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SUMMARY

In August and October 1995 a programme of trenching was undertaken to evaluate 38 hectares of arable land between Akeman Street (Mere Way) Roman road and the Romano-British farm estate recorded in 1994 and 1995 on the site of the landfill site 500m to the east.

These evaluation results have confirmed the assumption that the density of archaeological remains diminishes westwards. The recorded remains were localised in four main areas (A - D) and indicative of occupation. Based on the artefactual evidence, the occupation was dated to the Late Bronze Age/Iron Age.

Bronze Age pottery discovered in three postholes sealed by Iron Age deposits suggest the presence of a structure dating to the first millenium BC. Further postholes, pits and possible beamslots together with gullies were found in association with a discrete area of occupation debris, including daub, interpreted as an Iron Age midden. All of these contexts contained Iron Age pottery and animal bone. A ploughsoil of Iron Age date was found to seal an area of pitting.

Two futher foci of domestic nature were identified, typified by structural remains, ecofactual and artefactual finds. It is hypothesised that these areas contained one or more shifting farmsteads throughout the Late Bronze Age and the Iron Age.

1 INTRODUCTION

Between the 18th August and the 3rd October 1995 a team from the Archaeological Field Unit (AFU) of Cambridgeshire County Council completed an assessment excavation of c. 38 hectares of arable land in the parish of Milton. The work was carried out on behalf of the waste management company East Waste Ltd prior to the expansion of the current landfill site.

The site lies on the third terrace of the river Cam, 4 miles to the north-east of the city of Cambridge. It is bordered on the west by the Mere Way Roman road (*Figure 1*).

2 TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

The underlying geology is Jurassic Gault Clay with sporadic capping of Pleistocene gravels, silts and marls (Worssam and Taylor, 1969). Geomorphologically, this latter unit comprises the third terrace of the river Cam. The site lies on the 10m contour and is generally flat with slight ridges where gravels cap the clay. The soils of the area are a mixture of clayey silts and silty clays of the Evesham 3 and Milton soil association (Mackney *et al.*, 1983). Across the site, these are particularly well-developed and deep. The site is presently under an arable regime.

3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Little is known of prehistoric Milton. There was a distinct lack of recorded Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age or Iron Age activity in the vicinity of the site prior to 1994. The Iron Age was represented by a late defensive hillfort at Arbury Camp, Impington (Evans, 1991a, 1991b). On the development site, only a single sherd of late Bronze Age/Iron Age pottery and a scatter of burnt flint had been encountered (Oetgen, 1990).

The history of Roman Cambridge is relatively well documented. Roman villa buildings were recorded on the east side of the A14(T) at Arbury during the construction of a housing estate (Frend, 1955). Bordering the western side of the current development area is the Mere Way, a Roman road running between Cambridge and Ely. Two Roman cremations were found adjacent to the road during an assessment in 1991 at Kings Hedges (Ette, 1993). Within the immediate parish of Milton the Roman period is extremely well represented with a series of fen-edge farmsteads and kilns located on the first and second river terraces.

In recent years, the archaeological rescue work which has been completed to the east of the development area during the construction of further waste disposal pits (Areas I-IV; *Figure 2*) has revealed extensive Iron Age and Romano-British activity. Finds represent: settlement, industrial and religious activity (Reynolds, 1994), and a Romano-British burial mound (Reynolds, 1996).

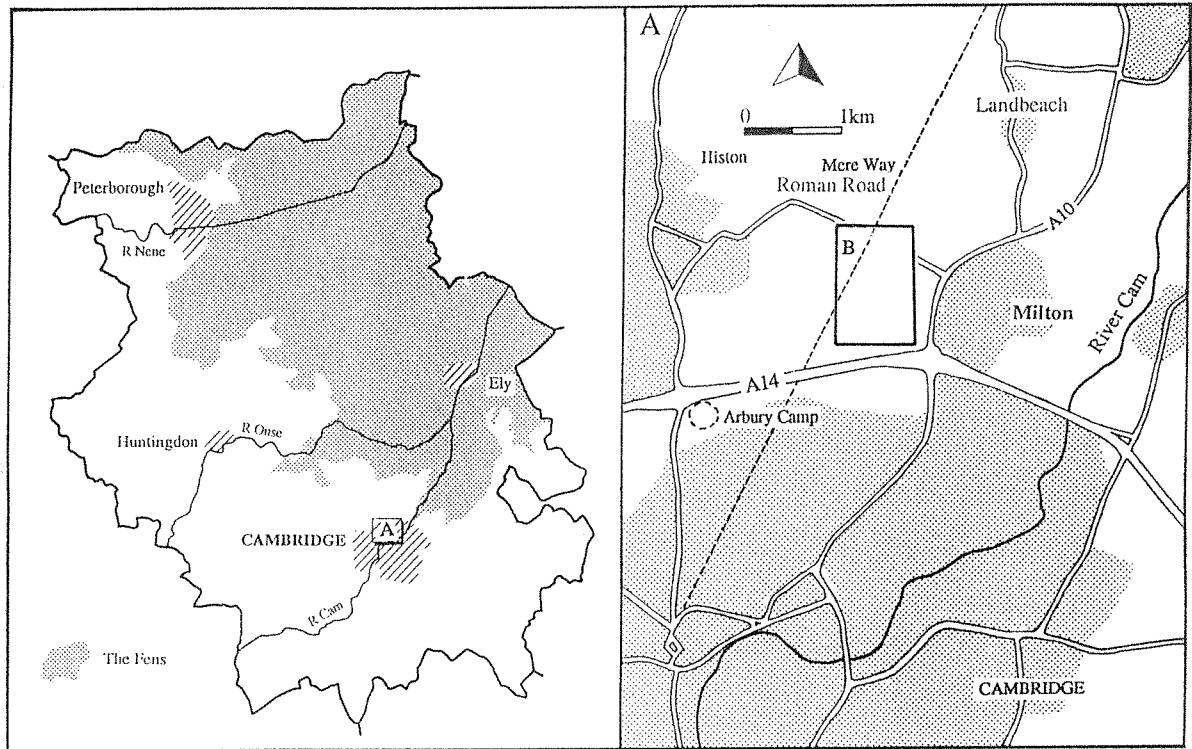


Figure 1 Site Location Plan

Limited Saxon activity is documented in the development area by an early Saxon royal estate in Chesterton parish identified by Haslam in 1984 (Haslam, 1984). More recently a single bronze wrist clasp was found during recording work at MILEW III (Reynolds, 1996). The post medieval period has been documented by Inclosure of land and the construction of Butt Lane between Impington and Milton during the 1830s.

In the medieval period the evaluation area lay in the 'South Field' of Milton and part of 'East Field' in Chesterton. Jolly's Hook, King Hedges and Blackwell (Beanfield) furlongs were located in the Chesterton parts of the site, running west to east respectively. Only half of the field and furlong names change between AD 1350 and 1540. This suggests that the layout of the fields had a long and stable history.

By the beginning of the 20th century much of the development area was utilised for market gardening. During the Second World War the land known as Kings Hedges, to the south and west of the development site, was used as a tank depot.

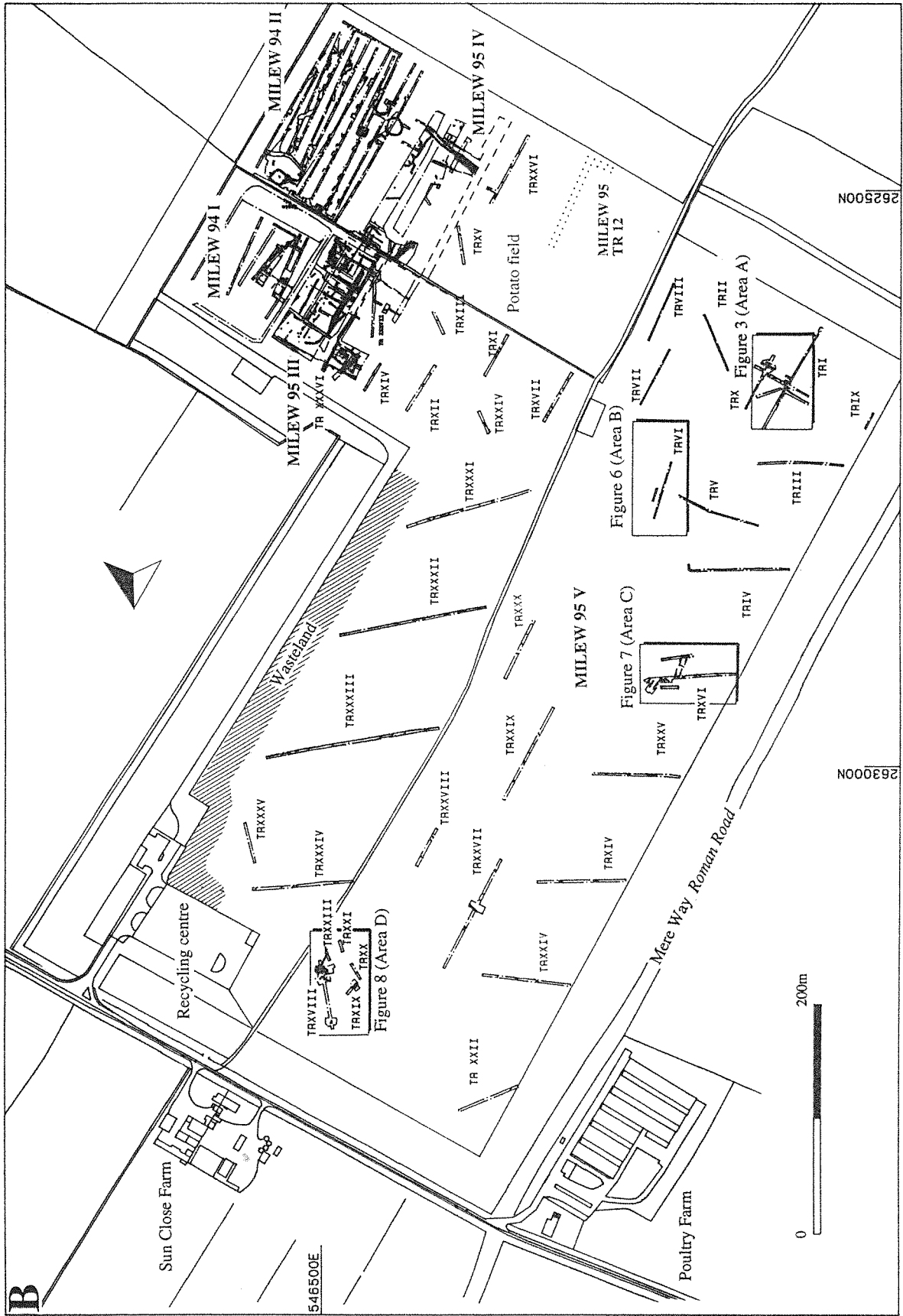


Figure 2 Trench Location Plan (Identifying the Four Main Areas of Archaeology; and previously excavated areas I - IV.)

4 METHODOLOGY

The area under evaluation is located to the north and north-west of the current landfill site and represents 38 hectares of arable land bordered on the western side by the Mere Way Roman road and to the east by the landfill site (*Figure 1*).

The previous programmes of work demonstrated that negative results for fieldwalking, aerial photographic and geophysical surveys cannot be assumed to reflect the actual archaeological nature of a site. The sampling strategy for the latest evaluation was similarly impeded by a general absence of cropmarks and by the negative results of fieldwalking (Oetgen, 1990). Following the harvest of the fields it became apparent that the site was covered by the remains of ridge and furrow cultivation.

Two areas did contain very faint, indiscernible cropmarks. To the immediate west of an enclosed Romano-British cemetery, excavated during the summer of 1995 (Reynolds, 1996), cropmarks suggested the presence of another rectangular enclosure. A second area, present as faint parch marks, was located in the south-west corner of the evaluation area. These two areas were targeted for trenching (Trenches I, II, X and XIV; *Figure 2*).

A series of seven trenches, each 75m long, were positioned along and at 45° to the Mere Way Roman road at intervals of 100m to identify features that maybe associated with Mere Way. The remaining trenching was spatially distributed to sample the remainder of the evaluation area (*Figure 1*). In all 40 trenches were opened, totalling 2380m of linear trenching and representing a 1.6% sample of the total area.

The trenches were opened, under the close supervision of an archaeologist, using a 360° tracked excavator with a 2m wide toothless ditching bucket. Where necessary, trenches were widened to uncover and aid the understanding of archaeological features.

A sample of the features were excavated and recorded using the standard recording system employed by the AFU. A general site and feature plan was produced using a Zeiss Recelta 15 EDM/Theololite and AIC Prosurveyor software. Post-excavation plans and sections of features were completed at 1:20 and 1:10 respectively.

Samples for environmental analysis were taken from deposits with a high potential for yielding information, e.g. middens, waterlogged fills, pits and hearths.

5 RESULTS

5.1 Summary of Results

The evaluation encountered archaeological remains in four localised areas on the western side of the site: Area A (Trenches I, II, X and XXXVIII); Area B (Trench VI); Area C (Trench XVI); and, Area D (Trenches XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI and XXIII). In three of the areas (B, C and D) the features were generally attributable to the Iron Age, and consisted of pits, beamslots and postholes indicative of occupation and other structural activity. The fourth area (area A) was found to contain a greater density of archaeology, and consisted of postholes, linear features and a midden deposit which have generally been attributed to the late Neolithic or Bronze-Age from stratigraphic and pottery evidence.

Isolated features were identified in Trenches XI, XII, XIV, XV, XVII, XXVII, XXIV, XXVI (*Figure 2*).

The remaining trenches (III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, XIII, XXII, XXV, XXVIII, XIX, XXX, XXXI, XXXII, XXXIII, XXXIV, XXXV, XXXVI and XXXVII) were devoid of any archaeological activity, with the exception of field drainage systems dating to the 19th century.

5.2 Area A

5.2.1 Summary of Trenches I, II, X, XXXVIII (*Figures 2 and 3*)

Significant archaeological deposits were present in Area A at the south-western corner of the evaluation area. The archaeological features and deposits were sealed beneath an 0.14m thick subsoil, 2, which was in turn beneath 0.3m of ploughsoil.

The density of archaeological features was greatest in Trench X where postholes, burnt daub and linear features, which may be beamslots, suggested the presence of a collapsed building. A daub and charcoal rich deposit 123, 124, 128 contained Late Neolithic or Bronze-Age pottery. This deposit covered an area approximately 10m across and continued beyond the edges of the trench. Postholes **122, 126, 177, and 183** bordered its northern edge, but no finds were recovered from these features.

The daub and charcoal rich deposit sealed postholes **129, 166, 169, 171, 173, 175, 270, 285, 288, 291 and 307**. Late Bronze Age pottery was collected from **166, 169 and 171** and Iron Age pottery was recovered from **129, 175 and 288**.

Additional postholes were located in Trenches I and XXXVIII to the west of Trench X. Postholes **11, 112, 114, 116, 118 and 193** formed an irregular alignment and may be associated with **122, 126, 177 and 183** in Trench X. Iron Age pottery was found in postholes **11 and 112**, and a flint flake was recovered from **118**.

A number of factors suggest that the majority of the postholes may be associated with deposit 123, 124, 128: dating evidence points to an Iron Age date for most of the features; the posthole alignment was on a similar orientation and close to the edges of 123, 124, 128; and some of the postholes sealed beneath 123, 124, 128 contained Iron Age pottery and daub suggesting the deposits filling the postholes may have derived from the same source as those sealing them. At present, it is not possible to confirm these associations.

Given the three postholes with Late Bronze Age pottery, however, it is plausible that a structure had been present in this location before the Iron Age occupation. Deposit 123, 124, 128, contained charcoal, Iron Age pottery, animal bone and daub which are suggestive of a 'midden'. The daub from the deposit may have derived from the wall of a nearby collapsed building. Whether the building had collapsed *in situ*, as possibly associated postholes suggest, is debatable. The 'midden' could equally have derived from general rubbish deposits, and any associated postholes may be interpreted as a managed muck heap (C. French pers. comm.).

The daub and charcoal rich deposit in Trench X was cut by narrow linear features **130**, **132** and **272** which may be field boundaries, drainage gullies or beamslots. These features may be Iron Age or later, but as no finds were recovered it is not possible to confirm their age. Since their orientation was similar to the alignment of postholes and of deposit 123, 124, 128, these features could also be associated.

A complex of intercutting pits F481 was situated to the north of the posthole alignment and an isolated pit **110** was located on the line of the posthole alignment in Trench I. These features were found to be sealed by an Iron Age ploughsoil, 205, 206 and 207. Several of these pits contained fragments of Iron Age pottery including a rim sherd from pit **110**. These pits may be of a similar date to the 'midden' and associated postholes and may represent gravel extraction.

Ceramic evidence suggests an Iron Age date for most of the features in Area A, however, a small amount of Late Bronze Age pottery suggests that there was earlier activity in the vicinity.

