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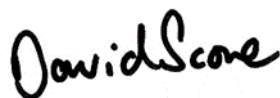




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## Summary

Oxford Archaeology were commissioned by Bellway Homes Ltd to undertake an archaeological evaluation at the site of a proposed development to the north-east of Abingdon, Oxfordshire. The work comprised the excavation of 84 trenches and was carried out between 20th September and 14th October 2022.

The trial trenching demonstrated that the site was largely devoid of archaeological activity. However, a small assemblage of residual worked flint provides evidence for a very limited presence during the early prehistoric period. Otherwise, the main focus of activity was a well-defined area of middle to late Iron Age features recorded towards the south-west edge of the site. This comprised a series of rectilinear ditches accompanied by a small number of pits containing burnt material. To the south-east of this focus, several parallel ditches were tentatively dated to the Roman period. No further activity was recorded in association with these ditches and they have been interpreted as either part of trackway or a broader field system. No significant activity was recorded from the post-Roman period and it is likely that the site was only used for agricultural purposes during this time.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Scope of work

- 1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology (OA) was commissioned by Bellway Homes Ltd to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of a proposed residential development at Twelve Acre Drive, north of Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
- 1.1.2 The work was undertaken as a condition of Planning Permission (planning ref: P17/V0050/O). Although the local planning authority had not set a brief for the work, it was agreed in pre-application discussions with Hugh Coddington, former archaeological advisor to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), and confirmed with Steven Weaver, Planning Archaeologist for OCC, that an evaluation equivalent to a 2% sample would be required, with a further 2% contingency. A written scheme of investigation (WSI) was produced by OA, and approved by OCC, outlining this approach. This document presents the results of the evaluation.
- 1.1.3 All work was undertaken in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct (CIfA 2019) and relevant standards and guidance (CIfA 2020), and local and national planning policies.

### 1.2 Location, topography and geology

- 1.2.1 The site lies beyond the northeast edge of Abingdon and is bounded to the west by Oxford Road and to the south by Twelve Acre Drive (Fig. 1; NGR: SU 5090 9935).
- 1.2.2 The area of proposed development consists of three fields (west, central and eastern) under arable cultivation and separated by sections of historic hedgerow. A minor watercourse traverses the south-east corner of the site, flowing from the north-east to the south-west towards Abingdon. The topography is relatively flat with a slight north-south slope descending from a height of 72m AOD in the northwest corner to 63m AOD in the south.
- 1.2.3 The solid geology of the area is mapped as mudstone of the Ampthill Clay Formation and Kimmeridge Clay Formation. The southeast corner of the site as defined by the route of the minor watercourse, is overlain by a superficial deposit of sand and gravel from the Summertown-Radley sand and gravel member (BGS online).

### 1.3 Archaeological and historical background

- 1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background of the site has been described in detail in a desk-based assessment (DBA; CgMs Heritage 2015). It comprises a review of the archaeological remains recorded by the Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record within a 1.25km buffer of the study area. The following summary derives from the DBA and provides a context for the proposed works.
- 1.3.2 The DBA identified a single Palaeolithic handaxe in the field to the west of Oxford Road and further findspots of Neolithic to Bronze Age flint, Iron Age pottery and Roman metalwork from the surrounding area. However, no findspots have been recorded within the site itself and there were no other non-designated archaeological heritage assets recorded. Aerial photographic review and lidar analysis, undertaken as part

of the DBA, recorded no cropmarks or earthworks within the site. Activity mainly relating to prehistoric and Roman settlement is recorded to the south and south-east and is focused on the superficial sand and gravel deposits of the Thames Basin.

- 1.3.3 A geophysical survey was also carried out which recorded some anomalies of possible archaeological interest along with areas of ridge-and-furrow cultivation, several former field boundaries, regions of increased magnetic response and several modern services (WA 2015). There were no anomalies which might represent occupation activity and the majority related to agricultural or modern activity.
- 1.3.4 In June 2019, Oxford Archaeology undertook an archaeological evaluation on land to the west of Oxford Road. The trenching revealed no significant archaeological remains (OA 2019).

## 2 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Aims

2.1.1 The project aims and objectives were as follows:

- i. To determine the presence or absence of any archaeological remains which may survive
- ii. To determine or confirm the approximate extent of any surviving remains
- iii. To determine the date range of any surviving remains by artefactual or other means
- iv. To determine the condition and state of preservation of any remains
- v. To determine the degree of complexity of any surviving horizontal or vertical stratigraphy
- vi. To assess the associations and implications of any remains encountered with reference to the historic landscape
- vii. To determine the potential of the site to provide palaeoenvironmental and/or economic evidence, and the forms in which such evidence may survive
- viii. To determine the implications of any remains with reference to economy, status, utility and social activity
- ix. To determine or confirm the likely range, quality and quantity of the artefactual evidence present
- x. To assess the results and reliability of the geophysical survey.

2.1.2 The programme of archaeological investigation was conducted within the general research parameters and objectives defined by the Solent-Thames Research Framework for the Historic Environment Resource Assessments and Research Agendas (Hey and Hind 2014).

### 2.2 Methodology

2.2.1 A summary of OA's general approach to excavation and recording can be found in the WSI (OA 2022, Appendix A) where the standard methodologies for geomatics and survey, environmental evidence, artefactual evidence, and burials can also be found (Appendices B, C, D and E respectively). The site-specific methodologies are set out below.

#### *Trench excavation*

2.2.2 The evaluation comprised the excavation of 84 trenches each measuring 30m by 1.8m. All works were undertaken in accordance with the WSI (OA 2022).

2.2.3 The trenches were laid out as shown in Figure 2 using a GPS with sub-15mm accuracy. The initial trench layout proposed 90 trenches including nine trenches in two fields located to the south-east. These nine trenches were excluded from the evaluation as the area has been removed from the proposed development site. Trenches 80-84, originally proposed with the excluded area, were relocated to the central field to help define the extent of exposed archaeology in this area.



- 2.2.4 The southern end of Trench 44 was moved 15m to the east from the original layout to avoid a modern trackway. Trench 81 was extended partially to the south at its south-west end.
- 2.2.5 The trenches were excavated using a 14t tracked 360° excavator fitted with a toothless bucket under the direct supervision of an archaeologist. Spoil was stored adjacent to, but at a safe distance from, the trench edges.
- 2.2.6 Machining continued in even spits down to the top of the undisturbed natural geology. Once archaeological deposits were exposed, further excavation continued by hand.
- 2.2.7 The exposed surface was sufficiently cleaned to establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains. All exposed archaeological features were investigated. Ditches that crossed multiple trenches were excavated in a least one trench.
- 2.2.8 All features and deposits were issued with unique context numbers, and context recording was in accordance with established best practice and the OA field manual. Bulk finds were collected by context.
- 2.2.9 Digital photos were taken of any archaeological features, deposits, trenches, and the evaluation work in general, and plans were produced using a GPS with sub-15mm accuracy.
- 2.2.10 Sections of features were drawn at scales 1:20 and 1:10 where appropriate. The absolute height (m OD) of all principal strata and features, and the section datum lines, shall be calculated, and indicated on the drawings.
- 2.2.11 Upon completion of the works and in agreement with Steven Weaver, Planning Archaeologist for OCC, the trenches were backfilled with the arisings in reverse order of excavation.

## 3 RESULTS

### 3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

3.1.1 The results of the evaluation are presented below and include a stratigraphic description of the trenches that contained archaeological remains. The full details of all trenches with dimensions and depths of all deposits can be found in Appendix A. Finds data and spot dates are tabulated in Appendix B.

### 3.2 General soils and ground conditions

3.2.1 The soil sequence in the trenches was fairly uniform but broad variations were noted within the site. The natural geology varied, with yellow and grey silty clay found in the northern extent of the fields, transitioning to superficial deposits of sandy gravel in the southern field (Plates 1 and 2).

3.2.2 A yellow-brown silty clay colluvial deposit, recorded in Trenches 63, 65 and 68, was located along the southern boundary of the eastern field. It overlaid the natural in the southern half of these trenches and sealed the archaeological features. This colluvial deposit and the natural geology was overlain by a brown silty clay subsoil which was 0.15-0.45m thick. Subsoil was present in a proportion of the trenches reflecting changes in the topography which had led to its development and preservation. A dark greyish-brown clayey silt topsoil was present across the site.

3.2.3 Ground conditions throughout the evaluation were generally good, although an ongoing drought had meant that the topsoil in the southern area of the proposed development had compacted and became difficult to machine. Archaeological features, where present, were relatively easy to identify against the underlying natural geology, despite the geological variation on site.

### 3.3 General distribution of archaeological deposits

3.3.1 No archaeological features were identified in the western field (Trenches 1-25), although several potential features were investigated but were found to be of natural origin. Within the central field (Trenches 26-68 and 80-84) archaeological features were present in Trenches 63, 65, 66, 68 and 80-84, forming a focus in the south-west corner of the field. Potential features were also investigated in Trenches 35 and 56 but these were determined to be natural in origin. Trenches 69-79 were excavated in the eastern field, with archaeological features present in Trenches 71, 72, 74, and 78.

### 3.4 Central field (Trenches 26-68 and 81-84; Fig. 3)

#### *Trench 63*

3.4.1 Trench 63 targeted a possible E-W aligned ditch recorded by the geophysical survey. Ditch 6304 matched the position and alignment of the anomaly. The ditch was 2.13m wide, 0.64m deep and had steep straight sides with a narrow concave base (Fig.5; Section 6300). It contained four grey-brown clayey silt fills (6305-6308). A sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered from fill 6307.

- 3.4.2 To the south of this ditch was tree-throw hole 6309. It was 0.32m deep, 0.67m wide and had moderate irregular sides and an irregular base. It contained three silty clay fills (6310-6311), the majority fill, 6311, was a dark greyish-black clay.

### *Trench 65*

- 3.4.3 Trench 65 contained two small pits and an E-W aligned ditch.
- 3.4.4 Pit 6504 measured 0.62m in length, 0.52m wide and 0.13m deep. It had steep sides, a concave base and contained two fills (Fig 5: Section 6500). The upper fill, 6506, was a brownish-red clayey silt and contained large quantities of burnt stone. The basal fill, 6505, consisted primarily of charcoal. Both fills were sampled (Samples 1 and 2) and deposit 6506 produced a particularly rich charcoal flint.
- 3.4.5 A larger pit, 6507, was located 1.3m to the north of pit 6504. This pit was 0.85 wide and 0.32m deep with vertical sides and a flat base (Fig 5: Section 6501). It contained six fills (6508-6513). The basal fill, 6508, was a yellow-brown clay that was overlain by a dark brownish-red silty clay, 6509, that contained frequent charcoal inclusions. This fill was overlain by a second collapse of redeposited natural, 6510, then a second charcoal rich layer, 6511, which was a dark brownish-grey silty clay. Upper clayey silt fills 6512 and 6513 contained little charcoal. Samples 3 and 4 were taken from fills 6509 and 6511.
- 3.4.6 East-west aligned ditch 6514, located to the north of the pits, represented the continuation of ditch 6304 and as such was not excavated. This ditch was 2.8m wide in plan with an upper fill of brownish-grey clayey silt, 6515.

### *Trench 66*

- 3.4.7 A N-S aligned ditch, 6603, was recorded towards the eastern end of the trench. The ditch did not correspond with any anomalies identified by geophysical survey. The ditch was 2.75m wide, but excavation stopped at 0.54m due to safety constraints (Fig 5: Section 6601). Three brown-grey clayey silt fills were recorded with the ditch. The basal fill, 6606, contained nine sherds of Iron Age pottery.
- 3.4.8 Towards the centre of the trench a possible NE-SW aligned ditch, 6604, was investigated but interpreted as geological variation.

