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## Summary

Between the 18th of June and the 5th of July 2019, Oxford Archaeology East carried out an excavation on a small parcel of land on the northern edge of the village of Mepal, Cambridgeshire (TL 4414 81358). The excavation exposed a series of enclosure ditches and a relatively large number of small pits associated with Late Iron Age/Early Roman pottery and representing activity dating almost exclusively to the mid-1st century AD.

These features produced relatively modest finds assemblages, dominated by pottery, with small quantities of animal bone and fired clay. Although most of the pottery was highly fragmented and abraded, a few features produced relatively coherent and substantial assemblages which appear to reflect the deliberate deposition of material associated with domestic activity. Although the small scale of the excavation has rendered interpretation of the site difficult, it seems likely that it lay within or adjacent to an area of settlement, which, based on the character of the finds, seems likely to have been a relatively low status rural farmstead. Settlement of this date – in the decades either side of the Roman conquest – is well-attested elsewhere on the Isle of Ely, although in this local context the Bridge Road excavations are somewhat unusual for not producing evidence of earlier, Middle/Late Iron Age, activity, or for continued occupation into the 2nd century AD.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Scope of work

- 1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology (OA) was commissioned by Mr Mark Littlefield to undertake an excavation on land proposed for the erection of residential dwellings, access and landscaping on land east of the New Bedford River, Bridge Road, Mepal, Cambridgeshire (Fig. 1; TL 4414 8135).
- 1.1.2 The work was undertaken as a condition of Planning Permission (planning ref. 18/00909/OUT). A brief was set by Gemma Stewart of the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Team (CHET) outlining the Local Authority's requirements for work necessary to inform the planning process (Stewart 2019). A written scheme of investigation was then produced by OA detailing the methods by which OA proposed to meet the requirements of the brief (Moan 2019).
- 1.1.3 The site archive is currently held by OA and will be deposited with the appropriate county stores under the Site Code ECB5916 in due course.

### 1.2 Location, topography and geology

- 1.2.1 Mepal is located on the edge of the Isle of Ely, around 9km west of Ely and 6.5km south-east of Chatteris. The site itself is situated on the northern limits of the modern village, adjacent to the New Bedford River, on land previously used as pasture.
- 1.2.2 The geology of the area is mapped as a bedrock geology of Ampthill formation mudstone (British Geological Survey online mapping: <http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html>). The site lies at around 4m OD and is located approximately 500m from the estimated historic (medieval) fen edge, to the north east (Hall 1996, fig. 26).

### 1.3 Archaeological and historical background

- 1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background of the site is based on a 1km search of the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record (CHER) supplemented by information from available historic maps and other documentary evidence as outlined in the WSI (Moan 2019). The locations of selected historic environment records are plotted on Fig. 2.

#### *Prehistoric to Anglo-Saxon*

- 1.3.2 There is little evidence for prehistoric activity in the area, with the findspots of a Neolithic polished stone axe (CHER 08042) and a Bronze Age palstave (CHER 05806) being the only findspots in the search area, located c.0.6km to the north-west and c.0.7km to the south of site respectively.
- 1.3.3 Roman and Anglo-Saxon remains are equally limited and are evidenced by pottery and metal detecting finds (MCB16264) on land around 0.7km northeast of the current site.

### *Medieval*

- 1.3.4 St Mary's Church (CB14893) dates from the 13th century and is situated around 200m to the south of the site. The historic shrunken core of Mepal is located around the church, extending to within 100m to the south of the current site (CHER 05831). This c.4ha area of land contains upstanding earthworks of housing platforms, a hollow way, a pond and ridge and furrow. Further contemporary earthworks and features have been recorded on the southern edge of this area, around 0.3km to the south of the current site, with a series of ditches, a hollow way and possible house platform. Trial trenching (ECB4767) at this location uncovered ditches and pits containing 11th to 14th century pottery (MCB20932).
- 1.3.5 Medieval ridge and furrow has also been recorded as earthworks around 4km south-west (CHER 09270), as cropmark evidence c.0.7km south-east (CHER 11464) and as earthworks (CHER 11923 & ECB1371) c.0.7m south of the site.

### *Post-medieval and modern*

- 1.3.6 Post-medieval and modern remains across the village include a small number of listed buildings, the closest of which, Grove House (DCB767), is located just 70m to the south-west of the site (not plotted on Fig. 2). There are also a series of pumps (MCB20283-20286) illustrated on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map (1885).
- 1.3.7 The site is located just 50m south-east of the New Bedford River (MCB23934), a major 17th century dyke, constructed to help drain the fens after the construction of the Old Bedford River (MCB23933) earlier in the 17th century, which is situated around 0.3km to the north-west of the site.

### *Previous work*

- 1.3.8 A small parcel of land (0.34ha) immediately to the south of the current development area was subject to trial trenching in 2018 (ECB5280; McDonald and Summers 2018). This revealed no archaeological remains but identified a probable palaeochannel running north to south across the western part of the site – presumably representing a minor, pre-drainage, watercourse running down to the fen edge.
- 1.3.9 Evaluation of the current site was carried out in March 2019, with four 40m trenches excavated across an area of c.0.6ha (ECB5816; Locke 2019). Despite the western part of the site having suffered some modern disturbance (with an extensive shallow cut, backfilled with natural clay, cutting through the subsoil) a series of pits and ditches were recorded, mostly in the north-western part of the area. These features were associated with a small assemblage of Late Iron Age/Early Roman 'Belgic' type pottery and animal bone, whilst environmental sampling produced small quantities of charred grain and grain processing residues.

## 2 EXCAVATION AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Aims

- 2.1.1 The overall aim of the investigation was to preserve by record the archaeological evidence contained within the footprint of the development area, prior to damage by development, and investigate the origins, date, development, phasing, spatial organisation, character, function, status and significance of the remains revealed, and place these in their local, regional and national archaeological context.

### 2.2 Regional Research Aims

- 2.2.1 This excavation took place within the context of the Regional Research Frameworks relevant to this area:

- Glazebrook J. (1997). *Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern counties: 1. Resource Assessment*. East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 3.
- Brown, N. & Glazebrook, J. (2000). *Research and Archaeology: A Framework for the Eastern counties: 2. Research Agenda and Strategy*. East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 8.
- Medlycott, M. (2011). *Research and Archaeology Revisited: A Revised Framework for the East of England*. East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 24.

### 2.3 Site Specific Research Objectives

- 2.3.1 The CHET Brief for Archaeological Investigation (Stewart 2019) also set out a number of specific research aims for the site. These are listed below, along with additional research questions (in italics).
- To investigate the character and morphology of the Late Iron Age-Early Roman fen margin occupation on the site.
    - *When exactly did activity begin at the site and what was the duration of occupation?*
    - *Is there any evidence to explain why the site was abandoned?*
    - *What is the exact nature of the activity on the site and how close is it to the settlement?*
    - *Do the changes in ditch orientation signify a change in land-use and can the date of these different ditch orientations be elucidated?*
  - Using the fen landscape to assess evidence for the exploitation of fen resources and examine if this site forms part of a settlement pattern and population that was centred on focal points such as the contemporary hill fort at Wardy Hill to the east.
    - *Is there evidence to suggest that the site has any ties to the Wardy Hill site?*

- To examine the available evidence to reconstruct the diet and economy of the site, with reference to the recovered floral and faunal remains and contribute to an understanding of the pattern of land-use and agricultural practices.
  - *The limited faunal remains from the evaluation showed clear evidence for butchery. Furthermore, environmental bulk soil remains produced substantial assemblages of carbonised grain. How do these relate to the activities of the site? Are they merely food debris or is a more specialised activity being undertaken in the vicinity?*
- To examine the ceramic traditions and contribute to an understanding of local and regional ceramic developments.
  - *How does the pottery assemblage compare to other contemporary assemblages in the area? Can the date range of the 'Belgic' wares be honed? Are there any imported/non-local wares to indicate the size/prosperity of the associated settlement?*
- To examine the faunal remains and the contribution the assemblage can make to our understanding of animal husbandry practices for this area.
  - *The cut marks on the animal bone assemblage provide clear evidence for butchery. Is this just happening on a local scale for food consumption? And is it a restricted range of animals being used for food?*
- Through a programme of environmental sampling to reconstruct the environmental conditions of the site and the impact of the settlement on the local environment.
  - *Can agricultural land-use be modelled from the faunal and environmental record and other strands of evidence?*

## 2.1 Fieldwork Methodology

- 2.1.1 The methodology used followed that outlined in the brief (Stewart 2019) and detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (Moan 2019).
- 2.1.2 Machine excavation was carried out by a 360° mechanical excavator using a 1.8m wide flat-bladed ditching bucket under constant supervision of a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist.
- 2.1.3 Spoil, exposed surfaces and features were scanned with a metal detector. All metal-detected and hand-collected finds were retained for inspection, other than those which were obviously modern.
- 2.1.4 All archaeological features and deposits were recorded using OA's pro-forma sheets. Trench locations, plans and sections were recorded at appropriate scales and high resolution digital photos were taken of all relevant features and deposits.
- 2.1.5 Bulk environmental samples were taken from contexts deemed likely to preserve ecofactual remains in order to gain data that could aid with the interpretation of past land use.
- 2.1.6 All archaeological features were planned (pre-excavation) using a Leica GS08 GPS.

- 2.1.7 Plans of selected archaeological features were supplemented with photogrammetric recording. Photogrammetric models were based on high resolution digital photographs with a minimum file size of 5MB. Photogrammetric processing was conducted using Agisoft Photosoft (Professional Edition) software, and incorporated reference points taken by GPS based survey equipment.

## 3 RESULTS

### 3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

- 3.1.1 The excavations involved the investigation of a single, rectangular shaped area covering some 900m<sup>2</sup>. The results presented here provide a description of the archaeological remains, with a full context inventory included as Appendix A and specialist reports on the finds and environmental evidence presented in Appendices B and C respectively. A phased site plan is provided by Fig. 3, with selected section drawings on Fig. 4. Selected photographs are included as Plates 1-4.
- 3.1.2 Throughout the text cut/intervention numbers appear in **bold type**. Where features were investigated by more than one intervention they are referred to by the lowest cut number allocated to that feature, which is also highlighted on the relevant figures.
- 3.1.3 Aside from a small number of natural features and three modern pits, the features encountered during the excavation have been attributed to a single period/phase:
- Period 1: Late Pre-Roman Iron Age/Early Roman Transition c. 50 BC – AD 100.

### 3.2 General soils and ground conditions

- 3.2.1 Over most of the site the natural geology, a pale yellowish grey silty clay, was overlain by a 0.2-0.3m thick layer of redeposited natural clay which filled a shallow, extensive area of modern disturbance/truncation which had first been identified during the evaluation (Locke 2019). Some areas along the north eastern edge of the excavation had escaped this disturbance, and here a thin (0.15m thick) deposit of mid yellow grey clayey silt subsoil overlay the natural geology. Sealing both this subsoil and the redeposited natural clay was a dark brown clay silt topsoil, generally 0.35m deep.
- 3.2.2 The exposed surface of the natural geology was marked by several irregular and poorly defined patches of siltier material (2153 and 2155), which were test excavated by two 1x1m test pits (test pits 2152 and 2153, see Fig. 3) - which showed them to be thin (<0.25m thick), sterile deposits of natural origin, although a single, fragment of clay tobacco pipe was found in the top of one of these deposits (2155).
- 3.2.3 Site conditions throughout the excavation were generally dry, with either clear sunny days or light cloud cover.

### 3.3 Period 1: Late Pre-Roman Iron Age/Early Roman Transition

- 3.3.1 The excavation revealed a fairly dense spread of features, with a series of enclosure/boundary ditches associated with a relatively large number of pits (Fig. 3). All of the ditches and many of the pits can be firmly attributed to the Late Iron Age/Early Roman period on the basis of their associated pottery). Although clearly showing some development over time, with multiple phases of ditches and several intercutting sequences of pits, all of these features appear to relate to a restricted period of time centred on the mid-1st century AD.

### *Enclosure/Boundary Ditches*

- 3.3.2 A sequence of intercutting ditches was exposed in the southern part of the site, whilst two less substantial ditches were found in the northern part of the site, both of which terminated within the excavation area.
- 3.3.3 Stratigraphically, the earliest of the intercutting ditches exposed in the southern half of the excavation area was ditch 2150 (2150, 2179). This feature had been heavily truncated by later ditches, but could be traced for a distance of 20m on a south-west to north-east alignment. At its south-eastern end it had been entirely cut away by later ditch 2045 (cut 2176), whilst to the north east it ended in a regular rounded terminus. At no point did the full width of the ditch survive; at its south-eastern end it measured in excess of 0.8m wide and over 0.72m deep, whilst at its terminus it was over 0.66m wide and was excavated to a depth of 0.17m. It contained two fills, a lower light greyish blue clay (2180) and an upper mid to dark greyish brown clayey silt (2151=2181). This upper fill produced eleven sherds (110g) of pottery dating to the early- to mid-1st century AD.
- 3.3.4 At its south-eastern end, ditch 2150 was cut by a north-northwest to south-southeast aligned ditch, 2045 (2045, 2063, 2098, 2176). A 15m length of this ditch was exposed, running from the north-western edge of excavation; its southern end was cut away by later ditch 2054 (see below). This feature was cut by several of the Period 1 pits (2050, 2065 and 2101; Section 2030, Fig. 4) and in one of the excavated sections a recut (2048) was identified. The ditch was investigated in four individual interventions, and measured up to between 1.92 and 2.5m wide and 0.59 and 0.72m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a concave base (Section 2030; Fig. 4; Plate 1). Where fully excavated, it contained two fills. The lower fill, a light brown to blue slightly silty clay (2046, 2099, 2177) produced 19 sherds of pottery dated to the early- to mid-1st century AD, including eight large sherds (400g) from a cordoned jar, found in deposit 2099 (cut 2098). This lower fill was sealed by an upper deposit of clayey silt, generally a dark greyish brown in colour (2047, 2064, 2100, 2178), from which 34 sherds (717g) of pottery were recovered, again dated to the early- to mid-1st century AD, alongside 15g of fired clay and two small pieces of slag (11g). Sampling of the basal and upper fills in one section of the ditch (cut 2098) produced few charred plant remains beyond a single fragmentary cereal grain, but the lower fill did contain untransformed duckweed seeds suggesting the ditch had once held standing water.
- 3.3.5 In one of the excavated section through ditch 2045, there was evidence for a later, partial, recut of the ditch (2048). This feature was cut through the upper fill of the earlier feature and measured 1m wide and up to 0.5m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a flat base. It was filled by a dark brownish grey clayey silt (2049), with frequent flecks of charcoal, which produced 16 sherds of pottery (1555g) of mid-1st century AD date.
- 3.3.6 To the east of ditch 2045, a short length (1.4m) of north-east to south-west aligned ditch was exposed (2156) – cut away at either end by ditch 2054 and pit 2157 (see below). This feature was up to 0.9m wide and 0.26m deep and was filled by a mid reddish brown clay silt (2157), which produced four sherds (23g) of early- to mid-1st century AD pottery.

- 3.3.7 The latest ditch in this sequence was a straight, north-east to south-west aligned linear feature, ditch 2054 (2054, 2073, 2088, 2158) which ran the entire length of the excavation area and cut across ditches 2045 and 2016. Measuring between 1.67 and 2.12m wide and between 0.37 and 0.6m deep, it had steeply sloping sides and a concave base (Sections 2016 and 2023, Fig 4; Plate 2) and contained between two and three fills. In two of the fully excavated sections (2073 and 2088) a thin basal deposit of brownish yellow clay was recorded (2074, 2089), from which six sherds (62g) of early- to mid-1st century AD pottery was recovered. This was overlain by a thicker deposit of mid brownish grey clayey silt (2055, 2075, 2090) which produced 13 sherds (76g) of pottery. The upper fill (2056, 2076, 2091, 2159) was typically a mid brownish grey clay silt which produced seven sherds (72g) of pottery and 8g of fired clay. Sampling of the ditch fills failed to yield any remains beyond sparse wood charcoal.
- 3.3.8 In the north-eastern corner of the excavation area two lengths of ditches/gullies were exposed; both features were similar in size/morphology and terminated within the excavation area. Ditch 2003 (2003, 2005) was aligned east to west, and extended from the north-western edge of excavation for 5.3m before ending in a regular rounded terminus which kinked slightly towards the north. This feature measured between 0.6m and 0.7m wide and a maximum of 0.22m deep (Section 2001, Fig. 4). It was filled by a single deposit of dark to mid brownish grey silty clay (2004, 2006) from which a relatively substantial assemblage of 67 sherds (563g) of early 1st century AD pottery was recovered, alongside 9g of fired clay.
- 3.3.9 The second ditch in this area, 2012 (2012, 2185, 2186) extended for 7.4m from the north-eastern edge of excavation on a broadly north-east to south-west alignment – although it was somewhat sinuous in plan – again ending in a regular rounded terminus. It measured between 0.56m and 0.85m wide and up to 0.32m deep and was filled by a dark grey clay silt (2013, 2184, 2187; Section 2059, Fig. 4). Eight sherds of pottery (125g), dating to the early- to mid-1st century AD, were recovered from this feature, together with 23g of fired clay.

