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Archaeological trial trench evaluation on land at Overstone Leys, Overstone, Northamptonshire Phase 2



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Previous work	Desk-based assessment (CgMs 2009), Magnetometry survey (NA 2009), Trial Trench evaluation Phase 1 (NA 2010)		
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Future work	unknown		
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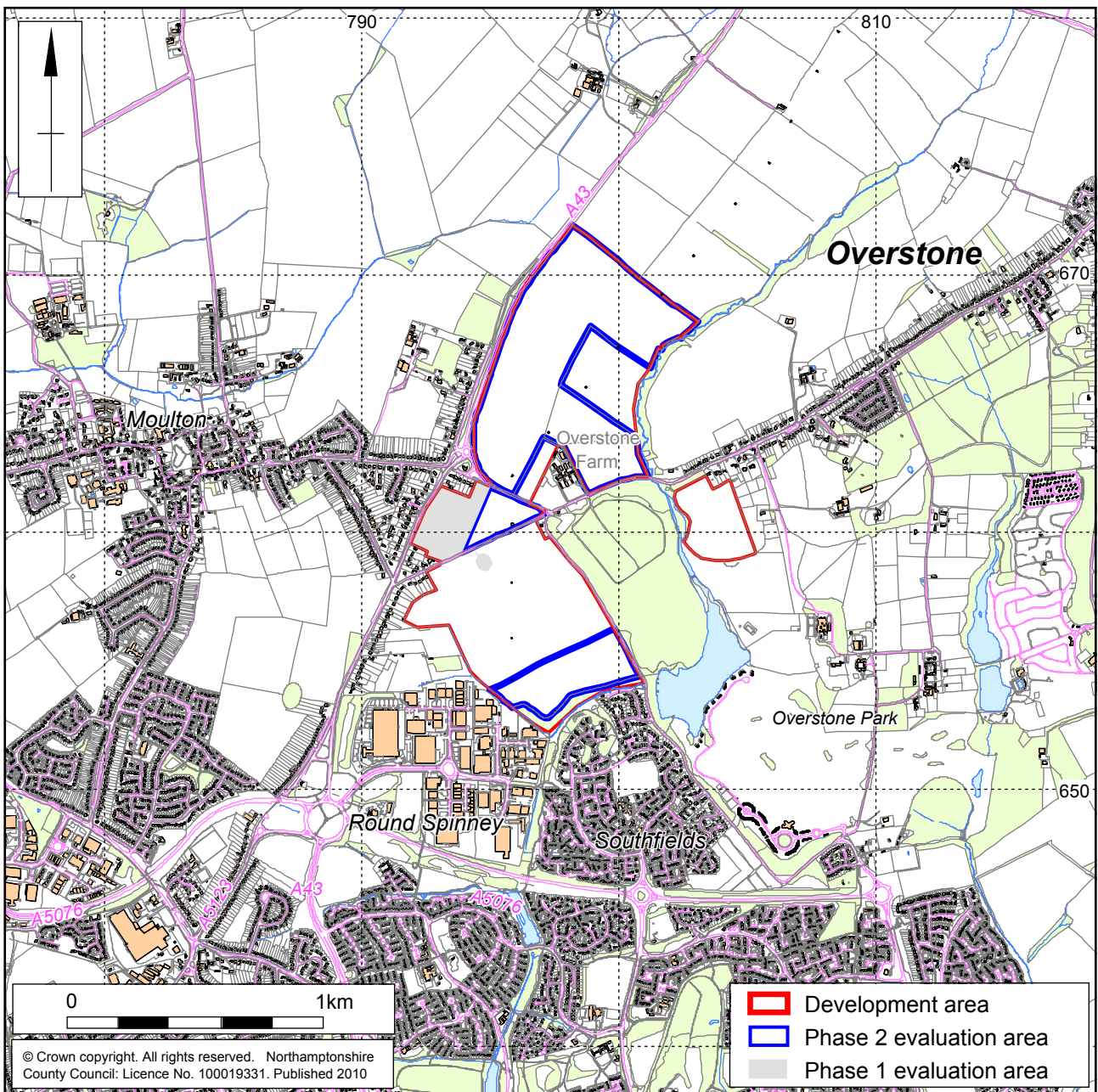
Abstract

Between September and October 2010, an archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology on behalf of CgMs Consulting Ltd on land at Overstone Leys, Overstone, Northamptonshire. The development area, comprising 109ha of land to the north-east of Northampton, has been subject to a desk-based assessment and a geophysical survey. This report provides the results for the second phase of evaluation trenching on 56ha of land within the development area. 114 trenches, between 25m and 68m long by 1.7m wide, were excavated. The archaeological features comprised a pit containing an Early Bronze Age beaker assemblage, five Ring Ditches of putative Bronze Age date with Saxon burials next to one of the Ring Ditches. From one of the graves that a 6th-century Saxon shield boss was recovered. The geophysical survey and the trenching suggest a number of ditches and enclosures with internal features, including a pit or ditch with Anglo-Saxon pottery. Many of the ditches were undated. Evidence for the medieval and post-medieval farming is indicated by the presence of two headlands surviving as earthwork banks. The clays, limestone, sands and ironstone were extensively quarried and a number of extraction pits were found.

1 INTRODUCTION

Barratt Strategic are preparing an Outline application for the construction of residential homes on land at Overstone Leys, Overstone, Northamptonshire (SP 796 660; Fig 1). The programme of archaeological investigation involved the excavation of 114 trenches across part of the development area (Phase 2 evaluation). Northamptonshire Archaeology (NA) was commissioned by CgMs Consulting, acting on behalf of Barratt Strategic, to undertake the archaeological trial excavation, the results of which are presented in this report.

This tranche of works follows a Desk-Based Assessment (Dicks and Chadwick 2009) and detailed geophysical magnetometer survey (Butler 2009). Both studies identified areas of archaeological potential within the wider development area. However, the geophysical survey recorded remnants of ridge and furrow cultivation and linear anomalies within the evaluation area. The first phase of trenching was located on c6.4ha of land in the centre of the development area (Jones 2010). It found no significant archaeological features. The second phase of works took place between September and October 2010 and this report follows a summary of results (NA 2010b).



Scale 1:25,000

Site location Fig 1

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Location and topography

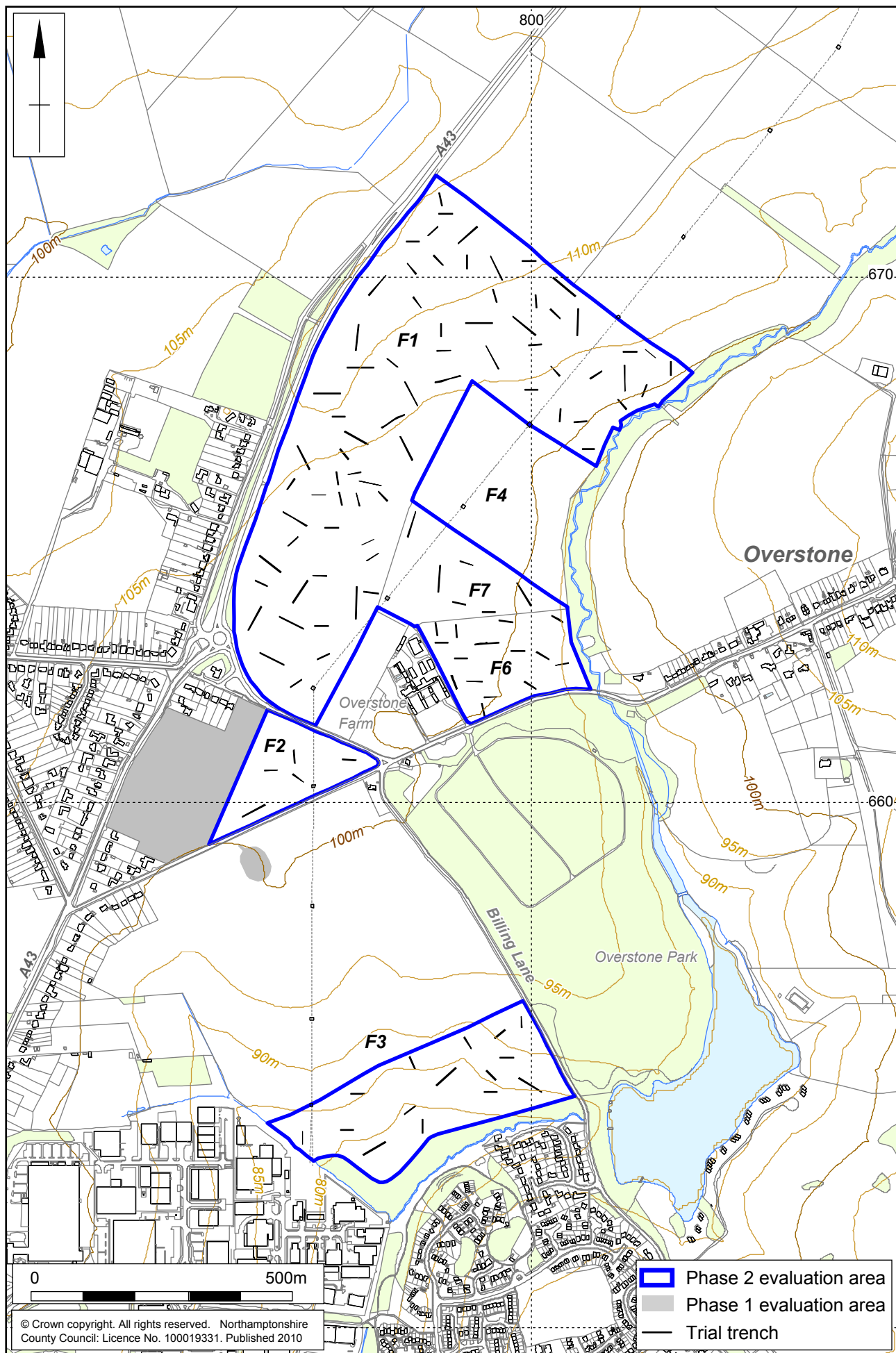
The site lies to the north-east of the town of Northampton, near the villages of Moulton and Overstone (Fig 1). It is bounded to the west by the A43 trunk road, between Northampton and Kettering, and to the east by open fields and the boundary of Overstone Park. The total land parcel is nearly 110ha in extent. The main area, totalling 103ha, is irregular and partitioned by minor roads. There is also a detached portion of 6.8ha, to the east.

The eastern and southern margins of the development area are defined by small but deeply incised streams which drain towards the south (Butler 2009). The ground rises above these towards a terrace standing at about 95-105m aOD (Fig 3). This is overlooked by a flat-topped ridge, about 115m aOD, which occupies the north-western part of the area. Two steep, southward draining, dry valleys occur near the southern end of the area (Field 3; Fig 2). A third valley in the same area contains a small spring-fed stream, the headwaters of which flow through an underground channel or culvert.



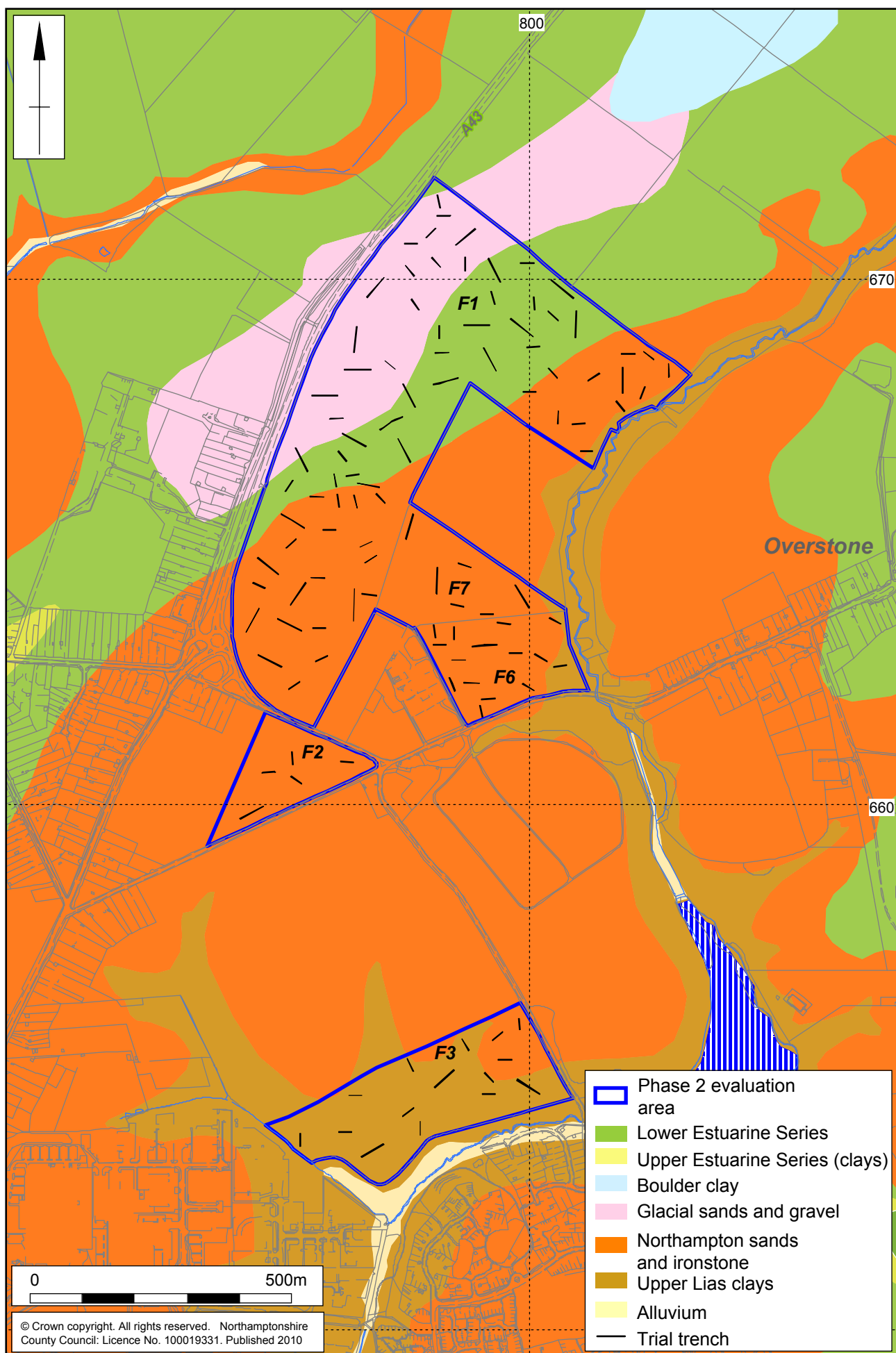
The location of a spring in Field 3, looking south-west Fig 2

The Phase 1 evaluation area comprised a triangular piece of arable land, encompassing c6.4ha, in the centre of the development area (Fig 1). The Phase 2 evaluation area encompasses 56ha of land across five fields. Field 1 lies in the northern part of the development area, Fields 2, 6 and 7 in the centre and Field 3 to the south.



1:10,000

The topography and fields Fig 3



2.2 Geology by Steve Critchley

Stratigraphically the evaluation area is underlain by sediments belonging to the Lower Jurassic Toarcian Stage of the Lias Group and the Middle Jurassic Aalenian and Bajocian Stages of the Inferior Oolite Group (Fig 4).

The oldest rocks belong to the Whitby Mudstones Formation of the Lias Group and outcrop on the eastern extremity of the evaluation area in the valley slope of the stream. These beds are overlain by the ferruginous rocks of the Northampton Sand Formation which outcrop over the bulk of the site. Within the many trench exposures these beds were seen to consist of dark reddish brown often rubbly fossiliferous ooid ironstones with subordinate sideritic and calcareous limestones as well as some clay dominated horizons. Between exposures these beds were observed to be highly variable in nature due differential weathering of individual rock units during recent as well as periglacial processes. Localised alteration of the beds by decalcification during weathering for example has produced many iron rich, sandy and clay horizons or limited and variable extent.

The Northampton Sand is in turn overlain in a non-sequence by younger beds belonging to the Rutland Formation and in particular in this area by a locally extensive unit called the Stamford Member. The latter consists of non marine sediments varying from sandy mudstones to pale grey fine to medium grained sandstones. Exposures of these beds here were observed to consist of soft fine grained pale brown silica sands. Within the northern portion of the evaluation area the Stamford Member is mapped as being overlain in part by fluvial sands and gravels of Mid Pleistocene age although limited evidence if any was noted for the presence of these.

It is likely that the silica sands formed by weathering of the Stamford Member have been quarried in the recent past within the evaluation area. This material proved to have value as a refractory material for furnace linings and has been and continues to be quarried extensively within Northamptonshire. It is also possible that the glacial sands and gravels have been quarried in conjunction with the silica sands or as a separate deposit. Unexpectedly deposits similar to the local glacial tills were observed in the areas of putative quarrying, a material which is not mapped here although it is present close by. It is possible that such material excavated elsewhere has been deposited in the voids left by quarrying although to establish this scenario would require further detailed enquiry.

