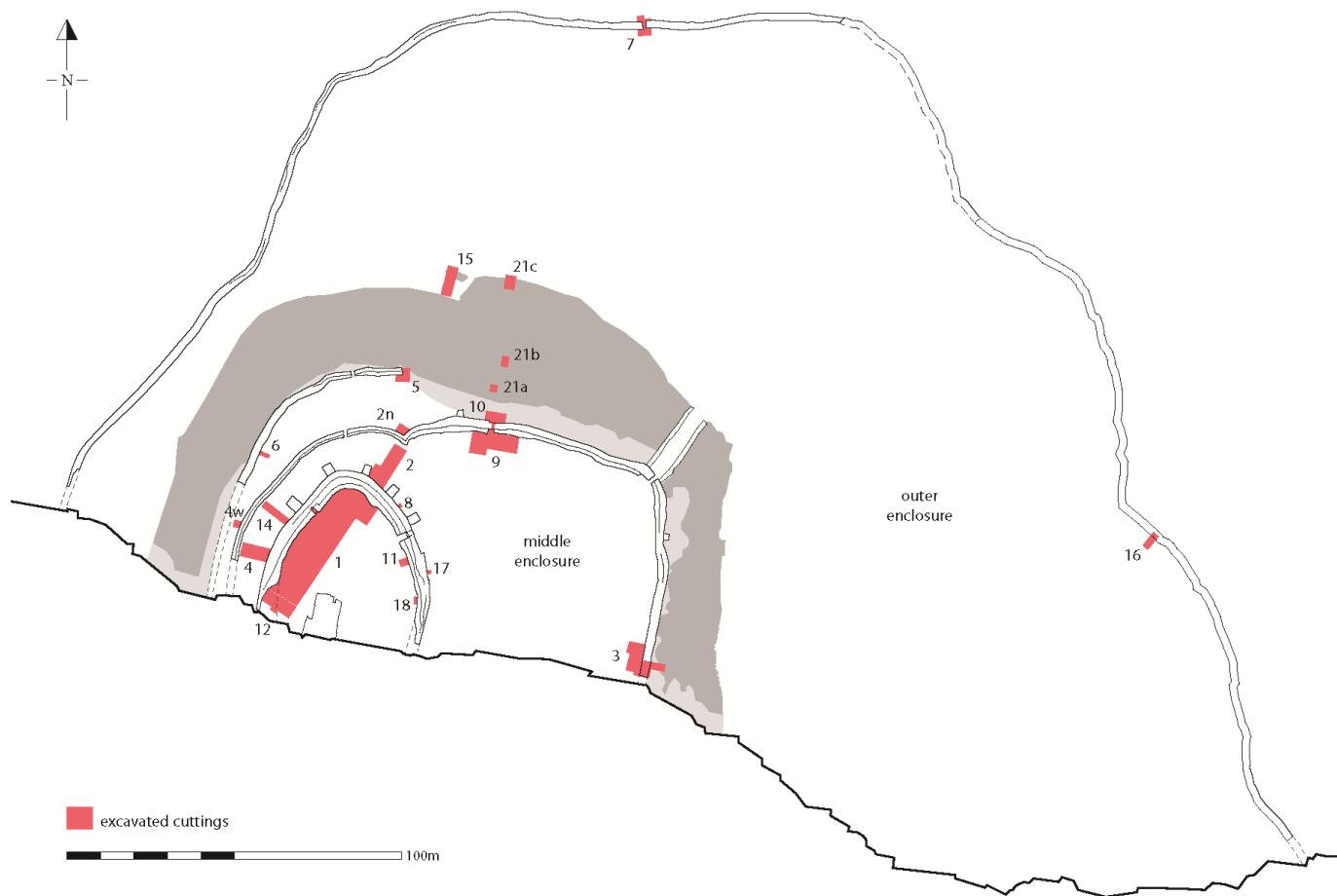


DÚN AONGHASA CONTEXT INFORMATION

Introduction

This section is made up of eighteen individual tables, one for each of the cuttings excavated at Dún Aonghasa viz. cuttings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 21 (there are no cuttings numbered 13, 19 or 20). Cutting 12 is a small southward extension of cutting 1. Cuttings 2, 3 and 4 included areas on the interior and exterior of one of the main fort walls, hence cutting 2 and 2 north, 3 and 3 east etc. Cutting 21 consisted of three small trenches (21a/b/c) laid out along the same axis within the *chevaux de frise*.



Map of cuttings excavated at Dún Aonghasa 1992-1995.