### *Trench 68*

- 3.4.9 Trench 68 contained two ditches and two pits.
- 3.4.10 Pit 6804 was located towards the southern end of trench. It measured 0.48m wide and 0.26m deep and had steep straight sides with a concave base (Fig 5: Section 6800). It contained two brown silty clay fills (6805 and 6806). Unexcavated pit 6814 was located 0.3m to the south-west and was 0.32m in diameter.
- 3.4.11 An E-W aligned ditch, 6807, was located towards the centre of the trench. It was 1.9m wide and 0.7m deep with steep straight sides and a V-shaped base (Fig 5: Section 6801). It contained six silty clay fills (6808-6813). The basal fill, 6808, was a brown-yellow silty clay that was overlain by two brown silty clays (6809 and 6810). These in turn were overlain by a dark grey-brown clayey silt, 6812, that had frequent, sub-

rounded, flint and quartz inclusions. The surface fill, 6813, was a dark grey silt that capped the ditch. Pottery of a broad Iron Age date was recovered from fills 6809, 6810 and 6011. Pottery was also recovered from fills 6812 and 6813 and the date for these sherds could be refined to mid to late Iron Age.

- 3.4.12 Ditch terminus 6815 was noted, but not excavated, to the south of ditch 6807. Measuring 2.7m wide, the ditch extended beyond the western baulk of the trench.

### ***Trench 80***

- 3.4.13 Trench 80 contained three ditches: 8003, 8005 and 8008. Ditches 8003 and 8005 followed an east-west alignment with ditch 8005 truncating the northern edge of ditch 8003 (Fig 5: Section 8000). Ditch 8003 was 1.22m wide and 0.28m deep and contained a single silty clay fill, 8004. Ditch 8005 was 2.2m wide and 0.38m deep and contained two silty clay fills, 8006 and 8007. Both ditches had moderate sloping sides and flat bases. Artefactual evidence was limited to late Iron Age pottery recovered from fill 8006 of ditch 8005.

- 3.4.14 Unexcavated ditch 8008 was located towards the northern end of Trench 80 and followed a NW-SE alignment.

### ***Trench 81***

- 3.4.15 Trench 81 contained two ditches that were not identified by the geophysical survey. Ditch 8103 was aligned north-south and entered the trench from the north but turned 90° to an east-west alignment before exiting the trench to the west. Ditch 8105 was east-west aligned and followed the length of the trench. Neither ditch 8103 and 8105 were unexcavated but they measured 3m and 1m in width respectively.

- 3.4.16 A sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered from the surface of ditch 8103.

### ***Trench 82***

- 3.4.17 Trench 82 was positioned to confirm the continuation of ditch 6603 in Trench 66. Ditch 8203 matched the same alignment and position as this ditch. Ditch 8203 was located at the western end of Trench 82 and was not excavated. It was 2.2 wide in plan and had a grey-brown silty clay surface fill.

### ***Trench 83***

- 3.4.18 Trench 83 revealed the continuation of an E-W aligned ditch that had not been identified by the geophysical survey as continuing further to the east. Ditch 8303 is situated at the south-eastern end of the trench and remained unexcavated as it had previously been excavated in Trench 63 to the west. This ditch was 2.2m wide in plan and had a dark grey-brown silty clay surface fill.

### ***Trench 84***

- 3.4.19 A single pit, 8403, was recorded at the southern end of Trench 84 and half sectioned against the western baulk (Fig 5; Section 8400). It was 0.47m in length and 0.16m deep

with irregular edges and a concave base. It contained a single brown-grey silty clay fill (8404).

### **3.5 Eastern Field (Trenches 69-79; Fig. 4)**

3.5.1 Trenches 69, 71-72, 74 and 78 contained a series of linear archaeological features near the north-west boundary of the southern field.

#### ***Trench 69***

3.5.2 Trench 69 contained a shallow NE-SW aligned ditch, 6903, at its eastern end. It was 0.7m wide and 0.09m deep with moderately sloping sides and a flat base (Fig 6; Section 6900). It contained a single yellow-brown silty clay fill (6904).

#### ***Trench 71***

3.5.3 Trench 71 revealed four parallel, roughly NE-SW aligned ditches (7103, 7105, 7107 and 7108) which were 1.58m, 0.47m, 0.59m and 1m wide respectively. Ditch 7103 was 0.2m deep with moderate sloping sides and a flat base. Ditch 7105 shared a similar profile and was 0.07m deep (Fig 6; Section 7101), with both ditches containing a single silty clay fill (7104 and 7106). Ditches 7107 and 7108 were not excavated. None of the ditches in Trench 71 had been located by geophysical survey. Fill 7106 of ditch 7105 contained 12 fragments of Roman pottery dating which is believed to have been deposited in the late Roman period or later (see Appendix B.2)

#### ***Trench 72***

3.5.4 A single posthole, 7203, was recorded towards the centre of Trench 72. It was 0.17m wide and 0.14m deep with steep straight sides and a concave base (Fig 6; Section 7200). It contained two grey-brown silty clay fills (7204 and 7205).

#### ***Trench 74***

3.5.5 Trench 74 contained four, NE-SW aligned parallel ditches (7403, 7405, 7407 and 7408). Ditch 7403 was 0.8m wide and 0.1m deep with moderate sloping sides and a flat base (Fig 6; Section 7400). Ditch 7405, the most northerly of the four ditches, was 0.48m wide and 0.06m deep with straight moderate sides and a flat base. Both ditches contained a single grey silty clay fill (7404 and 7406). Ditches 7407 and 7408 were unexcavated but were 0.4m and 0.45m wide respectively. The ditches found in both Trenches 71 and 74 share the same alignment, dimensions and similar profiles and are considered to be the same features.

#### ***Trench 78***

3.5.6 Ditch 7803 was located at the western end of Trench 78 and was 0.64m wide and 0.34m deep (Fig 6; Section 7800). It was situated on a NW-SE alignment and had steep straight sides and an irregular base. The base was not reached due to the intervention reaching 1m in depth.

### 3.6 Finds summary

- 3.6.1 Some 32 sherds (386g) of prehistoric pottery were recovered from 10 contexts across five trenches. The material is coherent and dates to the middle to late Iron Age.
- 3.6.2 The Roman pottery was confined to context 7106, fill of ditch 7105 in Trench 71. The assemblage derived from the early, middle and late Roman periods.
- 3.6.3 A small quantity of fired clay (FC) amounting to 313 fragments weighing 510g was recovered from Trench 65. Overall, the assemblage is highly abraded and has a very low mean fragment weight of 1.62g.
- 3.6.4 A total of five worked flints were recovered during the excavations. These ranged in date from the early to late prehistoric periods. Large quantities of burnt stone were also recovered, with a particular concentration around Trenches 65 and 68.
- 3.6.5 The animal bone assemblage comprises a total of 62 fragments (153g) recovered by hand excavation and a further 12 fragments (9g) retrieved from the environmental samples. The bone came from four ditch fill contexts dating to the middle to late Iron Age.

## 4 DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Reliability of field investigation

- 4.1.1 The results of this evaluation can be considered to provide a reliable indication of the archaeological remains present within the development area. The initial geophysical survey indicated a landscape largely devoid of significant remains and for the most part, this has been supported by the results of this investigation. The only exception being the focus of activity close to the south-western edge of the development.
- 4.1.2 Due to the favourable weather conditions and generally well-defined archaeological remains that were observed, it can reasonably be asserted that the blank areas in the remainder of the site were not subjected to prolonged or significant activity (WA 2015). However, the usual caveats should be noted, specifically that trial trenching of this type is not particularly adept at revealing discrete activity areas or discrete feature types such as pits and postholes in unenclosed settlements. The lack of finds recovered from within the overburden does, however, help support the assertion that much of the site did not contain significant archaeological evidence. Considered together, the coherence in the evidence goes further to support the reliability of the investigation overall.

### 4.2 Evaluation objectives and results

- 4.2.1 When considered in conjunction with the results of the geophysics, the evaluation has successfully determined the general nature and the extent of the archaeological remains present on the site. The only significant focus of activity was identified on the south-west edge of the middle field where a concentration of features was broadly dated to the middle to late Iron Age. A separate series of parallel ditches were revealed to the south-east across Trenches 71 and 74. Although these were largely undated, an assemblage of Roman pottery from ditch 7105 appears to have been deposited in the late Roman period.
- 4.2.2 The geophysical survey had indicated a number of different anomalies across the site but determined that these were generally agricultural in nature or were modern and not indicators of settlement activity (*ibid.*). It therefore failed to highlight the focus of activity in the south-west despite the presence of several features containing charred material. It did, however, highlight the superficial geology in these areas and it is possible that geological variations prevented successful identification of features in this part of the site. Elsewhere, the apparently blank areas were found to be devoid of archaeological features, confirming the results of the geophysics.
- 4.2.3 No complex archaeological features were revealed during the evaluation and overall, the remains appear to be characterised by ditched enclosures and several discrete features including pits.
- 4.2.4 Animal bone was present in small quantities and in poor condition. The environmental samples were recovered from group of pits containing burnt stone and fired clay fragments and produced charcoal dominated flots. This material was in a fair condition and demonstrates the potential for reasonably well-preserved remains on the site.



## 4.3 Interpretation

- 4.3.1 Early prehistoric evidence on the site was limited to the recovery of two worked flints from Trenches 65 and 68. These were broadly identified as Mesolithic or Neolithic in date, although one of these was recovered as a residual find from a middle to late Iron Age ditch. The second flint was recovered from an otherwise undated charcoal-rich pit, 6507, and it cannot confidently be concluded that this was not also a residual find.
- 4.3.2 The main focus of activity was recorded between Trenches 80 and 83, where several linear ditches indicate the presence of a rectilinear field system or a set of enclosures broadly aligned NE-SW and NW-SE. Although the finds associated with these features comprised only a modest amount of largely abraded material, it was restricted to the middle to late Iron Age and therefore provides a date range for this activity in which it is possible to have some confidence.
- 4.3.4 In Trenches 65 and 63 the linear features were accompanied by several small pits which contained burnt material, including heat-affected stones, charcoal and baked or fired clay. Although these could not be reliably dated, it is reasonable to suggest they were associated with the surrounding enclosures and were also middle to late Iron Age in date. It is therefore likely that this focus of activity represents the remains of a small settlement, perhaps extending towards the south-west, beyond the area of investigation.
- 4.3.5 There is little indication that activity continued unabated into the Roman period. The isolated assemblage of Roman pottery from ditch 7105 was probably deposited in the late Roman period but also included material from the 1st and 2nd centuries. Due to the abraded nature of the material, it was probably redeposited from elsewhere but the process by which this was occurred is uncertain as it does not appear to have spread beyond this ditch. However, the adjacent ditches were situated on parallel alignments and although undated, are likely to be broadly contemporary in date. Whether these are repeated assertions of the same boundary or part of a trackway cannot be determined at this stage, partly because these ditches were not clearly identified by the geophysical survey and it is impossible to extrapolate their extent.
- 4.3.6 No significant activity was recorded from the post-Roman period, and it is likely that the site was only used for agricultural purposes during this time.

## 4.4 Significance

- 4.4.1 The remains recorded during this evaluation provide evidence for a small area of domestic activity during the middle to late Iron Age, alongside some peripheral or transitory Roman activity. Given the broader context for contemporary activity along the Thames valley this evidence is of local significance only. Any further work at the site will provide an opportunity to develop the understanding of later prehistoric settlement and Roman land use in this area, on the margins of the gravel terraces along the Thames.

