhat tenuous, it is clear from the evidence recovered that the area around Gill Mill House formed part of an extensive settlement of some longevity which is still being revealed by the ongoing quarrying in the area.

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