5.2.2 Trench I (Figures 2 and 3)

This trench was located through one of the possible cropmark areas in the south-western corner of the site. At the northern end of the trench a linear alignment of intercutting pits was recorded covering a distance of 15.8m. Within the remainder of the trench, two isolated postholes and a single shallow gully were recorded. Expansion of the trench adjacent to the pit alignment revealed a large oval pit, **110**, and an alignment of postholes, **112**, **114**, **116**, **118**, and **193**. The ploughsoil was 0.32m deep, sealing a subsoil, 2, which in turn sealed the archaeological remains.

Pit and Posthole Alignment

Cut **11**. Fill 10. Circular in plan, 0.80m in length, 0.76m wide and 0.15m deep with gentle sides and a flat base. The single fill, 10, was a very dark greyish brown silty sand with occasional small angular stones. A small piece of Iron Age pottery and a fragment of animal bone were recovered from the fill. The feature has been interpreted as the base of a posthole.

Cut **110**. Fills 109, 136, 149, 150 and 163. Oval in plan, 3.60m in length, 2.30m wide and 0.90m deep. The sides of the feature were vertical with pronounced slumping of the top edges, 163. The base was irregular with two roughly circular depressions in the centre and at the southern end of the feature; the latter had a re-cut through the central hollow.

The primary fill of the feature, 150, was 0.21m deep and consisted of a yellowish brown clayey sand, with no inclusions or artefacts, which mainly filled the central hollow. Sealing this fill was 149, which was dark greyish brown and 0.10m deep with no inclusions or artefacts. A thin, 0.10m deep, capping layer, 136, was found overlying 149, and it consisted of a yellowish brown slightly clayey sand with frequent gravel inclusions. No artefacts were recovered from this deposit. The primary fill, 109, was a homogeneous layer, which was 0.55m deep, filled the remainder of the feature and the second depression, to the south of the feature. This layer was found to be a very dark greyish brown, silty sandy clay with occasional medium sub-angular stones. A single, large Iron Age rim sherd (*Figure 4*), animal bone fragments and a flint flake were recovered from the upper section of this fill.

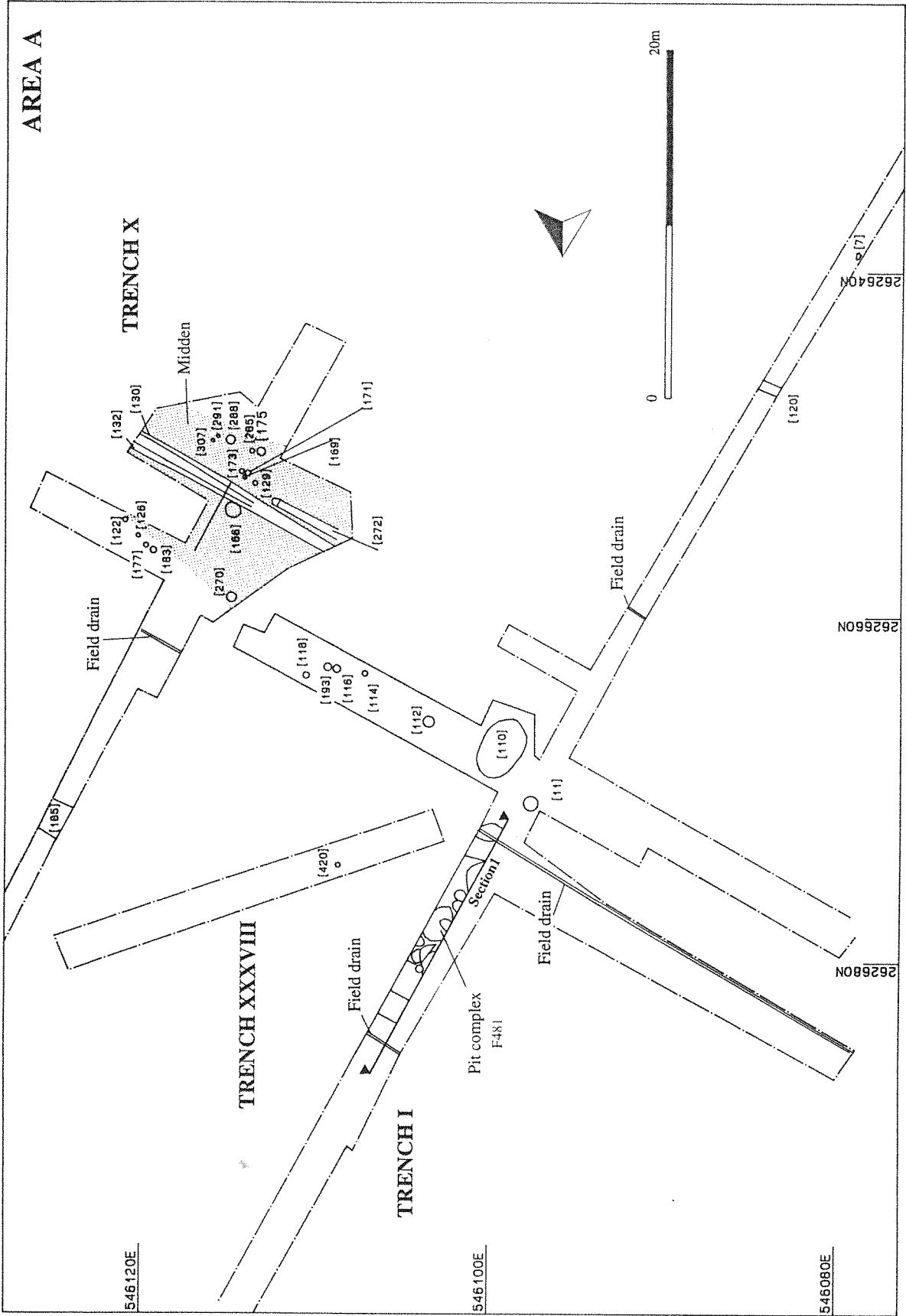


Figure 3 Plan of Features in Trenches I, X and XXXVIII, (stippling represents 'cultural' midden deposit)

The function of this feature is at present unclear. Certainly there were two distinct episodes of use following its initial construction. An initial silting up of material, 150 and 149, was capped by a gravel deposit, 136. The feature appears to have been re-used by the possible construction of an additional hollow to its south. The end of this secondary usage is marked by the accumulation of a silt and unwashed natural clays, 109. The feature remained open and unattended with no regular maintenance for a sufficient period of time to allow for the weathering of the sides, 163, which may indicate that it functioned as a gravel extraction pit.

Cut 112. Fills 111, 135. Circular in plan, 0.70m in diameter and 0.25m deep with vertical sides and a flat base. The feature represents a posthole with packing, 135, and a postpipe, 111. The packing of the feature was a compact yellowish brown clayey silt with occasional small angular stones and no artefacts. The fill of the postpipe, 111, was circular in plan, being c. 0.40m in diameter. It consisted of a compact dark yellowish brown slightly sandy silt with occasional small angular stones and a single small Iron Age sherd pottery.

Cut 114. Fills 113, 137. Oval in plan, 0.31m in length, 0.17m wide and 0.12m deep with steep sides and a flat base. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole with packing, 113, and a postpipe, 137. The packing, 113, consisted of a very dark greyish brown silty sand with frequent small, angular stones. A single clay pipe stem was recovered from the upper fill of the layer. The fill of the postpipe, 137, was an olive brown silty sand with occasional angular small stones and no artefacts.

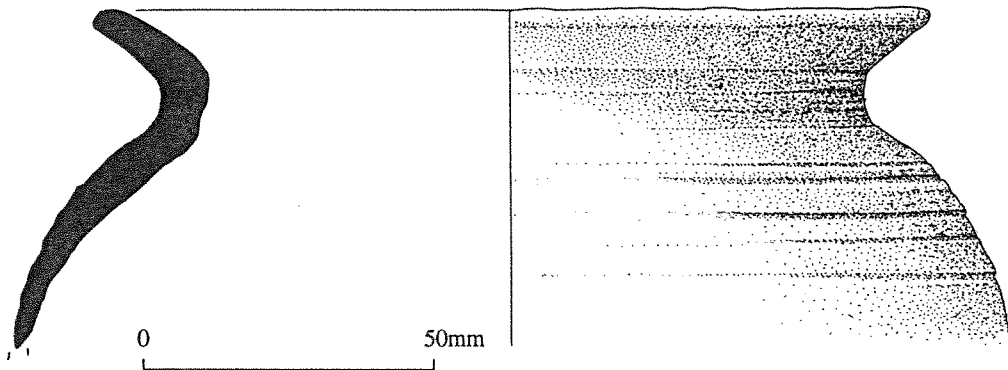


Figure 4 Illustration of Iron Age pot sherd found in Quarry pit 110

Cut 116. Fill 115. Circular in plan, 0.26m in diameter and 0.13m deep with steep sides and a flat base. The feature contained a single fill, 115. The fill was a dark greyish brown firm sandy silt with occasional small angular stones. No artefacts were recovered. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 118. Fill 117. Circular in plan, 0.37m in diameter and 0.14m deep with vertical sides and a concave base. The fill was a very dark greyish brown sandy silt with occasional small angular stones and flecks of charcoal. A flint flake was recovered. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut **193**. Fills 192. Circular in plan, 0.40m in length, 0.20m wide and 0.19m deep with steep sides and a concave base. The feature contained one fill, 192, a very dark greyish brown firm sandy silt with occasional small angular stones and very occasional flecks of charcoal. No artefacts were recovered. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Pit Complex, F481

A series of 17 intercutting pits and postholes were located at the northern end of the trench. A preserved Iron Age ploughsoil, 205-207, was found to seal the majority of the features. After initial trenching, the pit alignment appeared as a large amorphous area, possibly a ditch and was thus largely trenched by machine. The base of features were excavated by hand and both sections were cleaned and recorded (*Figure 5*).

Cut **9**. Fills 8, 211. A linear feature, 1.6m wide and 0.58m deep, aligned approximately east/west with steep sides and a concave base. Primary fill, 211, was a compact strong brown sandy silt with very occasional small angular stones, no artefacts. Overlying this was 8, a dark brown sandy silty clay with a few small angular stones and no artefacts. Appearing in both sections, the feature possibly represents a ditch or large pit. Cut **9** truncates the southern side of a large pit, **147**.

Cut **147**. Fills 146, 214. In plan the feature appeared as sub-rectangular or oval, >2.8m long, 1.2m wide and 0.6m deep with steep sides overhanging at the top. The primary fill, 214, was a brown sandy silt, 0.12m deep with occasional small angular stones and no artefacts. The upper fill, 146, was a grey fine silty sand with frequent small angular stones and occasional Iron Age pottery sherds. The upper fill of the feature was truncated by a linear feature, **9**.

Cut **102**. Fills 101, 127. Circular in plan, 0.62m in diameter and >0.17m deep, with steep sides and a slightly concave base, the feature sloped towards the north-west. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole with packing, 101, and a postpipe, 127. The packing, 101, was a dark grey silty sand with occasional small angular stones and occasional fragments of Iron Age pottery sherds and a few flint flakes. The fill of the postpipe, 127, was a dark greyish brown silty clay with occasional small angular stones and no artefacts. The removal of the post had resulted in the sloping of the feature and the disturbance of the postpipe, 127. The feature truncated the buried ploughsoil, 207.

Cut **104**. Fills 103, 195. Oval in plan, >2m long, >0.7m wide and >0.45 deep, with steep sides and a concave base. The primary fill, 195, was a very dark grey clayey silt with occasional medium angular stones and no artefacts. The upper fill, 103, was a mottled grey sandy silt with occasional medium angular stones and a few fragments of Iron Age pottery. This feature was truncated by a pit, **106**, to the south and by a posthole, **102**, to the north.

Cut **106**. Fills 105, 194, 233, 237. Sub-rectangular in plan, >1.2m long, 1.1m wide and 0.4m deep with vertical sides, slightly overhanging at the top, and a slightly concave base. The primary fill, 237, was a strong brown sandy clay with frequent medium stones and no artefacts. This was overlaid by 194, a very dark grey clayey silt with occasional small angular stones, very similar to 105 and maybe a result of worm sorting. This was sealed by 105, a compact, homogeneous very dark grey sandy silt with occasional small angular stones and Iron Age pottery sherds and flint flakes. The upper layer, 233, was a mottled yellowish brown sandy clay with frequent small angular stones and no artefacts. It exhibited the effects of earlier, possibly Iron Age, ploughing spreading the buried soil, 207, over the feature to form the upper fill of the pit. The feature was truncated by **108** to the south and by **104** to the north.

Cut **108**. Fills 107, 208. Sub-rectangular in plan, >1.2m long, 1m wide and >0.4m deep. The feature had vertical sides with a slight overhang at the top and a very slightly concave base. Primary fill, 107, was a very dark grey silty sand with occasional medium angular stones and a few Iron Age pottery sherds. This was sealed by 208, a light yellowish brown sandy clayey silt with frequent medium angular stones and no artefacts, and seems to represent disturbed pit fill. Cuts **106**.

Cut **141**. Fills 140, 218. Oval in plan, 0.6m long, 0.2m wide and 0.35m deep with steep sides and a slightly concave base. Primary fill, 140, was found to be a grey fine sandy silt with occasional small angular gravel inclusions. This was sealed by 218, a grey sandy silt, with occasional small angular stones, and a spread of natural yellowish brown sand on the northern side, mixed by modern ploughing. No artefacts were recovered from either of the fills. The feature truncated a square cut pit, **145**, immediately to the north.

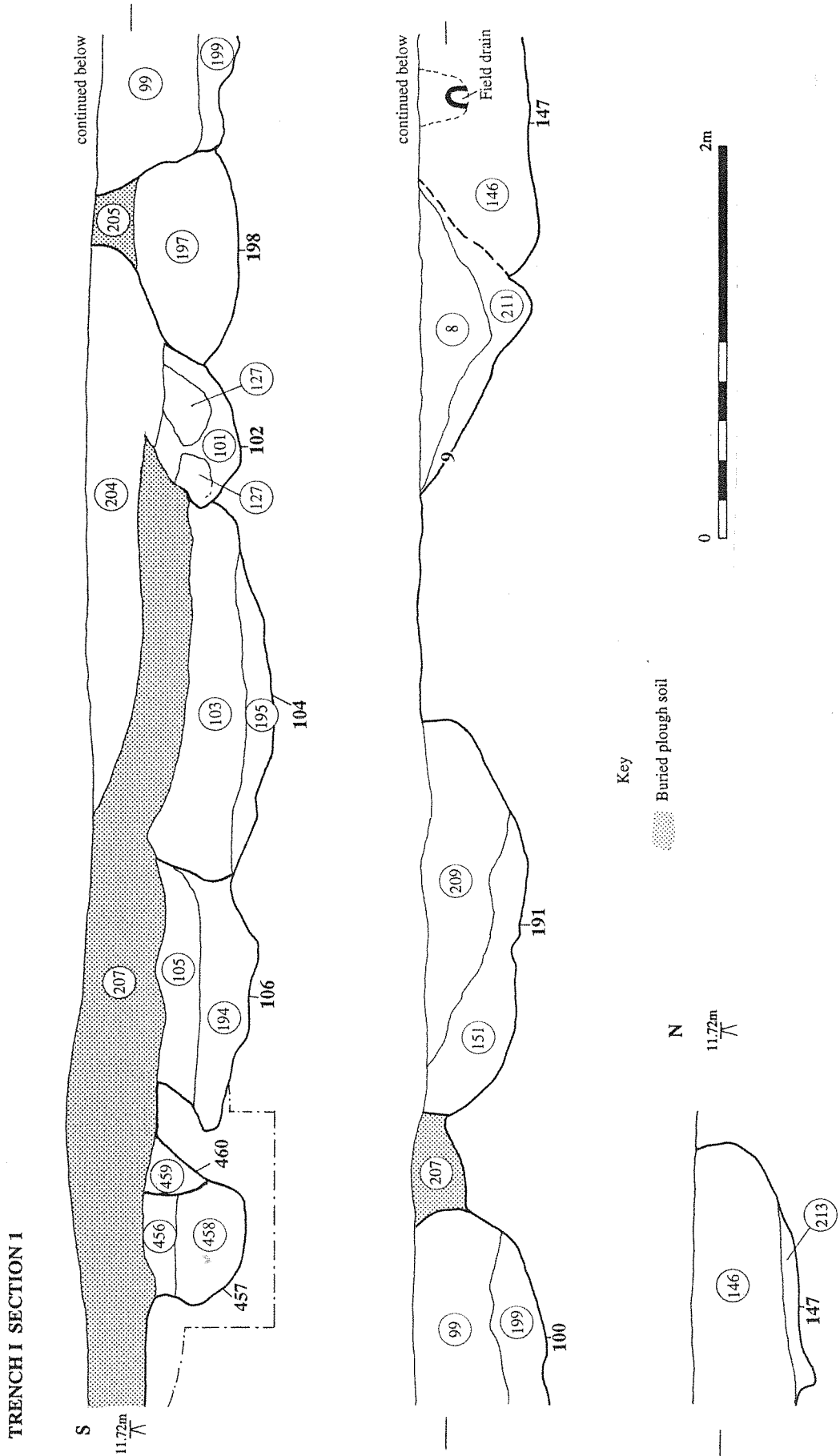


Figure 5 Section through Pit Complex F481 showing Iron-Age ploughsoil, 207

Cut 145. Fill 144. Rectangular in plan, >0.8m long, >0.6m wide and 0.4m deep with steep sides and a flat base the feature had been heavily truncated by 141. Filled by 144, a light brownish grey very fine silty sand with occasional small angular stones, no artefacts.