## APPENDIX A TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 1							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural clay silt geology. Trench devoid of archaeology mid orangish-brown.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.29
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
100	Layer		1.8	0.13	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish-brown, clay silt. Occasional large, rounded stone inclusions.		
101	Layer		1.8	0.16	Subsoil. Compact, Dark greyish-brown, clay silt. Moderate small to large, rounded stones.		
102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid orangish-brown, silty clay. Patches of frequent small rounded and mid sub angular stones.		
Trench 2							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural grey clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
200	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Dark greyish-brown, firm, clayey silt.		
201	Layer		1.8	0.1	Subsoil. Mid yellowish-brown, moderately compact, very clayey silt.		
202	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Mid, reddish-grey, heavily compacted, clay. Flint/quartz inclusions, moderate and poorly sorted.		
Trench 3							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural, mid yellowish-grey silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.52
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

300	Layer		1.8	0.29	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish-brown, clayey silt. Frequent mid stones.		
301	Layer		1.8	0.19	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish-brown, silty clay. Patches of frequent small to mid stones.		

**Trench 4**

General description					Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural light brownish grey, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	1.8
					Avg. depth (m)	0.38

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
400	Layer		1.8	0.24	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid stones		
401	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, clay silt, occasional mid stones		
402	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, patches of frequent mid to large stones		

**Trench 5**

General description					Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid orangish-brown clay silt, Trench devoid of archaeology. Natural feature tested towards centre of trench.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	1.8
					Avg. depth (m)	0.53

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
500	Layer		1.8	0.29	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, moderate mid stones		
501	Layer		1.8	0.21	Subsoil. Firm, Mid yellowish brown, clay silt, moderate mid stones		
502	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Mid orangish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		

**Trench 6**

General description					Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural greyish-yellow. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30
					Width (m)	1.8
					Avg. depth (m)	0.43

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
600	Layer		1.8	0.29	Topsoil. Friable, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent mid stones		
601	Layer		1.8	0.18	Subsoil. Firm, Mid yellowish grey, clay silt, moderate small stones		
602	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid greyish yellow, clay silt, occasional small stones		

**Trench 7**

## General description

## Orientation

E-W

Topsoil overlying natural brownish grey, clay silt. Trench devoid of archaeology.

Length (m)

30

Width (m)

1.8

Avg. depth (m)

0.39

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
700	Layer		1.8	0.32	Topsoil. Firm, Mid greyish brown, clay silt, moderate mid stones		
701	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid brownish grey, clay silt, patches of frequent small to mid stones		

**Trench 8**

## General description

## Orientation

N-S

Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid greyish brown. Trench devoid of archaeology.

Length (m)

30

Width (m)

1.8

Avg. depth (m)

0.48

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
800	Layer		1.8	0.28	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, moderate small stones		
801	Layer		1.8	0.19	Subsoil. Compact, dark yellowish brown, clay silt		
802	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm, mid yellowish grey, clay silt, moderate mid stones		

**Trench 9**

## General description

## Orientation

NW-SE

Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid orangish brown clay silt. Trench devoid of archaeology Natural feature tested at centre of trench.

Length (m)

30

Width (m)

1.8

Avg. depth (m)

0.47

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
900	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, moderate mid stones,		
901	Layer		1.8	0.19	Subsoil. Firm, mid yellowish brown, clay silt, frequent mid stones		
902	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm, Mid orangish brown, clay silt, moderate mid stones		

**Trench 10**

General description	Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural light greyish brown clay silt. Trench devoid of archaeology.	Length (m)	30
	Width (m)	1.8
	Avg. depth (m)	0.44

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1000	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown, clay silt		
1001	Layer		1.8	0.22	Subsoil. Compact, Mid yellowish brown, clay silt, moderate mid stones		
1002	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, light greyish brown, clay silt, moderate small to mid stones		

**Trench 11**

General description	Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural geology of mid orangish-brown clay silt. Trench devoid of archaeology.	Length (m)	30
	Width (m)	1.8
	Avg. depth (m)	0.54

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1100	Layer		1.8	0.32	Topsoil. Friable, mid greyish brown, clay silt, occasional small stones		
1101	Layer		1.8	0.23	Subsoil. Firm, mid orangish brown, clay silt, occasional small stones		
1102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid orangish brown, clay silt, patches of frequent small to mid-stones		

**Trench 12**

General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying natural of mid yellowish brown clay silt. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.33
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1200	Layer		1.8	0.33	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, moderate mid rounded stones		
1201	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. compact, mid yellowish brown, clay silt, moderate mid stones		
<b>Trench 13</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey silty clay, Trench devoid of archaeology						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.64
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1300	Layer		1.8	0.4	Topsoil. Firm, Mid greyish brown, clay silt, moderate small stones		
1301	Layer		1.8	0.24	Subsoil. Firm, Mid yellowish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid, stones		
1302	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, patches of frequent small stones, occasional large stones		
<b>Trench 14</b>							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown clay silt. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.48
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1400	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid-stones,		
1401	Layer		1.8	0.18	Subsoil. Firm, Mid yellowish grey, clay silt, occasional small stones		

1402	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm, mid yellowish grey, clay silt, frequent small stones		
<b>Trench 15</b>							
General description					Orientation	E-W	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid orangish brown silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.53	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1500	Layer		1.8	0.29	Topsoil. Firm, Mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid-stones		
1501	Layer		1.8	0.24	Subsoil. Firm, Mid yellowish grey, silty clay, occasional mid to large stones		
1502	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, frequent small to mid-stones		
<b>Trench 16</b>							
General description					Orientation	E W	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.44	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1600	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
1601	Layer		1.8	0.14	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
1602	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of mid bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 17</b>							
General description					Orientation	N S	
Topsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.44	



Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1700	Layer		1.8	0.31	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
1701	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		

**Trench 18**

General description	Orientation	E W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.	Length (m)	30
	Width (m)	1.8
	Avg. depth (m)	0.41

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1800	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
1801	Layer		1.8	0.21	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
1802	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		

**Trench 19**

General description	Orientation	N S
Topsoil overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.	Length (m)	30
	Width (m)	1.8
	Avg. depth (m)	0.52

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1900	Layer		1.8	0.4	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
1901	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, frequent small to medium stones		

**Trench 20**

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, clay silt. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.47
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2000	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. firm. Mid greyish brown		
2001	Layer		1.8	0.17	Subsoil. mid yellowish brown. firm.		
2002	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. mid yellowish-brown clay		
<b>Trench 21</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown clay silt. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.59
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2100	Layer		1.8	0.36	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
2101	Layer		1.8	0.26	Subsoil. Firm, Mid yellowish grey, clay silt, moderate mid stones		
2102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid, stones, occasional large stones		
<b>Trench 22</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.46
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2200	Layer		1.8	0.28	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
2201	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate mid to large stones		

2202	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, frequent small stones		
<b>Trench 23</b>							
General description					Orientation	N-S	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying varied natural of mid yellowish grey and dark brownish yellow, silty clay. Natural feature tested. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.42	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2300	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
2301	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, frequent small stones		
2302	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm, varied natural of mid yellowish grey and dark brownish yellow, silty clay, frequent small to mid-stones		
<b>Trench 24</b>							
General description					Orientation	SW NE	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology. Natural feature tested.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.4	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2400	Layer		1.8	0.28	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
2401	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, moderate small stones		
2402	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish grey with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 25</b>							
General description					Orientation	SE-NW	
Topsoil overlying natural, varied colour dark yellowish grey with orangish brown patches, silty clay. One natural feature tested. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.54	

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2500	Layer		1.8	0.54	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
2501	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour dark yellowish grey with orangish brown patches, silty clay, frequent small to mid, stones		
<b>Trench 26</b>							
General description					Orientation	N-S	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30.01	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.39	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2600	Layer		1.8	0.23	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent mid stones		
2601	Layer		1.8	0.18	Subsoil. Compact, light yellowish brown, frequent small stones		
2602	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, frequent small stones		
<b>Trench 27</b>							
General description					Orientation	E W	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.38	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2700	Layer		1.8	0.28	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
2701	Layer		1.8	0.9	Subsoil. Compact, Mid yellowish brown, silty clay, frequent small to mid, stones		
2702	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, Mid yellowish brown, silty clay, frequent small to mid, stones		
<b>Trench 28</b>							

General description						Orientation	E W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay Trench devoid of archaeology						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.45
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2800	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Mid blackish grey clayey silt, firm		
2801	Layer			0.35	Subsoil. Light greyish brown silty clay, firm		
2802	Layer			0.01	Natural. Mixed light and mid greyish brown sandy clay with patches of grey clay, frequent small, rounded stones		
<b>Trench 29</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid orangish brown, clay silt Trench devoid of archaeology						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.48
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2900	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid, stones		
2901	Layer		1.8	0.18	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, clay silt, moderate mid to large stones		
2902	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm, mid yellowish brown some instances of mid bluish grey patches, clay silt, frequent small to mid, stones, occasional large stones		
<b>Trench 30</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey silty clay Trench devoid of archaeology						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.37
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3000	Layer		1.8	0.24	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, moderate small to mid, stones		

3001	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, occasional small stones		
3002	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, patches of frequent small stones		
<b>Trench 31</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey silty clay Trench devoid of archaeology						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.49
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3100	Layer		1.8	0.27	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
3101	Layer		1.8	0.11	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay,		
3102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, frequent small stones		
<b>Trench 32</b>							
General description						Orientation	N S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey silty clay Trench devoid of archaeology						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.46
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3200	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clayey silt. frequent small, rounded stones.		
3201	Layer		1.8	0.16	Subsoil. compact, mid yellowish grey. silty clay.		
3202	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. mid yellowish brown. frequent small and medium rounded stones. Compact silty clay.		
<b>Trench 33</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey silty clay Trench devoid of archaeology						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3300	Layer		1.8	0.28	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
3301	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, Mid yellowish grey, silty clay,		
3302	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, frequent small to mid, rounded stones		

**Trench 34**

General description	Orientation	E W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey silty clay with variations throughout (bluish grey patches of silty clay) Trench devoid of archaeology	Length (m)	30
	Width (m)	1.8
	Avg. depth (m)	0.34

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3400	Layer		1.8	0.22	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
3401	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, occasional small stones		
3402	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour mid yellowish brown and blueish grey, silty clay, frequent small to mid-stones		

**Trench 35**

General description	Orientation	N S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown silty clay with variations throughout (bluish grey patches of silty clay). Possible pit excavated and recorded.	Length (m)	30
	Width (m)	1.8
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3500	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid blackish grey clayey silt firm		
3501	Layer			0.4	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown silty clay firm		
3502	Layer				Natural. Mottled mid yellowish brown with grey patches sandy clay with frequent small, rounded stones		
3503	Cut		0.88	0.18	Natural Feature. Possible pit		



3504	Fill	3503	0.88	0.18	Secondary Fill. Firm silty clay. Frequent Small medium rounded pebbles.		
<b>Trench 36</b>							
General description					Orientation	E-W	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid orangey brown silty clay. Devoid of archaeology. Modern drain.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.54	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3600	Layer		1.8	0.37	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
3601	Layer		1.8	0.22	Subsoil. Firm, dark orangish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
3602	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm, mid orangish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones, moderately large stones		
<b>Trench 37</b>							
General description					Orientation	E-W	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural varied colour, mid yellowish brown and light greyish yellow, silty clay Trench devoid of archaeology					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.47	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3700	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
3701	Layer		1.8	0.18	Subsoil. Compact, light greyish brown, silty clay, moderate mid stones		
3702	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown and light greyish yellow, silty clay, frequent small to mid, stones		
<b>Trench 38</b>							
General description					Orientation	N-S	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.49	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

3800	Layer		1.8	0.32	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid-stones		
3801	Layer		1.8	0.17	Subsoil. Compact, dark yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate mid stones		
3802	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm, varied colour mid yellowish brown and dark bluish grey, silty clay, frequent small stones		