### *Pits*

- 3.3.10 A total of 58 individual pits have been attributed to this period. It should be noted, however, that over half of these features (31 pits) did not produce dateable finds and have been included on the basis of their similarity, in terms of morphology and fills, to the better dated features. The pits were distributed widely across the excavation area, although it may be notable that none were found to the south/east of ditches 2150 and 2054. Many of the features were discrete, but intercutting pairs and clusters of pits were also found (see Sections 2013, 2029 and 2034, Fig. 4; Plate 3), including a cluster of eight intercutting pits close to the north-western edge of excavation which were subject to almost total excavation (2110, 2112, 2114, 2116, 2118, 2120, 2138, 2140; Section 2034, Fig. 4). It was noted above that in the few instances where pits intercut with the various ditches described above, the pits were clearly stratigraphically later – although given the small number of such relationships, this need not imply that all of the pits postdate the ditched enclosures/boundaries.
- 3.3.11 Summary information on all of the pits attributed to this period is provided in Table 1. There was a great deal of variability in the size and morphology of the pits. Some of

the smaller examples may represent postholes, although no positive evidence in the form of post pipes/packing was observed during excavation. The pits were circular to sub-circular in plan and typically had simple U-/bowl-shaped profiles (*e.g.* Section 2017, Fig. 4; Plates 3 & 4). They ranged in diameter/maximum width from 0.16m to 2.2m, with the majority (39 features) in the range of 0.4m to 1.2m across. The vast majority of features were relatively shallow – all but three measuring under 0.3m deep and many little more than 0.1m deep. The depth of features appeared to bear little relation to their width/diameter, although the deepest feature, 2101 (which cut partially through the fills of ditch 2045, Section 2030, Fig 4), was an unusually large oval-shaped pit measuring 1.74m in width and up to 0.42m deep.

- 3.3.12 The vast majority of the pits contained single fills, with only four features (2036, 2057, 2060 and 2101) containing two fills. The pit fills were invariably mid to dark brownish grey silty clays or clayey silts, and in most cases seemed likely to represent deliberate backfill deposits. Many of these fills were, however, devoid of finds – with 28 pits producing finds of pottery and/or fired clay and animal bone.
- 3.3.13 Pottery was the most common find from the pits, with a total of 412 sherds (3724g), overwhelmingly dominated by material dated to the early to mid-1st century AD, with a small proportion of pottery with somewhat wider date ranges, from the 1st century BC into the mid-1st century AD or from the mid-1st century AD into the early 2nd century AD (App. B.1). Of the 27 pits which produced pottery, 17 of these contained small assemblages of between one and seven sherds and only five pits contained more than 20 sherds (pits 2007, 2057, 2110, 2043, 2112; see Fig. 5 for the distribution of Late Iron Age/Roman pottery across the site). In most cases even the larger assemblages were made up of small abraded sherds derived from a large number of individual vessels. The only major exception to this was a large assemblage of 183 sherds (1891g) from pit 2112 (part of the cluster of eight intercutting pits adjacent to ditch 2045), which included sherds making up substantial proportions of several vessels including two cordoned jars and several beakers (App. B.1). A total of 872g of fired clay was recovered from the pits – overwhelmingly dominated by small amorphous fragments (App. B.3).
- 3.3.14 Very small quantities of animal bone were recovered from ten of the pits, with identifiable elements largely made up of loose teeth and cattle, pig and sheep/goat all represented (App. C.2). Bulk samples were processed from twelve of the pits, targeted on those features which had produced substantial finds assemblages and/or with fills thought likely to have a high potential for charred plant remains. Despite this, the results were generally poor, with only occasional charred cereal grains and weed seeds, many of which may be intrusive (App. C.1).

| Cut  | Diameter/max. breadth (m) | Depth (m) | Filled By | Pottery No. | Pottery Wt (g.) | Bone Wt. (g) | Fired clay Wt. (g) | Illustrated section (Fig. 4) |
|------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 2007 | 0.8                       | 0.24      | 2008      | 22          | 149             | 7            | -                  | -                            |
| 2010 | 0.65                      | 0.13      | 2011      | 1           | 1               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2014 | 0.43                      | 0.11      | 2015      | 1           | 8               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2016 | 1.74                      | 0.26      | 2017      | 2           | 17              | 3            | -                  | -                            |
| 2018 | 0.62                      | 0.18      | 2019      | 1           | 1               | 4            | -                  | -                            |
| 2020 | 1.05                      | 0.26      | 2021      | 1           | 13              | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2022 | 1.7                       | 0.14      | 2023      | 3           | 12              | -            | 18                 | -                            |

| Cut  | Diameter/max. breadth (m) | Depth (m) | Filled By  | Pottery No. | Pottery Wt (g.) | Bone Wt. (g) | Fired clay Wt. (g) | Illustrated section (Fig. 4) |
|------|---------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 2024 | 0.9                       | 0.1       | 2025       | 1           | 29              | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2026 | 0.35                      | 0.08      | 2027       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2028 | 0.58                      | 0.2       | 2029       | 6           | 26              | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2030 | 1.4                       | 0.23      | 2031       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2032 | 0.98                      | 0.14      | 2033       | 3           | 11              | -            | -                  | S. 2013                      |
| 2034 | 1.16                      | 0.22      | 2035       | 12          | 59              | -            | 50                 | S. 2013                      |
| 2036 | 1.14                      | 0.25      | 2037, 2038 | 14          | 191             | -            | 16                 | S. 2013                      |
| 2039 | 0.52                      | 0.17      | 2040       | 2           | 28              | -            | 18                 | S. 2013                      |
| 2041 | 0.16                      | 0.11      | 2042       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | S. 2013                      |
| 2043 | 1.22                      | 0.25      | 2044       | 42          | 286             | 11           | 22                 | -                            |
| 2057 | 1.4                       | 0.3       | 2058, 2059 | 23          | 125             | 3            | 72                 | S. 2017                      |
| 2060 | 1.76                      | 0.2       | 2061, 2062 | 11          | 55              | -            | 22                 | -                            |
| 2065 | 0.86                      | 0.16      | 2066       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2067 | 0.48                      | 0.12      | 2068       | 7           | 71              | 2            | 9                  | -                            |
| 2069 | 0.4                       | 0.09      | 2070       | 2           | 1               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2071 | 0.3                       | 0.07      | 2072       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2077 | 1.12                      | 0.18      | 2078       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2079 | 1.2                       | 0.16      | 2080       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2081 | 1.36                      | 0.14      | 2082       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2083 | 1.6                       | 0.18      | 2084       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2085 | 1.16                      | 0.2       | 2086       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2093 | 1.3                       | 0.18      | 2092       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | S. 2029                      |
| 2095 | 1.88                      | 0.22      | 2094       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | S. 2029                      |
| 2097 | 0.94                      | 0.16      | 2096       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | S. 2029                      |
| 2101 | 1.74                      | 0.42      | 2102, 2103 | 14          | 189             | 67           | 187                | S. 2030                      |
| 2105 | 0.67                      | 0.06      | 2104       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2107 | 1.06                      | 0.12      | 2106       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2109 | 1.12                      | 0.1       | 2108       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2110 | 0.7                       | 0.12      | 2111       | 24          | 282             | -            | 52                 | S. 2034                      |
| 2112 | 0.89                      | 0.12      | 2113       | 183         | 1891            | -            | 373                | S. 2034                      |
| 2114 | 0.57                      | 0.12      | 2115       | 7           | 28              | -            | -                  | S. 2034                      |
| 2116 | 1.25                      | 0.21      | 2117       | 17          | 118             | 3            | -                  | S. 2034                      |
| 2118 | 0.67                      | 0.14      | 2119       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | S. 2034                      |
| 2120 | 0.59                      | 0.13      | 2121       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | S. 2034                      |
| 2123 | 2.22                      | 0.18      | 2122       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2127 | 1.01                      | 0.1       | 2126       | 4           | 62              | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2131 | 0.82                      | 0.08      | 2130       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2133 | 0.56                      | 0.06      | 2132       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2135 | 0.8                       | 0.1       | 2134       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2137 | 0.92                      | 0.14      | 2136       | 5           | 57              | 15           | -                  | -                            |
| 2138 | 0.46                      | 0.16      | 2139       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2140 | 0.99                      | 0.13      | 2141       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2148 | 0.6                       | 0.33      | 2149       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2163 | 0.27                      | 0.07      | 2162       | -           | -               | -            | 33                 | -                            |
| 2165 | 0.19                      | 0.09      | 2164       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2169 | 0.34                      | 0.06      | 2168       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2171 | 0.42                      | 0.08      | 2170       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2173 | 0.92                      | 0.06      | 2172       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2175 | 0.5                       | 0.25      | 2174       | 2           | 7               | -            | -                  | -                            |
| 2183 | 1.16                      | 0.2       | 2182       | 2           | 7               | 1            | -                  | -                            |
| 2188 | 0.45                      | 0.1       | 2189       | -           | -               | -            | -                  | -                            |

Table 1: Summary of Period 1 pits

### 3.4 Post-medieval/modern and natural features

- 3.4.1 Three pits in the western part of the site have been attributed to the early modern period. All three features (2142, 2144, 2146) were shallow circular/sub-circular pits with identical fills of mid brownish grey silty clay which appeared to represent redeposited topsoil. Three sherds of 18th century glazed pottery were recovered from pit 2146, alongside 224g of ceramic building material and two shards of glass.
- 3.4.2 Four discrete natural features, probably representing tree throw features or tree bowls, were found scattered across the site (2052, 2125, 2129, 2167); all were shallow amorphous features, measuring up to 1m in diameter, and could be clearly distinguished from the pits on the basis of their irregular cuts and diffuse edges. None of these features produced finds.

### 3.5 Finds and environmental summary

#### *Pottery (App. B.1)*

- 3.5.1 A total of 617 sherds of pottery (6154g) representing 136 individual vessels was recovered from the excavations. Aside from three sherds of 18th-19th century pottery, the assemblage is made up of Late Iron Age/Early Roman material and appears to largely, if not exclusively, reflect activity taking place over the course of the 1st century AD. The pottery is mostly in highly fragmented and abraded condition and as such is likely to have been residually incorporated into many of the features, although several larger assemblages from individual contexts probably represent deliberate dumps of material.

#### *Ceramic Building Material (App. B.2)*

- 3.5.2 A small quantity of post-medieval to modern brick and tile (5 fragments; 355g) was recovered, including two small intrusive pieces from the fills of two of the Period 1 pits and three pieces from one of the post-medieval/early modern pits.

#### *Fired/Baked Clay (App. B.3)*

- 3.5.3 Just over 1kg of fired/baked clay was recovered during the excavations, largely from the Period 1 pits. This assemblage comprised both amorphous pieces with no discernible features and a small fraction of more 'structural' pieces with flattened surfaces and signs of hand-forming. No diagnostic objects were present. Generally, this material was moderately to severely abraded.

#### *Slag and fuel residues (App. B.4)*

- 3.5.4 A small assemblage of slag, three fragments weighing 0.027kg, was collected from two Period 1 features; ditch 2176 and pit 2028.

#### *Flint and stone (Apps B.5 & B.6)*

- 3.5.5 Two flint flakes were recovered from the fills of Period 1 features; these are not chronologically diagnostic but presumably represent residual material. A burnt quartzitic cobble from Period 1 pit 2043 appears to have been previously utilised as a

small rubbing stone, whilst a burnt flint cobble was also recovered from Period 1 ditch 2073.

### *Other finds (Apps B.7 & B.8)*

- 3.5.6 Three shards of glass and a single fragment of clay tobacco pipe were recovered from post-medieval/early modern contexts.

### *Environmental samples (App.C.1)*

- 3.5.7 Twenty bulk environmental samples were taken from the fills of Iron Age and early Roman features within the excavated area. Although the evaluation of the site showed good potential for the recovery of carbonised plant remains, particularly cereal grain and chaff (Summers, in Locke 2019), the results from the excavation phase were generally poor, with only occasional charred cereal grains and weed seeds recovered.

### *Animal bone (App. C.2)*

- 3.5.8 The animal bone assemblage was small (580g) and the number of recordable fragments totalled 13. Material from hand collection totalled seven fragments, with six from environmental samples. Animal bone was recovered from ditches and pits dated to the Iron Age and Roman period. The species represented include cattle (*Bos taurus*), sheep/goat (*Ovis/Capra*), and pig (*Sus scrofa*).

## 4 DISCUSSION

### *Introduction*

- 4.1.1 The excavation at Bridge Road confirmed the results of the trial trenching in terms of revealing a series of ditches and discrete features of Late Iron Age/Early Roman date. As outlined in Section 2.3, a series of site specific research objectives/questions had been set out for the excavation based on the results of the trial trenching (Stewart 2019). The results of the excavation allow the site to be discussed in the context of these research questions, although it is important to note that the small scale of the excavations and the relatively modest finds assemblages render many aspects of the site's interpretation uncertain.

### *Site sequence and chronology*

- 4.1.2 Leaving aside the few post-medieval/early modern pits in the western part of the excavation area, all of the archaeological remains exposed across the site have been attributed to a single broad period spanning the Late Pre-Roman Iron Age/Early Roman transition. This dating is based entirely on the pottery assemblage recovered from the site, which was made up almost exclusively of Late Iron Age and Early Roman forms with a date range spanning the 1st century BC to the early 2nd century AD (App. B.3).
- 4.1.3 In this context it is important to note that the pottery derived from the stratigraphically earliest of the major set of enclosure/boundary ditches exposed in the southern half of the excavation area (ditch 2150) produced a small assemblage of pottery (eleven sherds) which was dominated by material of early to mid-1st century AD date, and the pottery recovered from the other ditches, including the stratigraphically latest ditch (2054), included no material postdating the mid-1st century AD. This strongly suggests that the construction and infilling of the features making up this relatively complex sequence actually took place over a restricted period of perhaps only a few generations in the early to mid-1st century AD. A comparable date is probable for the pair of less substantial ditches/gullies exposed in the northern corner of the site (2003 and 2012), the pottery from which was made up exclusively of mid-1st century material.
- 4.1.4 Evidence for activity continuing into the later 1st century AD is, however, hinted at by some of the material recovered from the numerous pits found across the site. Most of the pits which produced pottery contained small quantities of early to mid-1st century material comparable to that from the ditches, and the largest individual assemblage of pottery from the site – the 207 sherds from pit 2110 – can be securely dated to the mid-1st century (see App. B.1). However, one pit (2101), a large oval feature which cut ditch 2054, produced sherds from two jars dated to the mid/late 1st century to the early 2nd century AD – suggesting activity may have extended into, and perhaps beyond, the late 1st century AD.
- 4.1.5 On this basis, the remains investigated at Bridge Road seem likely to have belonged exclusively to the 1st century AD. In the local context, this is somewhat unusual; elsewhere on the Isle of Ely, evidence for activity/settlement of this date is invariably recovered from sites which show essentially continuous occupation from the

Middle/Late Iron Age through until at least the mid-2nd century AD. This is the case at the Iron Age ringwork/enclosure at Wardy Hill, Coveney (Evans 2003), and at several sites in Ely, including those at the Trinity Lands (Evans *et al* 2007, 66-69), Hurst Lane (Evans *et al* 2007), North-West Ely (Phillips 2013; Moan 2017) and West Fen Road (Mudd and Webster 2011). Several other sites with Middle/Late Iron Age origins have even longer sequences, with Roman activity extending into the 3rd or 4th centuries AD, including Prickwillow Road, Ely (Atkins and Mudd 2003) and Watsons Lane, Little Thetford (Evans *et al* 2007, 70-71). At most of these sites (although not at Wardy Hill) irregular 'organic-type' Iron Age enclosures/compounds associated with roundhouse ring gullies were succeeded in the 1st century AD by arrangements of more rectilinear enclosures/paddocks.

- 4.1.6 When seen in this context, the short duration of the Bridge Road activity is difficult to interpret. Given the small scale of the investigations it is entirely possible that evidence for activity of earlier (Middle/Late Iron Age) and later (2nd century AD onwards) date may be present outside the immediate limits of excavation. However, it is notable that there was no evidence for this from the trial trenches excavated to the east and south east of the site (both those within the current development area and in the adjacent parcel of land, ECB5280, ECB5816; Locke 2019, McDonald and Summers 2018; see Fig. 2), whilst no other Iron Age or Roman finds are known from the immediate area of the site (see Section 1.3).

### *Site character and function*

- 4.1.7 The excavation provides only a window onto what is evidently a more extensive site; in particular, the partial exposure of the various ditches makes reconstructing their layout (and assessing their likely function) very difficult. The sequence of relatively substantial enclosure/boundary ditches in the southern half of the site (ditches 2045, 2150 and 2054) appear to form parts of broadly north-east to south-west/north-west to south-east aligned system of rectilinear boundaries/enclosures potentially comparable to those of similar date known from many of the Late Iron Age/Early Roman sites on the Isle of Ely referred to above, where they form both the boundaries of fields/paddocks and enclosed areas of domestic activity. The pair of less substantial ditch terminals in the northern corner of the excavation area (2003 and 2012) seem likely to have defined an entranceway into an enclosure of unknown extent and morphology, most of which lay beyond the limits of excavation.
- 4.1.8 The function of the large number of pits found in and around the area of these various boundary/enclosure ditches also remains unclear. The shallowness of the vast majority of the pits, and the impervious nature of the geology into which they were dug, strongly suggests that they were not designed for storage, and given that the vast majority contained very few finds they do not seem to represent rubbish pits. Some of these features may have been dug to extract clay, perhaps for use in daub or some other purpose, but the regular circular shape of many of the features suggests they may have had a more formal primary use. As noted above, some of the smaller pits may represent post-settings, but no convincing ground plans of structures could be discerned.

