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Summary

Oxford Archaeology South (OAS) was commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of Roxhill (Coventry) Ltd, part of the Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership to undertake an archaeological evaluation of land in two Zones, located north and south of Coventry Airport (centred on NGR SP 35552, 73411 for Zone A and NGR SP 34932, 75417 for Zone B). The site is being considered for commercial development.

The work was undertaken between 2nd July - 10th August 2012, across 20 fields, in an area of c.69 hectares. A total of 242 trenches were excavated, nearly all were 50m in length. Forty three contained features of potential archaeological interest.

Evidence was found for activity from three main periods; the earliest confirmed remains were of Middle Iron Age date. Remains were also found for the Roman period and subsequent medieval and post-medieval agricultural activity.

A single ditch, aligned NE-SW, seen in Trench 204, at the western side of Zone B, contained five sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery. A small amount of Iron age activity is known within the vicinity of Baginton village and this ditch, on a significantly different alignment to the Medieval furrows and existing field boundaries suggests that the landscape may have been organised in a different manner. It was unclear whether the ditch was a small boundary ditch but this seems more likely than a ditch associated with a dense settlement or occupation site.

Evidence of dated Roman activity was seen in Trenches 93, 128, 155, 180, 181, 182 and 185. All but trench 93 are within Zone B.

There is a definite cluster of activity in Field 16 and extending north into Field 14. This distribution is unsurprising since it is the area in closest proximity to Lunt Roman fort to the west. There was evidence of truncation, almost certainly the result of Medieval ploughing, inferred from the relatively shallow depths of Roman features and in the disturbance of one cremation. The Roman remains include two cremations, a small pit and three possible ditches. The ditches may form enclosures and boundaries organised differently to the later medieval layout.

Two adult cremations were found 40m apart, in Trenches 180 and 181. The cremation in Trench 180 was buried in an urn that had been placed into a pit which was then backfilled. The burial had evidence of both the human remains and in addition collected pyre debris; fuel waste, remaining fragments of human bone, hobnails, and remnants of the offering, or offerings made at the time of cremation. This also included fragments of several other ceramic vessels presumably also placed on the pyre. The cremation in Trench 181 had suffered greater truncation and was un-urned but showed a similar manner of burial.

There was a clear focus of low density Roman activity in the area of Field 16 and other features may be preserved in this vicinity.

To the south of Rowley Road a single Roman ditch was seen in Trench 128 which again may be part of the wider landscape divisions established in the Roman period and not retained in later landscapes.

There was a reasonable amount of presumed medieval activity in the form of plough furrows visible within trenches across Field 3 in Zone A and the southern part of



Zone B, Fields 16, 17 and 19. The furrows are all that remain of what would have been earthwork features of ridges and furrow, now denuded and ploughed flat, leaving only the lowest parts of the furrows. Directional changes in the furrows potentially indicate earlier smaller field systems. The furrows demonstrate the organisation and farming practices of the adjacent medieval village of Baginton.

The evidence of the activity recorded showed that the fields have been used for agricultural production throughout the medieval and post-medieval periods with some evidence of 18th - 19th century parkland. No evidence of medieval or later settlement or other activities was recorded.



1 Introduction

1.1 Location and scope of work

- 1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology South (OAS) was commissioned by CgMS Consulting on behalf of Roxhill (Coventry) Ltd part of the Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership to undertake an archaeological evaluation of land in two Zones, located north and south of Coventry Airport. The proposed development area is centred on NGR SP 35552, 73411 for Zone A and NGR SP 34932, 75417 for Zone B (Fig. 1).
- 1.1.2 The site is being considered for commercial use and is the subject of an outline planning application that will be submitted to Warwick District Council and Coventry City Council.
- 1.1.3 Preliminary consultation regarding the scheme proposals was implemented with the archaeological advisor to Warwickshire District Council, Anna Stocks of Warwickshire County Council. This highlighted that areas within the proposed development that have not previously been subjected to significant levels of developmental impact, may have a potential to contain surviving archaeological remains. On this basis, the local planning authorities (LPA's) archaeological advisor recommended that an archaeological evaluation should be undertaken prior to the determination of any subsequent planning application for the site to more fully inform the archaeological implications of proposed development.
- 1.1.4 An Archaeological specification was issued by CgMS (CgMs 2012a) and proposed an array of 254 trenches distributed across 13 fields. Following consideration of land ownership, access and environmental constraints including a significant area of quarrying and subsequent landfill in Zone B a total of 242 trenches were excavated. This document reports the results of those investigations.
- 1.1.5 All work was undertaken in accordance with the specification and Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework and the local authority's policies on archaeology (Coventry Development Plan 2001; Warwickshire District Local Plan 1996-2011).

1.2 Geology and topography

- 1.2.1 The underlying solid geology of Zone A comprises sandstone of the Bromsgrove Sandstone Formation that lies across its north-western extent, mudstones of the Tile Hill formation and Mercia Mudstone Group that lies across its south-western and eastern extents. Superficial deposits of sands and gravels of the Baginton Sand and Gravel Formation overlie the solid geology across the northern extent of Zone A, whilst pockets of river terrace deposits (1st and 4th terrace deposits comprising sand and gravel) and alluvium are identified across its southern extent (British Geological Survey 1984, Sheet 184).
- 1.2.2 The underlying solid geology of Zone B comprises mudstone of the Mercia Mudstone Group that lies across its eastern extent with sandstone of the Bromsgrove Sandstone Formation identified to lie across its western extent. Superficial river terrace deposits (1st, 2nd and 4th terrace deposits comprising sand and gravel) overlie the solid geology across areas of its western and northern extent, and sands and gravels of the Baginton Sand and Gravel Formation across its southern extent (British Geological Survey 1984, Sheet 184).
- 1.2.3 The areas of Zones A and B identified for evaluation comprise a mix of cultivated and pasture fields/rough ground situated to the north and south of Coventry Airport.



- 1.2.4 The fields within Zone A are bounded to the west by the Coventry Road, to the north and east by Coventry Airport and parts of the Severn Trent sewage works and to the south by the course of the River Avon and further agricultural fields. The site has a sloping topography, its northern extent lying at a height of c.82m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD) falling to c.61m AOD at its southern boundary.
- 1.2.5 The fields within Zone B are situated either side of Rowley Road. Those to the north are bounded to the north and south by the A45 and Rowley Road respectively, the Stonebridge Trading Estate lies to the east and pasture fields and the course of the River Sowe to the west. The single field identified to the south of Rowley Road is bounded to the west by the rear of houses within Baginton situated along Coventry Road, to the south by Coventry Airport and to the north by Rowley Road. The site has a sloping topography, its southern extent lying at a height of c.86m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD) falling to c.67m AOD at its northern boundary.

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background to the site has been described in detail in a cultural heritage desk based assessment for the proposal site (CgMs 2012b) and is not reproduced in full here. A summary is provided to allow the findings to be interpreted in context.

Prehistoric

- 1.3.2 In the area of Zone A two cropmark pit alignments of probable Late Bronze Age to Late Iron Age date are shown to lie c.100m and c.280m to the east of Zone A respectively, the former of which has been formerly designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM WA154). Other recorded evidence of occupation activity in this period in the vicinity of Zone A is represented by a scatter of Mesolithic to Bronze Age surface flint artefacts recovered in fields to the north of Chantry Heath Wood.
- 1.3.3 For Zone B much of the evidence recorded comprises the recovery of residual artefacts as a result of extraction works both within this zone and within Baginton. Artefacts of Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Age date have been recovered. Further evidence of Neolithic settlement and probable Bronze Age ring ditches have also been recorded further to the west of Baginton. The remains of part of an early Bronze Age bucket urn (WHER 2681) and a Neolithic/Bronze Age worked flint (WHER 2693) are recorded from within the southern extent of Zone B, recovered during excavations into interglacial gravels in 1929.
- 1.3.4 The recorded evidence would appear to illustrate that the area containing and surrounding the study site was likely settled and subject to associated occupation activity in this period. Such settlement, perhaps initially comprising transitory occupation by mobile Mesolithic hunter-gatherers followed by later farming communities in the Neolithic and later Prehistoric periods, is likely to have been influenced by its situation on well drained and easily workable land within the confluences of the River Sowe and Sherbourne and along the River Avon.

Roman

- 1.3.5 Evidence of Roman settlement and associated occupation activity in the areas of Zones A and B is represented by the scheduled remains of the Lunt Roman fort (SAM 21540) that lies c.80m to the west of Zone B and c.1.1km to the north of Zone A.
- 1.3.6 Excavations conducted within the site of the fort between the 1960s to 2000s have established that it was initially constructed in c.AD 60-64, possibly in response to unrest at the time of the Boudiccan Revolt. The fort appears to have been occupied for a



period of approximately 20 years, following which it was subsequently abandoned, although briefly reoccupied in c.AD260 to 268.

- 1.3.7 The earliest fort was defined by a bank and ditch on its northern and western sides within which the remains of timber buildings including barrack blocks, granaries and the *principia* with associated shrine and officers quarters have been found. Rubbish and latrine pits and a number of bread ovens have also been found. The second phase fort saw a rebuilding of these structures on a different alignment and the addition of a circular enclosure or 'gyrus' (horse schooling ring) with evidence for stables and horse fittings suggesting a cavalry contingent being garrisoned. Two further subsequent phases of reorganisation of the fort have been recorded indicating its final use in or around the late 3rd century AD.
- 1.3.8 Archaeological evidence recorded beyond the defences of the fort has identified substantial evidence of associated extra-mural settlement to be present within Baginton dating from the 1st to 4th centuries AD, focused predominantly to the south and east of the fort. The remains include both find spots of Roman artefacts and surviving below ground remains, comprising; ditched enclosures, wells, building remains, occupation debris, cremation urns and pits. Of these, remains of Roman settlement comprising an enclosure with timber building and several rubbish pits and recovered residual artefacts of pottery, a pendant and a bronze vessel have been recorded within and immediately adjacent to the western extent of Zone B of the study site.

Saxon – Early Medieval

- 1.3.9 The origins of a settlement at Baginton in the Saxon period is known from the 1930s records of a cemetery containing up to 60 cremations, with 42 known fairly complete urns, and 13 inhumation burials with associated grave goods, comprising brooches, buckles, bronze bowls, wooden buckets, spearheads and daggers and other personal effects recovered during the course of mineral extraction works in 1933-34. The site of the recorded cemetery lies within the south-western extent of Zone B of the study site, although the extent to which any further remains of the cemetery survive today as a result of previous mineral extraction works and subsequent use of this area as a landfill site remains uncertain.
- 1.3.10 Beyond the cemetery itself, further possible contemporary settlement evidence has also been recorded within Baginton itself, with a sunken feature building recorded within the town gravel pit to the west of the church in 1960-62, and c.580m to the west of Zone B of the study site, that contained pottery dating to around c.AD 500. By the Early Medieval period, the manor of Baginton is recorded as having been held by Archil prior to the Norman Conquest of AD 1066 (VCH 1951).

Medieval

- 1.3.11 The majority of the known sites relate to cropmark, earthwork and documentary evidence associated with former Medieval ridge and furrow cultivation, open fields, meadow or waste/common land associated with settlement and former ancient woodland.
- 1.3.12 Baginton is recorded in the Domesday Survey of AD 1086 as being 4 hides of land for 4 ploughs and comprising 15 inhabitants and including a mill and meadow in the overlordship of the Earl of Warwick (VCH 1969; Williams and Martin 2003). The focus of the Medieval settlement was probably around the parish church of St John the Baptist. Earthwork remains and excavated evidence of former Medieval settlement are recorded in the area adjacent to the church and castle. Baginton Castle, (SAM 21540) may have been founded by Geoffrey Savage in the early 12th century as a motte and bailey



(Chatwin 1951). It was later rebuilt in the late 14th century, but out of use by the mid-16th century (ibid). Within the surrounding area there were also fish ponds, a mill and iron working sites.

Post-medieval

- 1.3.13 The majority of the post-medieval evidence relates to former land enclosures or former Second World War installations. Baginton Hall was 17th century in date and the landscape around it shows deliberate management throughout this period. The area is visible on the 18th 19th century cartographic sources, (Beighton and Yates and Sons and OS mapping), including planted avenues which are shown to have extended into the western extent of Zone B of the study site to the east of the house. The formalised elements of the gardens associated with the 17th century hall were later restructured to form a more conventional parkland setting, following the replacement of the original house that was lost to a fire in 1706. This later house also suffered a similar fate in 1889 and was finally abandoned and demolished in the late 1920s.
- 1.3.14 The 1841 Tithe map illustrates that much of Zones A and B occupy a landscape that consisted of enclosed fields with some areas of woodlands, a number of ponds and farmsteads and probable agricultural buildings.
- 1.3.15 During WWII a number of defensive and operational installations including a series of concrete lined pits of uncertain function in Zone A and other associated features were constructed. Armstrong Whitworth also built a new factory on the aerodrome shortly after its development. The airfield is known to have suffered damage during the 1940 Coventry Blitz.
- 1.3.16 During this period Zone A of the proposed development area was dominated by 20th century development relating to the sewage works and its use for landfill and incorporating a motor industry test track. Surrounding these modern elements is a mixture of large and small enclosed fields that are likely to date to enclosures in the 18th to 20th centuries, which correspond to post medieval farmsteads, such as Rock Farm.
- 1.3.17 In Zone B changes reflect a landscape that has been much altered in the 20th century from former medieval open fields and post medieval field enclosures to very large postwar fields. To the south of the Rowley Road, the present area occupied by scrub land corresponds to the area known to have been quarried and used as landfill (what was Hall Pit).

Previous Work

- 1.3.18 Zone B of the study site is in part identified to have been subject to examination (WHER EWA9716) as part of a site inspection relating to Baginton Hall and its associated parkland. A number of further archaeological field studies are also known to have been conducted immediately along its western boundary, including a negative watching brief at 34 Oak Close (WHER EWA9451).
- 1.3.19 A similarly negative trenched evaluation on land to the east of Coventry Road (WHER EWA7019), wherein the area evaluated was shown to have been quarried away in the early 20th century, and an excavation (WHER EWA2939) conducted by the Coventry Museum Archaeological Unit in 1980 wherein remains of Roman settlement were recorded.

1.4 Project personnel

1.4.1 The project was managed for OA by David Score and the Project Officer was Vix Hughes. Site staff were Jane Smallridge, Al Zochowski, Alex Latham, Christof Heistermann, Dan Sykes and Mike Donnelly. CgMs Consulting consultant Steven



Weaver oversaw the work, which was monitored on behalf of Warwickshire County Council by Anna Stocks.



2 EVALUATION AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Aims

- 2.1.1 The aims of the evaluation at Coventry Gateway, as defined in the specification (CgMs 2012, 7) were:
 - (i) To determine, as far as reasonably practicable, the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains.
 - (ii) To establish the ecofactual and environmental potential of archaeological deposits and features encountered.
 - (iii) Assess the degree of existing impacts to sub-surface horizons and to document the extent of archaeological survival of buried deposits.

2.2 Methodology

- 2.2.1 An array of trenches was excavated to investigate the presence of archaeological remains in two areas, Zones A and B (Fig. 1).
- 2.2.2 The proposed trenches totalled 254 but constraints meant that 242 were excavated. A number of trench positions had to be adjusted to accommodate access and to avoid damage to current drainage ditches, proximity to hedges and newt sensitive areas, badges setts, existing disturbances, hen houses and fence lines. A number of trenches were removed following the identification of a significant area of quarrying and subsequent landfill in Zone B south of the Rowley Road.
- 2.2.3 Trenches that were moved / repositioned, although not a great distance, included: 33, 57, 59, 60, 62, 71, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 101, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 113, 118, 124, 126, 130, 155, 165, 167, 174, 176, 177, 187 and 240. Trenches that were divided (often due to old field boundaries) included 31, 63, 109 and 146. Trenches that were shortened included 55, 116, 139, 245 and 251. Trenches that were voided during the on site investigations consisted of 133, 246 and 247. Trench 300 was created as Trench 139 could only be dug 30m long and Trench 300 was the remaining 20m, relocated.
- 2.2.4 The trenches were numbered sequentially from 1 to 254 (with an additional Trench 300 added) across the 13 fields, and all were examined. Where features were repeatedly seen in a number of trenches they were excavated in a sample of instances which were representative of the feature and any variations.
- 2.2.5 The trenches were excavated using a number of 360° mechanical excavators and a JCB; all were fitted with toothless ditching buckets, and all work was carried out under the supervision of an experienced archaeologist.
- 2.2.6 All fieldwork was undertaken in accordance with standard OAS practices (Wilkinson 1992).



3 Results

3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

3.1.1 The results of the evaluation are presented below, beginning with a summary of the trench results, followed by a a stratigraphic description of the trenches which contained archaeological remains. An index of all trenches is presented in Appendix A. The following section (Section 4) contains a discussion of the remains.

3.2 General soils and ground conditions

- 3.2.1 The underlying geology was fairly consistent across the two zones. It generally consisted of a varied range of of yellow, orange and brown silty sands across most of the fields. There were some areas of reddish clay, particularly in Zone A and gravel patches throughout. Generally the lower lying areas had a more clay tendency but still remained essentially sandy.
- 3.2.2 The investigation areas were currently pasture fields, except at the eastern side of Zone B where linseed crops were sown. The plough soil was on average 0.3-0.4m thick and overlay surviving subsoil, with diffuse boundaries, which was on average 0.1-0.2m thick.

3.3 General distribution of archaeological deposits

- 3.3.1 There was no overall pattern to the distribution of archaeological remains. The datable deposits ranged from the Middle Iron Age through to the post-medieval period.
- 3.3.2 The single Middle Iron Age dated linear feature was in the same area as the clustered Roman activity in Zone B. General trends indicated that Roman remains were clustered along the northern side of Rowley Road at the western end of Zone B, with other outlying features across the scheme. Medieval remains were concentrated at the north side of Rowley Road in Zone B and in Field 3 of Zone A. Post-medieval remains were found throughout both Zones.
- 3.3.3 The archaeological remains were all sealed by the topsoil and subsoil unless otherwise stated.
- 3.3.4 Of the 242 trenches excavated, each on average 50m x 2m; 43 contained archaeological features and 113 contained no features other than field drains, furrows, modern ditches or services, 86 contained no features at all.
- 3.3.5 The majority of features recorded were linear features such as furrows and ditches across both Zones. Zone A had only six discrete pit / posthole features and three tree root hollows; and in Zone B there were 14 discrete pit / posthole features, ten tree root hollows, and two cremations. The trenches that contained no remains and which will not be discussed below unless for a specific point, were as follows: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 25, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 38, 40, 41, 42, 46, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 63, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 74, 75, 78, 79, 81, 82, 84, 88, 90, 91, 92, 97, 99, 102, 106, 112, 113, 119, 125, 130, 139, 142, 168, 171, 173, 183, 186, 190, 192, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 214, 216, 217, 220, 222, 225, 227, 228, 231, 233, 240 and 254. The trenches that contained remains of low significance (deemed to be furrows, land drains, services and modern boundaries) and which will not be discussed below unless for a specific point, were as follows: 1, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 31, 32, 37, 39, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 61, 62, 67, 72, 73, 76, 77, 83, 94, 95, 96, 98, 100, 101, 103, 104, 107, 108, 110, 111, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 131, 132, 140, 141, 143,



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3.4 Zone A Trenches (Fig. 2.-.4)

3.4.1 In Zone A there were 123 trenches excavated across 9 fields in four separate areas. This Zone lay to the south of Coventry Airfield and south of Zone B.

Field 1 Trenches

3.4.2 Field 1 was the southern-most field investigated. A total of 14 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 1-13 and 54) and none of the trenches contained significant archaeological remains. A field drain was seen in Trench 54 and a probable natural feature in Trench 11.

Trench 11

3.4.3 A single linear feature was investigated at the southern end of the trench which was interpreted as a natural gulley. The gulley was NE-SW aligned, measured 0.56m wide by 0.51m deep and had one fill in which no datable material was present. The feature was stratigraphically below the subsoil. Although well defined and with distinct fill it was a probable narrow water course. Ground water was reached at 0.95m.

Field 2 Trenches

- 3.4.4 Field 2 lay NW of Field 1 and SE of Field 3. A total of 22 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 14–20, 22–31, 34, and 55–58). Of these, three contained significant features. The remaining 19 trenches were either blank or contained only natural features or field drains.
- 3.4.5 A number of features were investigated including; a field drain in Trench 31 that was the same as the type seen in Trench 54; two field drains in ditches in Trench 18 and 28, and natural features in Trenches 22 and 58.
- 3.4.6 In two trenches colluvial material was seen. Trench 24 contained a shallow accumulation of colluvium in the same area as a continuation of the ditch in Trench 27 might be. However this was fully investigated and no trace of the ditch was encountered. It may be that the deposit represents overspill downslope sedimentation from the ditch upslope.
- 3.4.7 At the northern end of Trench 34 there was a substantial depth of subsoil which gradually petered out between 10-15m from the north end. This was investigated and appeared to be a natural accumulation of colluvium at a point where the underlying original topography varied and the slope angle altered. A single sherd of pottery suggested it might have been Roman or later in date.

Trench 14

3.4.8 A linear feature, 1404, aligned NE-SW was the probable base of a field drain. It measured 0.56m wide by 0.51m deep and had one fill in which no datable material was present. Although it may have been a field drain the feature remained ambiguous.

Trench 23

3.4.9 A single NW-SE aligned ditch 2303 was excavated at the northern end. The ditch was 0.64m wide by 0.3m and contained a single fill and produced no artefactual evidence.



3.4.10 A single NW-SE aligned ditch, 2703 (Plate 1), was 2.4m wide by 0.75m deep, contained three fills, 2704-2706, and was sealed by a 0.2m thick layer of subsoil, 2701 that extended along the length of the trench. There was no datable material present within the fills.

Field 3 Trenches

- 3.4.11 Field 3 lay NW of Field 2 and SE of Field 4. A total of 32 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 32, 33, 35, 37–53, 59–67 and 71-73). Of these, five contained significant features. The remaining 27 trenches were either blank or contained only furrows, field drains or natural features.
- 3.4.12 At the southern end of Trench 38 there was a substantial depth of subsoil which gradually petered out approximately 20m from the south end. This was investigated and appeared to be a natural accumulation of colluvium at a point where the underlying original topography varied and the slope angle altered. Colluvium was also seen in Trench 60 at the northern end.
- 3.4.13 In a number of trenches furrows were identified. These included Trenches 37, 39, 48 (a furrow sample excavated revealed 12-14th century pottery), 49, 50, 61 (five undated furrows were seen, on slightly varied alignments NW-SE to N-S, throughout this trench; three were investigated and their depths varied from 0.1-0.14m with consistent fills), 62, 65 and 67.
- 3.4.14 In the cases of Trenches 32, 43, 44 and 45 there is a probability that the linear features identified in the field as furrows were actually part of an earlier boundary ditch since they are all on roughly the same alignment.