**Trench 39**

General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey silty clay Trench devoid of archaeology. Three modern land drains Variation in natural geology with darker grey silty clay patches.						Length (m)	0.3
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3900	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
3901	Layer		1.8	0.08	Subsoil. Firm, Mid yellowish grey, silty clay, occasional small stones		
3902	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour mid yellowish brown and patch he's of dark brownish grey, silty clay, frequent small to mid-stones		

**Trench 40**

General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4000	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
4001	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small to medium stones,		
4002	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay,		

					frequent small to mid-stones		
<b>Trench 41</b>							
General description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey and orangish brown silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.44	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4100	Layer		1.8	0.32	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent mid stones		
4101	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, dark yellowish grey, occasional mid stones		
4102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish grey and orangish brown, silty clay, frequent small stones, moderately large stones		
<b>Trench 42</b>							
General description					Orientation	E-W	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish grey silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.44	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4200	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid-stones		
4201	Layer		1.8	0.19	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, occasional small stones		
4202	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, frequent small to mid-stones, moderately large stones		
<b>Trench 43</b>							
General description					Orientation	n-s	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural varied natural, mid orangish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid-stones and patches of compact, bluish grey, silty clay, occasional small stones. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.42	

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4300	Layer		1.8	0.14	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid-stones		
4301	Layer		1.8	0.18	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, frequent small stones		
4302	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. varied natural, mid orangish brown, clay silt, frequent small to mid-stones and patches of compact, bluish grey, silty clay, occasional small stones		
<b>Trench 44</b>							
General description					Orientation	N-S	
Topsoil overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.45	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4400	Layer		1.8	0.44	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
4401	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, frequent small stones		
<b>Trench 45</b>							
General description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural Mixed natural, mid yellowish brown silty clay and dark bluish grey silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.43	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4500	Layer		1.8	0.31	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown clayey silt.		
4501	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Mid yellowish grey. Compact silty clay.		
4502	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact silty clay. Mid yellowish brown with dark bluish grey patches throughout.		
<b>Trench 46</b>							
General description					Orientation	SW-NE	

Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4600	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Mid blackish grey clayey silt, firm		
4601	Layer		1.8	0.45	Subsoil. Mid greyish brown silty clay firm		
4602	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Mixed yellowish and greyish brown silty clay with frequent stones and with some patches of dark grey clay.		
<b>Trench 47</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4700	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
4701	Layer		1.8	0.1	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, occasional small stones		
4702	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, occasional small stones		
<b>Trench 48</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.33
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4800	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
4801	Layer		1.8	0.13	Subsoil. Compact mid yellowish brown silty clay.		
4802	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish		

					brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small, rounded stones		
<b>Trench 49</b>							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with mid bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.45
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4900	Layer		1.8	0.31	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
4901	Layer		1.8	0.14	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, rare small stones		
4902	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of light bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 50</b>							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with light bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.42
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5000	Layer		1.8	0.31	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
5001	Layer		1.8	0.11	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, moderate small stones		
5002	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of light and dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 51</b>							
General description					Orientation		E-W
					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8

Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with mid bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5100	Layer		1.8	0.39	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
5101	Layer		1.8	0.11	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
5102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of mid bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 52</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with light bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.47
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5200	Layer		1.8	0.36	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
5201	Layer		1.8	0.11	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, moderate small stones		
5202	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, light yellowish brown with patches of mid bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 53</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid greyish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5300	Layer		1.8	0.4	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
5301	Layer		1.8	0.1	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		

5302	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 54</b>							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with mid bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.51
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5400	Layer		1.8	0.39	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
5401	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, moderate small stones		
5402	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish grey with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 55</b>							
General description					Orientation		E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with light bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.56
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5500	Layer		1.8	0.39	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
5501	Layer		1.8	0.17	Subsoil. Compact, mid greyish yellow, silty clay, moderate small stones		
5502	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of light bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 56</b>							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with mid bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8



archaeology. One modern field boundary, N-S aligned towards centre of trench.						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5600	Layer		1.8	0.4	Subsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
5601	Layer		1.8	0.1	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
5602	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of light bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 57</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.46
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5700	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
5701	Layer		1.8	0.16	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
5702	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 58</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with mid greyish brown patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.48
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5800	Layer		1.8	0.33	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. rare small, rounded stones.		
5801	Layer		1.8	0.15	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, no visible inclusions		

5802	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of greyish brown, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 59</b>							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Frequent small stones. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.46
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5900	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate small, rounded stones.		
5901	Layer		1.8	0.16	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
5902	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, frequent small stones		
<b>Trench 60</b>							
General description					Orientation		E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid reddish brown silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6000	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate small, rounded stones.		
6001	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, no visible inclusions		
6002	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. mid reddish brown silty clay. No visible inclusions.		
<b>Trench 61</b>							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.54

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6100	Layer		1.8	0.31	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
6101	Layer		1.8	0.23	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
6102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 62</b>							
General description					Orientation		E-W
Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark light grey, silty clay, moderate small stones. Modern field boundary running along a N-S alignment centre of trench.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.58
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6200	Layer		1.8	0.32	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
6201	Layer		1.8	0.26	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
6202	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of light bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 63</b>							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying colluvial layer at southern end of trench. Two features, 6304 ditch and 6309 tree throw.					Length (m)		30
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.7
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6300	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Dark brown grey. Silty clay. Occ sub ang pebbles.		
6301	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Mid brown grey. Silty clay. Rare, rounded pebbles.		
6302	Layer		1.8	0.2	Colluvial Layer. Light yellow grey, firm, silty clay.		

6303	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Mid yellow brown with reddish brown lenses. clay. Common rounded pebbles. Occ gravel.		
6304	Cut		2.13	0.64	Ditch. Linear ditch running east - west, prehistoric pot found in fill		
6305	Fill	6304	0.4	0.16	Secondary Fill. Compact dark yellowish brown silty clay. moderate pebbles.		
6306	Fill	6304	0.82	0.12	Secondary Fill. Firm mid grey, brown. Silty clay l. Occ small stones.		
6307	Fill	6304	1.2	0.22	Secondary Fill. Compact mid greyish yellow silty clay with occ. small stones.	Potter	IA
6308	Fill	6304	2.13	0.3	Primary Fill. Compact mid greyish brown silty clay. Frequent small stones. Base fill silting		
6309	Cut		0.67	0.32	Tree Throw. Tree throw		
6310	Fill	6309	0.56	0.08	Secondary Fill. Firm mid yellowish grey moderate small stones.		
6311	Fill	6309	0.32	0.24	Secondary Fill. Compact dark brownish grey silty clay moderate mid stones.		
6312	Fill	6309	0.32	0.24	Secondary Fill. Compact mid yellowish brown silty clay. Frequent small stones.		

**Trench 64**

General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with mid bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.45
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6400	Layer		1.8	0.35	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate small, rounded stones.		
6401	Layer		1.8	0.1	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, silty clay, moderate small stones		
6402	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of mid		

					bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 65</b>							
General description					Orientation	N-S	
Topsoil overlying subsoil overlying a colluvial Layer in the southern half of the trench, which overlies natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark yellowish grey patches of silty clay. Two pits and one unexcavated ditch.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.58	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Findings	Date
6500	Layer		1.8	0.36	Topsoil. Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay.		
6501	Layer		1.8	0.8	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
6502	Layer		1.8	0.14	Colluvial Layer. Compact mid brownish yellow silty clay. No visible inclusions.		
6503	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact mid yellowish brown clayey silt. Moderate small to medium rounded and sub angular stones.		
6504	Cut		0.52	0.13	Pit. Oval pit with two fills		
6505	Fill	6504	0.52	0.07	Deliberate Backfill. Mid greyish brown, clay silt, firm. Moderate mid stones frequent charcoal.	Burnt flint	
6506	Fill	6504	0.52	0.06	Deliberate Backfill. Firm, dark brownish red, clay silt. Frequent small burnt stones frequent charcoal	Fired clay, burnt stone	
6507	Cut		0.44	0.32	Pit. Oval, vertical sides, potentially beaker pit		
6508	Fill	6507	0.44	0.15	Primary Fill. Redeposited natural, natural slumping. Firm dark yellowish brown clay silt occ small stones.		
6509	Fill	6507	0.44	0.14	Deliberate Backfill. Frequent charcoal, dark brownish red. Firm dark brownish red silty clay moderate small stones frequent charcoal.	Burnt stone	
6510	Fill	6507	0.44	0.12	Primary Fill. Redeposited natural, natural slumping.		

					Firm mid yellowish brown. Silty clay occ small stones		
6511	Fill	6507	0.44	0.13	Deliberate Backfill. Firm, Frequent charcoal, burnt quartz, dark brownish grey clay silt	Burnt stone, worked flint	
6512	Fill	6507	0.44	0.22	Primary Fill. Redeposited natural. Firm mid yellowish brown. Clay silt		
6513	Fill	6507	0.44	0.16	Secondary Fill. Natural process, Mid greyish yellow, clay silt, firm		
6514	Unexcavated feature		2.3	0.01	Ditch. No surface finds. Mid greyish-brown, silty clay surface fill.		
<b>Trench 66</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Two ditches.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.33
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6600	Layer		1.8	0.33	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
6601	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown moderate small stones		
6602	Layer		1.8	0.21	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
6603	Cut		2.75	0.54	Ditch. Reached limit of excavation at 1m in depth.		
6604	Cut		1.54	0.2	Natural Feature. Natural feature		
6605	Fill	6604	1.54	0.2	Secondary Fill. Secondary fill through natural process of natural feature. Firm mottled mid yellowish brown. With light brown-grey lenses. Clay silt moderate small stones.		
6606	Fill	6603	0.9	0.18	Secondary Fill. True depth unknown, excavation stopped at 1m. Firm mid reddish brown silty clay	Pottery, animal bone	IA

6607	Fill	6603	1	0.32	Secondary Fill. Firm mid greyish brown. Silty clay. Moderate Small medium rounded sub ang stones.		
6608	Fill	6603	1.84	0.28	Secondary Fill. Firm mid yellow brown. Silty clay mod. Small, rounded stones.		

