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This publication was prepared following a one-day seminar held by the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in November 2006. The day was open to anyone interested in finding out more about recent work in this remarkable historic landscape. A panel of speakers were invited to follow in some of the best traditions of a BBC 'Time Team' style exercise in setting out what it is we know and how we know it –and would like to find out. The papers are published here in the order in which they were given.

It is hoped this will be the first of an Occasional Papers Series which will explore various aspects of the history and the natural history in the making of a very distinctive tract of countryside which lies across the borders of four counties, Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire and Somerset.

The aim of the series is to make current research on this area available to a much wider readership than would normally be possible through strictly academic publication. Each contributor has been invited to append an outline of sources, notes for further reading and to make reference to forthcoming academic publication where applicable.

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