Feature / context numbers

The terms 'feature number' and 'context number' are used interchangeably here to refer to built structures, soil or stone layers etc. All in all there are *ca.* 520 individually numbered features. After year 1 (1992) discrete 'groups' of feature (F) numbers were allocated to each cutting. These are as follows:

Cutting 1 (F1-6; 8-99; F150; F200-299; F1000-1007)	Cutting 10 (F1010-1042)
Cutting 2 and 2 north (F1, 7, F100-F117)	Cutting 11 (F1100-1110)
Cutting 3 and 3 east (F300-325)	Cutting 12 (F1200-1239)
Cutting 4 and 4 west (F400-408)	Cutting 14 (F1400-1410)
Cutting 5 (F500-506)	Cutting 15 (F1500-1507)
Cutting 6 (F600-605)	Cutting 16 (F1600-1607)
Cutting 7 (F700-707)	Cutting 17 (F1700-1707)
Cutting 8 (F800-804)	Cutting 18 (F1800-1804)
Cutting 9 (F900-999; 1900-1908)	Cutting 21 (F2101-2106)

Key to the tables

The tables are intended to act as handy reference guides i.e. to answer the 'where and what' questions about contexts as simply as possible. Location is dealt with by 'cutting number' and, in the more complex cuttings, by reference to a specific 'area'. The latter is simply a convenient reference tag. Cutting 1 was divided into three main zones - A, B and C, with B subdivided again into B1 and B2 (for map of these see Appendix Fig. 13.1 in Volume 3). The interior of a chamber in the western flank of the fort wall is referred to as 'the alcove' area. In cutting 9 the 'doorway' and 'entrance' areas are used as reference points. The former is the door passage in the northern flank of the middle enclosure wall; the latter is the paved pathway leading up to it on the interior. In the same cutting 'east' and 'west' areas refer to parts of the cutting flanking the entrance. In cuttings 2, 3 and 4 respectively, cutting 2 north, cutting 3 east and cutting 4 west refer to areas on the exterior of walls 2a/2b.

Descriptions of features are kept to a minimum - in most cases they simply distinguish between a deposit or structure. Matters get more complicated when it comes to levels and chronology. The site conditions and site formation processes at Dún Aonghasa did not lend themselves, or lend themselves easily, to creating one neat, overarching matrix. Most of the smaller cuttings produced little or no occupation residues. The deposits in those cuttings typically consisted of thin weathered layers of sterile scree. As a result, no chronological levels have been assigned to them in the tables. This leaves us with cuttings 1/12, 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11. Five chronological levels (Levels 1-5) were used when describing cutting 1, zone B2 in the published report (Cotter 2012, Chapter 7). That phasing scheme (with the addition of Level 6) is used here but with reservations. Many layers produced mixed finds (Late Bronze Age / Early Medieval / undated) indicating that they had been disturbed on one or more occasions. The 'levels' take account of this as much as possible, but given the nature of the site they should be seen more as a guide to origin rather than a hard and fast dating framework. Outside of cutting 1, no distinction could be made between Levels 1 and 2 or often between Levels 1, 2 and 3, hence many layers are assigned to 1/2 or 1/2/3 etc..

Chronological phases

Main phases / levels

Level 1: Late Bronze Age (LBA) phase. In cutting 1 this predates the metalworking activity associated with the clay moulds

Level 2: Main LBA phase, in cutting 1 associated with metalworking.

Level 3: Final phase of LBA activity, may extend into LBA/ prehistoric Iron Age overlap

Level 4: Interval between abandonment of hillfort and construction of cashel in the Early Medieval period.

Level 5: Later activity, most of it probably Early Medieval in date

Level 6: Ultimate occupation / monument begins to decay

Other levels

Nat= Natural (limestone bedrock, boulder clays, gravel deposits, old ground level (OGL))

T= Top archaeology (includes activity clearly post-dating the final abandonment of the monument)

U= unassigned

Cutting 1 (for southern extension to cutting 1 see cutting 12)

keywords, large hearth (LBA, possibly associated with metalworking), enclosing wall (wall 1; multiperiod, LBA and later phases), alcove (wall chamber EM date), structures 1-9 (houses; multiperiod, LBA, EM), stone trough (F20),

