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Summary

Oxford Archaeology was commissioned by JBM Solar Projects 10 Ltd to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of a proposed solar farm development on land to the west of Muston and south of Bottesford. The work comprised the excavation of 172 trenches distributed across the proposed development area. The fieldwork was undertaken throughout April 2022.

The archaeological remains revealed during this evaluation were almost exclusively limited to an Iron Age settlement identified in the north-west corner of the site. Defined by a number of ditched enclosures, the remains also included a smaller number of postholes and pits. The finds assemblage included a dominant component of Scored Ware, accompanied by fired clay fragments derived from ovens and numerous animal bone fragments from domesticated species. Overall, the area around Trenches 130-137 appears to have been a focus of domestic activity during this period, with a lesser focus around Trenches 154 and 155.

The remainder of the site was largely devoid of significant archaeological remains and aside from a tentatively dated Roman CBM fragment, a sherd of possible Bronze Age pottery and two small sherds of medieval pottery, the site showed only widespread evidence for agricultural activity from the medieval period onwards.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of work

1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology (hereafter OA) was commissioned by JBM Solar Projects 10 Ltd to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of a proposed solar farm development on land to the west of Muston and south of Bottesford, within the Melton Borough Council area of Leicestershire.

1.1.2 The work was undertaken at the request of Richard Clark (Heritage Team Leader at Leicestershire County Council and archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority) to inform the determination of a planning application for a solar farm and associated infrastructure within the site (pre-application ref. 19/01312/ENQMG; EIA screening ref. 21/00080/EIA).

1.1.3 A trench plan was produced by Pegasus Group providing a 1.3% sample of the area, and was accepted by Mr Clark. A contingency of 0.75% was also agreed to allow for the further excavation of complex and/or unexpected archaeological remains. OA subsequently wrote a written scheme of investigation detailing the requirements of the work (OA 2022). This document outlines how OA implemented the specified requirements.

1.1.4 All work was undertaken in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists *Code of Conduct* and (CIfA 2014a) and Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation (CIfA 2014b) and local and national planning policies.

1.2 Location, topography and geology

1.2.1 The site is centred on NGR SK 81750 37260 and situated to the south of the A52 Bottesford bypass and to the east of Castle View Road (Fig. 1). The site is largely surrounded by agricultural land located west of Muston and to the south of Bottesford.

1.2.2 The area of proposed development consists of *c* 105ha of arable farmland (Fig. 1). The site lies at 45m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) in the north, falling to approximately 39m aOD in the south. To the east the height aOD is 49m falling to 40m in the west. The site lies between two streams, one passing through Muston, the other down the south-west edge of the site, both running north into the River Devon.

1.2.3 The geology of the area is varied: From north to south the sedimentary bedrock belongs to the Beckingham Member, followed by the Stubton Limestone Beds, the Foston Member and finally the Littlegate Limestone Beds. These bedrocks were formed 191 to 199 million years ago during the Jurassic Period. Superficial deposits of River Terrace deposits – undifferentiated sand and gravels laid down in the Quaternary Period (laid down in the last 3 million years), are present in the north-west corner. These are the only superficial deposits recorded within the site area (BGS 2022). The soils are described as lime-rich loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage (SoilScapes 2022).

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

1.3.1 The archaeological background below has been provided by Pegasus Group as an extract from their Heritage Statement. It is based on a review of the National Heritage List for England (NHLE), Leicestershire Historic Environment Record (HER) data available online at Heritage Gateway and historic maps available online at The Genealogist and the National Library of Scotland.

1.3.2 Three 'monuments' are recorded within the site by the HER. These are in the north-western corner, between Castle View Road and the A52. They comprise the cropmarks of a possible Bronze Age ring ditch and associated linear ditch, the cropmarks of a possible Iron Age sub-rectangular enclosure, and the findspot of an Anglo-Saxon brooch. The cropmark features were largely confirmed by geophysical survey (see section 1.4 below).

1.3.3 Further evidence of prehistoric and Saxon activity is recorded immediately to the north-east of the site, on the north side of Easthope Lane. First identified as cropmarks, a targeted excavation carried out in 1988 revealed a sub-rectangular enclosure preserving evidence for ironworking; it seems to have been in use during the Iron Age and infilled gradually during the Roman and Saxon periods.

1.3.4 Also, in the vicinity of the site are numerous 'monuments' relating to medieval settlement and activity. Earthworks recorded at 'California', immediately to the west of the site on the opposite side of Castle View Road, may indicate the location of Toston deserted village. Earthworks to the east of the site at Muston represent the remains of a moated grange.

1.3.5 The earliest available historic mapping of the site is the 1849 Tithe Map for the parish of Muston. It shows a slightly greater number of fields than exist today, but no buildings are identified. The land was owned by the Duke of Rutland and was attached to Peacock Farm. No features of note are marked within the site on the first or later editions of the Ordnance Survey.

1.4 Geophysical survey

1.4.1 Archaeological Services ASWYAS were commissioned by Pegasus Group on behalf of JBM Solar Projects 10 Ltd to undertake a geophysical survey of the site in September 2020 (ASWYAS 2020).

1.4.2 The survey detected several magnetic anomalies with possible archaeological origins in the north-western part of the site. These features were previously identified as cropmarks and appear to represent sub-rectangular enclosures, linear features, a ring ditch and pits.

1.4.3 Across the site, medieval ridge and furrow cultivation was recorded, along with former field boundaries and modern plough scars. Geological anomalies were recorded throughout due to variations within the soils. A service pipe was also identified running through the middle of the survey area on a NW to SE alignment. Other modern responses were associated with pylons, overhead power cables and modern debris.

1.4.4 The interpretation plots of the geophysical anomalies are shown behind the archaeological trenches in Figures 3-5 below.

2 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 General

2.1.1 The general aim of the evaluation was to record the presence or absence of archaeological deposits and features within the proposed development site and to enable a suitable mitigation strategy for any remains to be devised and implemented before development takes place.

2.2 Specific aims and objectives

2.2.1 The specific aims and objectives of the evaluation were:

i. To determine or confirm the general nature of any remains present;
ii. To determine or confirm the approximate extent of any surviving remains;
iii. To determine or confirm the approximate date or date range of any remains, by means of artefactual or other evidence;
iv. To determine the condition and state of preservation of any remains;
v. To determine the degree of complexity of any surviving horizontal or vertical stratigraphy;
vi. To determine or confirm the likely range, quality and quantity of the artefactual evidence present;
vii. To determine the potential of the site to provide paleoenvironmental and/or economic evidence, and the forms in which such evidence may survive;
viii. To determine the implications of any remains with reference to the economy, status, utility and social activity of or at the site; and
ix. To disseminate the results of the evaluation through the production of a fieldwork report; and
x. To enable the LPA Archaeological Advisor to make an informed decision as to the requirement of any further archaeological work required on site.

2.2.2 The program of trial trenching was conducted within the general research parameters and objectives defined by “East Midlands Heritage: An updated research agenda and strategy for the historic environment of the East Midlands” (Knight *et al* 2012).

2.3 Methodology

2.3.1 The initial scope of works allowed for the excavation of 164 trenches (OA 2022, Fig. 2). The majority of these (142) measured 50m x 1.8m in plan and were distributed evenly throughout the arable fields to provide a 1.3% sample of the area. The remaining 22 trenches were 25m x 1.8m and were positioned to target the geophysical survey anomalies previously identified (Figs 3-5).

2.3.2 It was agreed between Pegasus Group and Richard Clark that a contingency for a further 0.75% sample of the total area should be allowed for to target specific areas of activity that were revealed during the investigations. Following a request from Richard Clark, a further 7 trenches were excavated. Five of these measured 20m x 1.8m, one measured 10m x 1.8m and one measured 25m x 1.8m. Trench 50 was also extended by a further 50m on a perpendicular alignment.

2.3.3 Trenches 57, 58 48, 72 and 74 were moved slightly from their intended locations to prevent blocking the farmer's access along existing tramlines in the crop.

2.3.4 The trenches were laid out as shown in Figure 2 using a GPS with sub-15mm accuracy.

2.3.5 The trenches were excavated using a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless bucket under the direct supervision of an archaeologist with spoil stored adjacent to, but at a safe distance from, the trench edges. The machining was undertaken in even spits of no more than 100mm thickness down to the top of the undisturbed natural geology or the first archaeological horizon depending upon which was encountered first.

2.3.6 The exposed surface was sufficiently cleaned to establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains and a sample of each feature or deposit type was hand excavated and recorded.

2.3.7 Spoil produced from machine excavation, as well as exposed surfaces, archaeological features and spoil from hand excavation was scanned by a metal detector to enhance finds retrieval.

2.3.8 Environmental sampling was undertaken to characterise the modes of preservation and concentration of assemblages of biological material from different periods, areas and context types in order to inform the sampling strategy during any further mitigation works. Bulk soil samples, of 40L or 100% of a deposit if less is available, were collected from a variety of features to assess the paleoenvironmental potential of the site.

2.3.9 A full photographic record of all archaeological features, deposits, trenches and the works in general was also generated during the investigations.

2.3.10 Upon completion of the works the trenches were backfilled with the arisings in reverse order of excavation. This was only undertaken following approval from Leicestershire County Council Heritage Team.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

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

3.2 General soils and ground conditions

3.2.1 The soil sequence in the trenches was fairly uniform. The natural geology of clay was overlain by a subsoil that was present across the site and was in turn overlain by ploughsoil. The overall depth of the overburden was typically 0.4m although it varied between as little as 0.3m and as much as 0.6m. Given the relatively level topography, these variations are likely to derive from extant headlands that have developed through agricultural use of the land.

3.2.2 Ground conditions throughout the evaluation were generally good, and the site remained dry throughout. Archaeological features, where present, were easy to identify against the underlying natural geology with ample opportunity for the deposits to weather appropriately.

3.3 General distribution of archaeological deposits

3.3.1 Archaeological features were present in 24 of the 172 trenches excavated. These comprised the following trenches:

- 9, 18, 19, 20, 50, 74, 96, 104, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 142, 154, 155, 169, 171 and 172

3.3.2 The majority of these features were concentrated in the north-west of the site where cropmarks and geophysical anomalies had previously indicated a focus of archaeological activity. The features consisted of various enclosure ditches and pits indicative of a settlement focus. In the remainder of the site, archaeological features were more widely dispersed and typically comprised isolated field boundary ditches.

3.3.3 A number of furrows were also recorded across the site but otherwise, the remainder of the trenches were devoid of archaeological remains.

3.4 Trenches 131, 134, 135, 130, 137, 136 and 169 (Figs. 6 and 7)

3.4.1 This group of trenches were located in the north-west corner of the site and were targeted on a concentration of geophysical anomalies considered to be of possible archaeological origin.

3.4.2 **Trench 131** was positioned on the south-west edge of this group on a NW-SE alignment, parallel to the modern field boundary. It partially revealed curvilinear feature 13103, possibly a ditch (Plate 1; Fig. 7, s.13100). The exposed portion measured at least 1.04m wide and 0.75m deep with steep, convex sides. Filling the ditch were three successive fills (13103, 13105 and 13106) of naturally silted clayey sand. No finds were recovered from any of these deposits.

3.4.3 Near the centre of the trench were two possible tree throw holes, 13107 and 13109. The earlier of the two, 13107, contained a sterile fill of silty sand (13108). This was truncated on its south-west edge by 13109 which contained sterile deposits of grey sand (13110 and 13111) overlain by a fill of grey clayey sand (13112). This later fill contained some charcoal flecks and a small scrap of Iron Age pottery.

3.4.4 The remnants of two probable furrows were also recorded, one at each end of the trench.

3.4.5 **Trench 134** was located over 10m to the north-east of Trench 131. In the north-west end of the trench a large NE-SW aligned ditch was recorded, which corresponded with a geophysical anomaly targeted by the trench. Ditch 13407 measured 2.25m wide and at least 0.4m deep (Fig. 7, s.13402), although the full profile was not realised due to the depth of overburden, which prevented safe excavation to the bottom. Its upper fill (13408) consisted of a single sterile deposit of naturally silted material.

3.4.6 Just under 2m to the south-east of ditch 13407 was small posthole 13403. It was 0.35m in diameter and 0.19m deep, with very steep sides leading to a flat base. Its fill of dark grey silty sand produced no finds.

3.4.7 Towards the south-east end of the trench was a large shallow pit numbered 13405. It was in excess of 1.6m across and 0.37m deep, with a flattish base. Filling the pit was a dark grey silty sand deposit (13406) which produced a small quantity of Iron Age pottery.

3.4.8 Two furrows were also recorded in the trench on NE-SW alignments. It is possible that the furrow at the south-east end of the trench was masking the south-east edge of an enclosure indicated by the geophysical survey, but the geophysical anomaly was considerably wider, and no trace of a ditch was seen beyond the furrow.

3.4.9 **Trench 135** was located to the east of Trench 134 and targeted a series of short parallel geophysical anomalies. Although none of these possible features were archaeological in origin, a large ditch (13504) was revealed at the northern end of the trench (Plate 2; Fig. 7, s.13500). It had a broad concave profile with three successive fills of brownish grey and orangey brown silty clay (13505, 13506 and 13507). Deposit 13506 produced 10g of fragmented Iron Age pottery and a few scraps of animal bone. In the southern half of the trench were two broadly N-S aligned ditches, 13510 and 13508. These features were recorded in plan only as they appeared to be continuations of ditches observed in Trench 130 to the south.

3.4.10 **Trench 130** revealed several linear features, although there was little correlation with the various geophysical anomalies targeted by this trench. At the western end of the trench was a shallow N-S aligned ditch terminal, 13005. It measured 0.68m wide and survived to a depth of just 0.04m. It was defined by a fill of brownish orange, sandy silt (13006) containing a small amount of fired clay and a fragment of animal bone.

3.4.11 Near the centre of the trench was a N-S aligned ditch numbered 13003. It had a broad concave profile up to 0.3m deep, with a naturally silted fill (13004) which produced a sherd of Iron Age pottery, fired clay and fragments of animal bone. This ditch may possibly have related to the N-S geophysical anomaly adjacent, and is also in line with

an unexcavated ditch of similar width found in the southern half of Trench 135 to the north, where it was numbered ditch 13510.

3.4.12 To the east of ditch 13003 were two further large ditches, 13009 and 13007, although their edges were somewhat diffuse. They both appeared to be NE-SW aligned ditches with steep sides and concave bases. The earlier of the two, 13007 was at least 1.1m wide and 0.47m deep. It was truncated to the west by 13009, which measured at least 2.3m wide and 0.57m deep (Fig. 7, s. 13002). Both ditches were filled with naturally silted sediments of dark, blue-grey, silty clay. Deposit 13010 (fill of ditch 13009) produced the largest assemblage of pottery on the site, with 261g of Middle Iron Age pottery being recovered. It also contained a small quantity of fired clay thought to derive from an oven structure, CBM fragments, animal bone and a worked flint. Fired clay fragments, a modest assemblage of Middle Iron Age pottery (167g) and animal bone were also recovered from the fill of ditch 13007(13008). It should be noted that the geophysical survey had recorded several large discrete features in the vicinity of features 13009 and 13007, and given that these ditches do not correspond to linear anomalies and were not recorded as continuing into adjacent trenches, it is possible these were large pits rather than ditches.

3.4.13 **Trench 137** was located to the north-east of Trench 135, targeting further geophysical anomalies. At the southern end of the trench was NW-SE aligned ditch terminal 13703. It was 0.38m wide and 0.32m deep with a flattish base and steep sides. It contained a sterile, naturally silted fill of silty clay (13704). Immediately to the north-east was a curvilinear ditch which terminated within the trench close to 13703. Two cuts were excavated across the curvilinear ditch (13705 and 13707), revealing a concave profile and a fill of blue-grey silty clay along its length (Fig. 7, s.13702). A small assemblage of Iron Age pottery, fired clay and bone was recovered from the fills of this ditch.

3.4.14 Ditch 13709 (Fig. 7, s.13703) was recorded near the centre of the trench on a WNW-ESE alignment. It had a concave profile, 1.23m wide and 0.22m deep with a fill (13710) of mottled silty clay from which a sherd of Bronze Age or Early Iron Age pottery with fingertip decoration was recovered. Despite targeting several geophysical anomalies, none of these features were detected by the geophysical survey.

3.4.15 Trench 136 lay to the south-east of Trench 137 and was targeted on a series of ovoid anomalies that were staggered on a NE-SW alignment. None of these proved to correspond to archaeological features, but at the south-west end of the trench several intercutting shallow pits were found. Pit 13606 had a shallow concave profile with a fill of light yellowish grey, silty clay, but was truncated by, and only visible at the base of, pit 13605 (Plate 3; Fig. 7, s. 13600). This later and larger feature was ovoid in plan with steep sides and a flat base. It measured 0.82m in length and 0.28m deep with a fill of dark grey silty clay, 13610. This produced some Iron Age pottery and several fragments of fired clay which appear to have formed part of an oven structure.

3.4.16 Pit 13604 lay less than 1m to the east and extended beyond the excavation area. It measured 1.3m in diameter and was 0.38m deep, with steep sides leading to a concave base. At the base of the pit was a shallow deposit of brownish grey silty clay (13607) which produced a small quantity of fired clay. This was overlain by a sterile dark grey silty clay (13608).