- 4.1.9 Although a small number of pits and ditch fills produced fairly substantial assemblages of pottery which may represent deliberate dumps of material (most notably the material from pit 2101, see above), most contained small numbers of heavily abraded sherds of pottery which had evidently seen considerable disturbance. Other finds were rare, with relatively small quantities of fired clay, and a very small quantity of animal bone. Thus, whilst presumably attesting to domestic activity somewhere in the vicinity, the quantity and condition of this material makes it unclear whether such settlement occurred within the excavated area itself. The pottery itself is relatively undistinguished and is dominated by utilitarian storage/cooking vessels, with very few fine wares represented (although one vessel appears to represent a non-local import from West Norfolk) and the assemblage has been interpreted as representing low-status, domestic-type activity (see Lyons, App. B.1).
- 4.1.10 The evidence for environment and economy, meagre as it is, suggests a typically mixed agricultural regime. The animal bone assemblage was small and poorly preserved, with thirteen identifiable specimens from the excavation phase (App. C.2) and three from the evaluation (Curl in Locke 2019), dominated by sheep/goat and cattle, with a single pig bone. A significant assemblage of charred plant remains was recovered from the fill of one ditch excavated during the trial trenching, located in the southern part of Trench 1 (F1008, Locke 2019), equating to ditch 2045 in the subsequent excavation phase. A sample of the lower fill of this feature produced an assemblage of charred grain, chaff and weed seeds representing both cleaned grain and crop processing residues (Summers in Locke 2019). Unfortunately, although ditch 2045 was sampled during the excavation phase, this, and sampling of other features, produced poor results, with only occasional charred cereal grains and weed seeds, many of which could represent intrusive material (App. C.1). Nonetheless, the results from the trial trenching do provide some evidence for on-site crop processing/consumption, providing further evidence that the site lay within or adjacent to an area of settlement.

## 4.2 Conclusions

- 4.2.1 The excavated remains at Bridge Road appear to relate exclusively to activity during the 1st century AD, in the decades either side of the Roman conquest. Although interpretation is hampered by the small scale of the excavation, the enclosure/boundary ditches and large number of pits exposed across the site seem likely to have lain within or adjacent to an area of settlement. The lack of fine wares or metalwork from the site suggests that this represents a fairly low status rural farmstead, whilst the environmental evidence points to an economy based on mixed agriculture, including cattle and sheep/goat husbandry and cereal production. Little evidence for contemporary activity is known from the immediate area of the site, although Iron Age and Early Roman settlement is well attested elsewhere on the Isle of Ely, further to the east. The site makes a small but useful contribution to the local/regional record of this period and highlights the potential for further work in the area.

## 5 ARCHIVING

- 5.1.1 Proposals for the deposition of the project archive follow the CCC HET's *Archaeological Archives Requirements for Post-Excavation Analysis* document. The site records, artefacts and digital records produced during the excavation and post-excavation work will be deposited in accordance with the CCC HET guidelines set out in *Deposition of archaeological archives in Cambridgeshire (2017, Version 2)*. The physical archive consists of ten bulk archive boxes of finds and two paperwork boxes. Transfer of Title will be acquired for the material remains and these will be deposited with the CCC HET approved store. Following the specialist recommendations provided as part of the post-excavation programme, all finds have been retained in the archive. Digital media will be deposited with ADS – the accredited, publicly accessible, digital repository.

## APPENDIX A CONTEXT INVENTORY

| Context | Category | Feature Type | Cut  | Filled By | Period | Length | Breadth | Depth | Colour                | Fine component | Coarse component   | Shape in plan | Side                     | Base    | Orientation |
|---------|----------|--------------|------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|-------|-----------------------|----------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 2000    | layer    | top soil     |      |           | n/a    | 0      |         |       | dark brown grey       | clay silt      | occasional small sub-angular stones                      |               |                          |         |             |
| 2001    | layer    | sub soil     |      |           | n/a    | 0      |         |       | mid blue grey         | clay           | occasional sub-rounded to sub-angular stones             |               |                          |         |             |
| 2003    | cut      | ditch        | 2003 | 2004      | 1      | 5      | 0.62    | 0.16  | dark blueish grey     |                |  | curvilinear   | gradual                  | concave | N-S / E-W   |
| 2004    | fill     | ditch        | 2003 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.16  |                       |                | small sub-rounded flint                                  |               |                          |         |             |
| 2005    | cut      | ditch        | 2005 | 2006      | 1      | 5      | 0.72    | 0.22  |                       |                |  | curvilinear   | gradual                  | concave | SE-NW       |
| 2006    | fill     | ditch        | 2005 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.22  | mid brownish grey     | silty clay     | occasional charcoal; rare rounded flint                  |               |                          |         |             |
| 2007    | cut      | pit          | 2007 | 2008      | 1      | 0      | 0.8     | 0.24  |                       |                |  | sub-circular  | sw - gradual, ne - steep | concave | N/A         |
| 2008    | fill     | pit          | 2007 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.24  | mid brownish grey     | sandy clay     | frequent small sub-rounded flint; occasional charcoal    |               |                          |         |             |
| 2010    | cut      | pit          | 2010 | 2011      | 1      | 0      | 0.65    | 0.13  |                       |                |  | circular      | moderate                 | concave | N/A         |
| 2011    | fill     | pit          | 2010 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.13  | light yellowish brown | clayey silt    | n/a  |               |                          |         |             |
| 2012    | cut      | ditch        | 2012 | 2013      | 1      | 0      | 0.56    | 0.22  |                       |                |  | linear        | moderate                 | concave | N-S         |
| 2013    | fill     | ditch        | 2012 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.22  | dark grey             | clayey silt    | rare small sub-rounded unsorted stones and rare charcoal |               |                          |         |             |
| 2014    | cut      | pit          | 2014 | 2015      | 1      | 0      | 0.43    | 0.11  |                       |                |  | circular      | moderate                 | concave | N/A         |
| 2015    | fill     | pit          | 2014 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.11  | mid brownish grey     | clayey silt    | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-rounded stones      |               |                          |         |             |
| 2016    | cut      | pit          | 2016 | 2017      | 1      | 0.62   | 1.74    | 0.26  |                       |                |  | sub-circular  | gentle                   | concave | SW-NW       |

| Context | Category | Feature Type | Cut  | Filled By | Period | Length | Breadth | Depth | Colour             | Fine component | Coarse component                                    | Shape in plan | Side     | Base           | Orientation |
|---------|----------|--------------|------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------------------|----------------|---|---------------|----------|----------------|-------------|
| 2017    | fill     | pit          | 2016 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.26  | mid blueish grey   | clayey silt    | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-rounded stones |               |          |                |             |
| 2018    | cut      | pit          | 2018 | 2019      | 1      | 0      | 0.62    | 0.18  |                    |                | n/a   | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave        | N/A         |
| 2019    | fill     | pit          | 2018 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.18  | mid blueish grey   | clayey silt    |   |               |          |                |             |
| 2020    | cut      | pit          | 2020 | 2021      | 1      | 0      | 1.05    | 0.26  |                    |                |   | circular      | moderate | concave        | N/A         |
| 2021    | fill     | pit          | 2020 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.26  | mid brownish grey  | clayey silt    | rare small unsorted sub-rounded stones              |               |          |                |             |
| 2022    | cut      | pit          | 2022 | 2023      | 1      | 0      | 1.7     | 0.14  |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | gradual  | concave        | N/A         |
| 2023    | fill     | pit          | 2022 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.14  | mid brownish grey  | clayey silt    | occasional small sub-rounded flint                  |               |          |                |             |
| 2024    | cut      | pit          | 2024 | 2025      | 1      | 0      | 0.9     | 0.1   |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | gentle   | flat irregular | N/A         |
| 2025    | fill     | pit          | 2024 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.1   | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     | occasional small flint                              |               |          |                |             |
| 2026    | cut      | pit          | 2026 | 2027      | 1      | 0      | 0.35    | 0.08  |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave        | N/A         |
| 2027    | fill     | pit          | 2026 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.08  | dark brownish grey | clayey silt    | frequent charcoal                                   |               |          |                |             |
| 2028    | cut      | pit          | 2028 | 2029      | 1      | 0      | 0.58    | 0.2   |                    |                |   | circular      | moderate | concave        | N/A         |
| 2029    | fill     | pit          | 2028 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.2   | mid brownish grey  | clayey silt    | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-rounded stones |               |          |                |             |
| 2030    | cut      | pit          | 2030 | 2031      | 1      | 1.4    | 0.62    | 0.23  |                    |                | n/a   | sub-circular  | moderate | flat           | E-W         |
| 2031    | fill     | pit          | 2030 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.23  | mid brownish grey  | clayey silt    |   |               |          |                |             |
| 2032    | cut      | pit          | 2032 | 2033      | 1      | 0      | 0.98    | 0.14  |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave        | N/A         |
| 2033    | fill     | pit          | 2032 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.14  | mid brownish grey  | clayey silt    | occasional small sub-rounded flint                  |               |          |                |             |
| 2034    | cut      | pit          | 2034 | 2035      | 1      | 0      | 1.16    | 0.22  |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | gradual  | concave        | N/A         |

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| 2035    | fill     | pit          | 2034 |            | 1      | 0      |         | 0.22  | mid brownish grey   | silty clay     | rare charcoal; occasional small sub-rounded flint     |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2036    | cut      | pit          | 2036 | 2037, 2038 | 1      | 0      | 1.14    | 0.25  |                     |                |   | sub-circular    | gradual         | concave   | N/A         |
| 2037    | fill     | pit          | 2036 |            | 1      | 0      | 0.99    | 0.11  | dark brownish grey  | silty clay     | frequent charcoal                                     |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2038    | fill     | pit          | 2036 |            | 1      | 0      | 1.14    | 0.16  | mid brownish grey   | silty clay     | occasional small sub-rounded flint                    |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2039    | cut      | pit          | 2039 | 2040       | 1      | 0      | 0.52    | 0.17  |                     |                |   | sub-circular    | gradual         | concave   | N/A         |
| 2040    | fill     | pit          | 2039 |            | 1      | 0      |         | 0.17  | mid brownish grey   | silty clay     | occasional small sub-rounded flint                    |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2041    | cut      | pit          | 2041 | 2042       | 1      | 0      | 0.16    | 0.11  |                     |                | n/a   | sub-rectangular | gradual         | uncertain | N/A         |
| 2042    | fill     | pit          | 2041 |            | 1      | 0      |         | 0.11  | mid greyish brown   | clayey silt    |   |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2043    | cut      | pit          | 2043 | 2044       | 1      | 0      | 1.22    | 0.25  |                     |                |   | sub-circular    | gradual         | concave   | NE-SW       |
| 2044    | fill     | pit          | 2043 |            | 1      | 0      |         | 0.25  | mid grey            | silty clay     | occasional small sub-rounded flint; frequent charcoal |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2045    | cut      | ditch        | 2045 | 2046, 2047 | 1      | 15     | 1.36    | 0.59  |                     |                |   | curvilinear     | steep           | concave   | NW-SE       |
| 2046    | fill     | ditch        | 2045 |            | 1      | 0      |         | 0.09  | light blueish brown | clay           | rare charcoal   |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2047    | fill     | ditch        | 2045 |            | 1      | 0      |         | 0.32  | mid brownish green  | clayey silt    | rare charcoal and small stones                        |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2048    | cut      | ditch        | 2048 | 2049       | 1      | 0      | 1.02    | 0.5   |                     |                |   | linear          | steep irregular | flat      | NW-SE       |
| 2049    | fill     | ditch        | 2048 |            | 1      | 0      |         | 0.5   | dark brownish grey  | clayey silt    | frequent small stones and charcoal                    |                 |                 |           |             |
| 2050    | cut      | gully        | 2050 | 2051       | 1      | 0      | 0.7     | 0.14  |                     |                |   | indeterminate   | steep           | flat      | N/A         |
| 2051    | fill     | gully        | 2050 |            | 1      | 0      |         | 0.14  | mid brown           | silty clay     | frequent small stones                                 |                 |                 |           |             |

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| 2052    | cut      | natural      | 2052 | 2053       | natural | 0      | 1.44    | 0.14  |                     |                |   | indeterminate | gradual  | flat uneven       | N/A         |
| 2053    | fill     | natural      | 2052 |            | natural | 0      |         | 0.14  | mid redish brown    | sandy silt     | n/a   |               |          |                   |             |
| 2054    | cut      | ditch        | 2054 | 2055, 2056 | 1       | 0      | 2.12    | 0.37  |                     |                |   | linear        | moderate | concave           | N-S         |
| 2055    | fill     | ditch        | 2054 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.24  | mid brownish grey   | clayey silt    | rare charcoal and small unsorted rounded gravels      |               |          |                   |             |
| 2056    | fill     | ditch        | 2054 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.26  | mid blueish grey    | silty clay     | rare charcoal   |               |          |                   |             |
| 2057    | cut      | pit          | 2057 | 2058, 2059 | 1       | 0      | 1.4     | 0.3   |                     |                |   | sub-circular  | gradual  | concave           | N/A         |
| 2058    | fill     | pit          | 2057 |            | 1       | 0      | 1.22    | 0.12  | dark brownish grey  | silty clay     | frequent charcoal, occasional small rounded flint     |               |          |                   |             |
| 2059    | fill     | pit          | 2057 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.2   | mid brownish grey   | silty clay     | occasional small sub-rounded flint                    |               |          |                   |             |
| 2060    | cut      | pit          | 2060 | 2061, 2062 | 1       | 0      | 1.76    | 0.2   |                     |                |   | sub-circular  | gradual  | concave irregular | N/A         |
| 2061    | fill     | pit          | 2060 |            | 1       | 0      | 1.72    | 0.1   | dark brownish grey  | silty clay     | frequent charcoal; occasional small sub-rounded flint |               |          |                   |             |
| 2062    | fill     | pit          | 2060 |            | 1       | 0      | 1.64    | 0.11  | mid brownish grey   | clayey silt    | occasional small sub-rounded flint                    |               |          |                   |             |
| 2063    | cut      | ditch        | 2063 | 2064       | 1       | 15     | 0.6     | 0.42  |                     |                |   | curvilinear   | steep    | n/a               | NW-SE       |
| 2064    | fill     | ditch        | 2063 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.42  | dark blueish grey   | clay silt      | rare small stones and charcoal                        |               |          |                   |             |
| 2065    | cut      | pit          | 2065 | 2066       | 1       | 0      | 0.86    | 0.16  |                     |                |   | circular      | gentle   | irregular         | N/A         |
| 2066    | fill     | pit          | 2065 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.16  | mid yellowish brown | sandy silt     | rare small stones                                     |               |          |                   |             |
| 2067    | cut      | pit          | 2067 | 2068       | 1       | 0      | 0.48    | 0.12  |                     |                |   | sub-circular  | gradual  | concave           | N/A         |
| 2068    | fill     | pit          | 2067 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.12  | dark brownish grey  | silty clay     | frequent charcoal; rare small rounded flint           |               |          |                   |             |
| 2069    | cut      | pit          | 2069 | 2070       | 1       | 0      | 0.4     | 0.09  |                     |                |   | circular      | gradual  | concave           | N/A         |

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| 2070    | fill     | pit          | 2069 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.09  | mid greyish brown   | silty clay     | n/a   |               |        |         |             |
| 2071    | cut      | pit          | 2071 | 2072             | 1      | 0      | 0.3     | 0.07  |                     |                |   | sub-circular  | steep  | concave | N/A         |
| 2072    | fill     | pit          | 2071 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.07  | mid brownish grey   | silty clay     | occasional charcoal                                 |               |        |         |             |
| 2073    | cut      | ditch        | 2073 | 2074, 2075, 2076 | 1      | 0      | 1.67    | 0.6   |                     |                |   | linear        | steep  | concave | N-S         |
| 2074    | fill     | ditch        | 2073 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.09  | mid brownish yellow | clay           | rare small sub-angular stones including flint       |               |        |         |             |
| 2075    | fill     | ditch        | 2073 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.26  | mid brownish grey   | clayey silt    | rare charcoal                                       |               |        |         |             |
| 2076    | fill     | ditch        | 2073 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.24  | mid blueish grey    | clayey silt    | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-rounded stones |               |        |         |             |
| 2077    | cut      | pit          | 2077 | 2078             | 1      | 0.9    | 1.12    | 0.18  |                     |                |   | sub-circular  | sloped | flat    | N/A         |
| 2078    | fill     | pit          | 2077 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.18  | mid orange brown    | silty clay     | n/a   |               |        |         |             |
| 2079    | cut      | pit          | 2079 | 2080             | 1      | 0.68   | 1.2     | 0.16  |                     |                |   | circular      | sloped | concave | N/A         |
| 2080    | fill     | pit          | 2079 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.16  | light orange brown  | silty clay     | n/a   |               |        |         |             |
| 2081    | cut      | pit          | 2081 | 2082             | 1      | 1.36   | 0.96    | 0.14  |                     |                |   | sub-circular  | sloped | concave | N/A         |
| 2082    | fill     | pit          | 2081 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.14  | mid orange brown    | silty clay     | occasional stones                                   |               |        |         |             |
| 2083    | cut      | pit          | 2083 | 2084             | 1      | 1.3    | 1.6     | 0.18  |                     |                |   | circular      | sloped | flat    | N/A         |
| 2084    | fill     | pit          | 2083 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.18  | mid orange brown    | silty clay     | occasional stones                                   |               |        |         |             |
| 2085    | cut      | pit          | 2085 | 2086             | 1      | 1.16   |         | 0.2   |                     |                |   | sub-circular  | sloped | flat    | N/A         |
| 2086    | fill     | pit          | 2085 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.2   | dark orange brown   | silty clay     | occasional stones                                   |               |        |         |             |