2.3 Archaeological background

The outline development area has been examined by Desk-Based Assessment (Dicks and Chadwick 2009) which collated Historic Environment Record (HER) data and cartographic sources. The development area has also been subject to a geophysical survey (Butler 2009). The following archaeological background is taken from both sources. Archaeological records suggest extensive remains from prehistoric times until the post-medieval period.

The earliest known remains are a presumed Neolithic monument adjacent to Overstone Farm and a number of ploughed-out Bronze Age barrows. The possible Neolithic monument comprises a pair of concentric, semi-circular anomalies (Butler 2009). These were recorded in the geophysical survey but lie outside the Phase 1 and 2 evaluation areas (Fig 5). There are a number of recorded instances in the HER of prehistoric finds, including worked flint.



Roman remains have been discovered within the development area and in the immediate vicinity. Indeed the geophysical survey supports the idea of settlement within the southern part of the site, although it is difficult to apportion a date. In the southern part of the development area Roman settlement, dated to the 2nd – 4th centuries AD, was identified from pottery, roof tiles, iron slag, and coins. Further south, cropmarks indicate more evidence of settlement. North-east of the survey area a third possible Roman site has been identified. At Thorplands Farm (now Round Spinney) structures dating from the 2nd century AD were succeeded by 3rd-century AD circular buildings with stone foundations and a courtyard (Hunter and Mynard 1977). At Boothville, 500m south-west of the survey area, a Roman villa has been identified from the discovery of a tessellated pavement, flue tiles, painted plaster and other Roman artefacts.

There is very little recorded Evidence for the Anglo-Saxon and post-Conquest periods around Overstone and Moulton. At the time of Domesday Overstone may have been listed under Sywell.

A Deserted Medieval Village (DMV) lies within the grounds of Overstone Park. The first written records for it date from 1167 but it may have an earlier origin (RCHME 1979). The village was moved to its current location between 1728 (enclosure) and 1775, when Overstone Hall and Park were constructed and the land enclosed.

The Open Fields Survey conducted by David Hall brought together data from field observations and transcriptions of 1947 Royal Air Force aerial photographs to construct a map of the furlongs within the parish.



Excerpt from David Hall's survey of Overstone Fig 6

The resulting map shows the relationship between the headlands and the furlongs, to which the Phase 2 evaluation area has been added (blue line; Fig 6). A headland is formed when the plough turns and mounds soil into a bank. The furlongs or plough lines are aligned perpendicular to the headland. Within the proposed development area are two headlands on a south-west to north-east alignment with the furlongs aligned perpendicular to them. In the southern part of the site there are three short headlands aligned east to west.

In the 18th century the development area is shown as a number of small-sized fields, which were enlarged by boundary removal. By the time the 1880s Ordnance Survey map was produced, the fields were more regular and rectangular in shape. The modern A43 trunk road is shown as a route way in the 18th century, following a similar course to the present.

Overstone Park, although not a registered park and garden, is considered by the Northamptonshire Historic Landscape Character Assessment as being of historic importance (Dicks and Chadwick 2009). It defines much of the eastern boundary of the site and comprises landscaped parkland and lakes. The early maps show much of the present parkland as enclosed fields, and from 1810 the parkland is shown abutting the development area.

By the 1980s the outer limits of Northampton had begun to encroach on the southern area of the site with the new developments of Round Spinney and Southfields.

3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 Objectives

The aims of the archaeological evaluation are specified in the Project Design (NA 2010a).

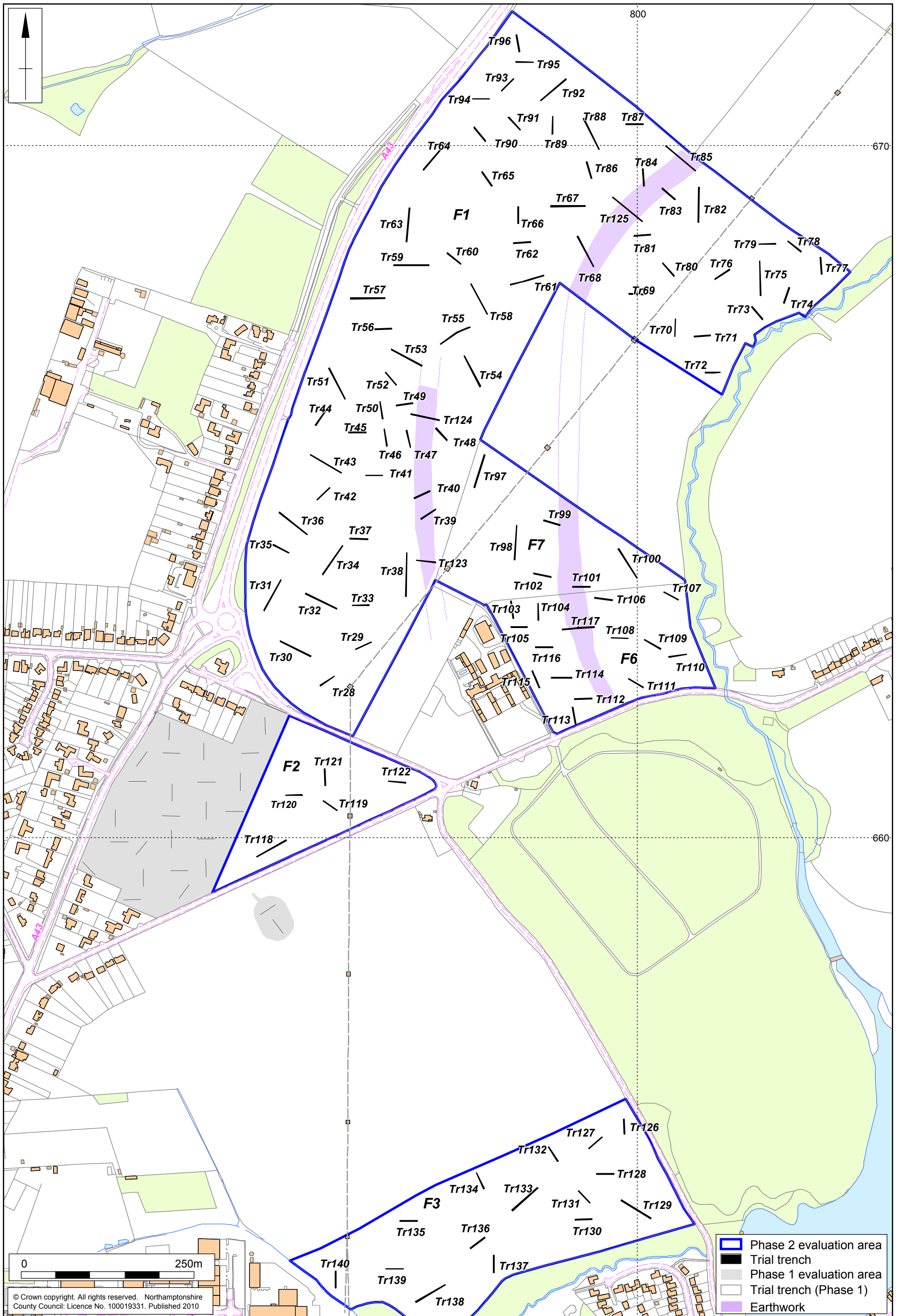
General aims comprised the following:

- To determine, as far as reasonably practicable, the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains
- To establish the ecofactual and environmental potential of archaeological deposits and features encountered.

Site specific aims included the following:

- To clarify the impact of medieval, post-medieval and modern ploughing and hence assess the degree of archaeological survival of buried deposits
- To clarify the extent, date, character, condition and significance of the linear anomalies identified during the geophysical survey
- To determine the presence or absence of prehistoric flint within topsoil and subsoil horizons
- To determine the presence or absence of late prehistoric, Iron Age and Roman settlement remains
- To establish the potential for significant environmental deposits
- To establish the potential for archaeological remains.

Specific research objectives were to be based on the research frameworks set out in Cooper (2006).



3.2 Methodology

The works were conducted in accordance with the specification (Dicks 2010), and a Project Design (NA 2010a), *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (IfA 1994, revised 2008) and the *Code of Conduct* of the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA 1985, revised). The work was monitored by the County Archaeological Advisor to Northamptonshire County Council

Trial trenching comprised the excavation of 114 trenches. Of these 79 trenches measured 25m x 1.70m and 32 trenches were 50m by 2m. A further four trenches of varying lengths were excavated targeting specific features. The trenches were machine-excavated using a toothless ditching bucket. The trenches were positioned in accordance with the trench location plan approved by CgMs Consulting and the County Archaeological Advisor to Northamptonshire and have been related to Ordnance Survey National Grid (Fig 7). On completion of archaeological recording the trenches were backfilled. There was no requirement for specialist re-instatement.

The topsoil, subsoil and non-structural post-medieval and later deposits were removed to reveal archaeological remains or where absent to the natural. The topsoil was stacked separately from the subsoil and other deposits. The trenches were cleaned sufficiently to enable the identification of any features.

All deposits encountered during the course of the excavation were given a separate context number and fully recorded. Recording followed standard Northamptonshire Archaeology procedures. Deposits were described on pro-forma context sheets to include details of the context, its relationships, interpretation and a checklist of associated finds.

The trenches were planned at a scale of 1:50. Sections of the sequence of deposits in each trench were drawn at a scale of 1:10 and related to Ordnance Datum. The excavated area and spoil heaps were scanned visually and with a metal detector to ensure maximum finds retrieval. As part of the evaluation, a programme dry sieving was agreed. For every 50m of trenching, 40 litres of topsoil and 10 litres of subsoil (where present) was sieved by hand using a 10mm mesh. This was undertaken primarily on the sandy soils or when ground conditions were dry.

A full photographic record comprising both 35mm black and white negatives and colour transparencies was maintained, supplemented with digital images. The field data was compiled into a site archive with appropriate cross-referencing.

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

4.1 General comments

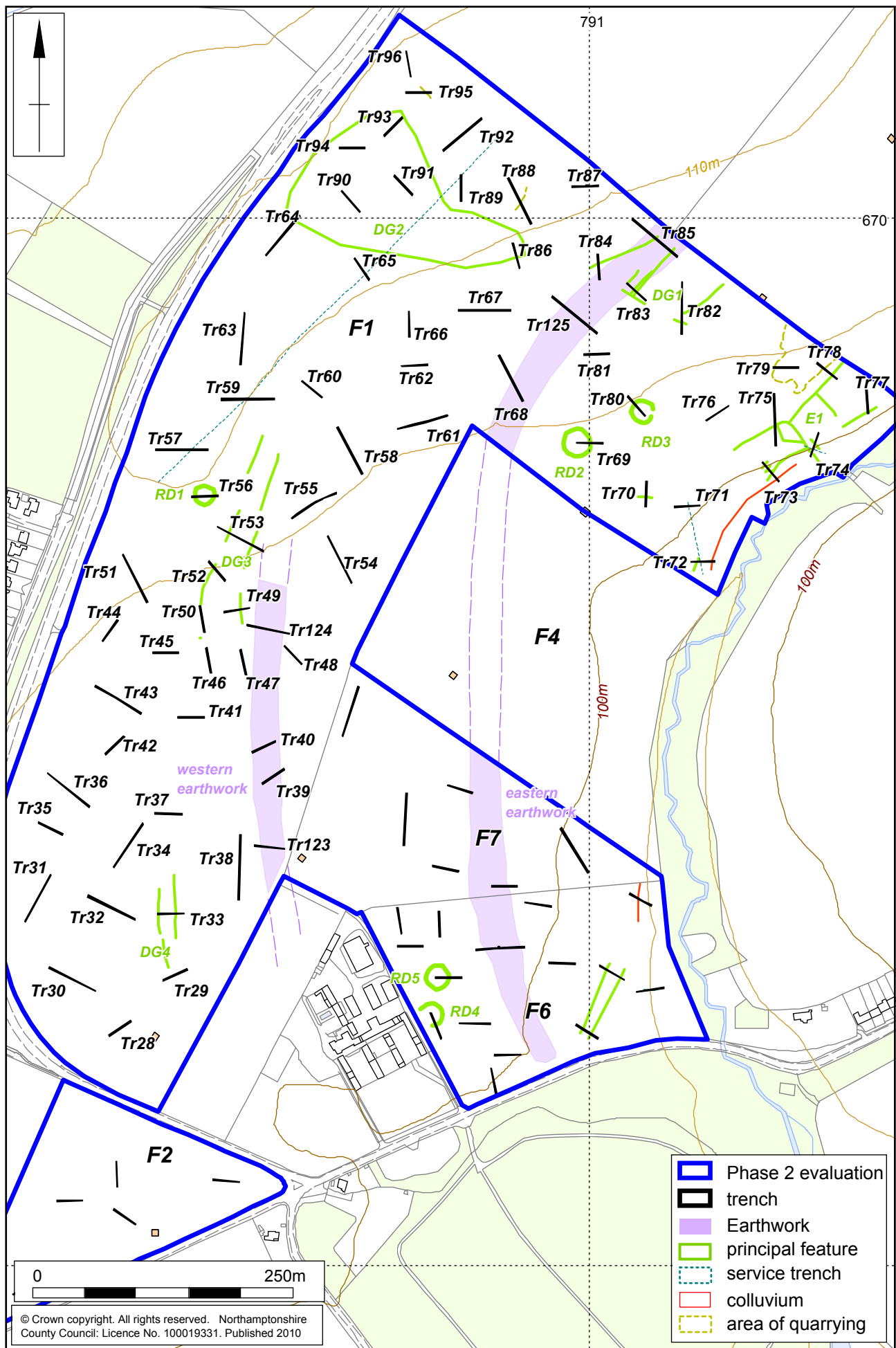
The natural soils varied considerably across the fields and affected the visibility and identification of features. The southern portion of Field 1, which was lower lying, comprised Northampton sands and ironstone. To the north and up slope, the underlying soils changed to clays, with limestone to the east. The soils in Fields 6 and 7 also varied from clays in the west to Northampton sands and ironstone, and also limestone bedrock in the east. The eastern part of Field 2 was principally Northampton sands and ironstone (Fig 8). The southern part of Field 3, located on

ground sloping into a valley, comprising set-aside, was principally clays and was prone to flooding. Northampton sands and ironstone were recorded on the ridges.



The natural soils in Trench 122, Field 2, looking east Fig 8

A layer of subsoil varied considerably in nature depending on the underlying natural soils. For example, no subsoil was visible in areas of limestone on the ridge in Field 1. The topsoil was of a consistent thickness, averaging 300mm thick, across the entire area.



4.2 Field 1

Field 1 comprised 35ha of arable ground in the northern part of the development area. The principal areas of archaeological remains were in the northern part of the field, with smaller areas to the south (Fig 9). The southern tip of the site (trenches 28 to 45), with the exception of Trenches 33 and 35, were devoid of archaeological features despite the geophysical survey suggesting the presence of positive linear anomalies.

There were three Ring Ditches (RD1, 2 and 3) located on or above the 100m contour line on Northampton sands and ironstone. In the geophysical survey an area of enclosure were recorded near to eastern boundary above the stream (E1). A number of archaeological features including a Bronze Age pit (trench 124) and an area of ditches and gullies lay elsewhere (trenches 46-50 and 52-54). There were a number of tree boles and field drains across the field.