Cut 191. Fills 151, 209. Oval in plan, 1.8m long, >0.6m wide and 0.5m deep, with steeply sloping sides to an irregular base. Primary fill, 151, was found to be a yellowish brown silty sand with occasional small sub-angular stones and Iron Age pottery sherds. The upper layer of the feature, 209, was found to be a mottled brownish yellow sandy silt with very occasional small angular stones and no artefacts. The feature cuts through the Iron Age ploughsoil, 207.

Cut 198. Fill 197. Oval in plan? the feature was largely undefined as it had been heavily truncated to the south by 102 and to the north by 100. The remnants of the feature was found to be 0.66m wide, >0.78m long and 0.56m deep. Filled by 197, a strong brown sandy clay with frequent small angular stones, no artefacts. The feature was sealed by a disturbed remnant of the Iron Age ploughsoil, 205.

Cut 457. Fills 456, 458. *Unexcavated*. A ?circular pit noted in section was found to be >0.5m wide and 0.58m deep, with steep sides and a concave base. Filled by two fills 456 and 458 which were not described in the field as the feature was only noted during post-excavation. The feature was truncated by 460. No finds were recovered.

Cut 460. Fill 459. *Unexcavated*. A ?circular feature, >0.30m wide and >0.32m deep. Filled by a single fill, 459, which appears to be redeposited 207. No finds. Cuts 457.

Layers 205-207. A compact dark brown, sandy silty clay layer, up to 0.44m deep, with frequent small angular stones was found sealed beneath the subsoil, 2, and sealing the majority of the pits. It was truncated by pits 108, 147, 191, 229 and a posthole 102. The layer has been interpreted as a preserved Iron Age ploughsoil.

Isolated Features

Cut 120. Fill 119. A linear feature aligned north-west/south-east, 0.65m wide and 0.18m deep with gently sloping sides and a concave base. The feature was filled with a single homogeneous fill, 119. The fill was a yellowish brown firm granular silt with frequent small angular stones. No artefacts were recovered. The feature appears to represent the base of drainage gully.

Cut 7. Fill 6. Oval in plan, 0.36m in length, 0.20m wide and 0.16m deep with a flat base. Fill 6 was a light yellowish brown compact slightly clayey silt with occasional small stones. No artefacts were recovered. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

More Recent Features (sealed by the ploughsoil. 1)

Cut 15. Fill 14. A field drain, 0.42m wide and 0.40m deep with steep sides and a flat base. Cut through the upper fill of 147. The fill, 14, was a redeposited pit fill, 146. No finds were recovered.

Cut 221. Fill 220. A shallow linear feature, 0.50m wide and 0.24m deep, aligned approximately east/west with vertical sides and a flat base. Filled by, 220, a very pale brown sandy silt with occasional small angular stones. The feature was directly beneath the ploughsoil. No artefacts were recovered and the feature probably represents the remains of deep, recent ploughing. Cuts 229.

Cut 223. Fill 222. A shallow linear feature, 0.40m wide and 0.16m deep, aligned approximately east/west with vertical sides and a flat base. Filled by, 222, a very pale brown sandy silt with occasional small angular stones. The feature was sealed by the ploughsoil, 1. No artefacts were recovered and the feature probably represents the remains of deep, recent ploughing. Cuts 229.

Cut 225. Fill 224. A shallow linear feature, 0.56m wide and 0.28m deep, aligned approximately east/west with an uneven base. Filled by 224, a very pale brown sandy silt with occasional angular stones and no artefacts. The feature has been interpreted to be the remains of deep ploughing.

Cut 227. Fill 226. A shallow, linear feature, 0.40m wide and 0.16m deep with steep sides and irregular base. Filled by 226, a very pale brown sandy silt with occasional small angular stones. No artefacts were recovered and the feature probably represents the remains of deep, recent ploughing.

Cut 229. Fill 228. A square cut ?pit, does not appear in opposing section. The feature was found to be 0.90m wide, 0.36m deep, with vertical sides and a flat base. Filled by, 228, a grey sandy silt with occasional small angular stones. No artefacts. The feature partially cut the ploughsoil, 207, and was truncated by 221 to the north and 223 to the south.

5.2.3 Trench II (Figure 2)

Trench II was positioned 20m to the east of, and at 45 degrees to, Trench X. The trench was excavated to ascertain the spatial extent of features located in Trenches I and X. The features encountered in Trenches I and X did not continue into Trench II. However, two large pits, **17** and **23** were recorded, which have been interpreted as gravel extraction pits. Additionally, two linears were identified, **25** and **52**, which contained 20th century material and have been interpreted as modern field drains.

Cut **417**. Fill 18. A rounded feature with steep sides and a concave base, 0.78m wide and 0.36m deep. Filled by, 18, a greyish brown silty clay with occasional sub-angular stones and a few fragments of animal bone. Cut **19**, but is sealed by the subsoil, 2.

Cut **19**. Fills 16, 283, 280. A rounded feature, extending beyond the edge of the trench, with steep sides and a concave base. The primary fill, 16, was a compact grey silty clay, with occasional small angular stones and charcoal flecking. Sealed by, 283, a greyish brown silty clay with occasional angular stones and charcoal flecks and a few fragments of animal bone. The upper fill, 280, was a light olive brown compact sandy clay with occasional small angular stones and no artefacts. Truncated by **417** to the south and cuts **17** to the north.

Cuts **17**, **460**. Fills 276, 277, 278, 279, 282. The plan could not be defined as the feature extended beyond the edge of the trench, although it appeared fairly irregular. The visible portion of the feature was 6m across and 1.20m deep, with steep sides and a slightly concave base. The primary fill, 282, was a very dark grey silty sandy gravel with no artefacts other than a small piece of waterlogged wood. Fill 282 was sealed by 278, a very dark greyish brown sandy gravelly clay. Overlying this was 279, a brownish yellow sandy gravel with occasional small angular stones but no finds. This was in turn sealed by 277, a yellowish brown sandy gravel with occasional fragments of animal bone. The feature was re-cut, **460**, and the re-cut was filled by 276, a light olive brown clayey sand with no artefacts. Truncated to the south by **19**. Given the feature was cut into gravel and as a result of its depth, it was probably used for gravel extraction.

Cut **23**. Fills 22, 241. *Partially excavated*. The plan could not be defined in full as the feature extended beyond the limits of the trench. The feature was 1.20m wide where sampled (east/west), >8.5m long (north/south) and >0.93m deep. The sides steep and the base was not revealed. The upper layer of the feature, 22, was a yellowish brown compact sandy clay with occasional fragments of Iron Age pottery. This sealed 241, a dark yellowish brown clayey sand with occasional small angular stones and a few animal bone fragments. Given the feature was cut into gravel and as a result of its depth, it was probably used for gravel extraction.

5.2.4 Trench X (Figures 2 and 3).

Trench X was located to the east and at right-angles to Trench I. Within the centre of the trench a dark brown, charcoal rich, humic 'midden' deposit was identified, Layers 123, 124 and 128, which contained numerous fragments of daub. This deposit was bordered to the north by a linear alignment of postholes, **122**, **126**, **177**, and **183** and it also sealed a group of postholes, **166**, **169**, **171**, **173**, **285**, **288**, **291**, and **307**. The 'midden' deposit was truncated by narrow linears, **130** and **132**; and postholes, **129** and **175**.

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Layers 123, 124 and 128. These three layers constituted the dark midden layer which was 0.16m deep and 9.10m long: Layer 123 was a dark greyish brown compact sandy silt clay; Layer 124 was a very dark greyish brown sandy silt; and Layer 128 was a very dark grey silty clay. These layers were sealed by the subsoil, 2, and overlay a weathered natural surface, 134. All three contexts were similar with 123 and 128 on the north side of the gullies and 124 on the south side. The layers contained small, angular stones, frequent daub fragments and Neolithic or Late Bronze Age pottery sherds (Appendix C).

Bordering Postholes

Cut 122. Fill 121. Oval in plan, 0.3m in length, 0.21m wide and 0.14m deep with vertical sides and a flat base. The feature contained a single fill, 121, a compact very dark greyish brown sandy silt with occasional small angular stones and a few small flecks of charcoal. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole, forming a linear alignment with three other postholes: 126, 177 and 183 which appear to border the 'midden' deposit, 123, 124 and 128.

Cut 126. Fill 125. Oval in plan, 0.30m in length, 0.20m wide and 0.14m deep with gentle sides and a concave base. The feature contained a single fill, 125, which was a very dark greyish brown sandy clay with occasional small angular stones and small flecks of charcoal. No artefacts were recovered. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole forming a linear group with 122, 177 and 183.

Cut 177. Fill 176. Oval in plan, 0.41m in length, 0.37m wide and 0.13m deep, with gentle sides and a concave base. The feature contained a single fill, 176, which was a homogeneous, very dark greyish brown, sandy silt with occasional flecks of charcoal. No artefacts were recovered. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole forming a linear group with 122, 126 and 183.

Cut 183. Fills 274, 275. Oval in plan, 0.33m in length, 0.28m wide and 0.12m deep with gentle sides and a flat base. The primary fill of the feature, 275, consisted of a very dark grey clayey silt. This was sealed by, 274, which was found to be a very dark greyish brown sandy silt. No artefacts were recovered from either of the two layers. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole forming a linear group with 122, 126, 177.

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Cut 129. Fill 148 (same as 167. Fill 164) Oval in plan, 0.30m long, 0.25m wide and 0.13m deep with steep sides and a flat base. The feature contained a single fill, 148, which was a homogeneous, dusky red fine silty clay from which a single sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered. Forms part of a group of six postholes sealed by the subsoil, 2.

Cut 130. Fills 131, 189. A narrow linear feature, orientated approximately east/west, was 0.38m wide and 0.46m deep with a 'V' shaped profile. The feature had steep sides and contained two fills. The primary fill, 131, was a compact greyish brown fine silty clay with occasional small charcoal flecks and no finds. Sealing this layer was 189, a dark yellowish brown sandy silty clay with occasional small sub-angular stones and no artefacts. The feature cut through the 'midden' deposit, 124, and was truncated by a similar feature, 132.

Cut 132. Fills 133, 186, 187, 188. A narrow linear feature, orientated approximately east/west, was 0.36m wide and 0.09m deep with steep sides and a slightly concave base. The feature contained four fills. The primary fill, 186, was a dark yellowish brown silty clay with occasional small, sub-angular stones and no artefacts. This layer was sealed by 187, a dark yellowish brown sandy silty clay with occasional small angular stones and no finds. Overlying this was Fill 188 which was a yellowish brown sandy silty clay with occasional small sub-angular stones and no artefacts. The uppermost fill of the feature, 133, was a dark greyish brown, compact, fine silty clay with occasional angular stones and no artefacts. The feature was aligned similarly to and truncated by 130. The upper layer, 133, actually overlay both gullies, 130 and 132, suggesting that the features had a similar date of construction and only a short period of use.

Cut 175. Fill 174. Circular in plan, 0.46m in length, 0.44m and 0.18m deep. The feature had steep sides, a concave base and contained a single fill, 174. Fill 174 was a very dark greyish brown, sandy clay with occasional Iron Age pottery sherds and animal bone fragments. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Postholes Sealed by 'Cultural' Deposit

Cut 166. Fill 165, 180. Circular in plan, 0.96m in diameter and 0.23m deep. The feature had vertical sides, a flat base and contained two fills, 165 and 180. The primary fill, 165, was 0.17m deep and consisted of a very dark grey sandy silt with occasional small angular stones, small flecks of charcoal, Late Bronze Age sherds and daub fragments. The upper layer, 180, was found to be a dark grey fine silty clay with occasional small, angular stones and charcoal flecks but no artefacts. The feature was sealed by the 'midden' deposit, 124.

Cut 169. Fill 168. Oval in plan, 0.36m long, 0.20m wide and 0.10m deep. The feature had steep concave sides and a concave base. Fill 168 was a compact, very dark greyish brown, sandy clay which contained occasional Late Bronze Age pottery sherds and animal bone fragments. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 171. Fill 170. Oval in plan, 0.37m long, 0.28 wide and 0.14m deep. The feature had gently sloping sides, a concave base and contained a single fill, 170. Fill 170 was a compact, very dark greyish brown, sandy clay with occasional Late Bronze Age pottery sherds and animal bone fragments. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 285. Fill 286. Roughly circular in plan, 0.32m long, 0.28 wide and 0.11m deep, steep-sided and a slightly concave base, the feature contained a single fill, 286. Fill 286 was a very dark greyish brown, sandy clay with no artefacts. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 288. Fill 287. Roughly circular in plan, 0.51m long, 0.49m wide and 0.14m deep with concave sides and a flat base. The feature had a single fill, 287. Fill 287 was a very dark greyish brown, sandy silt containing a single sherd of Iron Age pottery and occasional animal bone fragments. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 291. Fill 292. Oval in plan 0.23m long, 0.18m wide and 0.14m deep with steep sides and a flat base the feature contained a single fill, 292. Fill 292 was a compact brown, sandy silty clay with no artefacts. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 307. Fill 308. Circular in plan, 0.16m diameter and 0.12m deep with vertical sides and flat base the feature contained a single fill, 308. Fill 308 was a compact, dark yellowish brown, sandy silty clay with no artefacts. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

5.3 Area B

5.3.1 Summary of Trench VI (*Figures 2 and 6*)

A number of intercutting pits were located within Trench VI, approximately 50m north of Area A. These pits clustered together and intercut in the same way as the pits in Trench 1, Area A. The pits were all roughly circular or semi-circular and between 0.34m and 0.60m deep.

They were very similar in character to the pit cluster F481 in Trench 1, and are likely to be of a similar date since several of them contained Iron Age pottery. No associated structural features were found in this area, however, and it is not known whether the pits had any direct association with the pits found in Trench I. The function of this pit group is uncertain, the absence of artefacts and the homogeneous nature of the fills would detract from their being rubbish pits; possibly they represent working hollows?

5.3.2 Trench VI

This trench was positioned as part of the general trenching scheme to assess the whole field. A series of ?circular intercutting pits were located in the middle of the trench. They spanned 7.5m and extended beneath the eastern section. All but one of the pits, 94, were sealed by the subsoil, 2, with the exception being cut from directly beneath the ploughsoil, 1. The ploughsoil was 0.25m deep, sealing the subsoil, 2, which was 0.18m deep.

Cut 88. Fills 87, 152. Probably circular in plan, >1.10m long, 1.20m wide and 0.40m deep, with steep, concave sides and a gradual concave base. The primary fill, 152, was a light yellowish brown, compact, silty clay with very occasional small angular stones and flecks of charcoal. No artefacts were recovered. This was sealed by Fill 87 which was a light olive brown compact silty clay with occasional small angular stones and charcoal flecks from which occasional animal bone and a few pieces of Iron Age pottery were collected. The pit was truncated to the south by 90.