Trench 47

3.4.15 A shallow linear feature, 4704, was aligned NW-SE and was probably the base of either a deeper preserved furrow or a ditch. It measured 0.7m wide by 0.22m deep and had one fill in which no datable material was present.

Trench 51

3.4.16 The trench contained a single irregular feature which was investigated and found to be a probable tree throw rather than a pit. The feature was over 2m in diameter.

Trench 59

- 3.4.17 The trench contained a possible pit at the north end, 5904 (Plate 2) and a pit 5906 (Plate 3), at the southern end. Pit 5904 contained a single mixed, mottled orangey black fill with charcoal flecking and measured 1m wide by 0.4m deep. The pit was sealed by the subsoil and cut into the natural. There was no datable material present within the fill.
- 3.4.18 The southern pit 5906 was 1.14m in diameter and 0.13m deep. The pit had three fills of with the upper fill 5907 contained fragments of CBM and slag suggesting a post-medieval date. The pit was sealed by the topsoil but cut through the subsoil.

Trench 60

3.4.19 This trench contained two linear ditches; one aligned E-W, 6004 and NE-SW 6006 (Plate 4) in the central part of the trench. Ditch 6004 measured 0.64m wide by 0.22m deep and contained a single fill. Ditch 6006 was 2.32m wide by 0.56m deep and there were two fills, the lowermost contained two sherds of pottery, one of which was late Roman in date. There was also an area of deposit consistent with an accumulation of colluvium at the north end of the trench.



3.4.20 This trench contained a single, undated, E-W aligned ditch 6404 (Plate 5), at the eastern end. The ditch measured 1m wide by 0.6m deep with a single fill that produced no artefacts. An irregular discrete feature was also investigated and found to be root disturbance.

Trench 65

3.4.21 This trench contained a single undated posthole, 6505, in the central part of the trench. The posthole measured 0.55m wide by 0.2m deep and contained no artefacts. In addition five undated furrows were seen; four were NE-SW aligned and one was NW-SE.

Field 4 Trenches

3.4.22 Field 4 lay NW of Field 3. A total of 8 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 68–70 and 74–78) and none of the trenches contained significant archaeological remains. A modern brick wall was seen in the northern end of Trench 76 and the eastern end of Trench 77 which apparently had a 0.3m thick layer of demolition material containing CBM and cement fragments associated with it.

Field 5 Trenches

3.4.23 Field 5 lay 170m NW of Field 4 and south of the In Transit haulage yard. A total of 7 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 79-85). Two trenches contained potentially significant archaeology, Trenches 80 and 85. Trench 83 had a linear possible furrow. The remaining 4 trenches were blank. A discrete feature, 0.65m wide, at the eastern end of Trench 84 was investigated and found to be of natural origin.

Trench 80

3.4.24 This trench contained one linear ditch, 8003, on a NW-SE alignment, terminating within the central part of the trench. The ditch was 0.5m wide and 0.18m deep, with a single fill containing no artefactual material. The possible furrow seen in Trench 83 may have been a continuation of this feature.

Trench 85

3.4.25 This trench contained a single shallow ditch, aligned NW-SE, towards its western end. The ditch was 0.66m wide by 0.19m deep, had two fills and contained no artefacts to date the feature.

Field 6 Trenches

3.4.26 Field 6 lay 65m NW of Field 5, north of the In Transit haulage yard and south of the access road. A total of 7 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 86-92). Three trenches contained potentially significant archaeology, Trenches 86, 87 and 89. Trench 88 had a linear probable service feature, N-S aligned. The remaining 3 trenches were blank.

Trench 86

3.4.27 The trench contained a NW-SE aligned ditch 8604 (Plate 6), a NNW-SSE aligned hedge-line 8606 towards the western end, and two tree throws 8608 and 8610 towards the eastern end. The ditch 8604 was 0.75m wide by 0.14m deep and had one fill. The hedge-line 8606 was 1.2m wide by 0.1m deep with a single fill. The tree throw 8608 was 1.6m wide by 0.06m deep and had a single fill. The easternmost tree throw measured 1.04m wide by 0.05m deep and had a single fill. All features were sealed by topsoil and there was only subsoil at the eastern end of the trench. No material was present within the features.



3.4.28 The trench contained a single broad, shallow ditch E-W aligned and it stratigraphically overlay the subsoil. The feature was seen to be 1.75m wide in the section by 0.12m deep. The feature was also seen in the southern end of Trench 89. No artefactual material was present within the feature.

Trench 89

3.4.29 The trench contained an E-W aligned ditch at the southern end. It stratigraphically overlay the subsoil. The feature was seen to be 1.75m wide in the section by 0.12m deep. The feature was also seen in the southern end of Trench 89. No artefactual material was present within the feature.

Field 7 Trenches

3.4.30 Field 7 lay to the immediate south of Field 8, in an area SE of Rock Farm. A total of 8 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 93-100). Only Trench 93 contained significant archaeology. The remainder of the trenches contained concrete features and demolition rubble related to the use of the site as an aerodrome or were either blank or contained only field drains or natural features.

Trench 93

3.4.31 The trench contained three postholes, 9304, 9306 and 9308 (Plate 7), towards the southern end of the trench. The three postholes could potentially be small pits and they were stratigraphically below the subsoil and cut the natural. Posthole 9304 was 0.5m wide by 0.15m deep; Posthole 9306 was 0.56m by 0.14 and Posthole 9308 was 0.58m wide by 0.14m deep. Therefore all three were of similar dimensions and the fills were relatively similar, although 9309 was darker and contained charcoal flecking. They are provisionally dated to either the Bronze Age or the early Roman period by several sherds of undiagnostic, grog tempered coarseware storage jar/jars.

Field 8 Trenches

- 3.4.32 Field 8 lay to the immediate north of Field 7, in an area SE of Rock Farm. A total of 15 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 101-104, 106-116). Only Trench 109 contained significant archaeology. The remainder of the trenches contained concrete features and demolition rubble related to the use of the site as an aerodrome and some relate to the WWII defences, including concrete foundations thought to be for tethering barrage balloons. These were identified in Trenches 111 (Plate 9) and 116 (Plate 10). These were essentially squared blocks of concrete with iron fittings.
- 3.4.33 Trench 101 had a modern ditch, forming the current field boundary. A modern ditch was also seen in Trench 103, NW-SE aligned. The northern end of Trench 104 was highly disturbed, and this was associated with an adjacent pond feature. Two linear features in the trench were;- a sewer/drain feature 4m wide and a field drain, both NW-SE aligned. The remaining trenches were either blank or contained only furrows, field drains or natural features.

Trench 109

3.4.34 The trench was split into two segments in order to avoid the tarmac surface / runway. It contained a single NE-SW aligned, undated ditch 10904 (Plate 8), which was 2.1m wide by 0.15m deep. The single fill contained no artefactual evidence.

Field 9 Trenches

3.4.35 Field 9 lay to the immediate west of Field 8, and east of Rock Farm. A total of 10 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 117-126). None of the trenches contained significant archaeology. The remains identified were concrete features, demolition rubble, field drains or natural features.



3.5 Zone B Trenches (Fig. 5 & 6)

3.5.1 In Zone B there were 119 trenches excavated across 11 fields in two separate areas. This Zone lay to the north of Coventry Airfield and north of Zone A. It straddled Rowley Road with only four trenches being south of the road.

Field 10 Trenches

3.5.2 Field 10 was south of Rowley Road and Field 11. A total of 2 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 128 and 130). Only Trench 128 contained significant archaeological remains. Trench 130 was blank.

Trench 128

3.5.3 This trench contained a ditch, 12804 (Plate 11), aligned NW-SE, and measuring 1.2m wide by 0.37m deep. The single fill contained several sherds of pottery of Roman date.

Field 11 Trenches

3.5.4 Field 11 was immediately south of Rowley Road and north of Field 10. A total of 2 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 131 and132). Both trenches had a series of tree throws that corresponded to a line of trees shown on the 1887 OS mapping.

Field 12 Trenches

3.5.5 Field 12 was the north western-most field adjacent to the river and south of the A45. It only contained Trench 139 which was blank and was shortened in order to safely fit within the area given the proximity of the river.

Field 13 Trenches

3.5.6 Field 13 was to the east of Field 12 and south of the A45. A total of 8.5 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 140-145, half of 146 and 164-165). Of these, only two contained significant features, Trenches 164 and 165. The remaining 6.5 trenches were either blank or contained only field drains, modern or natural features.

Trench 164

3.5.7 The trench contained four similar, shallow E-W aligned linear features; 16404, 16406, 16408 and 16410. These were probable drainage or furrow features, though no other furrows were seen in the vicinity. Stratigraphically they were below the subsoil. They ranged in width between 1.26m to 2.1m and from 0.18m to 0.38m in depth. They all had identical fills and fill 16405, of feature 16406, contained CBM fragments of probable post-medieval date.

Trench 165

- 3.5.8 The trench contained a single ditch, 16505, at the western end and a cluster of five ambiguous discrete features, 16503, 16507, 16509, 16511 and 16513, towards the eastern end. The ditch 16505 was aligned NW-SE, measured 1.5m wide by 0.2m deep and had a single fill with no artefactual material.
- 3.5.9 The tentative postholes ranged in size from 0.2m to 0.6m wide and from 0.05m to 0.15m deep. The fills were all similar and there were no finds from within them. The features may be the remains of postholes as they were reasonably regular but they may also be disturbance from other sources such as burrows or rooting.

Field 14 Trenches

3.5.10 Field 14 was south of Field 13 and west of Field 15. A total of 17 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 147-159 and 174-175 177 and 300). Of these, only 5 contained significant features, Trenches 147, 155, 159, 174 and 177. The remaining 12 trenches were either blank or contained only field drains, modern or natural features.



The same field boundary ditch was seen in a number of trenches, including 149, 150, 157 and 300.

Trench 147

3.5.11 The trench contained a small ditch NW-SE aligned towards the western end. The ditch 14704, measured 0.8m wide by 0.3m deep. The single fill produced no artefactual material. This ditch was also seen in Trench 159 but not excavated.

Trench 155

- 3.5.12 The trench contained a small circular pit, 15503, towards the southern end and a broad shallow ditch, 15505, at the northern end. The pit measured 0.34m wide by 0.08m deep and the sole fill contained several fragments of Roman pottery.
- 3.5.13 The NW-SE aligned ditch, measured approximately 2m wide by 0.18m deep. The single fill produced a fragment of probable post-medieval CBM. The ditch probably continued south-east and may be the same as 17707.

Trench 159

3.5.14 The trench contained a continuation of the ditch excavated in Trench 147.

Trench 174

- 3.5.15 The trench contained a field boundary ditch aligned approximately E-W at the southern end of the trench. The trench showed evidence of having been re-cut. This was probably of post-medieval date but as it is not shown on the 1887 OS mapping it may already have been in disuse by this time.
- 3.5.16 The stratigraphy consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying natural for most of the trench but in the central part a sequence of deposits, 17407-17412, indicate an earlier ground surface with translocated soils overlying it. There was no clear evidence of a lynchet or terrace.

Trench 177

- 3.5.17 The trench contained a posthole / pit, 17703; one NW-SE aligned furrow and two ditches, 17705 and 17707 on the same alignment. There was also a a modern water pipe trench. The pit measured 0.47m wide by 0.32m deep with a single fill.
- 3.5.18 The ditch 17705, measured 1.7m wide by 0.32m deep and had one fill. The western ditch 17707 measured 1.52m wide by 0.14m deep and appeared to continue NW into Trench 155. No artefactual material was present within the features.

Field 15 Trenches

3.5.19 Field 15 lay to the south of Field 13, east of Field 14 and west of Field 17. A total of 9.5 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 146-half, 160-163, 170-173 and 187). Of these, only Trench 187 contained significant features. The remaining 8.5 trenches were either blank or contained only field drains, modern or natural features.

Trench 187

- 3.5.20 The trench contained two linear adjacent ditches, 18704 and 18706, both aligned NE-SW. Ditch 18704 was 1.1m wide by 0.14m deep and contained one fill. To the west, ditch 18706 measured 0.8m by 0.18m deep and had a single fill. No artefactual material was present within the features.
- 3.5.21 There was also a layer of dark silty deposits probably related to water-logging and mineralisation, this was also seen in Trench 173 to the west. The ditch 18706 cut through this layer.



Field 16 Trenches

3.5.22 Field 16 lay to the south of Fields 14 and 15 and west of Field 17. A total of 12 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 176, 178-186 and 204-205). Of these, 7 contained significant features and the remaining 5 trenches (Trenches 176, 179, 183, 184 and 186) were either blank or contained only furrows, field drains, modern or natural features.

Trench 178

3.5.23 The trench contained a small narrow linear feature, 17804, which may be part of a ditch. The feature measured 0.4m wide by 0.1m deep and the single fill contained no artefacts. A feature on a similar alignment was seen in Trench 182. A single highly truncated NW-SE aligned furrow was seen at the northern end of the trench.

Trench 180

3.5.24 The trench contained a single cremation in the central part of the trench (Plate 12), on the eastern side. The cremation had been placed in a deliberate pit cut into the natural measuring 0.65m by 0.42m by 0.4m deep. Within the pit a grey fabric, wheel thrown pot (SF 18001) had been placed upright with a dark blackish grey silty sand fill, 18005, with frequent calcined human bone and ash. A thin layer 18004, of paler mid brown sand with occasional inclusions was deposited around and over the cremation. The cremation was of Roman date. There were also two NW-SE aligned furrows within the trench.

Trench 181

- 3.5.25 The trench contained a single cremation in the central part of the trench (Plate 13). The cremation was placed in a deliberate pit cut, of which little survived, indicating that it had been truncated in the past. The pit measured 0.45m by 0.08m deep. Within the pit the cremation consisted of a dense concentration of burnt bone within a dark ash grey silty sand. There was a small fragment of Roman pottery recovered from the fill but there was no urn associated with this cremation. The cremation was of probable Roman date and was 40m to the NE of the cremation in Trench 180.
- 3.5.26 There were also four NW-SE aligned, regularly spaced, furrows within the trench. The furrow sample excavated measured 1.2m wide by 0.54m deep.

Trench 182

3.5.27 The trench contained a NE-SW aligned linear feature, 18204, which may be part of a ditch. The feature measured 0.88m wide by 0.44m deep and there were two fills of which the lower fill 18205 contained a small fragment of possible Roman pottery. A feature on a similar alignment was seen, to the SW in Trench 178.

Trench 185

- 3.5.28 The trench contained a cluster of three discrete features, 18507, 18508 and 18509 towards the centre. The small pits / postholes ranged in size from 0.3m to 0.52m wide and from 0.12m to 0.28m deep. The single fills were all identical dark reddish brown silty sand and small sherds of pottery were recovered from fills 18504 and 18505. These were of probable Roman date.
- 3.5.29 There were also four NW-SE aligned, regularly spaced, furrows within the trench.



- 3.5.30 This trench contained a ditch, 20404 (Plate 14), aligned NE-SW, and measured 0.85m wide by 0.2m deep. The single fill contained several sherds of pottery of Middle Iron Age date.
- 3.5.31 There were also two NW-SE aligned, regularly spaced, furrows within the trench, of which one 20406 was excavated and found to be 0.8m wide by 0.05m deep and the single fill contained no finds.

Trench 205

3.5.32 This trench contained two ditches, 20505 (Plate 15) and 20507, both aligned NW-SE and both having a terminus at the northern end. The southern ditch 20505 measured 0.85m wide by 0.45m deep. The northern ditch 20507 measured 0.75m wide by 0.12m deep. The fills produced no artefactual material.

Field 17 Trenches

- 3.5.33 Field 17 lay to the south of Field 20, east of Fields 15 and 16 and west of Field 18. A total of 26 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 168-169, 188-192, 198-203, 206-213, 233-236 and 254). Of these, 7 contained significant features and the remaining 19 trenches were either blank or contained only furrows, field drains, modern or natural features.
- 3.5.34 In a number of trenches furrows were identified. These included Trenches 169, 191, 202, 206, 207, 209, 211, 212, 213, 234, 235 (two of the three furrows in this trench were excavated and were 1m wide by 0.1m deep), and 236.

Trench 189

3.5.35 The trench contained a single undated ditch aligned NE-SW. The ditch measured 1.5m wide by 0.38m deep and the single fill contained no artefacts. A feature on the same alignment was seen in Trench 200 to the NE.

Trench 200

3.5.36 The trench contained a single undated ditch aligned NE-SW. The ditch measured 1m wide by 0.15m deep and the single fill contained no artefacts. A feature on the same alignment was seen in Trench 189 to the SW.

Trench 207

3.5.37 The trench contained two undated ditches and a furrow, all stratigraphically below the subsoil. Ditch 20704 was towards the western end of the trench, was aligned NW-SE, and measured 1.7m wide by 0.94m deep. The two fills contained no artefacts. The ditch to the east, 20709, was aligned NE-SW and measured 0.8m wide by 0.4m deep. The single fill contained no artefacts. Between the two ditches was a NW-SE aligned furrow which was also excavated and found to be 1.5m wide by 0.15m deep.

Trench 209

3.5.38 The trench contained three furrows aligned NE-SW and an undated pit or possibly a ditch terminus, 20907. The feature 20907 measured 1.3m wide by 0.47m deep and the single fill contained no artefacts. The feature was located on the southern side of the trench and extended beyond the limit of excavation in that direction. Two furrows were excavated and the eastern furrow 20905 was found to be 2.03m wide by 0.22m deep and the furrow to the west, furrow 20909 measured 1.9m wide by 0.14m.



3.5.39 The trench contained a substantial ditch aligned NE-SW in the centre of the trench (Plate 16). The ditch, 21004 measured 2.6m wide by 0.9m deep. The lower fill produced no artefacts but the upper fill 21006 had a fragment of CBM.

Trench 213

3.5.40 The trench contained three furrows aligned NE-SW and an undated ditch, 21304. The ditch measured 0.6m wide by 0.22m deep and the single fill contained no artefacts. Two furrows were excavated and found to be between 0.9-1m wide by 0.06 – 0.1m deep.

Trench 236

3.5.41 The trench contained two discrete features, 23604 and 23606 towards the northern end. The features were probable postholes, but could be truncated small pits. Posthole 23604 measured 0.22m wide by 0.12m deep and contained one fill. Posthole 23606 measured 0.5m wide by 0.28m deep and contained one fill. Neither fill contained any artefactual material.

Field 18 Trenches

3.5.42 Field 18 lay to the east of Field 19 and west of Field 17. A total of 16 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 195-197, 214-221, 229-232 and 240). All 16 trenches were either blank or contained only field drains, modern or natural features. No furrows were seen in any trenches within this field.

Field 19 Trenches

- 3.5.43 Field 19 was the easternmost field in Zone B and lay to the east of Field 18. A total of 21 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 222-228, 237-239, 241-245, and 248-253). All 16 trenches were either blank or contained only field drains, modern or natural features. Furrows were seen in Trenches 223, 224, 226, 237, 238, 239, 241, 242, 248, 250, 251, 252 and 253. A furrow seen in both Trench 223 and 226 was excavated in Trench 223 and found to be 1.5m wide by 0.2m deep.
- 3.5.44 The ditch excavated in Trench 237, and also seen in Trenches 239, 250, 251 and 253, was of later post-medieval to modern date. An area of modern rubble and demolition disturbance was identified in Trenches 242, 243 and 245.

Trench 242

3.5.45 The trench contained two discrete features, 24206 and 24208 and a ditch 24204 towards the eastern end. The features were probable postholes, but could be truncated small pits. Posthole 24206 measured 0.5m wide by 0.2m deep and contained one fill. Posthole 24208 measured 0.44m wide by 0.18m deep and contained one fill. Neither fill contained any artefactual material. The ditch was N-S aligned and measured 1m wide by 0.32m deep and there were no artefacts recovered. At the extreme eastern end was a layer of modern rubble and debris that disturbed the underlying natural.

Trench 252

3.5.46 The trench contained a single probable posthole 25206 and an undated ditch 25204. The probable posthole, may have been a truncated small pit, and it measured 0.5m wide by 0.3m deep. It contained one fill. Neither fill contained any artefactual material. The ditch was NW-SE aligned and measured 0.92m wide by 0.24m deep. The ditch terminated at the northern end. Neither fill contained any artefactual material.

Field 20 Trenches

3.5.47 Field 20 was north of Field 17 and east of Field 13. A total of 4 trenches were positioned in the field (Trenches 166-167 and 193-194). Two of the trenches (193-194)



contained significant archaeology and the other two contained only field drains, modern or natural features.

Trench 193

3.5.48 The trench contained three discrete features, 19304, 19306, 19308 towards the southern end. The features were probable postholes; posthole 19304 measured 0.36m wide by 0.22m deep and contained one fill. Posthole 19306 measured 0.28m wide by 0.1m deep and contained one fill. Posthole 19308 measured 0.34m wide by 0.12m deep and contained one fill. No material was present within the features.

Trench 194

3.5.49 The trench contained a single undated pit, 19404 in the central part of the trench. The pit measured 0.9m wide by 0.5m deep and contained two fills. The uppermost fill was 50% rounded heat affected stones and charcoal and soot flecks throughout. No datable material was present within the feature.

3.6 Finds summary

- 3.6.1 A small quantity of artefactual material was recovered from the features recorded in the evaluation. The range of material included pottery, ceramic building material (CBM), metal, glass and human bone. A fuller description of the finds can be found in Appendix B.
- 3.6.2 The presence of the pottery is interesting and provides important dating evidence for any settlement activity. The assemblage is suggestive of scattered, low density, rural activity spanning the Roman period onwards.
- 3.6.3 The relatively abraded pottery assemblage consists of Middle Iron Age material (5 sherds 123g from one context); Roman material (124 sherds 2.257kg from 11 contexts); medieval material, (1 sherd 59g); and post-medieval material (34 sherds, 327g from 20 contexts).
- 3.6.4 There were sherds of pottery from one of the postholes in Trench 93 (fill 9307 of posthole 9306) which were dated to either the Bronze Age or the Roman period but on balance the material from the adjacent posthole fill (9305) was of Roman date and the Roman date is therefore more likely.
- 3.6.5 There was a partially complete large cremation urn / jar (SF 18001: approximately 0.25m diameter by 0.17m deep) in a sandy greyware fabric. There are also body sherds in sandy oxidised ware, and Mancetter-Hartshill white-ware from the associated cremation fills (18004 and 18005).
- 3.6.6 The CBM assemblage is fragmentary, worn and somewhat with long-lived forms present undiagnostic, consequently, it can only be dated within very broad parameters. The assemblage constitutes 40 fragments weighing approximately 2.4kg and was recovered from 30 trenches. The assemblage, derived mostly from topsoil contexts but some limited material from within features, is of medieval and post-medieval date.
- 3.6.7 Human remains were retrieved from two cremations. The urned cremation burial of a single individual seen in Trench 180 produced a combined weight from deposits 18004 (pit fill) and 18005 (pot fill) of 1023g. This is within the expected range for a cremated adult, which is between 1000 g and 2400 g, with an average of c.1650 g (McKinley 2000a, 269). The weight of human bone from 18104, at 554.7g, falls below this. While this low weight may be a sole reflection of the truncation that has occurred, it is worth noting that similar weights have been recorded for other Roman burials, including those that are lower than this and where truncation has not occurred (McKinley 2000b).