Undated pit in Trench 36

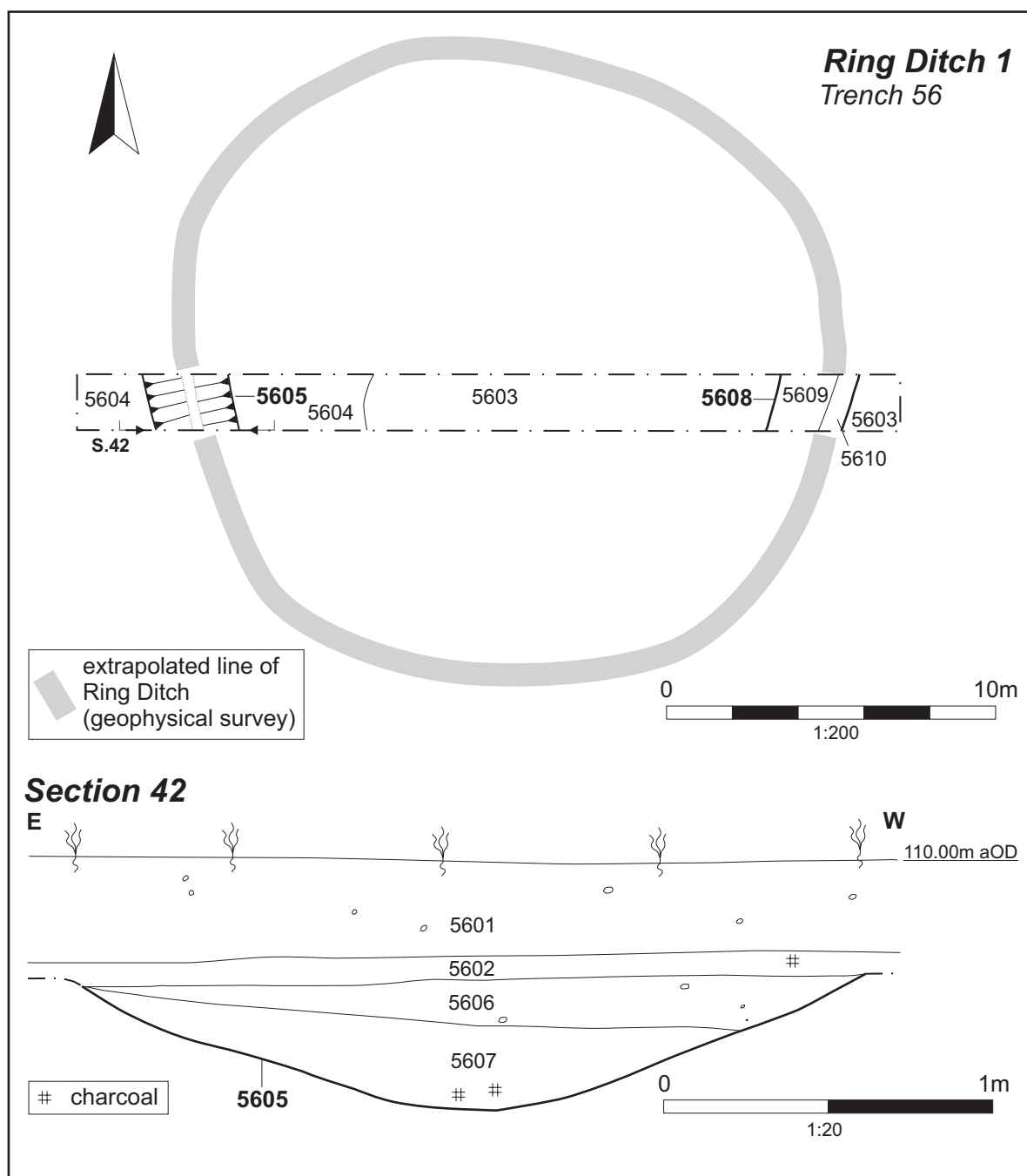
A small oval pit (Trench 36, [3604]) was located in the southern part of Field 1. It was 0.70m long, at least 0.50m wide and 0.23m deep with a V-shaped profile and eroded upper edges. The pit fill was by a firm yellow sand with patches of scorched sand (3605). This was overlain by a firm pink sand with areas of scorched sand (3606). No artefacts were recovered from the pit.

Ring Ditch 1

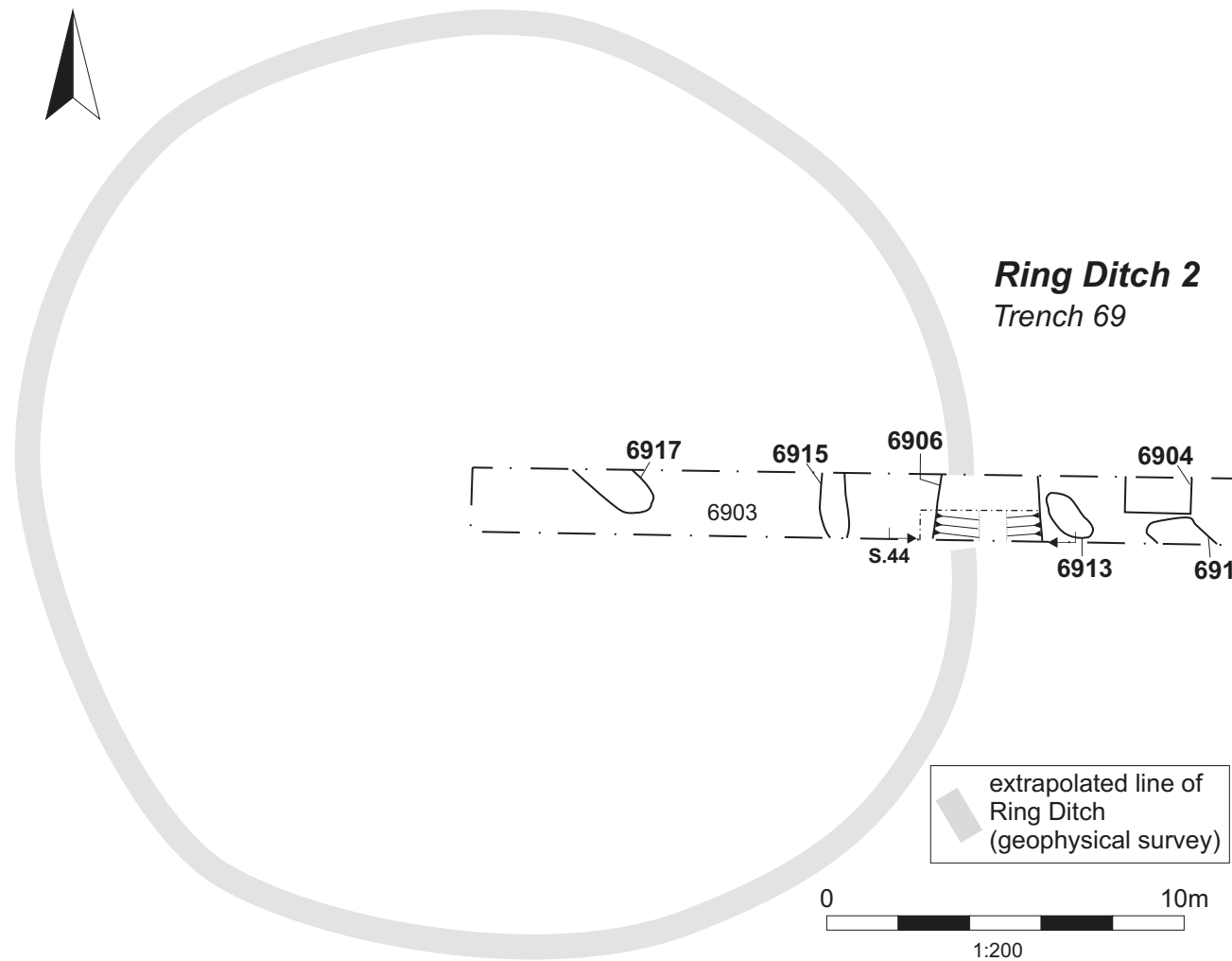
Ring Ditch 1 had been identified in the geophysical survey as a faint positive magnetic anomaly, located on top of a brow of a slope towards the western boundary of the area (Figs 9 and 10). In trench 56 the Ring Ditch was found to be 21.50m in diameter with no indication of a surviving mound (Fig 11). The top of the ditches were 0.35m (at 109.65m aOD) below ground level. No internal features were present within the trench.



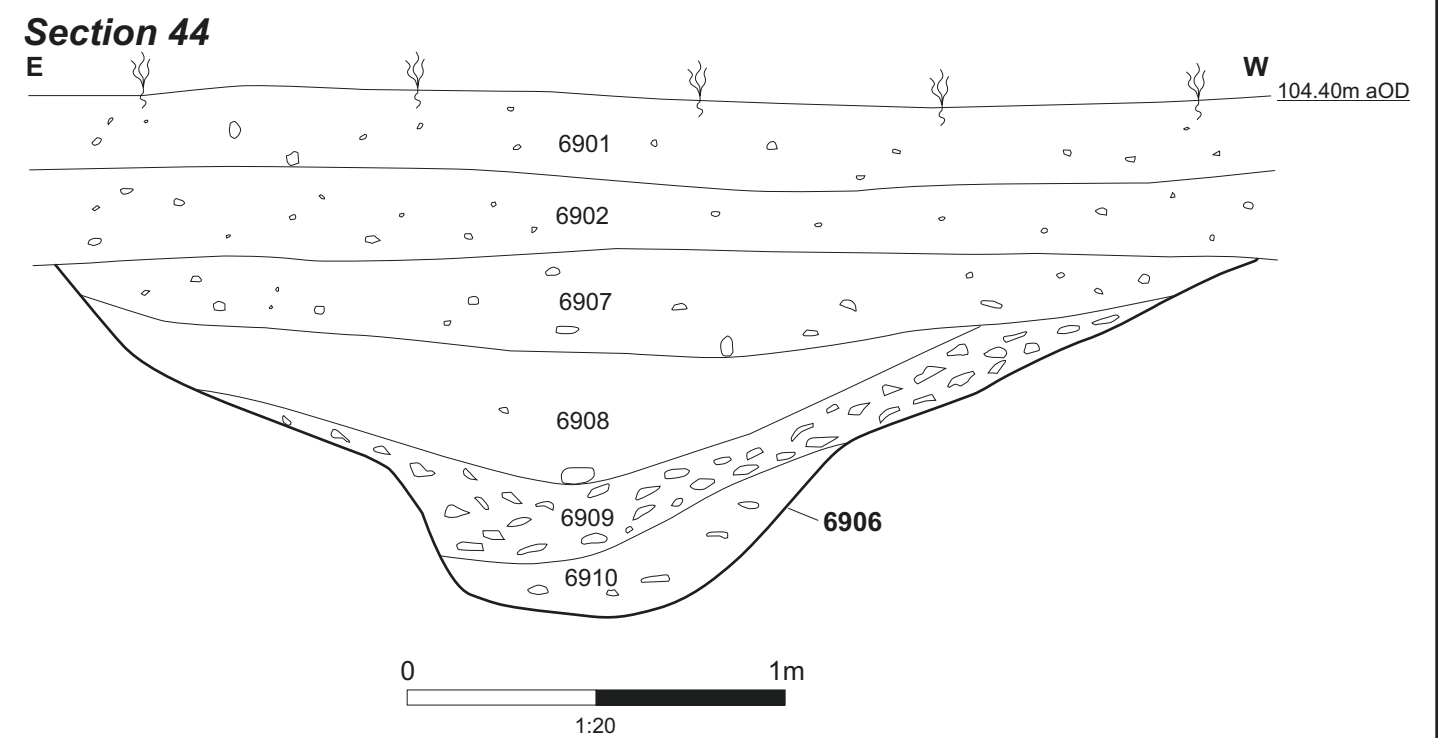
Ring Ditch 1 seen in Trench 56, looking south-east Fig 10



Ring Ditch 1 Fig 11



The eastern arm of Ring Ditch 2 [6906], looking south-west



The unexcavated eastern arm of the ditch [5608] was 2.10m wide. The western arm [5605] was 2.34m wide and 0.39m deep with a gently sloped V-shaped profile. The primary fill comprised firm dark yellowish brown sandy clay which tipped from east to west (5607). This was overlain by a secondary fill of firm dark orangish-brown clayey sand (5606). A single small abraded sherd of Early Bronze Age pottery was recovered from (5606).

Ring Ditch 2

This Ring Ditch was located on Northampton sands and ironstone, 340m to the north-east of RD1. The Ring Ditch was 25m in diameter, with only the eastern arm seen in Trench 69 (Fig 12). There were two possible graves ([6915] and [6917]) within the Ring Ditch and three other possible graves ([6904], [6911] and [6913]) lay immediately outside the ditch. None of graves were not excavated during this phase of works.

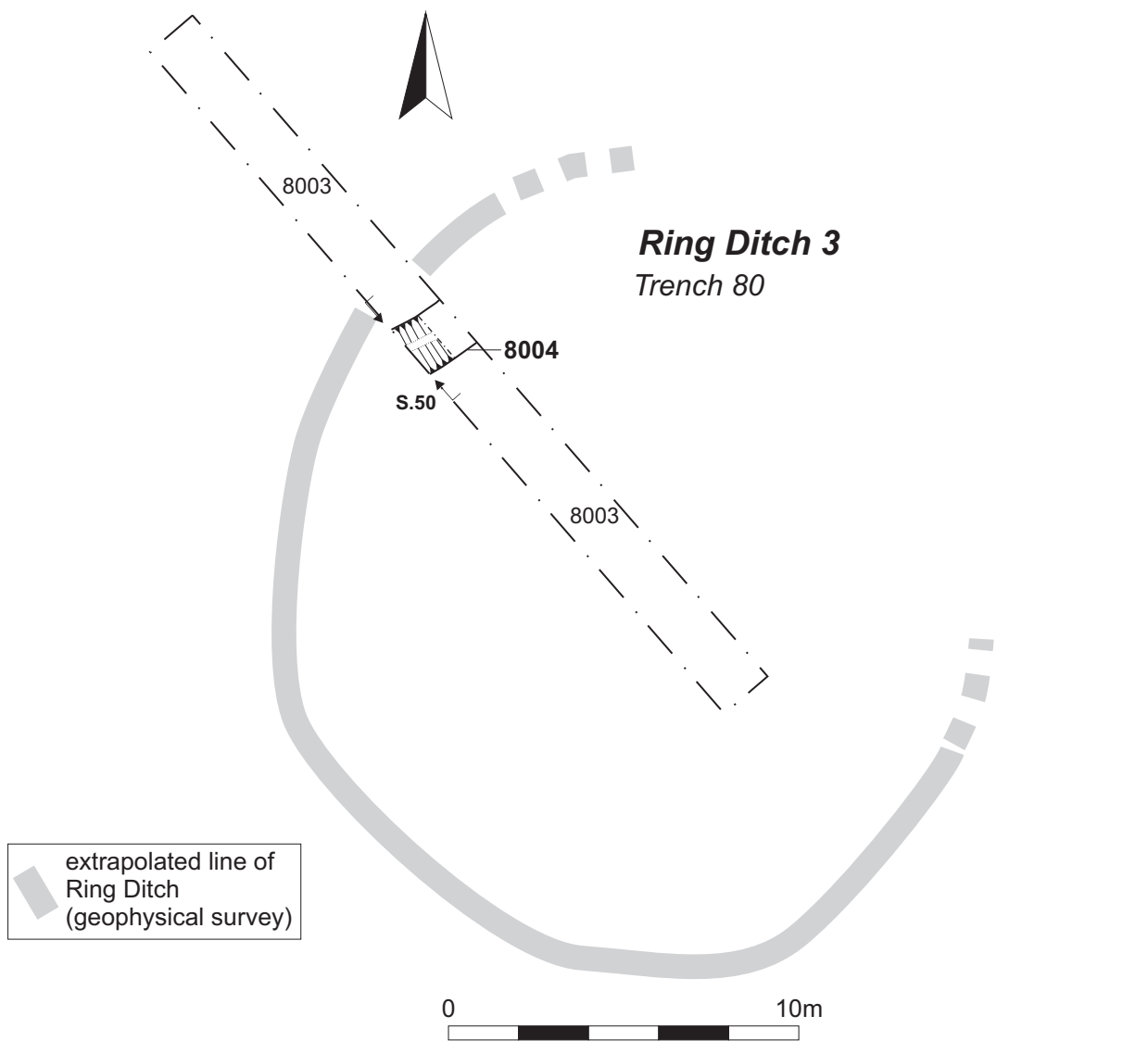
The ditch [6906] was 3.20m wide and 0.98m deep with a profile comprising a 'U'-shaped base with eroded upper edges (Fig 12, Section 44). The primary fill was a loose light greyish-brown silty sand (6910) which was overlain by a friable dark greyish-brown sand/silt (6909). Both fills had occasional small and medium ironstone fragments tipping down westwards from the interior of the Ring Ditch. The lower fill (6909) was overlain by firm light greyish-brown sandy silt (6908) and the upper fill (6907) comprised a friable dark brown stoney sand.

Two possible graves, [6915] and [6917], were recorded within the Ring Ditch. Grave [6917] was located near the centre of the Ring Ditch and was aligned south-east to north-west. Although not seen fully in the trench, it measured 1.5m long and at least 0.65m wide and was filled with firm dark brown sandy loam (6918). The second grave [6915] was located 5m east of [6917] and was orientated north to south. It too was filled with firm dark brown sandy loam (6916).

The features outside the Ring Ditch comprised an oval-shaped grave [6913] (Fig 13), and two rectangular graves, [6904] and [6911]. Grave [6913], aligned south-east to north-west, was adjacent to the ditch [6906] and was filled with firm dark brown loamey sand (6914). Part of the cranium of a human skull could be seen on the cleaned surface at the north-western end of the pit.