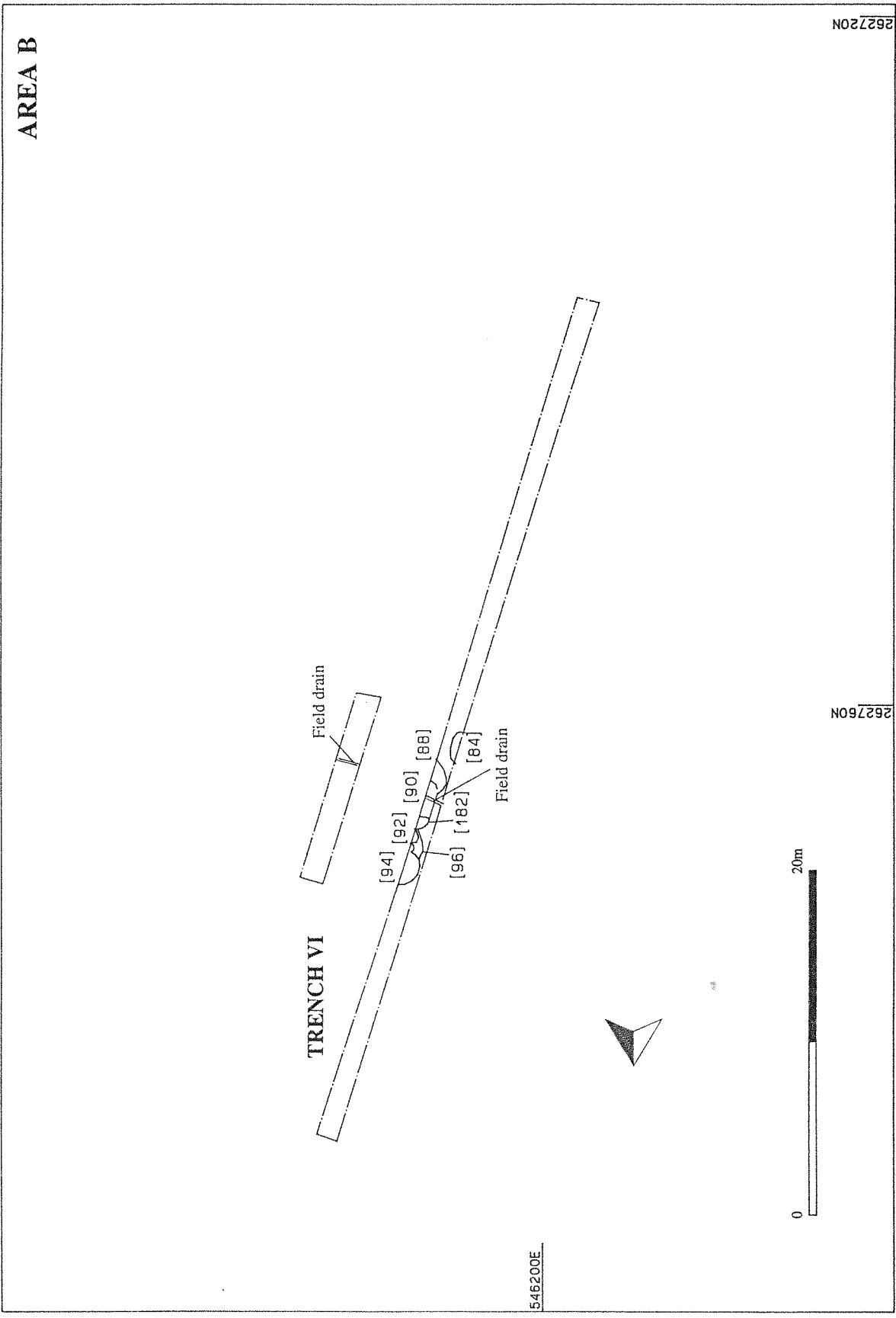


Figure 6 Plan of Features in Trench VI

Cut **90**. Fills 89, 153. Probably circular in plan, >2.6m wide and 0.52m deep, this feature extended beyond the edges of the trench. Steep sided, with a gradual break of slope at the base to a flat and pitted base. The primary fill, 153, was a light brownish grey compact silty clay with occasional small, angular stones, Iron Age pottery sherds and animal bone fragments. This was sealed by, 89, a brown loose sandy silt with occasional small angular stones and animal bone fragments. The feature was truncated by a field drain and cut **88** and **182**.

Cut **92**. Fills 91, 154. Probably circular in plan, 0.80m wide and 0.34m deep with steep sides and a concave base. The primary fill, 154, was a light yellowish brown compact silty clay with occasional small angular stones and Iron Age pottery sherds. This was sealed by 91, a greyish brown compact silty clay with occasional small angular stones and flecks of charcoal. No artefacts were recovered. Feature **92** was truncated by **96** and **182**.

Cut **94**. Fills 93, 162. Probably circular in plan, 2m long, >1m wide and >0.60m deep with gently sloping sides and a gradual break of slope at the base to a flat and pitted base. The primary fill, 162, was a light yellowish brown compact slightly silty clay with occasional small, angular stones, Iron Age pottery sherds and animal bone fragments. This was sealed by 93, a greyish brown, compact, silty clay with occasional small angular stones and flecks of charcoal. Occasional small ?Iron Age pottery sherds and animal bones were recovered. The feature was cut from directly beneath the ploughsoil, through the subsoil, 2, and truncated **96** and appeared to be the most recent feature in the group.

Cut **96**. Fills 95, 161. Probably circular in plan, >0.80m wide and >0.26m deep, with steep sides and a flat base. Primary fill, 161, was a light olive brown, compact, silty clay with occasional small angular stones and a single sherd of Iron Age pottery. This was sealed by 95, a greyish brown, compact, silty clay with occasional angular stones and a few flecks of charcoal. No artefacts were recovered. To the south, the feature was truncated by **94** and cut **92**.

Cut **182**. Fill 181. Probably circular in plan, >0.66m wide and >0.20m deep, with gently sloping sides and a flat base. Fill 181 was a light yellowish brown, compact, clayey silt with occasional angular small stones and a single Iron Age pottery sherd. Feature **182** cut **92** to the north and was truncated by **90** to the south.

Cut **84**. Fill 83. *Unexcavated*. Probably circular in plan, 1.8m long, and >0.80m wide, the feature extended beneath the western edge of the trench. Fill 83 was a dark greyish brown compact clayey silt with occasional angular stones. Feature **84** was sealed by the subsoil, 2.

5.4 Area C

5.4.1 Summary (Figures 2 and 7)

A third area of archaeological significance was revealed in Trench XVI. Possible beamslots, postholes, field boundaries and pits were located at the eastern end of the trench. Three short parallel gullies or beamslots **359**, **361** and **414**, and postholes **388** and **390**, may represent the remains of a building. Iron Age pottery was recovered from several of these features and suggests that the structure may date to that period.

A second group of short linears, **398** and **428**, and postholes, **394** and **396**, lay close to the possible building, but no pattern was evident. Iron Age pottery in the backfills of these features suggests a similar date and their character suggests that they may have been structural. A nearby unexcavated pit cluster **426**, had Iron Age pottery, animal bone and daub on its surface. The presence of the daub suggests the possibility of a nearby building. Other finds suggest that rubbish possibly associated with a building had accumulated in the pits.

Four parallel ditches **392**, **402**, **404** and **406**, to the west of the possible building may be drainage gullies or field boundaries. Iron Age pottery recovered from **404** and **406** suggests that these features are of a similar period to the pits and possible buildings. The orientation of these ditches was similar to that of the beamslots suggesting that the features may be associated.

5.4.2 Trench XVI

Positioned at 45 degrees to the Mere Way and 450m south of Butt Lane (*Figure 1*), this trench was designed to identify any features that might be associated with the Roman road. A concentration of archaeology was found at the eastern end of the trench. Expansion of the trench revealed three parallel shallow gullies, **361**, **359** and **414**, possibly representing beamslots?; a pit group, **426**; and four parallel gullies, **392**, **402**, **404** and **406** (*Figure 7*).

The ploughsoil was 0.30m deep, overlying the subsoil, 2, which sealed the archaeology.

Cut **359**. Fill 358. A linear feature orientated north-east/south-west, 7.4m long, 0.8m wide and 0.18m deep, with steep sides and a slightly concave base. The feature contains a single fill, 358. The fill was a light olive brown, compact sandy clay with occasional angular stones and a few small Iron Age? pottery sherds. Parallel to two similar features, **414** to the west and **361** to the east, the group probably represents beamslots.

Cut **361**. Fill 360. A linear feature orientated north-east/south-west, >2.20m long, 0.58m wide and 0.14m deep, with steep sides and a slightly concave base. The feature contained a single fill, 360. The fill was a light olive brown, sandy clay with occasional small, angular stones and small sherds of Iron Age? pottery. To the south the feature terminated but the alignment continued with two circular postholes, **388** and **390**. Parallel to two similar features to the west, **414** and **361**, the group has been interpreted as beamslots.

Cut **388**. Fill 387. Oval in plan, 0.78m long, 0.62m wide and 0.16m deep with steep sides and a flat base. Contained a single fill, 387, which was a greyish brown, sandy clay with occasional angular stones and small sherds of Iron Age? pottery. The feature was located to the south of the terminus of a linear, **361**, and possibly formed part of a contemporary structure.

Cut **390**. Fill 389. Oval in plan, 0.78m long, 0.66m wide and 0.15m deep. The feature contained a single fill, 389, which was a yellowish brown, clayey silt with small sub-angular stones and no finds. The feature was located to the south of **388** at the terminus of a linear, **361**, and may have formed part of a contemporary structure; possibly being a replacement for **388**.

Cut **392**. Fill 391. A linear feature, 0.61m wide and 0.18m deep, orientated north-east/south-west, with steep-sides and a flat base. The feature contained a single fill, 391, which was a dark greyish brown, compact sandy clay with occasional small sub-angular stones and no artefacts. The feature continued 15m to the south as **424** and formed one of a group of four linears, **402**, **404** and **406**, which probably represented drainage gullies.

Cut **394**. Fill 393. Circular in plan, 1.00m long, 0.60m wide and 0.25m deep, with vertical sides and a concave base. Fill 393 was an olive brown, silty clay with occasional small angular stones and frequent small flecks of charcoal. Occasional small Iron-Age? pottery sherds and animal bone fragments were recovered. The feature was truncated to the north by **396**.

Cut **396**. Fill 395. Circular in plan, 0.80m long, 0.70m wide and 0.15m deep, with gently sloping sides and a concave base. Fill 395 was an olive brown, silty clay with occasional small angular stones and small charcoal flecks. Occasional small Iron-Age? pottery sherds and animal bone fragments were recovered. The feature truncated another pit?, **394**, to the immediate south. Both **394** and **396** were located to the immediate east of an unexcavated pit complex, **426**, and may have represented a continuation of this feature group. Alternatively, these features may have represented postholes associated with **398**, a ditch terminus.

Cut **398**. Fill 397. A linear feature aligned north/south, >1.95m long, 1.10m wide and 0.20m deep. The feature was filled by 397, an olive brown, silty clay with occasional small angular stones and charcoal flecks. Occasional small Iron-Age? pottery sherds and animal bone fragments were recovered. The feature was parallel to two possible beamslots, **414** and **428**, which have been interpreted as the termini of another beamslot or a ditch.

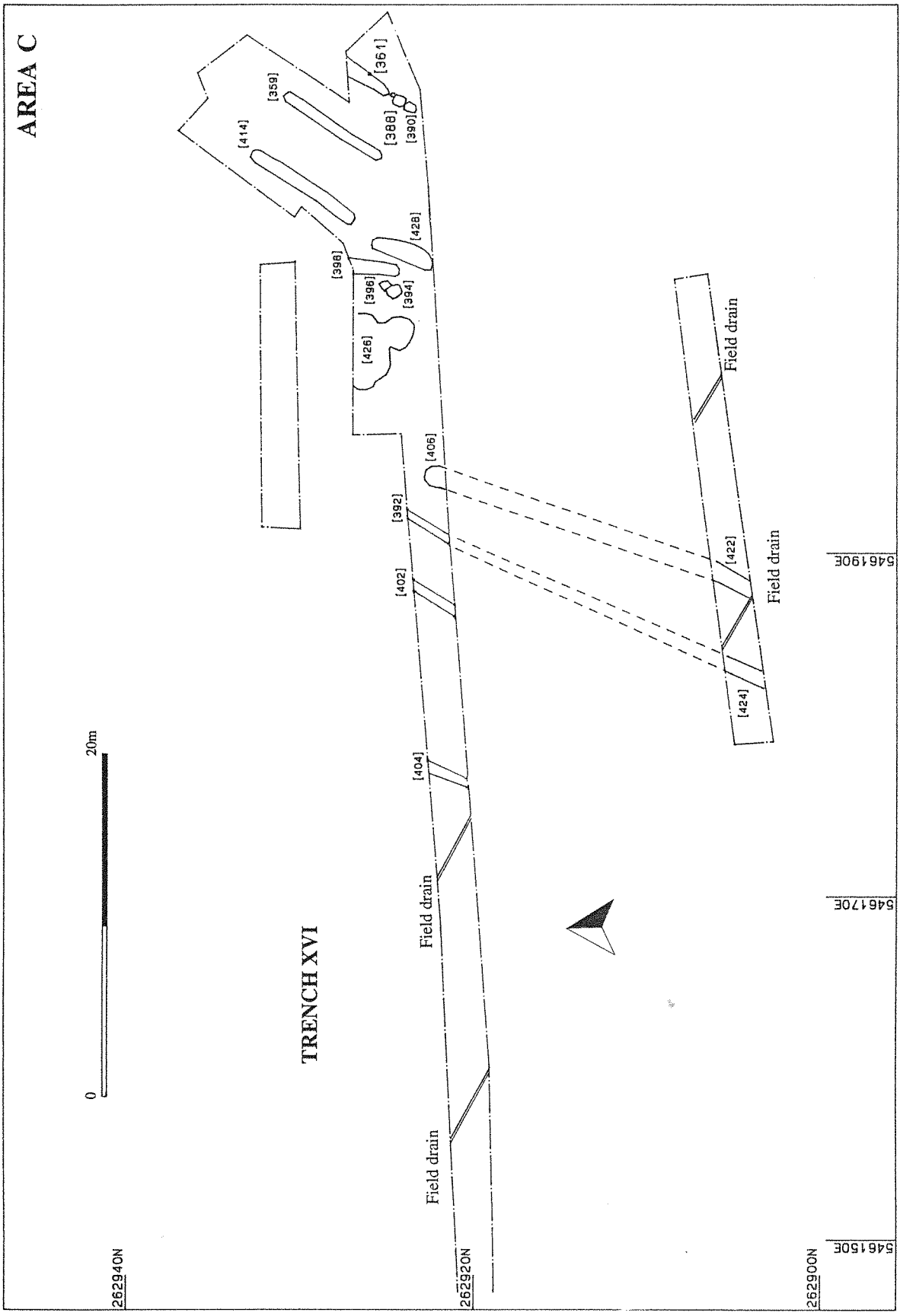


Figure 7 Plan of Features in Trench XVI

Cut **402**. Fill 401. A linear feature, 0.70m wide and 0.23m deep, orientated north-east/south-west with steep sides and a concave, irregular base. Filled by 401, a homogeneous dark greyish brown sandy clay with occasional small sub-angular stones and no finds. The feature has been interpreted as a gully forming a group of four similar linears, **392**, **404** and **406**.

Cut **404**. Fill 403. A linear feature, 0.66m wide and 0.16m deep, orientated north-east/south-west, and situated 9m to the west of **402**. The feature had steep sides, a flat base and was filled with a single homogeneous silt. Fill 403 was a yellowish brown compact clayey sand with occasional small sub-angular stones and a single small sherd of Iron Age pottery. The feature has been interpreted as a gully forming a group of four similar linears, **392**, **402** and **406**.

Cut **406**. Fill 405. In plan the feature appeared as a semi-circle extending 1.06m into the trench, was 0.84m wide and 0.20m deep with gently sloping sides and a flat base. The feature was filled with a single fill, 405. The fill was a very dark greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional small angular stones, flecks of charcoal and occasional medium-sized ?Iron Age pottery sherds and animal bone fragments. The feature was on a similar north-east/south-west alignment to a linear feature, **422**, located in a parallel trench and possibly represented the continuation and termination of a ditch. Feature **406** formed the fourth in a group of parallel linears, **392**, **402** and **404**.

Cut **414**. Fill 413. A shallow linear feature, aligned north-east/south-west. 7.1m in length, 0.77m wide and 0.18m deep. The cut had gently sloping sides and a flat base, and it contained a single fill, 413, which was a brown, slightly clayey sandy silt with occasional small angular stones and no artefacts. The gully appeared to continue 1m to the north as **428**, and was parallel to two similar features **359** and **361**. All features were interpreted to be ?beamslots.

Cut **422**. Fill 421. *Unexcavated*. A linear feature, aligned north-east/south-west, 1m wide, contained a single fill, 421. The fill was a very dark greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small, angular stones. No artefacts were recovered. In plan it was on a similar alignment to **406**, 15m to the north, and possibly represented the continuation of a ditch.

Cut **424**. Fill 423. *Unexcavated*. Orientated north-east/south-west, 1m wide and containing at least a single fill, 423, which was found to be a dark greyish brown, compact sandy clay with occasional small sub-angular stones. No artefacts. The feature seemed to represent a southern continuation of **392**.

Cut **426**. Fill 425. *Unexcavated*. Irregular, although roughly rounded in plan, 5m wide and >5m long. The fill, 425, was a very dark greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional small to medium angular stones and small charcoal flecks. Artefacts recovered from the surface of the feature included occasional Iron Age sherd, a single Roman rim pottery sherd and daub fragments. The feature was interpreted to be a series of circular rubbish or ?storage pits.

Cut **428**. Fill 427. *Unexcavated*. A linear feature aligned north-east/south-west, 3.5m in length and 1m wide. It contained at least one fill, 427, a yellowish brown, clayey sandy silt. No artefacts were recovered. The feature appeared to form the continuation of **414**, 1m to the south.