Zone	Context	Level	Description
all	1	T	Top-soil including grass
all	2	T	Wall spill abutting internal face of enclosing wall
C	3	T	Small mound of gravel at central balk
C	4	T	Silt deposit at the centre of 3
B1	5	T	Mound of small stones
all	6	T	Wind-blown soils under F1& F2.
-	7	-	See cutting 2
A	8	U	Small concentration of burnt animal bones on bedrock
A, C	9	T	Soils below F6 north of central balk
B	10	T	Soils below F6 south of central balk
C	11	T	Small mound of stones to west of F3
B2	12	T	East - west alignment of flat-lying stones associated with F21
B2	13	T/3	North - south alignment of flat lying stones associated with F21
A,B1,B2	14	T	Weathered soils with residues of occupation material
B2	15	T	Weathered surface of backfill in structure 1(house)
B2	16	2	Set stones, wall of structure 2/5
B2	17	5	Set stones; west sidewall of structure 1, runs under wall 1
B2	18	5	Arc of set stones within structure 1; part of wall of structure 10
B2	19	3	Fill of stone trough, blown soil forms much of it.
B2	20	3	Stone trough located outside door (east side) of structure 1
B2	21	T	Low ridge of stones and weathered soils curving east to west across full width of cutting; possibly a post-occupation feature created during the 19th century restoration works.
B2	22	T/5	Surface of occupation soils associated with structure 4 area (F202)
A	23		North-south line of comparatively large stones within F14
A	24	2b	East -west line of distinctive stones (?fence); south of big hearth and partly covered by F47
A	25		Rectangular spread of flat stones, north of F24
B2	26	T	Occupation layer in vicinity of structure 1 / west facade of wall 1, weathered in places, disturbed in others. Contained finds of LBA and EM date.
B2	27	3	Stone-lined posthole within Structure 3
B1	28	6	Path leading up to structure 2 from south
all	29	Various	Silty fill of grykes in bedrock; called F266 after year 1.
C	30	5	Silty, sterile fill within the alcove, west sector of wall 1
B2	31	3	North - south alignment of flat stones within F21
B2	32	2	Surface of LBA occupation horizon. Disturbed.
B1	33	6	East wall of structure 2 with entrance marked by low jamb.
B2	34	5	Fill of hearth, F35. No burnt residues in evidence
B2	35	5	Stone hearth
B2	36	2	Distinctive spread of orange-tinted soils, probably contemporary with F22
B2	37		Collapsed foundations of wall 1
B2	38	5	Horizon of weathered stones into which F35 is set
C	39	4	Small spread of burnt bone; sampled and radiocarbon dated
B1	40	5	Rough alignment of flat stones at central balk
B2	41	2	Layer of stones and silt below F10, south of central balk; used to define limits of structure 3
B1, B2	42	2	Layer of stony silt below F3, also extending south of central balk.
B2	43	2	Relatively stone-free silt under F41. Used to define interior of structure 3 but predates that building (may have been preserved under paving).
B2	44	5	Group of flat stones near east balk
B2	45	3	Upper fill of F27

B1	46	2	F46/46a Paving, made up of flat stones in interior of structure 2
A	47	2	Silty clay within F9 near north sector of wall 1
A	48	2	F48/70 Spread of dark silty clays in northwest corner of cutting
B2	49	3	Lower fill of F27
B1	50	3	Band of stones to east of F28, part of paved path.
B1	51	2	Silty occupation clays associated with structure 2 area. In places stratified over F46 paving but may be redeposited.
B2	52	T	Occupation soils lying beyond S balk of excavation in 1992. Cutting subsequently extended into that area; extension called cutting 12.
B2	53	5	Part of wall of structure 1
B2	54	-	Collapsed foundations of wall 1 (as F37)
B2	55	5	Part of wall of structure 1
B2	56	5	Fill within structure 1, contained dumps of shells and mixed finds. Thought at first to be in <i>situ</i> , but subsequently interpreted as mainly backfill.
A	57	5	Stony spread on interior of wall 1 north of alcove; overlying fill of hollow.
C	58	6	Silty clay layer under F30 in alcove
B2	59	5	Stones set on edge; surviving portion of wall of structure 7
B1	60	5	A few large stones in central balk - associated with structure 2
B1	61	-	Two large projecting stones forming part of the foundation course of wall 1
B2	62	3	Two stones, weathered, possibly set on edge. Part of F21
-	63	-	-
B1	64	2b	Paving delimiting large hearth
C	65	6	Spread of flat stones outside alcove
B1, B2	66	2	66/98: gritty occupation soils overlying 208/209 horizon. Yielded lots of finds.
B1	67	2	Occupation soils under the top archaeology, extending north of structure 2.
B1	68	6	Spread of paving, associated with F16, structure 2/5
B1	69	2	Surviving spread of LBA occupation soils abutting foundations of exposed LBA stretch of wall 1.
A	70	2b	See F48
A	71	2b	Localised spread of occupation soils; same as F77
A	72	-	Spread of paving
A	73	-	Stones projecting out from under foundations of northwest corner of wall 1
B1	74	2	Group of paving slabs under F67
B1	75	6	Stony deposit could be part of F33 (wall of structure 2).
B1	76	2	Occupation soils under paving F68 or layers F14/15 where paving was absent.
A	77	2b	Relatively stone free spread of silty occupation soils; runs in under structural stones F54 / repaired face of wall 1. Same as F71.
B1	78	6	Large stone
B1	79	6	Stony deposit associated with walls of structure 2
B1	80	2 / 6	Scatter of flat slabs; may be associated with structure 2 or may predate it.
B1	81	2	Hearth in structure 8
A	82	2b	Fairly widespread layer of dry, loose occupation soils, may be upper skim of F253. Contained weathered spreads of limpets and periwinkles.
A	83	2b/later	Large slab, may be part of paving F84
A	84	2b	Spread of paving delimiting large hearth; associated with F64
A	85	2b	Occupation soils, same general horizon as F82
A	86	2b	Spread of flat slabs
A	87		Spread of large stones
A	88	2b	88/255. Relatively stone-free silty occupation soils in northwest corner of cutting. Probably same horizon as F253. Yielded many finds.
-	89	-	-
C	90	5	Occupation soils outside alcove
A	91	2	Spread of occupation soils at same level as paving F74
C	92	5	Occupation soils outside alcove
A	93	2	93/253a; deposits associated with large hearth
-	94		-