3.4.17 Both 13605 and 13604 were cut into layer 13603, a brownish grey silty clay 0.28m deep that ran for at least 3m along the trench edge. This may have been the fill of a ditch or a large shallow pit, or a natural hollow containing a remnant early soil, but its outline was obscured by the pits cut into it, and there were no finds. Its fill was very similar to that of pit 13611, with which it may have been associated.

3.4.18 Pit 13611 was approximately 1m north-east of 13604. It had an irregular shape in plan and measured 0.18m deep, with a fill of greyish brown silty clay (13612). Fired clay, animal bone and a small scrap of Iron Age pottery were recovered from this naturally silted fill.

3.4.19 Despite the suggestion of further pits indicated by the geophysics, none were revealed by this trench.

3.4.20 **Trench 169** was located immediately to the south of Trench 136. It revealed a single NW-SE aligned ditch terminal, the ditch continuing beyond the western edge of the trench. Ditch 16903 was 0.53m wide and 0.2m deep with an irregular profile. Its fill (16904) consisted of dark grey silty clay and produced a scrap of fired clay, Iron Age pottery and some animal bone fragments.

3.5 Trenches 172, 132, 133, 138, 140 and 171 (Figs. 8 and 9)

3.5.1 This group of trenches lay to the north of Trenches 130, 131, 134-137 and 169 and were targeted on specific geophysical anomalies demarcating the limit of a zone of activity.

3.5.2 **Trenches 132** and **172** were positioned at the western edge of this group. In the western half of Trench 132 ditch 13203 was recorded on a north-south alignment and was on roughly the same line as a ditch of similar dimensions in Trench 172 to the north numbered ditch 17203. Ditch 13203 was 2.83m wide and 0.61m deep, with gently sloping sides and a concave base (Fig. 9, s.13200). The lower fill (13204) comprised dark bluish-grey, silty clay and produced both fired clay and animal bone. This was overlain by a naturally accumulated silty clay deposit (13205) which contained further fragments of fired clay and three sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery.

3.5.3 Neither exposure of this large ditch could be matched to a geophysical anomaly and, due to its location at the periphery of the site, it was not identified in any other trenches. Three other linear features were also exposed within Trench 132, one on a NNW-SSE alignment, the other two on NW-SE alignments, and all three were judged to be furrows.

3.5.4 **Trench 133** lay east of Trench 132, and revealed ditch 13303, which was aligned WNW-ESE (Fig. 9, s.13300). It contained a sterile dark grey-brown, sandy silt fill (13304). It is possible that this ditch corresponds with one of two curvilinear anomalies recorded in the geophysical survey, despite the nearest of the two being plotted 2.6m further to the north-east; a displacement of 2m between the geophysical survey and ditch 13407 was seen in Trench 134 adjacent.

3.5.5 **Trench 138** lay to the east of Trench 133 and revealed a pair of intercutting postholes in the centre of the trench, 13805 and 13803. No relationship could be determined, but they both contained sterile, grey-brown sandy silt deposits. Irregular soilmark

13807 around 1m to the south-west was tested, but was shallow and had a sterile fill, and was probably a natural feature. No further archaeological remains were identified in this trench.

3.5.6 **Trench 140** targeted a short linear anomaly to the east of Trench 138. No corresponding archaeological feature was found, instead the trench revealed a large curvilinear ditch on a broadly NNW-SSE orientation. Ditch 14003 measured 1.52m wide and 0.6m deep and had steep sides and a flat base (Plate 4; Fig. 9, s.14000). The primary fill (14004) comprised light grey silty clay and contained a small amount of animal bone. This was overlain by a naturally accumulated upper fill of silty clay (14005) which produced further fragments of bone. Iron Age pottery was also recovered from these two fills.

3.5.7 **Trench 171** was located immediately to the north-west of Trench 140 and revealed a single archaeological feature, probable ditch terminal 17103 (Plate 5). It measured 0.9m wide and 0.32m deep with steep sides and a flat base, and contained a sterile deposit of naturally accumulated silty sand. No corresponding geophysical anomalies were recorded at this location, and it was not observed continuing into any of the adjacent trenches. There were no features corresponding to the geophysical anomalies indicated elsewhere along this trench.

3.6 Trenches 142, 154 and 155 (Figs. 10 and 11)

3.6.1 This group of trenches was focused on a cluster of geophysical features situated to the north-east of the main area of activity previously described in the north-west corner of the site. Trenches 154 and 155 were specifically targeted on a pair of parallel anomalies and adjacent discrete features. Trench 142 lay in the corner of the adjacent field to the west.

3.6.2 **Trench 142** revealed a curvilinear ditch near its northern end. Investigated with two separate interventions (14203 and 14206), the ditch was between 0.36m and 0.7m wide and 0.1 to 0.22m deep with a concave profile (Fig. 11, s.14200). It was filled with a primary deposit of yellow-brown silty clay (14204) which produced a sherd of Early to Middle Iron Age pottery. In the deeper section across the ditch (cut 14203), this was overlain by a naturally accumulated secondary fill of dark grey, clay silt (14205). This upper fill produced a small piece of animal bone and a scrap of fired clay. It is unclear if the shallower end of the ditch (cut 14206) was a true terminus, or if it had been truncated away beyond this by ploughing.

3.6.3 **Trench 154** revealed several features at its northern end. Ditch 15411 had a NW-SE alignment, and measured 2.25m wide and 1.08m deep with steep sides and a flattish base (Fig. 11, s.15401). It was filled with successive deposits of naturally silted material (15413, 15412 and 15414). Deposits 15412 and 15413 both contained Iron Age pottery fragments, the majority of which (11 sherds, 134g) came from deposit 15412. Despite representing a substantial enclosure or boundary ditch, it did not correspond to any of the geophysical features identified.

3.6.4 Approximately 2.5m to the south of 15411 were three intercutting ditches, 15403, 15407 and 15409 (Plate 6; Fig. 11, s.15400) all of which were aligned ENE-WSW. Ditch 15403 was situated at the southern edge of the group. It had a gently sloping side

south side and contained a sterile fill of naturally silted dark greyish brown silty clay (15404), but was truncated to the north by deeper feature 15407. This measured 1.6m wide and 0.47m deep, with near-vertical sides and a flattish base. A single deposit of naturally silted material (15408) filled this feature, which produced several fragments of fired clay, some animal bone and 165g of Middle Iron Age pottery. A small portion of an undated pit or ditch (15405) was extant beyond the northern edge, but was largely truncated by 15407, and there were no finds from its fill (15406). A further, shallow ditch or pit (15409) cut 15406 and the northern edge of 15405. Feature 15409 was 0.22m deep, had a shallow concave profile and was filled with a dark grey silty clay (15410) which produced some Iron Age pottery, fired clay and animal bone.

3.6.5 Ditches 15403, 15405, 15407 and 15409 correspond with a large linear anomaly indicated by the geophysical survey. This anomaly was also targeted by **Trench 155** where a large feature was revealed on the same alignment. Presumed to be a continuation of the ditches in Trench 154, this feature was recorded in plan only (15503).

3.7 Trench 50 (Figs. 12 and 14)

3.7.1 **Trench 50** was placed to investigate a curvilinear anomaly identified by the geophysics. After initially revealing a ditch terminal (5003), the trench was extended to the north and south in an attempt to reveal further remains. Ditch 5003 measured a length of 1.1m, was 0.4m wide and 0.14m deep (Fig. 14, s.5001). It contained a primary spill of eroded natural sand (5005) down the western side, and the feature then filled with a grey brown, silty clay (5004), from which a piece of worked flint was recovered. A little over 3m to the north of 5003 was a small pit or posthole, 5010. It had a shallow concave profile, 0.09m deep, with a fill of sterile silty clay (5011).

3.7.2 In the southern extension of the trench a land drain crossed the trench on a NW-SE alignment only 2m south of ditch 5003. This was in line with a geophysical anomaly further south-east. Further south within Trench 50 a small ditch 5006 was traced for around 4m on a NNW-SSE alignment, continuing SSE beyond the trench and terminating at the NNW end in a circular pit. Ditch 5006 measured 0.35m wide and 0.11m deep with a shallow concave profile (Fig. 14, s.5002) and was filled with a sterile deposit of brown silty clay (5007). Pit 5008 was located at the north-west end of ditch 5006, but no relationship between the two features was observed. The pit was 0.96m in diameter and 0.55m deep with very steep sides and a flat, slightly uneven base (Fig. 14, s.5003). It contained a sterile deposit of brown silty clay (5009), very similar to deposit 5007, the fill of gull 5006, and the two may well have filled together.

3.7.3 Four additional trenches (165, 166, 167 and 168) were excavated around the periphery of Trench 50 as part of the agreed contingency, but none of them revealed any archaeological remains.

3.8 Trenches 8 and 9 (Figs. 13 and 14)

3.8.1 **Trenches 8 and 9** were located in the most southerly field of the site and were placed to investigate a geophysical anomaly that appeared to represent three sides of a rectilinear enclosure. Trench 8 was placed to cross the western side and to run into the interior, and Trench 9 was placed just beyond the north and south sides of the

geophysical anomaly, to establish whether it continued or returned. No feature corresponding to the western side was found in Trench 8, nor any trace of internal features, the trench being blank. No ditches corresponding to the continuations of the north and south arms of this putative enclosure were seen in Trench 9 either, but a small NNW-SSE aligned ditch was revealed. Feature 903 had steep, near vertical sides, and a rounded base, 0.38m wide and 0.26m deep (Fig. 14, s.900). It contained a naturally silted fill of grey brown, silty clay (904) which produced a fragment of potentially Roman CBM.

3.9 Historic Field Boundaries (Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 15)

3.9.1 **Trenches 96** and **104** were located in the north-west section of the site and were targeted on a long linear feature running from north-east to south-west highlighted by the geophysical survey (Fig. 3). They revealed a corresponding ditch on broadly the same alignment. This was excavated in Trench 96 (cut 9603), where it was 1.16m wide and 0.36m deep, and contained two fills, a light yellowish-brown silty clay (9605) below a dark greyish brown clayey silt (9605) which produced modern material including plastic and CBM (Plate 7). The alignment of this feature matches a field boundary that was shown on historic mapping as late as 1950.

3.9.2 **Trench 74** was located towards the western edge of the site and targeted another linear geophysical anomaly that matched the position of a field boundary shown on 20th century mapping (Fig. 4). The trench revealed a single NW-SE aligned ditch (7403) near the north-east end of the trench, with a large ceramic drain at the base. It was filled with a deposit of silty clay (7404), probably by natural silting, and the remains of a fox were recovered from the upper portion of the ditch, along with two sherds of medieval pottery, post-medieval glass and CBM fragments. The medieval sherds were small and were probably residual, while the fox is likely to be intrusive in this context.

3.9.3 **Trenches 18, 19** and **20** were targeted on a linear geophysical anomaly that traversed a field in the south-east corner of the site (Figs. 5 and 15). A corresponding ditch was revealed in all three trenches, and was numbered 1803, 1903 and 2003. Ditch 2003 in Trench 20 was excavated (Plate 8). Although no finds were recovered, the ditch matched a field boundary recorded on historic mapping in 1950.

3.9.4 Whilst working on site, the landowner had mentioned that many of the field boundaries were grubbed out in the 1970s to enlarge the fields. This is presumably when these ditches were backfilled and ploughed over.

3.10 Finds summary

3.10.1 The pottery assemblage comprised some 282 sherds (1024g). With the exception of two sherds (8g) of medieval pottery and a possible Bronze Age sherd (8g), the material was dominated by Iron Age pottery.

3.10.2 A small assemblage of ceramic building material (CBM) amounting to 9 fragments (48g) was recovered from the evaluation. Only one small fragment from context 904 could be dated as possibly Roman; the rest of the fragments were scraps of indeterminate date. A larger assemblage of fired clay (127 fragments weighing 690g) was recovered. The fired clay included larger fragments with smoothed surfaces

and/or cylindrical impressions, which may have originated from oven and hearth structures.

3.10.3 A single piece of undiagnostic worked flint and a burnt quartzite cobble were found, and three fragments of post-medieval glass were also recovered.

4 DISCUSSION

4.1 Reliability of field investigation

4.1.1 The favourable conditions that prevailed during the fieldwork and the generally well-defined remains have both contributed to the reliability of the investigation. This was enhanced by the excavation of contingency trenches which allowed the areas of activity to be further defined.

4.1.2 The evaluation did find archaeological features corresponding to some of the most significant geophysical anomalies, but there were also large numbers of anomalies for which no corresponding features were found, and other large archaeological features that had not been anticipated by the geophysical survey. The geophysical survey was not, therefore, a fully reliable guide to the presence of archaeology across the site.

4.1.3 In recognition of some discrepancies between the geophysical survey results and the archaeological features, the contingency for additional trenching was utilised to mitigate the impact of this. Trenches 169-172 were carefully positioned to examine apparently blank areas and clarify the extent of the settlement focus in the north-west of the site. Through the excavation of these additional trenches it was possible to define more reliably the extent of the settlement focus in this part of the site.

4.1.4 The evaluation confirmed previous suggestions from cropmarks and geophysical survey of an area of settlement in the north-western area of the site. It should however be noted that trial trenching and geophysical survey have only a limited ability to detect some aspects of archaeological evidence, particularly discrete features such as smaller pits and postholes, and scatters of pits and posthole structures or concentrations are less likely to be found by limited trenching than linear features. Therefore, whilst the area of activity appears to be well defined, its full extent could be misrepresented by trenching alone.

4.2 Evaluation objectives and results

4.2.1 When considered in conjunction with the results of the geophysics, the evaluation has successfully determined the general nature and the extent of the archaeological remains present on the site. The only significant focus of activity that was identified is in the north-west portion of the site, where a concentration of features have been dated to the Middle Iron Age.

4.2.2 No complex archaeological features were revealed during the evaluation and overall, the remains appear to be characterised by simple features including pits, postholes and ditches. Although a good assemblage of fired clay was recovered with several pieces indicating the presence of oven structures, no evidence for such features *in situ* were recorded during the evaluation. It is likely that the archaeological horizon has been truncated to a certain degree by agricultural activities since the medieval period.

4.2.3 Animal bone was fairly well-preserved. It offers opportunities for reconstruction of the animal husbandry of the Iron Age site as well as evidence from small mammals of the surrounding environment. The environmental samples recovered from the site however produced poor flots, and most of the charred plant remains were in a

fragmentary condition, although some evidence for cereal processing was recovered in association with the Iron Age activity.

4.3 Interpretation

4.3.1 No early prehistoric evidence was recorded during the evaluation. The single piece of worked flint recovered was an undiagnostic flake from an Iron Age ditch and may represent expedient tool use during this period rather than a residual artefact from earlier activity.

4.3.2 The various features recorded in the north-west corner of the site are dominated by a concentration of ditches around Trenches 130-137. While this concentration was successfully identified by the geophysical survey in general terms, the survey did not accurately portray the precise locations, orientations or number of features present. Despite this, it is evident from the differing orientations and appearance of these ditches that numerous ditched enclosures are present at this location.

4.3.3 The pottery assemblage recovered from these ditches is almost entirely Iron Age in date, with a strong component of Scored Ware indicating a likely Middle Iron Age focus of activity for these enclosures. Only a small number of pits and postholes were revealed in association with these enclosures, but sufficient evidence has been identified from the pottery, the fired clay fragments from oven structures and the animal bone assemblage to suggest this was the focus of domestic activities.

4.3.4 A short distance to the north-east of this principal focus, Trenches 155 and 154 also recorded a number of ditches of Middle Iron Age date. Again, the limited correlation between the geophysical survey results and features found in the trenches limits what can be said about their overall form and function. They may indicate a peripheral set of seemingly smaller enclosures contemporary with the main settlement focus *c* 200m to the south-west.

4.3.5 The remainder of the site produced very few significant archaeological remains. The geophysical survey had indicated a possible ring ditch feature, and this was targeted by Trench 50 and its extensions, but no trace of this was found. The only features to be revealed at this location were a possible posthole, a pit and two short ditches of unclear function. None of these features produced any artefactual evidence and the nature of this activity remains unclear.

4.3.6 Although Anglo-Saxon evidence has previously been recovered from the site and its immediate vicinity, no artefacts or features of this date were identified during the evaluation. Similarly, evidence for Roman activity was limited to a piece of tentatively dated CBM, found in an isolated ditch in Trench 9 at the south end of the site.

4.4 Significance

4.4.1 Middle Iron Age settlement within the East Midlands is typically represented by ditched enclosures covering a relatively small area. On this basis, the concentration of activity in the north-west of the site fits well with the regional pattern. Although not uncommon, Willis (2012) has noted that the number of excavated examples that have made their way to publication beyond Northamptonshire is meagre. Any further work

on this site would therefore represent a useful addition to the region and the understanding of settlement during this period.

4.4.2 Given the lack of artefactual evidence the features associated with Trench 50 are unlikely to represent any significant activity.