5.5 Area D

5.5.1 Summary

Significant archaeological deposits were present in Trenches XVIII, XIX, XX and XXIII in the northern portion of the evaluation area (*Figures 2 and 8*). The density of archaeological features was greatest in the south of Trench XVIII, including three possible beamslots with several postholes. The beamslots, **304**, **310** and **354**, formed a rectilinear arrangement; two of the features contained Iron Age pottery in their fills and a small fragment of daub was found in the third. Nearby there were several postholes, some of which may be associated with the beamslot structure. Three postholes, **306**, **327** and **364**, were closely associated with the beamslots: posthole **306** was cut into the base of the east end of beamslot **304**; posthole **327** was very close to the east end of beamslot **310**; and posthole **364** was cut through the southern end of beamslot **354**.

All of these postholes contained small fragments of daub, and posthole **327** also contained fragments of animal bone and Iron Age pottery. Several other postholes and slots were clustered in the vicinity with small groups of postholes clustered around the beamslots: postholes **301**, **408** and **410** clustered near beamslot **354**; postholes **442**, **320**, **446**, **347**, **337**, **339** and **444** clustered to the south of **310**; and postholes **290**, **297** and **295** clustered to the north of **304**. This patterning, taken in conjunction with the small fragments of daub found in postholes **290**, **295** and **337**, and Iron Age pottery found in **290**, **295** and **347**, suggest that the postholes may be associated with the beamslot structure.

Two short linear features, **341** and **363**, were situated to the west of the possible beamslot structure. Although neither of the features contained dating evidence, they were on a similar alignment to **310** and small fragments of daub were recovered from **341** suggesting they may have been associated with the beamslot building. A longer linear feature, **343**, was parallel and to the west of **354**, and may have continued to the south-west in Trench XXII as **440**.

Other postholes were located in the northern end of Trench XVIII and in Trench XIX to the west. Postholes **357**, **371** and **430** were located in Trench XVIII, and postholes **432** and **434** were located in Trench XIX. None of these postholes were excavated and consequently any potential association with the beamslot structure at the southern end of Trench XVIII could not be established.

A pair of parallel linear features, **436** and **438**, was identified in Trench XIX, but not excavated. The alignment of these linears was very similar to the beamslot structure in Trench XVIII, suggesting the possibility that they may be associated.

5.5.2 Trenches XVIII, XIX and XXIII (*Figures 2 and 8*)

These trenches were located at the northern end of the site as part of the spatial sampling programme. Despite the absence of cropmark or fieldwalking evidence to indicate any archaeological activity, substantial remains were recorded. These included 20 postholes and a substantial rectangular arrangement of three ?beamslots, **304**, **354** and **310**, indicative of a structure.

Cut **304**. Fill 303. A shallow linear feature aligned north-west/south-east, >4m long, 0.70m wide and 0.15m deep with gradual sides and a flat base. The linear was filled by a single fill, 303, which was a dark yellowish brown, silty clay with occasional angular stones and small fragments of Iron Age pottery. The feature terminated to the south-east with a posthole, **306**, cut into the base of the terminus.

Cut **306**. Fill 305. Circular in plan, 0.37m long, 0.26m wide and 0.23m deep, the feature was located in the terminus of a linear, **304**. Fill 305 was a very dark greyish brown, silty sandy clay with small angular stones and occasional small flecks of charcoal and small fragments of daub.

Cut **290**. Fills 316, 317. Circular in plan, 0.45m long, 0.42m wide and 0.37m deep with vertical sides and a flat base. Fill 316 has been interpreted as the packing of the posthole with a dark greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional daub fragments. Fill 317 was found to be the fill of the postpipe and consisted of a dark greyish brown, silty clay with occasional small angular stones and small flecks of charcoal. Artefacts from this deposit included occasional small Iron Age pottery sherds, and fragments of animal bone and daub. The feature was interpreted to be a posthole located on the north-eastern side of a ?beamslot, **304**.

Cut **310**. Fill 309. The terminus of a shallow linear feature (recorded as **329**), aligned north-west/south-east, >4m long, 0.34m wide and 0.04m deep. The sides gently sloped to a slightly concave base. Fill 309 was a dark greyish brown, silty clay containing a single fragment of daub. This linear feature was possibly associated with two similar features, **304** and **354**, forming the foundations of a hall type building.

Cut **329**. Fills 325, 328. A linear feature aligned north-west/south-east, >4m long, 0.69m wide and 0.13m deep with steep sides and a flat base. The feature terminated 4m to the north (see **310**). The primary fill 328, was a dark greyish brown, sandy silt with occasional small sub-angular stones and small flecks of charcoal.

Occasional small sherds of Iron Age pottery and burnt animal bone fragments were recovered from this fill. The upper fill, 325, was a dark yellowish brown, sandy silt with occasional, small sub-angular stones and no artefacts. The feature has been interpreted to be a beamslot, the terminus of which was recorded as 310. Feature 329 was cut by 345 and truncated posthole 331.

Cut 324. Fill 323. Sub-circular in plan, 0.32m long, 0.3m wide and 0.12m deep with gently sloping sides and a concave base. Fill 323 was a dark greyish brown clayey silt, with occasional small flecks of charcoal and sherds of Iron Age pottery. The feature was located on the western side of the terminus of a ?beamslot, 310, and was truncated on the south-eastern side by a stakehole, 319.

Cut 327. Fill 326. Circular in plan, 0.33m long, 0.32m wide and 0.18m deep with steep sides and a slightly concave base. Fill 326 was a very dark greyish brown, silty clay with occasional small angular stones and small flecks of charcoal. Occasional Iron Age pottery sherds, animal bone and daub fragments were recovered. Located on the eastern side of the terminus of a ?beamslot, 310, the feature has been interpreted to be a posthole.

Cut 331. Fill 330. Circular in plan, 0.43m in diameter and 0.16m deep, with steep sides and a flat base, the feature contained a single fill. Fill 330 was a compact, light olive brown, silty gravel. No artefacts were recovered. The feature was truncated by the ?beamslot 329.

Cut 345. Fill 344. Sub-circular in plan, 0.44m long, 0.40m wide and 0.28m deep, with steep, concave sides and a concave base. Filled by 344, a light olive brown compact sandy clayey silt with occasional sub-angular stones. No artefacts were recovered. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 354. Fill 369 (same as 355. Fill 366). A north-east/south-west aligned linear, 5.3m long, 0.35m to 0.57m wide and 0.13-31m deep, with steep sides and a flat base. Filled by 369, a yellowish brown, clayey silt with occasional charcoal flecks and a few sherds of Iron Age pottery. A posthole, 364, was located at the south-western terminus of the feature. The feature has been interpreted as a ?beamslot, possibly forming a rectangular structure with other similar features, 304 and 310/329.

Cut 364. Fill 365. Circular in plan, 0.38m long, 0.36m wide and 0.17m deep with steep, concave sides and a concave base. Filled by 365, a dark greyish brown, clayey silt with common charcoal flecks. Artefacts recovered from the fill included a sherd of Iron Age pottery and a few fragments of daub.

Cut 297. Fill 298, 452. Circular in plan, 0.30 long, 0.28m wide and 0.17m deep, with steep sides and a slightly concave base. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole with two fills. Fill 298 was a very dark brown greyish brown, silty sandy clay with occasional small sub-angular stones and a single Iron Age pottery sherd. It has been interpreted as the fill of the postpipe. Fill 452 was the packing of the posthole and was a compact dark brown, silty clay.

Cut 299. Fill 300. Oval in plan, >1.34m long, 1.2m wide and >0.60m deep, with steep sides and flat base, sloping slightly towards the north-west. Filled by 300, a brown crumbly sandy silt with occasional flecks of charcoal and small angular stones. No finds were recovered. Feature 299 truncated 301, 408 and 410.

Cut 301. Fill 302. Circular in plan, 0.20m in diameter with vertical sides and a flat base. Fill 302 was a brown, firm crumbly clayey silt with occasional flecks of charcoal and no artefacts. It was truncated by 299.

Cut 408. Fill 407. Circular in plan, 0.40m in diameter, vertical sides and a concave base. Fill 407 was a brownish yellow, compact slightly silty sand with occasional small angular stones and no artefacts. It was truncated by 299.

Cut 410. Fill 409. Circular in plan, 0.36m in diameter, vertical sides and a concave base. Fill 409, was a compact yellowish brown slightly silty sand with occasional small angular stones, no artefacts. Truncated by 299.

Cut 320. Fills 321, 322. Circular in plan, 0.43m in diameter and 0.27m deep, with steep sides and a concave base. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole with associated postpipe and packing. The packing of the posthole, Fill 321, was a dark brown, sandy clay with occasional animal bone fragments. The fill of the postpipe, 322, was a very dark greyish brown, sandy clay with no finds.

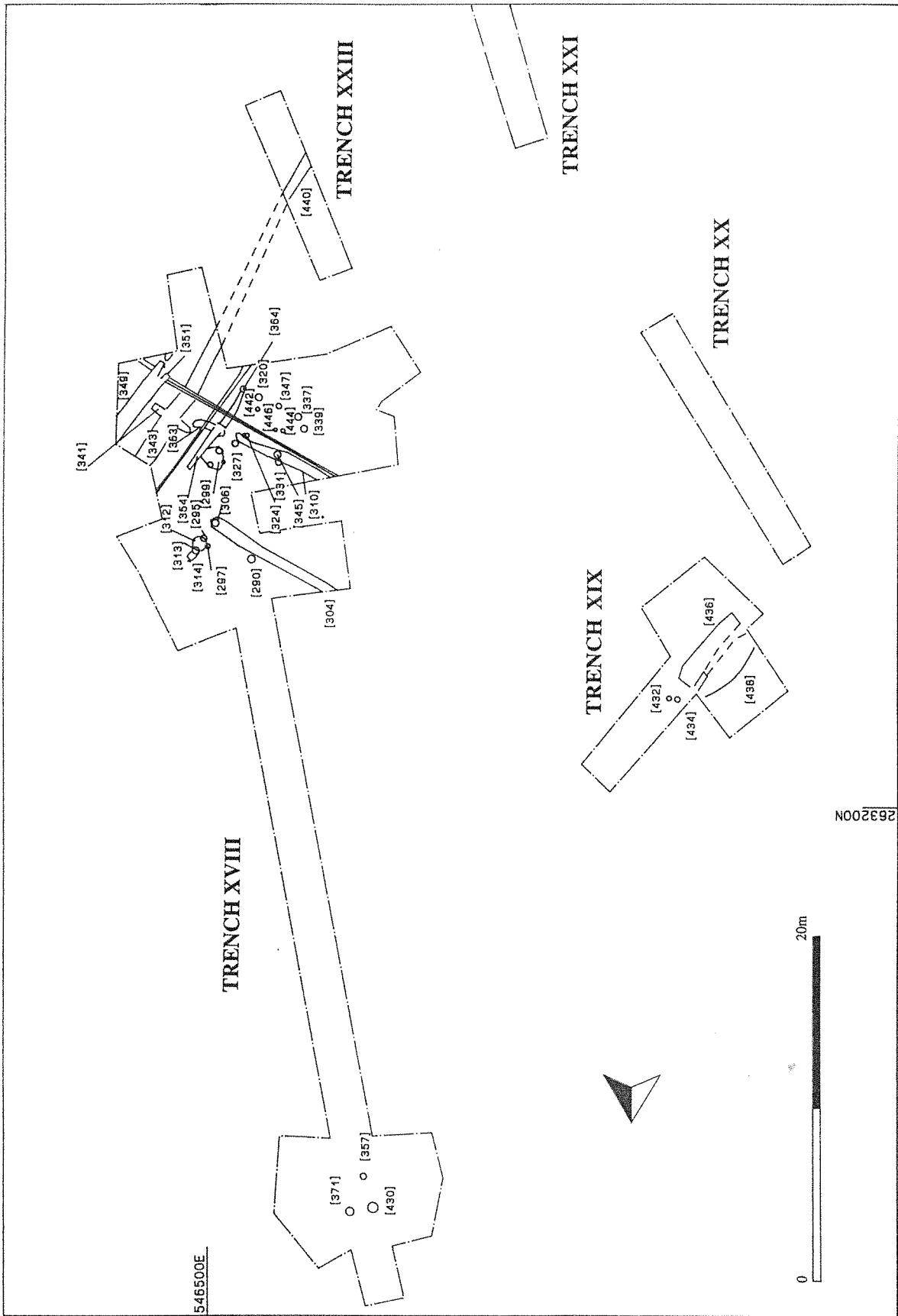


Figure 8 Plan of Features in Trenches XVIII, XIX, XXI and XXIII

Cut 337. Fill 336. Oval in plan, 0.52m long, 0.45m wide and 0.26m deep, with steep sides and a flat base. Fill 336 was a very dark greyish brown, sandy clay with frequent charcoal flecks and occasional animal bone fragments. The feature has been interpreted to be a posthole.

Cut 339. Fill 338. Circular in plan, 0.30m in diameter and 0.23m deep, with steep sides and a concave base. Fill 338 was a very dark greyish brown, sandy clay with occasional flecks of charcoal and a few fragments of daub. The feature has been interpreted to be a posthole.

Cut 341. Fill 340. A shallow linear aligned north-west/south-east, 2.9m long, 0.5m wide and 0.05m deep, with steep sides and a flat base. Fill 340 was a dark greyish brown, clayey silt with occasional angular stones and small daub fragments. The feature truncated a north-west/south-east aligned gully, 343.

Cut 343. Fill 342. A linear feature aligned north-east/south-west, >3.87m long, 0.98m wide and 0.18m deep, with gently sloping concave sides and a slightly concave base. Fill 342 was a brown silty clay with occasional sub-angular stones and charcoal flecks. Seems to continue in TrenchXXIII as 440. Finds recovered from the feature included a single flint flake and Iron Age pottery sherds. The feature was truncated by a shallow linear, 341, and by a north-west/south-east aligned field drain, 353.

Cut 440. Fill 439. *Unexcavated*. A linear feature, 10m to the south-west of 343 and on the same north-east/south-west alignment. It probably represented the continuation of the feature. No artefacts were recovered.

Cut 347. Fill 346. Oval in plan, 0.30m long, 0.28m wide and 0.20m deep with steep, concave sides and a concave base. Filled by 346, a dark yellowish brown sandy clay with very occasional flecks of charcoal and a single sherd of Iron Age pottery. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 357. Fill 356. Oval in plan, 0.42m long, 0.37m wide and 0.22m with steep, concave sides and a concave base. Filled by 356, a very dark greyish brown sandy clay with very occasional small angular stones and no artefacts. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole.

Cut 363. Fill 368. A shallow linear, 1.3m long, 0.4m wide and 0.16m deep. The feature was orientated north-west/south-east and had gently concave sides and a flat base. Filled by 368, a dark yellowish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-angular stones and no artefacts. Truncated by a north-east/south-west aligned linear, 354.

Cut 371. Fill 370. Oval in plan, 0.45m long, 0.40m wide and 0.34m deep, with vertical sides and a slightly concave base. Filled by 370, an olive brown, clayey silt with occasional, small angular stones and no artefacts. The feature has been interpreted as a posthole and from its location it has been associated with two other postholes, 357 and 430.

Cut 430. Fill 429. *Unexcavated*. Circular in plan, 0.60m in diameter. Fill 429 consisted of a compact very dark greyish brown sandy clay. No artefacts were recovered.

Cut 442. Fill 441. *Unexcavated*. Circular in plan, 0.21m in diameter. Fill 441 consisted of a compact very dark brown, sandy clay. No artefacts were recovered.

Cut 444. Fill 443. *Unexcavated*. Circular in plan, 0.18m in diameter. Fill 443 consisted of a compact very dark brown, sandy clay. No artefacts were recovered.

Cut 446. Fill 445. *Unexcavated*. Circular in plan, 0.23m in diameter. Fill 445 consisted of a compact very dark brown, sandy clay. No artefacts were recovered.

Cut 349. Fill 348. A shallow linear feature orientated north-east/south-west, >3m long, 0.50m wide and 0.14m deep. Terminating to the south, the feature had a gently sloping concave sides and a slightly concave base. Filled by, 348, a dark greyish brown clayey silt with angular small stones. Artefacts recovered from the fill included a fragment of 20th century flower pot, slate and a piece of plastic. The feature truncated a parallel linear 351 to the west and a field drain, 353, to the south.

Cut 351. Fill 350. A shallow linear feature orientated north-east/south-west parallel to 349, >3m long, 0.58m wide and 0.04m deep. Terminating to south, the feature had gently sloping sides and a very flat base. Filled by 350, an olive brown clayey silt with occasional angular stones and a single piece of 20th century pottery. The feature cut a field drain, 353, to the south and was truncated to the east by 349.