B2	95	4	Occupation soils in area designated as interior of structure 4. Over F201
B2	96	3	Fill of posthole F200. No finds.
B2	97	5	Paved floor within structure 1
B2	98	2	See F66
B2	99	1/2	Localised area of occupation soils at south side of structure 1; house wall was cut down into this horizon.
B2	150	2?	Linear alignment of rock clints
B2	200	3	Large posthole in interior of structure 6
B2	201	3	Upper layer of paving associated with structure 4
B2	202	2 and 4	Occupation soils overlying paving (F204) associated with structure 6. Yielded lots of LBA finds.
B2	203	1	LBA occupation layer, over F216/217. Structure 1 cut down into this horizon. Yielded many finds.
B2	204	3	Paving under F202; some of the slabs used as wedges to keep the set stones of posthole F200 in position.
B2	205	5	Fill within F207
B2	206	3	Linear stone ?fence or wall.
B2	207	5	Stone hearth within structure 1
B2	208	1/2	LBA occupation soils underlying the 66/98 horizon. Confined to strip along interior of wall 1.
B2	209	1	LBA occupation soils. Confined to strip along interior of wall 1. F206 set down into this horizon.
B1	210	6	Redeposited soils between layers of paving associated with structure 2
B2	211	3	Paving associated with structure 2; under layer F210. Not always distinguishable from F28.
B2	212	1	Hearth area
-	213	-	-
B2	214	3	Rubble supporting sideslab of F20
B2	215	3	Set stone that could be part of wall of either structure 3 or structure 4
B2	216	1	Occupation soils predating structure 1. Less silty than 217, but part of the same horizon of LBA deposits. Yielded many finds.
B2	217	1	Occupation soils, predating structure 1; yielded many finds.
B2	218	1	Possible hearth
B2	219	2	Earliest over-bedrock horizon in hut 3 area; silty clays with relatively well-preserved sherds of pottery.
B2	220	1	Fill of hollow F235; extends onto surrounding bedrock
B2	221	1	Fill of hollow F234
B2	222	2	Small patches of ash in F219
B2	223	3	Silt over paving F236
B2	224	-	Stone on edge projecting at foundation level of wall 1
B2	225	-	Possible posthole near hollow F234
B2	226		Possible posthole near hollow F234
-	227	-	-
B2	228	2	Silty gryke fill in strip adjacent to wall 1; same as F29 / 266 / 259
B2	229	1	Remains of wall, under structure 1
B2	230	3	Possible walling at west side of structure 4
-	231	-	-
B2	232	2	Silty fill of grykes in hollow F235, below F220
B1	233	1/2	Two blocks quarried from edge of F235 but not removed
B2	234	1	Small quarried rock hollow under structure 1
B1	235	1/2	Large quarried hollow between structure 1 area and alcove
B2	236	3	Upper layer of paving (floor?) associated with structure 4
B2	237	1	Remains of wall, under structure 1
B2	238	1/2	Localised spread of occupation soils, contemporary with F239 / 244
B2	239	2	239/244 widespread occupation horizon overlying bedrock across much of zone B2
B1	240	4	Skeletal remains.
B2	241	2	Thin skim of occupation clays under core of wall 1