APPENDIX A TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 1

General description	Orientation	SE-NW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
100	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Form mid greyish brown clay silt		
101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
102	Layer				Natural. Firm light orange brown with patches of blue grey clays, frequent hollows of mottled grey brown gritty clay with frequent flecks of manganese		

Trench 2

General description	Orientation	SW-NE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
202	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 3

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
301	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
302	Layer				Natural. Firm light orange brown with patches of light blue grey and orange clays		

Trench 4

General description						Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
401	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
402	Layer				Natural. Firm light-yellow clay		

Trench 5

General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.35
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
500	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
501	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm light yellow brown silty clay		
502	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay with patches of blue grey clay		

Trench 6

General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.35
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
600	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
601	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
602	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay patches of light blue grey clay		

Trench 7

General description						Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

700	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
701	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
702	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 8

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
800	Layer			0.22	Ploughsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
801	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Form light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
802	Layer				Natural. Firm light brown clay		

Trench 9

General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench revealed a small ditch at the southern end. Trench consists of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying clay geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
900	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
901	Layer			0.24	Subsoil. Firm light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
902	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		
903	Cut		0.38	0.26	Ditch. N-S linear		
904	Fill	903	0.38	0.36	Secondary Fill. Firm mid greyish-brown silty clay	CBM	Roman?

Trench 10

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.46

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1000	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
1001	Layer			0.21	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown soft silty clay		

1002	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown mixed with light bluish grey firm silty clay		

Trench 11

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1100	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Firm. mid greyish brown clay silt		
1101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silt clay		
1102	Layer				Natural. Firm light brown clay		

Trench 12

General description	Orientation	SW-NE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
1201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
1202	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay with patches of orange brown clay		

Trench 13

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1300	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
1301	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light to mid greyish brown silty clay		
1302	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown with patches of light blue grey and orange yellow clay		

Trench 14

General description	Orientation	NW-SE

Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
1401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown clay with patches of orange clay		
1402	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid orangey-yellow and mid bluish-grey, firm, clay.		
Trench 15							
General description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1500	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm . Mid grey brown clay silt		
1501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
1502	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with patches of light blue grey clays		
Trench 16							
General description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1600	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
1601	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay		
1602	Layer				Natural. Firm light to mid yellowish brown clay		
Trench 17							
General description					Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1700	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		

1701	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
1702	Layer				Natural. Firm light greyish brown clay		

Trench 18

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench revealed historic field boundary. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1800	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
1801	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
1802	Layer				Natural. Firm light brown with patches of brownish yellow clay		
1803	Cut		0.6		Ditch. E/W historic field boundary ditch. Same as [1903] [2003], not excavated.		
1804	Fill	1803	0.6		Secondary Fill. Mid/dark brownish grey, firm, silty clay. Fill of ditch seen in plan only, not excavated.		

Trench 19

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench revealed historic field boundary. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.8
	Avg. depth (m)	0.6

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1900	Layer		1.8	0.25	Topsoil. Dark greyish-brown, friable, silty clay.		
1901	Layer		1.8	0.35	Subsoil. Light greyish brown silty clay		
1902	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mixed mid orangey-yellow and mid bluish-grey, firm, clay.		
1903	Cut		0.6		Ditch. E/W historic field boundary. Same as [1803] & [2003], not excavated.		
1904	Fill	1903	0.6		Secondary Fill. Mid yellowish-brown, firm, silty clay. Fill of ditch seen only in plan, not excavated.		

Trench 20

General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench revealed historic field boundary. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.8

					Avg. depth (m)		0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2000	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Dark greyish-brown, friable, silty clay. Shallows to 0.2m to S end of trench.		
2001	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Mid brownish-yellow, firm, silty clay.		
2002	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mixed mid orangey-yellow and mid bluish-grey, firm, clay.		
2003	Cut		0.96	0.3	Ditch. E/W ditch, historic field boundary.		
2004	Fill	2003	0.96	0.3	Secondary Fill. Single fill of ditch. Mid - Dark yellowish grey silty clay.		
Trench 21							
General description					Orientation		N/S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.8
					Avg. depth (m)		0.43
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2100	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Dark greyish-brown, friable, silty clay.		
2101	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Mid orangey-yellow, firm, silty clay.		
2102	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid orangey-yellow and mid bluish-grey, firm, clay.		
Trench 22							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.46
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown clay silt		
2201	Layer			0.23	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty clay		
2202	Layer				Natural. Firm mid brown and orange clay with patches of blue grey clay		
Trench 23							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.97
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
2301	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
2302	Layer				Natural. Firm mid to light brown with patches of range brown and blue grey clays		

Trench 24

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
2401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Form light yellowish brown silty clay		
2402	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with patches of light blue grey clays		

Trench 25

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2500	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
2501	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
2502	Layer				Natural. Firm light to mid yellowish brown clay patches of blue grey and orange clay		

Trench 26

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.37

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2600	Layer			0.17	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish-brown clayey silt		

2601	Layer			0.17	Subsoil. Mid yellowish-brown silty clay		
2602	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid grey clay with small (<15mm) chalky stones, and mid orangey-brown sandy clay		

Trench 27

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.3

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2700	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
2701	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Firm light to .I'd yellowish brown silty clay		
2702	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with patches of light blue grey clay		

Trench 28

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.3

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2800	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Mid brownish clay silt		
2801	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
2802	Layer				Natural. Firm yellowish brown with patches of blue grey clay		

Trench 29

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2900	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm light-mid greyish-brown clayey silt		
2901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm mid orangey brown silty clay		
2902	Layer				Natural. Mixed orange sandy clay and mid grey clay with small (<15mm) chalky inclusions		

Trench 30

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3000	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
3001	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay		
3002	Layer				Natural. Firm light to mid yellowish brown clay		

Trench 31

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.43

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3100	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
3101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay8		
3102	Layer				Natural. Firm light up grey and light orange brown clay		

Trench 32

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
3201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light orange brown silty clay		
3202	Layer				Natural. Light brownish yellow clay patches of orange clay		

Trench 33

General description	Orientation	ESE-WNW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.55

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3300	Layer			0.22	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish-brown clayey silt		
3301	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Firm light-mid yellowish-brown silty clay		
3302	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid-dark orangey-brown sandy clay and light grey silty clay; occ. angular stones 30-80mm.		

Trench 34

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Light to mid grey brown firm clay silt		
3401	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty clay		
3402	Layer				Natural. Firm light to mid orange brown with patches of light grey brown clay		

Trench 35

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3500	Layer			0.22	Topsoil. Dark grey friable clayey silt		
3501	Layer			0.23	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown firm silty clay		
3502	Layer				Natural. Light yellow and grey mix firm silty clay		

Trench 36

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.43

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3600	Layer			0.28	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
3601	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Mid orangish brown friable clayey silt		

3602	Layer				Natural. Light bluish grey mixed with orangish brown firm silty clay		

Trench 37

General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3700	Layer			0.22	Topsoil. Dark grey soft silty clay		
3701	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown soft silty clay		
3702	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown mixed with bluish grey soft silty clay		

Trench 38

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3800	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Mid greyish-brown clayey silt		
3801	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light yellowish-brown silty clay		
3802	Layer				Natural. Mixed deposit of mid brownish-grey clayey and orangey-brown sandy clay		

Trench 39

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3900	Layer			0.35	Topsoil. Dark greyish brown firm silty clay		
3901	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light-mid greyish-brown silty clay		
3902	Layer				Natural. Firm greyish brown clay with patches of brownish orange coarse sandy clay		

Trench 40

General description	Orientation	WNW-ESE

Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.62
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4000	Layer			0.34	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
4001	Layer			0.28	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown firm silty clay		
4002	Layer				Natural. Mid orangish brown loose clayey sand mixed with light grey firm silty clay		
Trench 41							
General description					Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4100	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
4101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light to mid greyish brown silty clay		
4102	Layer				Natural. Firm orange yellow and light blue grey clay		
Trench 42							
General description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Dark greyish brown firm silty clay		
4201	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Firm light-mid yellowish-brown silty clay		
4202	Layer				Natural. Mid brownish yellow firm clay with patches of blueish grey clay		
Trench 43							
General description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

4300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm dark greyish brown clay silt		
4301	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Light greyish browns silty cay		
4302	Layer				Natural. Mid yellow clay		

Trench 44

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.47

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4400	Layer			0.32	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
4401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light yellowish greyish brown firm silty clay		
4402	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown friable clayey sand mixed with light bluish grey soft silty clay		

Trench 45

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4500	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm dark greyish brown clay silt		
4501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light greyish brown silty clay		
4502	Layer				Natural. Light to mid yellowish brown clay		

Trench 46

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4600	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm dark greyish brown clay silt		
4601	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light greyish brown silty clay		
4602	Layer				Natural. Mid brownish yellow sandy clay with patches of blue grey clay		

Trench 47

General description						Orientation	ENE-WSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.6
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4700	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
4701	Layer			0.35	Subsoil. Mid-light orangish brown soft clayey silt		
4702	Layer				Natural. Light orangish brown soft clayey silt mixed with light bluish grey patches of firm silty clay		

Trench 48

General description						Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4800	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Dark greyish brown clay silt		
4801	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Light greyish brown silty clay		
4802	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid orangey-yellow and mid bluish-grey, firm, clay.		

Trench 49

General description						Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4900	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm dark grey brown clay silt		
4901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid to light yellowish brown silty clay		
4902	Layer				Natural. Firm orange brown Clay with patches of grey brown clay		

Trench 50

General description						Orientation	E-W
Trench extended to the north and south and revealed two ditches, a pit and a possible posthole. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

5000	Layer			0.27	Topsoil. Dark brownish grey firm silty clay		
5001	Layer			0.13	Subsoil. Mid orangish brown silty clay		
5002	Layer				Natural. Light orangish brown sandy clay with mid greyish brown patches		
5003	Cut		0.4	0.14	Ditch. Terminus of probable gully or small ditch, two fills, rounded end concave base gradual sloping sides		
5004	Fill	5003	0.4	0.14	Secondary Fill. Firm mid greyish brown flecks of orange silty clay no inclusions one possible struck flint		
5005	Fill	5003	0.1	0.08	Primary Fill. Firm, mid orangey-yellow, sandy clay with manganese/iron? inclusions. Re-deposited natural edge erosion on WSW.		
5006	Cut		0.35	0.11	Ditch. Concave base, moderately sloped sides, > 3.6m long N/S shallow ditch or gully.		
5007	Fill	5006	0.35	0.11	Secondary Fill. Mid brownish-yellow, firm, silty clay. Single remnant fill of shallow ditch, secondary sedimentation.		
5008	Cut		0.84	0.55	Pit. Steep sides, flat base, 0.96m x 0.84m sub-oval pit at N end of shallow ditch [5006], possibly contemporary?		
5009	Fill	5008	0.84	0.55	Secondary Fill. Mid brownish-yellow, firm, silty clay. Single sterile fill of pit, secondary sedimentation.		
5010	Cut		0.34	0.09	Posthole. Concave base, shallowly sloped sides, possible sub-circular remnant of base of posthole.		
5011	Fill	5010	0.34	0.09	Secondary Fill. Dark orangey-brown, firm, silty clay. Single remnant fill of possible posthole.		

Trench 51

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5100	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Dark greyish brown clay silt		
5101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown silty clay		
5102	Layer				Natural. Firm mid orange brown clay with large patches of angular stones		

Trench 52

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Dark greyish brown clayey silt		
5201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light to mid orange brown firm clay silt		
5202	Layer				Natural. Mid yellowish brown coarse sandy clay with patches of brown clay		
5203	Cut		0.62	0.08	Plough Furrow. NNW/SSE furrow, concave base and shallowly sloped sides.		
5204	Fill	5203	0.62	0.08	Secondary Fill. Mid/dark greyish-brown, firm, silty clay. Remnant basal fill of furrow.		

Trench 53

General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5300	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Grey brown silty clay		
5301	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid to light grey brown, silty clay		
5302	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid orangey-yellow and mid bluish-grey, firm, clay.		

Trench 54

General description						Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5400	Layer			0.26	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
5401	Layer			0.14	Subsoil. Light to mid orangish brown friable clayey silt		
5402	Layer				Natural. Light orangish brown mixed with light bluish grey soft silty clay		
5403	Cut		0.72	0.14	Plough Furrow. Shallow N-S linear		
5404	Fill	5403			Secondary Fill. Firm mid greyish-brown clayey silt		
5405	Cut		0.78	0.12	Plough Furrow. Shallow N-S linear		

5406	Fill	5405			Secondary Fill. Firm mid greyish-brown clayey silt		

Trench 55

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5500	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
5501	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay		
5502	Layer				Natural. Firm mid orange yellow clay with patches of light blue grey clay		

Trench 56

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.53

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5600	Layer			0.27	Topsoil. Dark grey friable clayey silt		
5601	Layer			0.23	Subsoil. Mid orangish brown friable clayey silt		
5602	Layer				Natural. Light orangish brown friable silty sand mixed with light grey firm silty clay		

Trench 57

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.51

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5700	Layer			0.27	Topsoil. Dark grey friable clayey silt		
5701	Layer			0.25	Subsoil. Mid orangish brown friable clayey silt		
5702	Layer				Natural. Mid orangish brown friable clayey sand mixed with light bluish grey soft silty clay		

Trench 58

General description	Orientation	NW-SE

Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.53
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5800	Layer			0.37	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
5801	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown firm silty clay		
5802	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown mixed with light bluish grey soft silty clay		
Trench 59							
General description					Orientation		ESE-WNW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.44
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5900	Layer			0.22	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
5901	Layer			0.22	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown firm silty clay		
5902	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown mixed with light bluish grey firm silty clay		
Trench 60							
General description					Orientation		NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6000	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
6001	Layer			0.3	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown soft silty clay		
6002	Layer				Natural. Light greyish brown and orange yellow clay		
Trench 61							
General description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6100	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		

6101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty clay		
6102	Layer				Natural. Light yellow and blueish grey clay		

Trench 62

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
6201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty clay		
6202	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish grey clay		

Trench 63

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
6301	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown firm silty clay		
6302	Layer				Natural. Firm light brownish yellow clay		

Trench 64

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6400	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Firm mid grey-brown silty clay		
6401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish-brown silty clay		
6402	Layer				Natural. Firm light brownish-yellow clay		

Trench 65

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9

					Avg. depth (m)		0.45
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6500	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
6501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty clay		
6502	Layer				Natural. Light orange brown firm clay		
Trench 66							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6600	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
6601	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light to mid yellowish brown silty clay		
6602	Layer				Natural. Firm but very soft in places mid brownish clay		
Trench 67							
General description					Orientation		NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6700	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm dark to mid greyish brown clay silt		
6701	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellow brown silty clay		
6702	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellow clay		
Trench 68							
General description					Orientation		NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6800	Layer			0.22	Topsoil. Firm dark to mid greyish brown clay silt		
6801	Layer			0.18	Subsoil. Firm mid brownish-grey silty clay		
6802	Layer				Natural. Firm light to mid brown with patches of light grey Clays		

Trench 69

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
6900	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm dark to mid greyish brown clay silt		
6901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
6902	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 70

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7000	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
7001	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
7002	Layer				Natural. Firm light brown with patches of grey clays		

Trench 71

General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7100	Layer			0.2	Remnant Topsoil. Mid greyish brown clay silt		
7101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light to mid grey brown silty clay		
7102	Layer				Natural. Mid grey brown clay		

Trench 72

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9

					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7200	Layer			0.17	Topsoil. Mid grey firm silty clay		
7201	Layer			0.23	Subsoil. Mid-light grey firm silty clay		
7202	Layer				Natural. Light grey and orangish brown mix firm silty clay		
Trench 73							
General description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
7301	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Light greyish brown silty clay		
7302	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid orangey-yellow and mid bluish-grey, firm, clay.		
Trench 74							
General description					Orientation		NNE-SSW
Trench revealed historic field boundary. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Mid greyish brown firm clay silt		
7401	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm Light brown silty clay		
7402	Layer				Natural. Firm light to mid brown with patches light grey clay		
7403	Cut		0.72	0.44	Ditch. Ditch for field drain		
7404	Fill	7403	0.72	0.44	Deliberate Backfill. Friable-firm light-mid greyish-brown silty clay with charcoal fragments, dog(?) skeleton and ceramic field drain	Glass, Pot, CBM, FC, A.Bone	C17th/18th
Trench 75							
General description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.42
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

7500	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
7501	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
7502	Layer				Natural. Firm mid yellowish brown and orange brown clays		

Trench 76

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.42

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7600	Layer			0.22	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
7601	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
7602	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 77

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7700	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
7701	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
7702	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 78

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7800	Layer			0.18	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
7801	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
7802	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 79

General description						Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
7900	Layer			0.18	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
7901	Layer			0.12	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
7902	Layer				Natural. Firm light brownish yellow clay		

Trench 80

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8000	Layer			0.18	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
8001	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
8002	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 81

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.43
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8100	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
8101	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
8102	Layer				Natural. Firm light and mid yellowish brown with patches of orange brown clay		

Trench 82

General description						Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.35
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8200	Layer			0.18	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		

8201	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
8202	Layer				Natural. Firm light greyish brown with patches of orange brown clay		

Trench 83

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
8301	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
8302	Layer				Natural. Firm light greyish brown clay		

Trench 84

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8400	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
8401	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
8402	Layer				Natural. Firm light to mid orange brown clay with patches of bedrock		

Trench 85

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8500	Layer			0.17	Topsoil. Friable mid grey brown clay silt		
8501	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light brown silty clay		
8502	Layer				Natural. Firm light brown clay		

Trench 86

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8600	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Friable mid grey brown clay silt		
8601	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
8602	Layer				Natural. Firm light brownish yellow clay		

Trench 87

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.3

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8700	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
8701	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
8702	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 88