5.5.3 Trench XIX (Figures 2 and 8).

This trench was located 20m to the south of Trench XVIII in order to elaborate on features initially recorded in that trench, particularly two linear features, **304** and **310/329**. Although, these two features were not noted, two additional linears, **436** and **438**, located along a perpendicular alignment were recorded as were two postholes, **432** and **434**. The features in this trench were recorded in plan only. The ploughsoil in this trench was found to be 0.30m deep, sealing a subsoil, 2, which overlay the archaeological features.

Cut **432**. Fill 431. *Unexcavated*. Circular in plan, 0.36m in diameter. Filled by 431, a dark greyish brown clayey silt. No artefacts were recovered. The feature has been interpreted to be a posthole.

Cut **434**. Fill 433. *Unexcavated*. Circular in plan, 0.40m in diameter. Filled by 431, a dark greyish brown clayey silt. No artefacts were recovered. The feature has been interpreted to be a posthole.

Cut **436**. Fill 435. *Unexcavated*. In plan, this feature appeared as a north-east/south-west aligned feature parallel to **438**. Terminating to the north and south, the feature was 5m long and 1m wide. Fill 435 was a dark greyish brown slightly clayey silt with frequent flecks of charcoal. No artefacts were recovered.

Cut **438**. Fill 437. *Unexcavated*. Parallel to and in plan similar to **436**, this feature was filled by 436, a dark greyish brown slightly clayey silt with occasional small angular stones and frequent flecks of charcoal. No artefacts were recovered. Both **436** and **438** may have represented beamslots possibly associated with those recorded in Trench XVIII, **304**, **310/329** and **354**.

5.5.4 Trench XXIII (Figures 2 and 8).

Cut **440**. Fill 339. *Unexcavated*. In plan, this feature appeared as a north-east/south-west orientated feature. It seemed to continue in Trench XVIII as **343**. Fill 339 was a brown silty clay with occasional sub-angular stones and charcoal flecks. No artefacts were recovered.

5.6 Isolated Features in Trenches XV, XI, XII, XIV, XVII, XXIV, XXVI and XXVII

The ploughsoil was approximately 0.30m deep in the Trenches XV, XXVI and XXVII. These trenches contained isolated archaeological features (*Figure 2*). Unexcavated linear features in Trenches XV and XXVI continued a similar alignment to Iron Age and Romano-British field boundaries previously recorded to the east (MILEW III and IV, Reynolds 1996). These features suggested that the Iron Age and Romano-British field system continued eastwards.

5.6.1 Trench XV

Cut **450**. Fill 449. *Unexcavated*. A linear feature orientated approximately east/west. Filled by 449, a light yellowish brown silty clay. No artefacts were recovered.

5.6.2 Trench XI

Cut **260**. Fill 259. A linear feature orientated approximately north-west/south-east, 0.58 deep and 1.65m wide. The feature had steep sides, a flat base and contained a single fill 259, which was a light olive brown sandy clay with rare fragments of animal bone.

5.6.3 Trench XII

Cut **256**. Fill 255. A shallow linear feature orientated approximately south-east/north-west, 0.18m deep and 0.90m wide. The feature has steep sides, a flat base and a single fill, 255 which was a firm slightly silty sandy clay with no artefacts.

Cut **258**. Fill 257. A linear feature orientated approximately north-west/south-east, 0.08m deep and 0.38m wide. The feature had nearly vertical sides, a flat base and a single fill, 257, which was a firm olive brown sandy clay with no artefacts.

- 5.6.4 Trench XIV
Cut 252. Fill 251. A linear feature orientated approximately north-west/south-east, 0.2m deep and 0.39m wide. The feature had nearly vertical sides, a flat base and a single fill, 251, which was a firm, light olive brown silty sandy clay with no artefacts.
- 5.6.5 Trench XVII
Cut 266. Fill 265. A linear feature orientated approximately south-east/north-west, 0.23m deep and 0.50m deep. The feature had a nearly vertical sides, a flat base and contained a single fill, 265, which was found to be a firm light olive brown slightly silty sandy clay with rare small angular stones and no artefacts.

Cut 268. Fill 267. *Unexcavated*. Fielddrain.
- 5.6.6 Trench XXVI
Cut 448. Fill 447. *Unexcavated*. A linear feature orientated approximately east/west. Filled by 449, a light yellowish brown silty clay. No artefacts were recovered.

Cut 246. Fill 245. A linear feature orientated approximately east/west, parallel to 248, 1.35m wide, >5.40m long and 0.35m deep. The feature had a 'V' shaped profile and contained a single fill, 245, which was a light olive brown, sandy clay with occasional angular stones and no artefacts. The feature was sealed by the subsoil, 2.

Cut 248. Fill 247. A linear feature orientated approximately east/west, parallel to 246, 2.40m wide, >2.20m long and 0.35m deep, with steep sides and a flat, pitted base. The feature contained a single fill, 247, which was a light olive brown, sandy clay with no finds. The feature was sealed by the subsoil, 2, and truncated by a field drain.
- 5.6.7 Trench XXVII
Cut 455. Fills 453, 454. *Unexcavated*. An isolated circular posthole, 0.22m in diameter. The feature had two fills: 453 was the carbonised remains of a post; and 454 was a light yellowish brown, compact silty clay which was interpreted to be the packing for the post. No artefacts were recovered. An area was extended 5m either side of the feature but no further activity was noted. It was positioned adjacent to the cut of a field drain and may have represented an feature associated with the construction of the drain.

6 DISCUSSION

The evaluation has contributed significantly to the understanding of the prehistory of the area north of Cambridge. The predominantly clay lands were previously assumed to have been marginal land with woodland, and possibly pasture, predominating. Prehistoric features identified in four discrete areas suggest that a small shifting farmstead or hamlet was present in the area during the Iron Age, and possibly during the Late Bronze Age. A series of beamslots and associated postholes imply buildings were present whilst an area of extensive gravel pitting has also been located. Two particularly deep gravel ?quarry pits in Trench II have the potential for containing well-preserved, waterlogged deposits and may be invaluable to further research at the site.

No traces of Mesolithic flint work were found during this phase of evaluation. This suggests that the Mesolithic materials collected within the bounds of the MILEW II area (Reynolds 1994) were remnants which existed only in the topsoil as a result of post-depositional disturbance.

It is significant that the midden area produced burnt flint during the fieldwalking of 1990. A single Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age sherd of pottery was also recovered at that time. During evaluation, two pieces of worked flint were recovered from the surface close to this area. It would appear that the fieldwalking, whilst not recovering large amounts of material, did highlight an area of potential significance.

Of significance, for the Milton area, is the presence of a ?Neolithic/Late Bronze Age component in Trench X sealed beneath the Iron Age midden. Late Bronze Age pottery sherds were collected from three contexts beneath this midden: **166**, **169** and **171**. Significantly, none of these three features contained Iron Age pottery which suggests that the postholes were associated with a Late Bronze Age structure.

The structural remains in Areas A, C and D indicate that there was a considerable Iron Age presence in this area represented by at least two structures, probably related to habitation. The structures are evident from the ?beamslots and posthole concentrations. The presence of pottery, animal bone and daub in a number of excavated features in Areas A and D may suggest habitation, although a definitive interpretation will have to await the results of further excavations.

The midden deposit in Trench X was bounded by a series of postholes which might be the remains of a collapsed building. An alternative suggestion is that the deposit could be a managed muckheap (French pers. comm.). The deposit was charcoal rich, contained numerous daub fragments but did not yield substantial quantities of pottery or animal bone. Only Iron Age pottery was collected from this midden.

The evaluation did reveal ditch systems on a similar alignment with those recorded in the earlier work at Milton (MILEW I -IV; Reynolds 1994, 1996), although they appeared to be on a reduced scale. The patterns of possible reuse and reorganisation of the landscape are either lost to post-depositional homogenisation of fills by leaching, or the systems did not extend across this area. The latter is a possibility given the evidence from further east where light industrial activity, stock pens and buildings are present. These would require more intensive maintenance whilst the evaluation area monitors the pasture and arable land which runs up to the Roman road.

The investigation did not identify further burial features or barrows of the Roman period. It is, therefore, likely that intensive burial in a barrow and or cemetery was restricted to that found in Trench IV of MILEW III (Reynolds 1996).

In the medieval period the evaluation area was part of the three field systems of Milton and Chesterton and restricted to agricultural use. No structures or features could be specifically identified in the evaluation which dated to this period. There are, however, slight traces of ridge and furrow still perceptible on the field surfaces.

In terms of the potential for analysis, no artefact assemblage from the evaluation is large enough for further analysis in its own right. It may be significant, however, when added to collections from future work. The function of the Iron Age structures identified in the evaluation and the economy of which they were part, require clarification during further research. The origin and form of the pottery may also prove important additions to knowledge of the area during the Bronze Age/Iron Age, since at present it is poorly known. The flint work is mostly undifferentiated and lacks adequate sample size to discuss effectively the technology, function and distribution of activity areas across the evaluated site.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

The evaluation has identified archaeological remains of regional importance, principally in Areas A, C and D. These should be subject to further work prior to their destruction by expansion of the waste pits. This further work should aim to:

- 1) Establish the full extent, function and character of each of the structures identified.
- 2) Identify the sequence of occupation and phasing of the structures.
- 3) Elaborate upon the economy of the area.
- 4) Increase sample sizes of assemblages of material to permit an effective integration of the sites into the regional chronology.
- 5) Gain further environmental data to identify changes in land use, particularly the extent of woodlands and the role of deforestation in the area.

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Appendix A

Flotation Samples from Milton East Waste Landfill Site - MILEW95V

by D. Schlee

Four flotation samples were taken from three pits and a posthole for the recovery of charred plant remains. These were processed using a flotation tank and the resulting float and heavy residue fractions were sorted for charred or waterlogged plant remains.

The results however, were very disappointing. From sample **1**, only two small fragments of bone and a few fragments of charcoal were produced. From sample **2**, a few fragments of pottery and bone and some charcoal fragments were recovered. Sample **3** contained only a small quantity of charcoal fragments. Sample **6** contained a moderate quantity of charcoal fragments, three fragments of burnt bone and some worked flint flakes. No charred or waterlogged seeds were recovered. The environmental samples cannot be used to support or refute the archaeological interpretations of any archaeological features or the site as a whole. It is doubtful that further sampling will be necessary since the ground conditions do not favour good preservation.

Four monolith samples were taken to attempt pollen and micromorphological analysis of a possible buried soil and a possible buried ploughsoil. These might produce evidence of land uses and the character of the local environment.

Appendix B

Flint Report from the Milton Evaluation - MILEW95V

by

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Summary

Struck flint has been recovered from 15 contexts and the collection includes struck flint and burnt flint, the latter being well represented only by weight. No single context provides sufficient material to warrant detailed study and the nature of the contexts yielding flint suggests that little is in primary context. There is a single diagnostic type: a thumbnail scraper. Technologically, there are two different forms of reduction present, a bladelet-based sequence and fresh short, thick, flake-based sequence. The most likely dates for these are Late Mesolithic/Early Neolithic and Iron Age respectively. A high frequency of burnt flint is often associated with a Bronze Age date and the thumbnail scraper might support this.

1.0 Introduction

The total collection of flint weighed 163 grams and was derived from 15 contexts, of which 121g was burnt (74% by weight). The bulk of this burnt material was not worked. Four contexts account for 52% of the collection by number, these being 105, 107, 109 and 124. Of these the largest collection is from 105 which had 4 pieces weighing 15g.

2.0 Typology

There is a single retouched tool, a thumbnail scraper on a secondary flake fragment in poor condition from context 149. It is so damaged that it is possible that this piece may be a gunflint that has been severely edge-damaged.

A tertiary flake-based long scraper derived from the surface spoil adjacent to the midden deposit in Trench X. This was transversely snapped. Another surface find, this time from the field surface between Trenches VI and X, was a bilaterally retouched secondary flake. This collection is not typologically distinctive. The latter two pieces are not included in the weights and counts given above.

3.0 Technology

There are two forms of reduction present, one producing blades/bladelets, the other producing chunky flakes. There is a single bladelet core present (context 109). Most platforms are plain (57%) with cortical (14%) and then dihedral, prepared, crushed, and *bulb enleve* types all present (7% each). Prepared platforms are rare. Flakes dominate the collection; 16 pieces out of a total of 25 pieces, there are no blades and only two bladelet fragments.

4.0 Condition

Evidence for plough damage was rare but half-moon snaps, indicative of soil movement and trampling are present, but again in low frequencies (16%). The chunky flake series of pieces was in fresh condition, generally unpatinated, and with little evidence for post-depositional disturbance. There was some burnt material, none of which showed signs of working prior to heating. There were no pieces which showed recent damage.

5.0 Raw Materials

The materials used are fresh chalk flint with a thin cortex cover.

6.0 Dating

Despite the lack of specific type pieces, it would be reasonable to assign the bladelet series of pieces to a Late Mesolithic/Early Neolithic date and the chunky flakes to a Bronze Age /Iron Age date. The thumbnail scraper, if it is a true type, could be assigned a Bronze Age date and the long scraper would not be out of place in such an assemblage.

7.0 Potential for Analysis

The sample size is small and the collection is clearly attenuated. Conjoining and use wear would not be worthwhile on this collection. There is no reason to develop typological or technological studies beyond the analysis undertaken here. Metrical study of all pieces has been completed and will be archived with this report. The collection, derived from secondary contexts, reflects low intensity prehistoric activity, probably from a variety of periods.

Appendix D

Context List - MILEW95V

Conventions used in list

[#] Cut number
Fill/layer number
F.D. Fielddrain

Cxt. No.	Trench No.	Description	Nature	Finds	Above	Below
1	ALL	Ploughsoil <i>same as 196</i>	2.5Y 3/2 sandy clayey silt	Post-med. tile, glass etc.; occ. R.B. pot; animal bone; flint flakes, I. Age pot	2	-----
2	ALL	Subsoil <i>same as 263</i>	2.5Y 4/4 silty sandy clay	none	1000	1
3	I	Fill of [4]	-----	none		2
[4]	I	Natural anomaly	-----	N/A		
5	I	Natural marl	-----	none		[7]
6	I	Fill of [7]	10YR 6/4; clayey silt	none	[7]	2
[7]	I	Cut of posthole	oval; steep-sided	see 6	5	6
8	I	Fill of [9]	10YR 3/3 sandy silty clay	none	211	2
[9]	I	Cut of ?post-med. ditch	Steep sides, concave base	see 8, 211	146	211
10	I	Fill of [11]	10YR 3/2; silty sand	Bone; I. Age pot frags	[11]	1
[11]	I	Cut of ?posthole	Circular, flat bottomed	see 10	1000	10
12	I	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
13	I	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
14	I	Fill of [15]	-----	none	[15]	1
[15]	I	Cut of fielddrain	-----	see 14	146	14
16	II	Primary fill of [19]	2.5Y 5/1, silty clay	none	[19]	283
[17]	II	Cut of ? quarry pit	deep, concave base	see 271, 276, 278	1000	282
18	II	Fill of [417]	2.5Y 5/2, silty clay	bone	[417]	2
[19]	II	Cut of pit	steep sides, round base	see 16, 18, 283	276	16
20	II	Fill of [21]	-----	none	-----	2
[21]	II	Natural anomaly	-----	see 20	?	?
22	II	fill of [23]	10YR 5/4, sandy clay	I. Age pottery	241	2
[23]	II	Cut of ? quarry pit	sloping sides	see 22, 241	1000	241
24	II	Fill of [25]	-----	none	[25]	2
[25]	II	Cut of linear	-----	see 24	?	24
26	II	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
27	VIII	fill of [28]	sandy silt	none	[28]	2
[28]	VIII	cut of field drain	linear, concave base	see 27	1000	27
29	VII	fill of [30]	-----	none	-----	-----
[30]	VII	cut of field drain - same as [32]	-----	see 29	?	?
31	VII	Fill of [32]	-----	none	?	?
[32]	VII	Cut of field drain - same as [30]	-----	see 31	?	?
33	VII	Fill of [34]	-----	none	?	2
[34]	VII	Natural anomaly	-----	see 33	?	?
35	VII	Fill of [36]	-----	none	?	1
[36]	VII	Cut of field drain	-----	see 35	?	?35
37	VIII	Fill of [38]	-----	-----	?	2

