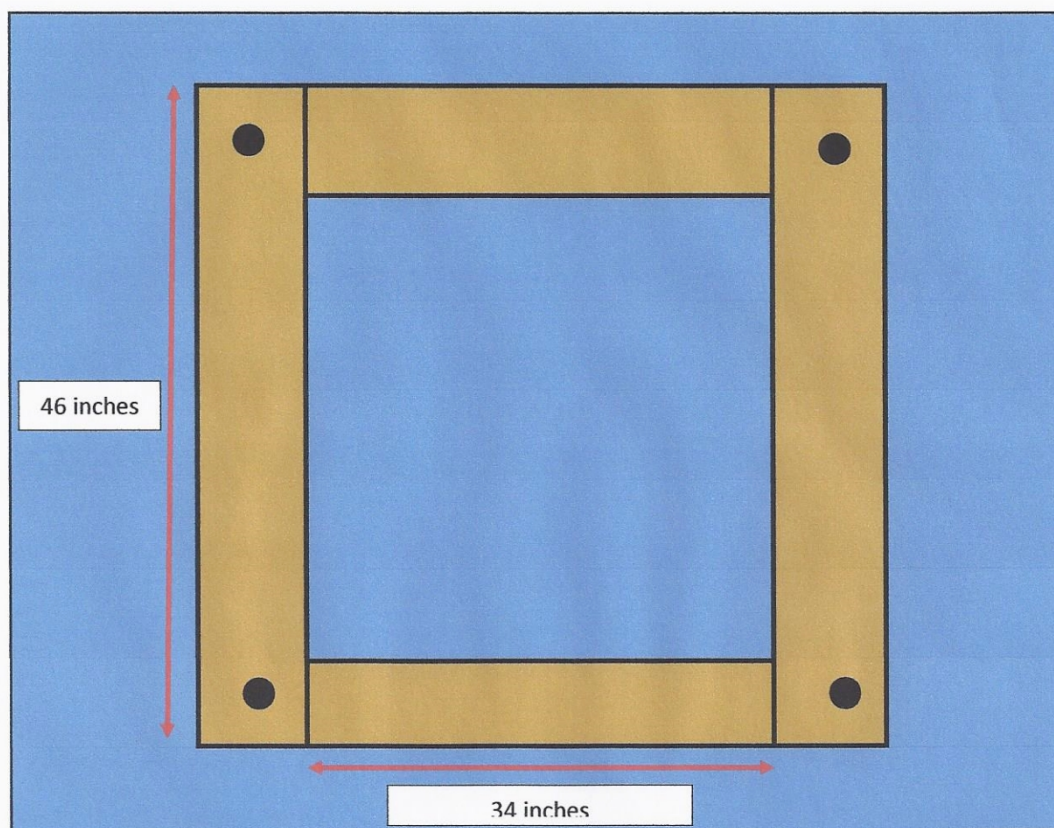


### **Possible Medieval Well from the lost village of Cudlow, (Codelawe)**

The structure was discovered whilst beach-combing along the extreme edge of a particularly low spring tide on the evening of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015. It was immediately clear that a pot was contained within the wooden structure and a video was recorded before disturbance of any items and to provide referencing markers for future site visits. Compass bearings of local landmarks were taken in correlation to the positioning of the structure, which when computed to OS Explorer map 121 gave a positional Grid of TQ016007. Due to the positioning of the structure being at the extreme limit of the spring low tidal range, time at the site was limited to no more than 30 minutes and following the change of tide the site was covered with water within in very short period. Consequently, the recovery of all the collected pottery took place over 4 consecutive low tides, between the 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **The structure measurements & construction**

The structure comprises of timber beams, believed to be made from oak, arranged into a framed square and stacked into an unknown number of levels. However, during excavation a 27" long spade was used and when used to test how deep the stacked beams extended below the water line and surface of the mud/silt, a depth of approximately 3 feet was the maximum which could be achieved in the test but which still yielded the presence of the wooden structure and therefore suggests that the structure is at least greater than 3 feet in depth. Each beam measures 6" wide x 6" deep. The two beams arranged on the north/south alignment measure 46" in length whilst the two beams arranged on the east/west alignment measure 34" in length. In each of the four corners of the frame are drilled holes with what appear to be trenail fixings. Although it could not be seen clearly it is suspected that the beams are connected with tenon and mortise joints which have been secured with trenails.



Still image taken from video made of site before the removal of any pots

