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1m or so from beginning edge - large pieces of mortar.

- Possible internal wall across trench

- Certain internal wall 4m in from the northern end of trench.
  - Higher density of mortar to south of wall and more rubble on the north, large stones.
  - Possible corridor?
  - Patches of packed chalked floor?

- Layer of increasing small pieces of rubble and ploughed out bit?
  - Large patches of red mortar
near SE south east corner.
- When down to floor level tiny frags of mussel shell on east side, north end, too small - fragmentary to collect
- Then lots of (cockle?) shells

Tiles

WALL

Near the wall on the east side.
Approx 2.3 m from northern end, larger chunks of chalk rubble. Roughly same line as robbed wall on western side.

- Pit feature (?) with compacted rocks ≥ 4 m from north end of floor beginning of floor

- Charcoal area ≥ 6 m from North end in centre of floor. Several infills of charcoal appearing over a large metre.

- Burnt patch nr eastern wall. Frequent burnt stone, bluish (blueish in colour) + charcoal ≥ in diameter?
Rich organic area? South Western corner, dk brown, soft fill, floor not present. Some patches of mortar. Frequent worm holes. Mollusc shell and slag found.

Gully-like feature = 1/2 m from back (southern) wall contains several teeth, whelk shells (seafood) - deposit?
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FEATURES on chalk floor of central room:

- context 134 - post hole?

- 135 - shallow, reddy burnt patch - ash dump from oven (136)?

- 138 - shallow depression in floor. Floor surface showing through at base. Contained several pieces of CBM.

- 140 tapering end.

Large burnt patch. - contained several whelk shells.
- Gullly-like feature
  - burnt patch at end of tapered end = post hole?
  - matched up with post-hole feature context 133

- (145) - fill of pit feature at western end of (140)
  - (146) = cut of (145)

- fill = dark brown/yellow/black colour.
  - fine texture, easily came away
  - coffee-like texture
  - pit is edged by floor surface stones
  - edges of the fill are a harder yellowy silty stuff: mortar
  - thick clay on western edge of pit, mixing with fill (= a uneven bottom)

**Martin's new theory - it is a horizontal wooden beam (base for
something?) What has rotted away?

- the eastern edge rises up as there is a thick area of very burnt matter. there is a tile at this end in the loose fill.

- [151] heavily burnt (organic? wood?) fill beneath [145], which was more stoney.

  iron slag in the eastern corner.

- flume + oven? (new theory)

  the post hole is in fact an oven?

- flume runs into key-hole (?) oven with rake off in the n flume.