

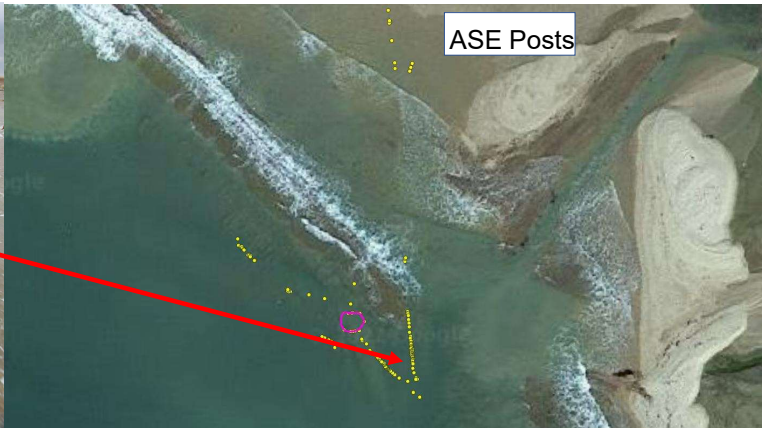
Medmerry – Fish Traps & Baskets

A number of timber structures have been exposed & sometimes they have been interpreted as probable fish traps. The lack of oxygen in the mud (an anaerobic environment) means that wood thousands of years old can be so well preserved it looks freshly buried. Carbon Dating is expensive (say £700) so is only used occasionally.

A Line of Posts on Shore



Location of Posts Plotted onto Google



CDAS believes that two fish traps were identified down on the shore. The line of posts that runs north from the shore lines up with the posts identified by ASE when they were excavating prior to the building of the bund.

Timber structure



Posts & diagonal braces approx. 10.3m long supporting (willow/poplar) wattle fencing. Probable fish trap. Suggested date range 1480 -1565.

Basket



Basket made of willow. Possibly part of fish/eel trap. Suggested date range 1460 – 1635.