**Trench 67**

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Topsoil overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with dark bluish grey patches of silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.34
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6700	Layer		1.8	0.25	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded small stones.		
6701	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, varied colour, mid yellowish brown with patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		

**Trench 68**

General description						Orientation	SE-NW
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying colluvium at SE end of trench. Both overlying a natural brownish red clay. Two ditches on E-W alignment, one excavated. Two pits at SE end of trench, one excavated.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.55
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6800	Layer		1.8	0.32	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate rounded stones.		
6801	Layer		1.8	0.3	Subsoil. Mid greyish-brown, firm, clayey silt. Infrequent, poorly sorted flint/quartz.		
6802	Layer		1.8	0.15	Colluvial Layer. Mid yellowish-brown, moderately compact, very clayey silt. Infrequent flint/quartz inclusions. Colluvium found out SE end of trench.		
6803	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Mid, reddish-brown, heavily compacted,		

					clay. Flint/quartz inclusions, moderate, poorly sorted.		
6804	Cut		0.55	0.26	Pit		
6805	Fill	6804	0.49	0.26	Secondary Fill. Mod compact. Mid yellowish brown sandy silt. Quartz/flint infrequent poorly sorted round /sub rounded.		
6806	Fill	6804	0.51	0.1	Secondary Fill. Firm dark brownish grey sandy silt flint quartz infrequent. Poorly sorted round /sub rounded		
6807	Cut		1.9	0.7	Ditch		
6808	Fill	6807	0.4	0.18	Secondary Fill		
6809	Fill	6807	0.5	0.13	Secondary Fill	Pottery	IA
6810	Fill	6807	0.9	0.1	Secondary Fill	Pottery, animal bone	IA
6811	Fill	6807	0.8	0.22	Secondary Fill	Pottery	IA
6812	Fill	6807	1.32	0.24	Secondary Fill	Pottery, burnt stone, worked flint, animal bone	M-LIA
6813	Fill	6807	1.21	0.14	Secondary Fill	Pottery, burnt stone	M-LIA
6814	Unexcavated feature		0.32	0.01	Pit. Unexcavated pit located at SE end of trench 68. 0.5m to the south of pit 6804. No surface finds recovered. Dark brownish-grey, firm, clayey silt surface fill.		
6815	Unexcavated feature		2.7	0.01	Ditch. Possible unexcavated ditch terminus. Same ditch seen running ENE-WSW across trenches 62-68. Dark reddish-brown, firm, silty clay surface fill. No surface finds recovered.		
<b>Trench 69</b>							



General description						Orientation	E W
Topsoil overlaying subsoil overlaying natural mid yellowish brown silty clay. Single NE-SW aligned ditch.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6900	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
6901	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
6902	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. compact mid yellowish brown silty clay. Moderate small, rounded stones		
6903	Cut		0.7	0.09	Ditch. Cut of ditch, that runs along a NE SW alignment.		
6904	Fill	6903	0.7	0.09	Secondary Fill. Mid yellowish brown silty clay, moderate small to medium sub angular and round stones.		
<b>Trench 70</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7000	Layer		1.8	0.4	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7001	Layer		1.8	0.1	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7002	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. compact dark greyish brown silty flat with frequent small, rounded stones throughout		
<b>Trench 71</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench has four NE-SW aligned ditches, two excavated.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8

						Avg. depth (m)	0.64
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7100	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7101	Layer		1.8	0.31	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, Frequent small stones		
7102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. compact mid yellowish brown silty clay. moderate small, rounded stones.		
7103	Cut		1.58	0.2	Ditch. Ditch along a NE SW alignment.		
7104	Fill	7103	1.58	0.2	Secondary Fill. Mid yellowish brown silty clay, sterile fill. Mod small, rounded stones.		
7105	Cut		0.47	0.7	Ditch. Ditch along a NE SW alignment. Pottery present.		
7106	Fill	7105	0.47	0.7	Secondary Fill. Mid yellowish brown silty clay, pottery present. Mod small, rounded stones.	Pottery	Roman
7107	Unexcavated feature		0.59	0.01	Ditch. NE-SW, mid yellowish brown silty clay. No surface finds.		
7108	Unexcavated feature		1	0.01	Ditch. NE-SW, mid yellowish brown silty clay. No surface finds.		

### Trench 72

General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Single posthole excavated and recorded.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7200	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7201	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7202	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. compact mid yellowish brown silty clay.		

					Moderate small, rounded stones		
7203	Cut		0.17	0.14	Posthole. Circular posthole		
7204	Fill	7203	0.17	0.07	Primary Fill. Dark brownish grey, moderate inclusions of charcoal frequent small stones.		
7205	Fill	7203	0.17	0.08	Secondary Fill. Natural process mid greyish brown, clay silt, mod stones		

**Trench 73**

## General description

Orientation

N S

Topsoil overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.

Length (m)

30

Width (m)

1.8

Avg. depth (m)

0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7300	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7301	Layer		1.8	0.24	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7302	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown silty clay, moderate small stones		

**Trench 74**

## General description

Orientation

N-S

Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Four NE-SW aligned ditches throughout trench. Two excavated and recorded.

Length (m)

30

Width (m)

1.8

Avg. depth (m)

0.58

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7400	Layer		1.8	0.38	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7401	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7402	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. compact mid greyish brown silty clay. Frequent small, rounded stones.		

7403	Cut		0.8	0.1	Ditch. Shallow ditch NE SW alignment. South end of trench.		
7404	Fill	7403	0.8	0.1	Primary Fill. Mid red brown grey. Silty clay with common sub ang pebbles and common gravel.		
7405	Cut		0.48	0.06	Ditch. Shallow ditch SW NE. Northern end of trench.		
7406	Fill	7405	0.48	0.06	Secondary Fill. Soft mid yellow, red grey. silty clay with occ rounded pebbles.		
7407	Cut		0.8	0.01	Ditch. NE-SW aligned ditch unexcavated. Middle of trench.		
7408	Cut		0.6	0.01	Ditch. Unexcavated. South end of trench. NE-SW aligned.		

**Trench 75**

General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.69

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7500	Layer		1.8	0.44	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7501	Layer		1.8	0.25	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7502	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown silty clay, moderate small stones		

**Trench 76**

General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.58

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7600	Layer		1.8	0.38	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		

7601	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7602	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, mid yellowish brown silty clay, moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 77</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7700	Layer		1.8	0.21	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7701	Layer		1.8	0.19	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7702	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay moderate small stones		
<b>Trench 78</b>							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Modern ditch 7803 running SE NW.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.59
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7800	Layer		1.8	0.39	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7801	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7802	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact Mid yellowish brown silt clay frequent small stones		
7803	Cut		0.64	0.34	Ditch. Possible modern ditch. Contains wood frag possibly rooting. Not bottomed.		
7804	Fill	7803	0.64	0.34	Secondary Fill. Firm. Mid brownish grey. Clay silt. Moderate small sub ang pebbles.	CBM	Med / Pmed
<b>Trench 79</b>							

General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.39
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7900	Layer		1.8	0.27	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
7901	Layer		1.8	0.12	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
7902	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay with frequent small, rounded stones		
<b>Trench 80</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown and light greyish blue patches of silty clay. Two ditches excavated.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.6
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8000	Layer		1.8	0.34	Topsoil. firm mid greyish brown silty clay moderate small, rounded stones		
8001	Layer		1.8	0.26	Subsoil. Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay with moderate small, rounded stones		
8002	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. compact mid yellowish brown with light greyish blue patches. Moderate small to medium sub angular and rounded stones		
8003	Cut		1.2	0.28	Ditch. Truncated by ditch [8005]		
8004	Fill	8003	1.2	0.28	Secondary Fill. Firm mid brownish orange silty clay mod small, rounded stones.		
8005	Cut		2.2	0.36	Ditch. truncates ditch [8003]		
8006	Fill	8005	1.6	0.38	Secondary Fill. Firm mid yellowish-brown patches of light grey. Silty clay mod	Pottery	LIA

					small medium rounded and sub rounded stones.		
8007	Fill	8005	0.72	0.18	Secondary Fill. Firm mid greyish orange silty clay.		
8008	Unexcavated feature		1.7	0.01	Ditch. unexcavated ditch at NW end of trench. Ditch runs along a SE NW alignment. No surface finds, fill is compact mid yellowish brown silty clay with moderate small rounded and sub angular stones throughout.		
<b>Trench 81</b>							
General description						Orientation	SW-NE
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with mid greyish brown patches of silty clay. Two unexcavated ditches.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8100	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
8101	Layer		1.8	0.1	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish grey, silty clay, moderate small stones		
8102	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural, mid yellowish brown , silty clay, moderate small stones		
8103	Unexcavated feature		3	0.01	Ditch. unexcavated, running along a N S alignment that is present in trench 66		
8104	Fill		3	0.01	Secondary Fill. Unexcavated fill of ditch [8103]. Pot present on surface.	Pottery	M-LIA
8105	Unexcavated feature		1	0.01	Ditch. Un excavated ditch with animal bone and pot present on surface. Ditch [8105] runs along a E W alignment.		
8106	Fill		1	0.01	Secondary Fill. Fill of unexcavated ditch [8105] animal bone and pot present on fill surface	Pottery, animal bone	IA
<b>Trench 82</b>							

General description						Orientation	E-W
Topsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Single unexcavated ditch located at west end of trench.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8200	Layer		1.8	0.4	Topsoil. Firm Mid greyish brown silty clay. Moderate stones.		
8201	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. compact mid yellowish brown silty clay with moderate small, rounded stones throughout.		
8203	Unexcavated feature		2.2	0.01	Ditch. N-S aligned, located at western end of trench. Dark grey-brown, clayey silt surface fill.		
<b>Trench 83</b>							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Topsoil, overlying natural mid yellowish brown, silty clay with pockets of sandy gravel. Single unexcavated ditch located at west end of trench.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.58
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8300	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Mid blackish grey clayey silt, firm.		
8301	Layer		1.8	0.28	Subsoil. Mid greyish brown, firm, silty clay.		
8302	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Mixed yellowish and greyish brown silty clay with frequent stones and with some patches of dark grey clay.		
8303	Unexcavated feature		2	0.01	Ditch. Unexcavated E-W aligned ditch. Possible boundary ditch. No surface finds. Surface fill is dark greyish brown, moderately compact, clayey silt.		
<b>Trench 84</b>							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Topsoil overlying subsoil, overlying natural dark yellowish-brown patches of dark bluish grey, silty clay.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.37



Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8400	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Firm, mid greyish brown, clay silt, frequent small stones		
8401	Layer		1.8	0.11	Subsoil. Compact, mid yellowish brown, clay silt, moderate small to mid-stones		
8402	Layer		1.8	0.01	Natural. Compact, dark yellowish brown with patched of dark bluish grey, silty clay, frequent small to mid-stones		
8403	Cut		0.3	0.16	Posthole. posthole		
8404	Fill	8403	0.3	0.16	Secondary Fill. Likely through natural process, small inclusions of charcoal. Firm dark brownish grey silty clay. Frequent small stones occ small charcoal.		

## APPENDIX B FINDS REPORTS

### B.1 Prehistoric pottery

*By Alex Davies*

#### *Introduction*

B.1.1 Some 32 sherds (386g) of prehistoric pottery were recovered from 10 contexts across five trenches. The material is coherent and dates to the middle to late Iron Age.

#### *Method*

B.1.2 The pottery was assessed at context level, noting fabrics, spot-dates, and feature sherds. All of the recorded data is listed on Table B.1.1 and there is no additional data or metadata.

B.1.3 The following fabric codes were used, suffixed by a number relating to the grade of the fabric, ranging from 1 (fine) to 4 (very coarse):

- Io: Iron oxides
- Gr: Grog
- Qg: Glauconitic sand (can include quartz sand)
- Qs: Quartz sand

#### *Description*

B.1.4 The assemblage has a low mean sherd weight of 2.9g, which is reflected by the low number of diagnostic sherds. A flattened rim was found in context 6810, and a small bead rim in context 6812, both in sandy fabrics although neither are particularly diagnostic. A globular vessel in context 6812 is also in a sandy fabric and is a typical middle Iron Age form, although it continues into the late Iron Age.

B.1.5 The fabric range of the assemblage is informative and suggests it belongs to the middle to late Iron Age. Other Iron Age assemblages in Abingdon follow the wider trend seen in the Upper Thames Valley of calcareous fabrics (usually shell-tempered) dominating in the early Iron Age, but being steadily replaced by sand in the middle Iron Age, with grog-tempering belonging largely to the late Iron Age (eg Abingdon West Central: Biddulph 2007, 145; Ashville Trading Estate/Wyndyke Furlong: De Roche 1978, Timby 1999; Dunmore Road: Timby 2021; Spring Road: Timby 2008). The absence of calcareous sherds at Twelve Acre Drive suggests that the early Iron Age is probably not represented, while the dominance of sand suggests the assemblage is mainly of middle Iron Age date. The presence of grog suggests a late Iron Age presence, although neither of the two grog-tempered vessels (contexts 6812 and 8006) are clearly of 'Belgic' tradition (in the sense of Thompson 1982, 4), which would confirm a late Iron Age date. The vessel in context 6812 is handmade, burnished and contains a more sand in the fabric than grog, and the grog-tempered sherds in 8006 are so small that little can be said about them. A vessel in glauconitic sand fabric in context 8106 might also be seen as typically middle Iron Age (eg Timby 2021, 31).