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| 2088    | cut      | ditch        | 2088 | 2089, 2090, 2091 | 1      | 0      | 1.96    | 0.6   |                     |                |  | linear        | steep    | concave | N-S         |
| 2089    | fill     | ditch        | 2088 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.07  | mid brownish yellow | clay           | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-angular stonesq |               |          |         |             |
| 2090    | fill     | ditch        | 2088 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.27  | mid brownish grey   | clayey silt    | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-rounded stones  |               |          |         |             |
| 2091    | fill     | ditch        | 2088 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.28  | mid blueish grey    | clayey silt    | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-rounded stones  |               |          |         |             |
| 2092    | fill     | pit          | 2093 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.18  | dark brownish grey  | silty clay     | occasional small rounded stones                      |               |          |         |             |
| 2093    | cut      | pit          | 2093 | 2092             | 1      | 1.32   | 1.3     | 0.18  |                     |                |  | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2094    | fill     | pit          | 2095 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.22  | dark brownish grey  | silty clay     | very occasional small rounded stones                 |               |          |         |             |
| 2095    | cut      | pit          | 2085 | 2094             | 1      | 1.88   | 1.86    | 0.22  |                     |                |  | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2096    | fill     | pit          | 2097 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.16  | dark brownish grey  | silty clay     | very occasional small rounded stones                 |               |          |         |             |
| 2097    | cut      | pit          | 2097 | 2096             | 1      | 1.06   | 0.94    | 0.16  |                     |                |  | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2098    | cut      | ditch        | 2098 | 2099, 2100       | 1      | 0      | 1.92    | 0.62  |                     |                |  | curvilinear   | steep    | concave | NW-SE       |
| 2099    | fill     | ditch        | 2098 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.1   | mid brownish blue   | clay           | frequent charcoal, rare small stones                 |               |          |         |             |
| 2100    | fill     | ditch        | 2098 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.52  | dark greyish brown  | clay silt      | rare charcoal and small stones                       |               |          |         |             |
| 2101    | cut      | pit          | 2101 | 2102, 2103       | 1      | 0      | 1.74    | 0.42  |                     |                |  | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2102    | fill     | pit          | 2101 |                  | 1      | 0      |         | 0.19  | mid brownish yellow | clay           | rare small stones                                    |               |          |         |             |

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| 2103    | fill     | pit          | 2101 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.34  | dark greyish brown   | clay silt      | rare small stones               |               |          |         |             |
| 2104    | FIILL    | pit          | 2105 |           | 1      |        |         | 0.06  | mid brownish grey    | silty clay     | occasional small rounded stones |               |          |         |             |
| 2105    | cut      | pit          | 2105 |           | 1      | 0.67   | 0.37    | 0.06  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | shallow  | concave | N/A         |
| 2106    | fill     | pit          | 2107 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.12  | mid brownish grey    | silty clay     | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2107    | cut      | pit          | 2107 | 2106      | 1      | 1.06   | 0.56    | 0.12  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2108    | fill     | pit          | 2109 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.1   | mid brownish grey    | silt clay      | occasional small round stones   |               |          |         |             |
| 2109    | cut      | pit          | 2109 | 2108      | 1      | 1.12   | 0.83    | 0.1   |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2110    | cut      | pit          | 2110 | 2111      | 1      | 0      | 0.7     | 0.12  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2111    | fill     | pit          | 2110 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.12  | dark grey            | clay silt      | rare charcoal and burnt clay    |               |          |         |             |
| 2112    | cut      | pit          | 2110 |           | 1      | 0      | 0.89    | 0.12  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2113    | fill     | pit          | 2112 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.12  | dark grey            | clay silt      | rare charcoal and burnt clay    |               |          |         |             |
| 2114    | cut      | pit          | 2114 | 2115      | 1      | 0      | 0.57    | 0.12  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | steep    | flat    | N/A         |
| 2115    | fill     | pit          | 2114 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.13  | mid reddish brown    | silt clay      | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2116    | cut      | pit          | 2116 | 2117      | 1      | 0      | 1.25    | 0.21  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | gentle   | flat    | N/A         |
| 2117    | fill     | pit          | 2116 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.21  | dark greenish brown  | silt           | rare small stones               |               |          |         |             |
| 2118    | cut      | pit          | 2118 | 2119      | 1      | 0      | 0.67    | 0.14  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | n/a      | flat    | N/A         |
| 2119    | fill     | pit          | 2118 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.14  | mid yellowish brown  | silty clay     | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2120    | cut      | pit          | 2120 | 2121      | 1      | 0      | 0.59    | 0.13  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2121    | fill     | pit          | 2120 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.13  | light reddish yellow | clay           | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2122    | fill     | pit          | 2123 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.18  | mid brownish grey    | silty clay     | occasional small round stones   |               |          |         |             |
| 2123    | cut      | pit          | 2123 | 2122      | 1      | 2.22   | 1.8     | 0.18  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |

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| 2124    | fill     | natural      | 2125 |           | natural      | 0      |         | 0.07  | mid brownish grey    | silty clay     | occasional small round stones   |               |          |         |             |
| 2125    | cut      | natural      | 2125 | 2124      | natural      | 0.73   | 0.73    | 0.07  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2126    | fill     | pit          | 2127 |           | 1            | 0      |         | 0.1   | dark brownish grey   | silt clay      | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2127    | cut      | pit          | 2127 | 2126      | 1            | 1.01   | 0.83    | 0.1   |                      |                |                                 |               |          |         |             |
| 2128    | fill     | natural      | 2129 |           | natural      | 0      |         | 0.22  | mid brownish grey    | silty clay     | n/a                             | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2129    | cut      | natural      | 2129 |           | natural      | 2.15   | 1.08    | 0.22  |                      |                |                                 | irregular     | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2130    | fill     | pit          | 2131 |           | 1            | 0      |         | 0.08  | mid brownish grey    | silty sand     | occasional small round stones   |               |          |         |             |
| 2131    | cut      | pit          | 2131 | 2130      | 1            | 0.82   | 0.78    | 0.08  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2132    | fill     | pit          | 2133 |           | 1            | 0      |         | 0.06  | mid brownish grey    | silty clay     | occasional small rounded stones |               |          |         |             |
| 2133    | cut      | pit          | 2133 | 2132      | 1            | 0.56   | 0.5     | 0.06  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2134    | fill     | pit          | 2135 |           | 1            | 0      |         | 0.1   | dark brownish grey   | silty clay     | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2135    | cut      | pit          | 2135 | 2134      | 1            | 0.8    | 0.7     | 0.1   |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2136    | fill     | pit          | 2137 |           | 1            | 0      |         | 0.14  | dark brownish grey   | silty sand     | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2137    | cut      | pit          | 2137 |           | 1            | 0.92   | 0.61    | 0.14  |                      |                |                                 | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2138    | cut      | pit          | 2138 | 2139      | 1            | 0      | 0.46    | 0.16  |                      |                |                                 | circular      | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2139    | fill     | pit          | 2138 |           | 1            | 0      |         | 0.16  | dark yellowish brown | silty clay     | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2140    | cut      | pit          | 2140 | 2141      | 1            | 0      | 0.99    | 0.13  |                      |                |                                 | circular      | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2141    | fill     | pit          | 2140 |           | 1            | 0      |         | 0.13  | mid brownish yellow  | clay           | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2142    | cut      | pit          | 2142 | 2143      | Post-med/mod | 0      | 1.26    | 0.15  |                      |                |                                 | circular      | moderate | flat    | N/A         |
| 2143    | fill     | pit          | 2142 |           | Post-med/mod | 0      |         | 0.15  | mid brownish grey    | silty clay     | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |

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| 2144    | cut      | pit          | 2144 | 2145       | Post-med/mod | 0      | 1.04    | 0.14  |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | moderate | flat    | N/A         |
| 2145    | fill     | pit          | 2144 |            | Post-med/mod | 0      |         | 0.14  | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     | n/a   |               |          |         |             |
| 2146    | cut      | pit          | 2146 | 2147       | Post-med/mod | 0      |         | 0.4   |                    |                |   | irregular     | moderate | flat    | N/A         |
| 2147    | fill     | pit          | 2146 |            | Post-med/mod | 0      |         | 0.4   | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     | n/a   |               |          |         |             |
| 2148    | cut      | pit          | 2148 |            | 1            | 0      | 0.6     | 0.33  |                    |                |   | circular      | steep    | concave | N/A         |
| 2149    | fill     | pit          | 2148 |            | 1            | 0      |         | 0.33  | dark brownish grey | clay silt      | rare small unsorted sub-rounded stones                    |               |          |         |             |
| 2150    | cut      | ditch        | 2150 | 2151       | 1            | 0      | 0.66    | 0.17  |                    |                |   | linear        | moderate | flat    | N-S         |
| 2151    | fill     | ditch        | 2150 |            | 1            | 0      |         | 0.17  | mid greyish brown  | clay silt      | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-rounded stones       |               |          |         |             |
| 2152    |          |              |      |            | n/a          | 0      |         |       |                    |                |   |               |          |         |             |
| 2153    | layer    | natural      |      |            | n/a          | 0      |         | 0.24  | dark brownish red  | clay silt      | frequent small unsorted sub-angular to sub-rounded stones |               |          |         |             |
| 2154    |          |              |      |            | n/a          | 0      |         |       |                    |                |   |               |          |         |             |
| 2155    | layer    | natural      |      |            | n/a          | 0      |         | 0.18  | light yellow brown | clay           | n/a   |               |          |         |             |
| 2156    | cut      | ditch        | 2156 | 2157       | 1            | 0      | 0.9     | 0.26  |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | n/a      | flat    | N/A         |
| 2157    | fill     | ditch        | 2156 |            | 1            | 0      |         | 0.26  | mid reddish brown  | clay silt      | rare small sub-rounded stones and charcoal                |               |          |         |             |
| 2158    | cut      | ditch        | 2158 | 2054, 2073 | 1            | 0      | 0.71    | 0.32  |                    |                |   | linear        | steep    | n/a     | N-S         |
| 2159    | fill     | ditch        | 2158 |            | 1            | 0      |         | 0.32  | mid reddish brown  | clay silt      | rare small unsorted sub-rounded stones                    |               |          |         |             |
| 2160    | VOID     |              |      |            | n/a          | 0      |         |       |                    |                |   |               |          |         |             |
| 2161    | VOID     |              |      |            | n/a          | 0      |         |       |                    |                |   |               |          |         |             |

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| 2162    | fill     | pit          | 2163 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.07  | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2163    | cut      | pit          | 2163 |            | 1       | 0.27   | 0.2     | 0.07  |                    |                |                                 | sub-circular  | steep    | concave | N/A         |
| 2164    | fill     | pit          | 2165 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.09  | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     | occasional small rounded stones |               |          |         |             |
| 2165    | cut      | pit          | 2165 | 2164       |         | 1      | 0.19    | 0.09  | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     | n/a                             | sub-circular  | steep    | concave | N/A         |
| 2166    | fill     | natural      | 2167 |            | natural | 1.4    | 0.74    | 0.22  | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     |                                 |               |          |         |             |
| 2167    | cut      | natural      | 2167 |            | natural | 1.4    | 0.74    | 0.22  |                    |                |                                 | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2168    | fill     | pit          | 2169 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.06  | dark brownish grey | silty clay     | occasional small rounded stones |               |          |         |             |
| 2169    | cut      | pit          | 2169 |            | 1       | 0.38   | 0.34    | 0.06  | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     | n/a                             | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2170    | fill     | pit          | 2171 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.08  | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     |                                 |               |          |         |             |
| 2171    | cut      | pit          | 2171 |            | 1       | 0.77   | 0.42    | 0.08  |                    |                |                                 | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2172    | fill     | pit          | 2173 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.06  | mid brownish grey  | silty clay     | n/a                             |               |          |         |             |
| 2173    | cut      | pit          | 2173 |            | 1       | 0.92   | 0.68    | 0.06  | dark brownish grey | silty clay     | n/a                             | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2174    | fill     | pit          | 2175 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.25  | dark brownish grey | silty clay     |                                 |               |          |         |             |
| 2175    | cut      | pit          | 2175 |            | 1       | 0.65   | 0.5     | 0.25  |                    |                |                                 | sub-circular  | steep    | concave | N/A         |
| 2176    | cut      | ditch        | 2176 | 2177, 2178 | 1       | 0      | 2.5     | 0.72  |                    |                |                                 | linear        | steep    | concave | E-W         |
| 2177    | fill     | ditch        | 2176 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.17  | light greyish blue | clay           | frequent charcoal               |               |          |         |             |
| 2178    | fill     | ditch        | 2176 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.62  | dark greyish brown | clay silt      | rare stones and charcoal        |               |          |         |             |
| 2179    | cut      | ditch        | 2179 | 2180, 2181 | 1       | 0      | 0.8     | 0.72  |                    |                |                                 | curvilinear   | steep    | concave | N-SE        |
| 2180    | fill     | ditch        | 2179 |            | 1       | 0      |         | 0.16  | light greyish blue | clay           | frequent charcoal               |               |          |         |             |

| Context | Category | Feature Type | Cut  | Filled By | Period | Length | Breadth | Depth | Colour             | Fine component | Coarse component                                    | Shape in plan | Side     | Base    | Orientation |
|---------|----------|--------------|------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------------------|----------------|---|---------------|----------|---------|-------------|
| 2181    | fill     | ditch        | 2179 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.64  | dark greyish brown | clay silt      | n/a   |               |          |         |             |
| 2182    | fill     | pit          | 2183 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.2   | dark brownish grey | silty clay     | n/a   |               |          |         |             |
| 2183    | cut      | pit          | 2183 | 2182      | 1      | 1.16   | 0.87    | 0.2   |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | moderate | concave | N/A         |
| 2184    | fill     | ditch        | 2185 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.08  | dark brownish grey | silty clay     | occasional small rounded stones                     |               |          |         |             |
| 2185    | cut      | ditch        | 2185 |           | 1      | 0      | 0.77    | 0.08  |                    |                |   | linear        | moderate | concave | SW-NE       |
| 2186    | cut      | ditch        | 2186 | 2187      | 1      | 0      | 0.85    | 0.32  |                    |                |   | linear        | steep    | concave | N-S         |
| 2187    | fill     | ditch        | 2186 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.32  | dark blue grey     | clay silt      | rare charcoal and small unsorted sub-rounded stones |               |          |         |             |
| 2188    | cut      | pit          | 2188 | 2189      | 1      | 0      | 0.45    | 0.1   |                    |                |   | sub-circular  | gentle   | concave | N/A         |
| 2189    | fill     | pit          | 2188 |           | 1      | 0      |         | 0.1   | mid greyish brown  | clay silt      | n/a   |               |          |         |             |

## APPENDIX B FINDS REPORTS

### B.1 Pottery

*By Alice Lyons*

#### *Introduction*

B.1.1 A total of 617 sherds, weighing 6154g (2.18 Estimated Vessel Equivalent (EVE)), of primarily Late Iron Age and Early Roman pottery was recovered from the site (Table 2). A minimum of 136 individual vessels are recorded. The condition of the pottery is fragmentary with an average sherd size of only 10g.

| Ceramic Period: abbreviation (date range)         | Sherd Count | Weight (g)  | EVE        | Weight (%)    |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Iron Age: IA (800 – 350BC)                        | 8           | 107         | 0.16       | 1.74          |
| Late Iron Age: LIA to LATEST IA (350 BC-AD 43)    | 329         | 2906        | 0.73       | 47.22         |
| Latest Iron Age to Early Roman: LIA-ER (AD 0-100) | 162         | 2134        | 0.51       | 34.68         |
| Early Roman: ER (AD 43-150)                       | 106         | 888         | 0.78       | 14.42         |
| Post-medieval: PMED (AD 1500-1750)                | 9           | 73          | 0.00       | 1.19          |
| Early modern: EMOD (AD 1750- 1900)                | 3           | 46          | 0.00       | 0.75          |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>617</b>  | <b>6154</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

Table 2: The pottery quantified by feature

B.1.2 This is a larger, although similar in character, assemblage than was recorded at the evaluation stage of the project (Table 3).

| Fieldwork phase                | Sherd Count | Weight (g)  | Weight (%)    |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Evaluation (Peachey 2019)      | 65          | 661         | 9.70          |
| Excavation (Lyons this report) | 617         | 6154        | 90.30         |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>682</b>  | <b>6815</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

Table 3: Pottery from the evaluation and excavation

B.1.3 The pottery was primarily recovered from pits and ditches, with very small quantities found in other deposits (Table 4).

| Feature             | Sherd Count | Weight (g)  | Weight (%)    |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Pit                 | 420         | 3806        | 61.85         |
| Ditch               | 195         | 2313        | 37.58         |
| Topsoil             | 1           | 29          | 0.47          |
| Redeposited natural | 1           | 6           | 0.10          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>617</b>  | <b>6154</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

Table 4: The pottery quantified by feature

#### *Methodology*

B.1.4 The pottery was evaluated following the national guidelines (Barclay *et al* 2016). The total assemblage was studied, and a catalogue was prepared (in archive, reproduced here in summary form as Table 7). The sherds were examined using a hand lens (x10 magnification) and were divided into fabric groups defined based on inclusion types

present. Vessel forms (jar, bowl) were also recorded. The sherds were counted and weighed to the nearest whole gramme and recorded by context. Decoration, residues and abrasion were also noted.