'Token' amounts of bone were clearly acceptable for burial, the variation in quantity perhaps being related to the status of the deceased (McKinley 2000b). Some bone may even have been kept as a token of remembrance (Wells 1981).

- 3.6.8 The un-urned cremation burial, 18101, in Trench 181 probably also represents a formal burial, rather than some other type of cremation deposit, for example a pyre debris dump. The absence of fuel waste lends support to this interpretation. The remains could have been buried inside an organic container, such as a box or a cloth bag, which has since decomposed. At least one adult was present, in addition to a quantity of cremated animal, but much has probably been lost as a result of truncation by later activity on the site.
- 3.6.9 All of the deposits, from both cremations, lacked bone that was white in colour, indicative of complete combustion. Rather, the predominance of brown /black bones suggests that their exposure to heat had been limited. This may have been due to insufficient time/temperature afforded to the cremations, or it may reflect a deliberate choice, more specifically, perhaps limited exposure was considered to be sufficient (Barber 1990, 381; McKinley 1994, 79-80). This has been seen in other Roman contexts (McKinley 1994).
- 3.6.10 The animal bone assemblage is very small (eight fragments of horse teeth from one context) with no items of note.
- 3.6.11 There are also metal finds of Roman hobnails recovered from the two cremations in Zone B including over a 100 fragments of hobnails or hobnail heads from cremation 18004, small tacks and nails and nail stem fragments and a similar but smaller assemblage from 18104.

3.7 Environmental summary

- 3.7.1 The only samples taken were those related to the two cremations seen in Zone B; cremation 18004/18005 and cremation 18104. As such the charred assemblages were very limited in the range of species present. All four samples taken from context (18004) contained Celtic/broad bean and also contained a number of Cyperaceae seeds. One sample from the associated context (18005), also contained similar remains though the preservation was noticeably poorer.
- 3.7.2 The presence of legumes in cremations is unusual and noteworthy; these items are unlikely to have become accidentally charred with the corpse and so may represent deliberate offerings. Broad bean (*Vicia faba*) was identified from deposits associated with Roman cremations at Prescott Street, Aldgate near the City of London, where the cremation urns also produced possible hemp (cf. *Cannabis sativa*) and opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*) (Clapham 2011). The presence of Cyperaceae nutlets may also represent a deliberate deposit but could equally have been accidentally gathered and incorporated with the fuel.



4 Discussion

4.1 Reliability of field investigation

4.1.1 The trenches were excavated in reasonable conditions and it is felt that the recorded density and distribution of archaeological features provides a generally accurate indication of the evaluation area as a whole.

4.2 Evaluation objectives and results

- 4.2.1 The evaluation of 242 trenches enabled the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains to determined, as far as reasonably practicable. The archaeological remains were found to date to the Roman, medieval and post-medieval periods. The remains were of relatively low density across the Zones. There were areas of higher concentrations. The Roman activity was predominantly located north of Rowley Road, east of the Lunt fort. There was evidence to show that the later medieval arable ploughing has truncated some of the shallower Roman features.
- 4.2.2 The area along the northern side of Rowley Road was also where most of the preserved furrows were visible below ground. A second area of furrows was seen in the field near Rock Farm (Field 3). The post-medieval activity was visible as a very low density of field drains and boundaries both past and present. Modern features associated with the 1934-1998, including WWII, creation, development and use of the aerodrome and engineering plant were visible in the north-eastern area of Zone A. These features have caused disturbance of the lower deposits but features have been shown to be survive in close proximity to them eg: Trench 93.
- 4.2.3 It was not possible to determine the fringes of the previous extraction and subsequent landfill area south of Rowley Road. Trenches 128, 130, 131 and 132 were all in areas that were undisturbed by the extraction. This implies that the area of extraction lies beyond their positions and this would be consistent with cartographic evidence and the current topographic state of the land.
- 4.2.4 It was possible to determine the ecofactual and environmental potential of archaeological deposits and features encountered. This was determined to be a moderate potential for features of Roman date, with the material associated with cremations being of most interest. For features of other periods there was a low potential for ecofactual and environmental information to be preserved.
- 4.2.5 The current pastoral nature of the majority of Zones A and B has a low to negligible impact on the current below ground archaeological remains although some level of truncation has occurred in the past. The landfill and rough grass areas, south of Rowley Road in Zone B, also has a low impact on the current below ground archaeological remains where they survive outside the areas of quarry. Where the land is under arable, on the eastern side of Zone B there is a minimal impact as the features are at depths below those of the current plough soil.

4.3 Interpretation

4.3.1 The relatively low density of the preserved archaeological remains encountered and the broad similarity in the topography and geology of the two Zones allows for the interpretation of the remains to be considered, by period, for both Zones together, rather than as separate entities.



Prehistoric

4.3.2 A single ditch, aligned NE-SW, seen in Trench 204 contained five sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery. A small amount of Iron age activity is known within the vicinity of Baginton village and this ditch, on a significantly different alignment to the medieval furrows and existing field boundaries suggests that the landscape may have been organised in a different manner. It was unclear whether the ditch was a small boundary ditch but this seems more likely than a ditch associated with a dense settlement or occupation site.

Roman

- 4.3.3 Evidence of dated Roman activity was seen in Trenches 93, 128, 155, 180, 181, 182 and 185. All but trench 93 are within Zone B. There is a definite cluster of activity in Field 16 and extending north into Field 14. This distribution is unsurprising since it is the area in closest proximity to Lunt Roman fort. There was evidence of truncation, almost certainly the result of medieval ploughing, inferred from the relative shallow depths of Roman features and in the disturbance of one cremation. The Roman remains include two cremations, a small pit and three possible ditches.
- 4.3.4 The ditches are on different alignments to both the present field boundaries and to the medieval furrows detected in the evaluation. The ditches were in general not very substantial and had low densities of finds from within the fills. The ditches probably represent boundary features, although they may have been associated with vegetative boundaries as they would have been insufficient barriers as preserved.
- 4.3.5 The ditch segments seen in Trenches 178 and 182 were on the same alignment and may be related. The ditch in Trench 182 was dated on the presence of one small fragment of pottery. The ditch was not seen in the intervening trench, Trench 176, but this may indicate that the ditch was discontinuous or that it is not fully preserved. The ditches may form enclosures and boundaries of a landscape in a completely different form to the later medieval layout.
- 4.3.6 The adult cremation in Trench 180 was buried in an urn that had been placed into a pit and then subsequently backfilled. The two deposits associated with it were sufficiently distinct to suggest two different treatments / actions, the first being the burial of an urn containing cremated human remains (18005) that had been deliberately collected from the pyre and the second the deposition of 18004, which constituted the collected pyre debris; fuel waste, remaining fragments of human bone and remnants of the offering, or offerings made at the time of cremation. This also included fragments of several other ceramic vessels that must have been placed on the pyre as well. Pyre debris in the backfills of Roman graves has frequently been encountered in the archaeological record (McKinley 2000a), suggesting that this was a common practice.
- 4.3.7 The cremation in Trench 181, which lay 40m to the NE, was not associated with any finds and was probably buried in an organic container or directly into the ground. This implies that there were two subtly different practices occurring. The cremations may be part of a small enclosed area with others present in the vicinity. The later Anglo-Saxon cemetery could have been located in reference to the Roman activity, indicating an awareness of it or the locations of burials could have been determined by proximity to a local road.
- 4.3.8 The small pit in Trench 155, which contained pottery of Late Iron Age to early Roman date may be an isolated feature or other similar features may exist in the area.
- 4.3.9 A small cluster of three small truncated discrete features interpreted as small pits were seen to the east in Trench 185. These were also of probable Roman date but the dating material was extremely sparse.



- 4.3.10 There was a clear focus of low density Roman activity in the area of Field 16 and this indicates that other features are likely to be preserved in this vicinity.
- 4.3.11 To the south of Rowley Road a single Roman ditch was seen in Trench 128 which again may be part of the wider landscape divisions established in the Roman period and not fossilied and retained in the later landscapes.
- 4.3.12 South of the airport itself in Trench 93 (Zone A) was a cluster of three small pits / postholes. Two had fragments of pottery which may date to the early Roman period but the pottery was not sufficiently diagnostic enough and it may be of Bronze Age date.

Medieval to post-medieval

- 4.3.13 There are few specific features which are of medieval date. The evidence of dated medieval activity was seen only in Trench 48 where the excavated furrow produced a single sherd of 12-14th century pottery and in Trench 164 where the tile fragments from a furrow were of probable medieval date.
- 4.3.14 There was a reasonable amount of presumed medieval activity in the form of furrows visible within trenches across Field 3 in Zone A and the southern part of Zone B, Fields 16, 17 and 19. The furrows are all that remain of what would have been earthwork features of ridge and furrow, now denuded and ploughed flat, leaving only the lowest parts of the furrows, Directional changes in the furrows potentially indicate earlier smaller field systems. The furrows demonstrate the organisation and farming practices of the adjacent medieval village.
- 4.3.15 The medieval settlement of Baginton, recorded in the Domesday Survey of AD1086, was probably centred around the parish church and earthwork remains and excavated evidence have been recorded in the area adjacent to the church and castle. Baginton Castle, (SAM 21540) was probably built as a motte and bailey castle in the early 12th century and later rebuilt before falling into disrepair by the mid-16th century. This settlement is likely to provide the context for the medieval furrows found.
- 4.3.16 A possible ditch feature (undated by lack of artefacts), aligned NW-SE, was seen in Trenches 32, 33, 37, 43, 44 and 45 (Zone A). The position of this feature within Field 3 appears to correspond to a kink visible in the field boundary between Fields 2 and 3. There is also a suggestion from the changes in direction of the furrows that the linear feature may have formed a boundary between areas of differently aligned fields and furrows. The feature may have been medieval in origin.
- 4.3.17 Evidence of post-medieval agricultural practices was recorded to a limited degree across the sites, as the remnants of field boundary ditches in a small number of trenches and from elements of land management, whether it be drainage ditches or boundaries. This includes those seen in Trenches 149, 150, 157 and 300. Some of these ditches may have earlier origins as mentioned above.
- 4.3.18 In Trenches 131 and 132 a line of large tree root hollows was recorded and these correspond exactly to the southern line of trees planted along the avenue. The avenue is shown on the cartographic sources. The avenue remains may be part of the earlier formalised elements of the gardens associated with the 17th century hall, but are more likely to be part of the later restructured form with a more conventional parkland setting, created after 1706. The later house was damaged in a fire in 1889 and finally abandoned and demolished in the late 1920s. The avenue was preserved in the landscape until the mid 20th century and the extension of housing to the east and realignment of Rowley Road has removed these traces.



4.3.19 The evidence of the activity recorded shows that the fields have been used for agricultural production throughout the medieval and post-medieval periods with some evidence of 18th - 19th century parkland. No evidence of actual medieval or later settlement or other activities was recorded.

Undated Features

- 4.3.20 There are features that cannot be dated and these include a number of ditches and postholes and pits. The possible postholes in Trenches 65, 165, 177, 193 and 242 are undated as is the pit in Trench 194 and the possible pit/ditch in Trench 209.
- 4.3.21 There were a number of ditches that probably date to the medieval post-medieval period and could represent a pre-existing field system. No finds were forthcoming in the features. There is a suggestion that any field boundaries or deeper furrows may be the remnants of strip fields with slightly curved boundaries. The original layout may have been in the medieval period and the boundary persisted in use into later periods. medieval field boundaries are often seen to have a sinuous form in plan and the long narrow field pattern visible on old mapping, on the western side of Zone B would conform to this type of landscape.
- 4.3.22 The 1886-87 1st edition OS shows that most of the fields had been enlarged by this time leaving little trace of the smaller fields with the boundary ditches having been clearly infilled in the post-medieval period. Some ditches may have been infilled more recently such as that in Trench 165 which belongs to a ditch seen on the 1st edition OS but probably went out of use prior to the A45 being constructed. It is certain that small fields simply subsumed into the present landscape in the post-medieval period, through grubbing out of boundaries to increase field sizes.
- 4.3.23 The small ditch seen in Trenches 187 and 189 are likely to be post-medieval or later since stratigraphically they overlay the subsoil deposits seen.
- 4.3.24 A small ditch seen in Trenches 147 and 159, if extrapolated and continued south would appear to converge at the corner of a field shown on the 1886-87 OS mapping but this remains a tenuous hypothesis.
- 4.3.25 There were also several ditches that may relate to unknown earlier periods. This includes the substantial ditch in Trench 27 in Zone A, which produced no artefacts.
- 4.3.26 The ditch segments seen in Trench 189 and 200 produced no datable material and are on the same alignment that appears to vary from the present and historic field boundaries. This also applies to the ditches in nearby Trenches 207 and 210.



APPENDIX A. TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

[Depth of topsoil and subsoil combined can be determined from the trench depth, although recorded separately in the site archive for trenches devoid of archaeology these deposits are not differentiated below]

Trench 1									
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S				
						n (m)	0.45		
Trench de subsoil ov		•	Width (m) 2		2				
Subson ov	erryllig fla	lurai sariu			Length (m)		50		
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 2							
General d	lescriptio	Orientatio	า	NE-SW			
			Avg. depth (m) 0.3 Width (m) 2		0.5		
Trench de subsoil ov					2		
3453011 OV	onying na	arar saria			Length (m)		50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 3									
General d	lescriptio	Orientation	า	N-S					
						(m)	0.38		
Trench de subsoil ov		Width (m)		2					
3003011 00	Citying na	turar sariu			Length (m)		50		
Contexts							•		
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			



Trench 4									
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	E-W				
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and						n (m)	0.36		
Trench de subsoil over		•	Width (m)		2				
3003011 011	onying na	arar sarra	•		Length (m) 50		50		
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 5									
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientation	on	E-W				
			Avg. dep	th (m)	0.46				
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m) 2		2				
3003011 01	criying na	itarar saria	•		Length (m)		50		
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 6										
General c	lescriptio	n	Orientat	ion	N-S					
					Avg. de	oth (m)	0.48			
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m)		2					
Subson ov	criying tw	o variable	Length (m)		50					
Contexts							<u>, </u>			
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
600	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-				
601	Layer	-	0.19	Subsoil	-	-				
602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				
603	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 7		
General description	Orientation	E-W



Trench de subsoil ov appearanc	erlying na	atural san	Avg. depth (m) Width (m) Length (m)		0.55 2 50.2		
context no	type	finds	date				
700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 8									
General d	escriptio	n			Orientation	า	N-S		
					Avg. depth	(m)	0.55		
Trench de		Width (m)		2					
3003011 0 11	subsoil overlying natural sand.						50		
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	date		
800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 9											
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	า	N-S						
					Avg. depth (m)		0.55				
Trench de subsoil over		•	Width (m)		2						
Cascon ov	5.1,1.1g 11a	tarar oaria	Length (m)		50						
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 10		
General description	Orientation	E-W
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.	Width (m)	2
Subson Overlying natural sand.	Length (m)	50
Contexts		,



context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
1000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
1001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
1002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 11										
General de	escription	1	Orientatio	n	N-S					
		•	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.5					
Subsoil ove A linear fea			Width (m)		2					
and was in			Length (m)	50.4					
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
1100	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-				
1101	Layer	-	0.19	Subsoil	-	-				
1102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				
1103	Fill	0.56	0.51	Mid grey sand, fill of 1104	-	-				
1104	Cut	0.56	0.51	Natural gulley feature	-	-				

Trench 12										
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	E-W					
					Avg. depth (m)		0.5			
Trench de subsoil ov		•	Width (m)		2					
Subson Ov	criying na	tarar sana	Length (m)		50					
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
1200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
1201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
1202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 13										
General d	escription	1	Orientation		N-S					
			Avg. depth (m)		0.32					
Trench de subsoil ove		-		ogy. Consists of soil and	Width (m)		2			
3ub3on ove	inying nac	arar saria.			Length (m)		50			
Contexts	Contexts									
context	type	Width	Depth	comment	finds date					







no		(m)	(m)			
1300	Layer	-	_	Topsoil	-	-
1301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
1302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 14										
General de	escription	ı	Orientation	1	E-W					
Trench de			Avg. depth	(m)	0.55					
subsoil over			Width (m)		2					
of a possible		•	Length (m)		50					
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
1400	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-				
1401	Layer	-	0.19	Subsoil	-	-				
1402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				
1403	Fill	0.56	0.51	Mid grey sand, and gravel fill of 1404	-	-				
1404	Cut	0.56	0.51	Linear feature	-	-				

Trench 15	;						
General description						Orientation	
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.						Avg. depth (m)	
						Width (m)	
3453011 01	criyirig ria	tarar saria	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
1500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
1501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
1502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 16	5						
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientation		N-S		
		Avg. depth (m)		0.5			
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.						Width (m)	
3455011 01	Citying na	itarar saria	Length (m)		50		
Contexts					•		
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
1600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	



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1601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
1602	Layer	-	_	Natural	-	-

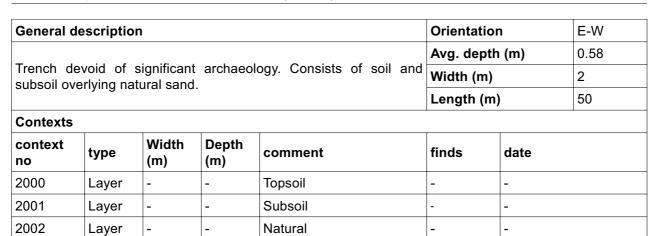
Trench 17	7						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientati	on	N-S
					Avg. dep	th (m)	0.6
Trench de subsoil ov		•	Width (m)		2		
3003011 01	Cityling ha	turar saria		Length (m)		50	
Contexts							·
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
1700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
1701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
1702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 18							
General de	escriptio	n			Orientat	ion	E-W
				logy. Consists of soil and		oth (m)	0.52-0.75
subsoil ove					2		
was aligned			eastern end of the trench. It	Length (m) 50		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
1800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
1801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
1802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 19)						
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientat	N-S	
					Avg. de	0.56	
Trench de subsoil ov		•	logy. Consists of soil and	Width (m) Length (m)		2	
Subsoli Ov	enying na	iturai sano				50	
Contexts							1
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
1900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
1901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
1902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	







Trench 21 was a voided trench and not excavated.

Trench 22	!						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientat	E-W	
A NE-SW	' linear t	rendina ı	natural fe	ature was excavated and	Avg. dep	0.47	
confirmed	at a varia	tion in the	eposits. Consists of soil and	Width (m	1)	2	
subsoil ov	erlying na	tural sand		Length (m) 50		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
2200	Layer	-		Topsoil	-	-	
2201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
2202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 23	3						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench co	ntained a	single N\	V-SE aliqi	ned ditch was excavated at	Avg. depth	0.48	
the northe		-	-	d subsoil overlying natural			2
sand. Length (m)							50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
2300	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-	
2301	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-	
2302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
2303	Cut	0.56	0.51	Ditch	-	-	
2304	Fill	0.56	0.51	Mid grey and yellows sand, fill of 2303	-	-	







General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
				on of colluvium in the same	,		0.6
				n in Trench 27 might be tigated and no trace of the	Width (m)		2
ditch was	encounte ownslope	ered. It n sediment	Length (m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
2400	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
2401	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
2402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
2403	Layer	-	0.18	dark yellowish brown clayey sand	-	-	

Trench 25	5						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
					Avg. depth	n (m)	0.5
Trench do subsoil ov			Width (m)		2		
3003011 01	Citying na	itarai sana	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
2500	Layer	-		Topsoil	-	-	
2501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
2502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 26							
General de	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
Trench de	void of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.65
subsoil ove	erlying n	atural sar			2		
appearance	e, was in	vestigated	stern end (0.11m deep).	Length (m)		50	
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
2600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
2601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
2602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 27		
General description	Orientation	E-W



_					Avg. de	oth (m)	0.32-0.5
Trench co				aligned NW-SE. Consists of	Width (n	n)	2
Son and Si	abson ove	nying nate	irai saria.		Length ((m)	50
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
2700	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	-	-	
2701	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
2702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
2703	Cut	2.4	0.75	Ditch	-	-	
2704	Fill	0.9	0.22	Mid brownish red sandy clay, fill of 2703	-	-	
2305	Fill	1.75	0.36	Mid yellowish brown clayey sand, fill of 2703	-	-	
2306	Fill	2.4	0.34	dark yellowish brown clayey sand, fill of 2703	-	-	

Trench 28	}						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
		•		logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.52
subsoil over			Width (m)		2		
cut was excavated towards the western end of the trench. It was aligned NE-SW.							50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
2800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
2801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
2802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 29)						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	t archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. de	pth (m)	0.5
subsoil ov	erlying n			riations along the length of	Width (m)		2
the trench				Length (m)		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
2900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
2901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
2902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	



Trench 30									
General de	escription	1			Orientatio	n	N-S		
					Avg. depth	0.5			
Trench de subsoil ove				ogy. Consists of soil and	Width (m)		2		
Caboon ove	mymig nac	arar varia	Length (m) 50		50				
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
3000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
3001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	_			
3002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 31								
General d	escriptio	n			Orientati	on	N-S	
				logy. Consists of soil and		oth (m)	0.45	
				d and clay patches. There outhern end of the trench. It	VVICILII (II	Width (m)		
was alignoshifted to was also s	ed NNE-S the adjac seen align	SSW. In ocent positioned NNW-	rder to no on to the SSE at the	ot disturb it the trench was west (2m). A linear feature or northern end of the trench. or drainage ditch.		m)	50.6	
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
3100	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-		
3101	Layer	-	0.19	Subsoil	-	-		
3102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		
3103	Fill	0.48	0.11	Mid yellowish grey sand, fill of 3104	-	-		
3104	Cut	0.48	0.11	Linear feature	-	-		

Trench 32	2							
General d	escriptio	n			Orientat	ion	E-W 0.42	
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeol	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. dep	oth (m)		
subsoil ov	erlying n	atural var	Width (m)		2			
seen aligned NW-SE at the western end of the trench.						m)	50	
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	date	
3200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-		
3201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		

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13202 Layer - - Inatural - -	3202	Laver	_	_	Natural	_	-
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Trench 33	3						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.52
subsoil ov	erlying na	itural sand	nch orientation was changed	Width (m)		2	
to avoid a	badger se	ett.	Length (m) 50		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
3300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
3301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
3302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 34							
General de	escriptio	n			Orientation	1	N-S
		-		ogy. Consists of soil and		(m)	0.55-1.06
				orthern end of the trench oil which gradually petered	Width (m)	2	
out betwee appeared	en 10-15m to be a underlyii red. A sin	n from the natural ac ng origina ngle sherd		1	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
3400	Layer	-	0.38	Topsoil	-	-	
3401	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-	
3402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
3403	Layer	-	0.49	Colluvium	Pottery x1 sherd	Roman?	
3404	Layer	-	0.11	Colluvium	-	-	

Trench 35	;						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientation		NW-SE
					Avg. depth (m)		0.52
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.						Width (m)	
Subson Ov	subson overlying natural sand.						50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
3500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	

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3501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
3502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 36 was a voided trench and not excavated.