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.3

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8800	Layer			0.1	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
8801	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable light yellow brown silty clay		
8802	Layer				Natural. Firm . Light brownish yellow clay		

Trench 89

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
8900	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Friable mid greyish brown clay silt		
8901	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
8902	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 90

General description	Orientation	N-S
	Length (m)	50

Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.32
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9000	Layer			0.1	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
9001	Layer			0.05	Subsoil. Friable light brownish yellowish silty clay		
9002	Layer				Natural. Firm light orange yellow clay		

Trench 91

General description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.32
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9100	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
9101	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
9102	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 92

General description					Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9200	Layer			0.08	Topsoil. Friable light to mid brown clay silt		
9201	Layer			0.08	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
9202	Layer				Natural. Firm light brownish yellow clay		

Trench 93

General description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9300	Layer			0.06	Topsoil. Friable light brown clay silt		
9301	Layer			0.07	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty clay		
9302	Layer				Natural. Firm light brownish yellow clay		

Trench 94

General description						Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.48
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9400	Layer			0.28	Topsoil. Dark grey friable clayey silt		
9401	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown friable clayey silt		
9402	Layer				Natural. Light brownish yellow loose silty sand mixed with light bluish grey and brownish orange patches of firm silty clay		

Trench 95

General description						Orientation	ENE-WSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.46
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9500	Layer			0.26	Topsoil. Dark grey friable silty clay		
9501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown firm silty clay		
9502	Layer				Natural. Light bluish grey and mid yellowish brown firm silty clay mixed with yellowish and orangish brown friable silty sand		

Trench 96

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench revealed historic field boundary. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	50
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.43
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9600	Layer			0.31	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
9601	Layer			0.12	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown firm silty clay		
9602	Layer				Natural. Light bluish grey firm silty clay mixed with orangish yellowish brown clayey sand		
9603	Cut		1.16	0.36	Ditch. NE-SW linear visible as cropmark		
9604	Fill	9603	1.16	0.32	Secondary Fill. Firm mid-dark greyish-brown clayey silt	CBM	
9605	Fill	9603		0.3	Secondary Fill. Lower fill - firm light yellowish-brown silty clay		

Trench 97

General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.43

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9700	Layer			0.28	Topsoil. Mid brownish grey friable clayey silt		
9701	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown firm silty clay		
9702	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown mixed with mid brownish orange soft clayey sandy silt		

Trench 98

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9800	Layer			0.24	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
9801	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light orangish brown friable clayey silt		
9802	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish orangish brown friable clayey sand mixed with light bluish grey firm silty clay		

Trench 99

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
9900	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
9901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
9902	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 100

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10000	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid grey brown clay silt		
10001	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
10002	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 101

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.54

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10100	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid grey friable clayey silt		
10101	Layer			0.23	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown with light whiteish flecks firm silty clay		
10102	Layer				Natural. Light grey and yellowish brown mix of friable clayey sandy silt		

Trench 102

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
10201	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
10202	Layer				Natural. Firm light greyish brown clay		

Trench 103

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
10301	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
10302	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 104

General description	Orientation	NW-SE

Trench revealed historic field boundary. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.43
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid greyish brown clay silt		
10401	Layer			0.24	Subsoil. Firm light yellowish brown silty clay		
10402	Layer				Natural. Mixed mid orangey-yellow and mid bluish-grey, firm, clay.		
Trench 105							
General description					Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of significant archaeology. Ditch containing two large ceramic drains revealed towards western end.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.53
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10500	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Mid brownish grey friable clayey silt		
10501	Layer			0.28	Subsoil. Mid yellowish brown friable clayey silt		
10502	Layer				Natural. Mixed light yellowish brown and bluish grey soft silty clay with orangish brown soft clayey sand		
10503	Cut		0.6	0.2	Modern. Drainage ditch		
10504	Fill	10503	0.6	0.2	Secondary Fill. Mid grey silty clay	Glass, CBM	C18/19th
Trench 106							
General description					Orientation		N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.47
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10600	Layer			0.28	Topsoil. Dark grey friable clayey silt		
10601	Layer			0.19	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown firm silty clay		
10602	Layer				Natural. Light brownish yellow and light bluish grey soft silty clay		
Trench 107							
General description					Orientation		E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9

					Avg. depth (m)		0.51
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10700	Layer			0.26	Topsoil. Dark grey friable silty clay		
10701	Layer			0.28	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown firm silty clay		
10702	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown mixed with light bluish grey soft silty clay mixed with light yellowish brown friable silty sand		

Trench 108

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10800	Layer		1.9	0.2	Ploughsoil. Mid grey brown clay silt		
10801	Layer		1.9	0.15	Subsoil. Mid to light yellowish brown silty clay		
10802	Layer		1.9		Natural. Light yellow brown clay with occasional patches of friable orange brown sandy clay		

Trench 109

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
10900	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown clay silt		
10901	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
10902	Layer				Natural. Firm southern half light greyish brown clay northern half friable light brown and yellow storey coarse sandy clay		
10903	Cut		0.64	0.38	Tree Throw		
10904	Fill	10903	0.8	0.38	Secondary Fill		
10905	Layer				Other Layer. Probable natural layer overlying tree-throw [10903]		

Trench 110

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
	Length (m)	50

Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11000	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown clay silt		
11001	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
11002	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay with 10m of yellow clay coarse sand at northern end of trench		
Trench 111							
General description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.45
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11100	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
11101	Layer			0.16	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
11102	Layer				Natural. Form light grey brown with patches of mid brownish yellow clays		
Trench 112							
General description					Orientation		NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.35
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11200	Layer		1.9	0.2	Ploughsoil. Mid brown clay silt		
11201	Layer		1.9	0.15	Subsoil. Light yellow clay silt		
11202	Layer		1.9		Natural. Light yellowish brown clay		
Trench 113							
General description					Orientation		
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown clay silt		

11301	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
11302	Layer				Natural. Firm yellowish brown clay		

Trench 114

General description	Orientation	
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid grey brown clay silt		
11401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
11402	Layer				Natural. Firm light brown clay		

Trench 115

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11500	Layer			0.25	Ploughsoil. Compact mid grey brown clay		
11501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
11502	Layer				Natural. Friable light yellowish brown sandy clay with patches of orange brown sand		

Trench 116

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11600	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown clay silt		
11601	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light greyish brown silty clay		
11602	Layer				Natural. Firm light greyish brown clay		

Trench 117

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
	Length (m)	50

Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11700	Layer		1.9	0.2	Ploughsoil. Compact mid grey brown clay silt		
11701	Layer		1.9	0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silt clay		
11702	Layer		1.9		Natural. Firm light yellow brown clay		

Trench 118

General description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11800	Layer		1.9	0.25	Ploughsoil. Mid grey brown clay silt		
11801	Layer		1.9	0.2	Subsoil. Compact mid yellow brown silt clay		
11802	Layer		1.9		Natural. Firm light yellow brown sandy clay		

Trench 119

General description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
11900	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Mid grey brown clay silt		
11901	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light yellow clay silt		
11902	Layer				Natural. Friable yellow with grey-white clay		

Trench 120

General description					Orientation		NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12000	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Mid grey brown clay silt		
12001	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty clay		
12002	Layer				Natural. Friable yellow and grey-white sandy clay		

Trench 121

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12100	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
12101	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellow clay		
12102	Layer				Natural. Compact light yellow clay		

Trench 122

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12200	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid grey brown clay silt		
12201	Layer			0.16	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
12202	Layer				Natural. Firm light greyish brown clay		

Trench 123

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.95
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Friable mid greyish brown clay silt		
12301	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light brown silty clay		
12302	Layer				Subsoil. Firm light greyish brown clay		

Trench 124

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.46

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Friable mid greyish brown clay silt		
12401	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		

12402	Layer				Natural. Firm light ye brown clay		

Trench 125

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.3

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12500	Layer			0.1	Topsoil. Friable mid greyish brown clay silt		
12501	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Compact yellowish grey brown silty clay		
12502	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 126

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12600	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Compact mid grey brown clay silt		
12601	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silt clay		
12602	Layer				Natural. Friable light brown and grey clay		

Trench 127

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12700	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Compact mid grey brown clay silt		
12701	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light yellow silty clay		
12702	Layer				Natural. Friable light grey and yellow sandy clay and white stones		

Trench 128

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12800	Layer			0.2	Ploughsoil. Mid grey brown clay silt		
12801	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty clay		
12802	Layer				Natural. Friable yellow and grey clay and sand		

Trench 129

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
12900	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
12901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Friable mid yellowish brown silt clay		
12902	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 130

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench revealed multiple features including a ditch terminus at the western end of the trench and three more ditches in the middle to eastern end of the trench.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13000	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Mid brown clayey silt		
13001	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid brown silty clay		
13002	Layer				Natural. Reddish brown and light yellowish grey with dark brown mottled clayey sand with manganese inclusions		
13003	Cut		2.54	0.3	Ditch		
13004	Fill	13003	2.54	0.3	Primary Fill. Compact brownish orange clay with moderate manganese inclusions	Pot, FC, A.Bone	IA
13005	Cut		0.63	0.04	Other Cut. Possible gully? Very shallow feature. Terminus excavated		
13006	Fill	13005	0.63	0.04	Primary Fill. Compact brownish orange sandy silt	FC, A.Bone	
13007	Cut		1.1	0.47	Ditch		
13008	Fill	13007	1.1	0.47	Secondary Fill. Mid reddish brown, sandy silt.	Pot, FC, A.Bone	MIA
13009	Cut		2.3	0.57	Ditch		
13010	Fill	13009	2.3	0.57	Secondary Fill. Mid reddish brown, sandy silt.	Pot, Flint, CBM,	MIA

						FC, A.Bone	
13011	Layer		2	0.13	Remnant subsoil layer	Pot, FC, A.Bone	IA

Trench 131

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench revealed a curvilinear ditch in the north-west end of the trench. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13100	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown fine sandy silt		
13101	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Friable mid orange brown silty coarse sand		
13102	Layer				Natural. Moderately compact light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles coarse sand		
13103	Cut		1.4	0.75	Ditch. Corner of a ditch, heading NW turning in section 13100 and heading likely SW. probable enclosure ditch		
13104	Fill	13103		0.18	Primary Fill. Mottled grey and orange Sandy deposit throughout base of ditch		
13105	Fill	13103		0.4	Secondary Fill. Soft Light greyish mottled brown with frequent manganese flecks throughout - Sandy clay		
13106	Fill	13103		0.2	Secondary Fill. Compact orangey brown Sandy clay, very firm with frequent large manganese inclusions		
13107	Cut		0.9	0.24	Tree Throw. Possible tree bowl cut by larger tree throw, sterile fills		
13108	Fill	13107	0.9	0.24	Secondary Fill. Sterile deposit mid orange grey-brown silty sand with frequent manganese inclusions		
13109	Cut		1	0.9	Tree Throw. Cut of tree throw possibly repurposed for dump of refuse due to pot and charcoal within fills		
13110	Fill	13109	0.4	0.2	Primary Fill. Mid grey clayey sand deposit likely formed by edge collapse .		
13111	Fill	13109	0.24	0.22	Secondary Fill. Diffuse contact yellow orange mottled sand caused by edge erosion		

Trench 132

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench revealed a large ditch. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9

					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13200	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown fine sandy silt		
13201	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Friable mid orange brown silty sand		
13202	Layer				Natural. Moderately compact light orange brown with dark brown mottles coarse sand with manganese flecks		
13203	Cut		2.83	0.61	Ditch. Cut for a probable ditch running N-S		
13204	Fill	13203		0.22	Secondary Fill. Mid-dark bluish grey silty clay	FC, A.Bone	
13205	Fill			0.41	Secondary Fill. Light bluish grey silty clay	Pot, FC	MIA

Trench 133

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench revealed a small undated ditch. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13300	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown fine sandy silt		
13301	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Friable mid orange brown coarse silty sand		
13302	Layer				Natural. Moderately compact light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles coarse sand with manganese flecks		
13303	Cut		0.62	0.31	Ditch. Cut for a small ditch/gully		
13304	Fill	13303		0.31	Secondary Fill. Loose mid-darkish grey with flecks of dark reddish brown sandy silt		

Trench 134

General description	Orientation	WNW-ESE
Trench revealed a large ditch and a posthole. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13400	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown fine sandy silt		
13401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Friable light orange brown silty sand		
13402	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles coarse sand with manganese flecks		
13403	Cut		0.35	0.19	Posthole. Cut of posthole		

13404	Fill	13403		0.19	Secondary Fill. Mid darkish grey silty sand		
13405	Cut		1.6	0.37	Natural Feature. Cut of pit		
13406	Fill	13405		0.37	Secondary Fill. Mottled mid darkish grey with flecks of dark reddish orange silty sand formed through natural processes	Pot	IA
13407	Cut		2.25	0.4	Ditch. Cut of ditch		
13408	Fill	13407		0.4	Secondary Fill. Mid darkish grey mottled with flecks of dark reddish orange silty sand		

Trench 135

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench revealed several ditches. The N-S aligned ditches were observed and excavated in Trench 130. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13500	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable Mid brown fine sandy silt		
13501	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Friable orange brown coarse silty coarse sand		
13502	Layer				Natural. Moderately compact light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles sand with manganese flecks		
13503	Layer			0.07	Remnant Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown clay silt occasional animal bones	A.Bone	
13504	Cut		2.28	0.5	Ditch. Cut of ditch		
13505	Fill	13504	1.6	0.1	Primary Fill. Loose friable light brownish grey sandy silt		
13506	Fill	13504	1.6	0.21	Other Fill. Compact mid orange brown silty clay	Pot, A.Bone	IA
13507	Fill	13504	1.02	0.2	Other Fill. Compact dark brown silty clay		
13508	Cut		0.37		Ditch. Unexcavated. Possibly same as 13007?		
13509	Fill	13508	0.37		Other Fill. Compact dark brown silty clay		
13510	Cut		1.85		Ditch. Unexcavated. Possibly same as 13009? or 13003?		
13511	Fill	13510	1.85		Other Fill. Compact dark greyish brown silty clay		

Trench 136

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench revealed several shallow intercutting pits at the SW end. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.8
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13600	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable greyish brown clay silt		

13601	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Friable mid To light yellowish brown silt Clay		
13602	Layer				Natural. Firm yellowish-brown clay		
13603	Layer			0.23	Other Layer. Mid brownish grey layer likely interface with subsoil.		
13604	Cut		1.3	0.38	Pit. Cut of pit		
13605	Cut		0.82	0.28	Pit. Cut of pit		
13606	Cut		0.74	0.2	Pit. Truncated by pit 13605		
13607	Fill	13604		0.12	Primary Fill. Firm light brownish grey silty clay	FC	
13608	Fill	13604		0.25	Secondary Fill. Firm dark grey silty clay		
13609	Fill	13606		0.2	Secondary Fill. Firm light yellowish grey silty clay		
13610	Fill	13605		0.28	Secondary Fill. Firm dark brownish grey silty clay	Pot, FC	IA
13611	Cut		1.1	0.18	Pit		
13612	Fill	13611			Secondary Fill. Firm mottled light bluish grey with some mid dark orange silty clay	Pot, FC	IA

Trench 137

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench revealed 3 ditches at its SW end. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13700	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid brown friable silty clay		
13701	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty sand		
13702	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with flecks of dark brown clay sand with flecks of manganese		
13703	Cut		0.38	0.32	Ditch. Termini		
13704	Fill	13703		0.32	Secondary Fill. Mottled dark orange light bluish grey silty clay		
13705	Cut		0.87	0.28	Ditch. Termini		
13706	Fill	13705		0.28	Secondary Fill. Mottled dark orange light bluish grey silty clay	Pot, FC	IA
13707	Cut		1.1	0.27	Ditch. Cut of ditch, same feature as [13705]		
13708	Fill	13707		0.27	Secondary Fill. Mid orange dark grey silty clay	Pot, A.Bone	MIA
13709	Cut		1.23	0.22	Ditch. Cut of ditch		
13710	Fill	13709		0.22	Secondary Fill. Mottled dark orange light bluish grey	Pot	BA-EIA

Trench 138

General description	Orientation	NE-SW

Revealed two intercutting postholes near its centre. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.43

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13800	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown sandy silt		
13801	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty sand		
13802	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with flecks dark brown clay sand with flecks of manganese		
13803	Cut		0.29	0.25	Posthole. Cut of posthole, truncated by posthole [13805]		
13804	Fill	13803		0.25	Secondary Fill. Light bluish grey silty sand		
13805	Cut		0.33	0.27	Posthole. Cut of posthole, truncating [13803]		
13806	Fill	13805		0.27	Secondary Fill. Light bluish grey silty sand		
13807	Cut		0.72	0.12	Natural Feature. Cut for a probable natural feature		
13808	Fill	13807		0.12	Secondary Fill. Light bluish grey silty sand		

Trench 139

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
13900	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown fine sandy silt		
13901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Friable mid orange brown fine silty sand		
13902	Layer				Natural. Moderately compact light orange brown with occasional dark brown mottles coarse sand with occasional manganese		

Trench 140

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
One curvilinear ditch throughout SE end of trench. Trench consists of ploughsoil overlying subsoil and the natural geology of clayey sand.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14000	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown clay silt		
14001	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty sand		
14002	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay sand		