## The Pottery

### The Iron Age and Early Roman Pottery

B.1.5 The majority of the pottery found and recorded during the excavation spans the Iron Age to Early Roman periods. A total of 605 sherds, weighing 6035g (2.18EVE) was found and eight broad fabric groups recorded (Table 5).

| Fabric Name: abbreviation<br><i>Published reference</i>   | Form                   | Sherd count | EVE         | Weight (g)  | EVE (%)       | Weight (%)    |
|---|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Reduced ware with quartz inclusions: RW(Q); SGW<br><i>Hill with Horne 2003, 167-168</i>                                   | Bowl, jar, storage jar | 462         | 1.83        | 4454        | 83.95         | 73.80         |
| Sandy oxidised ware: OW; OW(Q); SOW   | Jar, storage jar       | 79          | 0.23        | 1101        | 10.55         | 18.24         |
| Reduced ware with common grog inclusions: RW(GROG)<br><i>Tomber and Dore 1998; SOB GT, 214; Hill with Horne 2003, 168</i> | Jar, storage jar       | 25          | 0.00        | 181         | 0.00          | 3.00          |
| Fine reduced ware: GW(FINE)   | Beaker                 | 15          | 0.00        | 86          | 0.00          | 1.43          |
| Reduced ware with organic inclusions: RW(ORG); RW(Q)(ORG)<br><i>Hill with Horne 2003, 168</i>                             | Bowl, jar, storage jar | 8           | 0.00        | 74          | 0.00          | 1.24          |
| Reduced ware with common flint inclusions: RW(FLINT)  | Storage jar            | 2           | 0.00        | 60          | 0.00          | 0.99          |
| Reduced ware with shell inclusions: RW(SHELL)<br><i>Hill with Horne 2003, 167</i>   | Storage jar            | 8           | 0.12        | 51          | 5.50          | 0.84          |
| Oxidised ware with shell and organic inclusions: OW (SHELL & ORG)   | Jar                    | 6           | 0.00        | 28          | 0.00          | 0.46          |
| <b>Total</b>  |                        | <b>605</b>  | <b>2.18</b> | <b>6035</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

Table 5: The pottery fabrics and forms, listed in descending order of weight (%)

### Coarse Wares

B.1.6 Chronologically the earliest pottery in the assemblage are a small number of handmade low-fired reduced ware storage jar fragments made with common flint, shell or organic inclusions. These are Iron Age in date (800-350BC) and have survived as a residual element within the soil.

B.1.7 The most common pottery-type, however, are reduced (grey/black) wares with sand as an abundant temper (mixing agent). Those produced in the Late Iron Age tradition (RW(Q)) are handmade and low-fired and found in a conservative range of carinated bowls (Thomson 1983; E1-1), also cordoned jars and storage jars (*ibid*, B3-1). This range of vessels continued to be made into the Early Roman era (SGW) when wheel technology and kiln firing became the normal method of production. The number of vessel types remained very limited although a single example of a jar with an everted rim was noted. A smaller number of similar jar and storage jar vessels which had been fired in an oxidizing atmosphere (OW; OW(Q); SOW) were found, some tempered with shell and organic material (OW (SHELL & ORG)) that has leached away to leave voids. Although no evidence for on-site pottery production was found, local contemporary pottery manufacture has been recorded in the region at Swavesey (Willis *et al* 2008) and Brampton (Lyons and Blackburn 2017), so it is known the extended local

population were skilled ceramicists and early adopters of new pottery making technologies.

- B.1.8 Vessels produced in this Sandy clay matrix were supplemented with a small number of reduced ware wheel-made vessels made with clay mixed with grog (crushed previously fired clay). Most of the material was very fragmentary and undiagnostic, although a cordoned jar (Thompson 1982, B3-1) was recognised. These Belgic-inspired latest Iron Age grog-tempered wares (SOB GT) would have been produced in relatively local specialist kilns in the early to mid-1st century AD (Hill with Horne 2003, 171).

*Adapted coarseware vessels*

- B.1.9 It is interesting to note that no evidence of repair was found within this assemblage, perhaps reflecting the low status (utilitarian) character of this assemblage. The two vessels that were adapted had major alterations to their bases which significantly changed their original function.

*Adapted coarseware vessels: Illustrated sherds*

P1 (Fig. 6) SGW(Q)(SANDW) jar with multiple small post-firing holes (between 2-4mm in diameter) drilled through its base, of which seven survive intact. A similar vessel has been recorded near-by at Wardy Hill (Hill with Horne 2003, fig 83, no 1). Fill 2113 within Pit 2110. Early-mid 1st century AD

P2 (Fig. 6) SGW (West Norfolk type; Peachey 2018) jar base, with large (15x18mm) post-firing central perforation. A similar adaptation has been recorded near-by at Wardy Hill (Hill with Horne 2003, fig 83, no 2). Fill 2103 within Pit 2101. Early to mid-2nd century AD

*Fine Wares*

- B.1.10 Fine wares are very scarce within the assemblage. The remains, however, of two locally produced fine greyware beakers were recorded; unfortunately, too fragmentary to assign to type.

*Key contexts: Pit 2110, dated to the mid-1st century AD*

- B.1.11 A total of 207 sherds, weighing 2173g (0.47 EVE) were recovered within Pit 2110, which represents 36% (by weight) of the entire period assemblage. The small oval pit was located just inside the large enclosure ditch on the northern edge of excavation. The pottery, although fragmentary with an average sherd weight of 10.5g, represents the remains of several beakers, jars and storage jars manufactured in both Late Iron Age and Early Roman traditions. No soot residues survive on the fragmentary pottery, although one of the better preserved jars (P3, Fig. 6) has an internal purple hue, it is possible that this is due to being slightly mis-fired or even from prolonged exposure to salt. The condition and character of this pottery suggest that it has seen less post-depositional disturbance than much of the material from other features on the site and may, therefore, be more closely (or directly) associated with domestic settlement in the vicinity.

*Pit 2110: Illustrated sherds:*

P3 (Fig. 6) Rilled jar with everted rim, similar to Thompson 1982, C7-1. SGW. Fill 2113

P4 (Fig. 6) Cordoned storage jar with hooked rim, similar to Thompson 1982, C6-1. RW(Q). Fill 2113

| Fabric description: abbreviation   | Method of manufacture   | Form                                      | Count      | Weight (g)  | EVE         |
|--|-------------------------|---|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Iron Age tradition Reduced ware with quartz inclusions: RW(Q)                        | Handmade and slow wheel | Jar/bowl, storage jar                     | 57         | 1162        | 0.10        |
| Romanised Reduced ware with quartz inclusions: SGW                                   | Slow and fast wheel     | Cordoned jar, jar with everted rim, sieve | 122        | 732         | 0.22        |
| Romanised Sandy oxidised ware: OW(Q)   | Handmade and fast wheel | Cordoned jar, jar or flagon               | 10         | 170         | 0.15        |
| Romanised Fine reduced ware: GW(FINE)  | Fast wheel              | Beaker                                    | 12         | 81          | 0.00        |
| Iron Age tradition Oxidised ware with shell and organic inclusions: OW (SHELL & ORG) | Handmade                | Jar                                       | 6          | 28          | 0.00        |
| <b>Total</b>   |                         |   | <b>207</b> | <b>2173</b> | <b>0.47</b> |

Table 6: Pit **2110**, the pottery fabrics and forms listed in descending order of weight (%)

### *Post-medieval and early modern pottery*

B.1.12 A total of nine sherds (73g) of Glazed red earthen ware post-medieval pottery (Laing 2014, 118) including a spouted vessel (pits: **2007**; **2101**; **2146**) and three sherds (46g) of an early modern china (*ibid*, 123) glazed plate (pit **2146**) were recovered. Eight small sherds (60g) of the red earthen ware were recovered as intrusive finds from two of the Period 1 pits (2007 and 2101) whilst the remainder of this material derived from post-medieval/modern pit **2146**.

### *Conclusion*

B.1.13 This is a small mostly stratified group, retrieved from pits and ditches, of primarily Late Iron Age and Early Roman locally produced utilitarian coarseware pottery. Most of the vessels were produced in the sandy clay matrix which was used to produce a limited range of bowls, jars and storage jars. No purpose made specialist wares were found to isolate any specific activity beyond the small-scale storage of water and dry goods such as cereals and possibly salt. Several vessels, however, were adapted to act as strainers which may have been useful in several tasks including cheese making and brewing (Abrams and Ingham 2008, 63).

B.1.14 The majority of the pottery vessels found, however, are very similar to those recovered during the evaluation (Peachy 2018), and are also comparable to those from other larger contemporary sites in the area, such as Wardy Hill, 3km to the north-east (Hill with Horne 2003). Although there is no substantial evidence of long-distance trade the presence of a single sherd of West Norfolk reduced ware pottery combined with the small quantities of relatively fine grog-tempered wares does hint at connections to other communities within the region.

B.1.15 Pottery was deposited on this site during the early to mid-1st century AD, and is largely pre-conquest in character (pre-43 AD) it may be, however, that small-scale deposition continued until the early 2nd century AD after which time the ceramic evidence suggests that this site fell from use. There is no catastrophic event horizon visible in the pottery assemblage to explain this demise, although several pottery sherds found in ditch deposits are burnt but this could be due to cooking accidents or the periodic burning of rubbish.

B.1.16 Unfortunately, the assemblage has suffered from severe post-use weathering which possibly occurred during a period of middening and most is clearly residual in character, deposited into the pits and ditches unintentionally as part of a rubbish dispersal process. Only Pit 2110 has a more cohesive assemblage suggesting a closer relationship to the community who used this material.

B.1.17 The few post-medieval and early modern sherds found reflect the resumption of agrarian activity undertaken at that time.

| Context | Cut  | Type    | Era       | HM/WM | Fabric               | Form          | No. | Wt. (g) | Spotdate    |
|---------|------|---------|-----------|-------|----------------------|---------------|-----|---------|-------------|
| 2000    |      | Topsoil | ER        | WM    | SGW(WNRW)            | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 29      | M/LC1-EC2   |
| 2008    | 2007 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW                  | JAR           | 4   | 28      | MC1         |
| 2008    | 2007 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | RW(GROG)             | JAR/BOWL      | 5   | 19      | E/MC1       |
| 2008    | 2007 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW(FINE FLINT)      | JAR           | 1   | 16      | MC1         |
| 2035    | 2034 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | RW(Q)(SGW)           | JAR           | 2   | 16      | MC1         |
| 2035    | 2034 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | OW(Q)                | JAR/BOWL      | 4   | 11      | MC1         |
| 2037    | 2036 | Pit     | ER        | SW    | SOW                  | JAR/FLAG      | 2   | 1       | MC1         |
| 2040    | 2039 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW(SANDW)           | JAR           | 2   | 28      | MC1         |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | RW(Q)(SGW)           | JAR           | 9   | 36      | MC1         |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SOW                  | JAR/BOWL      | 10  | 28      | MC1         |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW                  | JAR           | 1   | 13      | M/LC1       |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | GW(SANDW)FINE        | BEAK          | 3   | 5       | E/MC1       |
| 2049    | 2048 | Ditch   | ER        | WM    | SGW(BLUE)(MICA)      | CORDONED JAR  | 1   | 11      | M/LC1-E/MC2 |
| 2049    | 2048 | Ditch   | ER        | WM    | RW(Q)(SGW)           | JAR           | 1   | 3       | MC1         |
| 2049    | 2048 | Ditch   | ER        | WM    | RW(Q)(WS)            | JAR           | 1   | 8       | MC1         |
| 2058    | 2057 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW(BLUE)            | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 3       | E/MC1       |
| 2061    | 2060 | Pit     | ER        | SW    | OW(Q)(FINE FLINT)    | JAR/FLAG      | 2   | 4       | MC1         |
| 2074    | 2073 | Ditch   | ER        | WM    | RW(Q)(SGW)           | JAR           | 3   | 50      | MC1         |
| 2100    | 2098 | Ditch   | ER        | WM    | OW(ORANGE)           | BOWL          | 1   | 4       | MC1         |
| 2103    | 2101 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW(WNRW)            | CORDONED JAR  | 10  | 143     | M/LC1-EC2   |
| 2103    | 2101 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW(BLUE)(MICA)      | JAR           | 1   | 17      | M/LC1-C2    |
| 2111    | 2110 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | GW(SANDW)FINE        | BEAK          | 8   | 61      | E/MC1       |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW(OX SURFACES)     | JAR           | 12  | 254     | M/LC1-EC2   |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | OW(Q)                | JAR/FLAG      | 8   | 29      | E/MC1       |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | GW(SANDW)FINE        | BEAK          | 4   | 20      | E/MC1       |
| 2117    | 2116 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | SGW                  | JAR           | 1   | 6       | E/MC1       |
| 2117    | 2116 | Pit     | ER        | SW    | RW(GROG)             | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 4       | E/MC1       |
| 2151    | 2150 | Ditch   | ER        | SW    | SGW(OX SURFACES)     | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 5       | E/MC1       |
| 2174    | 2175 | Pit     | ER        | WM    | RW(Q)(SGW)           | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 1       | MC1         |
| 2178    | 2176 | Ditch   | ER        | SW    | SGW(Q)(SANDW)        | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 9       | E/MC1       |
| 2181    | 2179 | Ditch   | ER        | SW    | OW(Q)                | JAR           | 3   | 22      | C1          |
| 2184    | 2185 | Ditch   | ER        | WM    | SGW                  | JAR           | 1   | 4       | MC1-EC2     |
| 2017    | 2016 | Pit     | IA        | HM    | RW(Q)                | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 13      | C2BC-ADEC1  |
| 2025    | 2024 | Pit     | IA        | HM    | RW(FLINT)            | SJAR          | 1   | 29      | 600-200BC   |
| 2068    | 2067 | Pit     | IA        | HM    | RW(Q)                | NECKLESS JAR  | 2   | 55      | 400BC+      |
| 2068    | 2067 | Pit     | IA        | HM    | RW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)    | BOWL          | 4   | 10      | C2BC-ADEC1  |
| 2006    | 2005 | Ditch   | LATEST IA | WM    | RW(Q)(SANDW)         | JAR/BOWL      | 55  | 150     | E/MC1       |
| 2037    | 2036 | Pit     | LATEST IA | HM/SW | RW(Q)                | CORDONED SJAR | 2   | 147     | E/MC1       |
| 2046    | 2045 | Ditch   | LATEST IA | WM    | RW(Q)                | CBOWL         | 1   | 5       | E/MC1       |
| 2058    | 2057 | Pit     | LATEST IA | SW    | RW(Q)(SANDW)         | JAR/BOWL      | 5   | 19      | E/MC1       |
| 2058    | 2057 | Pit     | LATEST IA | SW    | RW(ORG)(OX SURFACES) | JAR           | 3   | 27      | E/MC1       |