Trench 37	7						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	t archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. de	pth (m)	0.48
subsoil ov	verlying n	atural sar	nd. Two f	urrows were seen, aligned	Width (m)		2
NW-SE, in	the centr	al part of	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
3700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
3701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
3702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 38							
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
		•		logy. Consists of soil and		n (m)	0.5
				outhern end of the trench ered out between 20m from	Width (m)		2
the south accumulat varied and	end. This ion at a լ	was investooint whe			50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
3800	Layer	-	0.38	Topsoil	-	-	
3801	Layer	-	0.28	Subsoil	-	-	
3802	Layer	-	-	-			
3803	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 39)						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W 0.45
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeol	ogy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural sand	Width (m)		1.9		
SE, toward	ds the eas	stern end o	of the trend	ch.	Length (m)		50
Contexts					,		
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
3900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	



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3901	Layer	-	_	Subsoil	-	-
3902	Laver	_	_	Natural	_	-

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Trench 40							
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	า	E-W
					Avg. depth	(m)	0.55
Trench de subsoil over		•	logy. Consists of soil and	Width (m)		2	
3003011 01	criying na	turar saria	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
4000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
4001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
4002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 41	1						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	E-W	
					Avg. de	0.48	
Trench de subsoil ov		•	logy. Consists of soil and	Width (m)		2	
Subson ov	errying na	turai sariu	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
4100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
4101	Layer	-	-	-			
4102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 42	2						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
					Avg. depth	n (m)	0.6
Trench de subsoil ov			logy. Consists of soil and	Width (m)		2	
3453011 01	onymig na	tarar saria	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
4200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
4201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
4202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	



General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeol	ogy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.6
subsoil ov	erlying na	tural sand	I. One furi	row was seen, aligned NW-			1.9
SE, in the	central pa	irt of the ti		Length (m)		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
4300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
4301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
4302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 44							
General d	escriptio	n			Orientat	ion	E-W
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. de	0.55	
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural sand	row was seen, aligned NW-			1.9	
SE, toward	ds the eas	stern end	ch.	Length (m)		45	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
4400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
4401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
4402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 45	5						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.55
subsoil ov	verlying n	atural sar	ravel patches. Two furrows			1.9	
were seen, aligned NW-SE, in the central part of the trench. Length (m)							50
Contexts					•		
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
4500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
4501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
4502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 46								
General description	Orientation	E-W						
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5						
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand and gravel patches	Width (m)	1.9						
Subson overlying natural sand and graver pateries	Length (m)	50						



Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
4600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
4601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
4602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

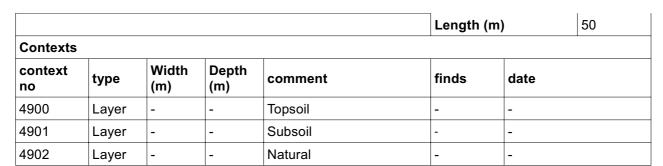
Trench 47	•						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench co	ntained a	shallow	undated c	litch aligned NE-SW and a	Avg. depth	(m)	0.5
furrow ali	gned NW			soil and subsoil overlying	Width (m)		1.9
natural sai	nd.				Length (m)		50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
4701	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
4702	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
4703	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
4704	Cut	0.7	0.22	Linear feature, ditch	-	-	
4705	Fill	0.7	0.22	Mid brown sand, fill of 4704	-	_	

Trench 48									
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientation	E-W					
Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. depth	(m)	0.5				
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural san			1.9				
NW-SE, in	the centr	al part of	Length (m))	50				
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
4801	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-			
4802	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-			
4803	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			
4804	Cut	0.8	0.1	Furrow	-	-			
4805	Fill	0.8	0.1	Fill of 4804	Pottery x 1 sherd	Medieval 12-14 th century			

Trench 49		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and		0.5
subsoil overlying natural sand. Five furrows were seen, aligned NW-SE, at regular intervals throughout the trench.	Width (m)	1.9







Trench 50	Trench 50										
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	n	E-W						
Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.55						
subsoil ov	erlying na	itural sand			2						
SE, toward	ds the eas	tern end o	of the trend	ch.	Length (m) 5		50				
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
5000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
5001	Layer	-	-	-							
5002	Layer	-	-	-							

Trench 5	1						
General o	descriptio	n			Orientat	N-S	
Trench co	rench contained a single irregular feature which was a possible pit					oth (m)	0.55
but more	out more probably a tree throw. Consists of soil and subsoil					n)	1.9
overlying natural sand.						Length (m)	
Contexts							·
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
5101	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
5102	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
5103	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
5104	Cut	2	0.1	Pit	-	-	
5105	Fill	2	0.1	Fill of 5104	-	-	

Trench 52							
General description	Orientation	E-W					
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5					
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.	Width (m)	1.9					
Subson Overlying natural sand.	Length (m)	50					







Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
5200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-		
5201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
5202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 53	3							
General c	lescriptio	n	Orientat	Orientation				
Trench de		Avg. de	pth (m)	0.55				
and CBM		Width (r	n)	1.9				
An area of natural, with a linear appearance, was investigated a the northern end.						(m)	50	
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
5301	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	СВМ	Medieval		
5302	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-	-	
5303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 54	1						
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientat	ion	NW-SE		
•						oth (m)	0.36
subsoil overlying natural sand. A linear feature was aligned NNE-SSW and similar to 3104, and was possibly the base of a field						1)	2
drain.	Similar to	5 5104, a	iiu was p	obsidity the base of a field	Length (m)	50
Contexts							<u> </u>
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
5400	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-	
5401	Layer	-	0.19	Subsoil	-	-	
5402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
5403	Fill	0.52	0.13	Mid yellowish grey sand, fill of 5404	-	-	
5404	Cut	0.52	0.13	Linear feature	-	-	

Trench 55		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)	0.5
subsoil overlying natural sand. The trench was shortened due to the proximity of the hedge-line to the west and the fencing to the	Width (m)	2
east	Length (m)	38
Contexts		'



context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
5500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
5501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
5502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 56										
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	Orientation						
Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. dept	h (m)	0.5					
subsoil ov	erlying n	atural sar	Width (m) 2		2					
patchy red	and yello	w clay se	en in the c	entral part of the trench.	Length (m) 50		50			
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
5600	Layer	-	-	-						
5601	Layer	-	-	-						
5602	Layer	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 57										
General c	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S					
			Avg. dept	h (m)	0.6					
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m)		2					
Subson Ov	errying na	iturai sariu	•		Length (m)		50			
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
5700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
5701	Layer	-	-	-						
5702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 58	3						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	on	E-W
Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. dep	Avg. depth (m)			
subsoil ov	erlying na	itural sand			2		
and found to be of natural origin.						Length (m)	
Contexts							·
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
5800	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
5801	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-	
5802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	



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0.7	0.1	Natural feature	-	-
0.7	0.1	Firm dark grey sand, fill of 5803	-	-

Trench 59	9						
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n-S	
Trench co	ontained a	nost-me	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.52		
possible p	oit or tree	throw at	Width (m)		1.9		
subsoil ov	erlying na	tural sand			Length (m))	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
5901	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	-	-	
5902	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
5903	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
5904	Cut	1	0.42	Pit	-	-	
5905	Fill	1	0.42	Dark blackish grey sand, fill of 5904	-	-	
5906	Cut	1.14	0.3	Pit	-	-	
5907	Fill	1.14	0.18	Dark brown sand, fill of 5906	CBM, slag	Post-medie	eval
5908	Fill	0.8	0.16	Mid brown sand, fill of 5906	-	-	
5909	Fill	0.8	0.06	Black, charcoal rich sand	-	-	

Trench 60							
General de	scription	1			Orientation	1	N-S
			•	ed E-W and NE-SW in the	Avg. depth	(m)	0.6
central part of the trench. There was also an area of deposit consistent with an accumulation of colluvium at the north end of the							1.9
trench. Cor			Length (m))	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
6001	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	-	-	
6002	Layer	-	0.28	Subsoil	-	-	
6003	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
6004	Cut	0.64	0.22	Ditch E-W	-	-	
6005	Fill	0.64	0.22	Mid brown sand, fill of 6004	-	-	
6006	Cut	2.3	0.56	Ditch NE-SW	-	-	
6007	Fill	1.15	0.5	Dark blackish grey sand, fill of 6006	Pottery x3 sherds	Late Rom 410	an AD200-

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Trench 61										
General d	escriptio	Orientat	ion	E-W						
Trench de			Avg. dep	oth (m)	0.5					
subsoil ove			Width (n	1)	1.9					
slightly varied alignments NW-SE to N-S, throughout the trench. Three furrows were investigated and their depths varied from 0.1-0.14m with consistent fills.						Length (m)				
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
6100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	-			
6101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
6102 Layer Natural										

Trench 62								
General d	escriptio	n			Orientation	N-S ; NW- SE		
			Avg. depth	(m)	0.5			
subsoil overlying natural sand. Two furrows were seen; one aligned SW-NE towards the south and one aligned ESE-WNW at the						Width (m) 1.9		
northern e			and one	angriod Lot with at the	Length (m) 25 + 25		25 + 25	
Contexts							1	
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
6200 Layer Topsoil								
6201	Layer	-	-					
6202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 63	}						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	on	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. dept	h (m)	0.55		
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural sand	Width (m)		1.9		
two 25m tı	renches in	order to I	ne field boundaries.	Length (m)		50	
Contexts							·
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
6300	Layer	-	-	-			
6301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
6302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	







Trench 64							
General de	escription	n	Orientation		E-W		
Trench co			Avg. depth	(m)	0.55		
eastern en			Width (m)		1.9		
disturbance		itaro wao	Length (m))	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
6401	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
6402	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-	
6403	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
6404	Cut	1	0.6	Ditch	-	-	
6405	Fill	1	0.6	Mottled brownish yellow sand, fill of 6404	-	-	

Trench 65	,						
General d	escriptio	n	Orientati	on	N-S		
Trench co		-	Avg. dep	th (m)	0.45		
the trench			Width (m	1.9			
undated furrows were seen; four were NE-SW aligned and one was NW-SE.						m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
6501	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
6502	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
6503	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
6504	Fill	0.55	0.2	Dark brown sand, fill of 6505	-	-	
6505	Cut	0.55	0.2	Posthole	-	-	

Trench 66	6						
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientation	n	E-W		
			Avg. depth (m)		0.5		
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m)		1.9		
3453011 01	oriyirig ria	tarar saria		Length (m)		50	
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
6600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
6601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
6602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	



Trench 67										
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S			
				ogy. Consists of soil (CBM)	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.5			
and subso			Width (m)		1.9					
north.	occii witiii	ii dio don	was also a field drain to the	Length (m) 50		50				
Contexts							·			
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
6701	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	СВМ	C19 th				
6702	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	_	-				
6703	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 68							
General d	escriptio	n			Orientation	n	E-W
					Avg. depth (m)		0.57
Trench de subsoil over		•	Width (m)		1.9		
3003011 0 0	onying na	turar saria	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
6800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
6801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
6802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 69)						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientation		N-S
					Avg. depth	n (m)	0.46
Trench de subsoil ov		•	Width (m)		2		
3003011 01	Cityling ha	turar saria	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
6900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
6901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
6902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 70		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.	Avg. depth (m)	0.46



					Width (m)	2		
					Length (m)		50		
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
7000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
7001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
7002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 71							
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	N-S	
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.55
subsoil ov	erlying n	atural san	I .		1.9		
the proxim	nity to a he	edge-line	Length (m)		42		
Contexts							·
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
7100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
7101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
7102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 72	!						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientat	E-W	
		•		logy. Consists of soil and		0.5	
subsoil ov aligned NI					1.9		
extreme so			Length (m)		50		
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
7200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
7201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
7202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 73		
General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)	0.45
subsoil overlying natural sand. Trench contained a modern ditch,		1.9
aligned NE-SW at the extreme southern end.	Length (m)	50
Contexts		



context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
7300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
7301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
7302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 74	1						
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	E-W	
					Avg. depth	(m)	0.48
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m)		2		
Caboon ov	onying na	tarar barra	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
7400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
7401	Layer	-	-	-			
7402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 75	;						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientation		N-S
					Avg. depth	n (m)	0.46
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m)		2		
3003011 01	criying na	turar saria	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
7500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
7501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
7502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 76											
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W				
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.5				
subsoil ov	erlying na	itural sand			2						
seen at th	e northerr	n end of tre	Length (m)		50						
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
7600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
7601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
7602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					



Trench 77								
General description						Orientation		
Trench de	void of	significant	Avg. depth	(m)	0.7			
subsoil ov	erlying n	atural san			2			
demolition	debris se	en in the t	Length (m))	50			
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
7700	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-		
7701	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-		
7702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		
7703	Layer	2	0.3	Demolition debris layer	CBM, cement fragments	Post-medie - modern	val	

Trench 78	3						
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S		
			Avg. depth	(m)	0.42		
		•	logy. Consists of soil and	Width (m)		2	
3003011 01	subsoil overlying natural sand. Length (m) 50						50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
7800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
7801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
7802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 79							
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S		
			Avg. dept	h (m)	0.38		
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand. Width (m)							2
3003011 01	Citying na	turai sanu	•		Length (m) 50		
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
7900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
7901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
7902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	







General d	escriptio	n	Orientation		E-W		
Trench co	ntained a	shallow u	Avg. depti	n (m)	0.4		
terminating			Width (m)	2			
natural sa	nd.		Length (m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
8000	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-	
8001	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
8002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
8003	Cut	0.5	0.18	Ditch	-	-	
8004	Fill	0.5	0.18	Mid brown sand, fill of 8003	-	-	

Trench 81	l							
General c	General description						NE-SW	
			Avg. dep	0.42				
Trench de subsoil ov		•	Width (m)		2			
Subson ov	Criying na	turar saria	•		Length (m) 50			
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
8100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-		
8101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
8102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 82	2						
General o	descriptio	n	Orientati	on	E-W		
			Avg. dep	0.4			
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand. Width (m)						2	
Subson ov	criying na	itarai sana	•		Length (m) 50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
8200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
8201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
8202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 83		
General description	Orientation	N-S



Trench de subsoil ove visible at the of a furrow	erlying nat he southe	ural sand. rn end of	Avg. depth Width (m) Length (m)		0.42 2 50		
Contexts							I
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
8300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
8301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
8302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 84	1							
General d	escriptio	Orientat	ion	E-W				
		d Avg. de	oth (m)	0.4				
	, ,			ete feature, 0.65m wide, a estigated and found to be o	VVIATA IT	n)	2	
natural ori		uie uenoi	i was ilive	saligated and lound to be t		Length (m) 50		
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
8400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-		
8401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
8401	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 85							
General d	escription	1	Orientation	N-S			
Trench co		-	Avg. depth	(m)	0.4		
the wester			Width (m)		2		
sand.	o icataro.	001131313	01 3011 411	d subsoil overlying natural	Length (m)		50
Contexts					1		1
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
8500	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-	
8501	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
8502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
8503	Cut	0.66	0.19	Ditch	-	-	
8504	Fill	0.66	0.14	Mid brown sand, fill of 8503	-	-	
8505	Fill	0.66	0.05	Pale brownish yellow sand, fill of 8503	-	-	

Trench 86		
General description	Orientation	E-W







Trench contained a NW-SE aligned ditch, a NNW-SSE aligned
hedge-line towards the western end and two tree throws towards
the eastern end. Consists of soil (pottery) and subsoil overlying natural sand.

Avg. depth (m)	0.45
Width (m)	1.6
Length (m)	51.3

Contexts

context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
8600	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd	1850-1925
8601	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
8602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
8603	Fill	0.75	0.14	Mid grey clayey sand, fill of 8604	-	-
8604	Cut	0.75	0.14	Ditch	-	-
8605	Fill	1.2	0.1	Mid brown silty sand, fill of 8606	-	-
8606	Cut	1.2	0.1	Hedge-line	-	-
8607	Fill	1.6	0.06	Dark brownish grey clayey silt, fill of 8608	-	-
8608	Cut	1.6	0.06	Tree throw	-	-
8609	Fill	1.04	0.05	Mid brownish grey clayey silt, fill of 8610	-	-
8610	Cut	1.04	0.05	Tree throw	-	-

Trench 87	7							
General c	Seneral description						N-S	
Trench co	ntained a	single bro	Avg. dept	h (m)	0.4			
aligned and stratigraphically overlay the subsoil. The feature was also seen in the southern end of Trench 89. Consists of soil and						Width (m)		
		atural sand		cii 69. Coiisists di soli and	Length (m	50.7		
Contexts							<u> </u>	
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		

no	type	(m)	(m)	comment	finds	date
8700	Layer	-	0.4	Topsoil	-	-
8701	Layer	-	0.02	Subsoil	-	-
8702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
8703	Fill	1.75	0.12	Pale brown clayey sand, fill of 8704	-	-
8704	Cut	1.75	0.12	Ditch	-	-

Trench 88		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sandy gravel. A N-S modern linear trench	Avg. depth (m)	0.4



for a prob	abla aanii	20 1400 004	an in the c	control part of the transh	Width (m)		1.6
ior a proba	able servic	e was see	en in the c	entral part of the trench	Length (m)	51.4
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
8800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
8801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
8802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 89									
General d	escriptio	n	Orientat	Orientation					
		•		w ditch. The ditch was E-W		Avg. depth (m)			
-	_		-	ne subsoil. The feature was . Consists of soil overlying	VVICILII CII	Width (m)			
			also investigated within the			50.4			
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
8900	Layer	-	0.4	Topsoil	-	-			
8901	Layer	-	0.02	Subsoil	-	-			
8902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			
8903	Fill	0.6	0.12	Pale brown clayey sand, fill of 8904	-	-			
8904	Cut	0.6	0.12	Ditch	-	-			

Trench 90	0						
General o	descriptio	n			Orientation	า	N-S
					Avg. depth	(m)	0.4
	evoid of si natural sa	Width (m)	Width (m) 1.6				
Overlying	naturar sa	na.	Length (m)		50.2		
Contexts	,						•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
9000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 2 sherds, CBM	1850-1900	
9001	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 91		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil (pottery) and subsoil overlying natural sand.	Avg. depth (m)	0.45



					Width (m)	1.6
					Length (r	50.5	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
9100	Layer	-	0.4	Topsoil	СВМ	Late C19th	- 20 th
9101	Layer	-	0.05	Subsoil	-	-	
9102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 92	2							
General d	descriptio	n			Orientat	N-S		
					Avg. der	0.4		
Trench de		-	Width (n	Width (m)				
Sabson (O	CBM) overlying natural sand and gravels. Length (m)					52		
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
9200	Layer	-	0.38	Topsoil	СВМ		Medieval- post-medieval	
9201	Layer	-	0.05	Subsoil	-	-		
9202	Layer	-	-	Natural	_	-		

Trench 93	}							
General d	escriptio	n			Orientation	N-S		
		•		rds the southern end of the	Avg. depth	(m)	0.45	
		•		the Roman period. Consists and. There was a concrete	Width (m)		2	
foundation					Length (m)		50	
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
9301	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-		
9302	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-		
9303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		
9304	Cut	0.5	0.15	Posthole	-	-		
9305	Fill	0.5	0.15	Mid brown sand, fill of 9304	Pottery x3 sherds	? Bronze	e Age	?
9306	Cut	0.56	0.14	Posthole	-	-		
9307	Fill	0.56	0.14	Mid brown sand, fill of 9306	Pottery x 3 sherds	? Bronze Roman	e Age	?
9308	Cut	0.58	0.14	Posthole	-	-		
9309	Fill	0.58	0.14	Dark brown sand charcoal	-	-		

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flecks, fill of 9308	
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Trench 94	1					<u> </u>	
General c	lescriptio	Orientat	ion	E-W			
Trench do	evoid of	Avg. de	pth (m)	0.42			
subsoil ov	erlying na	tural clay.	A N-S line	ear concrete foundation was	Width (r	n)	2
seen acro	ss the eas	stern end o	of the tren	ch.	Length (m)		50
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
9400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
9401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
9402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 95								
General de	escriptio	n	Orientatio	า	N-S			
		•	Avg. depth	(m)	0.4			
				ear concrete foundation was	Width (m)	Width (m) 2		
seen across the southern end of the trench. The northern 5m of the trench was disturbed by a deposit of modern demolition rubble that included bricks and concrete.						Length (m) 50		
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
9500	Layer	-	-	-				
9501	Layer	-	-	-				
9502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 96	;						
General d	escriptio	n	Orientat	Orientation Avg. depth (m)			
Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. de				
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural grav	vel. A mod	dern drain, aligned N-S was		Width (m) 2	
seen at the	e western	end of the	e trench.		Length (m)		50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
9600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
9601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
9602	Laver	-	_	Natural	_	-	

Trench 97		
General description	Orientation	N-S



Trench de subsoil ove			Avg. depth (m) Width (m) Length (m)		0.45 2 50		
Contexts					Length (III)	1	30
context		Width	Depth			_	
no	type	(m)	(m)	comment	finds	date	
9700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
9701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
9702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 98								
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	NE-SW			
		•	Avg. depti	n (m)	0.45			
				rench was re-positioned to	Width (m)	Width (m) 2		
avoid an occupied hen house. The south-western half of the trench was disturbed by a deposit of modern demolition rubble that included bricks and concrete.						Length (m) 50		
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
9800	Layer	-	-	-				
9801	Layer	-	-	-				
9802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 99	Trench 99												
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S								
			Avg. depth	n (m)	0.25								
Trench de subsoil over		•	Width (m) 2		2								
3003011 0	criying na	turar olay.			Length (m) 5		50						
Contexts													
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date							
9900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-							
9901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-							
9902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-							

Trench 100		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and		0.55
subsoil overlying natural clay. The western 14m of the trench was disturbed by a deposit of modern demolition rubble that included	Width (m)	1.8
bricks and concrete. At the east end of the trench were two large N-S linear concrete foundation features and an additional N-S aligned	Length (m)	50



modern dr	ain.										
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
10000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
10001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
10002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 10	1						
General d	escription	1	Orientation	า	NE-SW		
		Avg. depth	(m)	0.4			
				the south-eastern end and disubsoil overlying natural	Width (m)		1.8
sand and g		201131313 C	n son and	a subson overlying natural	Length (m))	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
10101	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
10102	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-	
10103	Layer	-	_	Natural	-	-	
10104	Fill	1.25	0.45	Dark greyish brown silt, fill of 10105	CBM, Fe	Medieval- post-medieval	
10105	Cut	1.25	0.45	Ditch	-	-	

Trench 10)2						
General c	lescriptio	Orientation	า	N-S			
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil (pot,					Avg. depth	(m)	0.48
			Width (m)	1.8			
OBINI) alle		vonying n	alarar olaş	with sandy gravel patches.	Length (m)		50
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
10201	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd, CBM	C18-19 th	
10202	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
10203	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 103		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sandy clay. A 1m wide ditch of probable	Avg. depth (m)	0.5



madam da	to was NE	- CM alian	control port of the transh	Width (m)		1.8	
modern date was NE-SW aligned in the central part of the trench.					Length (m)		50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
10300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
10301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
10302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 10	04							
General o	descriptio	n	Orientation	N-S				
Trench d	evoid of	significant	Avg. depth	Avg. depth (m)				
CBM) and			VVICION CON		1.8			
with the a	adjacent p sewer/drai	ond featu	ire. Two li	d, and this was associated inear features in the trench and a field drain, both NW-	trench			
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
10401	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd, CBM	1780-1925	<u> </u>	
10402	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
10403	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	_		

Trench 105 was void and not excavated.