All	242	-	Wall 1
B2	243	2	Occupation soils under inner face of wall 1
B2	244	2	See F239
B2	245	2	Spread of ash in F244
B2	246	2	Stone hearth
B2	247	1/2	Occupation soils under F241, sometimes filling grykes
B2	248	2	Rock-cut pit
B2	249	2	Fill of rock-cut pit F248
-	250	-	-
A	251	2b	Limpet shell spread within F253
A	252	1/2	Small localised spread of occupation soils, similar to F253
A	253	1/2	Fairly generalised spread of occupation soils on interior of north sector of wall 1.
A	254	2b	Possible posthole, defined by set stones
A	255	2b	See F88
-	256	-	-
A, C	257	2b	Fill of northern part of hollow (North of alcove)
B1, B2	258	2	Thin horizon of occupation soils preserved under structure 2
B1, B2	259	2	Gritty layer, base part of F258
A, C	260	2	Fill of southern part of hollow (North of alcove)
A	261	2b	F261/292 Spread of paving in northern part of cutting, east of paving F84
A	262	2	Relatively stone-free spread of silty occupation clays
A	263	2	Occupation soils overlying bedrock; under F74 and F91. Probably contemporary with F258/259
B1	264	6	Posthole associated with doorway of structure 2
A	265	2b	Stone settings, possibly postholes
all	266	2	Gryke fill
A	267	2b	F267 /288 Occupation deposit, postdating large hearth
B1	268	2	Wall of structure 8
B1	269	2	Occupation layer in structure 8
B1	270	2	Occupation soils outside structure 8
A	271	2b	F271/290 Hearth related occupation soils, predating the F267/288 horizon
C	272	6	Fill in alcove - same as F30
C	273	-	Natural clays on bedrock within alcove
C	274	6	Charcoal-rich spread in alcove
C	275	6	Very large slabs in rear of alcove
B1	276	2	Spread of paving stones associated with structure 2/5
-	277	-	-
C	278	6	Threshold stone of alcove
A	279	2a/2b	Large hearth
A	280	2b	Fill of rock-cut pit F1006
A	281	2b	F281/282 Shallow pockets of weathered soils
A	282	2b	See F281
A	283	2b	See F291
B1	284	2	F284/285: fill of hollow F235 between F206 and structure 2/5
B1	285	2	See F284
B1	286	2	Rock hollow under hearth F81
B1	287	2	Spread of paving in hollow F235
A	288	2	See F267
A	289	2a	Scree-type deposit in hollow F1002
A	290	2b	See F271
A	291	2b	F283/291:deposits associated with large hearth
A	292	2a/2b	See F261
-	293	-	-
B1	294	2	Exposed stretch of LBA wall 1; located south of alcove
A	295	2a	/F279 F295. Large LBA hearth
A	296	2a/2b	Cobbled surface north of large hearth
A	297	2a/2b	F290a/297. Sand, sometimes scorched bordering the large hearth

A	298	-	Flat slab in northeast corner of cutting
A	299	-	Set stone (clint) possibly forming a feature with F298
A	1000	2b	Same as F88/271
A	1001	-	Posthole
A	1002	2a	Bedrock hollow
A	1003	-	Bedrock hollow
A	1004	-	Bedrock hollow
C	1005	2b	Bedrock hollow
A	1006	2b	Bedrock hollow
A	1007	-	Posthole

Cutting 2 and Cutting 2 North

Area	Context	Level	Description
2	1	T	sod
2	7	T	Weathered rubble and occupation soils
2	100	2	Rubble and boulder clay dump
2	101	2/3	Occupation soils, often indistinguishable from F105
2	102	2	South-eastern stretch of wall 2a, dismantled to foundation level
2	103	3	North wall of structure 2.2
2	104	3	South wall of structure 2.2
2	105	3	Occupation soils within structure 2
2	106	3	Occupation soils abutting inner face of wall 2a
2	107	3	Occupation soils under F106
2	108	3	Spread of flat slabs running in under wall 1 (external face)
2	109	3	Paving within structure 2
2	110	4/5	Rubble from wall 2a possibly mixed with natural scree
2	111	2	Sandy deposit with shattered cubes of chert under wall 2a
2 north	112	T	Grassy topsoil
2 north	113	?3	Silty clays with traces of organic inclusions; under F112
2	114		Bedrock
2	115		Wall 1
2 north	116		Sterile scree / natural clays
2	117		Wall core

Cutting 3 and Cutting 3 east

Area	Context	Level	Description
3	300	2 & 5	Wall 2a
3	301	T	Stony ridge visible pre-excavation
3	302	T	sod
3	303	T/2	Eroded midden
3	304	T	Stones visible pre-excavation, rubble spill.
3	305	T	Stony sub-sod layer
3	306	2	Sandy clays possibly spilt wall core
3	307	4/5	Rubble spread
3	308	4/5	Clay matrix of F307
3	309	3/4/5	Stony layer within F310
3	310	3/4/5	Wall of structure, probably a house
3	311	2	Upper level of midden
3, 3 east	312	T	Mixed layer covered by patchy sod, overlying wall core.
3	313	3/4/5	Stony soils within area delimited by F310
3	314	2	Lower level of midden
3	315	2	Core of wall F300. mixed with midden material
3	316	2	Soils under F313 and F300
3	317	2	Remains of LBA 'core' of Wall 2a (F300)