B.1.6 The trenches containing Iron Age pottery were clustered on the south-western part of the site and appear to belong to a coherent focus of activity. The pottery assemblage is also a coherent group, probably belonging to the middle to late Iron Age, c 350BC to c AD 50.

Context	Sherds	Weight (g)	Fabric	Spot-date	Comment
6307	1	5	Qs2	IA	
6606	9	2	Qs2	IA	
6809	5	15	Qs2	IA	
6810	12	44	Qs2	IA	Flattened rim, not diagnostic
6811	6	28	Qslo2	IA	
6812	35	122	Qslo2; QsGr2	M-LIA	Grog vessel is handmade and burnished, not clearly 'Belgic'. Sandy vessel has a bead rim
6813	52	132	Qs2	M-LIA	Globular
8006	8	18	Gr2; Qs2	LIA	Grog vessel is thin walled but small sherds, not obviously 'Belgic'
8104	1	15	Qg1	M-LIA	Burnished
8106	3	5	Qs2	IA	
	132	386			

Table B.1.1: Summary of the prehistoric pottery

## B.2 Roman pottery

By Edward Biddulph

### Introduction

B.2.1 The Roman pottery was confined to context 7106, fill of ditch 7105 in Trench 71. The pottery was sorted into fabrics and each fabric group quantified by sherd count and weight. Fabrics were assigned codes from OA's standard recording system for later Iron Age and Roman pottery (Booth nd). Reference was also made to Young's (1977) typology of the Oxford pottery industry and the National Roman Fabric Reference Collection (NRFRC; Tomber and Dore 1998).

### Description

Fabric code	Fabric name (NRFRC codes in brackets)	Sherds	Weight (g)	Description
B11	Dorset black-burnished ware (DOR BB 1)	4	12	Joining base sherds from two vessels, either dishes or jars
E80	Grog-tempered ware (SOB GT)	1	11	Body sherd
F51/O11	Oxford red/brown colour-coated ware (OXF RS) or Oxford fine oxidised ware	1	2	Body sherd; no trace of slip remaining
R10	Unsourced fine reduced ware	1	2	Body sherd

R21	Oxford sandy reduced ware	8	34	Six body sherds possibly from same vessel, plus two miscellaneous body sherds
	Totals	15	61	

**Table B.2.1:** Description of Roman pottery from context 7106, ditch 7105

- B.2.2 The earliest piece from context 7106 appears to be in grog-tempered ware (E80). This dates to the 1st century AD, although as the sherd is relatively thick-walled, it may belong to a storage jar that could date well beyond *c* AD 100. The black-burnished ware (B11) dates from the mid-2nd century onwards, while a tentative late Roman date (*c* AD 240/50–410) can be given to the oxidised body sherd identified as fabric F51 or O11. Reduced wares R10 and R21 date broadly to the Roman period. Considered together, the group was probably deposited in the late Roman period or later.
- B.2.3 The pottery was manufactured at a variety of sources. Fabrics F51/O11 and R21 are products of the Oxford Roman pottery industry (Young 1977), while fabric B11 arrived from Dorset. Though unsourced, fabric R10 may be an Oxford product, and E80 may also have been locally made.
- B.2.4 With a mean sherd weight (weight divided by number of sherds) of 4.1g, the condition of the group is poor. Sherds are small and abraded and, with rims absent, undiagnostic of form, although the sherds in fabric B11 undoubtedly come from jars or dishes. The group is characteristic of pottery that has undergone multiple episodes of redeposition, possibly through agricultural processes, and may have been found away from areas of use and initial discard. That said, the fact that the Roman pottery was confined to a single trench and not scattered more widely hints that any Roman-period activity is located in the vicinity of the south-eastern part of the site.

### ***Recommendations regarding the conservation, discard and retention of material***

- B.2.5 The pottery reported on here has the potential to inform future research through re-analysis and it is thus recommended that all the pottery is retained. This follows the advice set out in *'Standard for Pottery Studies in Archaeology'* (PCRG, SGRP, MPRG 2016).

## **B.3 CBM and Fired Clay**

*By Kirsty Smith*

### ***Introduction***

- B.3.1 A small quantity of fired clay (FC) amounting to 313 fragments weighing 510g was recovered from Trench 65. Overall, the assemblage is highly abraded and has a very low mean fragment weight of 1.62g.
- B.3.2 Two fragments of CBM weighing 57g were also recovered from Trench 78.
- B.3.3 The assemblage has been fully recorded on an Excel spreadsheet. Fabrics were characterised with the aid of x20 hand lens.

### ***Fabrics***

B.3.4 The fired clay fragments were made from a brown, orange silty sandy clay with black grits up to 1mm long.

B.3.5 The CBM was made from a silty clay with occasional ferruginous grits up to 1mm long, and black grits up to 3mm long. This is similar to medieval/post-medieval fabric IIIB which has been recorded regionally in and around Oxfordshire (Poole and Smith 2022).

#### *Medieval/post-medieval roof tile*

B.3.6 Two fragments of joining roof tile were recorded in context 7804 (57g) and these were 13mm thick. The fabric and thickness of the fragments suggests it is a medieval/post-medieval roof tile.

#### *Indeterminate fired or baked clay*

B.3.7 The fired clay included 313 fragments (510g) which were recovered from context 6506, a fill of pit 6504. The fired clay was indeterminate in nature and was 1-14mm thick and was highly abraded. Several of the larger fragments had small impressions 0.5mm wide which may have been created from grass or straw impressions. A larger proportion of the fragments (perhaps 50%) were also soft and crumbly suggesting they had been baked rather than fired. This suggests incidental rather than deliberate firing. Around 30% of the fragments were also orange in colour rather than brown suggesting they had been nearer a heat source.

B.3.8 Pit 6504 also contained charcoal and heated stone and therefore the fired or baked clay may have originated as the lining of a fire pit.

#### *Conclusions*

B.3.9 The fired clay was recovered from context 6506 which was a fill of possible fire pit 6504.

B.3.10 Two fragments of joining medieval/post-medieval CBM were also recovered from ditch 7803.

#### *Recommendations*

B.3.11 The fragments of fired clay and CBM have been fully recorded and can be discarded.

## **B.4 Stone**

*By Ruth Shaffrey*

#### *Introduction*

B.4.1 A total of 109 pieces of stone were retained. These were examined by eye for signs of working or use and used pieces more closely examined with the aid of a x10 magnification hand lens.

B.4.2 The stone consists of burnt quartzite and flint, which is mostly reddened and heat fractured (Table B.4.1). The largest concentrations were found in contexts 6509, 6511

and 6812. The stone is not intrinsically dateable but burnt stone is typically found in prehistoric contexts.

Context	No	Type	Weight	Notes	Lithology
6506	22	Burnt stone	472	Heat cracked	Quartzite and flint
6506	1	Burnt stone	197	Reddened and heat cracked	Quartzite
6509	25	Burnt stone	738	Reddened and heat cracked	Quartzite and flint
6509	2	Burnt stone	56	Heat cracked	Quartzite
6511	25	Burnt stone	640	Reddened and heat cracked	Quartzite
6511	14	Burnt stone	15	Reddened and heat cracked	Quartzite and flint
6812	14	Burnt stone	658	Reddened and heat cracked	Quartzite
6812	4	Burnt stone	4	Heat cracked	Flint
6813	2	Burnt stone	57	Heat cracked	Quartzite and flint
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>		<b>2837</b>		

**Table B.4.1:** Catalogue of burnt stone

### *Recommendations*

B.4.3 The stone can be discarded.

## **B.5 Flint**

*Michael Donnelly*

### *Introduction*

B.5.1 This evaluation brought to light a very small assemblage of five struck flints and a large assemblage of burnt stone (156 fragments 2605g) including minimal quantities of burnt flint. The flints were largely undiagnostic and originated from two contexts: 6511 and 6812. In each instance the context contained one piece with early characteristics alongside a flake that was far more typical of later prehistoric knapping. Overall, the quantity and quality of the flint assemblage would be considered to be very poor and indicated only the very limited importance of struck flint in this evaluation area.

### *Methodology*

B.5.2 The artefacts were catalogued according to OA South's standard system of broad artefact/debitage type (Anderson-Whymark 2013; Bradley 1999), general condition was noted and dating was attempted where possible. The assemblage was catalogued

directly onto an Open Office spreadsheet. During the assessment additional information on condition (rolled, abraded, fresh and degree of cortication), and state of the artefact (burnt, broken, or visibly utilised) was also recorded. Retouched pieces were classified according to standard morphological descriptions (eg Bamford 1985, 72-77; Healy 1988, 48-9; Bradley 1999). Technological attribute analysis was initially undertaken and included the recording of butt and termination type (Inizan *et al.* 1999), flake type (Harding 1990), hammer mode (Ohnuma and Bergman 1982), and the presence of platform edge abrasion.

### **The Assemblage**

- B.5.3 Two early looking pieces were recovered including a utilised or finely trimmed flake or blade segment with a soft-hammer bulb from context 6511 and a proximal blade segment from context 6812. Neither is definitely early in date but these would most likely belong to the Mesolithic or Neolithic period.
- B.5.4 The remaining three flakes in the assemblage included two quite crude examples (also from contexts 6511 and 6812 showing that the assemblage is likely to be at least partially residual) with later prehistoric characteristics such as their squat form or hard-hammer struck bulb and simple platform.

### **Discussion**

- B.5.5 This small assemblage indicates that very limited flint related activity occurred on the site. This activity may have had two phases with some early snapped blade forms occurring alongside cruder, squatter flakes of likely later prehistoric date. However, the assemblage is very sparse, and little can be said regarding its date with any degree of confidence. The larger assemblage of burnt stone including minimal amounts of flint may also have been related to later prehistoric activity but is probably historic in date and related to industrial or more intensive domestic processes. The material showed a clear concentration in Trenches 65 (137 fragments 1897g) and 68 (19 fragments 798g).
- B.5.6 Any further work in this evaluation area may encounter significant quantities of burnt stone used in industrial processes. However, this may post-date to the use of struck flint and the likelihood of identifying important struck flint assemblages is very low.

Context	Type	Sub-Type	Notes	Date
6511	Flake	Distal trimming	Quite squat flake	?LPH
6511	Flake	Inner	Proximal segment of inner flake with soft hammer bulb and use or fine trimming on left edge	?EPH
6812	Blade	Inner	Proximal blade segment	?EPH
6812	Flake	Side trimming	In poor condition	

6812	Flake	Misc trimming	Heavily burnt proximal segment from sample <6>	
7000	Natural		Pot-lid	
6505	Burnt unworked		45 fragments 731g sample <1>	
6506	Burnt unworked		22 fragments 465g sample <2>	
6509	Burnt unworked		2 fragments 53g sample <3>	
6511	Burnt unworked		68 fragments 648g sample <4>	
6812	Burnt unworked		17 fragments 655g sample <6>	
6813	Burnt unworked		2 fragments 53g sample <5>	

**Table B.5.1:** Catalogue of Flint



## APPENDIX C ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

### C.1 Environmental Samples

*By Richard Palmer*

#### **Introduction**

C.1.1 Six bulk samples, all from pits in Trenches 65 and 68, were taken during evaluation works at Twelve Acre Drive, Abingdon, following standard guidelines (Historic England, 2011) for the purpose of assessing and recovering ecofacts and the recovery of artefacts.