Trench 10)6						
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientati	on	N-S		
Trench de	French devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and						0.35
subsoil ov	verlying n	atural sa		1.8			
avoid the existing tarmac surface / runway feature.						Length (m)	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
10600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
10601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
10602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 107	
General description Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and Avg. depth (m)	0.4



	subsoil overlying natural sand. There was an area of disturbance and intrusive rubble approximately 8m from the northern end.						1.8
and intrusi	ve rubble	approxima	Length (m))	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
10700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
10701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
10702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 10	08						
General o	descriptio	n	Orientation	า	E-W		
Trench de		•		(m)	0.45		
				sandy clay. The trench was xisting hedge. A 0.75m wide			1.8
				ne central part of the trench.	Length (m))	42
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
10801	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 2 sherds, CBM	1850-1925	
10802	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
10803	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	-

Trench 10	9	_					
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientation	N-S; E-W			
		•	•	ed, undated ditch. Consists	Avg. depth	(m)	0.4
of soil (pot, CBM) and subsoil overlying natural sandy clay. The trench was split into two segments in order to avoid the tarmac							1.8
surface / r	•	io iwo se	Length (m))	25 + 25		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
10901	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	Pottery x1 sherd, CBM	1780-1875	
10902	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-	
10903	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
10904	Cut	2.1	0.15	Ditch	-	-	
10905	Fill	2.1	0.15	Mid grey silty clay, fill of 10904	-	-	

Trench 110		
General description	Orientation	E-W





Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. dep	oth (m)	0.55		
subsoil ov	erlying na	tural sand	Width (m	Width (m)			
drainage f	eatures w	ere visible	Length (m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
11000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
11001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
11002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 11	1						
General d	escriptio	n	Orientati	Orientation			
Trench de				0.4			
			crete foundation block was	Width (m)		1.8	
visible 12m from the northern end of the trench. It may have been for tethering a WWII barrage balloon. Length (m)						50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
11100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
11101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
11102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 112										
General description						Orientation				
			Avg. depth (m)							
Trench de		Width (m) 1.8		1.8						
subsoil overlying natural sandy clay.						Length (m)				
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
11200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
11201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
11202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 113								
General description	Orientation	E-W						
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil (pot,	Avg. depth (m)	0.38						
CBM) and subsoil overlying natural sandy clay. The trench was	Width (m)	1.8						
moved to avoid the tarmac surface / runway.	Length (m)	50						



Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
11301	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd	1780-1830				
11302	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
11303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 114											
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientation	N-S							
Trench de		•		(m)	0.38						
CBM) and				1.8							
aligned NE-SW, was visible at the southern end of the trench. A feature of natural origin was investigated at the northern end of the trench.						Length (m)					
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
11401	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 6 sherds	1770-1830					
11402	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
11403	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 1	15						
General o	descriptio	n			Orientation	า	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil (pot,						(m)	0.42
CBM) and subsoil overlying natural sandy clay. A modern drain feature was seen towards the western end of the trench. A block of							1.8
concrete towards the eastern end of the trench was a foundation feature.)	50		
Contexts					•		•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
11501	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd, CBM	1840-1900	
11502	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
11503	Layer	_	_	Natural	_	_	

Trench 116								
General description	Orientation	N-S						
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and		0.38						
subsoil overlying natural sandy clay. The trench was shortened due to the presence of a wooded area to the north. Two linear drainage	Width (m)	1.8						
features; one NW-SE and one NE-SW were seen in the central part		30						



of the trench. There was also a concrete foundation block 8.5m
from the southern end of the trench. It may have been for tethering
a WWII barrage balloon.

Contexts

context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
11600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
11601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
11602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 117											
General de	escription	1	Orientatio	1	E-W						
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and						(m)	0.4				
subsoil ove				1.8							
segments to avoid disturbing a current drainage ditch. Two linear drainage features were seen in the trenches.						Length (m)					
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	date				
11700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
11701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
11702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 11	18							
General description						1	N-S	
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil (pot,						(m)	0.35	
CBM) and subsoil overlying natural clay. The trench was moved to the west to avoid a current drainage ditch. A field drain was aligned						Width (m)		
NW-SE ac					Length (m)	50		
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
11801	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 2 sherds	1780-1830		
11802	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
11803	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 119		
General description	Orientation	N-S
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sandy clay.	Width (m)	1.8
Subson Overlying natural sandy day.	Length (m)	50
Contexts		1



context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
11900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
11901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
11902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 120	Trench 120										
General de	escription	1	Orientation	NW-SE							
Trench de		•	Avg. depth	(m)	0.3						
subsoil over			Width (m)	Width (m)							
aligned N-S at the south-eastern end of the trench and was seen to the north in Trench 121. A discrete feature seen within the trench was investigated and found to be a tree throw.						Length (m) 50					
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
12000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
12001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
12002	Layer	-	_	Natural	-	-					

Trench 12	Trench 121										
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientation	า	E-W				
Trench de	void of si	gnificant a	archaeolog	gy. Consists of soil (pottery)	Avg. depth (m)		0.45				
and subsoil overlying natural sandy clay. A linear drainage feature Wi						I I					
was aligne	ed N-S an	d continue	d into Tre	nch 120.	Length (m)	50					
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
12101	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 3 sherds	1840-1900					
12102	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
12103	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 122										
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S					
subsoil overlying natural sandy clay. Two linear drains aligned NW-						n (m)	0.45			
SE were s	een in the	southern	part of the	e trench.	Length (m)		50			
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
12200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				



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12201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
12202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 12	Trench 123										
General d	escription	1	Orientation	E-W							
Trench de	void of sic	nificant a	rchaeolog	y. Consists of soil (pottery)	Avg. depth	0.4					
and subso	il overlyin	g natural	Width (m)	Width (m)							
was aligne	d NW-SE	at the we	Length (m)		50						
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
12301	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd	1720-1875					
12302	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
12303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 124										
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientat	ion	N-S					
		•	Avg. dep	Avg. depth (m)						
subsoil ov			Width (m) 2		2					
the northern part was within the farm yard. A linear drainage feature was aligned NE-SW at the southern end of the trench.						Length (m) 25				
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
12400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
12401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
12402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 125										
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	Orientation						
			Avg. depth	0.45						
Trench de			Width (m) 2		2					
subsoil overlying natural sandy clay.						Length (m)				
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
12500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
12501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
12502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				







General de	escription	1			Orientation	N-S			
Trench dev	oid of sig	nificant a	rchaeolog	y. Consists of soil (pottery)	Avg. depth	0.4			
and subsoi	l overlying	natural :	Width (m)	Width (m)					
was aligned E-W in the central part of the trench. Length (m)						50			
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
12601	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 2 sherds, CBM	1780-1875; CBM C20th			
12602	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
12603	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 127 was not excavated as it was within an area of known extraction and subsequent landfill.

Trench 128										
General c	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	E-W						
					Avg. depth	0.55				
Trench co Consists of			Width (m)		1.6					
001101010	51 5011 aria	3003011 0	Length (m)		50					
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
12800	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-				
12801	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-				
12802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				
12803	Fill	1.2	0.37	Ditch, fill of 12804	Pottery x 3 sherds	Roman				
12804	Cut	1.2	0.37	Ditch	-	-				

Trench 129 was not excavated as it was within an area of known extraction and subsequent landfill.

Trench 13	Trench 130									
General description						Orientation				
			Avg. depth (m) 0.38 Width (m) 1.6		0.38					
Trench de subsoil over		-			1.6					
oubcon ove	onymig nac	arar barra.			Length (m)		30			
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
13000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				



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13001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
13002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 13	31						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
				gy. There were six irregular	Avg. dept	h (m)	0.48
tree root b			Width (m)		1.6		
subsoil ov			napping. Consists of soil and	Length (m	1)	50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
13100	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
13101	Layer	-	0.18	Subsoil	-	-	
13102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
13103	Cut	2	0.42	Tree bowl	-	-	
13104	Fill	2	0.42	Tree bowl, fill of 13103	-	-	
13105	Cut	1.2	0.24	Tree bowl	-	-	
13106	Fill	1.2	0.24	Tree bowl, fill of 13105	-	-	
13107	Cut	1.54	0.38	Tree bowl	-	-	
13108	Fill	1.54	0.38	Tree bowl, fill of 13107	-	-	

Trench 13	2							
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	on	E-W	
Trench de	void of si	anificant a	Avg. dep	0.52				
			Width (m)		1.6			
overlying i	natural sa	Length (m)		50				
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
13200 Layer Topsoil								
13201	Layer	-	-					
13202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 133 was not excavated as it was found to lie outside the area of permission. Trenches 134 - 138 were not excavated as they were within an area of known extraction and subsequent landfill.

Trench 139							
General description Orientation SW-NE							
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)	0.41					
subsoil overlying natural. Trench was shortened due to the	Width (m)	1.8					



proximity of	of the rive	r.	Length (m	30			
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
13900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
13901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
13902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 140										
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S			
			Avg. depth	n (m)	0.45					
Trench de subsoil over			Width (m)		1.8					
Jubboli OV	onying na	turui. Tiloi	Length (m)		50					
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
14000 Layer Topsoil										
14001	Layer	-	-	-						
14001 Layer - - Subsoil - - 14002 Layer - - Natural - -										

Trench 14	1								
General de	escriptio	n			Orientat	E-W			
Trench de	void of	significant	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.52				
subsoil ove	erlying na	atural. Tw	I .		1.8				
were inves	tigated a		Length (m)		50				
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
14100 Layer Topsoil									
14101	Layer	-	-						
14102	Layer	_	_	Natural	-	_			

Trench 142	2								
General de	escriptio	n			Orientation		E-W		
				Avg. depth (m)		0.47			
Trench de subsoil ove		•	Width (m)		1.8				
Jubbon Ove	inying na	turui.			Length (m)		50		
Contexts									
context no type Width Depth (m) comment finds date									
14200	-								



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14201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
14202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 14	3						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)		0.6	
subsoil ove	erlying na		Width (m)		1.8		
end of the)	50					
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
14300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
14301	-						
14302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 14	4						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W 0.65
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. deptl	n (m)	
subsoil ov	erlying n	atural. A			1.8		
seen NE-S	SW alignm	nent.			50		
Contexts							'
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
14400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
14401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
14402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 14	5						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	on	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)		0.7
subsoil ov	erlying na	•	Width (m)		1.8		
the north e	end.				Length (r	50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
14500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
14501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
14502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 146



General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	า	N-S
				ogy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	(m)	0.5
subsoil ove One field d			ch	Width (m)	1.8		
Trench wa length to a	s split int	o a north	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
14600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
14601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
14602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 14	17						
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientat	E-W	
					Avg. de	oth (m)	0.45
Trench co end. Cons			Width (n	2			
ena. Cons	1313 01 301	i and subs	on overly	ng natural.	Length (50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
14700	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	-	-	
14701	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-	
14702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
14703	Fill	0.8	0.3	Mid brown sandy silt, fill of 14704	-	-	
14704	Cut	0.8	0.3	Ditch	-	-	

Trench 14	48						
General o	descriptio	n			Orientat	N-S	
Trench d	evoid of	significan	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. de	0.45		
subsoil ov		•	Width (m) Length (m)		2		
end.					50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
14800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
14801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
14802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 149		
General description	Orientation	NE-SW



subsoil ove	erlying nat	ural.	ogy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth Width (m)	(m)	0.51	
southern e Trench 150	nd of the		Length (m)	50			
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
14900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
14901 Layer Subsoil					-	-	
14902 Layer Natural -						-	

Trench 15	0							
General d	escriptio	n			Orientat	Orientation		
		•		logy. Consists of soil and		oth (m)	0.52	
		•		al to modern field boundary he trench. This was seen to	Width (m	1)	1.8	
	nically cut	the lower		e topsoil layer. The deposits	Length (Length (m)		
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
15000	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-		
15001	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-		
15002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		
15003	Fill	1.2	>0.4m	Black humic silt fill of 15004	-	-		
15004	Cut	1.2	>0.4m	Ditch – field boundary	-	-		

Trench 15	1						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeol	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.44
subsoil ov	erlying na	•	Width (m)		2		
the trench.							50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
15100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
15101	Layer	-	Subsoil	-	-		
15102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 152		
General description	Orientation	NE-SW



Trench de subsoil ove the trench.		•	Avg. depth Width (m) Length (m)	0.53 1.8 50			
Contexts			Length (III)	<u> </u>	30		
context		Width	Depth				
no	type	(m)	(m)	comment	finds	date	
15200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
15201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
15202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 15	53						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	N-S	
Trench de	evoid of	significant	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)		0.43	
subsoil ov	erlying na		Width (n	n)	1.8		
the trench				Length (m) 50		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
15300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
15301	Layer	-	-	-			
15302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 154											
General o	descriptio	n	Orientation	E-W							
		•		logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)		0.6				
	verlying na n. There w		Width (m)		1.8						
	in this trer		Length (m)		50						
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
15400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd, CBM	1820-1925					
15401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
15402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 155								
General description	Orientation	N-S						
Trench contained a small circular pit towards the southern end and	Avg. depth (m)	0.65						
and broad shallow ditch at the northern end. Consists of soil and	Width (m)	1.8						
subsoil overlying natural.	Length (m)	50						



Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
15500	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	Pottery x 3 sherds	1780-1830
15501	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-
15502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
15503	Cut	0.34	0.08	Pit	-	
15504	Fill	0.34	0.08	Mid brown sandy silt fill of 15503	Pottery x25 sherds	Late Iron Age – AD70 early Roman
15505	Cut	>2	0.18	Ditch	-	-
15506	Fill	>2	0.18	Mid -dark brown silty loam fill of 15505	Pottery x 1 sherd, CBM	C17-19th

Trench 15	Trench 156											
General de	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S							
Trench de	void of s	significant	archaeol	ogy. Consists of soil and	Avg. dept	h (m)	0.65					
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural. A	Width (m)		1.8							
manholes	was prese	ent in the	Length (m)		50							
Contexts												
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date						
15600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-						
15601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-						
15602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-						

Trench 157											
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	on	E-W						
		-	Avg. dept	:h (m)	0.55						
subsoil ove	, ,		Width (m)		1.8						
A post-medieval to modern field boundary ditch was seen at the centre of the trench. This had been sample excavated in Trench 150.											
Contexts							<u>'</u>				
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
15700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
15701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	-				
15702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	_					

Trench 158







General de	escriptio	n		Orientatio	N-S					
				logy. Consists of soil and			0.6			
subsoil ov manholes				1.8						
also three	•		Length (m)	50					
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
15800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
15801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
15802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 159											
General d		n	Orientati	Orientation							
Trench co	ntained a	small 1.2	m wide di	tch NW-SE aligned towards	Avg. depth (m)		0.37				
the weste	rn end. T	his was)	1.8						
Trench 14	7. Consist	ts of soil a	Length (m)		50						
Contexts							'				
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
15900	Layer	-	0.27	Topsoil	-	-					
15901	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-					
15902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					
15903	Fill	1.2	-	Ditch fill	-	-					
15904	Cut	1.2	-	Ditch	-	-					

Trench 160											
General d	escriptio	n	Orientati	ion	N-S						
		•		logy. Consists of soil and		oth (m)	0.5				
subsoil ov					1.8						
	manholes was present in the trench NE-SW aligned. There were also two field drains visible within the trench.						50				
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
16000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
16001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
16002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 161									
General description	Orientation	E-W							
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)	0.42							



subsoil ove			Width (m) Length (m)	1.8 50						
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
16100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
16101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
16102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 16	2						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench de	evoid of s	significant	archaeol	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depti	n (m)	0.35
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural. A ı	I .		1.8		
manholes	manholes was present in the trench NE-SW aligned.						50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
16200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
16201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
16202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 163											
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	E-W					
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.35				
subsoil ov	verlying n	atural. A			1.8						
manholes	was prese	ent in the	Length (m)		50						
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
16300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
16301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
16302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 16	64						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
Trench co	ntained fo	our similar	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.5		
These we	re probab	ole drainaç	Width (m)		1.8		
and subsc	il overlyir	ig a natura	l of silty sa	and.	Length (m)		50
Contexts							'
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	



16400	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-
16401	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-
16402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
16403	Fill	1.45	0.21	Furrow – probable, fill of 16404	-	-
16404	Cut	1.45	0.21	Furrow - probable	-	-
16405	Fill	1.26	0.18	Furrow – probable, fill of 16406	СВМ	Medieval
16406	Cut	1.26	0.18	Furrow - probable	-	-
16407	Fill	1.64	0.38	Furrow – probable, fill of 16408	-	-
16408	Cut	1.64	0.38	Furrow - probable	-	-
16409	Fill	2.1	0.28	Furrow – probable, fill of 16410	-	-
16410	Cut	2.1	0.28	Furrow - probable	-	-

Trench 16	65						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	E-W
Trench co	ontained a	sinale dit	ch at the	western end and a cluster of	Avg. depth (m)		0.5
five ambig	guous disc	rete featu	res toward	ds the eastern end. Consists	Width (n	n)	1.8
of soil and	l subsoil o	verlying a	natural o	f silty sand.	Length (m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
16500	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-	
16501	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-	
16502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
16503	Cut	0.6	0.08	Pit	-	-	
16404	Fill	0.6	0.08	Mid grey sandy silt, fill of 16503	-	-	
16505	Cut	1.5	0.2	Ditch	-	-	
16506	Fill	1.5	0.2	Mid – dark brown silty clay, fill of 16505	СВМ	Medieval	
16507	Cut	0.5	0.1	Pit	-	-	
16508	Fill	0.5	0.1	Mid grey silty sand, fill of 16507	-	-	
16509	Cut	0.28	0.15	Posthole	-	-	
16510	Fill	0.28	0.15	Mid grey silty sand, fill of 16509	-	-	
16511	Cut	0.3	0.05	Posthole	-	-	
16512	Fill	0.3	0.05	Mid grey silty sand, fill of 16511	-	-	

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16513	Cut	0.2	0.05	Posthole	-	-
16514	Fill	0.2	0.05	Mid grey silty sand, fill of 16514	-	-

Trench 16	Trench 166											
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	N-S						
			logy. Consists of soil and		th (m)	0.6						
subsoil ov manholes			Width (m)	1.9							
also one f	•		Length (m)		50							
Contexts							'					
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date						
16600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-						
16601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-						
16602	Layer	-	_	Natural	-	-						

Trench 16	Trench 167											
General c	descriptio	n			Orientat	E-W						
		•		logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. de	0.4						
subsoil ov manholes			Width (m)		1.9							
mamoios	was press		Length (m)		50							
Contexts												
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date						
16700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-						
16701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-						
16702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-						

Trench 168									
General d	escriptio	n			Orientati	on	N-S		
					Avg. dep	th (m)	0.5		
Trench de		Width (m)		1.9					
subsoil overlying natural.						Length (m)			
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
16800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
16801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
16802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			



Trench 169											
General d	lescription	า			Orientatio	n	NE-SW				
Trench de	evoid of s	significant	archaeol	ogy. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.4				
subsoil ov	erlying a r	natural of	Width (m)		1.9						
on an E-W	/ alignmen	t.	Length (m) 50		50						
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
16900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
16901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
16902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 170										
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientation		E-W			
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. dep	th (m)	0.55			
subsoil ov	erlying na		Width (m	1)	1.8					
the trench.						Length (m)				
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
17000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
17001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
17002	Layer	-	_	Natural	-	-				

Trench 171										
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientation		N-S			
					Avg. depth	(m)	0.5			
Trench do subsoil ov		•	archaeol	ogy. Consists of soil and	Width (m)	Width (m)				
3053011 01	criying na	turui.	Length (m)		50					
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
17101	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd, CBM	C18-19 th CBM Medieval	possible			
17102	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
17103	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 172		
General description	Orientation	E-W



subsoil ov	erlying na	significant itural. The	Avg. depti	h (m)	0.6			
in the tren	cn.		Length (m	50				
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	ds date		
17200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-		
17201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
17202	17202 Layer Natural							

Trench 173										
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	N-S						
		•	Avg. depth (m)		0.7					
				rk blackish grey deposit part	Width (m)		1.8			
way down the steeply sloped trench was identified as a natural deposit related to waterlogged conditions. This was also seen in Trench 187.						Length (m) 50				
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
17300	17300 Layer Topsoil									
17301 Layer Subsoil										
17302 Layer Natural										

Trench 174									
General description						Orientation			
			Avg. depth	n (m)	0.5-0.9				
at the southern end of the trench. The trench showed evidence of having been re-cut. This was probably of post-medieval date but is						Width (m)			
not shown on the 1887 OS mapping. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural for most of the trench but in the central part a sequence of deposits that indicate an earlier ground surface with translocated soils overlying it. There was no clear evidence of a lynchet or terrace.)	50		
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
17400	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-			
17401	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-			
17402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			
17403	Cut	>0.5	0.68	Ditch	-	-			
17404	Fill	>0.5	0.68	Mid brown silty clay, fill of 17403	СВМ	Medieval- medieval	- post-		
17405	Cut	1.3	0.5	Ditch	-	-			