3 east	318	T	Sod /exposed scree
3 east	319	2	Weathered stony clays
3 east	320	?5	Two collapsed <i>chevaux de frise</i> pillars
3	321	2	Core of wall F317
3 east	322	-	redundant
3, 3 east	323		bedrock
3	324	1/2	Discrete deposit under wall 2a.
3	325	3/4/5	Rock hollow

Cutting 4 and Cutting 4 west

Area	Context	Description
4, 4 west	400	Grass / topsoil
4	401	Deposit of scree within F402
4	402	Quarried stones and rubble
4	403	Typical quarry clays; occasional traces of occupation soils
4, 4 west	404	redundant
4	405	Quarry ditch
4, 4 west	406	Bedrock
4	407	External face of wall 1, west facade
4, 4 west	408	Wall 2b

Cutting 5

Area	Context	Description
5	500	Grassy topsoil
5	501	Silty clays
5	502	Sterile natural clays
5	503	Modern field boundary wall
5	504	Wall 3
5	505	Bedrock
5	506	<i>Chevaux de frise</i> pillars

Cutting 6

Area	Context	Description
6	600	Grassy topsoil
6	601	Stony ridge
6	602	Rubble spread
6	603	Silty clay and scree
6	604	Wall 3
6	605	bedrock

Cutting 7

Area	Context	Description
7	700	Grassy topsoil
7	701	Stony scree
7	702	Paving
7	703	Rubble collapse or dump
7	704	Organic clays below paving
7	705	Natural clay (dóib) and scree
7	706	bedrock
7	707	Wall 4

Cutting 8

Area	Context	Description
8	800	Sod layer
8	801	Sandy clay
8	802	Stony clays
8	803	Bedrock
8	804	Wall 1 (external facade)

Cutting 9

Area	Context	Level	Description
all	900	T	Topsoil
East	901	T	Eroded top deposits
All	902	T	Surface deposits, blown soils, eroded gravels etc
East	903	T	Eroded top deposits
Entrance	904	2/5	Innermost threshold of doorway (T1)
Entrance	905	5	Same as F1037; rubble infilling abutment of wall terrace and main wall (wall 2a)
East	906	2/5	Upper spit of dump layer
Entrance	907		F907/923, equivalent to F1038/1039.
East	908	4/5	Segment of wall (of house?) covered over by wall terrace
Entrance	909	2/5	Paving on inner path
Entrance	910	2	Gravel with occupation residues
Entrance	911	3/4/5	F911/921/924/926: lower spit of stony fill / backfill, inner path
East	912	2	Level raising dump
East	913	2	As 912
	914	2	As 912
	915	2	As 912
Entrance	916	2	Slightly siltier gravel over F917
All	917		F917/960, equivalent to F1029, natural gravel
Entrance	918	3/4/5	Fill, inner path, F911/9128/926
Entrance	919	3/4/5	Paving, inner path
Entrance	920	2/5	Middle threshold of door, T2
Entrance	921	3/4/5	F921/940, backfill of paved path, compacted stones and clay
	922	-	-
Entrance	923	2/5	Dóib or clay marl, used in doorway
Entrance	924	3/4/5	Backfill of paved path
Entrance	925	2/5	Stone revetment on west side of paved path
Entrance	926	3/4/5	Backfill of paved path, as F911
Entrance	927	5/6	Fill of grave
-	928	-	-
Entrance	929	3/4/5	Cobbled surface under burials
-	930	-	-
-	931	-	-
	932	2/5	Doorway in northern flank of wall 2a, generally called 'N entrance'
-	933	-	-
-	934	-	-
All	935	T	Sod
East	936	5/6	F936/938 Rubble dump
East	937	3/4/5	Linear 'bank' of rubble visible pre-excavation, no significance
East	938	3/4/5	Rubble, exposed prior to excavation, runs in under terrace of wall 2a
West	939	5/6	Gravel slip
Entrance	940	5/6	See F921, also equivalent to F951 in western area
West	941	2/3	F941/961, extensive metallised stone surface
West	942	1b/2	Gravelly clays over FF984/985 and F946
West	943	2/3/4	Large pit/posthole
East	944	3/4/5	Rubble - probably part of FF938