| Context | Cut  | Type  | Era       | HM/WM | Fabric                              | Form          | No. | Wt. (g) | Spotdate     |
|---------|------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----|---------|--------------|
| 2058    | 2057 | Pit   | LATEST IA | SW    | RW(Q)(OCC. FINE FLINT)              | JAR           | 1   | 24      | E/MC1        |
| 2059    | 2057 | Pit   | LATEST IA | HM/SW | RW(Q)(SANDW)                        | JAR           | 7   | 25      | E/MC1        |
| 2059    | 2057 | Pit   | LATEST IA | HM/SW | RW(Q)(SANDW)                        | JAR           | 1   | 6       | E/MC1        |
| 2059    | 2057 | Pit   | LATEST IA | HM/SW | RW(Q)(SANDW)                        | JAR           | 4   | 16      | E/MC1        |
| 2070    | 2069 | Pit   | LATEST IA | SW    | SGW(Q)(SANDW)                       | JAR/BOWL      | 2   | 1       | E/MC1        |
| 2074    | 2073 | Ditch | LATEST IA | WM    | RW(Q)                               | CORDONED BOWL | 1   | 11      | E/MC1        |
| 2099    | 2098 | Ditch | LATEST IA | WM    | RW(Q)(SANDW)(OCC. FLINT)            | CORDONED JAR  | 8   | 400     | E/MC1        |
| 2100    | 2098 | Ditch | LATEST IA | HM    | OW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(ORANGE)           | JAR/SJAR      | 29  | 683     | E/MC1        |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LATEST IA | SW    | SGW(Q)(SANDW)                       | CORDONED JAR  | 110 | 478     | E/MC1        |
| 2115    | 2114 | Pit   | LATEST IA | HM/SW | RW(Q)(SANDW)(OCC. FLINT)            | JAR           | 7   | 28      | E/MC1        |
| 2117    | 2116 | Pit   | LATEST IA | HM/SW | RW(Q)(SANDW)                        | JAR           | 12  | 71      | E/MC1        |
| 2174    | 2175 | Pit   | LATEST IA | WM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)(SANDW)           | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 6       | E/MC1        |
| 2000    |      | Layer | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)                            | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 6       | C2BC-ADE/MC1 |
| 2004    | 2003 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | STW                                 | SJAR          | 1   | 32      | C2BC-ADC1    |
| 2004    | 2003 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)(OCC. FLINT)(OX SURFACES)   | SJAR          | 1   | 36      | C2BC-ADC1    |
| 2004    | 2003 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)                               | SJAR          | 1   | 179     | C2BC-ADC1    |
| 2004    | 2003 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)                            | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 8       | E/MC1        |
| 2006    | 2005 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)(GROG)(OCC. FLINT)             | JAR           | 1   | 26      | C1BC-ADEC1   |
| 2006    | 2005 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)                               | SJAR          | 2   | 13      | C1BC-ADEC1   |
| 2015    | 2014 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)                            | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 8       | E/MC1        |
| 2017    | 2016 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)(OX SURFACE)                | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 4       | C2BC-ADEC1   |
| 2019    | 2018 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                  | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 1       | C1BC-ADE/MC1 |
| 2021    | 2020 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)(ORG)(OX SURFACES)             | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 13      | C2BC-ADE/MC1 |
| 2023    | 2022 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)(OCC FLINT)(OX SURFACES)    | JAR/BOWL      | 3   | 12      | C2BC-ADEC1   |
| 2029    | 2028 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(OX SURFACES)      | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 7       | C1BC-ADEC1   |
| 2029    | 2028 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(ORG)(OX SURFACES) | BOWL          | 5   | 19      | C1BC-ADEC1   |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(FLINT)                           | SJAR          | 1   | 31      | 350+         |
| 2047    | 2048 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)(ORG)                          | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 4       | C2BC-ADE/MC1 |
| 2068    | 2067 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)(OCC. FINE FLINT)           | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 6       | C1BC-ADEC1   |
| 2075    | 2073 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)                               | JAR/BOWL      | 12  | 65      | C2BC-ADEC1   |
| 2089    | 2088 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)                            | JAR/BOWL      | 2   | 1       | E/MC1        |
| 2091    | 2088 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                  | JAR/BOWL      | 5   | 24      | C2BC-ADE/MC1 |
| 2099    | 2098 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(SHELL)                           | SJAR          | 4   | 6       | C1BC-ADE/MC1 |
| 2100    | 2098 | Ditch | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)(FLINT)                        | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 12      | C2BC-ADEC1   |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(Q)                               | SJAR          | 2   | 50      | C1BC-ADE/MC1 |
| 2126    | 2127 | Pit   | LIA       | HM    | RW(GROG)(SPARSE CALC & FLINT)       | JAR/SJAR      | 2   | 45      | C2BC-ADE/MC1 |

| Context | Cut  | Type  | Era    | HM/WM | Fabric                                | Form          | No. | Wt. (g) | Spotdate      |
|---------|------|-------|--------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----|---------|---------------|
| 2126    | 2127 | Pit   | LIA    | HM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR/BOWL      | 2   | 17      | C2BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2136    | 2137 | Pit   | LIA    | HM    | RW(Q)(ORG)                            | BOWL          | 4   | 20      | C2BC-ADEC1    |
| 2136    | 2137 | Pit   | LIA    | HM/SW | RW(Q)(FINE F LINT)                    | SJAR          | 1   | 37      | C1BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2151    | 2150 | Ditch | LIA    | HM    | RW(ORG)(OOC. SHELL)                   | SJAR          | 1   | 27      | C2BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2181    | 2179 | Ditch | LIA    | HM    | RW(Q)(OCC FINE FLINT)                 | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 6       | C2BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2182    | 2183 | Pit   | LIA    | HM    | RW(Q)                                 | JAR/BOWL      | 2   | 7       | C2BC-ADEC1    |
| 2184    | 2185 | Ditch | LIA    | HM    | RW(Q)(BS)                             | JAR/BOWL      | 4   | 15      | C2BC-ADEC1    |
| 2184    | 2185 | Ditch | LIA    | HM    | RW(Q)(SANDW)                          | JAR/SJAR      | 8   | 38      | C1BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2187    | 2186 | Ditch | LIA    | HM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 23      | C2BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2187    | 2186 | Ditch | LIA    | HM    | RW(GROG)                              | JAR/BOWL      | 4   | 11      | C1BC-ADEC1    |
| 2006    | 2005 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)                                 | SJAR          | 4   | 115     | C1BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2006    | 2005 | Ditch | LIA-ER | WM    | RW(Q)                                 | JAR           | 1   | 4       | E/MC1         |
| 2008    | 2007 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)                                 | SJAR          | 6   | 42      | C1BC-ADEC/MC1 |
| 2008    | 2007 | Pit   | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 13      | E/MC1         |
| 2011    | 2010 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR           | 1   | 1       | C1B-ADE/MC1   |
| 2013    | 2012 | Ditch | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(Q)                                 | JAR/BOWL      | 2   | 13      | E/MC1         |
| 2013    | 2012 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR           | 1   | 10      | C1BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2033    | 2032 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(SANDW)                          | JAR/SJAR      | 2   | 10      | E/MC1         |
| 2033    | 2032 | Pit   | LIA-ER | SW    | OW(Q)                                 | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 1       | E/MC1         |
| 2035    | 2034 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(SANDW)(OX SURFACES) | JAR/BOWL      | 6   | 32      | C1BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2038    | 2036 | Pit   | LIA-ER | WM    | SGW(SANDW)(OCC FLINT)                 | JAR           | 10  | 43      | E/MC1         |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit   | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(GROG)                              | CORDONED JAR  | 2   | 21      | E/MC1         |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit   | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(SANDW)(OX SURFACES) | JAR           | 14  | 136     | E/MC1         |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 5       | E/MC1         |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit   | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(Q)(VOIDS)                          | JAR           | 1   | 11      | E/MC1         |
| 2049    | 2048 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM/SW | OW(Q)                                 | SJAR          | 10  | 93      | E/MC1         |
| 2049    | 2048 | Ditch | LIA-ER | WM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | CORDONED BOWL | 2   | 22      | E/MC1         |
| 2049    | 2048 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM/SW | OW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)                     | JAR           | 1   | 18      | MC1           |
| 2056    | 2054 | Ditch | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 3       | E/MC1         |
| 2058    | 2057 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 5       | E/MC1         |
| 2061    | 2060 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM/SW | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR           | 7   | 46      | E/MC1         |
| 2062    | 2060 | Pit   | LIA-ER | WM    | SGW(SANDW)(OCC FLINT)                 | JAR/BOWL      | 2   | 5       | E/MC1         |
| 2090    | 2088 | Ditch | LIA-ER | WM    | SGW(SANDW)(OCC FLINT)                 | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 11      | C1            |
| 2091    | 2088 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(SGW)                            | SJAR          | 1   | 45      | C1BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2099    | 2098 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | OW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(ORANGE)             | JAR           | 1   | 6       | E/MC1         |
| 2099    | 2098 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)                                 | JAR/BOWL      | 3   | 3       | E/MC1         |
| 2099    | 2098 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)                                 | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 1       | E/MC1         |
| 2099    | 2098 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | OW(Q)                                 | SJAR          | 1   | 12      | C1BC-ADE/MC1  |
| 2100    | 2098 | Ditch | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(Q)                                 | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 5       | E/MC1         |
| 2111    | 2110 | Pit   | LIA-ER | SW/WM | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | JAR/BOWL      | 15  | 106     | E/MC1         |
| 2111    | 2110 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(FINE FLINT)                     | SJAR          | 1   | 115     | C2BC-ADC1     |

| Context | Cut  | Type  | Era    | HM/WM | Fabric                                | Form          | No. | Wt. (g) | Spotdate     |
|---------|------|-------|--------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----|---------|--------------|
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(SANDW)(OX SURFACES) | SJAR          | 18  | 748     | E/MC1        |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | OW(SHELL & ORG)                       | JAR           | 5   | 27      | E/MC1        |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | OW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(ORANGE)             | CORDONED SJAR | 2   | 141     | E/MC1        |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(SANDW)                          | JAR/BOWL      | 13  | 102     | E/MC1        |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | OW(SHELL & ORG)                       | JAR           | 1   | 1       | E/MC1        |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(SANDW)                          | JAR/BOWL      | 6   | 18      | E/MC1        |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(OCC. FLINT)(SANDW)(OX SURFACES) | SJAR          | 1   | 16      | E/MC1        |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(Q)(SANDW)(OX SURFACES)             | JAR/BOWL      | 1   | 7       | E/MC1        |
| 2117    | 2116 | Pit   | LIA-ER | HM    | OW(Q)(ORANGE)                         | SJAR          | 3   | 37      | C1BC-ADC1    |
| 2151    | 2150 | Ditch | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(Q)                                 | JAR/SJAR      | 1   | 13      | C1BC-ADC1    |
| 2151    | 2150 | Ditch | LIA-ER | SW    | RW(Q)(BS)                             | CORDONED JAR  | 1   | 24      | E/MC1        |
| 2157    | 2156 | Pit   | LIA-ER | WM    | RW(Q)(OX SURFACES)                    | CORDONED JAR  | 4   | 23      | E/MC1        |
| 2181    | 2179 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | RW(SHELL)                             | SJAR          | 3   | 13      | C2BC-ADE/MC1 |
| 2184    | 2185 | Ditch | LIA-ER | HM    | OW(Q)(ORANGE)                         | SJAR          | 1   | 11      | E/MC1        |
| 2147    | 2146 | Pit   | MOD    | WM    | OW(CLEAR GLAZE)                       | PLATE         | 3   | 46      | C18-C20      |
| 2008    | 2007 | Pit   | PMED   | HM    | SREDW(GLAZED)(GRE)                    | JAR           | 5   | 31      | C16-C18      |
| 2103    | 2101 | Pit   | PMED   | SW    | SREDW(SOME GLAZED)(GRE)               | JAR/BOWL      | 3   | 29      | C16-C18      |
| 2147    | 2146 | Pit   | PMED   | HM    | SREDW(SLIPPED AND GALZED)             | SPOUT         | 1   | 13      | C16-C18      |

Table 7: Summary pottery catalogue (HM= handmade; WM= wheelmade)

## B.2 Ceramic Building Material

By Ted Levermore

### Introduction and methodology

B.2.1 Archaeological excavations produced a small assemblage of ceramic building material (CBM) totalling five fragments weighing 355g. The assemblage is comprised of post-medieval to modern Burwell yellow type brick and orange sandy tile fragments. All were fragmentary, abraded and largely uninformative.

B.2.2 The assemblage was quantified by context, fabric and form and counted and weighed to the nearest whole gramme. Fabrics were examined using a x20 hand lens and were described by main inclusions present. Width, length and thickness were recorded where possible. Woodforde (1976) and McComish (2015) form the basis of reference material for identification and dating. The quantified data are presented on an Excel spreadsheet held with the site archive.

### Assemblage and Discussion

B.2.3 The fragments recovered were collected from three contexts. The catalogue is summarised in Table 8 below. Single, relatively small, pieces of tile were recovered from the fills of two of the Period 1 (LIA-ER) pits – this appears to represent intrusive material. A slightly larger quantity of material, including brick and tile, was recovered from the fill of one of the post-medieval/modern pits. As a whole, the assemblage is

severely abraded and as such is largely uninformative. The presence of post-medieval fragments of CBM is usually related to discard of the material into the modern agricultural landscape. Later material is therefore often intrusive to archaeological features. It therefore represents little more than background noise.

| Context | Cut  | Feature | Period/phase | Object | Form      | Date               | Count | Weight |
|---------|------|---------|--------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--------|
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit     | Period 1     | Tile   | Flat      | Post-med to modern | 1     | 29     |
| 2103    | 2101 | Pit     | Period 1     | Tile   | ?Curved   | Post-med to modern | 1     | 101    |
| 2147    | 2146 | Pit     | Post-med/mod | Tile   | Curved    | Post-med to modern | 1     | 64     |
| 2147    | 2146 | Pit     | Post-med/mod | Brick  | Fragments | Post-med to modern | 2     | 161    |
| Total   |      |         |              |        |           |                    | 5     | 355    |

Table 8: Summary CBM Catalogue

## B.3 Fired/Baked Clay

By Ted Levermore

### Introduction and methodology

5.1.2 The excavation produced 84 fragments, 1.02kg, of fired clay. This assemblage comprised both mostly amorphous pieces with no discernible features and a small fraction of more 'structural' pieces with flattened surfaces and signs of hand-forming. No diagnostic objects were present. Generally, this material was moderately to severely abraded.

5.1.3 The assemblage was quantified by context, fabric and form and counted and weighed to the nearest whole gramme. Width, length and thickness were recorded where possible. The quantified data and fabric descriptions are presented on an Excel spreadsheet held with the site archive. A summary of the catalogue can be found in Table 10.

### Results of Analysis

#### Fabrics

Five fabrics were recorded from this small assemblage (Table 9). All fabrics could be considered as deriving from local silt clays with varying amounts of sand, grit and clay inclusions. Varying degrees of paste preparation and different clay sources are evident.

| Code | Colour   | Matrix       | Fine inclusions                          | Coarse inclusions               | Mixing | Comments                |
|------|--|--------------|--|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| F1   | Mid Orange   | fine sandy   | common sandy grit, occ reddish pellets   | occ red pellets, rare flint     | mod    | compact but friable     |
| F2   | Mid red-brown, browns  | compact silt | occ red pellets and grit                 | occ red pellets                 | mod    | sandy face              |
| F3   | oranges, greys, browns                                       | fine sandy   | occ mica, common sandy grit              | rare quartz, flint or dark grit | mod    |                         |
| F4   | Dark grey/black core with light brown faces                  | compact silt | common fine quartz, rare gritty material | no vis                          | well   | well mixed sandy fabric |
| F5   | Mid orange-brown, stripy core of orange and mid-brown orange | fine sandy   | common quartz and sandy grit             | occ sandy material              | well   |                         |

Table 9: Fired clay fabrics

### *Assemblage*

- B.3.1 The fired clay assemblage was collected from 16 pit and ditch features, all belonging to Period 1. The material was mostly severely abraded, rounded and uninformative even when structural features like exacted surfaces were present. The only noteworthy fragment was a flared wedge shaped fragment reminiscent of pit lining lip or an object apex from pit 2112. However, its original form is unclear.