17406	Fill	1.3	0.5	Mid brown silty clay, fill of 17405	-	-
17407	Layer	-	0.06	Mid brownish red silty sand	-	-
17408	Layer	-	0.08	Dark blackish grey silty sand	-	-
17409	Layer	-	0.14	Dark grey silty sand	-	-
17410	Layer	-	0.42	Mid brown silty sand	СВМ	Medieval post- medieval
17411	Layer	-	0.2	Mid greyish brown, pebbly, silty sand	-	-
17412	Layer	-	0.2	Pale grey silty sand	-	-
17413	Interface	5.6	0.5		-	-

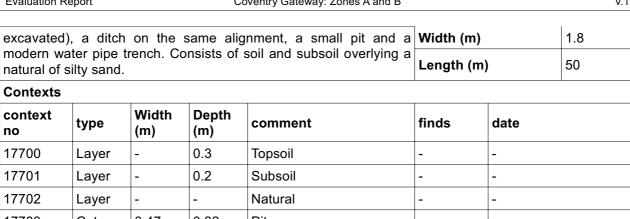
Trench 175									
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	N-S					
Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. depth	Avg. depth (m)					
subsoil ov				rains were seen within the	Width (m)	Width (m) 1.8			
trench.						Length (m) 50			
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
17500 Layer Topsoil CBM Post-medieval						val			
17501	7501 Layer Subsoil								
17502 Layer Natural									

Trench 176										
General de	escription	1	Orientation	N-S						
		•	Avg. depth	(m)	0.45-0.6					
				y truncated NW-SE aligned of the trench. Trench was	Width (m)		1.8			
shortened and shifted slightly south to avoid the present day electric stock control fencing at the northern end.						Length (m) 45				
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
17600	Layer	-	Topsoil	-	-					
17601 Layer Subsoil						-				
17602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 177		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench contained two NW-SE aligned furrows, (one of which was	Avg. depth (m)	0.55







17703	Cut	0.47	0.32	Pit	- -	_	
17704	Fill	0.47	0.32	Mottled grey brown silty sand, fill of 17703	-	-	
17705	Cut	1.7	0.32	Ditch	-	-	
17706	Fill	1.7	0.32	Mid brownish red silty sand, fill of 17705	-	-	
17707	Cut	1.52	0.14	Furrow	-	-	
17708	Fill	1.52	0.14	Mid brown silty sand, fill of 17707	-	-	
Trench 1	78						
General description					Orientation		N-S
Trench c	ontained	a small na	Avg. depth	(m)	0.44		
of a ditch	ı. A feature	e on a sim	Width (m)		2 10		

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General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench contained a small narrow linear feature which may be part		0.44
of a ditch. A feature on a similar alignment was seen in Trench 182. A single highly truncated NW-SE aligned furrow was seen at the	Width (m)	2.10
northern end of the trench. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural.	Length (m)	37.70

Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
17801	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd, CBM	1820-1925		
17802	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-		
17803	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		
17804	Cut	0.4	0.1	Ditch	-	-		
17805	Fill	0.4	0.1	Dark brownish grey silty sand, fill of 17804	-	-		

Trench 179						
General description	Orientation	E-W				
Trench contained six NE-SW aligned furrows. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural.	Avg. depth (m)	0.52				
	Width (m)	1.8				
Subson overlying natural.	Length (m)	50				



Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
17901	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	Pottery x 2 sherds	1720-1780		
17902	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
17903	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 18	30						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientation		N-S
				in approximately the middle	,		0.4
				of the main pit fill and a fill (SF 18001). Both fills were		1.8	
similar, dark grey with frequent inclusions of calcined human bone.							
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
18001	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-	
18002	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	Pottery x 2 sherds	Roman AD50-250	
18003	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
18004	Fill	0.45- 0.62	0.4	Cremation pit fill	Sf 18001 pottery vessel, human bone, pottery, CBM, Fe hobnails, Fe nails	Roman AD50-250 CBM = medieval- post medieval	
18005	Fill	0.26	0.21	Cremation pot fill	Pottery x 9 sherds, human bone	Roman	
18006	Cut	0.45- 0.62	0.4	Cremation pit	-	Roman	
18007	Fill	0.26	0.04	Cremation fill	-	Roman	

Trench 181		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench contained a Roman? cremation in approximately the middle		0.5
of the trench. The cremation consisted of a dense concentration of burnt bone within a dark sooty grey silty sand fill in an extremely	Width (m)	1.8
shallow cut. The cremation had probably been truncated by medieval ploughing. There were also three NW-SE aligned furrows at regular intervals and a ditch on the same alignment. Consists of	Length (m)	50



soil and si	ubsoil ove	rlying natu							
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
18101	Layer	-	0.4	Topsoil	-	-			
18102	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-			
18103	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			
18104	Fill	0.45	0.08	Cremation, fill of 18105	Pottery x 1 sherd, human bone	Roman			
18105	Cut	0.45	0.08	Cremation	-	-			
18106	Fill	1.2	0.54	Ditch, fill of 18107	-	-			
18107	cut	1.2	0.54	Ditch	-	-			

Trench 182										
General d	escriptio	n			Orientation		E-W			
Trench co	ntained a	single line	ear feature	e, aligned NE-SW. It may be	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.5			
associated	d with the	Width (m)		1.8						
Trench 178. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.)	50			
Contexts					1		•			
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
18201	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-				
18202	Layer	-	0.4	Subsoil	-	-				
18203	Layer	-	0.08	Natural	-	-				
18204	Cut	0.88	0.44	Ditch	-	-				
18205	Fill	0.88	0.26	Ditch, fill of 18204	pot	Roman				
18206	Fill	0.54	0.2	Ditch, fill of 18204	Fired clay	Medieval medieval	-	post-		
18207	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				
18208	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 183											
General de	scription	1	Orientation		N-S						
			Avg. depth	(m)	0.5-0.75						
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.						Width (m)					
Subson ove	riyirig riat	urar sariu.			Length (m)		50				
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					

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18300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
18301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
18302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 184											
General c	descriptio	n	Orientatio	Orientation							
			Avg. depth (m)		0.5						
Trench co			Width (m)		21.8						
and subsc	on overlyiii	y naturar .	Length (m)		49.2						
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
18400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-					
18401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-					
18402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					

Trench 18	Trench 185										
General d	escription	1			Orientation	E-W					
	ontained			ncated discrete features	Avg. depth	(m)	0.45				
				man date. There were also	Width (m)		1.8				
four NW-SE aligned furrows. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.							50				
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
18501	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	-	-					
18502	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-					
18503	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					
18504	Fill	0.5	0.28	Dark reddish brown silty sand, fill of 18507	Fired clay	Medieval medieval	- po	ost-			
18505	Fill	0.52	0.2	Dark reddish brown silty sand, fill of 18508	Pottery x 1 sherd	Roman					
18506	Fill	0.3	0.12	Dark reddish brown silty sand, fill of 18509	-	-					
18507	Cut	0.5	0.28	Pit	-	-					
18508	Cut	0.52	0.2	Pit	-	-					
18509	Cut	0.3	0.12	Pit	-	-					

Trench 186								
General description	Orientation	N-S						
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)	0.4-0.65						
subsoil overlying natural sand.	Width (m)	1.8						



			Length (r	Length (m)					
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
18601	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	СВМ	Medieval medieval	-	post-	
18602	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
18603	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 187										
General de	escription	า	Orientation	n	E-W					
Trench co				(m)	0.6					
layer of da			Width (m)		1.8					
subsoil ove eastern en	erlying na	atural san			45					
Contexts	Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
18701	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-				
18702	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-				
18703	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				
18704	Cut	1.1	0.14	Ditch	-	-				
18705	Fill	1.1	0.14	Ditch, fill of 18704	-	-				
18706	Cut	0.8	0.18	Ditch	-	-				
18707	Fill	0.8	0.18	Ditch, fill of 18706	-	-				

Trench 18	8						
General d	escriptio	Orientat	ion	E-W			
Trench de	evoid of	significar	Avg. de	0.4			
			Width (m)		1.9		
overlying r	overlying natural sand.						50
Contexts							,
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
18800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
18801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
18802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 189	
General description Orientation	N-S
Trench contained a single undated ditch aligned NE/SW and Avg. depth (m)	0.5



continuing scars and natural of	a field o	drain. Cor	Width (m Length (r	1.9			
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
18901	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	-	-	
18902	Layer	-	0.22	Subsoil	-	-	
18903	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
18904	Cut	1.5	0.38	Ditch	-	-	
18905	Fill	1.5	0.38	Ditch, fill of 18904	-	-	

Trench 19	90						
General c	lescriptio	n	Orientat	ion	N-S		
			Avg. dep	th (m)	0.55		
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m)		1.9		
3003011 01	Citying na	itarai sana	with bank	is of rea clay.	Length (m)		50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
19000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
19001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
19002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 19	91						
General d	lescriptio	Orientat	N-S				
Trench de	evoid of	significant	Avg. depth (m)		0.6		
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural. Fou			1.9		
at the nort	at the northern end of the trench.						50
Contexts							·
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
19100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
19101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
19102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 192							
General description	Orientation	E-W					
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5					
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. A natural tree / root bowlwas excavated. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural.	Width (m)	1.9					
was excavated. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural.	Length (m)	50					







Contexts	Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
19200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
19201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
19202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 19	93						
General c	descriptio	n			Orientati	ion	N-S
					Avg. dep	oth (m)	0.55
end of the trench. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural.						1)	1.9
						m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
19301	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
19302	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-	
19303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
19304	Cut	0.36	0.22	Posthole	-	-	
19305	Fill	0.36	0.22	Posthole, fill of 19304	-	-	
19306	Cut	0.28	0.1	Posthole	-	-	
19307	Fill	0.28	0.1	Posthole, fill of 19306	-	-	
19308	Cut	0.34	0.12	Posthole	-	-	
19309	Fill	0.34	0.12	Posthole, fill of 19308	-	-	

Trench 19)4						
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	n	E-W		
Trench co	ntained a	single un	dated pit	with a significant stone fill.	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.4
Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural. A single NW-SE							1.9
aligned fu	rrow was s	seen in the	e trench.		Length (m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
19401	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
19402	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-	
19403	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
19404	Cut	0.9	0.5	Pit	-	-	
19405	Fill	0.9	0.1	Lower fill of pit	-	-	
19406	Fill	0.9	0.4	Upper fill of pit, deliberate stone component	-	-	



Trench 195										
General d	escriptio	n	Orientati	ion	N-S					
_					Avg. depth (m)		0.5			
Trench de drain seer			Width (m)		1.9					
aram coor	001101010	7 01 0011 a1	Length (m)		50					
Contexts							·			
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
19500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
19501	Layer	-	-	-						
19502	Layer	-	-	-						

Trench 196									
General d	lescriptio	Orientat	ion	E-W					
			Avg. de	oth (m)	0.6				
Trench de subsoil ov		Width (m)		1.9					
3453011 01	criying na	itarar sarra	•		Length (m)		50		
Contexts							·		
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
19600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
19601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
19602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 19	97						
General c	descriptio	Orientati	on	E-W			
	rench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and						0.65
Trench do subsoil ov			Width (m)		1.8		
3003011 01	criying na	itarar sario	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
19700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
19701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
19702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 198		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench contained a single N-S aligned undated ditch. Consists of	Avg. depth (m)	0.5
soil and subsoil overlying natural.	Width (m)	1.9







					Length (m)	50			
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
19801	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-				
19802	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-				
19803	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				
19804	Cut	1	0.2	Ditch	-	-				
19805	Fill	1	0.2	Ditch, fill of 19804	-	-				

Trench 19	99						
General c	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S		
			Avg. depth	(m)	0.5		
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m)		1.9		
3003011 01	Cityling ha	turar saria			Length (m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
19900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
19901	Layer	-	-	-			
19902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 20	Trench 200							
General de	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	E-W			
Trench cor	ntained a	sinale NE	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.5			
be a contir	nuation of	the one s	seen in Tre	ench 189. There was also a	Width (m)		1.9	
field drain.	Consists	of soil and	d subsoil d	overlying natural.	Length (m)	50	
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
20001	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-		
20002	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-		
20003	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		
20004	Cut	1	0.15	Ditch	-	-		
20005	Fill	1	0.15	Ditch, fill of 20004	-	-		

Trench 201		
General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand and gravel.	Avg. depth (m)	0.5







					Width (m)	1.9
					Length (r	n)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
20100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
20101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
20102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 202										
General de	escription	Orientation	1	N-S						
				ogy. Two NW-SE aligned	Avg. depth	(m)	0.5			
				rench and two NW-SE field soil and subsoil overlying	Width (m)		1.9			
natural san		ccii. Ooii	31313 01	son and subson overlying	Length (m)		50			
Contexts							•			
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
20200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
20201	Layer	-	_	Subsoil	-	-				
20202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 20	Trench 203										
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	on	NE-SW						
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Two NW-SE aligned	Avg. dep	th (m)	(m) 0.5				
modern di	tches wer	e seen ar	d excava	ted and there were also two	Width (m)	1.9				
field drains	s. Consist	s of soil a	nd subsoil	overlying natural sand.	Length (r	n)	50				
Contexts											
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date					
20301	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-					
20302	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-					
20303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-					
20304	Cut	-	-	Ditch	-	modern					
20305	Fill	-	-	Ditch	-	modern					
20306	Cut	-	-	Ditch	-	modern					
20307	Fill	-	-	Ditch	-	modern					

Trench 204		
General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench contained a single small ditch, aligned NE-SW, of probable Roman date, and two furrows aligned NW-SE. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)	0.5



aubaail ay	rorlying no	tural aand	1		Width (m)		1.8
subsoil ov	enying na	ilurai sano	l •		Length (m)		50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
20401	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
20402	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-	
20403	Fill	0.85	0.2	Ditch, fill of 20404	Pottery x 5 sherds, CBM x 1		Age eval - post-
20404	Cut	0.85	0.2	Ditch	-	-	
0	Fill	0.8	0.05	Furrow	-	-	
20406	Cut	0.8	0.05	Furrow	-	-	
20407	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 20	5						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
Trench co	ntained t	wo undate	ed NW-SF	aligned ditches with both	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.55
terminated	within th	e confines	Width (n	n)	1.8		
subsoil ove	erlying na	tural sand	•		Length (m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
20501	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	-	-	
20502	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
20503	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
20504	Fill	0.8	0.6	Ditch, fill of 20505	-	-	
20505	Cut	0.8	0.6	Ditch = 20511	-	-	
20506	Fill	0.64	0.12	Ditch, fill of 20507	-	-	
20507	Cut	0.64	0.12	Ditch = 20509	-	-	
20508	Fill	0.5	0.1	Ditch, fill of 20505	-	-	
20509	Cut	0.75	0.07	Ditch terminus = 20507	-	-	
20510	Fill	0.75	0.07	Ditch, fill of 20509	-	-	
20511	Cut	0.85	0.45	Ditch terminus = 20505	-	-	
20512	Fill	0.85	0.40	Ditch, fill of 20511	-	-	
20513	Fill	0.06	0.05	Ditch, fill of 20511	-	-	

Trench 206		
General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. There were two NE-SW aligned furrows towards the southern end and one rooted area.	Avg. depth (m)	0.5-0.65



Canaiata	f soil and	aubaail ay	roshrina na	stural cand	Width (m) Length (m)		1.9
Consists o	i soli and	Subsoil o	renying na	itural sand.			50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
20600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
20601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
20602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 20	7						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientation		E-W
Trench co	ntained t	wo undat	ed ditches	s, one aligned NW-SE, the	Avg. depth (m) 0.6		
other NE-	SW and a			of soil and subsoil overlying	Width (m)		1.9
natural sa	nd.				Length (m))	50
Contexts							·
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
20701	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	-	-	
20702	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-	
20703	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
20704	Cut	1.7	0.94	Ditch	-	-	
20705	Fill	0.88	0.34	Ditch, fill of 20704	-	-	
20706	Fill	1.7	0.6	Ditch, fill of 20704	Animal bone (14 horse teeth)	-	
20707	Cut	1.5	0.15	Furrow	-	-	
20708	Fill	1.5	0.15	Furrow, fill of 20707	-	-	
20709	Cut	0.8	0.4	Ditch	-	-	
20710	Fill	0.8	0.4	Ditch, fill of 20709	-	-	

Trench 20	08						
General c	descriptio	n			Orientat	N-S	
					Avg. de	oth (m)	0.5
	evoid of some		Width (n	1.9			
30011. 001	101010 01 00	on and sak	ying natural sana.	Length (m) 50		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
20800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
20801	Layer	-	-	-			
20802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	



Trench 20	09						
General c	descriptio	n			Orientat	E-W	
Trench co	ntained th	ree furrov	vs aligned	NE-SW and an undated pit	Avg. de	0.5	
(or possib	ly a ditch			of soil and subsoil overlying	Width (n	n)	1.9
natural sa	ınd.				Length ((m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
20901	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
20902	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	
20903	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
20904	Fill	2.03	0.22	Furrow, fill of 20905	-	-	
20905	Cut	2.03	0.22	Furrow	-	-	
20906	Fill	1.3	0.47	Pit, fill of 20907	-	-	
20907	Cut	1.3	0.47	Pit	-	-	
20908	Fill	1.9	0.14	Furrow, fill of 20909	СВМ	Medieval medieval	- post-
20909	Cut	1.9	0.14	Furrow	-	-	

Trench 21	0							
General de	escription	า			Orientation	n	N-S	
					Avg. depth	(m)	0.6	
Trench co		Width (m)		1.9				
poor mound	, ran 60116	Length (m))	50				
Contexts							•	
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
21001	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-		
21002	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-		
21003	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		
21004	Cut	2.6	0.9	Ditch	-	-		
21005	Fill	1.22	0.34	Dark brown sandy gravel, fill of 21004	-	-		
21006	Fill	2.6	0.56	Dark brown sandy silt, fill of 21004	СВМ	Medieval medieval	_	post-

Trench 211		
General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. A single E-W aligned		0.5
furrow was seen. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.	Width (m)	1.9



					Length (m) 50
Contexts						
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
21100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
21101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
21102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 21	2						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
Trench de	evoid of s	significant	Avg. depth	(m)	0.4		
furrows w		•	Width (m)		1.9		
sand.				Length (m) 50		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
21200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
21201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
21202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 21	3						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
		•		gned undated ditch and a	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.65
furrow on the ditch v			Width (m)		1.8		
NW-SE all sand.			Length (m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
21300	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
21301	Layer	-	0.28	Subsoil	-	-	
21302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
21303	void	-	-	-	-		
21304	Cut	0.6	0.22	Ditch	-	-	
21305	Fill	0.6	0.22	Mid greyish brown sand, fill of 21305	-	-	

Trench 214		
General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and	Avg. depth (m)	0.5
subsoil overlying natural sand.	Width (m)	1.9



					Length (m)	50		
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
21400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
21401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
21402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 21	15						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	E-W	
Trench de	rench devoid of significant archaeology. Six modern plough scars					n (m)	0.28
were seer	n within th	-	Width (m)		1.9		
natural sa	nd.			Length (m)		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
21500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
21501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
21502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 2	16						
General o	descriptio	n	Orientation	า	N-S		
Trench de	evoid of si	onificant a	Avg. depth	(m)	0.45		
	e trench.	•			1.9		
sand.			Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
21601	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
21602	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	Pottery x 1 sherd	176-1830	
21603	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 21	7						
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S 0.4		
Trench de	void of s	significant	Avg. depth	n (m)			
throw was	excavate	ed in the	centre of	the trench. Consists of soil		1.9) 50	
and subso	il overlyin	g natural s	sand.		Length (m		
Contexts							<u> </u>
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	

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21701	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	-	-
21702	Layer	-	0.05	Subsoil	-	-
21703	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
21704	Cut	0.9	0.2	Tree throw	-	-
21705	Fill	0.9	0.2	Tree throw	-	-

Trench 21	8							
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	E-W			
Trench de	•	-		n (m)	0.38			
were seen			Width (m)		1.9			
the central part of the trench, just below the topsoil, this was interpreted as a recent event. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.)	50	
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
21800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-		
21801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
21802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 21	9						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
Trench de	evoid of s	significant	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.25		
seen at th		•	l	n)	1.9		
overlying natural sand.						(m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
21900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
21901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
21902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 22	0						
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	n	N-S		
			Avg. depth	(m)	0.4		
Trench de subsoil over			Width (m)		1.9		
Jubboli OV	criying na	itarar olaye	Length (m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
22000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
22001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	

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22002	Laver	_	_	Natural	_	-
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Trench 22	<u>!</u> 1						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
			Avg. depth	n (m)	0.45		
Trench de subsoil ov			Width (m)		1.9		
3003011 01	criying na	turar saria	Length (m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
22100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
22101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
22102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 222										
General d	descriptio	n			Orientatio	n	EN-S			
			Avg. dept	h (m)	0.32					
Trench de		Width (m)		1.9						
subsoil overlying natural sand.						1)	50			
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
22200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
22201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
22202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 22	23						
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientatio	n	E-W		
Trench de		_	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.4		
seen in the measured			Width (m)		1.9		
subsoil ov		•	Length (m)	50		
Contexts							•
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
22300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
22301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
22302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 224		
General description	Orientation	E-W



seen towa	rds the n Irainage f	orthern e eature kr	vviata (m)		0.65 1.8 50		
subsoil overlying natural sand. Contexts						<u>'</u>	
context no	type	Width (m)	comment	finds	date		
22400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
22401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
22402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 22	! 5						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
			_		Avg. depth	n (m)	0.55
Trench de subsoil ov		•		logy. Consists of soil and	Width (m) 1.9		1.9
Subson OV	criying na	turar saria	•		Length (m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
22500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
22501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
22502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 22	26						
General o	descriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
Trench de	evoid of s	ignificant	archaeolc	ogy. A single NW-SE furrow	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.45
was seen		•		n)	1.9		
223.Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.						Length (m) 50	
Contexts							,
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
22600	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
22601	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
22602	Laver	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 227		
General description	Orientation	E-W
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.	Width (m)	1.9
Subson Overlying natural sand.	Length (m)	50
Contexts		

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context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
22700	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
22701	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
22702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 22	28						
General c	descriptio	Orientat	N-S				
				Avg. depth (m) 0			
Trench do subsoil ov		•	Width (m) 1.9				
Subson ov	Criying na	turar saria		Length (m)		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
22800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
22801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
22802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 22	9						
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	N-S			
Trench de			Avg. depth	(m)	0.4		
			ate, aligned NE-SW at the of soil and subsoil overlying	Width (m)	1.9		
natural sa		donon. C	or son and subson overlying	Length (m) 50		50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
22900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
22901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
22902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 23	30						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	E-W
				y. A single ditch of probable		oth (m)	0.4
•				ield drain inserted into it. It t of the trench. Consists of	VVIATA IA	n)	1.9
soil and su			•	t of the trench. Consists of	Length (50	
Contexts					•		
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
23000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
23001	Layer	_	-	Subsoil	-	-	

