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Description of the shippon floor and mangers.

Well what you have here is an incredibly well preserved shippon, where you have a central drain lined by these enormous blocks of granite, a cobbled floor either side up to a curb of upstanding stones with holes in the top; the holes are used for tethering posts. And then beyond that are the feeding troughs or mangers for the cattle, so that they would have stood with their heads towards the outer walls and so the central drain would drain off their dung.