Cxt. No.	Trench No.	Description	Nature	Finds	Above	Below
[38]	VIII	Cut of animal/root hole	-----	-----	?	37
39	VIII	fill of [40]	-----	-----	?	2
[40]	VIII	Cut of field drain	-----	-----	?	39
41	VIII	fill of [42]	-----	-----	?	?
[42]	VIII	Cut of field drain <i>same as [44]</i>	-----	-----	?	?
43	VIII	fill of [44]	-----	-----	?	?
[44]	VIII	Cut of field drain <i>same as [42]</i>	-----	-----	?	?
45	VIII	fill of [46]	-----	-----	?	?
[46]	VIII	Cut of Field drain	-----	-----	?	?
47	II	Fill of [48]	-----	-----	?	?
[48]	II	Natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	?
49	II	Fill of 50	-----	-----	?	?
[50]	II	cut of root/animal hole	-----	-----	?	?
51	II	Fill of [52]	-----	-----	?	?
[52]	II	Cut of field drain	-----	-----	?	?
53	III	Fill of [54]	-----	-----	?	?
[54]	III	Natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	?
55	III	Fill of [56]	-----	-----	?	?
[56]	III	Natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	?
57	III	Fill of [58]	-----	-----	?	?
[58]	III	Natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	?
59	IX	Subsoil <i>same as 2</i>	-----	-----	?	1
[60]	IX	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
61	IX	Subsoil <i>same as 2</i>	-----	-----	?	1
[62]	IX	<i>No. Assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
63	IX	Fill of [64]	-----	-----	?	2
[64]	IX	Cut of field drain	-----	-----	?	?
65	IV	Fill of [66]	-----	-----	?	2
[66]	IV	Natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	65
67	IV	Fill of [68]	-----	-----	?	2
[68]	IV	Cut of modern linear	-----	-----	?	?
69	IV	Fill of [70]	-----	-----	?	2
[70]	IV	Natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	?
71	IV	Fill of [72]	-----	-----	?	2
[72]	IV	Natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	?
73	VI	Fill of [74]	-----	-----	?	2
[74]	VI	Cut of modern linear - ?	-----	-----	?	?
75	V	Natural spread	-----	-----	?	2
76	V	Fill of [77]	-----	-----	?	2
[77]	V	Cut of field drain	-----	-----	?	76
78	V	Natural	-----	-----	?	?
79	V	Fill of [80]	-----	-----	?	2
[80]	V	Cut of natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	?
81	VI	Fill of [82]	-----	-----	?	2
[82]	VI	Cut of natural anomaly	-----	-----	?	?
83	VI	Fill of [84]	-----	-----	?	2
[84]	VI	Cut of ?circular pit	-----	-----	?	?
85	VI	fill of [86]	-----	-----	?	2
[86]	VI	Cut of field drain	-----	-----	?	85
87	VI	Fill of [88]	2.5Y 5/3, silty clay	bone, pot	152	[90]
[88]	VI	Cut of Pit (Mn. f418)	oval, steep sides	N/A	1000	152
89	VI	Fill of [91]	10YR 4/3, sandy silt	bone	153	

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[90]	VI	Cut of pit (Mn. f418)	circular, steep sided	N/A	181, 87	153
91	VI	Fill of [92]	2.5Y 5/2 silty clay	none	154	[96] [182]
[92]	VI	Cut of pit (Mn. f418)	?circular, steep slopes	N/A	1000	154
93	VI	Fill of [94]	2.5Y 5/2, silty clay	pot, bone	162	1
[94]	VI	Cut of pit (Mn. 418)	circular, flat base	N/A	2	162
95	VI	Fill of [96]	2.5Y 5/2, silty clay	none	161	2
[96]	VI	Cut of pit (Mn. f418)	?circular, flat base	N/A	91	161
97	I	Fill of [98]	5Y 5/1 silty sand	none	[98]	[191]
[98]	I	Cut of pit	oval, concave sides/base	see 97	142	97
99	I	same as 207	see 207	see 207	199	207
[100]	I	Cut of pit	oval, vertical sides flat base	see 199	1000	199
101	I	Packing of [102]	5Y 4/1 silty sand	pot, ?struck flint	[102]	127
[102]	I	Cut of ?circular posthole	concave base & sides	see 101, 127	205 207	101
103	I	Fill of [104]	5Y 6/1 sandy silt	Iron Age pot	195	[102]
[104]	I	Cut of oval? pit	concave sides & base	see 103 & 195	105	195
105	I	Fill of [106]	5Y 3/1 sandy silt	pot, flint flakes	237	233
[106]	I	Cut of ?oval pit	vertical sides, concave base	see 105 & 237	1000	237
107	I	Primary fill of [108]	5Y 3/1 silty sand	Iron Age pot	[108]	208
[108]	I	Cut of ?oval pit	vertical sides, concave base	see 107	233	107
109	I	fill of [110]	10YR 3/2, sandy clay	pot, bone, flint	136	2
[110]	I	Cut of sub-rectangular pit	oval, nearly vertical sides	see 109	1000	150
111	I	Fill of [112] (postpipe)	10YR 4/4, sandy silty	Iron Age pot	[112]	1
[112]	I	Cut of posthole	oval, vertical sides	see 111	1000	135
113	I	Packing of posthole [114]	2.5YR 3/2, silty sand	Clay pipe	[114]	137
[114]	I	Cut of posthole	half circles, steep slopes	see 113	1000	113
115	I	Fill of [116]	10YR 4/2, sandy silt	none	[116]	2
[116]	I	Cut of posthole	circular, flat base	see 115	1000	115
117	I	Fill of [118]	2.5Y 3/2, sandy silt	flint flake	118	2
[118]	I	Cut of posthole	circular, concave base	see 117	1000	117
119	I	Fill of [120]	10YR 5/4, granular silt	none	[120]	2
[120]	I	Cut of Posthole	linear, rounded base	see 110	1000	119
121	I	Fill of [122]	10YR 3/2, sandy silt	none	[122]	2
[122]	I	Cut of posthole	circular, vertical sides, flat base	see 121	1000	121
123	X	Midden deposit (same as 128)	10YR 4/2 sandy silty clay	daub	1000	2
124	X	Midden deposit	2.5Y 3/2 sandy silt	prehistoric pot	1000	2
125	X	Fill of [126]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	none	[126]	2
[126]	X	Cut of posthole	Oval, gentle sides, concave base	see 125	1000	125
127	I	Fill of postpipe in [102]	10YR 4/2 silty clay	none		
128	X	Midden deposit - same as 123	5Y 3/1? silty clay	I. Age pot frags.	1000	2
[129]	X	Cut of posthole same as [167]	Circular, steep sides, concave base	see 148	1000	148
[130]	X	Cut of gully	E/W aligned, shallow gully	see 131, 189	124	131
131	X	Primary fill of [130]	2.5Y 5/2 fine silty clay	none	[130]	189
[132]	X	Cut of gully	E/W aligned, shallow gully	see 133, 186, 187, 188	128	186

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133	X	Fill of [132]	2.5Y 4/2 fine silty clay	none	188	2
134	X	Weathered natural	2.5Y 5/2 silty clay	none	128	-----
135	I	Fill of [112]	10YR 5/6 slightly clayey silt	none	[112]	111
136	I	Fill of [110]	10YR 5/6 slightly clayey sand	none	149	109
137	I	Fill of [114]	2.5YR 4/3 silty sand	none	113	1
138	I	Fill of [139]	10YR 6/3 sandy silty clay	none	[139]	1
[139]	I	Cut of circular pit	vertical sides, concave base	see 138	156	138
140	I	Fill of [141]	5Y 5/1 fine sandy silt	none	[141]	218
[141]	I	cut of ?oval pit	steep sides, concave base	see 140	144	140
142	I	Fill of [143]	5Y 5/2 sandy silt	none	[143]	[98]
[143]	I	Cut of ?oval pit	very truncated by JCB	see 142	1000	142
144	I	Fill of [145]	10YR 6/2 fine silty sand	none	[145]	[141]
[145]	I	Cut of ?rectangular pit	truncated, steep sides, flat base	see 144	1000	144
146	I	Fill of [147]	10YR 5/1 fine silty sand	pot	214	[9,15]
[147]	I	Cut of ?oval pit	steep sides, flat base	see 146 & 214	207	214
148	X	Fill of [129] <i>same as 164</i>	2.5YR 3/2 fine silty clay	1 I. Age? pot frag.	[129]	2
149	I	Fill of [110]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	1 I. Age pot frag; 1 flint flake	150	136
150	I	Primary fill of [110]	10YR 4/6 clayey sand	none	[110]	149
151	I	Primary fill of [191]	silty sand	I. Age pottery	[191]	209
152	VI	Primary fill of [88]	2.5Y 6/3 compact silty clay	none	[88]	87
153	VI	Primary fill of [90]	2.5Y 6/2 compact silty clay	granite frags?; I. Age pot frags.; animal bone frags.	[90]	89
154	VI	Primary fill of [92]	2.5Y 6/4 compact silty clay	small I. Age pot frags	[92]	91
155	I	Natural sandy clay	10YR 8/1 sandy clay	none	-----	[145, 147]
156	I	Natural sand	10YR 6/4 sand	none	-----	155
157	I	Fill of [158]	10YR 5/3 silty sand	none	[158]	[147]
[158]	I	Cut of ?circular posthole	concave sides and base	see 157	1000	157
159	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
160	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
161	VI	Primary fill of [96]	2.5Y 5/4 compact silty clay	1 I. Age pot frag	[96]	95
162	VI	Primary fill of [94]	2.5Y 6/3 compact silty clay	I. Age pot frag; animal bone frag.	[94]	93
163	I	Weathered natural edge in 109	10YR 5/4 compact sandy clay	none	109	109
164	X	Fill of [167] <i>same as 148</i>	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	see 148	[167]	124
165	X	Primary fill of [166]	2.5Y 3/1 sandy silt	Late B. Age pottery, small daub frags.	[166]	180
[166]	X	Cut of pit	oval, vertical sides, flat base	see 165, 180	1000	165
[167]	X	Cut of posthole <i>same as [129]</i>	circular, steep sides, concave base	see 148, 164	1000	164
168	X	Fill of [169]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	Late B. Age pot frag; animal bone frag.	[169]	124

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[169]	X	Cut of posthole	circular, gentle sides, concave base	see 168	1000	168
170	X	Fill of [171]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	Late B. Age pot frag; animal bone frag.	[171]	124
[171]	X	Cut of posthole	oval; gentle sides, concave base	see 170	1000	170
172	X	Fill of [173]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	none	[173]	124
[173]	X	Cut of posthole	oval, gentle sides, concave base	see 172	1000	172
174	X	Fill of [175]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	I. Age pot & animal bone frags.	[175]	2
[175]	X	Cut of posthole	circular, gentle sides, concave base	see 174	124	174
176	X	Fill of [177]	10YR 3/2 sandy silt	none	[177]	2
[177]	X	Cut of posthole	circular, gentle sides, concave base	see 176	1000	176
178	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
179	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
180	X	Fill of [166]	2.5Y 4/1 fine silty clay	none	165	124
181	VI	Primary fill of [152]	2.5Y 6/3 clayey silt	I. Age pot frag.	[182]	[90]
[182]	VI	Cut of pit	?circular, gentle sides, flat base	see 181	91	181
[183]	X	Cut of posthole	oval, gentle sides, flat base	see 274, 275	1000	275
184	X	Fill of [185]	10YR 5/6 sandy clay	animal bone & field drain frag; Fe object.	190	F.D
[185]	X	Cut of ditch	aligned SE/NW; steep sides; concave base	see 184, 190	1000	190
186	X	Primary fill of [132]	10YR 4/6 silty clay	none	[132]	187
187	X	Fill of [132]	10YR 4/4 sandy silty clay	none	186	188
188	X	Fill of [132]	10YR 5/4 sandy silty clay	none	187	133
189	X	Fill of [130]	10YR 4/4 sandy silty clay	none	131	2
190	X	Primary fill of [185]	10YR 4/6 sandy clay	none	[185]	184
[191]	I	Cut of pit	oval, steep sides, irregular base	see 151, 209	207	151
192	I	Fill of posthole	10YR 3/2 sandy silt	none	[193]	2
[193]	I	Cut of posthole	Circular, steep sided, flat base	see 192	1000	192
194	I	Primary fill of [106]	5Y 3/1 clayey silt	none	[106]	237
195	I	Fill of [104]	5Y 3/1 clayey silt	none	[104]	103
196	I	Ploughsoil <i>same as 1</i>	2.5Y 3/2 sandy clayey silt	see 1	2	-----
197	I	Fill of [198]	7.5YR 5/6 sandy clay	none	[198]	205
[198]	I	Cut of ?oval pit	concave sides & base	see 197	1000	197
199	I	Primary fill of [100]	7.5YR 5/6 sandy silty clay	none	[100]	99
200	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
201	I	Natural sand	10YR 6/4 sand	none	-----	[9, 191]
202	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
203	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
204	I	Fill of [102]	10YR 3/3 sandy silty clay	none	127	2

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205	I	<i>disturbed 207</i>	10YR 4/4 sandy silty clay	none	197	[102, 100]
206	I	<i>same as 207</i>	7.5YR 5/6 sandy clay	none	208, [104]	[102]
207	I	?buried I Age ploughsoil	7.5YR 5/6 sandy clay	none	103	[102, 106, 108, 147]
208	I	Fill of [108]	2.5Y 6/3 sandy clay silt	none	107	[460]
209	I	Fill of [191]	10YR 6/8 sandy silt	none	151	2
210	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
211	I	Primary fill of [9]	7.5YR 4/6 sandy silt	none	[9]	8
212	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
213	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
214	I	Fill of [147]	7.5YR 5/4 sandy silt	none	[147]	146
215	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
216	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
217	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
218	I	Fill of [141,145]	7.5YR 6/1 sandy silt	none	140	1
219	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
220	I	Fill of [221]	10YR 8/4 sandy silt	none	[221]	1
[221]	I	Cut of shallow linear	vertical sides, flat base	see 220	218, 228	220
222	I	Fill of [223]	10YR 8/4 sandy silt	none	[223]	1
[223]	I	Cut of shallow linear	vertical sides, flat base	see 222	2, 228	222
224	I	Fill of [225]	10YR 8/4 sandy silt	none	[225]	1
[225]	I	Cut of ?ploughmark	steep sides, concave base	see 224	2	224
226	I	Fill of [227]	10YR 8/4 sandy silt	none	[227]	1
[227]	I	Cut of ?ploughmark	steep sides, concave base	see 226	2	226
228	I	Fill of [229]	7.5YR 5/1 sandy silt	none	[229]	[221, 223]
[229]	I	Cut of ?pit	vertical sides, flat base	see 228	207	228
230	I	<i>Same as 2</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
231	I	<i>Same as 2</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
232	I	<i>Same as 1</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
233	I	Fill of [106]	10YR 5/6 sandy clay	none	105	2
234	I	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
235	I	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
236	I	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
237	I	Fill of [106]	7.5YR 5/6 sandy clay	none	[106]	194
238	I	<i>Same as 2</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
239	I	<i>Same as 207</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
240	I	Natural sand	7.5YR 4/6 sand	none	-----	-----
241	II	Primary fill of [23]	10YR 4/6 clayey sand	animal bone frags.	[23]	22
242	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
[243]	X	Cut of animal burrow	oval, gentle sides	see 244	1000	244
244	X	Fill of [243]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	none	[243]	1
245	XXVI	Fill of [246]	2.5Y 5/6 sandy clay	none	[246]	2
[246]	XXVI	Cut of E/W ditch	gentle sides, concave base	see 245	1000	245
247	XXVI	Fill of [248]	2.5Y 5/4 sandy clay	none	[248]	F.D.
[248]	XXVI	Cut of E/W ditch	gentle sides, flat base	see 247	1000	247
249	XIV	Fill of [250]	10YR 4/4 sandy clay	none	[250]	2
[250]	XIV	Cut of NW/SE gully	gentle sides, flat base	see 249	1000	249