### *Discussion*

- B.3.2 The material recovered is heavily abraded and fragmentary. There is very little that can be drawn from the assemblage in sum or individually.

| Context | Cut  | Feature Type | Context Notes | Sample | Fabric type | Fabric group | Fragment type | Structural type | Object Class | Object Form | Date/Period | Abrasion | Notes  | Count | Wt (kg) |
|---------|------|--------------|---------------|--------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--|-------|---------|
| 2004    | 2003 | Ditch        | Disuse        |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 3     | 0.009   |
| 2006    | 2005 | Ditch        | Disuse        |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 4     | 0.023   |
| 2023    | 2022 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 1     | 0.018   |
| 2035    | 2034 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 9     | 0.050   |
| 2037    | 2036 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F2          |              | s             | fs              |              |             |             | mod      | poss organic impression on face. Fine sanded face  | 1     | 0.008   |
| 2037    | 2036 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 2     | 0.005   |
| 2038    | 2036 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 2     | 0.003   |
| 2040    | 2039 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 1     | 0.018   |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit          | Disuse        | 2008   | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 2     | 0.022   |
| 2044    | 2043 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F4          |              | s             | fs              |              |             |             | mod      | Fragments of an object with reduced grey/black core and light brown surfaces. No clear form.   | 13    | 0.084   |
| 2056    | 2054 | Ditch        | Silting       |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      | reduced, friable   | 2     | 0.008   |
| 2058    | 2057 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F2          |              | a/s           | a/fs/c          |              |             |             | mod      | Includes an arris, not clear form  | 9     | 0.072   |
| 2059    | 2057 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F1          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 2     | 0.007   |
| 2061    | 2060 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F2          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 2     | 0.022   |
| 2068    | 2067 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F2          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 3     | 0.009   |
| 2100    | 2098 | Ditch        | Disuse        |        | F1          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 1     | 0.015   |
| 2103    | 2101 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F2          |              | a/s           | a/fs            |              |             |             | mod      | from a single object, no clear form  | 10    | 0.187   |
| 2111    | 2110 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F2          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 3     | 0.052   |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F5          |              | s             | fs/c/hf         |              |             |             | mod      | Large flared/wedge shaped fragment with large rounded arris. Perhaps a lining lip, or vertex from an angled object. Unclear original form. | 2     | 0.147   |
| 2113    | 2112 | Pit          | Disuse        |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      | Large refitting fragments, no clear form   | 4     | 0.226   |
| 2162    | 2163 | Pit          |               |        | F3          |              | a             |                 |              |             |             | sev      |  | 8     | 0.033   |

Table 10: Summary fired clay catalogue (fs=flattened surface and hf=hand-forming)

## B.4 Slag and fuel residues

*By Carole Fletcher (with identifications by Simon Timberlake)*

- B.4.1 A small assemblage of slag, three fragments weighing 27g, was collected by hand from two features. The slag was weighed and rapidly recorded, with basic description and weight recorded in the text.
- B.4.2 A single fragment of fuel ash slag (16g) was recovered from Period 1 pit 2028 (fill 2029). This fragment is externally pale grey, with occasional sand and small stones. It is moderately dense and non-magnetic, while internally, the fragments are dark grey with some vesicular areas. The slag is not closely datable in itself, however, it was recovered alongside Latest Iron Age pottery.
- B.4.3 Period 1 ditch 2176 (fill 2178) produced two fragments of metalworking slag (11g). The irregular fragments of dark grey vesicular smithing slag are possibly Roman, and the ditch did produce early Roman pottery.
- B.4.4 The slag assemblage is fragmentary and uninformative, although it does indicate high temperature processing and metalworking. The low levels of material recovered mean the significance of the assemblage is uncertain. If the smithing slag from ditch 2176 represents metalworking, the small amount present suggests that its presence is very probably due to general rubbish deposition or manuring, the slag having been created elsewhere.

## B.5 Worked and Burnt Flint

*By Lawrence Billington*

- B.5.1 Two worked flints and a single unworked burnt flint cobble were recovered during the excavations. Pit 2060 (fill 2061) produced a single fragment of a narrow flake, whilst ditch 2073 (fill 2075) produced a large hard hammer struck primary flake and a heavily burnt flint cobble weighing 241g. The worked flint presumably represents residual material but is not chronologically diagnostic. The burnt flint cobble may represent a deliberately heated 'pot-boiler' and may be contemporary with the Late Iron Age/Early Roman activity at the site.

## B.6 Stone

*By Simon Timberlake*

- B.6.1 A single piece of burnt and worked stone weighing 359g was recovered from Period 1 pit 2043 (fill 2044). The stone was examined by hand under a x10 illuminated magnifying lens and tested with dilute HCL to confirm the presence/ absence of limestone or a carbonate cement.
- B.6.2 The stone is a burnt and cracked fragment of a well-rounded glacial erratic cobble (80mm x 65mm x 50mm) which is composed of a hard quartzitic grit (metasandstone) that appears, prior to it having been used as burnt stone for the purposes of cooking or for boiling water, to have functioned as a small rubbing stone in conjunction with a flat to slightly concave-topped saddlequern, or simply as a stone for softening hides or

for crushing food stuffs. The original rubber stone would have been flattened – oval in shape and most probably 130mm x120mm in size and was used just upon its basal ever so slightly faceted polished surface,

- B.6.3 This is an example of an expediently used prehistoric stone tool which could be Neolithic to Iron Age in date. The stone had seen considerable use before it was discarded then picked up again for use as burnt stone for the purposes of cooking/boiling water or perhaps even to generate steam for cleansing (Buckley 1990; O’Kelly 1954).

## B.7 Glass

*By Carole Fletcher*

- B.7.1 A small assemblage of 18th or 19th century glass, consisting of three shards weighing 18g, was recovered from the site. The glass was scanned and recorded by form, colour, count and weight, and dated where possible.
- B.7.2 From Period 1 pit 2032 (fill 2033), a small fragment of olive green vessel glass (1g) was recovered. The pit also produced Latest Iron Age-early Roman pottery, however, such a small fragment of glass is not closely datable and, although it could be Roman, it might equally be an intrusive fragment from a 19th century or later vessel. Post-medieval/modern pit 2146 (fill 2147) produced two iridescent, mid olive green shards of glass (17g), from the neck and shoulder of a cylindrical utility bottle that is very probably late 18th-19th century.
- B.7.3 The presence of small fragments of vessel glass suggests low levels of domestic rubbish deposition or manuring. The plain and fragmentary nature of the total assemblage means it is of little significance.

## B.8 Clay Tobacco Pipe

*By Carole Fletcher*

- B.8.1 During fieldwork, one fragment of white ball clay tobacco pipe stem was recovered. Simplified recording only has been undertaken, with material type, basic description and weight recorded. Terminology used in this report is taken from Oswald’s simplified general typology (Oswald 1975, 37–41), and Hind and Crummy (Hind and Crummy 1988, 47-66).
- B.8.2 A fragment of plain clay tobacco pipe stem 28mm long and 6.9mm in diameter, weighing 2g, was recovered from layer 2155. The fragment of clay tobacco pipe recovered represents what was most likely a casually discarded pipe. The fragment does little, other than to indicate the consumption of tobacco on, or near, the site, sometime after the later 16th century.

## APPENDIX C ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

### C.1 Environmental Samples

*By Rachel Fosberry*

#### *Introduction*

- C.1.1 Twenty bulk environmental samples were taken from the fills of Iron Age and early Roman features within the excavated area at Bridge Road, Mepal in accordance with the sampling strategy for this site, which aimed to maximise the recovery of ecofacts and small artefacts from all feature types, phases and areas. Samples taken during the evaluation of the site showed good potential for the recovery of carbonised plant remains, particularly cereal grain and chaff (Summers, in Locke 2019).

#### *Methodology*

- C.1.2 The samples were processed by tank flotation using modified Siraf-type equipment for the recovery of preserved plant remains, dating evidence and any other artefactual evidence that might be present. The floating component (flot) of the samples was collected in a 0.3mm nylon mesh and the residue was washed through 10mm, 5mm, 2mm and a 0.5mm sieve. A magnet was dragged through each residue fraction for the recovery of magnetic residues prior to sorting for artefacts. Any artefacts present were noted and reintegrated with the hand-excavated finds.
- C.1.3 The dried flots were subsequently sorted using a binocular microscope at magnifications up to x 60 and an abbreviated list of the recorded remains are presented in Table 11. Identification of plant remains is with reference to the Digital Seed Atlas of the Netherlands (Cappers *et al.* 2006) and the authors' own reference collection. Nomenclature is according to Zohary and Hopf (2000) for cereals and Stace (2010) for other plants. Carbonised seeds and grains, by the process of burning and burial, become blackened and often distort and fragment leading to difficulty in identification. Plant remains have been identified to species where possible. The identification of cereals has been based on the characteristic morphology of the grains and chaff as described by Jacomet (2006).

#### *Quantification*

- C.1.4 For the purpose of this report, items such as seeds and cereal grains have been scanned and recorded qualitatively according to the following categories:
- # = 1-5, ## = 6-25, ### = 26-100, #### = 100+ specimens
- C.1.5 Items that cannot be easily quantified such as charcoal and molluscs have been scored for abundance:
- + = rare, ++ = moderate, +++ = abundant
- U=untransformed, f = fragment

## Results

C.1.6 Preservation of plant remains is predominantly by carbonisation and is restricted to sparse charcoal fragments and occasional cereal grains. The grains are poorly preserved and are present in such low quantities that they may not be contemporary with the deposits sampled, particularly as the flots contained abundant modern rootlets which may have caused movement of material. Tentative identification based on grain morphology indicate the presence of barley (*Hordeum* sp.), wheat (*Triticum* sp.) and oat (*Avena* sp.) but the level of preservation is too poor to identify the grains to species. A single degraded glume base is representative of hulled wheat spelt/emmer (*Triticum spelta/dicoccum*). Single seeds of brome (*Bromus* sp.) and grass (Poaceae) are the only charred seeds recovered. Untransformed seeds of elder (*Sambucus nigra*) in pit 2112 may be indicative of differential preservation caused by movement of the water table as untransformed seeds of duckweed (*Lemna* sp.) are preserved in the basal fill of ditch 2098 indicating the feature once held water, possibly seasonally.

| Sample No. | Context No. | Cut No. | Feature type | Volume processed (L) | Flot Volume (ml) | Cereals | Weed Seeds | Charcoal volume (ml) | Pottery | Fired clay |
|------------|-------------|---------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|------------|----------------------|---------|------------|
| 2000       | 2004        | 2003    | Ditch        | 14                   | 20               | 0       | 0          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2001       | 2008        | 2007    | Pit          | 18                   | 55               | 0       | 0          | 2                    | #       | 0          |
| 2002       | 2027        | 2026    | Pit          | 6                    | 2                | 0       | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0          |
| 2003       | 2068        | 2067    | Pit          | 17                   | 1                | 0       | 0          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2004       | 2072        | 2071    | Pit          | 4                    | 2                | 0       | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0          |
| 2005       | 2099        | 2098    | Ditch        | 16                   | 5                | 0       | ###u       | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2006       | 2100        | 2098    | Ditch        | 16                   | 20               | #f      | 0          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2007       | 2111        | 2110    | Pit          | 8                    | 20               | #       | 0          | <1                   | 0       | 0          |
| 2008       | 2113        | 2112    | Pit          | 17                   | 60               | ##      | #u         | <1                   | ##      | ##         |
| 2009       | 2074        | 2073    | Ditch        | 14                   | 5                | 0       | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0          |
| 2010       | 2075        | 2073    | Ditch        | 17                   | 5                | 0       | 0          | <1                   | 0       | 0          |
| 2011       | 2089        | 2086    | Ditch        | 16                   | 2                | #       | 0          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2012       | 2090        | 2088    | Ditch        | 16                   | 5                | 0       | 0          | 0                    | 0       | 0          |
| 2013       | 2187        | 2186    | Ditch        | 19                   | 5                | 0       | 0          | 0                    | #       | 0          |
| 2014       | 2182        | 2183    | Pit          | 16                   | 30               | #       | 0          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2015       | 2017        | 2016    | Pit          | 18                   | 10               | #       | 0          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2016       | 2029        | 2028    | Pit          | 18                   | 40               | #       | 0          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2017       | 2058        | 2057    | Pit          | 16                   | 50               | #       | #          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2018       | 2044        | 2043    | Pit          | 17                   | 10               | #       | 0          | <1                   | #       | 0          |
| 2019       | 2015        | 2014    | Pit          | 14                   | 10               | 0       | 0          | <1                   | 0       | 0          |

Table 11: Environmental samples

## Discussion

C.1.7 The environmental bulk samples taken from the latest phase of excavation from this site have not produced the same level of density and diversity as those taken from the evaluation. Charred plant remains from the deposits sampled are sparse, which precludes further interpretation on the economy and environment of the site.

## C.2 Animal Bone

By Hayley Foster

### Introduction

C.2.1 This report details the analysis of the animal bone recovered from Bridge Road, Mepal, Cambridgeshire. The assemblage was of a small size (580g) and the number of recordable fragments totalled 13. Material from hand collection totalled seven fragments with six from environmental samples. Animal bone dated to the Iron Age and Roman period. Remains were retrieved from ditches and pits. The species represented include cattle (*Bos taurus*), sheep/goat (*Ovis/Capra*), and pig (*Sus scrofa*).

### Methodology

- C.2.2 The method used to quantify this assemblage was based on that used for Knowth by McCormick and Murray (2007) which was modified from Albarella and Davis (1996).
- C.2.3 Identification of the faunal remains was carried out at Oxford Archaeology East. References to Hillson (1992), Schmid (1972) and von den Driesch (1976) were used where needed for identification purposes.
- C.2.4 Dental ageing could not be carried out however epiphyseal fusion could be assessed in some cases. The state of epiphyseal fusion is determined by examining the metaphysis and diaphysis of a bone. Fusion was recorded according to Silver (1970) and Schmid (1972) for cattle, sheep and pig. Measurements could not be carried out on any of the fragments and taphonomic processes were limited due to fragmentation and condition of the assemblage.

### Results

C.2.5 The assemblage was small in size with most fragments classified as in a poor condition, with high levels of fragmentation. Cattle were the best represented species followed by sheep/goat and pig. The remains recovered were mainly comprised of loose teeth fragments. Taphonomic processes were only noted in the form of carnivore gnawing on the caput of a cattle femur from ditch 2073. Ageing data revealed that no fragments contained unfused epiphyses suggesting an absence of very young animals.

| Context | Cut  | Feature | Sample | Species    | Element                | Period |
|---------|------|---------|--------|------------|------------------------|--------|
| 2037    | 2036 | Pit     |        | Sheep/Goat | Loose Tooth            | 1      |
| 2068    | 2067 | Pit     |        | Cattle     | Loose Tooth            | 1      |
| 2068    | 2067 | Pit     | <2003> | Pig        | Loose Tooth            | 1      |
| 2068    | 2067 | Pit     | <2003> | Cattle     | Loose Tooth            | 1      |
| 2074    | 2073 | Ditch   | <2009> | Cattle     | Femur                  | 1      |
| 2090    | 2088 | Ditch   |        | Cattle     | Radius                 | 1      |
| 2100    | 2098 | Ditch   |        | Cattle     | Loose Tooth            | 1      |
| 2100    | 2098 | Ditch   |        | Cattle     | Radius                 | 1      |
| 2103    | 2101 | Pit     |        | Sheep/Goat | Pelvis                 | 1      |
| 2103    | 2101 | Pit     |        | Cattle     | Loose Mandibular Tooth | 1      |
| 2187    | 2186 | Ditch   | <2013> | Sheep/Goat | Loose Mandibular Tooth | 1      |
| 2187    | 2186 | Ditch   | <2013> | Sheep/Goat | Metapodial 1           | 1      |
| 2187    | 2186 | Ditch   | <2187> | Sheep/Goat | Patella                | 1      |

Table 12: List of identifiable fragments from hand-collection and environmental samples

| Species    | NISP |
|------------|------|
| Cattle     | 7    |
| Sheep/Goat | 5    |
| Pig        | 1    |
| Total      | 13   |

Table 13: Number of identifiable fragments (NISP) from faunal assemblage

## Discussion

C.2.6 At Bridge Road, domestic mammals were the mainstay of the food economy, with sheep/goat and cattle remains being the most well represented species. The small amount of data and lack of ageing data does not allow for any significant interpretations to be made about husbandry practices and dietary preferences at this site. It also does not allow for comparisons with regional assemblages as the sample size is particularly small.

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## APPENDIX E SITE SUMMARY DETAILS / OASIS REPORT FORM

**Site name:** Land East of the New Bedford River, Bridge Road, Mepal, Plot 1  
**Site code:** ECB5916  
**Grid Reference:** TL 44146 813588  
**Type:** Excavation  
**Date and duration:** June-July 2019, 3 weeks  
**Area of Site:** 0.096ha  
**Location of archive:** The archive is currently held at OAE, and will be deposited with Cambridgeshire County Council in due course, under the following accession number: ECB5916.