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23002	Layer	_	-	Natural	-	-
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Trench 23	31						
General d	lescriptio	Orientati	on	N-S			
			Avg. dep	th (m)	0.4		
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.)	1.9
						n)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
23100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
23101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
23102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 23	2						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench de	void of si	ignificant	archaeolo	gy. Three field drains were	Avg. depth	(m)	0.5
seen with	in this tr		Width (m)		1.9		
natural sar	nd.		Length (m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
23200	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
23201	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
23202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 23	33							
General o	descriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S	
			Avg. der	0.28				
Trench de		•		ogy. Consists of soil (CBM)	Width (n	n)	1.9	
and Subsc	on overlyin	ig riaturar .	sariu.		Length (m)	45	
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
23301	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	СВМ	Medieval medieval	-	post-
23302	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
23303	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 234		
General description	Orientation	E-W



Trench de	evoid of si	gnificant a	gy. There were four furrows	Avg. depth (m)		0.5	
on a NE-S	SW alignn	nent, two	1	n)	1.9		
subsoil ov	erlying na	tural sand	Length ((m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
23401	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
23402	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-	
23403	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
23404	Cut	0.8	0.1	Furrow	-	-	
23405	Fill	0.8	0.1	Furrow, fill of 23404	-	-	
23406	Cut	0.8	0.3	Furrow	-	-	
23407	Fill	0.8	0.3	Furrow, fill of 23406	-	-	

Trench 23	35						
General o	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	E-W
Trench de	void of sig	onificant a	rchaeoloc	yy. There were three furrows	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.5
•						n)	1.9
						(m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
23501	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	-	-	
23502	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-	
23503	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
23504	Cut	1	0.1	Furrow	-	-	
23505	Fill	1	0.1	Furrow, fill of 23504	-	-	

Trench 23	36						
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
	Trench contained two possible, undated, postholes at the northern end of the trench. There were four furrows on a NE-SE alignment,						0.5
			Width (n	n)	1.9		
two were excavated. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.						(m)	50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
23601	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
23602	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-	
23603	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
23604	Cut	0.22	0.12	Posthole	-	-	

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23605	Fill	0.22	0.12	Dark brown sandy silt, fill of 23604	-	-
23606	Cut	0.5	0.28	Posthole	-	-
23607	Fill	0.5	0.28	Mid brown sandy silt, fill of 23606	-	-

Trench 23	7						
General de	escriptio	n			Orientatio	n N-S	
		_	•	gy. Six NE-SW furrows and		n (m)	0.6
	an E-W ditch of modern date at the southern end of the trench were excavated. The furrow adjacent to the ditch was excavated as an						1.9
example. C		•	Length (m)	50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
23701	Layer	-	0.4	Topsoil	-	-	
23702	Layer	-	0.24	Subsoil	-	-	
23703	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
23704	Cut	0.64	0.44	Ditch	-	-	
23705	Fill	0.64	0.44	Ditch, fill of 23704	Pot, bone	Post-medie modern	eval -
23706	Cut	1.8	0.14	Furrow	-	-	
23707	Fill	1.8	0.14	Furrow, fill of 23706	Pot, bone	Post-medie	val

Trench 23	8						
General d	escriptio	Orientati	on	E-W			
Trench de	void of si	Avg. dep	th (m)	0.4			
on a NE-	SW align	Width (m)	1.9			
natural sar	natural sand.						50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
23800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
23801	23801 Layer Subsoil						
23802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 239		
General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. There were three furrows	Avg. depth (m)	0.4
on a NE-SW alignment, and in addition a continuation of the ditch seen in Trench 237 and the adjacent furrow were seen. Consists of	Width (m)	1.9
soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.	Length (m)	50
Contexts		'





context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
23900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
23901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
23902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 24	0						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientati	E-W	
Trench de	evoid of	significant	archaeo	logy. Consists of soil and	Avg. dep	0.45	
subsoil ov	erlying na	atural san	Width (m)		1.9		
the proxim	ity of the l	hedgeline	Length (m) 45		45		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
24000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
24001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
24002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 24	11						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	N-S
Trench de	evoid of si	onificant a	archaeoloc	gy. There were two furrows	Avg. depti	n (m)	0.45
on a NW	-SE align				1.9		
natural sand. Length (m)						50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
24100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
24101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
24102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 24	12						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientati	E-W	
Trench co	ntained a	NE-SW di	tch of mo	dern date and two postholes	Avg. dep	0.5	
as well as a deposit of modern rubble towards the eastern end. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.						1	
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
24201	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
24202	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-	



24203	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
24204	Cut	1	0.32	Ditch	-	-
24205	Fill	1	0.32	Mid-dark brown sandy clay, fill of 24204	СВМ	Medieval - post- medieval
24206	Cut	0.5	0.2	Posthole	-	-
24207	Fill	0.5	0.2	Mid-dark red silty clay, fill of 24206	-	-
24208	Cut	0.44	0.18	Posthole	-	-
24209	Fill	0.44	0.18	Mid-dark yellowish brown sandy gravel, fill of 24208	-	-

Trench 24	43						
General c	descriptio	n			Orientati	ion	N-S
Trench de	evoid of s	ignificant	archaeolo	gy. The deposit of modern	Avg. dep	th (m)	0.4
rubble se	en in Trer	nch 242 c	Width (m)		1.9		
soil and s	ubsoil ove	rlying natu	Length (m)		50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
24300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
24301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
24302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 24	14							
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	E-W	
Trench de	evoid of s	ignificant	archaeolo	ogy. The deposit of modern	Avg. de	Avg. depth (m)		
rubble se					1.9			
Consists of	of soil and	subsoil o	verlying na	atural sand.	Length (m)			
Contexts								
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date		
24400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-		
24401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-		
24402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-		

Trench 245		
General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. The deposit of modern	Avg. depth (m)	0.3
rubble seen in Trench 242 and 243 continued into this trench. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand. Trench was	Width (m)	1.9
shortened as it was within the rubble area.	Length (m)	31
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context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date
24500	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-
24501	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
24502	Layer	-	_	Natural	-	-

Trenches 246 and 247 were not excavated as they were within an area of rubble.

Trench 24	18						
General d	lescriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
Trench de	evoid of si	ignificant	archaeolo	gy. There were two furrows	Avg. de	pth (m)	0.45
		•	Width (m)		1.9		
sand.						Length (m)	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
24800	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
24801	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
24802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 24	19						
General c	lescriptio	n			Orientatio	n	E-W
Trench de	evoid of s	significant	ogy. There was a ditch of	Avg. depth	n (m)	0.35	
modern d	ate and a	field drain			1.9		
soil and si	ubsoil ove	rlying natu			50		
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
24900	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	
24901	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-	
24902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	

Trench 250									
General d	escriptio	n	Orientatio	E-W					
Trench de				0.45					
on a NW-SE alignment. There was a continuation of the NE-SW furrow and E-W ditch of modern date from Trench 237, 239 and									
253. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.					Length (m)		50		
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
25000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			

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25001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
25002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 251										
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientat	ion	N-S					
Trench de			Avg. de	oth (m)	0.5					
of the NE-			vviato (m)		1.9					
237, 239, 250 and 253. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.						Length (m)				
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
25100	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
25101	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
25102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				

Trench 25	52						
General d	escriptio	n			Orientat	ion	N-S
Trench co	ntained a	Avg. de	oth (m)	0.45			
Trench contained a single ditch and posthole, both undated. There were also two field drains on a NE-SW alignment. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand. Width (m) Length (m)							
						50	
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
25201	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	-	-	
25202	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-	
25203	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-	
25204	Cut	0.92	0.24	Ditch	-	-	
25205	Fill	0.92	0.24	Ditch, fill of 25204	-	-	
25206	Cut	0.5	0.3	Posthole	-	-	
25207	Fill	0.5	0.3	Posthole, fill of 25206	-	-	

Trench 25	53						
General description						n	E-W
on a NW SE alignment. There was a continuation of the NE SW						h (m)	0.5
						Width (m)	
and 250. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand.					Length (m)		50
Contexts							
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date	
25300	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-	



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25301	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-
25302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 254									
General d	lescriptio	n	Orientati	on	E-W				
					Avg. dep	0.45			
Trench de		•	Width (m) 1.9		1.9				
subsoil overlying natural sand.						ngth (m) 5			
Contexts									
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date			
25400	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-			
25401	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-			
25402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-			

Trench 300										
General d	escription	n			Orientatio	NW-SE				
Trench de				0.52 1.8						
to modern			vviata (m)							
150. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying natural sand. The trench was added to compensate for a lack of 20m in Trench 139.)	20			
Contexts										
context no	type	Width (m)	Depth (m)	comment	finds	date				
30000	Layer	-	-	Topsoil	-	-				
30001	Layer	-	-	Subsoil	-	-				
30002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-				



APPENDIX B. FINDS REPORTS

B.1 Prehistoric and Roman Pottery

By Dan Stansbie

Introduction and methodology

- B.1.1 A total of 139 sherds of prehistoric and Roman pottery, weighing 2380g were recovered during the course of the evaluation. All of the material was rapidly scanned to determine context-group dates and to assess its character (see Table 1). Where necessary the pottery was examined under a binocular microscope at x20 magnification to aid in identification of the fabric. A note was made of the fabric and vessel types using the Oxford Archaeology later prehistoric and Roman pottery recording system (Booth 2007).
- B.1.2 The condition of the material is moderate to good, with most groups including large well preserved sherds and one comprising a near complete pot. The surfaces of the sherds are well preserved and there are very few abraded sherds. The mean sherd weight (MSW) is 17.1g.

Date and nature of the assemblage

- B.1.3 Prehistoric material includes the complete profile of a bucket-shaped jar or bowl in a fine moderate sandy fabric (A2) belonging to the middle Iron Age period, along with a possible Bronze Age sherd in moderate sand and grog-tempered fabric (AG3), although this sherd may possibly be from a Roman storage jar. A fairly large group of 25 sherds of grog-tempered ware (E80) from context 15504 may belong to the late Iron Age, but could also come from a Roman storage jar. The Roman assemblage is dominated by sandy grey ware (R20) with few diagnostic forms, although three jars are present and one of these, from context 6007, is a narrow-necked vessel with a drop-flanged rim which dates to between AD200 and 410. Context 18004 contained a large cremation urn in sandy grey ware (one of the four jars). There are also body sherds in sandy oxidised ware (O20), Mancetter-Hartshill white-ware (W13) and shelly-fabric (C10). Imports comprise two sherds of Gallic amphora (A13) and a single sherd of central Gaulish samian ware (S30).
- B.1.4 The lack of diagnostic forms greatly hinders the dating of this assemblage, although the single diagnostic jar rim suggests a late Roman date and it may be that the entire assemblage falls into this date range, with the single (small) sherd of samian ware being residual. It is difficult to draw conclusions from an assemblage of this size, however, the preponderance of grey wares perhaps suggests a low status site, but one with some access to wider imperial trading networks as evidenced by the samian ware and amphorae sherds.

Context	Sherds (No)	Weight (g)	Comments	Spot Date
3403	1	6	R20 sandy grey ware	AD43-410
6007	3	88	R20 sandy grey ware (1x narrow-necked jar with dropped flange); O20 sandy oxidised ware (1x base)	AD200-410
9305	3	69	C10 shelly-fabric	AD43-410
9307	3	37	AG3 moderate sandy/grog-	BA/AD43-410



			tempered fabric or R90 storage jar fabric	
12803	3	50	R20 (1xjar)	AD43-410
15504	25	193	E80 grog-tempered ware	LIA-AD70
18002	2	56	A13 Gallic amphora	AD50-250
18004	73	1529	R20 sandy grey ware jar (vessel SF 18001), O20 oxidised sandy ware	AD43-410
18005	9	188	R20 sandy grey ware Mancetter-Hartshill? (1x base); W13 Mancetter-Hartshill white ware	AD50-410?
18005	9	21	R20 sandy grey ware	AD43-410
18104	1	5	R20 sandy grey ware	AD43-410
18206	1	1	S30 central Gaulish samian	AD120-200
18505	1	14	R20 sandy grey ware	AD43-410
20403	5	123	A2 fine/moderate sandy fabric (1x bucket-shaped jar/bowl)	Middle Iron Age
Total	139	2380		

Table 1 Prehistoric and Roman Pottery

B.2 Post-Roman Pottery

By John Cotter

Introduction and methodology

B.2.1 A total of 111 sherds of pottery weighing 386g were recovered from 21 contexts. Most of this is of relatively modern date. All the pottery was examined and spot-dated during the present evaluation stage. For each context the total pottery sherd count and weight were recorded on an Excel spreadsheet, followed by the context spot-date which is the date-bracket during which the latest pottery types in the context are estimated to have been produced or were in general circulation. Comments on the presence of datable types were also recorded, usually with mention of vessel form (jugs, bowls etc.) and any other attributes worthy of note (eg decoration etc).

Date and nature of the assemblage

- B.2.2 The assemblage is generally in a very fragmentary and slightly worn condition but a few sherds are fairly large and fresh. It comprises only common domestic pottery types typical for the region and has the appearance of common domestic rubbish. The earliest piece is a glazed and slash-decorated jug or pitcher strap-handle in a sandy oxidised fabric (context 4805) possibly Coventry ware. This is likely to be of 12th- to 14th-century date. One or two undiagnostic pieces might date from as early as the 17th century but are more likely to date as the bulk of the assemblage, ie from the late 18th and 19th centuries and in a few cases perhaps as late as c 1925.
- B.2.3 Local or regional coarsewares here are mainly represented by a few sherds of 'Midlands Blackware' (c 1675-1900?). These are generally quite robust vessels in a cream, buff or orange coal measures fabric with a shiny black glaze. A few dish sherds in Staffordshire white salt-glazed stoneware are present (c 1720-1780). The



assemblage is dominated however by a range of common Staffordshire-type cream or white earthenwares of the late 18th and 19th centuries including Creamware, Pearlware and transfer-printed whitewares mainly in the form of dishes and cups. There are also several bowls in Yellow ware (c 1780-1900) from potteries in Derbyshire and Leicestershire and a few sherds of brown teapot ware and English porcelain. One or two pieces of modern English stoneware preserve jars probably date from the late 19th or early 20th century. Fuller details are available in the spot-dates see catalogue. No further work is recommended.

			Weight	
Context	Spot-date	Sherds	_	Comments
	-			Slightly worn strap handle of crescent section, from jug or
				pitcher, central deep diagonal slashes. Orange sandy fabric,
4805	12-14C	1	59	greenish-brown glaze. Poss Coventry ware?
				Base of modern stoneware preserve jar with traces of
8600	c1850-1925	1	27	stamped inscrip under. White Bristol glaze
				1x teacup handle black transfer-printed whiteware (TPW). 1x
	c1825-1900	2	7	body sherd (bs) 19C brown salt-glazed stoneware bottle
	18-19C?	1	26	Bs Midlands blackware large ?jar
	c1780-1925	1	9	Bs Yellow ware
	c1850-1925	2	9	Bs mod stoneware preserve jar. Bs TPW
10901	c1780-1875?	1	10	Bs Yellow ware with blue slip-inlaid grooves
11301	c1780-1830	1	4	Pearlware blue feather-edge dec dish rim
				5x sherds from a single Creamware footring base. 1x
11401	c1770-1830	6	22	Midlands brown-streaked glazed ware
				TPW bs black transfer cosmetics 'pot lid' or preserve jar with
11501	c1840-1900	1	4	partial inscription
		_		Rim from blue transfer-printed Pearlware dish. 1x bs 18C
11801	c1780-1830	2	11	Staffs white salt-glazed stoneware (SWSG)
				Bs from base mod stoneware ?preserve jar with white Bristol
40404	4040 4000		40	glaze. 1x late Midlands blackware chamberpot rim. 1x bs
	c1840-1900	3	40	Midlands buff ware w light brown glaze
12301	c1720-1780	1	12	Base frag Staffs white salt-glz stoneware dish
10001	-1700 10750		60	1 vess. Rim Yellow ware bowl with brown & cream slip
	c1780-1875?	2	60	banding
15400	c1820-1925	1	6	Bs brown-glazed teapot ware
15500	c1780-1830	2	17	Bs Pearlware with hand-painted blue dec. 1x SWSG. 1x Staffs 18C slipware press-moulded dish bs
	17-19C	3 1	10	·
	18-19C	1 1	8	Bs coarse post-med red earthenware with int glaze
			8 6	Bs Midlands blackware small thin-walled ?jar
17801	c1820-1925	1	ь	Bs brown-glazed teapot ware, worn
17001	c1720-1780	2	32	Footring base SWSG dish. Pad base brown mottled- glazed ?jar
	c1760-1830?	1	32 7	Rim English porcelain sugarbowl with blue hand-painted dec
Total	01700-1030 !	35	386	INTERPOLECIAL SUGADOW WITH DIVE HARD-PAINTED DEC
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Table 2 Post-Roman pottery



B.3 Ceramic Building Material

by Cynthia Poole

Introduction and methodology

B.3.1 Ceramic building material (CBM) and fired clay amounting to 40 fragments weighing 2372g was recovered from 30 trenches. The assemblage is summarised in table 3. A large proportion (60% by weight) of this was recovered from topsoil and subsoil layers including all 19th and 20th century material.

B.3.2 Date and nature of the assemblage

- B.3.3 The tile found in features was of medieval or post-medieval date. Most of the tile found in features was thick flat roof tile, made in a sandy fabric typical of Staffordshire production centred on Stoke-on-Trent. Two tiles had pinched nibs, and the general character of the tile was the same as that found at Tipping Street, Stafford, in medieval and post-medieval deposits. Although the tile has quite a rough crude finish, which could be interpreted as medieval, there is little change in tile characteristics in this area till the later post-medieval period and thick nib tiles remain the norm. The quantity of tile is not such to suggest the presence of buildings in the vicinity and has most probably entered the soil as a result of post-medieval early modern agricultural activity.
- B.3.4 A small flake of tile found in a Roman cremation pit was too small to be characterised or dated. Four small fragments of fired clay were recovered from a pit and two ditches, and a layer. Only one piece has a shaped surface and all are undiagnostic, though likely to derive from oven or hearth structure. Fired clay is not intrinsically datable in general, but it use decreases throughout the medieval period and has been replaced by brick or tile. These could date from any period between the prehistoric and medieval periods.

Context	Number of Fragments	Weight (g)	Fabric	Form	Object date
5301	1	11	Quartz	Tile	Med/Pmed
6701	1	61	Mod1	Tile: ?floor	C19
9000	1	24	Quartz fine	Roof: flat	C20
9100	1	130	Quartz	Brick: heavily waterworn	U
9100	1	41	Quartz fine	Roof: interlocking double Roman type	LC19-C20
9100	1	13	Quartz fine	Roof: flat	LC19-C20
9201	1	13	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
10104	1	32	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
10201	1	48	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
10401	1	34	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
10801	2	140	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
10901	1	73	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
11501	1	111	Pellets	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
12601	1	3	Whiteware	Wall tile: white glazed	C20
12601	1	18	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
			Blue	Roof: flat - Stafford blue	
12601	1	39	engineering	engineering tile	C19-C20
15400	2	193	Quartz	Roof: nib	Med/Pmed
15506	3	128	Quartz silty	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
16405	1	38	Quartz	Roof: nib	Med?
16405	1	24	Quarts/clay pellets	Tile: ?roof furniture	Med?



Context	Number of Fragments	Weight (g)	Fabric	Form	Object date
16506	1	208	Quartz	Roof: nib	Med?
17101	1	14	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med?
17404	1	50	Gritty	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
17410	1	13	Silty	Fired clay	~
17500	1	126	Quartz silty	Roof: flat	Pmed
17801	1	2	Quartz silty	Tile	~
18004	1	8	Quartz	Tile	Med/Pmed
18206	1	3	Silty	Fired clay	~
18504	1	6	Silty	Fired clay	~
18601	1	21	Gritty	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
20403	1	5	Silty	Fired clay	~
20908	1	223	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
21006	2	172	Quartz	Roof: nib	Med/Pmed
23301	1	148	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed
24205	1	34	Quartz	Roof: flat	Med/Pmed

Table 3 Summary of CBM and Fired Clay

B.4 Clay Pipe

by John Cotter

Introduction, Date and nature of the assemblage

- B.4.1 Three small pieces of worn/slightly worn clay pipe stem weighing 6g were recovered from three contexts, all were topsoil deposits. These have not been separately catalogued but are listed below. No further work is recommended.
 - Context 5301 1 piece (1g) Stem bore c 1.5mm. Date: 19th century.
 - Context 15400 1 piece (2g) Stem bore c 1.5mm. Date: 19th century.
 - Context 17101 1 piece (3g) Stem bore c 2mm. Narrow stem. Date: probable Late 18th/early 19th century

B.5 Metal Finds

by Ian Scott

B.5.1 Date and nature of the assemblage

The metal finds comprise for the most part hobnails, nails and small undiagnostic fragments of iron recovered from sieving. Context 18004 produced some 69 hobnails or hobnail heads and some 48 stem fragments from hobnails, in addition there were four small tacks with hollow domed heads (L: 20mm - 21mm) and 13 nails and 12 nail stem fragments. There were numerous small and tiny undiagnostic fragments of iron (n = 147) from context 18004. Contexts 18005 and 18101 produced similar finds of nails and hobnails but in much smaller numbers.

B.5.2 The only other find was a piece of iron binding or angle iron, probably of recent date (context 10104).

Context		hobnails	tacks	nails			undiagnostic fragments	Total
10104	Count				1			1
	Fragt Count				1			1
18004	Count	69	4	13		1	0	87
	Fragt Count	117	4	25		1	147	294



18005	Count	8		3			0	11
	Fragt Count	13		4			9	26
18104	Count	9		1			0	10
	Fragt Count	12		3			7	22
Total	Count	86	4	17	1	1	0	109
Total	Fragt Count	142	4	32	1	1	113	343

Table 4: BACG 12: Summary quantification of iron by Context and Object (object and fragment counts)

B.6 Human Remains

By Louise Loe

- B.6.1 Three deposits of cremated human bone, probably all Roman, were recovered during the excavation of Trenches 180 and 181. In trench 180, one deposit (18005) was recovered from a grey fabric wheel thrown urn (18001) that had been placed upright within the centre of a 0.62m long by 0.45m wide by 0.40m deep pit. Another deposit (18004) was recovered from the fill of the pit (18006) around the urn. The urn had been broken, probably by medieval ploughing because it lay just below the probable medieval plough/subsoil. The cremated bone from both contexts was accompanied by fuel ash/fuel ash slag, identified as a dark black-grey deposit.
- B.6.2 In Trench 181, a single deposit (18104) was recovered from a shallow earth cut pit that was 0.45 m in diameter and a maximum of 0.08 m deep. Cremated bone was accompanied by dark grey sooty material. The pit had probably been truncated by medieval ploughing.
- B.6.3 All deposits were subjected to whole earth recovery. The samples were processed using hand flotation and sieved to sort them into >10mm, 10-4mm and 4-2mm fractions. Remains were examined in accordance with the recommendations set out by McKinley (2004, 9-13).