#### **Method**

C.1.2 The samples, which were of 18-40L each, were processed in their entirety at Oxford Archaeology using a modified Siraf-type water flotation machine. The flots were collected in a 250µm mesh and residues in a 500µm mesh, both were dried in a heated room. The residue fractions (ie the material which did not float) were sorted by eye and with the aid of a magnet while the flot material was sorted using a low power (x10) binocular microscope to extract cereal grains and chaff, smaller seeds and other quantifiable remains.

C.1.3 Nomenclature for identified species follows Stace (2010) and cereal and chaff identifications are made with reference to Jacomet (2006) and charcoal identifications with reference to Schweingruber (1990).

#### **Results**

C.1.4 Summary data for the samples and flots is presented in Table C.1.1. This includes sample volume and a brief soil description. Soil colour was determined using a Munsell Soil Colour Chart with soil texture described using published guidelines (Historic England 2015).

#### **Trench 65**

C.1.5 Sample 1 from fill 6505 of pit 6504 produced a small flot. Recovered material primarily consists of charcoal which is a mix of ring and diffuse porous types. A couple of possible *Brassica* sp. seeds are also present. Burnt stone was recovered from the residue.

C.1.6 Sample 2 from fill 6506 of pit 6504 produced a large charcoal rich flot. Identifications include oak (*Quercus* sp.), apple/hawthorn (Maloideae) and cherry/blackthorn (*Prunus* sp.). Burnt stone and fired clay was recovered from the residue.

C.1.7 Sample 3 from fill 6509 of pit 6507 produced a large charcoal rich flot. Identifications of oak and cherry/blackthorn were made. Burnt stone was recovered from the residue.

C.1.8 Sample 4 from fill 6511 of pit 6507 produced a large charcoal rich flot. Identifications of oak and cherry/blackthorn were made and the assemblage is similar to that of fill 6509. Burnt stone and flint were recovered from the residue.

#### **Trench 68**

C.1.9 Sample 5 from fill 6813 of ditch 6807 produced a poor rooty flot. Possible seeds of rape (*Brassica napus* subsp. *napus*) are present but are likely to be intrusive. Burnt stone and pottery were recovered from the residue.

C.1.10 Sample 6 from fill 6812 of ditch 6807 produced a flot of similar makeup to fill 6813. Pottery, burnt stone and bone were recovered from the residue.

### Discussion

C.1.11 Recovery of charred material from these features was generally limited to charcoal. The few *Brassica* seeds mostly appear to be modern, and while a few of them could be charred these are more likely to be intrusive material. The pits were clearly used for deliberate dumping of charred waste material, and it looks like all the samples have a similar species makeup in the charcoal assemblages.

C.1.12 Whilst the quantities of charcoal appear high in Table C.1.1, for samples 1 and 2 in particular, a lot of this material is not suitable for further identification because most fragments are small, often with at least one plane <2mm. The material from pit 6507 (samples 3 and 4) could have potential for further identification and analysis of wood types if part of a larger assemblage. The charcoal is in generally fair condition although some fragments show internal damage and staining which will hinder identification. Relatively short-lived species, including Maloideae, were identified among the charcoal and this provides potential for radiocarbon dating.

### Recommendations for Retention/disposal

C.1.13 The samples warrant retention at least until all works on site are complete as two samples (3 and 4) have potential for charcoal analysis and the charcoal from samples 1-4 (Trench 65) could be used for radiocarbon dating. Samples 5 and 6 can be considered for discard during preparation for final deposition.

Sample no.	Context no.	Feature/Depo sit	Trench	Date	Sample vol. (L)	Flot vol. (ml)	Charcoal >2mm	Grain	Chaff	Weeds	Other Charred	Molluscs	Notes
1	6505	6504	65		18	20	+++			+			10YR 6/8 silty clay
2	6506	6504	65		40	60	++++						5YR 4/6 sandy loam
3	6509	6507	65		30	80	++++			+			5YR 4/3 sandy clay
4	6511	6507	65		40	125	++++						10YR 6/6 sandy clay
5	6813	6807	68		40	30	++			+			10YR 5/3 sandy clay loam
6	6812	6807	68		38	30	+			+			7.5YR 4/6 clay loam

Key: +=present (up to 5 items), +=frequent (5-25), +++=common (25-100), ++++=abundant (100+)

**Table C.1.1:** Assessment of bulk samples.

## C.2 Animal Bone

*By Adrienne Powell*

### **Introduction**

C.2.1 The assemblage comprises a total of 62 fragments (153g) recovered by hand excavation and a further 12 fragments (9g) retrieved from the >10mm, 10-4mm and 4-2mm residues fractions from the environmental samples. The bone came from four ditch fill contexts dating to the middle to late Iron Age.

### **Description**

C.2.2 The bone is in a predominantly poor, worn condition in which little of the original cortical surface has survived. Specimens identifiable to species are restricted to teeth only and include cattle (*Bos taurus*), sheep/goat (*Ovis/Capra*) and equid (*Equus* sp.).

### **Recommendations regarding the conservation, discard and retention of material**

C.2.3 The assemblage has no research potential and may be discarded.

Context	Sample	Count	Wgt (g)	Description
6606		19	17	Iron stained fragments with poor surface preservation, one medium mammal long bone shaft, 18 indeterminate fragments
6810		1	3	Fragment of large mammal bone with poor, abraded surface
6812		15	35	Two cattle left maxillary premolars in early wear, equid adult incisor in advanced wear, seven medium mammal long bone fragments, four from the same specimen, six large mammal fragment, all bone fragments have worn surfaces with most of the cortical surface lost
6812	6	12	9	Sheep/goat maxillary premolar, eight cheek tooth fragments, one medium mammal long bone fragment, two small, calcined indeterminate fragments
8106		27	98	Cattle right maxillary premolar and M <sup>1</sup> -M <sup>3</sup> which may all be from the same row, cattle left maxillary molar, two cattle maxillary dP <sup>4</sup> s, 16 fragments of

				cattle cheek tooth, one indeterminate bone fragment
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**Table C.2.1** Hand retrieved and sieved animal bone

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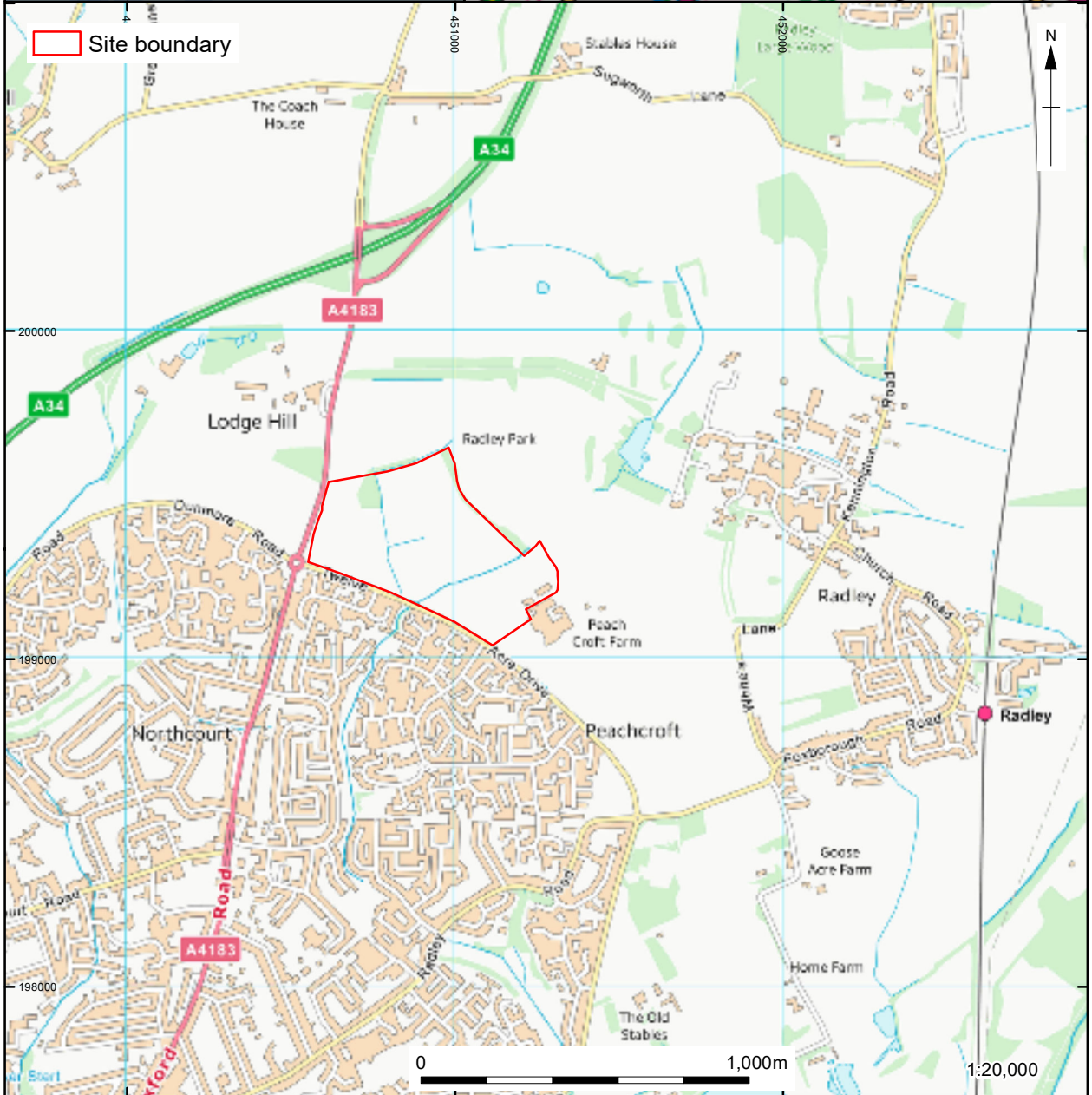


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## APPENDIX E      SITE SUMMARY DETAILS / OASIS REPORT FORM

<b>Site name:</b>	Twelve Acre Drive, Abingdon
<b>Site code:</b>	ABTAD22
<b>Grid Reference</b>	SU 50909935
<b>Type:</b>	Evaluation
<b>Date and duration:</b>	20th September to 14th October 2022
<b>Area of Site</b>	c 20ha
<b>Location of archive:</b>	The archive is currently held at OA, Janus House, OX2 0ES insert address, and will be deposited with OXCMS in due course.
<b>Summary of Results:</b>	<p>Oxford Archaeology were commissioned by Bellway Homes Ltd to undertake an archaeological evaluation at the site of a proposed development to the north-east of Abingdon, Oxfordshire. The work comprised the excavation of 84 trenches, distributed across the site.</p> <p>The trial trenching demonstrated that the site was largely devoid of archaeological activity. However, a small assemblage of residual worked flint provided evidence for very limited presence during the early prehistoric period. The main focus of activity was a well-defined area of middle to late Iron Age features recorded towards the south-west edge of the site. This comprised a series of rectilinear ditches accompanied by a small number of pits containing burnt material. To the south-east of this focus, several parallel ditches were tentatively dated to the Roman period. No further activity was recorded in association with these ditches and they have been interpreted as either part of trackway or a broader field system. No significant activity was recorded from the post-Roman period and it is likely that the site was only used for agricultural purposes during this time.</p>