14003	Cut		1.52	0.6	Ditch. Cut of ditch		
14004	Fill	14003		0.2	Primary Fill. Firm mid-light greyish yellow silty clay	Pot, A.Bone	IA
14005	Fill	14003		0.4	Secondary Fill. Firm friable mid orangish brownish grey silty clay	Pot, A.Bone	IA

Trench 141

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14100	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Firm mid brown clay silt		
14101	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay		
14102	Layer				Natural. Compact light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 142

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
A single curvilinear ditch terminus at the northern end. Trench consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14200	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
14201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
14202	Layer				Natural. Compact light yellowish brown clay		
14203	Cut		0.7	0.22	Ditch. Cut of gully		
14204	Fill	14203	0.6	0.08	Primary Fill. Firm yellowish brown silty clay	Pot, A.Bone	EIA-MIA
14205	Fill	14203	0.7	0.17	Secondary Fill. Firm friable dark grey clayey silt	FC, A.Bone	
14206	Cut		0.36	0.1	Ditch. Terminus		
14207	Fill	14206	0.36	0.1	Secondary Fill. Firm dark brownish grey silty clay		

Trench 143

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.43

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

14300	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown sandy silt		
14301	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty sand		
14302	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles clay sand with flecks manganese		

Trench 144

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.4

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14400	Layer			0.28	Topsoil. Friable mid brown fine sandy silt		
14401	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Friable mid orange brown coarse silty sand		
14402	Layer				Natural. Moderately compact light brownish yellow with dark brown mottling coarse sand with frequent manganese flecks		

Trench 145

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14500	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
14501	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
14502	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 146

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14600	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
14601	Layer			0.1	Subsoil. Compact mid yellowish brown silty clay		
14602	Layer				Natural. Compact light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 147

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14700	Layer			0.15	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
14701	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
14702	Layer				Natural. Compact light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 148

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14800	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
14801	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact I got yellowish brown silty clay		
14802	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 149

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
14900	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
14901	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
14902	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with patches of orange brown clay		

Trench 150

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

15000	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown fine sandy silt		
15001	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Friable mid orange brown silty fine sand		
15002	Layer				Natural. Soft light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles clay coarse sand		

Trench 151

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.55

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15100	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid greyish brown fine sandy silt		
15101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light yellowish brown silty fine sand		
15102	Layer				Natural. Firm mid to light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles coarse sand		

Trench 152

General description	Orientation	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.55

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15200	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable grey brown fine sandy silt		
15201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Friable light orange brown silty fine sand		
15202	Layer				Natural. Soft light to mid yellowish brown with dark brown mottles coarse sand		

Trench 153

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.43

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
15301	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
15302	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with orange brown clay		

Trench 154

General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench revealed a large boundary ditch at the northern end and several intercutting ditches to the south of this. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	25
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.6
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15400	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
15401	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact light orange brown silty clay		
15402	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		
15403	Cut		0.85	0.11	Ditch. Cut of ditch		
15404	Fill	15403		0.11	Secondary Fill. Firm mid dark bluish grey silty clay		
15405	Cut		0.81	0.18	Ditch. Cut of ditch		
15406	Fill	15405		0.18	Secondary Fill. Firm mid darkish grey silty clay		
15407	Cut		1.6	0.47	Ditch. Recut of ditch [15405]		
15408	Fill	15407		0.47	Secondary Fill. Firm mid darkish grey with mottles of mid darkish brown silty clay	Pot, FC, A.Bone	MIA
15409	Cut		0.85	0.22	Ditch. Cut of ditch		
15410	Fill	15409		0.22	Secondary Fill. Firm mid darkish grey silty clay	Pot, FC, A.Bone	IA
15411	Cut		2.25	1.08	Ditch. Cut of ditch		
15412	Fill	15411		0.31	Secondary Fill. Compact mid-light greyish brown with occasional orange brown mottles and flecks of black silty clay	Pot, FC, A.Bone	MIA
15413	Fill	15411		0.35	Primary Fill. Compact mid brown with mid brown and yellow mottling fine sandy clay	Pot, A.Bone	IA
15414	Fill	15411		0.33	Secondary Fill. Compact dark greyish brown with frequent mid orange brown mottling silty clay		

Trench 155

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Intercutting ditches seen in Trench 154 continue through the centre of this trench - recorded in plan only. Trench consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.						Length (m)	25
						Width (m)	1.9
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15500	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
15501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
15502	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		
15503	Cut				Ditch. Unexcavated. Same as [15403] [15305] [15407] [15409] in trench 154		

Trench 156

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.55

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15600	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
15601	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
15602	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		

Trench 157

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15700	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown fine sandy silt		
15701	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact mid yellowish brown silty sand		
15702	Layer				Natural. First 5m of Southern end mid to light brown clay remaining 45m light to mid brown with dark brown mottles coarse sand with manganese flecks		

Trench 158

General description	Orientation	E-W
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15800	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid grey brown fine sandy silt		
15801	Layer			0.3	Subsoil. Friable light yellowish brown silty fine sand		
15802	Layer				Natural. Soft light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles coarse sand		

Trench 159

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
	Length (m)	50

Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
15900	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown clay silt		
15901	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
15902	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay with patches of light blue grey clays and gritty orange brown coarse sandy clay		
Trench 160							
General description					Orientation		NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		25
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.55
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16000	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay s		
16001	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
16002	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown with patches of orange brown clay		
Trench 161							
General description					Orientation		NE-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		25
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16100	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Compact mid brown clay silt		
16101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact light yellowish brown silty clay		
16102	Layer				Natural. Firm light yellowish brown clay		
Trench 162							
General description					Orientation		NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.					Length (m)		50
					Width (m)		1.9
					Avg. depth (m)		0.46
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16200	Layer			0.25	Topsoil. Friable mid brown fine sandy silt		

16201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Friable mid yellowish brown silty sand		
16202	Layer				Natural. Soft light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles clayey coarse sand with mottles of manganese		

Trench 163

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16300	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown fine sandy silt		
16301	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Compact brown silty sand		
16302	Layer				Natural. Soft light yellowish brown with dark brown mottles clayey coarse sand with manganese flicks becoming light brown clay at SW end		

Trench 164

General description	Orientation	NW-SE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	50
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16400	Layer			0.2	Topsoil. Compact mid greyish brown fine sandy silt		
16401	Layer			0.15	Subsoil. Compact mid orange brown silty fine sand		
16402	Layer				Natural. Firm light brown coarse sandy clay with compacted brown gritty clay at southern end contains frequent flecks of manganese		

Trench 165

General description	Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	10
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.51

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16500	Layer			0.31	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
16501	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid orangish brown friable clayey silt		

16502	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish orangish brown friable sandy silt mixed with light bluish grey firm silty clay		

Trench 166

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16600	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
16601	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid orangish brown firm silty clay		
16602	Layer				Natural. Light bluish grey firm silty clay mixed with light brownish orange friable silty sand		

Trench 167

General description	Orientation	N-S
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	20
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.55

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16700	Layer			0.35	Topsoil. Dark grey firm silty clay		
16701	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid orangish brown firm silty clay		
16702	Layer				Natural. Light brownish yellow/orange mixed with light bluish grey firm silty clay and loose silty sand		

Trench 168

General description	Orientation	ENE-WSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.55

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16800	Layer			0.24	Topsoil. Dark grey firm friable silty clay		
16801	Layer			0.31	Subsoil. Mid yellowish orangish brown friable clayey silt		
16802	Layer				Natural. Light yellowish brown friable sandy silt mixed with light bluish grey firm silty clay patches		
16803	Cut		0.81	0.25	Natural Feature. Cut for a probable natural feature		
16804	Fill	16803		0.25	Secondary Fill. Firm light orangey grey silty clay with small specks of manganese		

Trench 169

General description	Orientation	N-S
Short ditch terminus at the northern end of the trench. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
16900	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid darkish brown sandy clay		
16901	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Light olive brown silty clay		
16902	Layer				Natural. Mid dark reddish orange silty clay with mottles of light bluish and dark bluish grey silty clay		
16903	Cut		0.53	0.2	Ditch. Termini		
16904	Fill	16903		0.2	Secondary Fill. Mid darkish grey with mottles of mid dark orange grey silty clay	Pot, FC, A.Bone	IA

Trench 170

General description	Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consisted of ploughsoil and subsoil overlying the natural geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
17000	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid-darkish brown sandy clay		
17001	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid-dark orangish brown silty clay		
17002	Layer				Natural. Mid-dark reddish orange silty clay with mottles of light bluish grey silty clay		

Trench 171

General description	Orientation	E-W
Single ditch terminal revealed at the SE end of the trench. Trench consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying sand geology.	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
17100	Layer			0.38	Topsoil. Mid brown silty sand		
17101	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Brown silty sand with patches of orange		
17102	Layer				Natural. Mottled light brown and orange silty sand with white patches and regular manganese inclusions		
17103	Cut		0.9	0.32	Ditch. Possible ditch terminus		

17104	Fill	17103	0.9	0.32	Secondary Fill. Mid grey brown silty sand with regular manganese inclusions - silt action and washing of surrounding material		

Trench 172

General description	Orientation	E-W
Large ditch at western end, probably a continuation of 13203. Trench consists of topsoil and subsoil overlying sand geology	Length (m)	25
	Width (m)	1.9
	Avg. depth (m)	0.35

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
17200	Layer			0.3	Topsoil. Mid-darkish brown silty sand		
17201	Layer			0.2	Subsoil. Mid-dark reddish orange sandy silt		
17202	Layer				Natural. Mid-dark reddish orange sandy silt with mottles of light grey silty sand		
17203	Cut		2.7		Ditch. Unexcavated - same as [13203] in trench 132		

APPENDIX B FINDS REPORTS

B.1 Pottery

By Alex Davies

Introduction

B.1.1 Some 282 sherds (1024g) of pottery were recovered from the evaluation. A single context (2 sherds, 8g) contained medieval pottery, and another a possible Bronze Age sherd (8g), but the rest dates to the Iron Age, probably the Middle Iron Age.

B.1.2 The pottery was rapidly assessed at context level, noting fabrics in approximate order of frequency, and commenting on form and other features. The results are presented in Table 1. Fabric codes are as follows: Gr (grog), Qs (quartz sand), Sh (Shell, sometimes as characteristic voids); Ve (voids, probably vegetal/organic). The number suffix indicates the level of coarseness, with 1 being fine and 4 very coarse.

Bronze Age to early Iron Age

B.1.3 A single 8g sherd from context 13710, the fill of ditch 13709, appears to be earlier than the predominantly Middle Iron Age assemblage. This sherd has pinched fingertip decoration, a motif found throughout the Bronze Age and into the early Iron Age. The grog-tempered fabric might also suggest a similar early date, although grog tempering was also found in the Middle Iron Age material. There were no other sherds from this context, but the ditch lay within the main area of Iron Age activity, so the sherd might be residual.

Iron Age

B.1.4 Iron Age pottery was found in 20 contexts across 11 trenches, all in the north-western part of the site. The assemblage is coherent and belongs to the Scored Ware tradition, seven contexts producing sherds with Scored Ware decoration. This type of decoration usually occurs on about a quarter of Scored Ware material (Davies 2021, 21), meaning that a majority of the sherds in this tradition do not have this diagnostic decoration, and contexts with sherds of similar fabric but without sherds displaying Scored Ware decoration can also belong to the Scored Ware tradition.

B.1.5 Scored Ware is largely a Middle Iron Age phenomenon, although it has been argued that it began as early as the fifth century and continued into the first century AD (Elsdon 1992; Knight 2002, 134). Radiocarbon dating of more recent assemblages, for example at Fernwood, did not provide date ranges before c 350 cal BC, and the case for an early Iron Age origin remains unproven (Davies 2021, 25). No diagnostic late Iron Age sherds are present in this assemblage, indicating that a Middle Iron Age date is appropriate for the assemblage, although it is possible that material in this tradition can continue as late as the first century AD.

B.1.6 Forms are limited, but include a slack-sided bowl and a globular or slack-sided form, both of Middle Iron Age typology. Upright, flattened and slight bead rims are present, again all of Middle Iron Age typology.

B.1.7 A single context, 14204, contains a neck sherd that might be early Iron Age. The dating of this sherd is uncertain, and it may be alternatively be Middle Iron Age but displaying early Iron Age ancestry.

B.1.8 Fabrics were not quantified in great detail, but shell and quartz sand are the most common inclusions. Less common are grog, and vegetal material that is present as voids. This fabric range is similar to that of the nearby Scored Ware assemblage at Fernwood (Davies 2021).

Medieval

B.1.9 Context 7404, the fill of a field boundary ditch, produced two sherds (8g) of medieval pottery dating to the 13–14th century (identified by John Cotter).

Retention and archive

B.1.10 All of the material has future research value and should be retained. All of the data is included in Table 1, with its metadata (fabric codes) explained in the report. There is no further data or metadata.

Context	Sherds	Weight (g)	Fabric	Spot-date	Comment
7404	2	8		Medieval	13–14th century
13004	1	14	GrVe2	IA	Scored Ware??
13008	17	167	Sh3; ShGr2	MIA	Scored Ware. Upright rim
13010	173	261	Sh2; Qs2	MIA	Scored Ware. Flattened rim on globular or slack-sided form
13011	1	3	?Sh2	IA	
13205	3	109	Qs2	MIA	Scored Ware
13406	2	7	Sh2	IA	
13506	12	10	Gr2; Sh1	IA	
13610	4	8	Gr2; Qs2	IA	
13612	1	2	Qs2	IA	Over-fired - vitrified and bloated
13706	14	35	Qs2	IA	
13708	9	32	Qs2	MIA	Scored Ware
13710	1	8	Gr2	BA-EIA	Pinched fingertip decoration
14004	2	5	Qs2	IA	
14005	1	2	Qs2	IA	
14204	4	19	Sh3	EIA-MIA	Neck sherd - carinated?
15408	15	165	Sh3; Qs2	MIA	Scored Ware. Fingertip decoration. Slack-sided bowl with slight bead rim
15410	7	16	Sh2	IA	Flattened rim
15412	11	134	Sh3	MIA	Scored Ware
15413	1	17		IA	
16904	1	2	Qs2	IA	
Total	**282**	**1024**			

Table 1: Summary of the pottery

B.2 Flint

By Michael Donnelly

Introduction

B.2.1 This evaluation produced just one possibly struck flint alongside two natural fragments (Table 2). The sole potentially struck piece came from ditch fill 13010 in ditch 13009. It had some naturally-generated thermal surfaces but also displayed two possible negative scars indicative of human action. The piece was wholly undiagnostic and indicated only very limited flint use here at an unknown point in time.

Methodology

B.2.2 The pieces recovered were catalogued according to OA South's standard system of broad artefact/debitage type (Anderson-Whymark 2013; Bradley 1999), general condition was noted and dating was attempted where possible. The material was catalogued directly onto an Open Office spreadsheet. Any additional information on condition (rolled, abraded, fresh and degree of cortication), and state of the artefact (burnt, broken, or visibly utilised) was also recorded. Technological attribute analysis such as the recording of butt and termination type, flake type, hammer mode and whether platform edge abrasion was present was considered, but was not appropriate here. There were no retouched pieces.

Context	type	sub-type	notes	date
5004	Natural	-		-
13010	Irregular waste	-	Contains two genuine negative scars alongside thermal potlid surfaces	-
13010	Natural	-		-

Table 2: Summary of the flint

B.3 Glass

By Anni Byard

Introduction and methodology

B.3.1 Three fragments of post-medieval glass weighing 247.6g were recovered from two contexts during the evaluation. The glass was identified and recorded in an Excel spreadsheet and is presented below in tabulated form (Table 3).

Results

Context	Material	Count	Weight (gms)	Colour	Date	Identification
7404	glass	1	230	dark olive green	1680-1725	Wine bottle base, 'onion' type, with low kick-up and pontil scar
7404	glass	1	13.5	green	(L?) 18th century	Vessel base, narrow diameter, high kick-up
10504	glass	1	4.1	olive green	18th century	Wine bottle shoulder

Table 3: Glass assemblage

B.3.2 The base from a later 17th to early 18th century wine bottle was recovered from ditch 7403 in Trench 74. It is probably of the 'onion' style which was popular until c. 1725. The second piece of glass from the same context is from a narrow-based vessel with high kick-up in a mid-green glass, probably a bottle of uncertain form, and likely of c. 18th century date.

B.3.3 A small shoulder shard of an olive-green wine bottle from Trench 105 is possibly from a bottle of cylindrical form, and is likely to be of 18th or early 19th century date.

Recommendations and retention

B.3.4 The glass assemblage is small and contains commonly encountered vessels of c. 18th century date. They have been fully recorded and do not require any further work. They have limited potential for further study and can therefore be discarded if desired.

B.4 Ceramic Building Material and Fired Clay

By Kirsty Smith

Introduction

B.4.1 A small assemblage of ceramic building material (CBM) amounting to 9 fragments (48g) was recovered from the evaluation. Only one small fragment from context 904 (Trench 9) could be dated as possibly Roman, the rest of the fragments were of indeterminate date. A larger assemblage of fired clay was recovered including 127 fragments (690g). The fired clay included a number of larger diagnostic fragments which may have originated from oven and hearth structures.

B.4.2 The majority of the CBM and fired clay assemblage (totalling 136 fragments weighing 738g) is poorly preserved with a mean fragment weight of 5.42g.