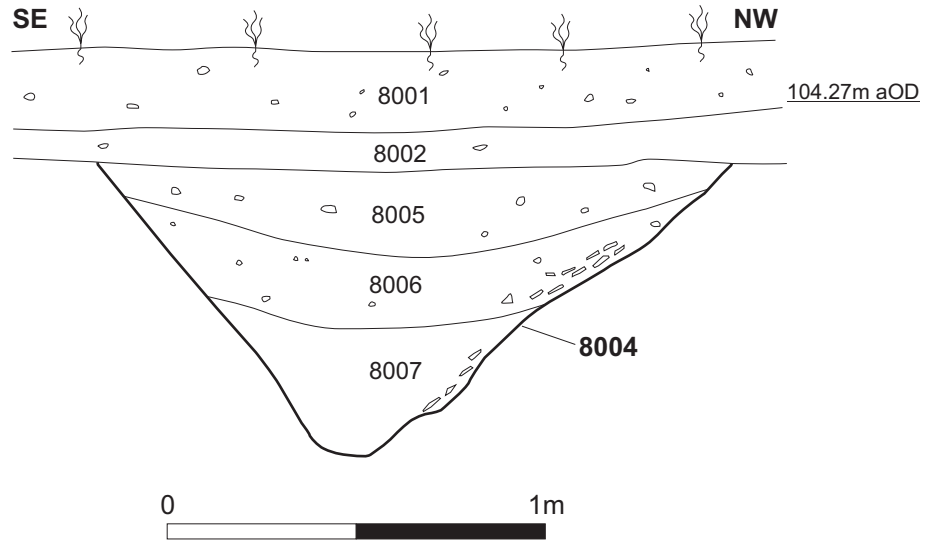


Grave [6913] (6914) in Trench 69, looking south-west Fig 13



extrapolated line of
Ring Ditch
(geophysical survey)

Section 50



To the east of this and partially seen in the trench was a rectangular grave [6904] measuring 1.7m long and at least 1m wide. It was filled with friable dark brown loamey sand (6905). A iron shield boss (SF21), a copper alloy buckle and plate (SF22) and an iron strip (SF23) were recovered during the metal detecting survey. The artefacts together with the location of the grave outside the Ring Ditch suggests that this was a high status Anglo-Saxon burial of the 6th-century, which may have been interred considerably later than the construction of the Ring Ditch itself.

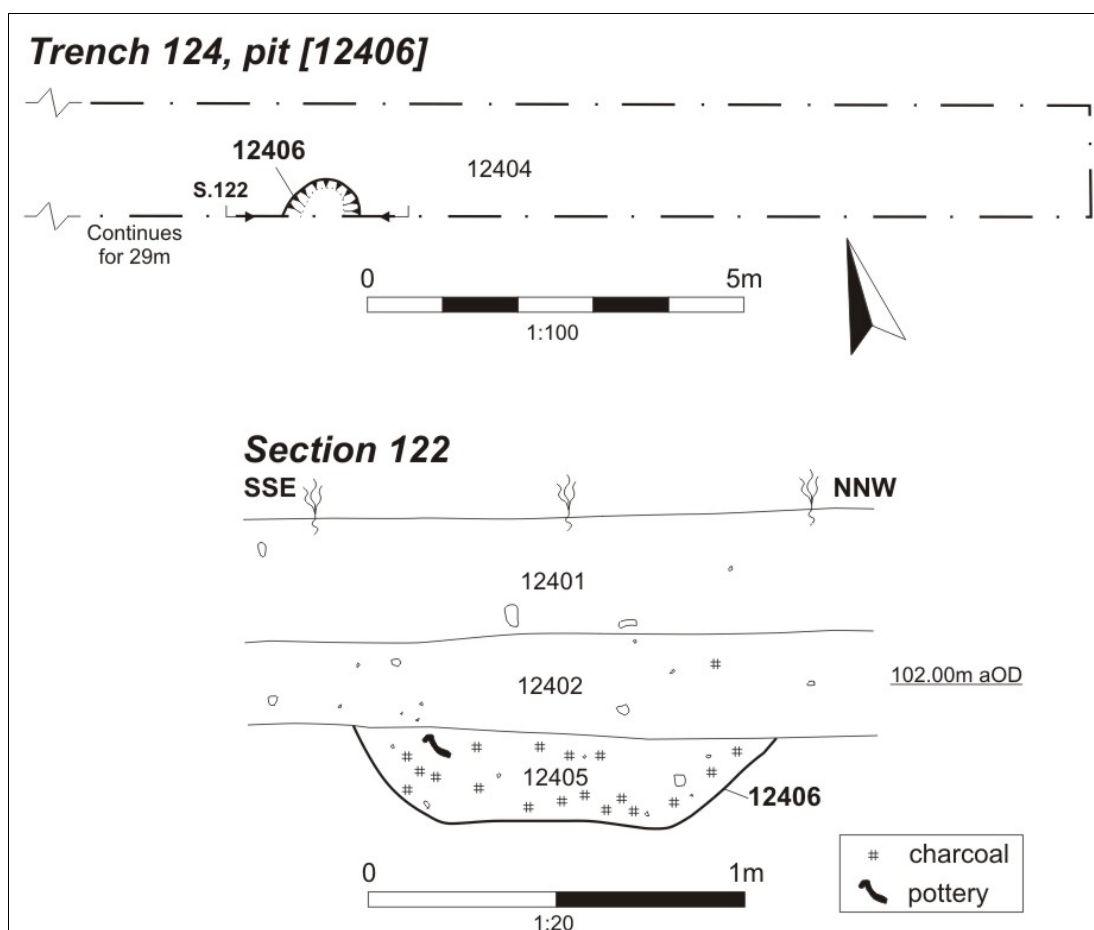
To the south of grave [6904] was a second rectangular grave [6911], aligned south-east to north-west. It measured at least 0.80m long and 1m wide and was filled with friable dark brown loamey sand (6912).

Ring Ditch 3

To the north of RD2 was a third Ring Ditch seen as a faint and incomplete positive anomaly on the geophysical survey results. The north-eastern segment was not visible on the survey. Ring Ditch 3 was 21m in diameter and its north-western arm was seen in Trench 80 (Fig 14). The ditch [8004] was 1.68m wide and up to 0.76m deep with an eroded V-shaped profile. The primary fill (8007) comprised a loose light yellowish-brown silty clay. This was overlain by a secondary fill (8006) of firm light greyish-brown sandy clay. The upper fill (8005) was a friable dark orangey-brown silty sand. No internal features were present within the ditch.

Bronze Age pit

A small oval pit (Trench 124, [12406]) was located 140m to the south-east of Ring Ditch 1. Only half of this pit was seen as the remainder was beneath the trench edge (Fig 15). It was 1.10m long, at least 0.51m wide and 0.24m deep with a flat base and near vertical sides. The pit had been filled with a firm dark grey sandy clay (12405) containing charcoal. The pit contained an assemblage of Early Bronze Age Beaker pottery, comprising at least 10 vessels (see Figs 31-33).



Bronze Age pit [12406] in Trench 124 Fig 15

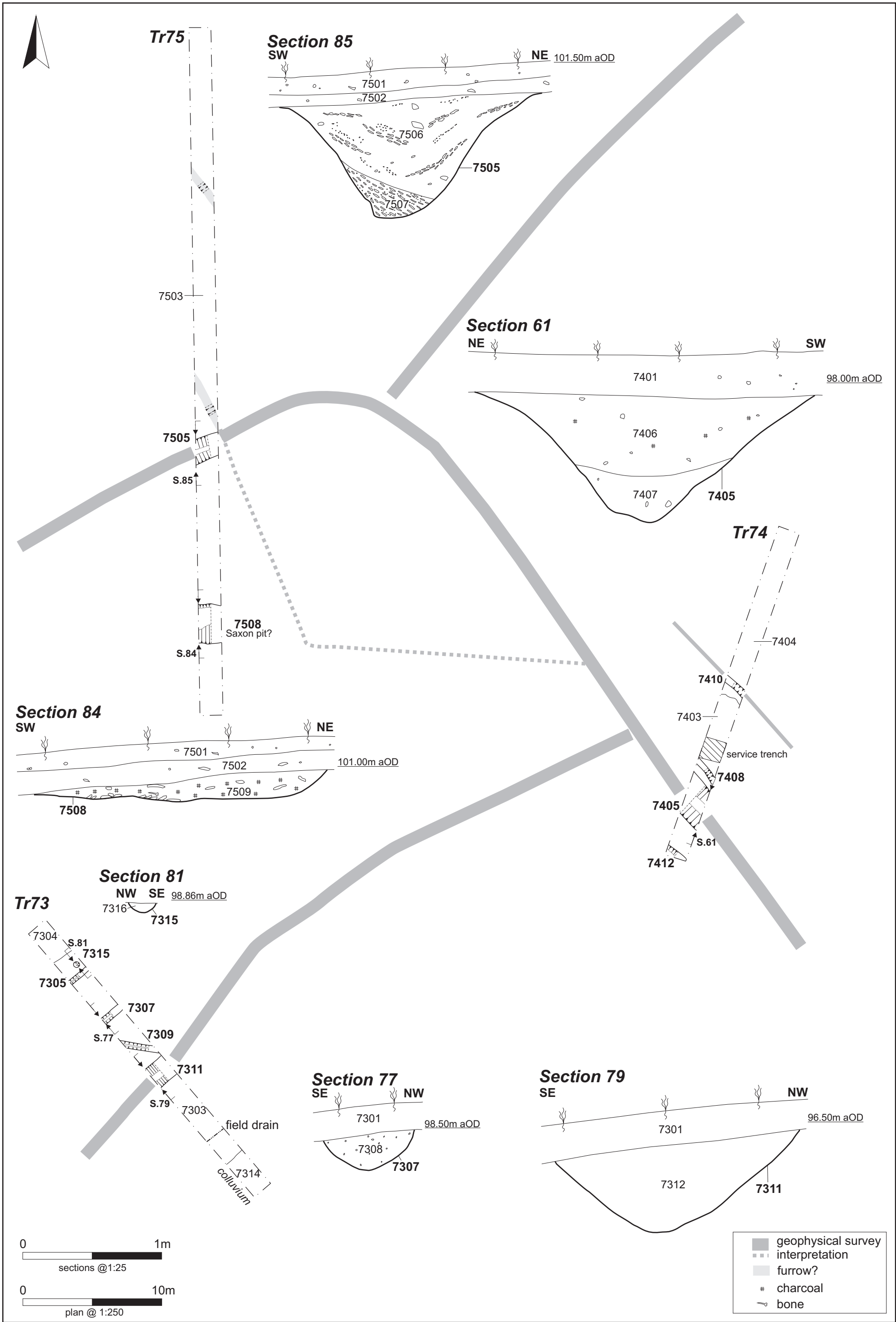
Enclosure E1

The geophysical survey had suggested that there was an area of enclosed settlement in the northern part of Field 1 on the limestone and ironstone (E1; Fig 9). The trial trenching proved the presence of enclosure ditches and some internal features, which had not been seen on the geophysical survey. The trenching also suggested that there were further features to the west, but owing to their ephemeral nature on the geophysical survey it was difficult to see how they related to one another.

Enclosure E1 lay in the north-eastern corner of the field and was investigated in trenches 73, 74, 75, 77 and 78 (Fig 16). The enclosures as defined by the geophysical survey comprised two rectangular areas encompassing at least 0.7 ha on a south-west to north-east alignment.

The northern part was defined by a ditch seen in trench 78 (fig 9). The ditch [7806] was aligned south-west to north-east and measured 1.35m wide and up to 0.50m deep. It was filled with a brownish-orange silty sand (7807).

The southern part was seen in trenches 73, 74 and 75 (Fig 16). There were a number of features within the enclosures although it is not known whether they are contemporary with the enclosure ditches. They include a pit containing Anglo-Saxon pottery ([7508] below) which lay within southern enclosure. No other features within or forming the enclosure produced any artefacts.



The southern block was defined on its north-eastern and north-western side by a ditch seen in trenches 74 and 75 ([7505] and [7405]; Fig 16). This was between 1.90m and 2.42m wide and up to 0.91m deep with a V-shaped profile and eroded upper edges. Where it was investigated, the fills were typically brownish grey clayey silts or brown sands. On the top of the slope the primary stoney fill tipped from south to north indicating a possible bank to the south. Down slope (in ditch [7405]) the primary fill was more evenly spread.

A ditch in Trench 73 [7311] may have been a sub division of a larger enclosure. It was aligned south-west to north-east and was 1.68m wide and 0.62m deep [7311]. It had a rounded base and slightly asymmetrical profile filled with a firm brown silty clay (7312).

A circular posthole [7315] lay 0.15m north-west of gully [7305], but no other features encountered in the evaluation appear to be associated with it. The posthole was 0.20m in diameter and 0.08m deep with a U-shaped profile. Its fill (7316) was brown silty clay.

To the south-east of the posthole were two parallel gullies ([7305] and [7307]) and a third gully [7309]. Gullies [7305] and [7307] were aligned south-west to north-east and spaced 3m apart, by contrast gully [7309] was aligned west to east. They were between 0.36m and 0.65m wide and up to 0.25m deep with U-shaped profiles. They were filled with firm brown silty clays. The two parallel gullies match a faint geophysical anomaly which may be a track way along the brow of the slope.

A ditch was investigated in trench 70 but it is unclear what it relates to. Ditch [7004] was aligned east to west and measured 0.88m wide and up to 0.26m deep with a U-shaped profile.

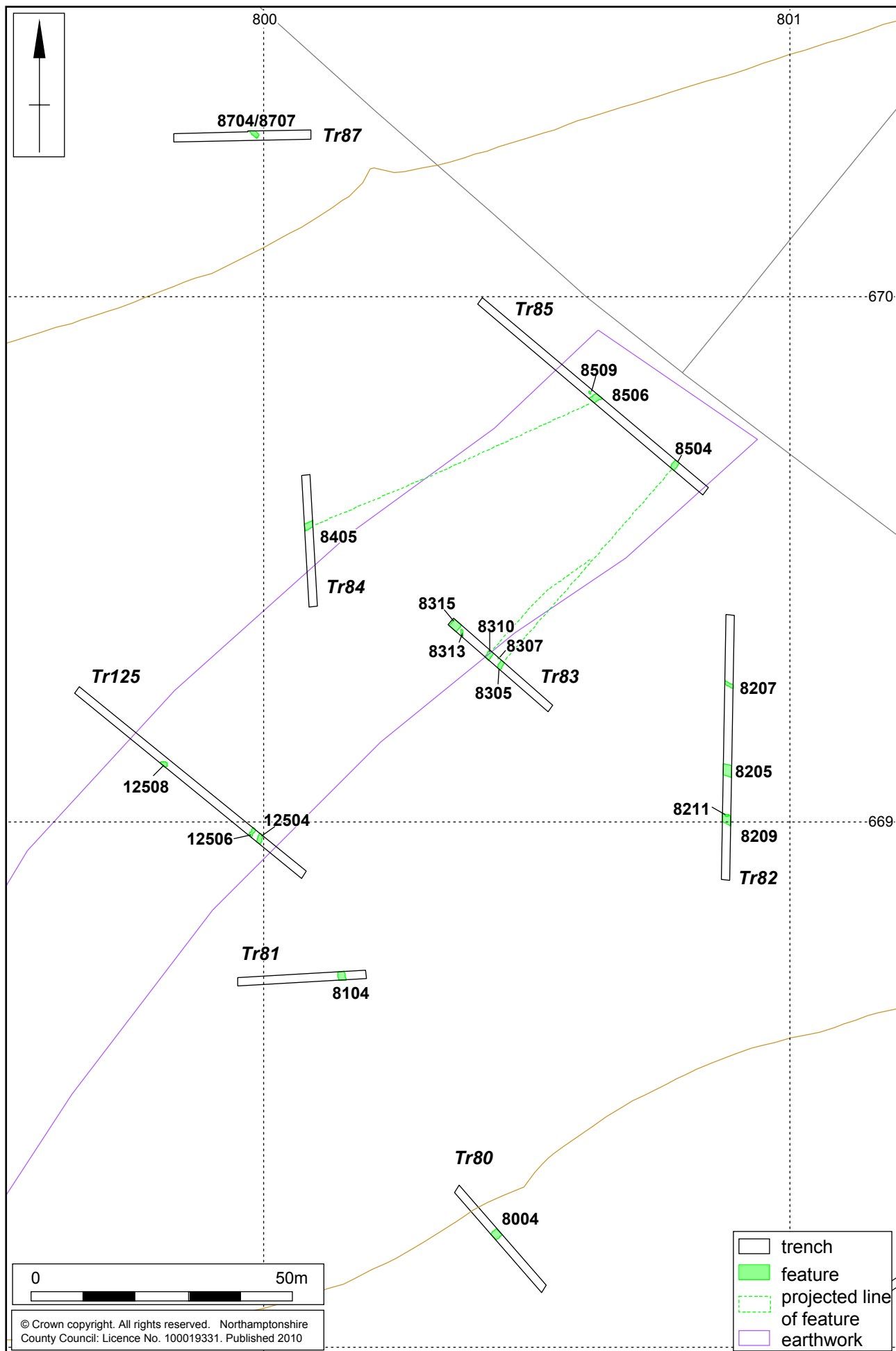
Saxon pit

A rectangular pit (Trench 75, [7508]) lay within enclosure E1 (Fig 16; section 84). Only part of this pit was seen as the remainder was beneath the trench edge. It was at least 2.15m wide and 0.20m deep with a flat base and gentle sloping sides. The pit was filled with a loose dark grey clayey sand, containing charcoal and a small assemblage of early/middle Anglo-Saxon pottery. Animal bone from common domesticates was also recovered together with a bone pin, a lead weight and fragments of an iron strip. This could be a sunken-featured building (SFB).