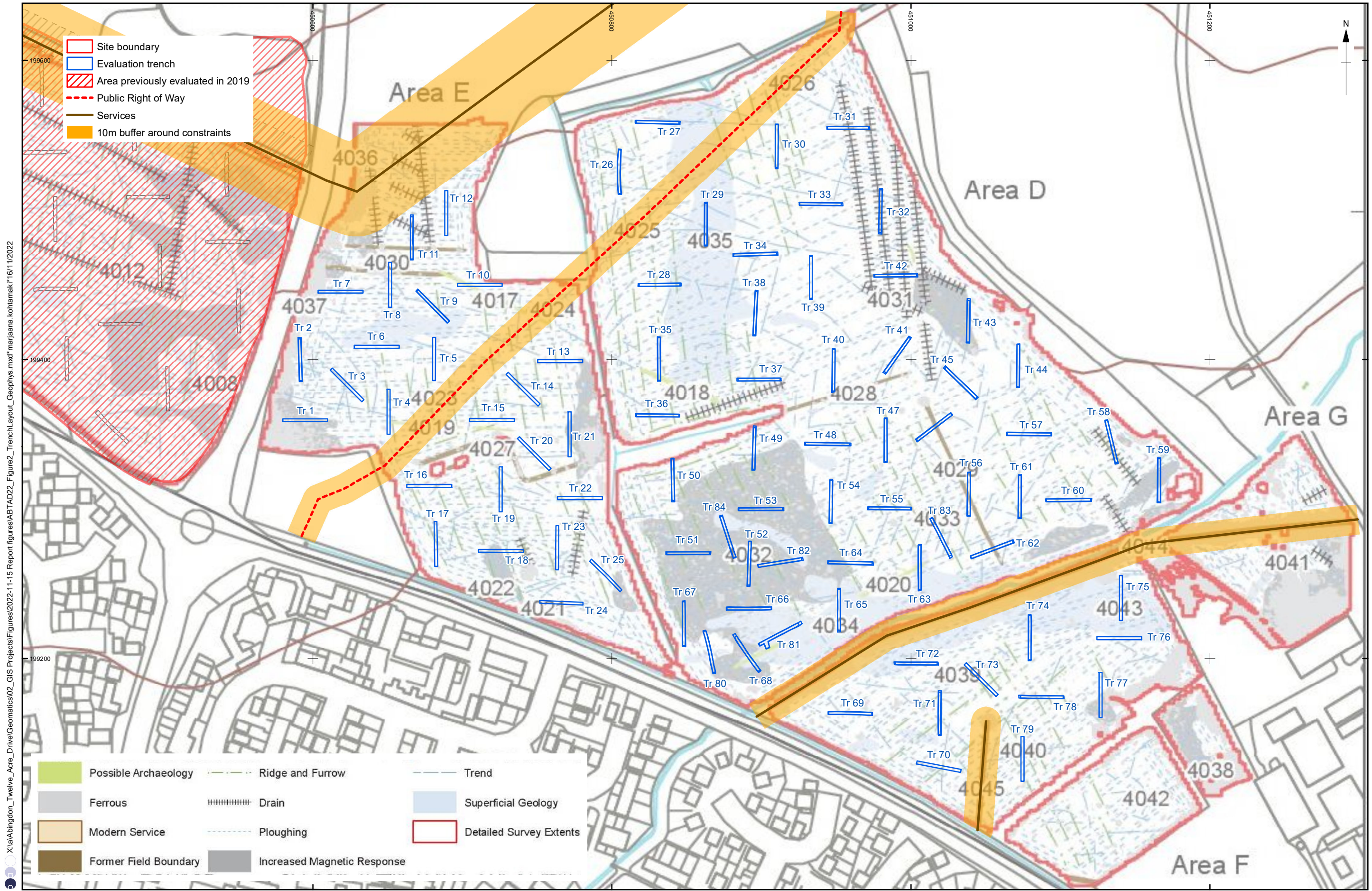


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Figure 1: Site location





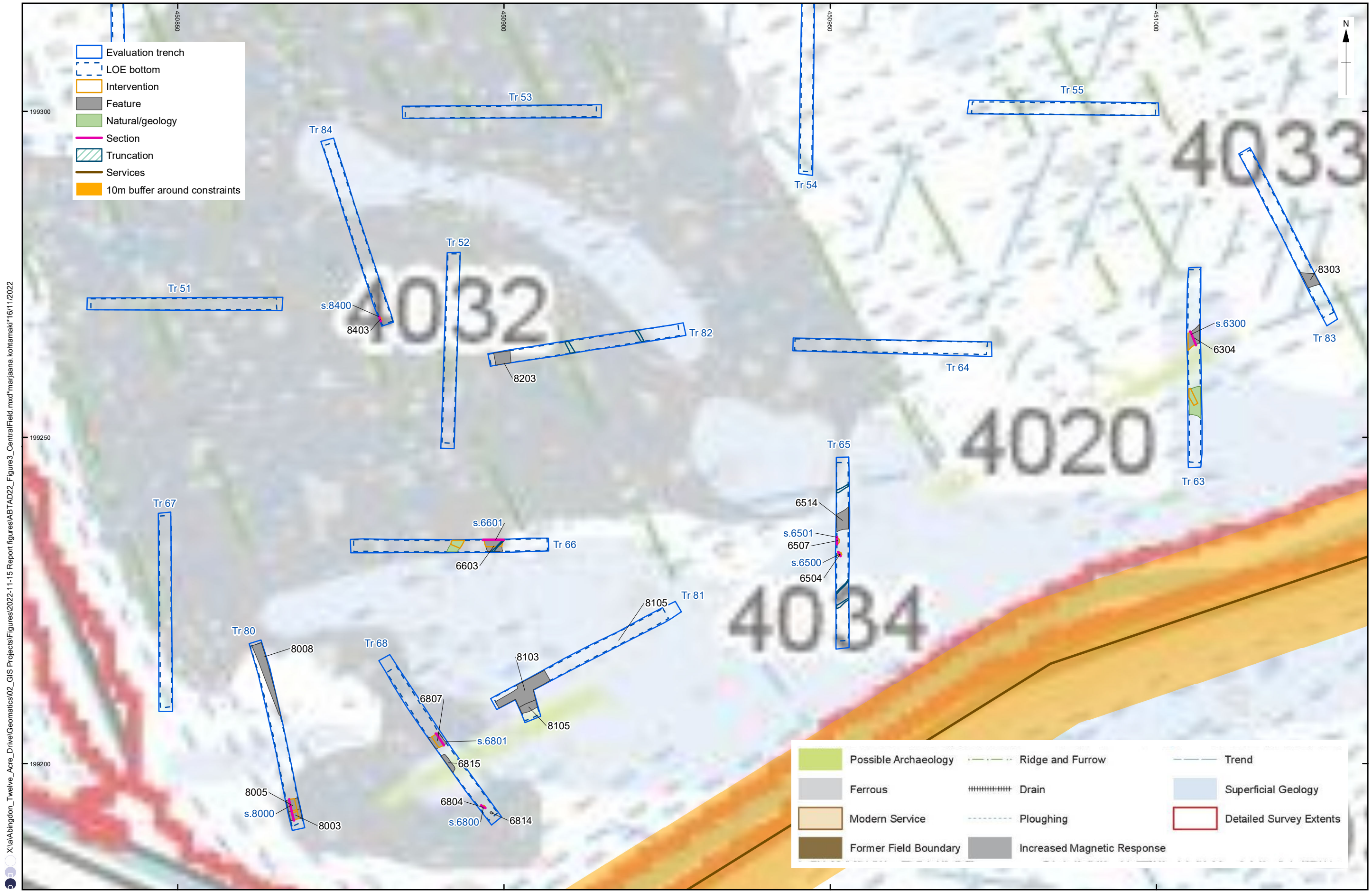
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Figure 2: Trench layout and geophysical survey results





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Figure 3: Central field



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- LOE bottom
- Intervention
- Feature
- Section
- Truncation
- Services
- 10m buffer around constraints

- Possible Archaeology
- Ridge and Furrow
- Trend
- Ferrous
- Drain
- Superficial Geology
- Modern Service
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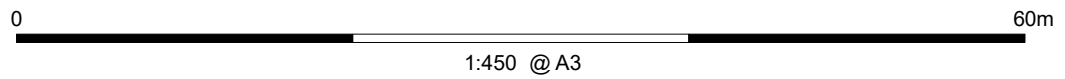


Figure 4: Eastern field

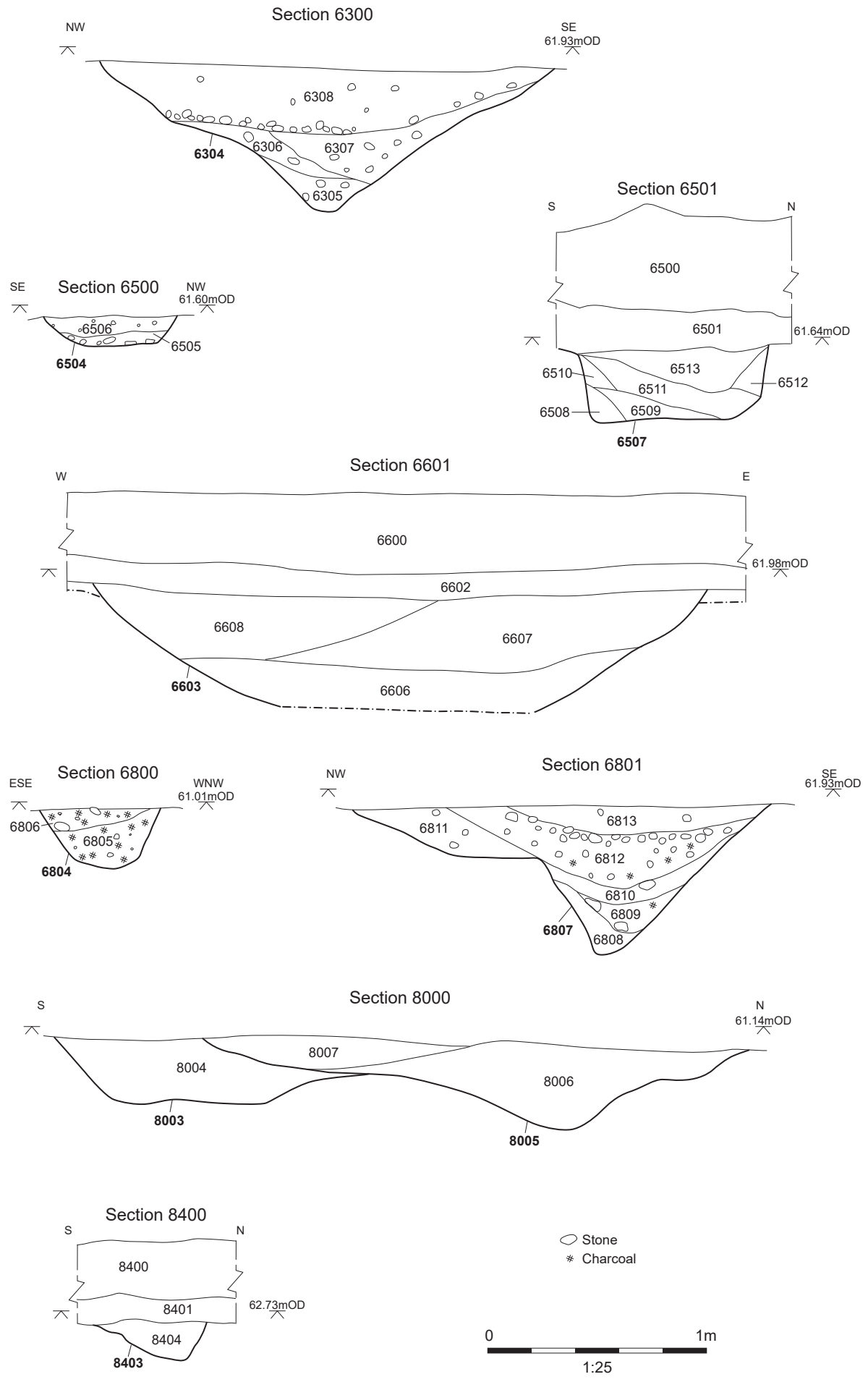


Figure 5: Central field sections

























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