B.4.3 The assemblage has been fully recorded on an Excel spreadsheet in accordance with guidelines set out by the Archaeological Ceramic Building Materials Group (ACBMG 2007). Fabrics were characterised with the aid of x20 hand lens.

B.4.4 The forms and distribution of the assemblage have been summarised in Tables 4 and 5 below. The CBM was recovered from Trenches 9, 74, 96, 105 and 130. The majority of the fired clay was recovered from Trenches 130, 132 and 136 with smaller amounts from a handful of other trenches (Table 4). A large percentage of the fired clay was recovered from ditches which also contained Iron Age pottery (Table 5).

Trench number	Weight (g) by form per trench		Total
	Indeterminate	Oven structure	
9	6		6
74	31		31
96	8		8
105	2		2
130	69	365	434
132	44	80	124
136	19	58	77
137	5		5
142	3		3
154	12	20	32
155		7	7
156	7		7
169	2		2
Total	208	530	738

Table 4: Summary of CBM and fired clay forms by trench

Pottery spot dates	Form of CBM/fired clay	Weight of CBM/fired clay within fills of				Total weight (g)
		Ditches	Layers	Pits	Tree throws	
Iron Age	Indeterminate		3	5	9	17
Iron Age	Oven structure	100		58		158
Middle Iron Age	Indeterminate	118				118
Middle Iron Age	Oven structure	292				292
Medieval	Indeterminate	31				31
N/A or unknown	Indeterminate	32		10		42
N/A or unknown	Oven structure	80				80
Total weight (g)		653	3	73	9	738

Table 5: Summary of CBM and fired clay forms by pottery spot date and type of context

Fabrics

B.4.5 The fabrics were dominated by an orange fine silty clay. Many of the fragments contained red rounded iron rich argillaceous pellets 1-2mm and some fragments were laminated with cream clay. Other fabrics also contained frequent black/brown grits 1-2mm long.

B.4.6 The fragment of CBM of possible Roman date from context 904 was notably different from the other fabrics. It comprised an orange pink fine sandy clay with coarse white quartz and brown grits which were 0.1-0.3mm long.

Ovens and hearth structures

B.4.7 A large proportion of the fragments of fired clay contained cylindrical impressions which ranged between 0.5-11mm diameter and were up to 34mm long. The majority of these were recovered from Trenches 130, 132 and 136 with a smaller quantity from Trenches 154 and 155. These impressions may have been formed by grass and straw stems for the smaller fragments and perhaps thin wooden poles for the larger fragments. These may have formed part of the structure of ovens, onto which the clay was bonded, giving it greater structural integrity until it was fired. The cylindrical impressions appear to be too small to have been used as part of wattle for wall daub, whose rods are usually 15-35mm diameter and sails 20-55mm diameter (C. Poole pers. comm).

B.4.8 A number of other fragments also had smooth and flat surfaces which may have formed the exterior or interior of the oven structures or hearth surfaces. Around 50% of the fragments of fired clay had evidence of burning or heating. These included blackening on one side, or graduations from light grey to dark grey. Three fragments of fired clay from context 13204 had been fired dark red. This suggests that many of these fragments were exposed to a heat source.

B.4.9 The indeterminate fragments of fired clay may have also originated from hearth and oven structures since many of these also had evidence of burning.

Conclusions

B.4.10 The majority of the fired clay and CBM fragments cannot be dated but in view of the presence of Iron Age material on the site may be contemporary with this phase of activity. The fired clay fragments probably derived from ovens or hearths relating to settlement activity in the north-western area of the site (Trenches 130, 132, 136, 154 and 155).

B.4.11 The fragment of possible Roman CBM from context 904 was recovered from a north-south ditch within the southern part of the site (Trench 9), away from the areas of Iron Age activity.

Recommendations

B.4.12 The possible fragment of Roman CBM from context 904 should be retained as should the fragments of fired clay with surfaces or cylindrical impressions.

B.5 Stone

By Ruth Shaffrey

Description

B.5.1 Three pieces of stone were retained. These were examined by eye and are detailed in full here. One is unworked. Two are burnt and blackened: a quartzite cobble weighing 702g (13105) and a broken piece of sandstone weighing 1224g (13010). Neither showed signs of wear or other use.

Recommendations

B.5.2 All three pieces of stone can be discarded.

B.6 Slag

By Leigh Allen

Introduction

B.6.1 A total of 29 fragments of fuel ash slag weighing 122g was recovered from 3 contexts: ctx 13010, ctx 15412 and ctx 15413.

B.6.2 Fuel ash slag is a very lightweight, highly porous, light coloured (whitish-grey to grey-brown) residue produced by a high temperature reaction between alkaline fuel ash and siliceous material such as a clay lining or surface. It can result from any high temperature activity where these two constituents are present, including domestic hearths, accidental fires (burning down of wattle-and-daub and thatched buildings), and even cremations. On its own it does not represent metalworking activity; only when associated with diagnostic evidence can it be so attributed

B.6.3 The material is of low potential as no associated evidence of metal working or other high temperature activity was recovered from the site.

Recommendations regarding the conservation, discard and retention of material

B.6.4 The slag can be discarded.

APPENDIX C ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

C.1 Environmental Samples

By Richard Palmer

Introduction

C.1.1 Eight bulk samples were taken during archaeological evaluation works at Belvoir Solar Farm, Leicestershire, primarily for the retrieval and assessment of ecofacts and the recovery of artefacts.

Method

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

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

Results

C.1.4 Sample summary and flot abundance data is presented in Table 6. In many cases flot volume consisted mainly of modern roots which has inflated volume figures.

Trench 74

C.1.5 Sample 7400 from fill 7404 of ditch 7403 produced a flot poor in charred material. Roots and modern plant debris make up most of the volume. A very diverse terrestrial mollusc assemblage is present including species such as Vitrea sp., Vallonia sp. and Carychium tridentatum. Considering the size of the processed sample (36L), however, the assemblage is not large enough to warrant further analysis or interpretation, with many of the species represented by only a few specimens. Bone was recovered from the residue and coal was noted as present.

Trench 130

C.1.6 Sample 13000 from fill 13008 of ditch 13007 produced a poor flot which includes a small charred legume (2-3mm) and a couple of glume base/glume fragments which would come from Triticum sp. glume wheat. Pottery and bone were extracted from the residue.

C.1.7 Sample 13001 from fill 13010 of ditch 13009 also produced a poor flot. Fragments of glume base are present again indicating usage of glume wheat, and the grain has a clinkered appearance. A single charred hawthorn (Crataegus sp.) fruit stone is also present. Pottery and bone were recovered from the residue.

Trench 132

C.1.8 Sample 13200 from fill 13205 of ditch 13203 produced a poor flot. A charred dock seed (Rumex sp.) and a small, charred legume are present. Pottery was recovered from the residue.

C.1.9 Sample 13201 from fill 13204 of ditch 13203 produced a flot with no charred material of note apart from a few charcoal fragments. No artefacts were recovered from the residue.

Trench 154

C.1.10 Sample 15400 from fill 15408 of ditch 15407 produced a poor flot. A single charred grain or grass seed (Poaceae) is present but the clinker-like appearance hinders identification. It has been tentatively identified as a weed seed as it is small-sized. Fired clay and bone were recovered from the residue.

C.1.11 Sample 15401 from fill 15412 of ditch 15411 produced a poor flot. Several small legume fragments and a few freshwater molluscs are present. An abundant quantity of duckweed (Lemna sp.) seeds were also recovered suggesting the presence of water in the ditch for at least some of the time it was open. Pottery, slag and bone were recovered from the residue.

C.1.12 Sample 15402 from fill 15413 of ditch 15411 produced a poor flot. Several freshwater molluscs, not further identified, are present. Pottery, slag and bone were recovered from the residue.

Discussion

C.1.13 Recovery of charred plant remains from these samples is generally limited. Material that has been recovered is often fragmentary or in poor condition although some fragments are at least partially identifiable. All dated samples apart from 7400 are Middle Iron Age. The sparse nature of the remains suggest that the charred material may be windblown accumulation in ditches near to agricultural activity or dispersed remains from middening of fields with domestic rubbish.

Recommendations for retention/disposal

C.1.14 The flots warrant retention until all works on site are complete but do not require further work at this time.

Sample no.	Context no.	Feature/Deposit	Trench	Date	Sample vol. (L)	Flot vol. (ml)	Charcoal >2mm	Grain	Chaff	Weeds	Other Charred	Molluscs	Notes
7400	7404	7403	74	Post-Med	36	50	++					+++	10YR 6/2 silty clay
13000	13008	13007	130	MIA	34	10	+		+		+		10YR 5/2 clay
13001	13010	13009	130	MIA	27	25	++	+	+		+		7.5YR 3/2 silty clay
13200	13205	13203	132	MIA	32	20	+			+	+		7.5YR 5/2 silty clay
13201	13204	13203	132	-	38	10	+						7.5YR 5/2 silty clay
15400	15408	15407	154	MIA	36	5	+			+		+	10YR 5/2 silty clay
15401	15412	15411	154	MIA	36	15	++			++++	+	+	10YR 6/2 clay loam
15402	15413	15411	154	IA	36	5	+				+	++	7.5YR 5/1 silty clay

Key: +=present (up to 5 items), ++=frequent (5-25), +++=common (25-100), ++++=abundant (100+)
Other charred covers legumes, fruit sone.

Table 6: Assessment of bulk samples.

C.2 Animal Bone

By Adrienne Powell

Introduction

C.2.1 A total of 883 animal bone fragments (refitted count) weighing 3.398kg was recovered by hand excavation from 23 contexts in Trenches 74, 130, 132, 135, 136, 137, 140, 142, 154, and 169 (Table 7); environmental samples produced a further 469 fragments (0.645kg) from the >10mm, 10-4mm and 4-2mm residue fractions (Table 8). Based on associated ceramics, the bone-yielding contexts are mainly Iron Age in date, except for 7404, which is post-medieval.

C.2.2 All material was recorded in full using a diagnostic zone system (Serjeantson 1996) and identifications were made with the aid of the Oxford Archaeology skeletal reference collection and standard identification guides. The condition of the bone has been graded on a scale of 1 = excellent, with little post-depositional alteration, to 5 = very poor, just identifiable as 'bone'. Tooth wear was recorded following Grant (1982). Gnawmarks were categorised as carnivore (probably dog) or rodent. Butchery marks and pathologies were noted and described where present. Measurements were taken following Driesch (1976), Davis (1992) and Levine (1982). Full records will be available with the site archive.

Description

C.2.3 The bone from the Iron Age contexts is in good to moderate condition overall and 21% of the hand recovered bone was identifiable, about average for contemporary sites. Cattle and sheep/goat bones dominate and occur in similar numbers; equid bones, although less frequent, are still relatively common but pig is only represented by a single specimen. The environmental samples add one bone each of water vole (*Arvicola terrestris*) and field vole (*Microtis agrestis*). Butchery marks (n=7) and carnivore and rodent gnawing (n=20) are present although the latter are not particularly common; burnt bone is rare (n=9). Thirty-one specimens provided ageing information in the form of ageable teeth or toothrows and bones with epiphyseal fusion stage preserved, quite a high proportion given the size of the identifiable sample. One example of pathology was observed, an equid femur with a possible case of osteomyelitis affecting the proximal end.

C.2.4 The material from the post-medieval context, 7404, is in relatively poor condition with the bone surfaces extensively covered in root etching. The identifiable hand recovered bone is almost entirely from the largely complete skeleton of a small canid which measurements on the metatarsals identify as fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) (Ratjen and Heinrich 1978). The animal was an adult male and shows two examples of pathology: fusion of the distal shafts of the left tibia and fibula, a condition not uncommon in canids, and fusion between the distal shafts of the right metatarsals 2 and 3, in this case caused by reactive bone from a probable infection originating in the metatarsal 2. The environmental sample recovered small numbers of bones from several microvertebrate taxa, including rat (*Rattus* sp.), wood or yellow-necked mouse (*Apodemus* sp.), water vole, field vole, common shrew (*Sorex araneus*) and frog (Ranidae).

Conclusions

C.2.5 This small assemblage is not in itself very informative but does demonstrate the presence of bone on the site and that bone recovered from future work here is likely to be in good condition with potential to inform on Iron Age animal husbandry and site economy

Recommendations regarding the conservation, discard and retention of material

C.2.6 The bone has been fully recorded but should be retained pending the completion of the project. The pathological equid femur is interesting and worth more detailed examination.

Context	Date	Weight (g)	Condition	Cattle	Sheep/goat	Pig	Equid	Fox	Large rodent	Large mammal	Medium mammal	Unident.	Total
7404	Med	200	4		1			202	1			200	404
13004	IA	101	3	3	3							51	57
13006		8	4									38	38
13008	MIA	240	2	4	4					2		17	27
13010	MIA	1109	2	19	4		2			1	1	53	80
13011	IA	181	3	1			1					14	16
13204		24	3	1								10	11
13503		182	2	2								3	5
13506	IA	18	4	1								10	11
13603		59	3				1						1
13610	IA	2	2									2	2
13612	IA	19	4									18	18
13706	IA	2	4									3	3
13708	MIA	2	4									4	4
14004	IA	115	2	1			1					11	13
14005	IA	167	3	1	1					1		89	92
14204	EIA-MIA	3	3									2	2
14205		30	3	1	2	1						5	9
15408	MIA	149	2	3								25	28
15410	IA	6	3									7	7
15412	MIA	330	2	2	3		3			1		1	10
15413	IA	448	2		5		2			1		33	41
16904	IA	3	4									4	4
Total		3398		39	23	1	10	202	1	6	1	600	883

Table 7: Hand retrieved animal bone

Context	Sample	Cattle	Sheep/goat	Equid	Fox	Apodemus sp.	Rat	water vole	Field vole	small vole	large rodent	small rodent	Common shrew	Medium -	Small mammal	frog	frog/toad	Total
7404	7400				2	2	2		2	2		5	4			1	2	22
13008	13000	1	1	1						1	1				1			6
13010	13001		4					1				1						6
15408	15400								1									1
15412	15401	3	11											2				16
15413	15402	1	5															6
Total		5	21	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	1	6	4	2	1	1	2	57

Table 8: Animal bone from environmental samples

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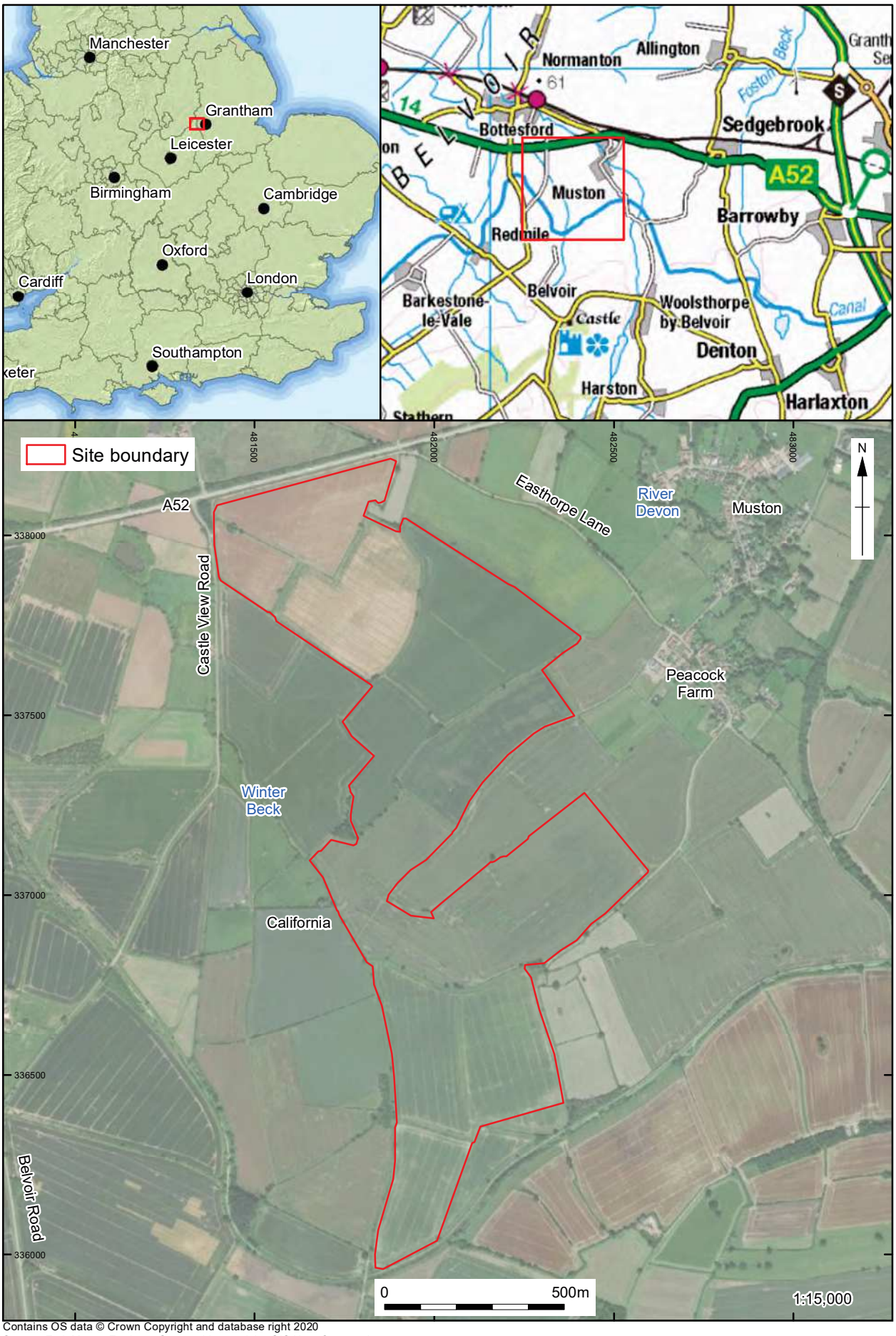
APPENDIX E SITE SUMMARY DETAILS

Site name:	Belvoir Solar Farm
Site code:	X.A123.2021
Grid Reference	SK81753726
Type:	Evaluation
Date and duration:	April 2022
Area of Site	105ha
Location of archive:	The archive is currently held at OA, Janus House, OX2 0ES, and will be deposited with Leicestershire Museums in due course, under the following accession number: X.A123.2021
Summary of Results:	Oxford Archaeology was commissioned by JBM Solar Projects 10 Ltd to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of a proposed solar farm development on land to the west of Muston and south of Bottesford. The work comprised the excavation of 172 trenches distributed across the proposed development. The fieldwork was undertaken throughout April 2022. The archaeological remains revealed during this evaluation were almost exclusively limited to an Iron Age settlement identified in the north-west corner of the site. Defined by a number of ditched enclosures, the remains also included a smaller number of postholes and pits. The finds assemblage included a dominant component of Scored Ware, accompanied by fired clay fragments derived from ovens and numerous animal bone fragments from domesticated species. Overall, the area around Trenches 130-137 appears to have been a focus of domestic activity during this period, with a lesser focus around Trenches 154 and 155. The remainder of the site was largely devoid of significant archaeological remains and aside from a tentatively dated Roman CBM fragment, a sherd of possible Bronze Age pottery and two small sherds of medieval pottery, the site showed only widespread evidence for agricultural activity from the medieval period onwards.