Ditches

There were four areas of ditches identified during the evaluation but only one set was clearly seen on the geophysical survey (DG1; Fig 9). Ditches DG2 lay in the north-western corner of the field and DG3 and DG4 lay in the central and southern portions of the field.

Ditches DG1 (Fig 17) located against the northern boundary comprised a number of ditches, a number of which were on a south-west to north-east alignment as seen in trenches 83, 85 and 125. Other features such as those in trench 82 were aligned west to east. On average, the ditches ranged from 0.4m and 1.5m wide and up to 0.5m deep with U-shaped profiles. The fills typically comprised orangey-brown sandy silts.



Some of the features may be related to the geophysical survey (Figs 5 and 9). For example, a ditch which was seen in trenches 84 and 85 ([8505] [8506]) (Fig 17). To the east of this was a south-west to north-east ditch seen in the geophysical survey. In the evaluation it was investigated in trenches 83 and 85 ([8305] [8504]). Adjacent to this was a ditch [8310] which the survey suggests merged to the north.

Two postholes were encountered in trenches 83 and 85 (8307] and [8509]). It is unclear whether they relate to any structures as no other similar features were seen near them. They were up to 0.40m wide and 0.34m deep and filled with brown sandy or silty clays. Only one of the postholes [8307] suggested a post-pipe.

Ditches DG2 comprised ditches and gullies in trenches 64, 67, 86, 89, 91, 92 and 93 (Figs 9 and 18). Many of the ditches were not seen in the geophysical survey, perhaps due to the underlying clays making the identification of anomalies difficult. Mainly the ditches were aligned south-west to north-east or perpendicular this. They ranged from 0.3m to 1.0m wide and up to 0.3m deep and generally had U-shaped profiles. Ditches [9108] and [9204] were terminal ends of ditches. The ditches and gullies were typically infilled with greyish brown silty clays.

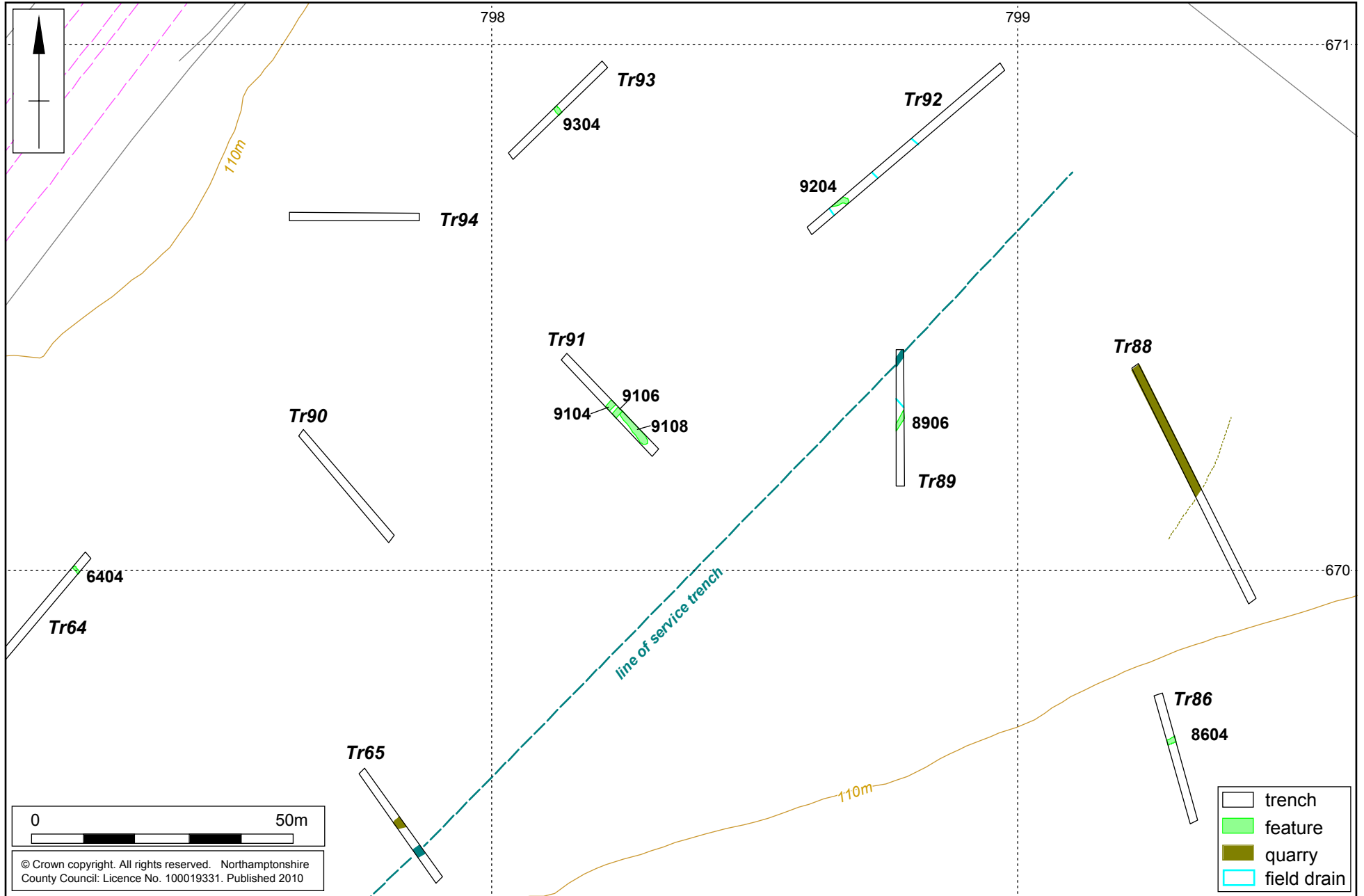
Ditches DG3, lay in the centre of the field, and comprised a pair of parallel ditches in trenches 49, 52 and 53 as well as other ditches and gullies in trenches 46, 48, 50 and 54 (Figs 9 and 19). The parallel ditches were aligned south to north and correspond with a geophysical anomaly. The western ditch ([5305] and [5205]) was up to 2m wide and 0.3m deep. The eastern ditch ([5307] and [4906]) was up to 1.55m wide and 0.55m deep. They were infilled with orangey-brown sandy clays or silty sands. Two ditches in trench 50 mirrored the line of the parallel ditches ([5004]/[5006] and [5008]/[5012]) and a terminal of a ditch was recorded in trench 52 [5207]. Three parallel gullies on a west to east alignment were seen in trenches 48 and 54. They measured up to 0.92m wide and 0.41m deep and were filled with orangey-brown silty sands. They may be the surviving bases of furrows on a west to east alignment.

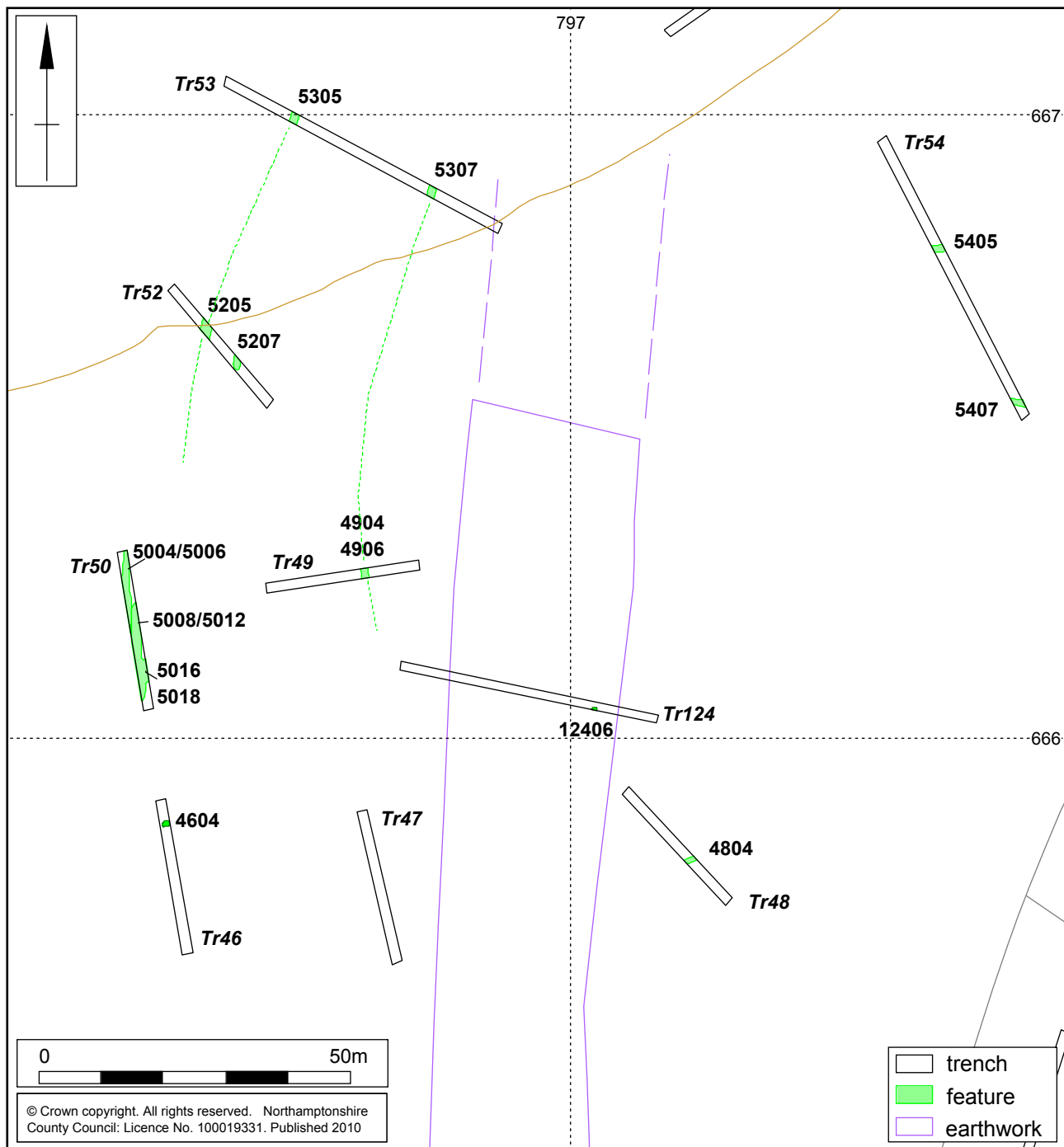
Ditches DG4 lay in an area where the geophysical survey suggested a pair of parallel ditches on a north to south alignment (Figs 9 and 20). Although the geophysical survey suggested a length of c150m in which case the ditches would be seen in trenches 29, 33 and 37, the ditches were only seen in trench 33. In trench 33 the ditches were spaced 15.5m apart. The western ditch [3314] was at least 1m wide and 1m deep with a flat base and eroded sloping sides. The eastern ditch [3316] was 0.79m wide and 0.22m deep with a rounded base and eroded sides. Both ditches were filled with loose orangey brown loamy sands. A single sherd of Roman grey ware was recovered from the upper portion of (3315), although this may be a later intrusion.

Also within trench 33 were three probable postholes ([3306], [3308] and [3318]). However, as they were in the same area as a extraction pit ([3304] and [3310]) and infilled with a similar material, it is difficult to ascertain their function.

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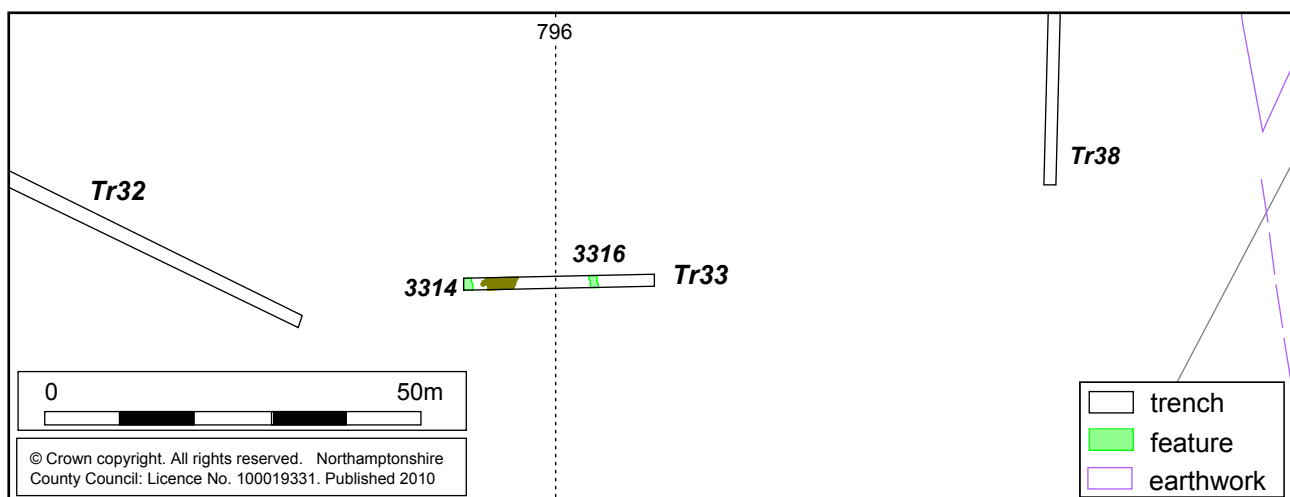
Field 1, Ditch Group 2 Fig 18





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Field 1, Ditch Group 3 Fig 19



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Field 1, Ditch Group 4 Fig 20

Pit and clamp kiln in trench 87

A pit [8704] later recut by a possible clamp kiln [8707] was recorded in the centre of trench 87 (Fig 17 and 21). Both the pit and clamp kiln were aligned south-east to north-west. The pit measured at least 2m long, 1m wide and up to 0.3m deep with a U-shaped profile. It was filled with two deposits of orangey-brown clay loam. The clamp kiln [8707] cut into the centre of the pit and measured 0.74m long, 0.55m wide and was up to 0.20m deep. It had a U-shaped profile and was lined with a burnt red clay (8709), and then infilled with dark grey clay which contained charcoal lumps (8708).



Pit [8704] and clamp kiln [8707], looking north-east Fig 21

Although no artefacts were recovered from either the pit or the clamp kiln, an environmental sample was taken from the upper fill of the clamp kiln (fill (8708), sample 11). It was from this sample that a quantity of wood charcoal was recovered.

Extraction pits

There were three areas of undated stone, clay or sand extraction in Field 1 (Fig 9).

The ironstone extraction was seen in Trench 33 where a flat bottomed pit [3312] measured at least 4.5m wide and was up to 0.59m deep. It was filled with a loose orangey-brown loamey sand (3313).

The areas of silica sands/clays extraction were on top of the slope in the north-western corner of the field. There were two pits in trenches 88 and 95. The pit [8805] was located at the north-eastern end of trench 88 and was at least 26m long and at least 0.75m deep (Fig 22) There were three fills of orangey-brown or grey clay (8806) – (8808).



General view of Trench 88, with the quarrying, looking south-east Fig 22

The pit [9504] in Trench 95 encompassed much of the western part of the trench measuring 20.50m wide and at least 1.05m deep. The primary fill of the pit (9506) was compact mottled brown and grey silty clay which was overlain by hard mottled light brown and orange silty clay (9505).

The limestone extraction pits in the north-eastern part of the field was seen in trenches 78 and 79. The pits were seen in the geophysical survey as irregular shaped anomalies and it is likely that they formed part of the same extraction pit. They varied in depth from 0.62 to 0.72m deep and were filled with fragmented ironstone or limestone and red sands or silts.

Service trenches

There were three service trenches in Field 1 (Fig 9). The first, in the western part of the field, was aligned south-west to north-east and was over 400m long. It was seen in the geophysical survey as a faint positive line and in trenches 57, 59, 65, 89. However, owing to potential health and safety considerations it was not excavated. A second service trench was in the north-eastern part of Field 1 and was a positive linear feature on the geophysical survey. It was aligned south-east to north-west and was at least 75m long. It was seen in trenches 71 and 72. The third service trench was encountered in trench 74 (Figs 9 and 16) and was aligned east to west.

4.3 Field 2

The eastern part of Field 2 comprised 3.5ha of arable land in the triangular central portion of the site. Five trenches were excavated to the level of Northampton sands and ironstone (Trenches 118-122) across the field. No archaeological remains were found in the trenches although a tree hole was recorded in Trench 118.

4.4 Field 3

Field 3 comprised c40ha of arable ground in the southern part of the development area. The geophysical survey suggests that much of the central part of the field had an extensive settlement with less of a potential for archaeological remains to the south in the valley (Fig 5). Only the southern part (9ha) of Field 3 given over to set-aside was available for investigation (Fig 23). The area under evaluation was approximately 200m to the south of the core of the settlement.



General view of Field 3, looking west Fig 23

The principal area of archaeological remains comprising ditches lay in the eastern part of the field (Fig 24). The southern and western parts of the field were devoid of archaeological features. A tree hole [13209] and a spring head [13205] were located in trench 132. A network of field drains on a north to south alignment was located in the southern part of the field.