West	945	1/2	F945/994, well-defined metallised /cobbled surface
West	946	1b/2	Stony gravel deposit
East	947	2	F947/948, rubble mixed with occupation soils
East	948	2	As F947
West	949	2	Wall segment
East	950	1/2	Stone set on edge, probably part of F955
West	951	5	See F940
West	952	1a/2	Gravel fill in F959
West	953	1a/2	Gully in F959
East	954	2	Concentrations of limpets in F948
East	955	1/2	Paving
East	956	1/2	Stony clays with occupation residues
East	957	2	Stony clays with occupation residues including limpet shells
East	958	1/2	Occupation deposit, continuation of F956
West	959	1a?/2	Slot-trench, part of structure
East	960		F917/960, natural gravel
West	961	3	See F941
West	962	5	Dispersed spread of collapsed stones
West	963	1a?/2	Series of postholes, post-stances associated with F959
West	964	1a?/2	Posthole, part of F963 sequence associated with structure 9.1 (F959)
East	965	1/2	Extensive gravelly deposit with occupation residues
East	966	1/2	Stone hearth
East	967	1/2	Possible hearth residues associated with F966
Entrance	968	1a/2	Fairly extensive layer of gravelly clays with occupation residues
East	969	1/2	Stony layer of silty clays with occupation residues
West	970	3	Paved path associated with structure 9.1
Entrance	971	1a/2	F971/991, stony surface seals F995
East	972	1/2	Surface, made up of laid stones
East	973	2	Concentration of stones, spill from F949
West	974	2/3/4	Large pit outside structure 9
East	975	1/2	Silty clays under wall F949
East	976	1/2	Silty stony clays with occupation residues
West	977	2	Stone spread, possibly a level-raising layer
West	978	1b/2	Occupation horizon stratified above the hearths F986/7/8
West	979	2	Part of F977
West	980	2/3	Silty clays under F970
West	981	1a/2	Metallised surface
East	982	1/2	Occupation soils filling shallow hollow in bedrock
West	983	1b/2	F983a/b, two postholes
West	984	1b/2	F984/985 metallised /compacted surface
West	985	1b/2	As F984
West	986	1b/2	Hearth/hearthstone
West	987	1b/2	Hearth/hearthstone
West	988	1b/2	Hearth/hearthstone
West	989	1a?/2	Interface between sides of slot trench and fill (same as F993); yielded periwinkles that had been deliberately placed in the slot trench
East	990	1/2	Bedrock / bedrock depression
West	991	1a?/2	As F989
Entrance	992	1/2	As F971
West	993	1a?/2	Lower fill in posthole 963.3
West	994	1/2	See F945
East	995	1/2	Silted up linear depression
West	996	2	Gravel, very few inclusions
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West	998	1a/2	Gravel interface layer
West	999	1a/2	Silted up slot
West	1900	1b/2	F1900/1901 two set stones

West	1901	1b/2	See F1900
East	1902	1a/2	Granite boulders
West	1903	1a/2	Silty clay, old ground level
Entrance	1904	2/5	F1904a/b. postholes flanking inner end of door passage in wall 2a
Entrance	1905	2	Silty clays under F904 (inner threshold; T1)
Entrance	1906	2	Silty clays under F904
Entrance	1907	2/5	Stone, part of north revetment of path F905.
Entrance	1908	2	Stony surface under F904 (T1)

Cutting 10

Area	Context	Level	Description
10	1010	T	Sod
10	1011	T?	F1011/1016 Rubble including large stones; possibly of relatively recent origin
10	1012	T	Rubble visible on the surface prior to excavation
10	1013		Stony layer under F1012
10	1014	2/5	North elevation of doorway in northern flank of wall 2a
10	1015		Redeposited shale gravel
10	1016	T/6	See F1011
10	1017	T	Area of rubble visible prior to excavation
10	1018		Rubble layer
10	1019	2/5	Possible metallated surface
10	1020	1/2	Mixed stony clays abutting wall 2a
10	1021	1/2	Stony clays under F1019
10	1022	1/2	Spread of large flat stones, part of F1020
10	1023	1/2	Level-raising dump of stony clays abutting wall 2a
10	1024	?	Possible metallated surface
10	1025	1/2	F1025a/c/d: level-raising stony clays abutting wall 2a. F1025b: collapse from wall 2a
10	1026	2/5	Clays underlying outer threshold stone (T3:F1040) of doorway
10	1027	5/6	Possible remains of <i>chevaux de frise</i>
10	1028	1	Possible old sod horizon
10	1029	Nat	Natural shale gravel
10	1030	1/2	Core of wall 2a; visible in section face only
10	1031	-	Pit for stone pillar propping up the cracked door lintel; 19th/20th century
10	1032		Wall 2a
10	1033		Repaired section of wall south of doorway; 19th/20th century
10	1034		Blocking wall in door passage; 19th/20th century
10	1035		stone pillars in door passage; 19th/20th century
10	1036	T	Surface scree in door passage
10	1037	2/5	Large packing stones in door passage
10	1038	2/5	Main packing rubble in door passage
10	1039	2/5	dóib
10	1040	2/5	Threshold at north side of door (T3)
10	1041	2	Eastern ingoing of door passage
10	1042	6	Roof of door passage (rebuilt)