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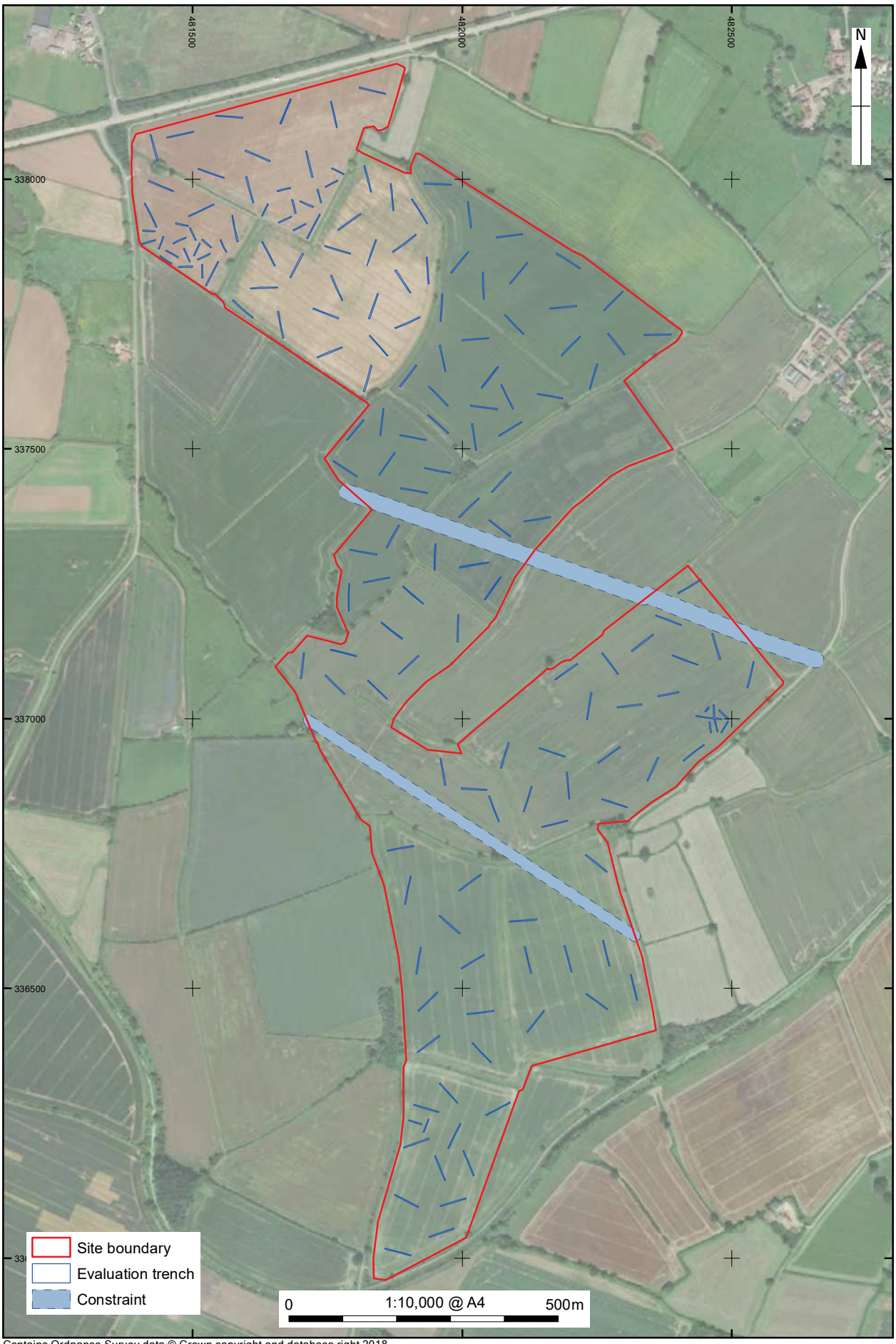

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Figure 2. Trench Layout

Figure 3: Geophysical survey interpretation in relation to trenches and archaeology in the northern part of the site

Figure 4: Geophysical survey interpretation in relation to trenches and archaeology in the central part of the site

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Figure 5: Geophysical survey interpretation in relation to trenches and archaeology in the south part of the site

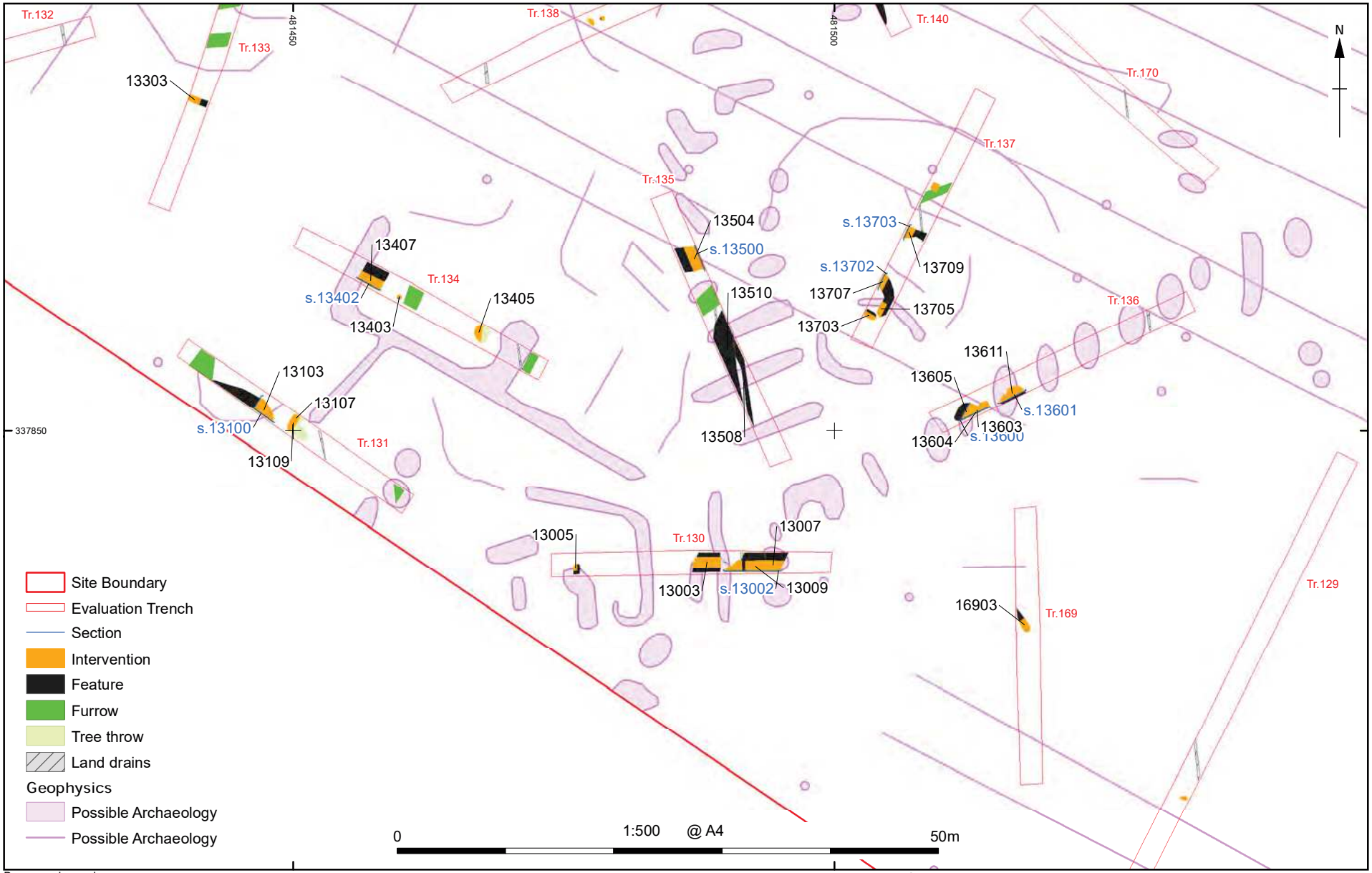

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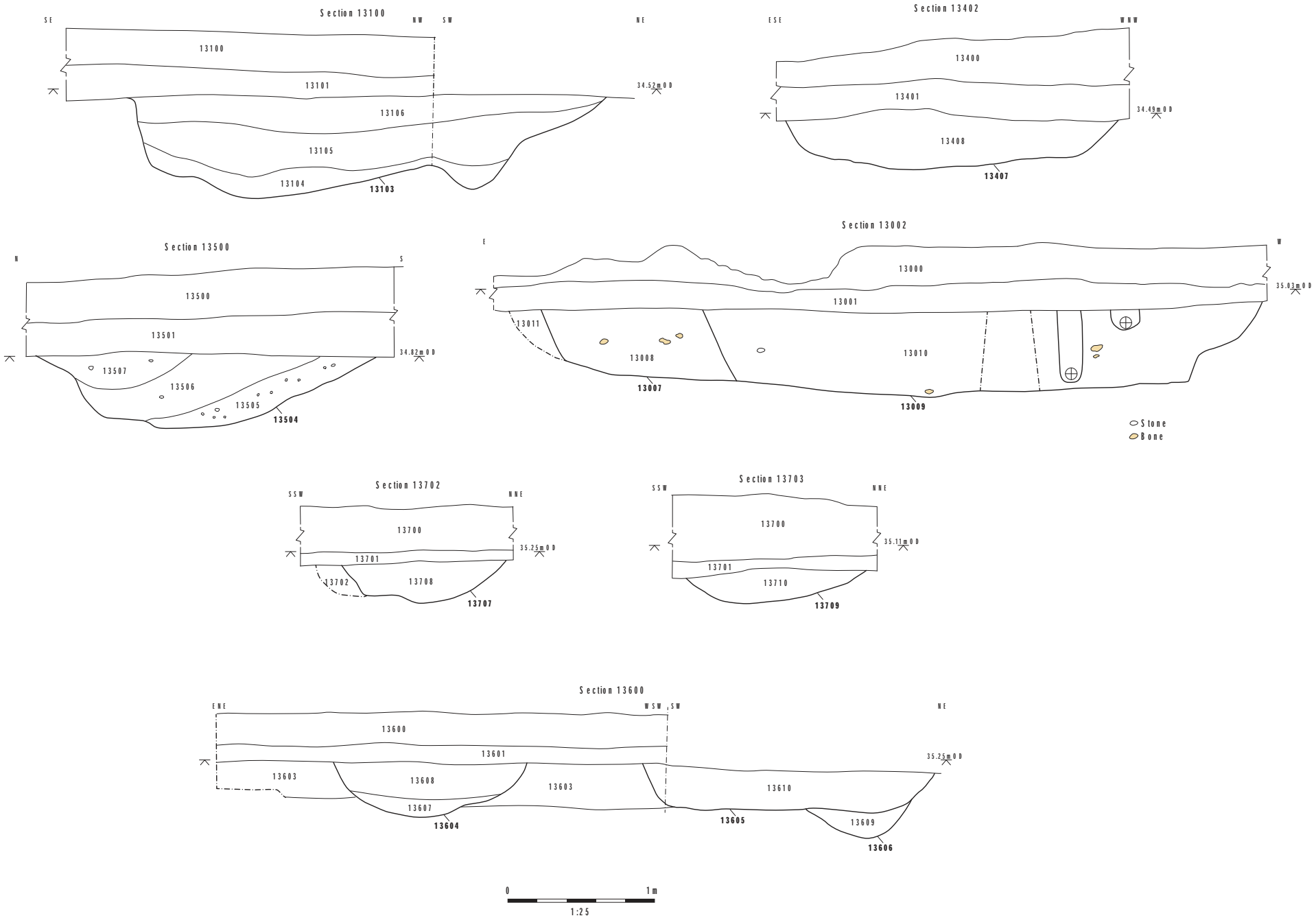
Figure 6: Detailed plan of Trenches 131, 134, 135, 137, 130, 136 and 169



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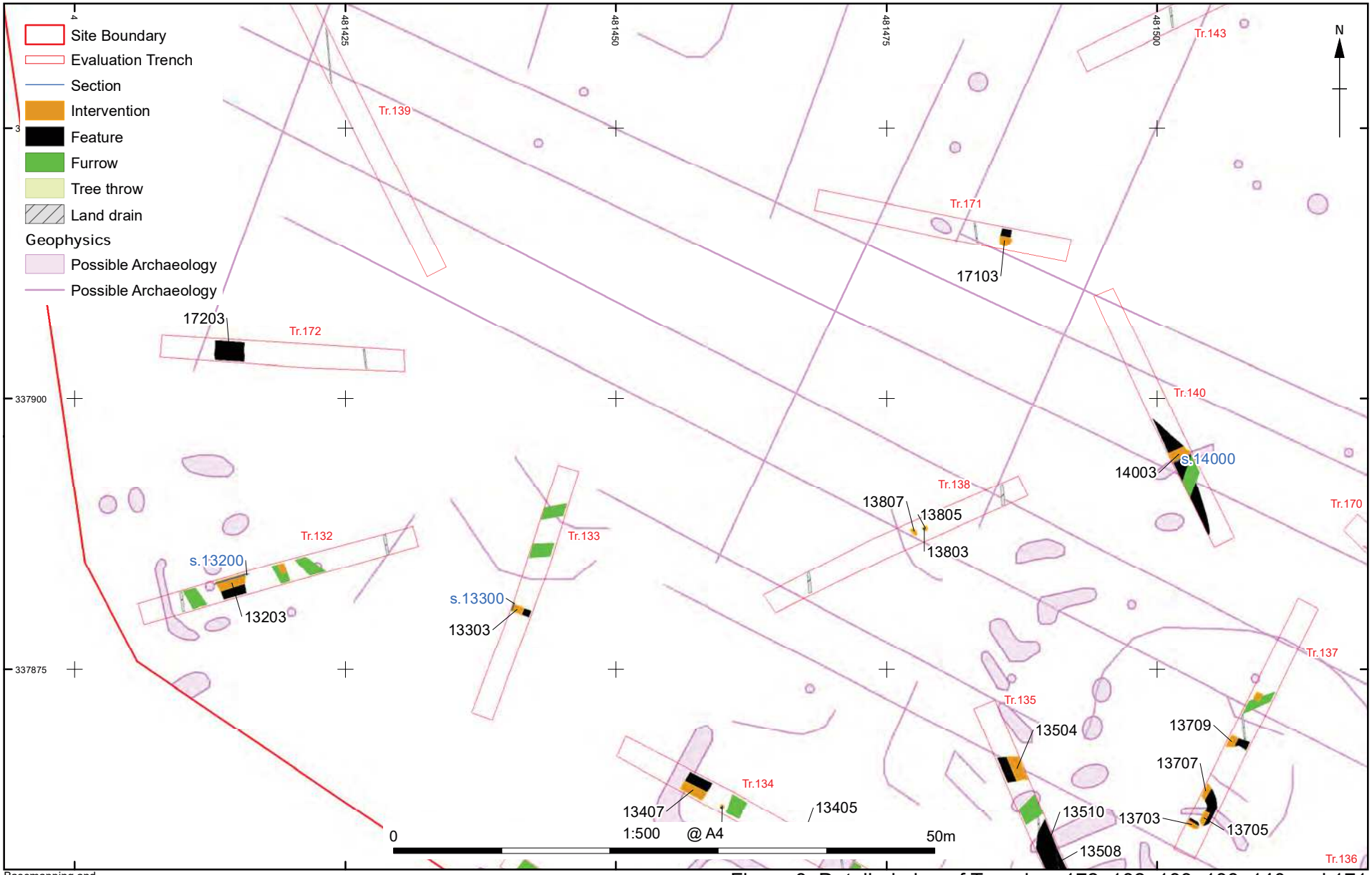