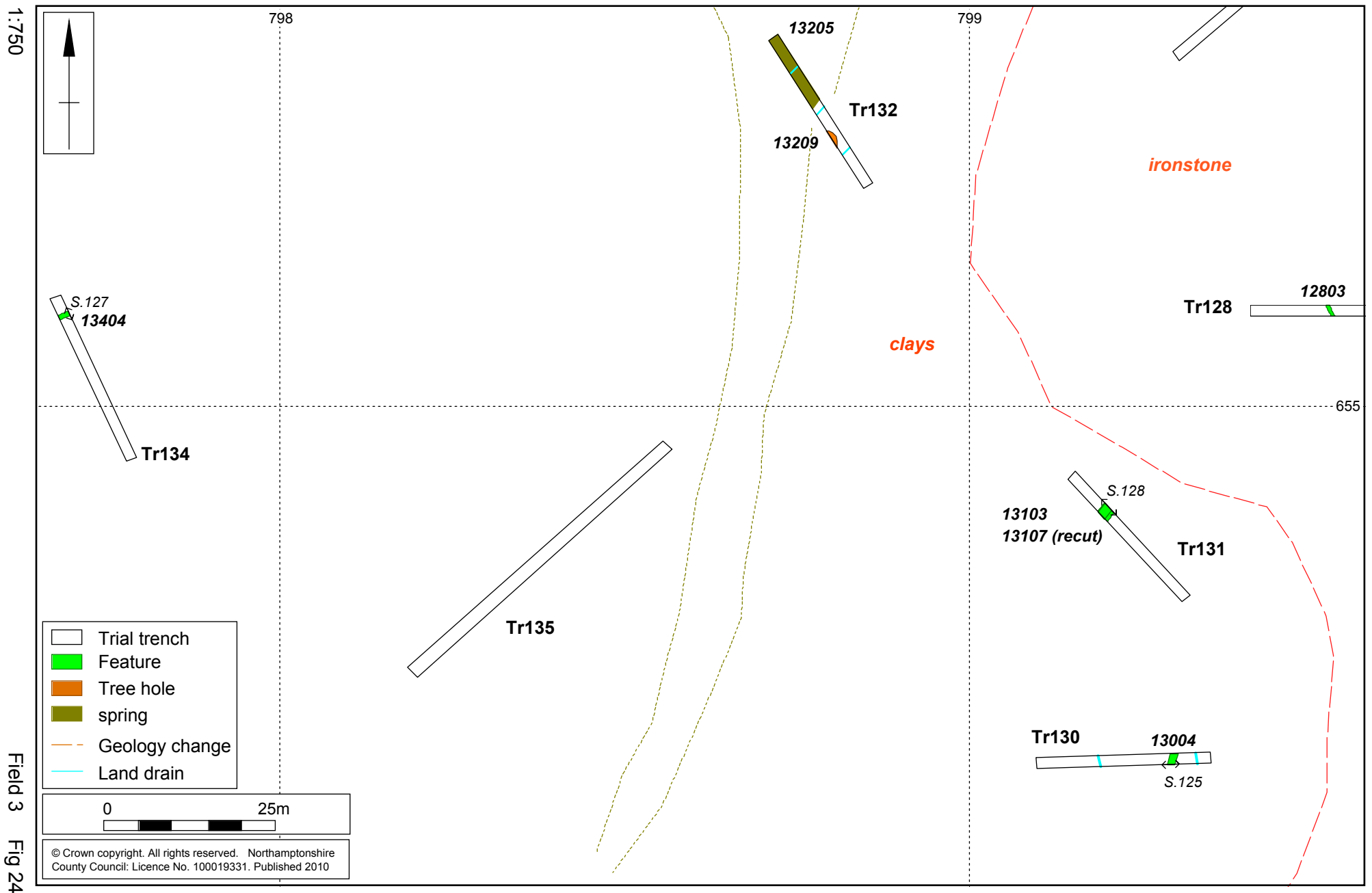
The ditches

There were four gullies or ditches in the area in trenches 128, 130, 131 and 134 and these may represent boundaries or drainage ditches away from the core of occupation above the slope. No dating evidence was recovered from the ditches.

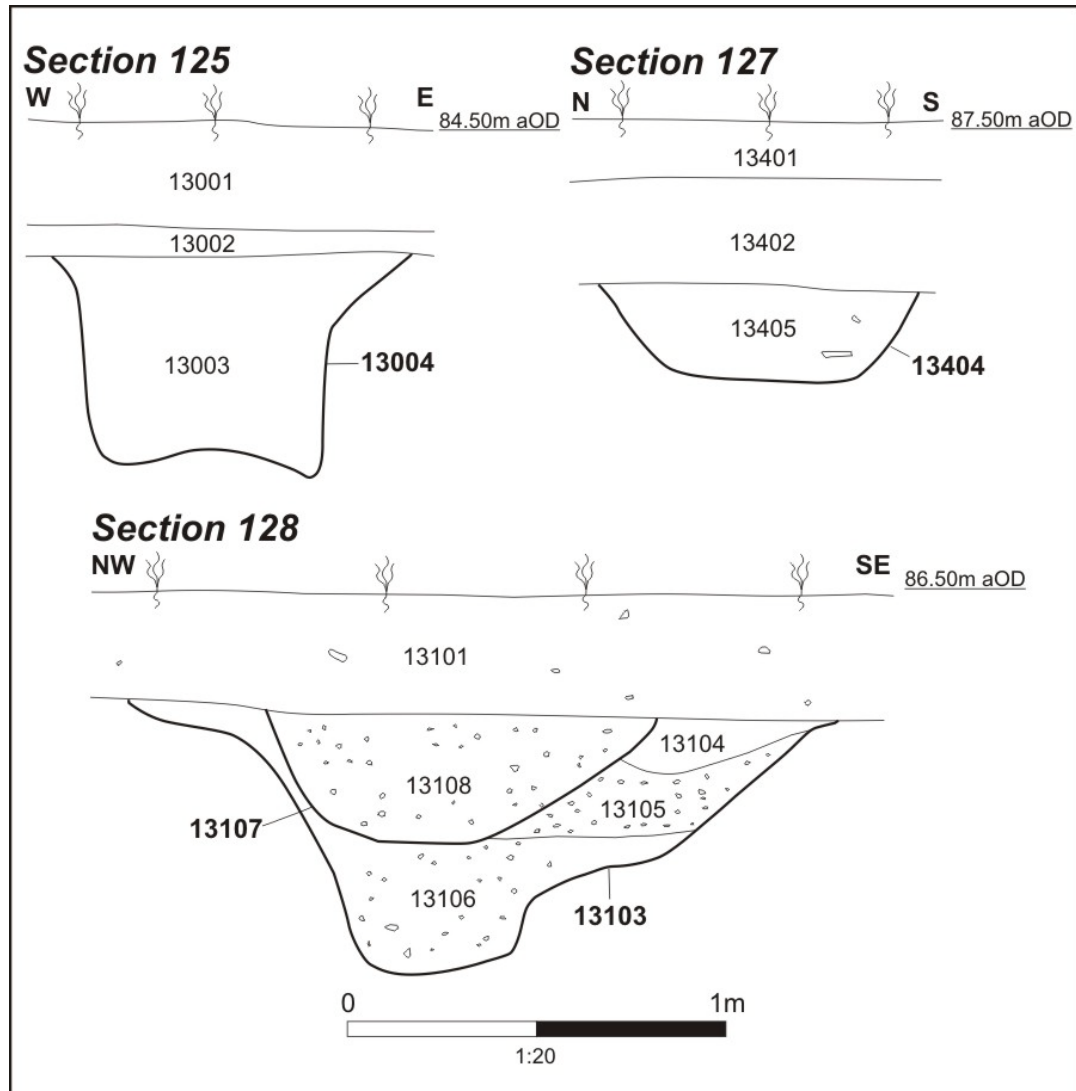
Gully [12803] was aligned north-west to south-east and measured 0.45m wide and up to 0.11m deep. It had a flat base and steep sides cut into the ironstone. It was filled with compact yellowish-brown silty clay (12804).

Ditch [13004] was aligned north to south and measured 0.96m wide and up to 0.55m deep (Fig 25, Section 125). It had a flattish base rising to vertical sides which was filled with compact yellowish-brown silty clay (13005).

In Trench 131, which was located down-slope of Trench 28, was a ditch [13103] which was cut into natural clays. Here the clays overlay deeper deposits of orange gravels. Ditch [13103] was aligned north-east to south-west down-slope of trench 128. It measured 1.90m wide and 0.68m deep and had a U-shaped profile with heavily eroded edges (Fig 25, Section 128).



The deposition of the fills suggests that material silted in from the south-east. The primary silting fill (13106) was firm orangey-brown clay. This was overlain by firm dark orangey-brown clay (13105). Both fills contained large quantities of gravel similar to the underlying natural. The latest fill was compact light yellowish-orange clay (13104). It was located on the south-eastern edge of the ditch and may have represented a later collapse of the south-eastern side of the ditch. A later recutting of the ditch [13107] on the same alignment as [13103] measured 1.04m wide and 0.34m deep. It had a U-shaped profile and was filled with compact orangey-brown clay with high gravel content.



Field 3, Sections 125, 127 and 128 Fig 25

Ditch [13404] was aligned north-east to south-west and measured 0.85m wide and up to 0.25m deep (Fig 25, Section 127). It had a flat base rising to gradual concave sides, filled with hard light brownish-orange silty clay (13405).

The ditches may be related to the positive anomalies recorded in the geophysical survey. However it could be suggested that ditches [13103] and [13107] should be seen in trench 28 but they were not seen during excavation. This suggests that the material infilling a ditch may have eroded down slope.

4.5 Fields 6 and 7

Fields 6 and 7 were pasture fields in the central part of the development area. The southern field (Field 6) comprised 4.4ha of and the northern field (Field 7) was 4.3ha. There were two Ring Ditches (RD4 and RD5) located in the western part of Field 6, a number of ditches and gullies in the southern part of Field 7 and much of Field 6 and a modern butchering pit in Field 7 (Fig 26).

Ring Ditch 4

Ring Ditch 4 was seen as a positive anomaly on the geophysical survey results. It was 21.5 m in diameter and its eastern arm was seen in Trench 116 (Fig 27). No internal features or a mound were present within the ditch.

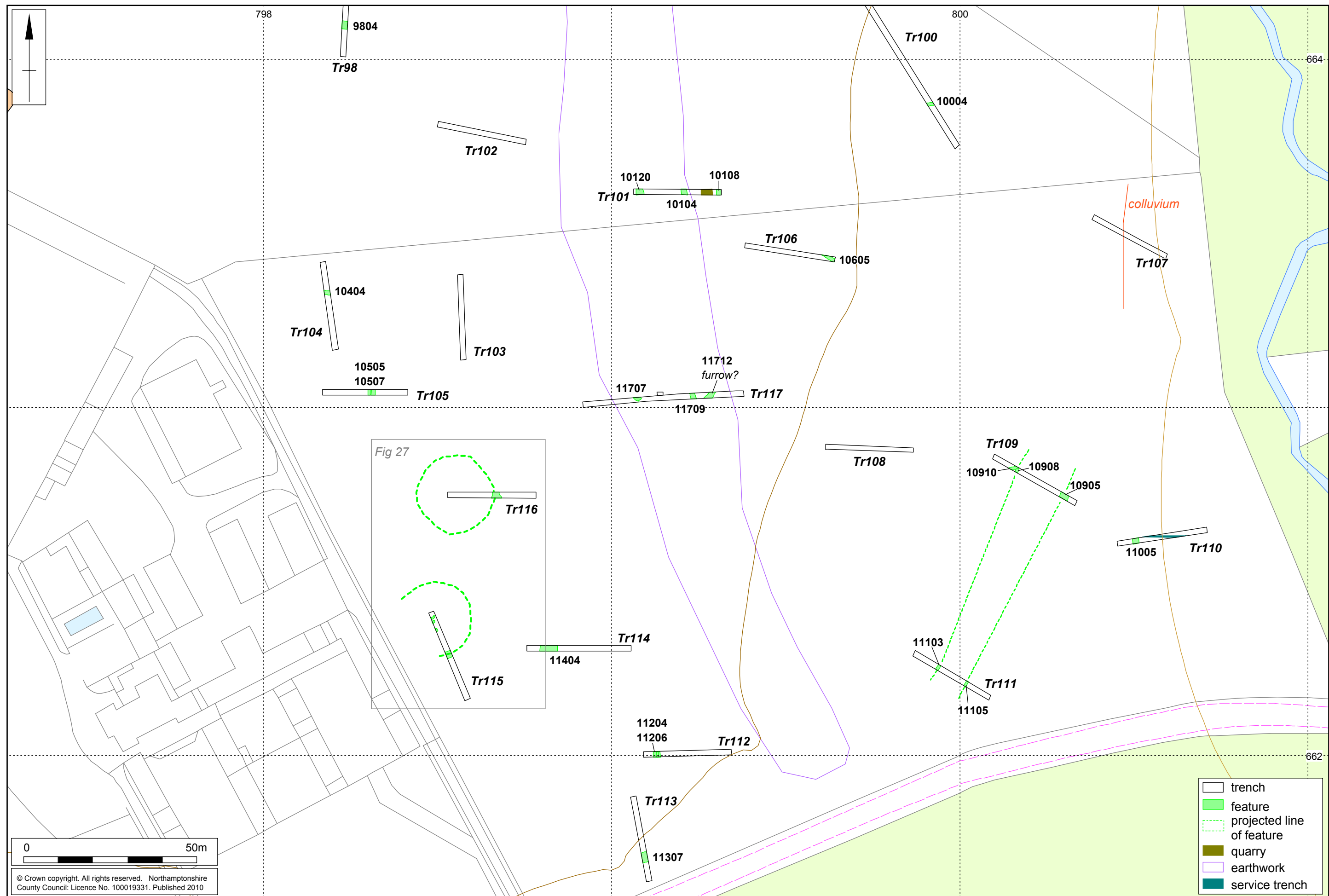
The ditch [11604] was 0.56m wide and up to 0.66m deep with a steep sided U-shaped profile (Fig 27, Section 109). The primary fill comprised light brown silty sand. The ditch was later recut twice by [11607] and [11611], both of which had wider U-shaped profiles with eroded eastern edges filled with reddish-brown sandy silts. Sample 18 was taken from the primary fill and contained small quantities of barley and cereals. The material is not in sufficient quantities to suggest anything other than windblown deposits

Ring Ditch 5

To the south of RD4 was a fifth Ring Ditch which was seen as an incomplete positive anomaly on the geophysical survey results. The western segment was not visible on the survey due to the strong magnetic field of the electric fencing.

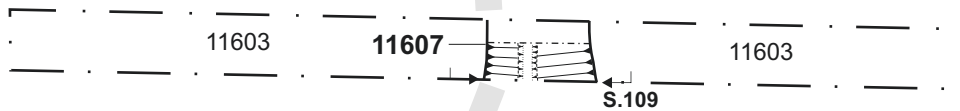
Ring Ditch 5 was 21m in diameter and its south-eastern arm was seen in Trench 115 (Fig 27). The ditch [11505] was 2.12m wide and up to 0.76m deep with a U-shaped profile (Fig 27, Section 132). The primary fill (11507) comprised friable mottled yellow brown silty clay. This was overlain by a secondary fill (11506) of friable mottled orangish-red and brown sandy silt. Bulk soil samples were taken from both of the fills (Sample 20 (11506) and 21 (11507)). Sample 21, from the primary fill, was sterile and Sample 20 contained small fragments of charcoal and fat hen, perhaps suggesting windblown deposits.

No internal mound deposits were present within the boundary of the ditch. However, there were three pits ([11508], [11510] and [11512]) in the centre of the Ring Ditch. A rectangular shaped pit [11512] was located at the northern end of Trench 115. This was aligned south-west to north-east and was 1.20m long, 0.50m wide and up to 0.17m deep. It had a U-shaped profile which was filled with loose mottled orange and brown sandy silt (11513). To the south of this was a pit [11510] which measured at least 0.83m long, 0.88m wide and up to 0.32m deep (Fig 27, Section 129). It was filled with loose mottled yellow and brown silty sand (11511). A third pit [11508] was located 1.10m to the south-east of pit [11510]. It measured 0.50m long, at least 0.40m wide and up to 0.20m deep. It had a slightly concave profile which was filled with loose mottled grey and orangey-brown silty sand (11509). Both pits [11508] and [11510] were only partly seen as the remainder lay beneath the trench edge.