### Project Details

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| OASIS Number       | oxfordar3-359077   |                  |            |
| Project Name       | Land East of the New Bedford River, Bridge Road, Mepal, Plot 1 |                  |            |
| Start of Fieldwork | 18/06/2019   | End of Fieldwork | 05/07/2019 |
| Previous Work      | Yes  | Future Work      | No         |

### Project Reference Codes

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| Ditch    | Iron Age ( - 800 to 43) | Pottery     | Iron Age ( - 800 to 43) |
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## Project Location

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| Parish             | Mepal                         |   |
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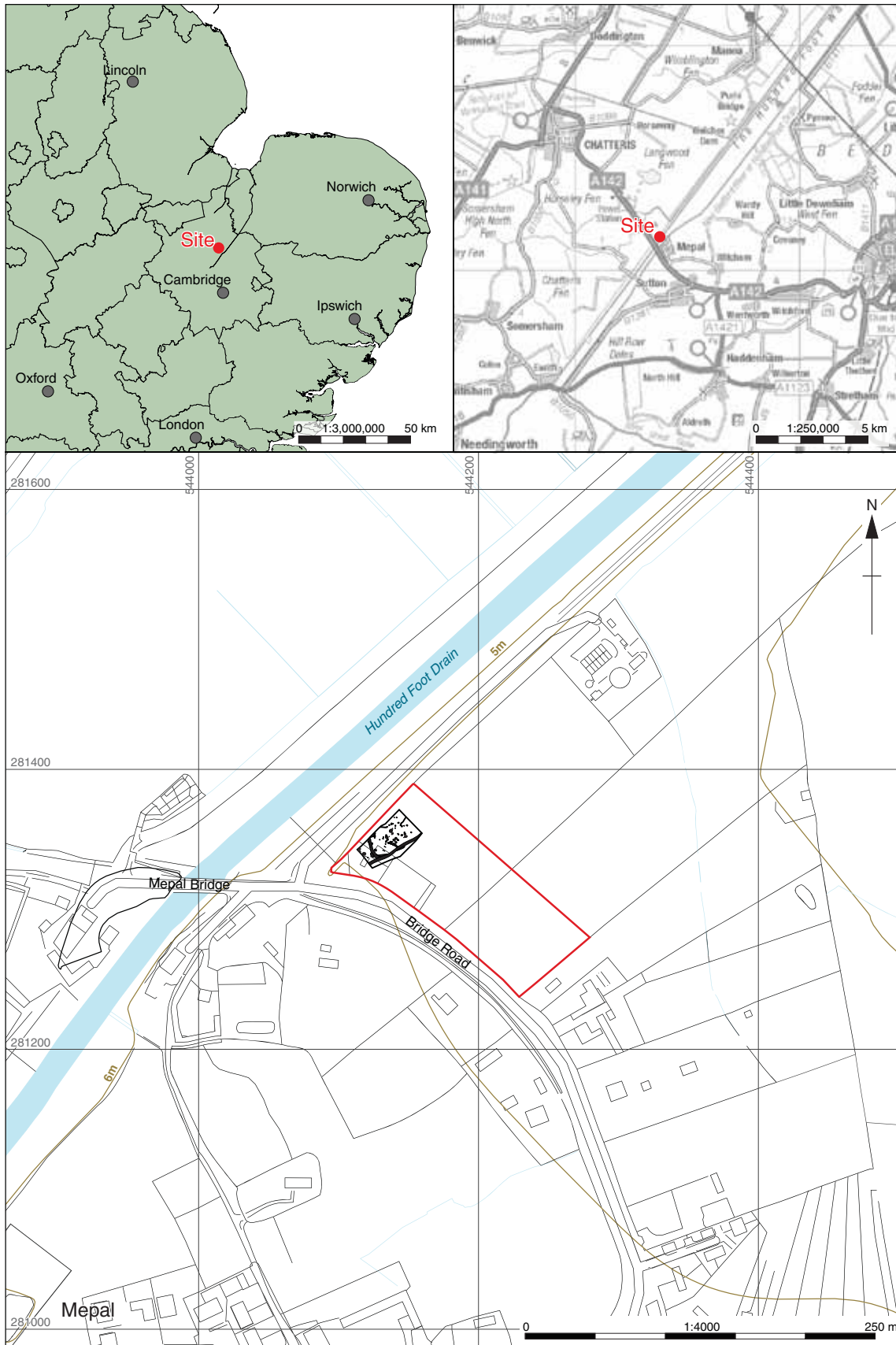
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## Further Comments



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Figure 1: Site location showing excavation area (black) in wider development area outlined (red)



Figure 2: HER Plot

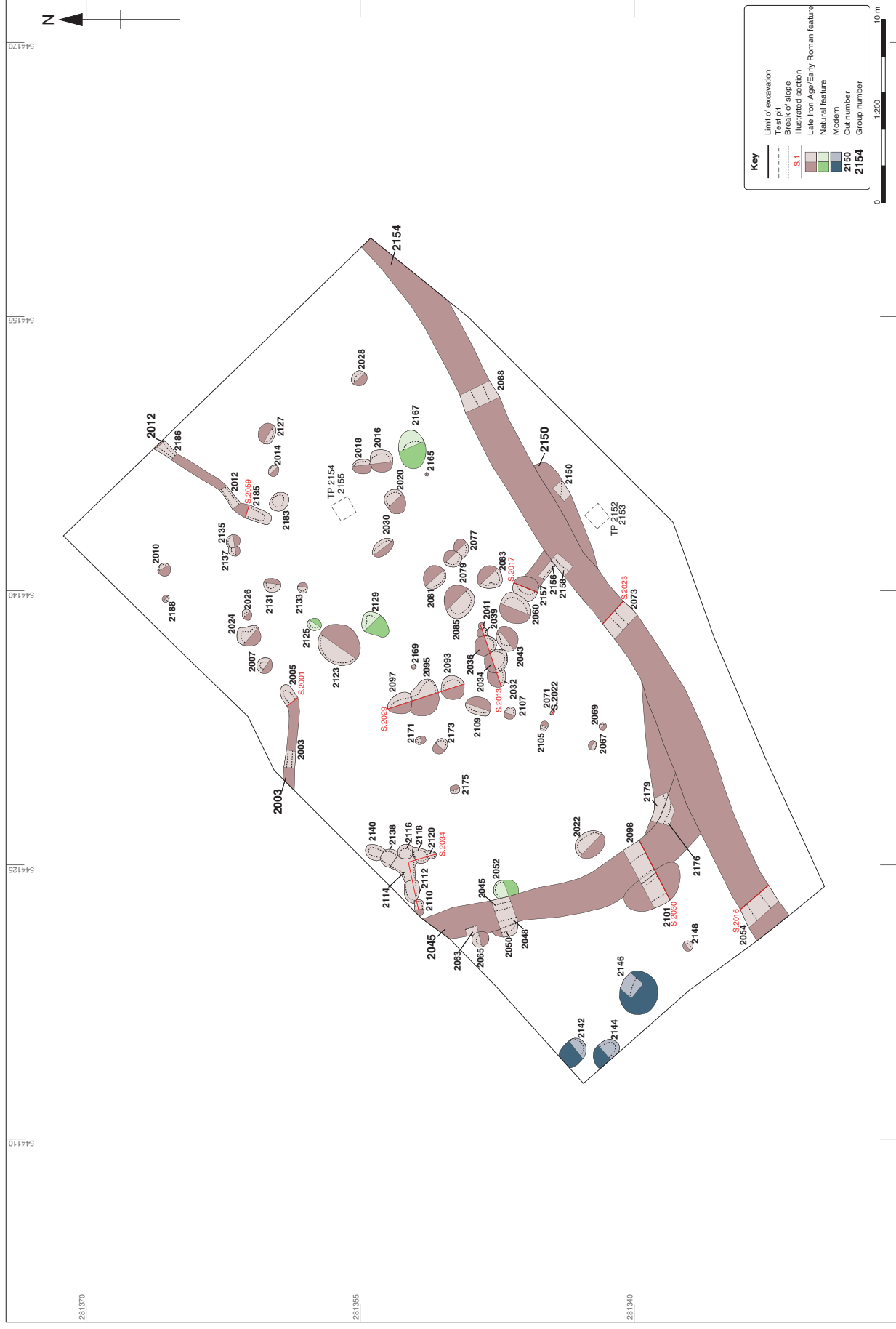


Figure 3: Phased plan of all features

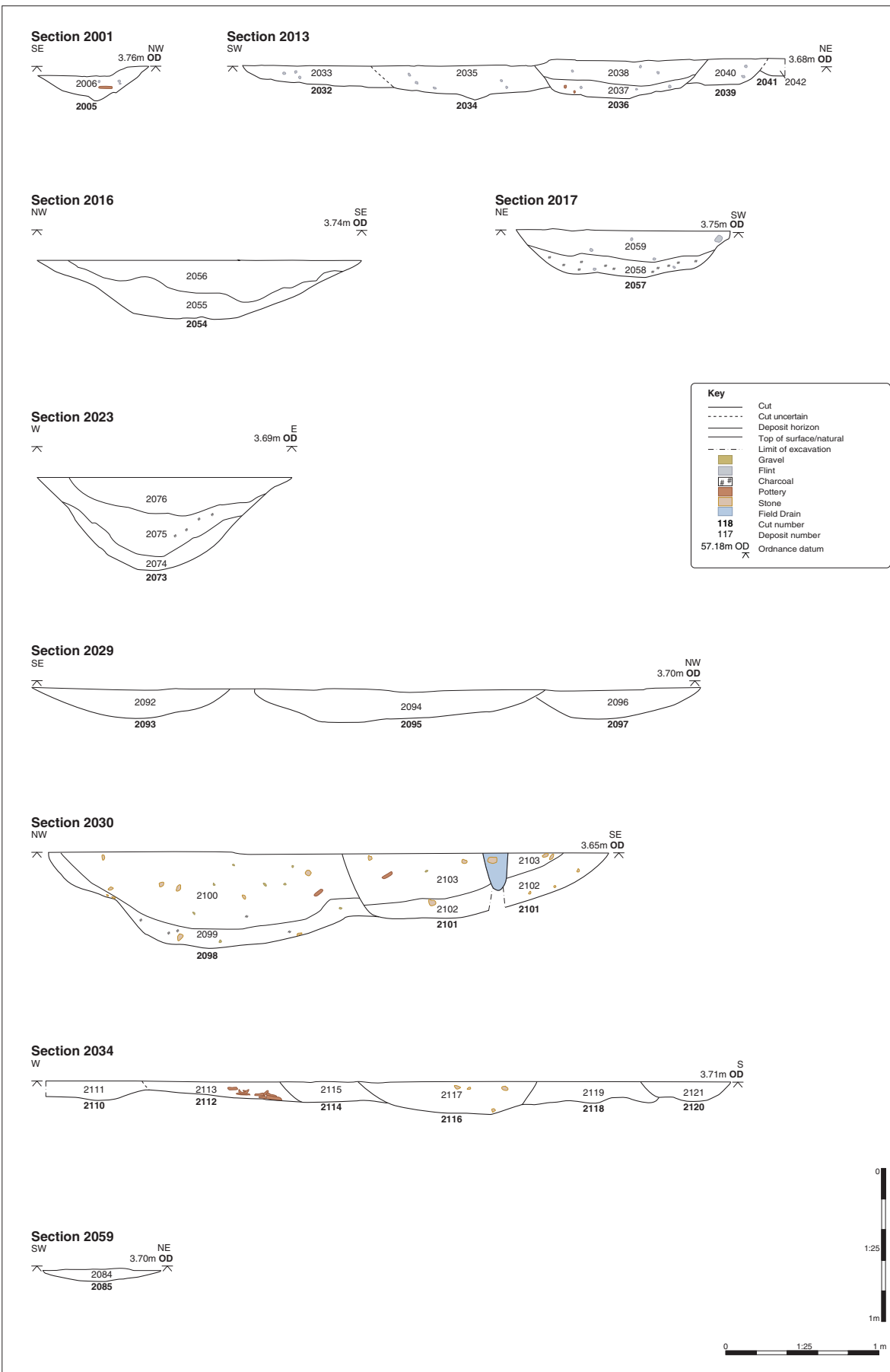


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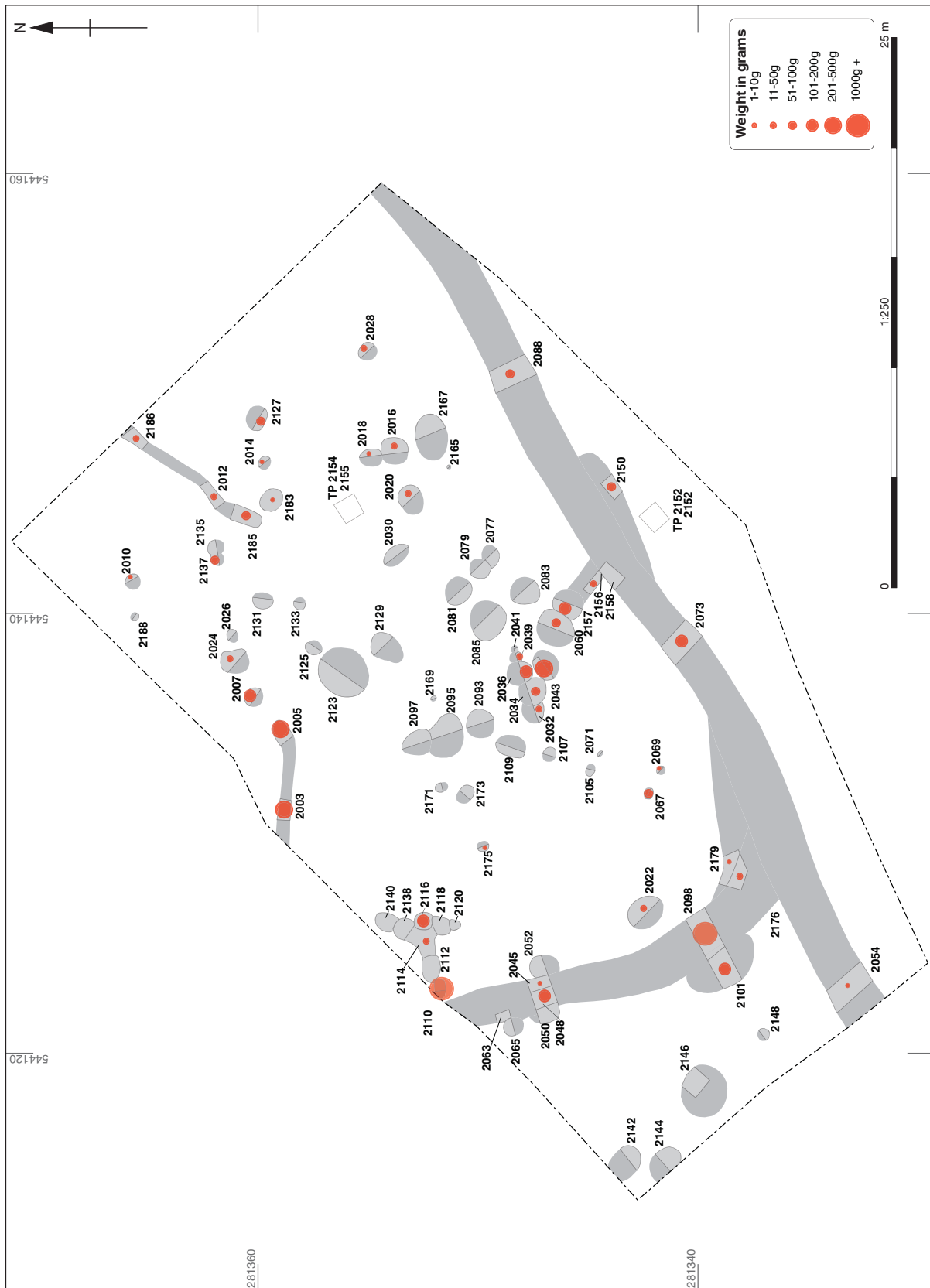


Figure 5: Distribution of Late Iron Age/Early Roman Pottery

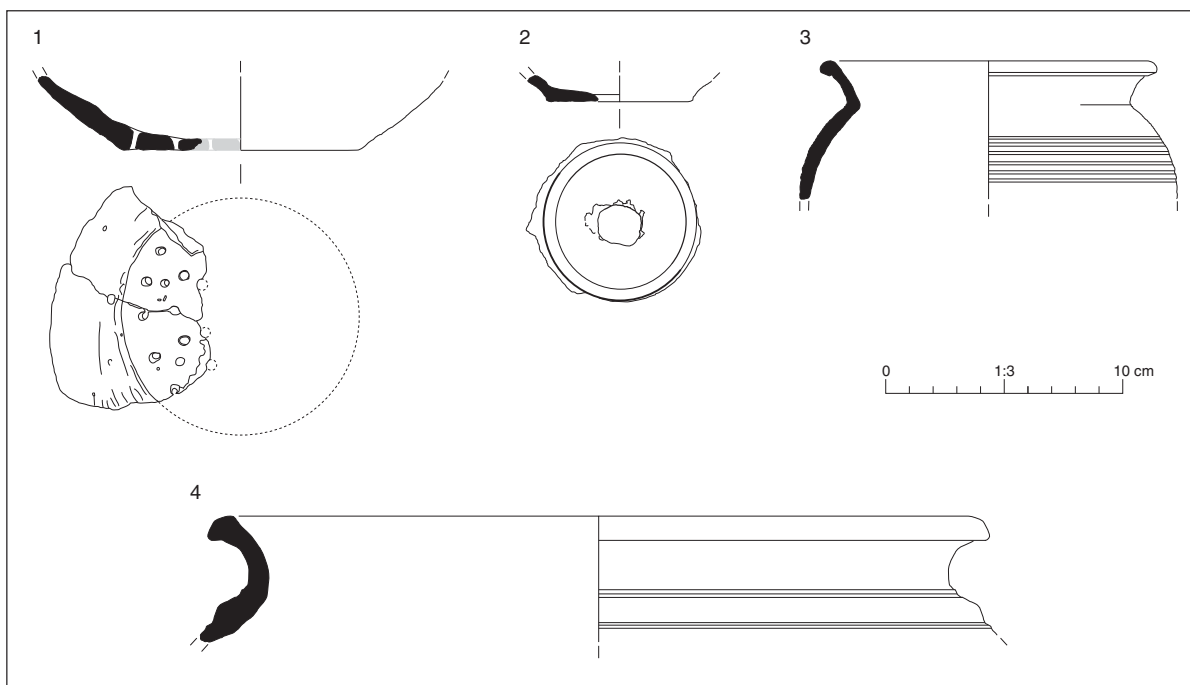


Figure 6: Roman pottery



Plate 1: North facing section of ditch **2098**



Plate 2: Ditch **2073**, looking north-east



Plate 3: South facing section of pits **2032**, **2034**, **2036**, **2039** and **2041**



Plate 4: North facing section of pit **2043**



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