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251	XIV	Fill of [252]	2.5Y 5/4 silty sandy clay	none	[252]	2
[252]	XIV	Cut of NW/SE gully	vertical sides, flat base	see 251	1000	251
253	XIV	Fill of [254]	2.5Y 4/4 sandy clay	animal bone frags.	[254]	2
[254]	XIV	Cut of field drain	steep to north, gentle to south, flat base	see 253	1000	253
255	XII	Fill of [256]	2.5Y 5/6 silty sandy clay	none	[256]	2
[256]	XII	Cut of drainage gully	steep to north, gentle to south, flat base	see 255	1000	255
257	XII	Fill of [258]	2.5Y 4/3 sandy clay	none	[258]	2
[258]	XII	Cut of drainage gully	vertical sides, flat base	see 257	1000	257
259	XI	Fill of [260]	2.5Y 5/4 sandy clay	animal bone frags.	[260]	2
[260]	XI	Cut of drainage gully	N/S, steep sides, flat base	see 259	1000	259
261	XIII	Fill of [262]	2.5Y 5/4 silty sandy clay	none	[262]	2
[262]	XIII	Cut of drainage gully	NW/SE, gentle sides, flat base	see 261	1000	261
263	XIII	Subsoil <i>same as 2</i>	2.5Y 4/4 silty sandy clay	none	1000	1
264	XIII	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
265	XVII	Fill of [266]	2.5Y 5/6 sandy clay	none	[266]	2
[266]	XVII	Cut of drainage gully	NW/SE, vertical sides, flat base	see 265	1000	265
267	XVII	Fill of [268]	-----	none	?	2
[268]	XVII	Cut of drainage gully	NW/SE	see 267	1000	?
269	X	Fill of [270]	10YR 5/4 sandy clay	none	[270]	124
[270]	X	Cut of posthole	circular, steep sides, flat base	see 269	1000	269
271	X	Fill of [272]	2.5Y 4/2 silty sandy clay	none	[272]	2
[272]	X	Cut of ?beam slot	NW/SE, gentle sides, flat base	see 271	1000	271
273	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
274	X	Fill of [183]	10YR 3/2 sandy silt	none	275	2
275	X	Primary fill of [183]	10YR 3/1 clayey silt	none	[183]	274
276	II	Fill of [17]	2.5Y 5/3 clayey sand	none	277	[19]
277	II	Fill of [17]	10YR 5/6 sandy gravel	animal bone frags.	279	276
278	II	Primary fill of [17] <i>same as 282?</i>	10YR 3/2 sandy gravelly clay	none	282	279
279	II	Fill of [17] <i>same as 281</i>	10YR 6/8 sandy gravel	none	278	277
280	II	Fill of [17]	2.5Y 5/3 sandy clay	none	283	2
281	II	Fill of [17] <i>same as 279</i>	10YR 6/8 sandy gravel	none	278	277
282	II	Primary fill of [17] <i>same as 281</i>	2.5Y 3/1 silty sandy gravel	waterlogged wood	[17]	278
283	II	Fill of [19]	2.5Y 5/2 silty clay	animal bone frags	16	280
284	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
[285]	X	Cut of posthole	Circular, gentle sides, concave base	see 286	1000	286
286	X	Fill of [285]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	none	[285]	124
287	X	Fill of [287]	10YR 3/2 sandy silt	animal bone, I. Age pot frags.	[288]	2

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[288]	X	Cut of posthole	circular, gentle sides, flat base	see 287	1000	287
289	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
[290]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	oval, vertical sides, flat base	see 316, 317	1000	316
[291]	X	Cut of posthole	oval, steep sides, concave base	see 292	1000	292
292	X	Fill of [291]	10YR 4/3 sandy silty clay	none	[291]	124
293	XVIII	Fill of postpipe in [290]	10YR 4/2 clayey silt	occas. daub frags.	[290]	294
294	XVIII	Packing of [290]	10YR 4/6 silty clay	occas. pot, bone & daub frags.	293	2
[295]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	oval, vertical sides, flat base	see 296, 451	1000	451
296	XVIII	Postpipe fill in [295]	10YR 3/2 silty sandy clay	unworked burnt flint	451	1
[297]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	oval, vertical sides, flat base	see 298, 452	1000	452
298	XVIII	Postpipe fill in [297]	10YR 3/2 silty sandy clay	I. Age pot frag.	452	1
[299]	XVIII	Cut of pit	oval, gentle sides, uneven base	see 300	[301, 408, 410]	300
300	XVIII	Fill of [299]	10YR 5/3 sandy silt	I. Age pot frag.	[299]	1
[301]	XVIII	Cut of stake/posthole	circular, steep sides, flat base	see 302	1000	302
302	XVIII	Fill of [301]	brown clayey silt	none	[301]	[299]
303	XVIII	Fill of [304]	10YR 4/4 silty clay	I. Age pot	[304]	1
[304]	XVIII	Cut of ?beamslot	NW/SE steep sided, flat base	see 303	305	303
305	XVIII	Fill of [306]	2.5Y 3/2 silty sandy clay	daub	[306]	[304]
[306]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	oval, steep sides, concave base	see 305	1000	305
[307]	X	Cut of posthole	circular, vertical sides, flat base	see 308	1000	308
308	X	Fill of [307]	10YR 3/4 sandy silty clay	none	[307]	124
309	XVIII	Fill of [310]	2.5Y 4/2 silty clay	?daub	[310]	1
[310]	XVIII	Butt end of ?beamslot same as [329]	NW/SE, steep sides, flat base	see 309	1000	309
[311]	XVIII	Cut of natural anomaly	sub-circular, gentle sides, concave/irregular base	see 315	1000	315
[312]	XVIII	Cut of natural anomaly	"	see 315	1000	315
[313]	XVIII	Cut of natural anomaly	"	see 315	1000	315
[314]	XVIII	Cut of natural anomaly	"	see 315	1000	315
315	XVIII	Fill of [311-314]	10YR 5/4 silty clay	none	[311, 312, 313, 314]	[295,
316	XVIII	Packing for [290]	10YR 4/2 clayey silt	daub frags.	[290]	317
317	XVIII	Postpipe fill in [290]	10YR 4/2 silty clay	I. Age pot, animal bone, daub frags	316	1
318	XVIII	Fill of [319]	10YR 4/4 clayey silt	none	[319]	1

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[319]	XVIII	Cut of stake/posthole	circular, gentle sides, concave base	see 318	323	318
[320]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	circular, steep sides, concave base	see 321, 322	1000	321
321	XVIII	Packing for [320]	10YR 3/3 sandy clay	animal bone frags	[320]	322
322	XVIII	Postpipe fill in [320]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	none	321	1
323	XVIII	Fill of [324]	2.5Y 4/2 clayey silt	I. Age pot frags	[324]	[319]
[324]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	oval, gentle sides, concave base	see 323	1000	[319]
325	XVIII	Fill of [329]	10YR 4/4 sandy silt	none	328	1
326	XVIII	Fill of [327]	10YR 3/2 silty clay	animal bone, I. Age pot, daub? frags.	[327]	1
[327]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	oval, gentle sides to NE & vertical to SW?SE, flat base	see 326	1000	326
328	XVIII	Primary fill of [329]	2.5Y 4/2 sandy silt	burnt bone, I. Age pot frags.	[329]	325
[329]	XVIII	Cut of ?beamslot (same as [310])	N/S, gentle sides, flat base	see 325, 328	330, 332	328
330	XVIII	Fill of [331]	2.5Y 5/3 silty gravel	none	[331]	[329]
[331]	XVIII	Cut of ?posthole	oval, steep sides, flat base	see 330	1000	330
332	XVIII	Fill of [333]	10YR 5/6, sandy silt	none	[333]	[329, 345, 353]
[333]	XVIII	Cut of ?pit same as [335]?	unclear as truncated by [329, 353]	see 332	?	332
334	XVIII	Fill of [335]	10YR 5/6 silty sand	none	[335]	[353]
[335]	XVIII	Cut of ?pit same as [333]?	irregular, shallow (truncated by [353])	see 334	1000	[353]
336	XVIII	Fill of [337]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	animal bone frags.	[337]	1
[337]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	oval, gentle sides, flat base	see 336	1000	336
338	XVIII	Fill of [339]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	?daub	[339]	1
[339]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	oval, gentle sides, concave base	see 338	1000	338
340	XVIII	Fill of [341]	10YR 4/2 clayey silt	small frags of ?daub	[341]	1
[341]	XVIII	Cut of ?beamslot	NW/SE shallow linear	see 340	342	340
342	XVIII	Fill of [343]	10YR 5/3 silty clay	?flint flake, small I. Age pot frag.	[343]	[341]
[343]	XVIII	Cut of shallow gully	NE/SW, gentle sides, concave base	see 342	1000	342
344	XVIII	Fill of [345]	2.5Y 5/6 sandy clayey silt	none	[345]	1
[345]	XVIII	Cut of ?oval pit	steep sides, concave base	see 344	332	344
346	XVIII	Fill of [347]	10YR 4/4 sandy clay	I. Age pot	[347]	2
[347]	XVIII	Cut of ?oval posthole	concave sides & base	see 346	1000	346
348	XVIII	Fill of [349]	2.5Y 4/2 clayey silt	pot, plastic, slate	[349]	1
[349]	XVIII	Cut of linear NE/SW gully	concave sides & base	see 348	350	348
350	XVIII	Fill of [351]	2.5Y 4/3 clayey silt	pot	[351]	[349]
[351]	XVIII	Cut of linear NE/SW gully	concave sides, flat base	see 350	1000	350
352	XVIII	Fill of [353]	10YR 4/2 sands & gravel	none	[353]	1

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[353]	XVIII	Cut of field drain	vertical sides, flat base	see 352	332, 334	352
[354]	XVIII	Cut of linear same as [355]	steep sides, concave base	see 369	1000	369
[355]	XVIII	Same as [354]	-----	-----	-----	-----
356	XVIII	Fill of [357]	10YR 3/2 sandy clay	none	[357]	2
[357]	XVIII	Cut of oval posthole	concave sides & base	see 356	1000	356
358	XVI	Fill of [359]	2.5Y 5/6 sandy clay	I. Age pot	[359]	1
[359]	XVI	Cut of NE/SW linear	vertical sides, concave base	see 358	1000	358
360	XVI	Fill of [361]	2.5Y 5/6 sandy clay	I. Age pot	[361]	2
[361]	XVI	Cut of NE/SW linear	vertical sides, concave base	see 360	1000	360
[362]	XVIII	Cut of natural anomaly	irregular sides & base	see 367	1000	367
[363]	XVIII	Cut of SE/NW linear	concave sides, flat base	see 368	1000	368
[364]	XVIII	Cut of oval posthole	steep sides, concave base	see 365	366	365
365	XVIII	Fill of [364]	10YR 4/2, charcoal flecks	pot, flint flakes, daub	[364]	2
366	XVIII	Fill of [355] same as 369	10YR 5/6 clayey silt	I. Age pot frags.	[355]	[364]
367	XVIII	Fill of [362]	10YR 4/2	none	[362]	[355]
368	XVIII	Fill of [363]	10YR 4/4 clayey silt	none	[363]	[355]
369	XVIII	Same as 366	see 366	see 366	-----	-----
370	XVIII	Fill of [371]	2.5Y4/3 clayey silt	none	[371]	2
[371]	XVIII	Cut of circular Posthole	vertical sides, concave base	see 370	1000	370
372	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
373	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
374	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
375	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
376	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
377	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
378	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
379	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
380	-----	No. assigned in error	-----	-----	-----	-----
381	XVI	Fill of [382]	5Y4/4 silty clay	none	[382]	2
[382]	XVI	Roothole	narrow, oval, concave base	see 381	1000	381
[383]	XVI	Cut of circular posthole	vertical sides, flat base	see 384	1000	384
384	XXVI	Fill of [383]	2.5Y5/2 sandy clay	none	[383]	2
[385]	XVI	Cut of circular posthole	vertical sides, flat base	see 386	1000	386
386	XVI	Fill of [385]	2.5Y 5/2 sandy clay	none	[385]	2
387	XVI	Fill of [388]	2.5Y 5/2 sandy clay	I. Age pot frags.	[388]	2
[388]	XVI	Cut of oval posthole	concave sides, flat base	see 387	1000	387
389	XXVI	Fill of [390]	10YR 5/8 clayey silt	none	[390]	2
[390]	XXVI	Cut of oval ?pit	steep sides, flat base	see 389	1000	389
391	XVI	Fill of [392]	10YR 4/2 sandy clay	none	[392]	2
[392]	XVI	Cut of NE/SW linear	steep sides, flat base	see 391	1000	391
393	XVI	Fill of [394]	2.5Y 4/3 silty clay	animal bone, I. Age pot	[394]	[396]
[394]	XXVI	Cut of circular ?pit	vertical sides, concave base	see 393	1000	393
395	XVI	Fill of [396]	2.5Y 4/4 silty clay	animal bone, I. Age pot	[396]	2

Cxt. No.	Trench No.	Description	Nature	Findings	Above	Below
[396]	XXVI	Cut of circular ?pit	gradual sides, concave base	see 395	393	395
397	XVI	Fill of [398]	2.5Y 4/3 silty clay	animal bone, I. Age pot	[398]	2
[398]	XXVI	Cut of N/S linear	gradual sides, concave base	see 397	1000	397
399	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
400	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
401	XVI	Fill of [402]	10YR 4/2 sandy clay	none	[402]	2
[402]	XVI	Cut of NE/SW linear	steep sides, concave base	see 401	1000	401
403	XVI	Fill of [404]	10YR 5/8 clayey sand	I. Age pot frags	[404]	2
[404]	XVIII	Cut of NE/SW linear	vertical sides, flat base	see 403	1000	403
405	XVI	Fill of [406]	2.5Y 3/2 clayey silt	I. Age pot, animal bone	[406]	2
[406]	XVI	Cut of oval ?pit	gradual sides, flat sides	see 405	411	405
407	XVIII	Fill of [408]	10YR 6/6 silty sand	none	[408]	[299]
[408]	XVIII	Cut of circular posthole	steep sides, flat base	see 407	1000	407
409	XVIII	Fill of [410]	10YR 5/6 silty sand	none	[410]	[299]
[410]	XVIII	Cut of circular posthole	steep sides, concave base	see 409	1000	409
411	XVI	Fill of [412]	2.5Y 4/2 clayey silt	pot frags.	[412]	[406]
[412]	XVI	Cut of ?root disturbance	irreg., oval, concave sides and base	see 411	1000	411
413	XVI	Fill of [414]	10YR 4/3 clayey sandy silt	none	[414]	2
[414]	XVI	Cut of NE/SW linear	concave sides, flat base	see 413	1000	413
415	XVI	Fill of [416]	10YR 4/3 clayey sandy silt	none	[416]	2
[416]	XVI	Cut of NE/SW linear	gradual sides, concave base	see 415	1000	415
[417]	II	Re-cut of [19]	steep sides, concave base	see 18	280	18
418	-----	<i>No. assigned in error</i>	-----	-----	-----	-----
419	XXXVI	Fill of [420]	<i>Unexcavated</i>	none	?	1
[420]	XXXVI	Cut of posthole	circular	see 419	1000	?
421	XVI	Fill of [422]	-----	-----	?	1
[422]	XVI	Cut of ditch same as [406]?	linear, aligned NE/SW	see 421	1000	?
423	XVI	Fill of [424]	-----	-----	?	1
[424]	XVI	Cut of ditch same as [382]?	linear, aligned NE/SW	see 423	1000	?
425	XVI	Fill of [426]	-----	-----	?	1
[426]	XVI	Cut of pit group	unexcavated group of pits?	I. Age pottery, daub and animal bone frags.	?	?
427	XVI	Fill of [428]	-----	-----	?	1
[428]	XVI	Cut of gully/beamslot	linear, aligned NE/SW	see 427	1000	?
429	XVIII	Fill of [430]	-----	-----	?	1
[430]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	circular	see 429	1000	?
431	XIX	Fill of [432]	-----	-----	?	1
[432]	XIX	Cut of posthole	circular	none	1000	?
433	XIX	Fill of [434]	-----	-----	?	1
[434]	XIX	Cut of posthole	circular	see 433	1000	?
435	XIX	Fill of [436]	-----	-----	?	1
[436]	XIX	Cut of beamslot/pits?	NE/SW aligned linear	see 435	?	?

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437	XIX	Fill of [438]	-----	none	?	1
[438]	XIX	Cut of beamslot/pits?	NE/SW aligned linear	see 435	?	?
439	XVIII	Fill of [440]	-----	none	?	1
[440]	XVIII	Cut of gully <i>same as [343?]</i>	NE/SW aligned linear	see 439	1000	?
441	XVIII	Fill of [442]	-----	none	?	1
[442]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	circular	see 441	1000	?
443	XVIII	Fill of [444]	-----	none	?	1
[444]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	circular	see 443	1000	?
445	XVIII	Fill of [446]	-----	none	?	1
[446]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	circular	see 445	1000	?
447	XXVI	Fill of [448]	-----	none	?	1
[448]	XXVI	Cut of modern ditch	E/W aligned linear	see 447	1000	?
449	XV	Fill of [450]	-----	none	?	1
[450]	XV	Cut of ditch (prob. a fielddrain)	E/W aligned linear	see 449	1000	?
451	XVIII	Packing of [295]			[295]	296
452	XVIII	Packing of [297]			[297]	298
453	XVIII	Fill of postpipe in [455]	<i>Unexcavated</i>	none	-----	-----
454	XVIII	Packing of [455]	<i>Unexcavated</i>	none	-----	-----
[455]	XVIII	Cut of posthole	<i>Unexcavated</i>	see 453 & 454	-----	-----
456	I	Fill of [457]	2.5Y 6/3 sandy clay silt	none	458	[460]
[457]	I	Cut of pit	steep sides, concave base	see 456	1000	458
458	I	Basal fill of [457]		none	[457]	456
459	I	Fill of [460]	7.5YR 5/6 sandy clay	none	[460]	207
[460]	I	Cut of circular ?posthole	steep sides, OVO shape	see 459	208	459
[461]	II	Re-cut of [17]	steep sides, flat base	pot, animal bone	279	282
1000	ALL	Natural	-----	none	-----	-----



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