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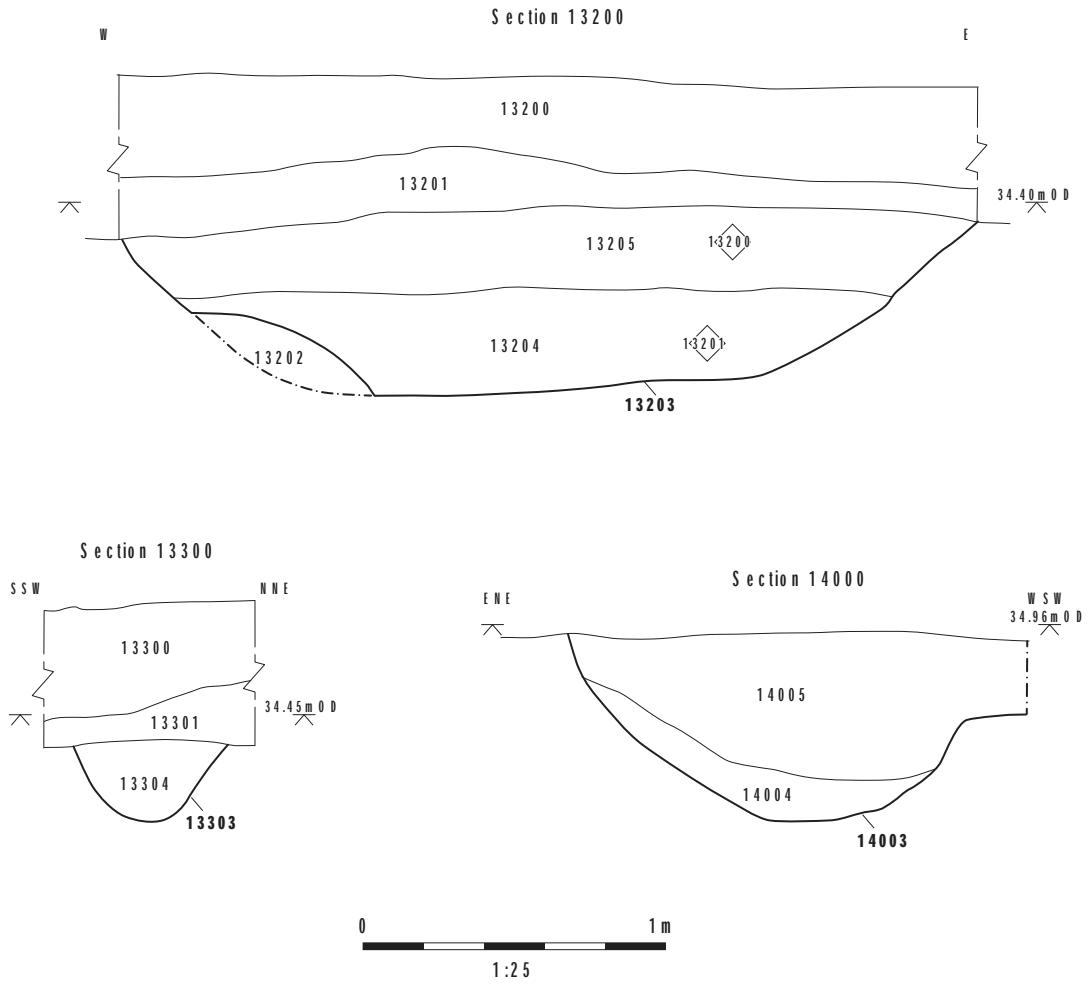

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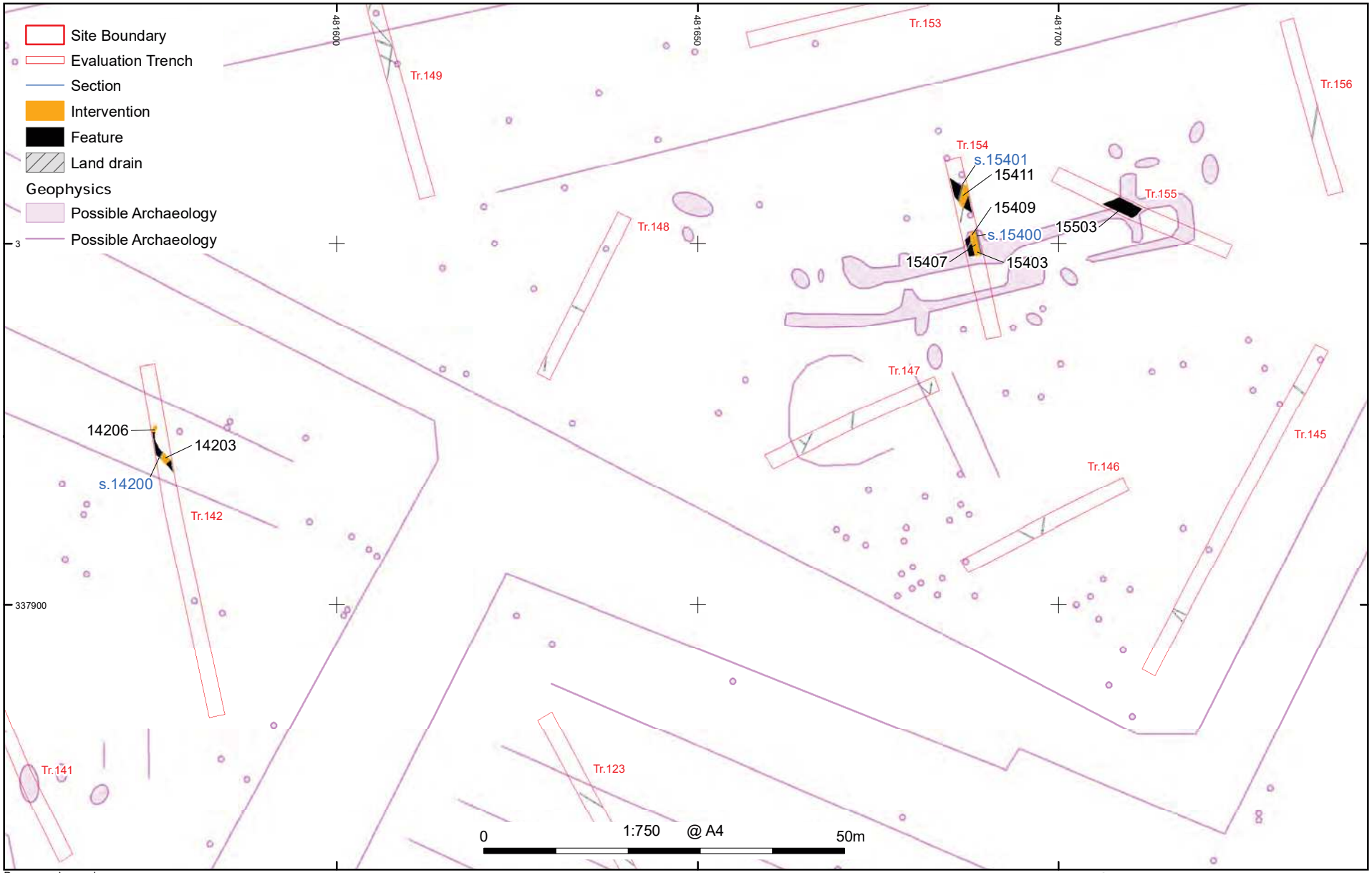

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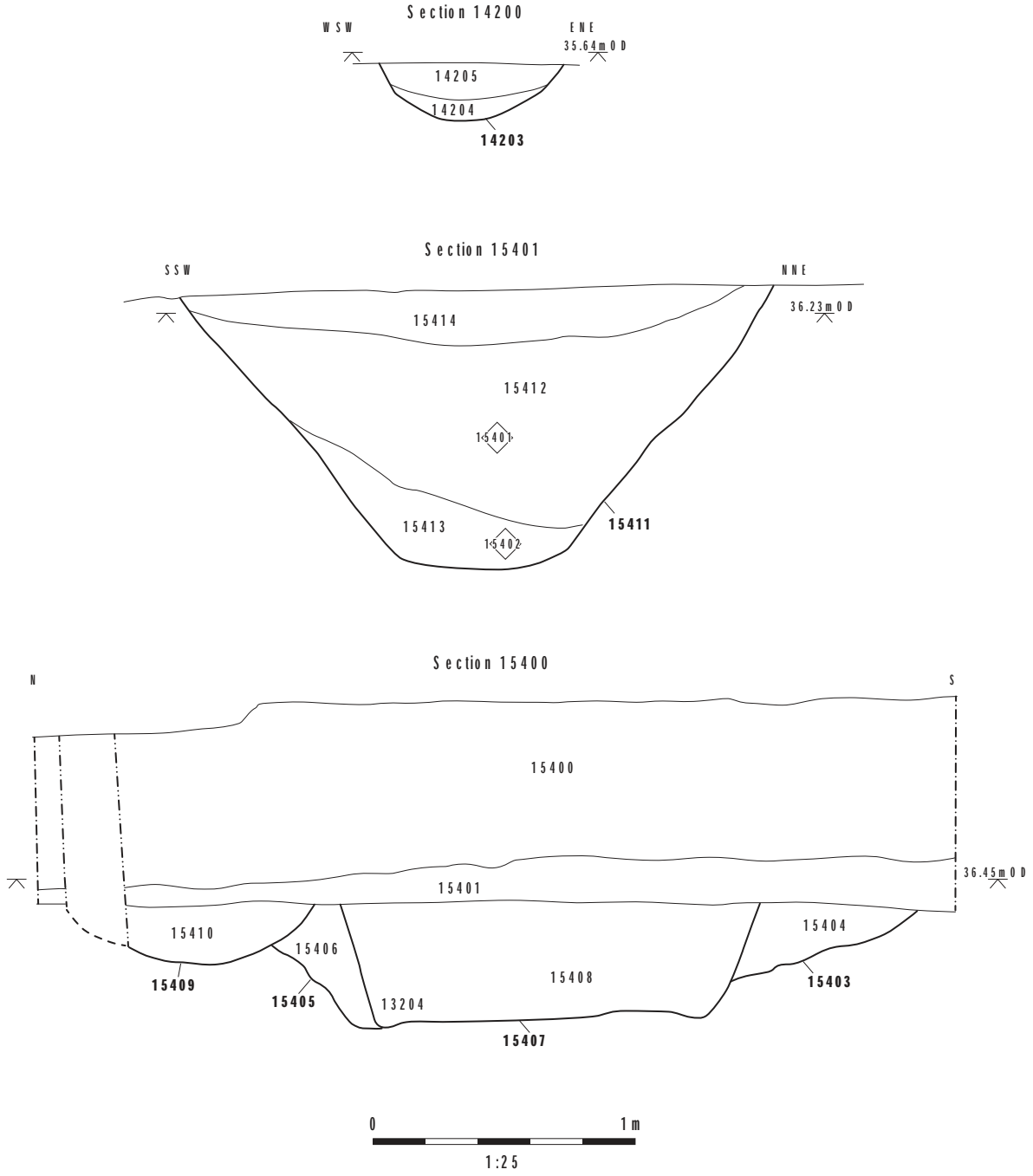

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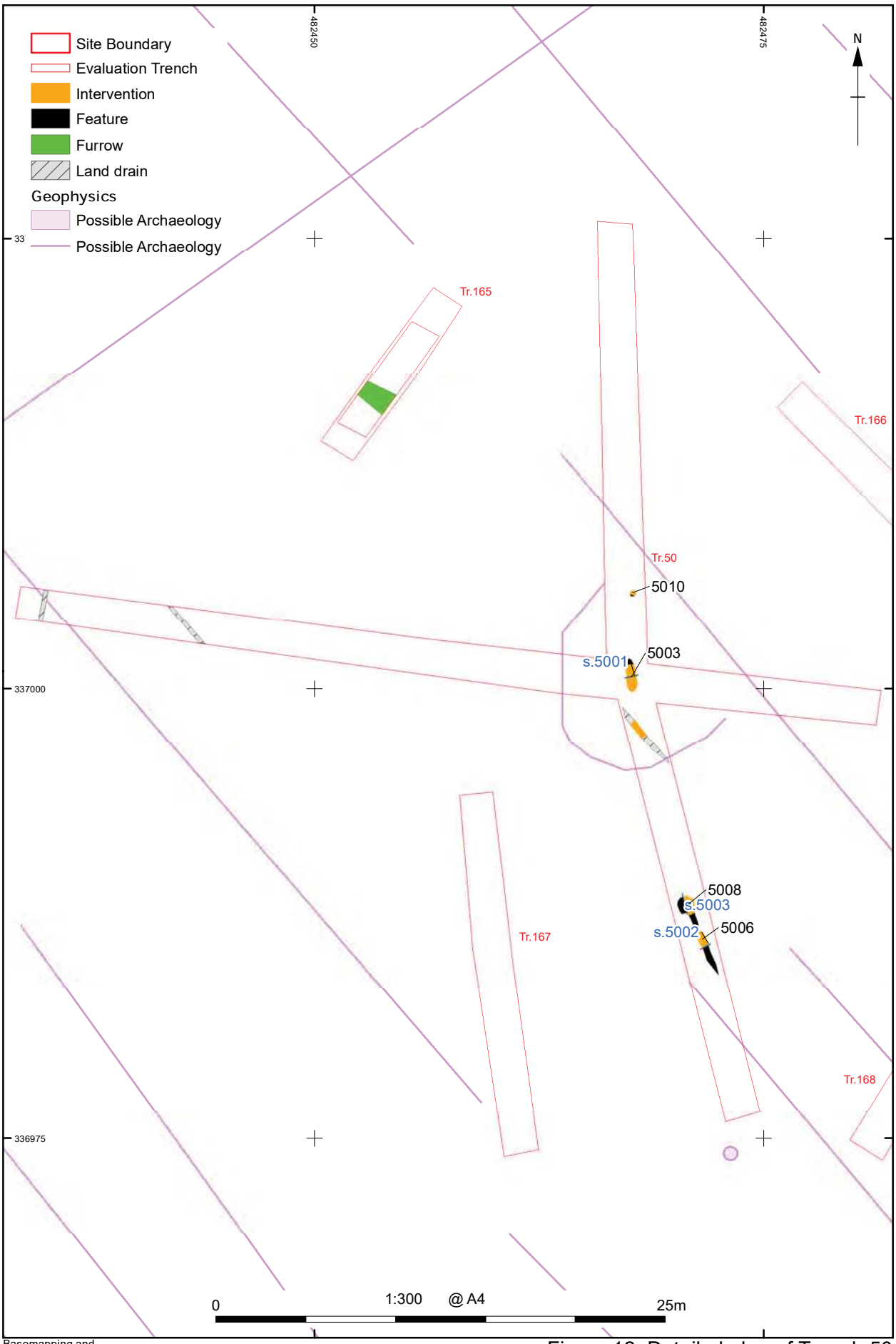

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Figure 12: Detailed plan of Trench 50

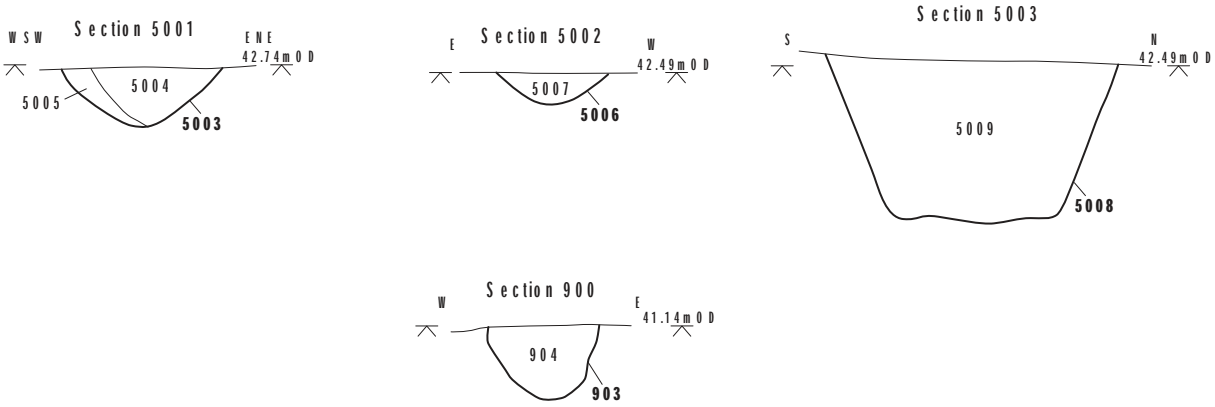

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Figure 13: Detailed plan of Trench 9

Plate 1: Ditch 13103, looking west

Plate 2: Ditch 13504, looking east

Plate 3: Pits 13605 and 13606, looking west

Plate 4: Ditch 14003 looking south

Plate 5: Ditch 17103, looking north

Plate 6: Ditches 15409, 15407 and 15403, looking east

Plate 7: Ditch 9603, looking north-east

Plate 8: Ditch 2003, looking east

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