Cutting 11

Area	Context	Level	Description
11	1100	T	Sod
11	1101	T	Weathered top of occupation deposits
11	1102	T	Possible stone setting
11	1103	1/2	Occupation deposits, probably weathered top of F1104
11	1104	1/2	LBA occupation deposits

11	1105	1/2	LBA shell-rich soils, possibly limpet roasting area
11	1106	1/2	Linear stone feature delimiting F1105
11	1107	1/2	LBA Occupation soils
11	1108	1/2	LBA Occupation soils
11	1109		Bedrock
11	1110		Wall 1 (inner facade, east sector)

Cutting 12

B2	1200	T	Sod layer
B2	1201	T	Subsod layer
B2	1202	T	Subsod layer
B2	1203	T	Loose scree over robbed out southwest terminal of wall 1
B2	1204	2/3	LBA occupation soils (disturbed)
B2	1205	5	Wall of structure 9 (house)
B2	1206		Wall, part of development of wall 1
B2	1207	T	F1207/1208. Occupation soils under top archaeology
B2	1208	T	See F1207
B2	1209	6	Occupation soils
B2	1210	-	Large recumbent stone (post-occupation)
B2	1211	6	Occupation soils
B2	1212	2/5/6	Occupation soils within area designated as footprint of structure 9
B2	1213	5	F1213/1214 possible hearth
B2	1214	5	See F1213
B2	1215	5	Rock hollow
B2	1216	-	Bedrock
B2	1217	2/4	F1217 /1218 Occupation soils
B2	1218	2/4	See F1217
B2	1219	1/2	Occupation clays
B2	1220	1/2	Fill of grykes
B2	1221	2/3	Occupation soils predating structure 9
B2	1222	2/3	Occupation soils predating structure 9
B2	1223	1/2	LBA portion of wall 1
B2	1224	2/3	Occupation soils predating structure 9
B2	1225	2/3/4/5/6	Occupation soils, yielded mixed finds
B2	1226	2/3/4/5/6	Occupation soils similar to F1225
B2	1227	2/3	pit
B2	1228	2	Paving
B2	1229	-	Broken clints on bedrock
B2	1230	2/3	Pit
B2	1231	2/3	Fill of pit F1232
B2	1232	2/3	Pit
B2	1233	2/3	Fill of pit F1234
B2	1234	2/3	Rock-cut pit
B2	1235	2/3	Fill of pit F1230
B2	1236	1/2	F1236 / 1237 Backfill in wall 1
B2	1237	1/2	See F1236
B2	1238	1/2	Backfill in wall 1
B2	1239	1/2	Backfill in wall 1

Cutting 14

Area	Context	Description
14	1400	sod
14	1401	Subsod clays
14	1402	Quarry clays in lower part of ditch
14	1403	bedrock

14	1404	Rubble fill in upper part of ditch
14	1405	Quarry ditch
14	1406	Wall 1, external facade, west sector
14	1407	Wall 2b
14	1408	Clays, probably leached surface of F1410, also run in under wall 1
14	1409	Clays over F1410, run in under foundations of wall 1
14	1410	Clays on bedrock close to foundations of Wall 1

Cutting 15

Area	Context	Description
15	1500	Sod
15	1501	Buried sod
15	1502	Natural gravel
15	1503	Outer kerb of <i>chevaux de frise</i>
15	1504	Main body of <i>chevaux de frise</i>
15	1505	bedrock
15	1506	Boulder clays
15	1507	Rubble associated with F1506

Cutting 16

Area	Context	Description
16	1600	Wall spill
16	1601	Sod
16	1602	Upright facing slabs in wall 4
16	1603	Rubble abutting internal face of F1602
16	1604	Bedrock
16	1605	Wall 4
16	1606	Quarried hollow
16	1607	Rubble abutting internal wall face

Cutting 17

Area	Context	Description
17	1700	Sod
17	1701	Subsod clays
17	1702	Bedrock
17	1703	Wall 1, external facade, south of entrance
17	1704	Sterile gravelly clay
17	1705	Sterile gritty clays
17	1706	F1706/1707: lower level of bedrock to F1702
17	1707	See F1706

Cutting 18

Area	Context	Description
18	1800	Sod
18	1801	Weatherd clays
18	1802	Weathered occupation soils
18	1803	Bedrock
18	1804	Wall 1 (internal facade, east sector)

Cutting 21 a/b/c

Area	Context	Level	Description
21a/b	2101	T	Sod
21a/b	2102	T	Subsoil
21a	2103		Natural gravel
21a/b/c	2104	5/6	<i>Chevaux de frise</i> pillars
21a/b/c	2105	5/6	Rubble, part of <i>chevaux de frise</i>
21a/b/c	2106		Bedrock