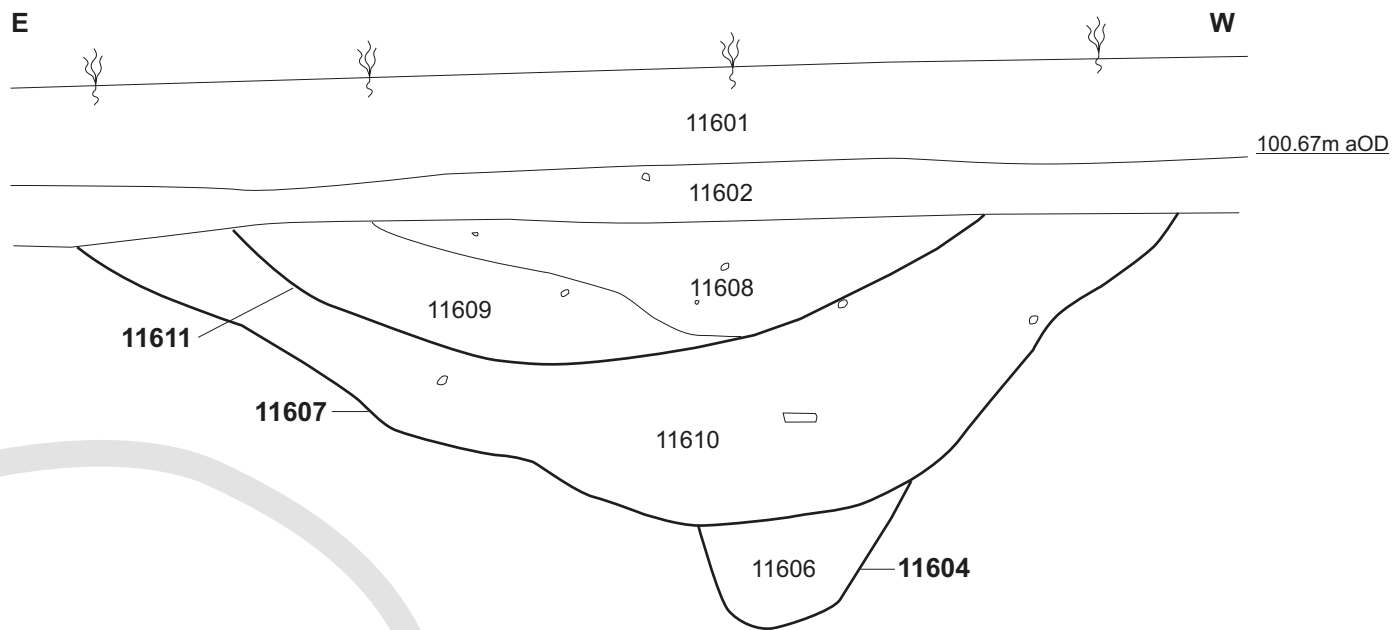




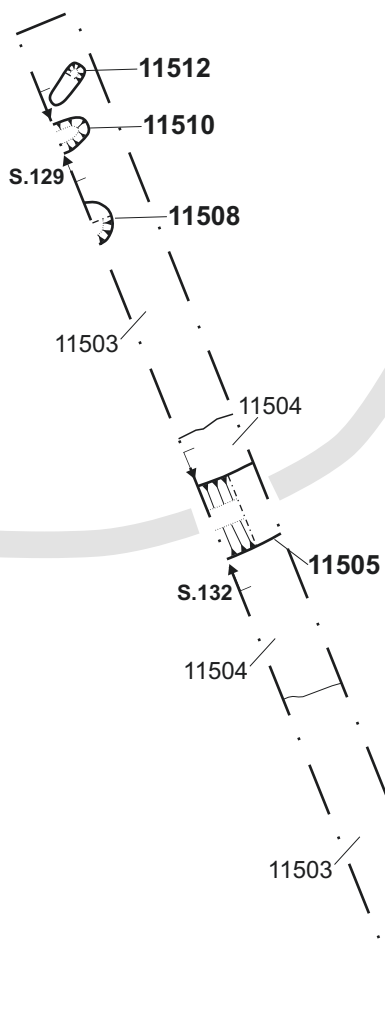
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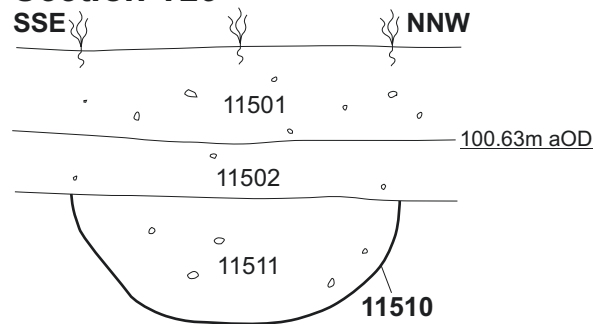
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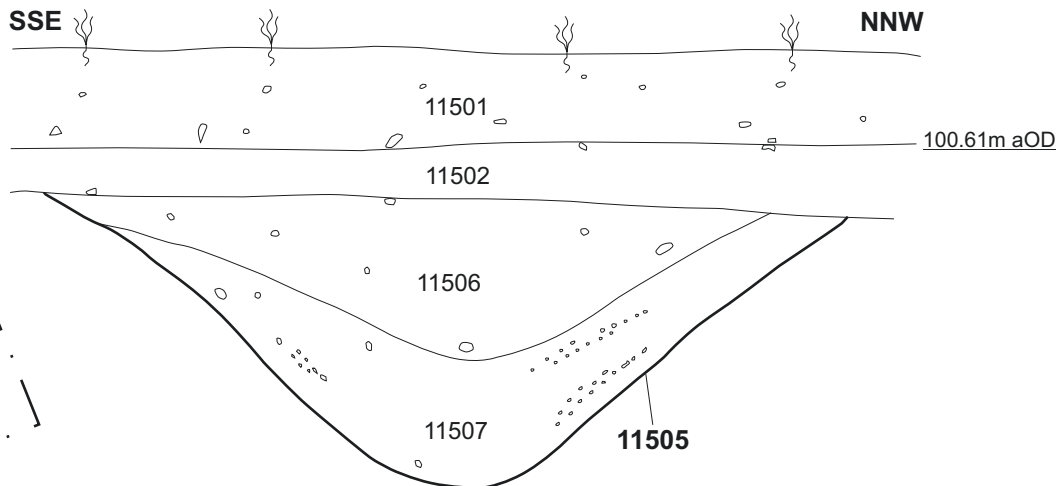
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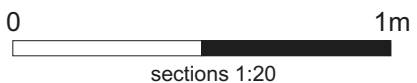
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Ditches

There were gullies and ditches in trenches 100, 101, 104, 105, 106, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 and 117 (Fig 26). The geophysical survey suggested geological features in both fields, particularly in the area of trenches 100 and 101. On excavation many of the assumed geological features were found to be archaeological in origin. The features in trenches 101 and 117 were masked by the earthwork bank which has meant that the geophysical survey could not be used to provide a context.

The geophysical survey suggested the location of a pair of parallel ditches on a south-west to north-east alignment in the southern part of Field 6. The ditches corresponding with this anomaly were found in trenches 109 and 111 and were at least 70m long. The south-eastern ditch was up to 1.95m wide by 0.40m deep and was better defined in trench 109 [10905]. The north-western ditch was better defined in trench 109 [10908] where it was up to 0.50m wide and 0.45m deep. The fill of [10908] was cut by a ditch [10910] on a west south-west to east north-east alignment. This was 0.65m wide and 0.40m deep. It was from the upper fill of this ditch that a sherd of post-medieval pottery was recovered. In general the ditches were filled with brown clay loams.

In general, the other ditches in field 6 and 7 were between 0.8m and 2m wide and up to 1m deep with U-shaped profiles. Typically the fills comprised yellowish-brown sands or clayey silts in the southern part of Field 6 (trenches 112 and 113) and orangey-brown sandy silts to the north where the natural soils change to sands and ironstone.

There was a furrow near the eastern end of trench 117 which cut into the subsoil. This was aligned south-west to north-east and was 1.40m wide and up to 0.15m deep [11712]. Its U-shaped profile was filled with greyish-brown silty clay (11713) from which sherds of late post-medieval pottery was recovered. This ditch was sealed by eroded bank material (11714).

There was little by way of artefacts from either Field 6 or 7, with the exception of a clay pipe stem was recovered from the ditch [11204] in trench 112. Animal bone from common domesticates was recovered from the fill of [10004].

Quarrying

An area of sand and ironstone extraction was investigated in trench 101 [10111]. It was aligned north to south and measured 3.5m wide by 0.7m deep. It had an uneven base and steep sides. There were indications of secondary usage, possibly as a waste pit, as there was a recut [10116]. The pit was back filled with a sequence of deposits of orangey brown sands and a former turf layer (11113).



General view of trench 101, with the extraction pit [10111]
below the centre of the frame, looking west Fig 28

A second area of extraction, probably of post-medieval date was seen in Field 6 (trench 114). This pit was aligned north to south and measured 2.20m wide and up to 0.92m deep [11404] and cut through the subsoil (11402). It had a flat base and sloping sides filled with a sequence of orangey-brown silty clays and yellowish-brown sandy silts. A sherd of late post-medieval pottery was recovered from a later fill (11409).

Butchery pit

A shallow butchery pit was recorded in trench 98; this was aligned east to west and was 2.5m wide and up to 0.58m deep [9804]. It had a flat base and vertical sides filled with firm greyish brown sandy clay (9805). The pit was sealed by the topsoil suggesting that it may be a later feature. Animal bone was seen but not retained as there was a risk of the bones coming from diseased animals. Two sherds of early Anglo-Saxon pottery, considered to be intrusive, were recovered from the surface of the pit.

4.6 The earthworks

Two linear earthwork banks were recorded during the evaluation (Fig 9). The western earthwork is located in Field 1 and measures 290m long by 27m wide and up to 0.50m high. A parallel earthwork bank lies 180m to the east and is visible in Fields 1, 6 and 7. This is 865m long, 37m wide and up to 1.10m high.

Two trenches (trenches 123 and 124) were targeted across the western earthwork to ascertain its character and function and to identify any buried features. One of the trenches (trench 124) encountered layers of material which may suggest a build up of material over time, as opposed to deliberate deposition of the soils. No dating material was recovered from the earthwork layers. A soil sample was taken from

the upper layer of the bank material (12403) and contained common crop weeds such as speedwell and fat hen.

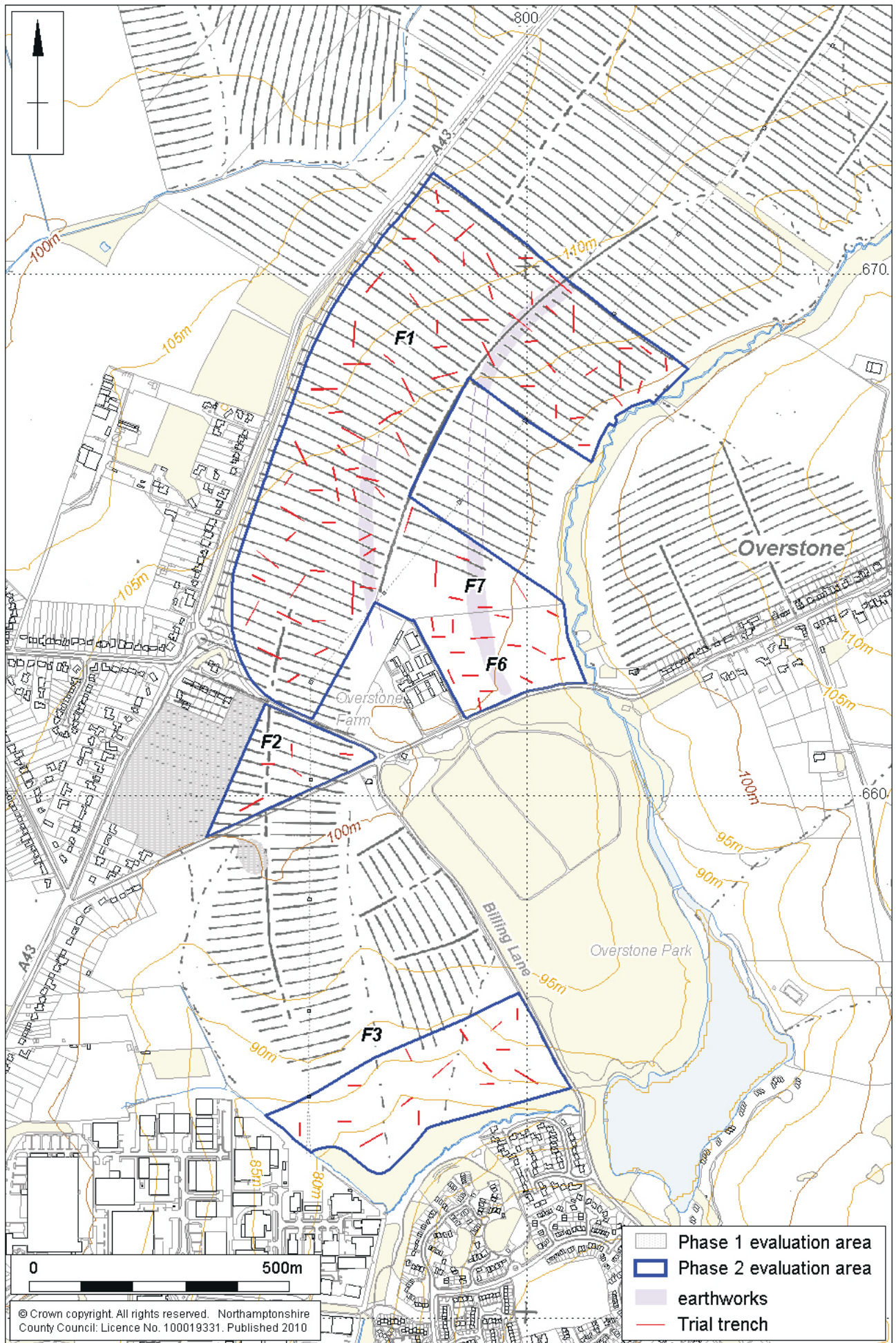
Three trenches were excavated across the eastern earthwork (trenches 117, 125 and 85). In all three trenches there were two layers of material overlying a subsoil layer. In a similar pattern to the first earthwork the layers of material suggest a build up of material over time, as opposed to deliberate deposition of the soils. A stony layer (11706) in trench 117 suggests a track way flanking the headland. Of interest was the furrow [11712] which was sealed by a layer of bank material. Although no dating evidence was recovered from the bank material it can be suggested that the bank was later than the archaeological features beneath and of a medieval or post-medieval date.



General view of trench 117 and the headland, looking south-west Fig 29

In both instances the trenches in the immediate area do not suggest extraction of sufficient soil to create a bank, and it is thought that the earthworks may represent medieval or later headlands between the open fields of the pre-enclosure agricultural system.

It could be suggested that on further analysis of David Hall's map of the parish of Overstone that there is more one phase of headland (Fig 30). A headland matches the eastern earthwork for a short stretch before it follows the current boundary between Fields 1 and 4. The mapped headland to the west does not match the existing earthwork.



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David Hall's survey overlain by modern mapping Fig 30

5 THE ARTEFACTS AND ECOFACTS

5.1 The worked flint by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray

Ten pieces of worked flint were recovered, a single piece came from an early Bronze Age pit [12406] and the remainder as residual finds from undated and topsoil contexts. The flint comprises six flakes, two blades, one end/side scraper, and one naturally backed flake.

The condition of the assemblage was generally good. The flints showed varied post-depositional edge damage, ranging from small edge spalls to battered and crushed edges. Patination was present on half of the assemblage ranging from a slight to medium mottled white discolouration.

The raw material is a vitreous flint of light to dark coloured greys and browns. The cortex present on the dorsal surface on approximately two-thirds of the assemblage. Cortex was typically of light to mid brown in colour with a generally smooth, rolled and weathered surface. The raw material was likely to have been derived from the terrace and glacio-fluvial deposits.

The ten artefacts recovered comprised five complete flakes and one flake fragment, two blades, one naturally backed flake with utilisation scars along the opposite edge and one end/side scraper. The scraper had semi-abrupt to abrupt retouched on the convex distal end and some additional retouch on the lateral edge.

Technological characteristics of the assemblage suggest a mid to late Neolithic/early Bronze Age date. A naturally backed flake was recovered from a pit [12406] containing early Bronze Age pottery (see below).

5.2 The Bronze Age pottery by Andy Chapman

The Bronze Age pottery assemblage comprises a single sherd from a Ring Ditch in trench 56 and a large group from a pit in trench 124.

From the upper fill (5606) of a Ring Ditch [5605] in trench 56, there is a single small abraded sherd weighing 5g. The fabric has a light grey-brown core and inner surface and a yellow-brown external surface, and contains small pellets of grog. The similarity of the fabric to the material from the pit in trench 124 suggests a date in the early Bronze Age.

In trench 124 there was an oval pit [12406], 1.10m in diameter and 0.24m deep. The half that lay within the trench was excavated and the fill (12405) contained sherds from at least ten Beaker vessels, Beakers 1-10, dating to the early Bronze Age (Fig 31). The assemblage comprises 110 sherds, weighing 693g, which are in moderate to poor condition, having worn and abraded surfaces and edges.

Sixty larger sherds can be grouped into ten vessels on the basis of fabric, colour and decoration, and these have an average sherd weight of 10.2g. There are a further 50 small sherds and fragments, weighing 80g, an average of 1.6g per sherd. As only half of the pit has been excavated, further sherds from these ten vessels and perhaps further vessels may be present in the unexcavated half.