Trench 180

- B.6.4 Deposit 18005 comprised fragments from all parts of the skeleton. This is with the exception of hand and foot bones, which were not among the fragments that could be identified. The deposit weighed a total of 299.4 g. In addition, a small amount of cremated non-human animal bone was found and weighed a total of 6.2 g. Most of the fragments were brown in colour, some were black and very few were white. Fragments greater than 10 mm were frequent and accounted for 78% of the total deposit. The largest fragment, from the upper limb, measured 74 mm by 20 mm. A tooth root indicated that the individual was an adult, but no sexually dimorphic bones had survived and therefore it is not known whether they were male or female. No pathology was observed on the remains.
- B.6.5 Deposit 18004 weighed a total of 703 g. A further 21.2 g of cremated bone was identified as non-human animal. Fragments over 10mm accounted for 41% (299.9 g) of the total deposit (excluding non-human animal bone), and the largest fragment, a femur shaft, measured 58 mm by 23 mm. Roughly the same proportion of the deposit was represented by fragments that were between 10 and 4 mm in size, and a small proportion was between 2 and 4 mm in size. Bones were predominantly black in colour, although very occasional white fragments were seen.



B.6.6 Among the identified human remains from 18004 were fragments of longbones, a hand phalanx, lower long limb bones and unidentified joint surfaces. Skull fragments were noticeably absent. These suggest that the deposit represents one individual. Based on the overall morphology of the bone, it was concluded that the remains were that of an adult. No evidence was found that suggested a more precise age or a sex. No pathology was observed.

Deposit	Skeletal region	>10mm fragments	10-4mm fragments	4-2mm fragments	Colour, MNI, Age, Sex, Pathology
	Skull	3.8 g	0.6 g, includes one tooth root and piece of maxilla		T T
	Axial	32.4 g, includes vertebrae and pelvis fragments			Predominantly brown with some black and very
18005	Upper limb	20.9 g, includes largest fragment, 74 mm x 20 mm			occasional white. One unsexed adult. No pathology observed
	Lower limb	93.2 g			
	Unidentified long bone	13.9 g	1.7		
	Animal bone	5.4 g	0.8		
	Unidentified	68.3	47.8 g	16.8	
	TOTAL	237.9 g	50.9 g	16.8 g	305.6 g

Table 5 Summary of deposit 18005

Deposit	Skeletal region	>10mm fragments	10-4mm fragments	4-2mm fragments	Colour MNI, Age, Sex, Pathology
	Skull	7.9 g			Predominantly black with
19004	Axial	16.5 g			very occasional white. One
18004	Upper limb	21.1 g , includes x1 proximal hand phalanx.			unsexed adult. No pathology observed
	Lower limb	32.3 g, includes			



	largest fragment : femur shaft (58x23 mm)		
Unidentified long bone	76.9		
Animal bone	20.8	0.4	
Unidentified	145.2	301.6	101.5
TOTAL	320.7	302	101.5

Table 6 Summary of deposit 18004

Trench 181

B.6.7 Deposit 18104 weighed a total of 585 g, but 30.3 g was attributed to non-human animal. Given that there is a sufficient amount of animal bone, it is possible that more is present with the remains that could not be identified (c. 90% of the deposit). Most fragments of bone were between 10 mm and 4 mm in size. Despite only being able to identify a small proportion of the deposit to human elements, it would seem that most parts of the skeleton were present. Bones were predominantly brown and occasionally black in colour. The remains represent at least one adult of unknown sex. There was no evidence for pathology.

Deposit	Skeletal region	>10mm fragments	10-4mm fragments	4-2mm fragments	Colour, MNI, Age, Sex, Pathology
	Skull	4.8			
40404	Axial	2.8 g, inludes largest fragment – vertebral body, 37 mm x 20 mm			Predominantly brown with occasional black. One
18104	Upper limb				unsexed adult. No
	Lower limb		0.5 g, 1 x proximal foot phalanx		pathology observed
	Unidentified long bone	23.3 g			
	Animal bone	30.3 g			
	Unidentified (human or animal)	110 g	315.6 g	97.7 g	
	TOTAL	171.2	316.1 g	97.7 g	
					585 g

Table 7 Summary of deposit 18104

Discussion



- B.6.8 Deposits 18004 and 18005 probably relate to a single cremation of an adult, because nothing was seen in either, that would suggest that more than one individual is present. Clear differences were observed between them, with 18005 having proportionally larger human bone fragments that were predominantly brown in colour. By contrast, 18004 was larger, had a greater representation of small fragments of bone, bone was predominantly black and no skull fragments were seen. These findings suggest two different treatments/actions, the first being the burial of an urn containing cremated human remains (18005) that had been deliberately collected from the pyre. Second is the deposition of 18004, collected pyre debris (fuel waste, remaining fragments of human bone and remnants of the offering, or offerings made at the time of cremation), around the burial. Pyre debris in the backfills of Roman graves has frequently been encountered in the archaeological record (McKinley 2000a), suggesting that this was a common practice.
- B.6.9 The fact that skull fragments were present in 18005 only could suggest that the collection of this body part for the urn was of the utmost importance. Skull fragments are the most easily identified bones in cremation deposits, so it is unlikely that fragments were overlooked during the analysis of 18004. There was no apparent distinction between the types of post-cranial bones seen in both deposits. Both had large and small fragments from the extremities and axial bones, suggesting that a 'token' deposit from the post-cranial skeleton was considered sufficient for the urned burial.
- B.6.10 Deposit 18101 was found with no associated urn, but probably also represents a formal burial, rather than some other type of cremation deposit (for example, a pyre debris dump). The absence of fuel waste lends support to this interpretation. The remains could have been buried inside an organic container, such as a box or a cloth bag, which has since decomposed. At least one adult was present, in addition to a quantity of cremated animal, but much has probably been lost as a result of truncation by later activity on the site.
- B.6.11 The combined weight of 18004 and 18005 1023 g is within the expected range for a cremated adult, which is between 1000 g and 2400 g, with an average of c.1650 g (McKinley 2000a, 269). The weight of human bone from 18104 554.7 g falls below this. While this low weight may be a sole reflection of the truncation that has occurred, it is worth noting that similar weights have been recorded for other Roman burials, including those that are lower than this and where truncation has not occurred (McKinley 2000b). 'Token' amounts of bone were clearly acceptable for burial, the variation in quantity perhaps being related to the status of the deceased (McKinley 2000b). Some bone may even have been kept as a token of remembrance (Wells 1981).
- B.6.12 All of the deposits lacked bone that was white in colour, indicative of complete combustion. Rather, the predominance of brown /black bones suggests that their exposure to heat had been limited. This may have been due to insufficient time/temperature afforded to the cremations, or it may reflect a deliberate choice, more specifically, perhaps limited exposure was considered to be sufficient (Barber 1990, 381; McKinley 1994, 79-80). This has been seen in other Roman contexts (McKinley 1994).
- B.6.13 Sufficient data has been obtained from all deposits, allowing observations to be made regarding pyre technology, funerary rite and demography.



APPENDIX C. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

C.1 Environmental samples

By Julia Meen and Kath Hunter Introduction

- C.1.1 Eight environmental samples were taken from Roman cremations encountered during the evaluation at Coventry Gateway. Samples <18001> to <18004> were all taken from context (18004), samples <18005> to <18007> were taken from context (18005) and sample <18101> was taken from context (18104). Context (18004) is a yellowish red (5YR 5/6) sand with dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) silt. Context (18005) is a dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) and brown (7.5Y 4/3) silty sand and context (18104) is a yellowish red (5YR 5/6) sand and dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) silt.
- C.1.2 Samples <18001> to <18003>, <18005> to <18007> and <18101> were processed for the recovery of cremated bone and charred plant remains using hand flotation. Sample <18004> was processed by water flotation using a modified Siraf style flotation machine. The flots were collected on a 250µm mesh and the heavy residues sieved to 500µm and dried in a heated room, after which the residues were sorted by eye for artefacts and ecofactual remains. The charred plant remain flots were scanned for plant remains using a binocular microscope at approximately x15 magnification and identifications made with reference to the seed collection held at OAS. Nomenclature for non-cereal plants follows Stace (2010).

Results

- C.1.3 Finds
- C.1.4 Cremated human bone was recovered from each of the samples. In addition, iron nails or fragments of indeterminate iron objects were recovered from all samples except <18007>. Pottery was found in samples <18001>, <18004>, <18005> <18006> and <18101>.
- C.1.5 Charred Plant Remains
- C.1.6 Sample <18001> produced a flot of 110ml, of which approximately 15% was scanned for the presence of charred plant remains. The flot contained abundant charcoal, much of which was powdery and fragmented, but many pieces were greater than 4mm in size. Contains celtic/broad bean (*Vicia faba*),and another type of legume of a pea/vetch type (*Lathyrus/Vicia* sp.).Occasional nutlets from the sedge family (Cyperaceae) possibly Wood club-rush (*Scirpus sylvaticus*).
- C.1.7 Sample <18002> produced a flot of 80ml, of which approximately 25% was scanned. Abundant modern roots were present, and charcoal occurred frequently. Fragments of celtic/broad bean (*Vicia faba*),and another type of legume of a pea/vetch type (*Lathyrus/Vicia* sp.).Occasional nutlets from the sedge family (Cyperaceae) possibly Wood club-rush (*Scirpus sylvaticus*).
- C.1.8 Sample <18003> produced a flot of 25ml, and approximately 50% was scanned. The flot contained abundant modern root, and charcoal was limited to small fragments. Large Legume fragments with a pea/vetch type (*Lathyrus/Vicia* sp.).Occasional nutlets from the sedge family (Cyperaceae) possibly Wood club-rush (*Scirpus sylvaticus*).



- C.1.9 Sample <18004> produced a flot of 300ml, of which approximately 10% was scanned. Abundant modern root was present. Charcoal was abundant in this sample, with many pieces greater than 4mm in size and hence potentially identifiable. Large Legume fragments with a pea/vetch type (*Lathyrus/Vicia* sp.).Occasional nutlets from the sedge family (Cyperaceae) possibly wood club-rush (*Scirpus sylvaticus*).
- C.1.10 Sample <18005> produced a flot of 45ml, of which approximately 50% was scanned. The flot contained abundant modern root. Charcoal was common, although mostly fragmented. Cyperaceae type seeds with a pea/vetch type (*Lathyrus/Vicia* sp.)seed.
- C.1.11 Sample <18006> produced a flot of 45ml, of which approximately 50% was scanned. Much of the charcoal in the flot was powdery, although rare pieces were greater than 4mm in size. Large legume seed fragments with Cyperaceae and possibly Polygonaceae nutlets/seeds.
- C.1.12 Sample <18007> produced a flot of 15ml, 100% of which was scanned. The flot was sandy and contained abundant modern root. One goose foot type seed (*Chenopodium* sp.) was noted, although this may be a modern intrusion. Little charcoal was observed, and all was of small size. Three small weed seeds were present.
- C.1.13 Sample <18101> produced a flot of 50ml, of which 50% was scanned. This flot was mostly composed of modern roots. Rare charcoal flecks were present. Two fragments of charred organic material were also present, further identification was not possible.

Discussion and Recommendations

- C.1.14 As would be anticipated from the fact that these eight environmental samples were taken from three closely related contexts, all containing material from cremation burials, the charred assemblages show similarities. The assemblages were very limited in the range of species present. All four samples taken from context (18004) contained Celtic/broad bean and also contained a number of Cyperaceae seeds Sample <18006>, from context (18005), also contained similar remains though the preservation was noticeably poorer.
- C.1.15 To find legumes in cremations is unusual and noteworthy; these items are unlikely to have become accidentally charred with the corpse and so may represent deliberate offerings. Broad bean (*Vicia faba*) was identified from deposits associated with Roman cremations at Prescott Street , Aldgate near the City of London, where the cremation urns also produced possible hemp (cf. *Cannabis sativa*) and opium poppy (*Papaver somniferum*) (Clapham 2011). The presence of Cyperaceae nutlets may also represent a deliberate deposit but could equally have been accidentally been gathered and incorporated with the fuel.
- C.1.16 If further excavation occurs at the site, these samples would certainly warrant further reporting.
- C.1.17 Since all the sampled features were cremations the potential for plant macrofossils and other organic material from other kinds of features and deposits at the site is unknown, Therefore any planning for future excavation should consider soil sampling as part of the excavation strategy following the most recent English Heritage guidelines (2011).



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APPENDIX E. SUMMARY OF SITE DETAILS

Site name: Coventry Gateway: Zones A and B

Site code: BACG 12

Grid reference: NGR SP 35552, 73411 for Zone A and NGR SP 34932, 75417 for Zone B

Type: Trench evaluation

Date and duration: 2nd July - 10th August 2012

Area of site: C 69ha

Summary of results: Oxford Archaeology South (OAS) was commissioned by CgMS Consulting, on behalf of the Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership to undertake an archaeological evaluation of land in two Zones, located north and south of Coventry Airport (centred on NGR SP 35552, 73411 for Zone A and NGR SP 34932, 75417 for Zone B). The site is being considered for commercial use.

The work was undertaken between 2nd July - 10th August 2012, across 20 fields, in an areas of c.69 hectares. A total of 242 trenches were excavated, nearly all were 50m in length, only 43 contained potentially significant archaeological remains.

Evidence was found for activity from three main periods; the earliest confirmed remains were of Middle Iron Age date. Remains were also found for the Roman period; subsequent medieval agricultural use; and post-medieval activity.

A single ditch, aligned NE-SW, seen in Trench 204, at the western side of Zone B, contained five sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery. A small amount of Iron age activity is known within the vicinity of Baginton village and this ditch, on a significantly different alignment to the Medieval furrows and existing field boundaries suggests that the landscape may have been organised in a different manner. It was unclear whether the ditch was a small boundary ditch but it seems more likely than a ditch associated with a dense settlement or occupation site.

Evidence of dated Roman activity was seen in Trenches 93, 128, 155, 180, 181, 182 and 185. All but trench 93 are within Zone B.

There is a definite cluster of activity in Field 16 and extending north into Field 14. This distribution is unsurprising since it the area in closest proximity to Lunt Roman fort. There was evidence of truncation, almost certainly the result of Medieval ploughing, seen as the relative shallow depths of Roman features and in the disturbance of one cremation. The Roman remains include two cremations, a small pit and three possible ditches. The ditches may form enclosures and boundaries of a landscape in a completely form to the later Medieval layout.

Two adult cremations were found 40m apart, in Trenches 180 and 181. The cremation in Trench 180 was was buried in an urn that had been placed into a pit and then subsequently backfilled. The burial had evidence of both the human remains and in addition collected pyre debris; fuel waste, remaining fragments of human bone, hobnails, and remnants of the offering, or offerings made at the time of cremation. This also included fragments of several other ceramic vessels that must have been placed on the pyre as well. The cremation in Trench 181 had suffered greater truncation and was un-urned but showed a similar manner of burial.

To the south of Rowley Road a single Roman ditch was seen in Trench 128 which again may be part of the wider landscape divisions established in the Roman period and not fossilied and retained in the later landscapes.

There was a reasonable amount of presumed medieval activity in the form of furrows visible within trenches across Field 3 in Zone A and the southern part of Zone B, Fields 16, 17 and 19. The furrows are all that remain of what would have been earthwork features of ridges and furrow, now denuded and ploughed flat, leaving only the lowest parts of the furrows, Directional changes in the furrows potentially



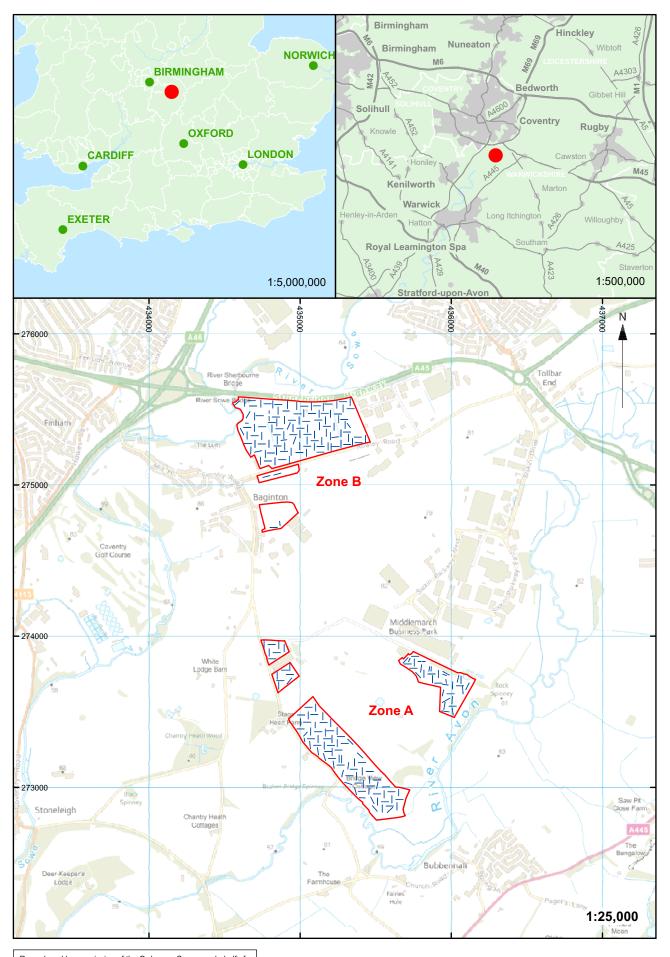




indicate earlier smaller field systems. The furrows demonstrate the organisation and farming practices of the adjacent Medieval village of Baginton.

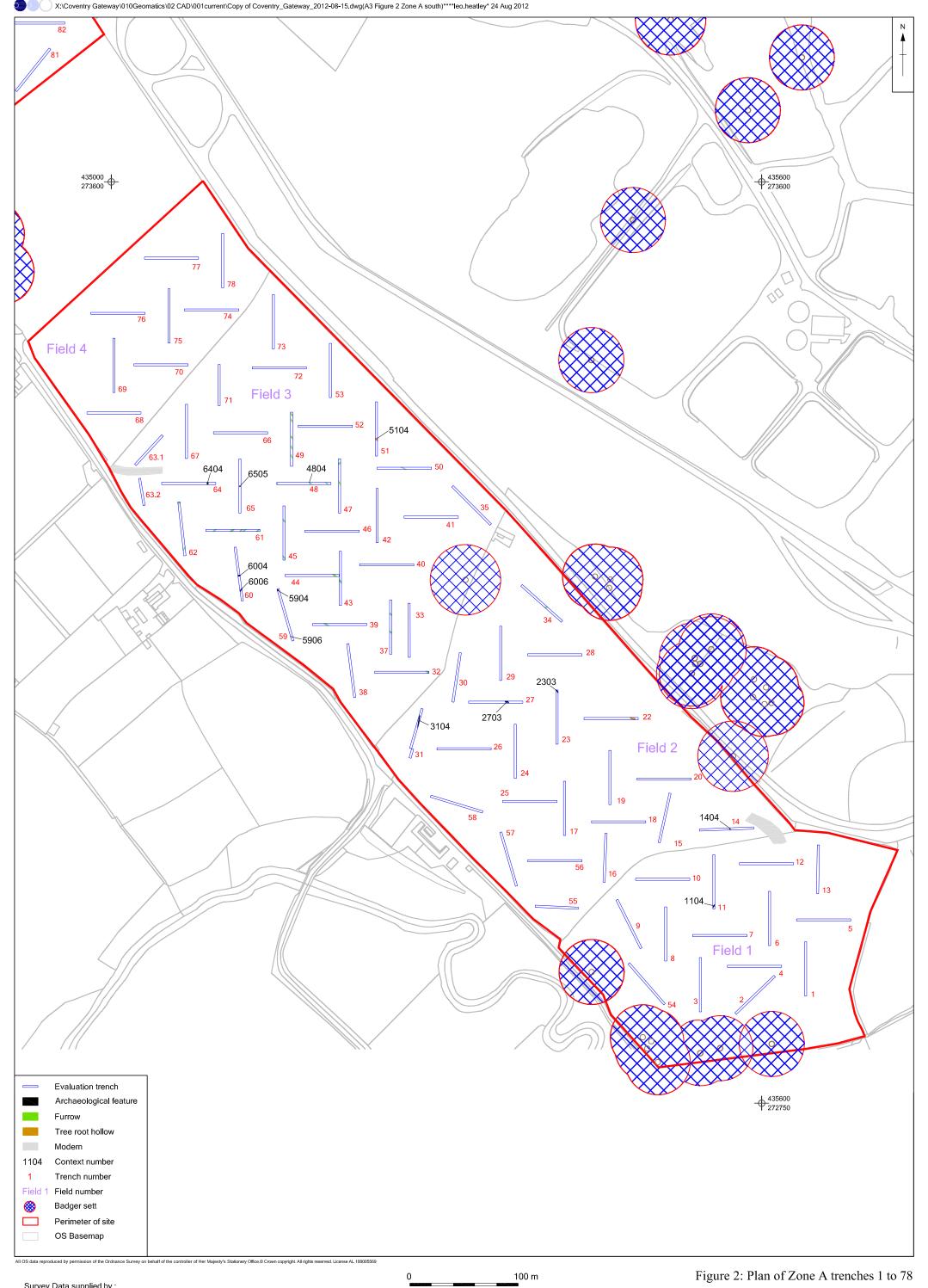
The evidence of the activity recorded and showed that the fields have been used for agricultural production throughout the medieval and post-medieval periods with some evidence of 18th - 19th century parkland. No evidence of medieval or later settlement or other activities was recorded.

Location of archive: The archive is currently held at OA, Janus House, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES, and will be deposited with the Warwickshire County Museum in due course.



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Figure 1: Site location



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Plate 1: Trench 27, Ditch 2703



Plate 2: Trench 59, Pit 5904



Plate 3: Trench 59, Pit 5906



Plate 4: Trench 60, Ditch 6006



Plate 5:Trench 64, Ditch 6404



Plate 7: Trench 93, Postholes 9304, 9306, 9308



Plate 6: Trench 86, Ditch 8604



Plate 8: Trench 109, Ditch 10904



Plate 9: Trench 111, concrete barrage balloon tether



Plate 11: Trench 128, Ditch 12804



Plate 10: Trench 116, concrete barrage balloon tether



Plate 12: Trench 180, Cremation 18004 partially excavated



Plate 13: Trench 181, Cremation 18104 pre-excavation



Plate 14: Trench 204, Ditch 20404



Plate 16: Trench 210, Ditch 21004



Plate 15: Trench 205, Ditch 20505



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