Eight of the ten vessels are represented by between one and nine sherds, weighing 10-90g, which make up at most 5-10% of each vessel. The largest single group, Beaker 7, comprises 27 sherds, weighing 163g, but there are many small sherds and no old joins could be identified, so this group is still little more than 10% of the vessel.

All the joining sherds were fresh breaks. The lack of joins and the worn state of both the surfaces and the old breaks, suggest that these vessels had been broken sometime before and had, perhaps, been left exposed to the elements prior to collection and deposition in the pit.



A selection of the Beaker sherds from pit [12406] (Scale 50mm) Fig 31

Fabrics

The majority of the vessels are thin-walled, typically 5-7mm thick, although the rounded body of Beaker 3 is 7-9mm thick. The only exceptions are the two rusticated Beakers, 8 and 9, where the sherds are 9-12mm thick. The fabrics are characterised by containing quantities of grog from similarly coloured vessels, although in three instances, Beakers 6-8, quantities of light coloured grog give the vessels a speckled surface appearance. Beaker 9 is unique in containing only sparse small pellets of grog and also sparse crushed shell. Six of the vessels, Beakers 1, 3-6 and 8, have oxidised external surfaces and dark internal surfaces, suggesting that they had probably been inverted when fired. A decorated Beaker, 2, the two rusticated vessels, Beakers 8 & 9, and the vessel with horizontal grooving, Beaker 6, have interior surfaces of similar colour to the exterior, suggesting that they had been fired standing upright.

Vessel form and decoration

Six of the vessels, Beakers 1-5 and 7, while fragmentary, appear to be long-necked Beakers with bulbous bodies, although the majority of the recovered sherds are from the straight necks. The three rims, Beakers 1, 2 & 4, are simple rounded rims, slightly everted.

The vessels show a range of decorative styles. There are two and possibly three all-over-comb decorated Beakers, 1 & 5 and perhaps 3, with multiple lines of closely-spaced comb impressions, and one that is comb-zoned, Beaker 4, with blank zones between multiple rows of comb impressions (Figs 32 & 33). In addition, there is a vessel, Beaker 2, with herringbone decoration formed by fingernail impressions, with at least the entire neck decorated. Only a single vessel, Beaker 7, shows a more complex decorative scheme being comb-zoned, with bands of comb-impressed geometric motif set between undecorated bands. In addition, there are rim and body sherds from two rusticated beakers, 8 & 9, with the body sherds decorated with lines of deep and bold fingernail impressions (Fig 33). Mention should also be made of the vessel with horizontal, finger-impressed grooves. The fabric is identical to the other Beakers, although it is the lightest in colour of all the vessels, but if had not been associated with the others it would not have been identified as having Beaker affinities.

There are two forms of comb-impressed decoration. On three vessels, Beakers 1, 5 and 7, the individual impressions are sub-rectangular and elongated along the impressed line (Figs 32 & 33). Slight irregularities in the line suggest the use of a toothed implement with five prongs in a length of 14mm, on Beakers 1 & 5, perhaps the same implement, although on Beaker 7 the implement used had larger, squarer-cut teeth. In contrast, on the other two vessels, Beakers 3 & 4 (Fig 32), the impressions are oval and elongated at nearly at a right angle to the combed lines. Irregularities in the lines suggest the use of implements with only two or three teeth.

Conclusion

This assemblage is typical of Beaker pit groups in comprising small quantities of material from multiple vessels (Garrow 2006). It has been argued that this derives from selective deposition of material; the 'burial of token pieces of domestic material in earth rituals which may have been designed to ensure the fecundity of the earth and her resources' (Gibson 2005, 11).

The presence of both long-necked Beakers, which are late in the sequence of Beaker development, and rusticated ware, suggests that the assemblage is likely to date to the early second millennium BC, shortly after 2000BC.

Catalogue of Beaker vessels

In the catalogue joining sherds, which are all fresh breaks, have been counted as single sherds.

Beaker 1 (7 sherds, 92g)

The rim and upper body, straight-walled, 5-6mm thick, presumably from a long-necked Beaker. It has a simple rounded and slightly everted rim, with a diameter of c130mm. The inner half of the fabric is grey and the outer half is light brown to red-brown with patchy grey fire-clouding. The fabric contains rounded pellets of grog, 0.5-3mm diameter; white to light brown in colour. The decoration comprises multiple encircling lines of comb impressions, 5mm apart below the rim and increasing to 7mm apart lower on the neck. The lower body is missing, but this is assumed to be an all-over-combed form. The individual comb impressions are sub-rectangular and elongated along the combed lines.

Beaker 2 (2 sherds, 31g)

The rim and upper body, straight-walled, 5-6mm thick, presumably from a long-necked Beaker. It has a simple rounded and slightly everted rim, with a diameter of c120mm. The inner half of the fabric is grey and the outer half is light grey-brown. The fabric contains rounded pellets of grog, 0.5-3mm diameter; white to light brown

in colour. The form and fabric are very similar to Beaker 1, and they could have been manufactured and fired at the same time. The only difference between Beakers 1 and 2 is the form of decoration. The decorative scheme again comprises multiple encircling lines, but comprising incised lines, set obliquely in alternating directions to create a herringbone pattern. The incisions are slightly curved, perhaps fine fingernail impressions. The lower body is missing, but it is assumed that the decoration would have covered the entire vessel.

Beaker 3 (1 sherds, 20g)

There is a single sherd, 7-9mm thick, from the rounded body of a Beaker. The fabric has a light grey core and a grey inner surface, and the outer surface is red-brown, with light brown patches. It contains pellets of grog. The decoration comprises multiple encircling lines of comb impressions. The upper body is missing, but this is assumed to be an all-over-combed form. The individual comb impressions are ovals, elongated slightly off a right-angle to the combed line, and they appeared to be in pairs, as if a two-pronged implement had been used.

Beaker 4 (2 sherds, 34g)

There are two sherds, one straight-walled, from the neck, and one rounded, from the body, of a probably long-necked Beaker. Part of a damage everted rim, similar to Beaker 1, survives. The fabric, which is 5mm thick, has a dark grey core with a light grey inner surface and dark brown outer surface, and contains sparse small pellets of grog. The decoration comprises multiple encircling lines of comb impressions. These start 21-25mm below the rim, and there is break below 3-4 lines. The rounded body sherd is similarly decoration, and also contains a blank zone. The decorative scheme is therefore comb-zoned. As with Beaker 3, the individual impressions are oval and elongated at a right angle to the combed lines. They appear to be mainly in threes with a few pairs, suggesting the use of a three-pronged implement.

Beaker 5 (4 sherds, 50g)

There are three sherds from a straight neck and a rim sherd, probably from a long necked Beaker. The body sherds and the rim are 6-7mm thick and the rim is rounded with a shallow concave neck. The fabric has a brown core and a brown to grey-brown inner surface and an orange-brown outer surface with extensive grey fire clouding. The fabric is distinctive in containing quantities of pink-red grog. The decoration comprises multiple encircling lines of comb impressions, 5-6mm apart. The lower body is missing, but this is assumed to be an all-over-combed form. The individual comb impressions are sub-rectangular and elongated along the combed lines.

Beaker 6 (9 sherds, 71g)

Sherds from the base and body of a vessel in a similar fabric to the others, but with no impressed decoration. The sherds are 7mm thick in a fabric with a yellow-orange core and outer surface and a light grey inner surface. In the section and surfaces the fabric can be seen to contain dense pellets of rounded grog, 1-4mm diameter and cream to pale brown in colour, giving the vessel a speckled appearance. However, one sherd has laminated to expose pieces of grog of up to 6-7mm diameter within the body of the fabric. The surface of the single large body sherd is decorated within a series of shallow horizontal grooves, 6-10mm wide.

Beaker 7 (27 sherds, 163g)

Multiple sherds from the base and body, either of a single or two similar long necked Beakers. The fabric has a brown to grey core, grey-brown inner surface and an orange outer surface with grey fire clouding. The fabric contains small

pellets of light red-brown grog, which give the surface a speckled appearance. The base diameter is c130mm. The body sherds are too fragmentary to fully reconstruct the decorative pattern, but it was evidently a comb-zoned vessel, with bands of comb-impressed geometric motifs bordered by multiple comb lines and with undecorated bands.

Beaker 8 (5 sherds, 53g)

Three rim sherds and two body sherds are in a fabric with a grey core and brown surfaces that contains dense large pellets of light grey to light brown grog, up to 5mm in diameter, giving the vessel a speckled appearance. The rim is 11mm thick, rounded and everted with a deeply concave neck above an abrupt shoulder carination. This thick rim is probably from a rusticated Beaker, similar to Beaker 9, but no decorated body sherds survive.

Beaker 9 (2 sherds, 79g)

There are two body sherds from a thick-walled rusticated Beaker, 9-12mm thick, in a fabric with a grey core and inner and outer orange surfaces with patchy dark grey fire clouding, which contain sparse crushed shell and some pellets of grog. The larger sherd is decorated with multiple lines of deep fingernail impressions.

Beaker 10 (1 sherd, 20g)

A single plain, thick-walled body sherd, 9mm thick. The fabric has a grey core and pale brown surfaces, and contains dense small pellets of red-brown rounded grog, 1-4mm diameter.



Beaker 1



Beaker 2



Beaker 3



Beaker 4

Pottery from pit [12406], Beakers 1-4 (Scale 20mm)

Fig 32



Beaker 5



Beaker 7



Beaker 6



Beakers 8, rim, and 9, rusticated body

Pottery from pit [12406], Beakers 5-9 (Scale 20mm)

Fig 33

5.3 Roman pottery by Tora Hylton

Four sherds of Roman greyware pottery weighing 76g were recovered from Trenches 33, 68 and 113. There are no rim sherds, but diagnostic features indicate the presence of a jar and a shallow dish (dog dish) in Nene Valley greyware dating to the c2nd/3rd century. The other two sherds are undiagnostic body sherds.

Table 1: Roman pottery by context

Cut/fill	Context Type	Sherd count	Weight (g)
3314/3315	Ditch	1	6
6801	Topsoil	1	14
11302	Subsoil	2	54

5.4 Saxon pottery by Paul Blinkhorn

The pottery assemblage comprised 49 sherds with a total weight of 772g. It was all early Anglo-Saxon hand-built material. The following fabric types were present:

F1: **Quartz and Ironstone.** Moderate to dense sub-angular quartz c 1mm, sub-rounded grey and red ironstone up to 2mm. 2 sherds, 84g.

F2: **Quartz and Chaff.** Sparse to moderate sub-angular quartz up to 2mm, moderate to dense chaff voids up to 10mm, sparse to moderate flecks of silver mica, rare sub-angular calcareous material up to 2mm. 33 sherds, 551g.

F3: **Sparse Quartz.** Few visible inclusions except for rare quartz up to 0.5mm and sparse flecks of silver mica. 2 sherds, 5g.

F4: **Coarse Quartz.** Moderate to dense sub-angular quartz up to 2mm. 10 sherds, 116g.

F5: **Calcareous Quartz.** Moderate fine angular quartz up to 0.5mm, sparse to moderate calcareous material up to 1mm. 2 sherds, 16g.

The sherds were generally all fairly large and in good condition, and appear to be reliably stratified. All the pottery occurred in pit [7509], apart from the two sherds of fabric F5, which were in pith [9805]. The range of fabric types is fairly typical of early Saxon sites in Northampton, such as Chalk Lane (Gryspeerdt 1981). The decorated wares at Chalk Lane mainly comprised stamped sherds, typically of mid-late 6th century date, which suggests that activity at this site is a little earlier.

The assemblage mostly comprised plain bodysherds, along with five rimsherds, four from closed jar forms and one from a bowl, and cannot be dated other than to within the broad early/middle Anglo-Saxon period, c AD450-850. However, one of the sherds from context [7509], in fabric F3, was decorated. It had a fragment of a probable long-boss with incised lines along the side. Such a decorative scheme is fairly typical of the late 5th – early 6th century, although 7th-century examples are known (Myres 1977, 43-4).

5.5 Medieval and later pottery by Iain Soden

A variety of medieval and later pottery was recovered during the fieldwork as follows:

Table 2: Medieval and post-medieval pottery by context and type

Context Cut/fill	Sherds	Weight (g)	Type	CTS *	Context Date
2002	1	2	Medieval Coarseware	-	1300-1500
2901	1	1	White glazed earthenware	1000	1800-1930
3201	1	3	Brick fragment	-	1600-2000
3801	1	1	Medieval Coarseware	-	1300-1500
5201	1	7	Medieval Coarseware	-	1300-1500
5301	2	12	Medieval Coarseware	-	1300-1500
5401	1	10	Midland Purple	403	1450-1700
5501	1	1	Potterspurgy ware	329	1250-1500
5502	1	6	Potterspurgy ware	329	1250-1500
7601	1	61	Midland Purple ware	403	1450-1700
8201	1	3	Midland Black ware	411	1600-1800
8511	1	1	Medieval coarseware	-	1300-1500
10704	1	1	Potterspurgy ware	329	1250-1500
10910/ 10912	1	16	Pancheon	411	1700-1900
11216/ 11207	1	3	Medieval Coarseware	-	1300-1500
11401	1	13	Midland Yellow ware	406	1550-1700
11404/ 11406	1	1	Underglaze-blue transfer-printed earthenware	416	1800-1930
11712/ 11713	4	14	Underglaze-blue transfer-printed earthenware, Midland Black, Medieval coarseware	416, 411, -	1800-1930
12001	3	36	Underglaze-blue transfer-printed earthenware, Pancheon, White earthenware	416, 411, 1000	1800-1930
<i>Total</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>192g</i>			

The above types have been related, where possible, to the Northamptonshire County Type Series. The exceptions are the medieval coarsewares which comprise mostly tiny non-diagnostic body sherds much abraded by the elements. Some of these additionally have voids weathered out, which may have been shelly inclusions (in which case Shelly Coarseware, CTS 330). They warrant no further investigation. Whether this or another, these coarsewares are all medieval in date.

This is a small assemblage and has most likely been in part deposited as part of manuring of the fields and dispersal of refuse heaps, deposition occurring largely in or close to topsoils. It has no intrinsic value and may be considered for discard.

5.6 The clay pipe by Tim Upson-Smith

The trial trench evaluation produced two short lengths of clay pipe stem, one piece from the topsoil of Trench 121 and the other from the fill of a ditch context (05) in Trench 112. The piece from Trench 112 is 35mm long and dates to the late 17th century. The piece from Trench 121 is 25mm long and is 18th century in date.

No other dating evidence was recovered for the ditch in Trench 112, so from the evidence of the clay pipe it can be suggested that it was backfilled sometime after the late 17th century. The fragment of pipe from the topsoil has no value and is likely to derive from a manuring scatter.

The stems were dated using the width of the bore as outlined in Oswold 1975, 92-5.

5.7 The small finds by Tora Hylton

Excavations produced a small group of eight Saxon and post-medieval small finds. With the exception of a knife from a modern pit in Trench 98 and an iron fragment from a ditch in Trench 105, all the finds were recovered from Saxon deposits in Trenches 69 and 75. Of particular interest and of intrinsic importance is the presence of a small group of Saxon burial goods comprising a shield boss, a copper alloy buckle and plate and an iron strip (as yet unidentified). Stylistically the boss may be compared to a 6th-century example from Wakerley, Northamptonshire (Adams and Jackson 1990, fig 23, 1).

Due to the lack of time between the completion of fieldwork and the production of the report, this text may be regarded as an interim statement. The finds have not yet been x-rayed, but they have been visually assessed by David Parish, Conservator for Buckinghamshire County Council Museum Conservation Service. Three of the finds, including the shield boss (SF 21), the buckle/plate (SF 22) and the iron strip (SF 23), still retain mineralised textile remains and in some cases traces of human skin. In addition ferruginous wood deposits survive on the underside of the shield boss and on the backs of the studs. The X-rays will be undertaken as soon as possible; together with any necessary conservation requirements and specialist reporting on the textiles and the wood.

Grave goods

The burial lay in a grave aligned approximately north-south, with the head to the south, adjacent to a Bronze Age Barrow. The grave was not fully exposed or excavated, with the remaining contents left insitu. There is a distinct possibility more finds to be discovered if further mitigation works are to be conducted.

The fragmented remains of an iron shield boss lay over the ?thorax/abdomen area. Seven individual fragments were recovered, four of the pieces join together to form approximately two-thirds of the boss and a further three fragments of sheet metal/studs appear to form part of the grip (Fig 34).



The Saxon shield boss (SF21) from (6905) Fig 34

A shield boss is made up of the flange, the wall, the cone and the apex (cf. Dickinson and Härke 1992,1), and all these parts are represented, together with the studs. The boss has been manufactured from sheet metal measuring c2mm thick and the dimensions indicate that it measures c180mm in diameter; this measurement incorporates the flange which is relatively wide at 25-30mm. There are 4 loose studs, these have become detached from the flange, but their original positions on the flange can be observed and the distance between these suggest that originally there would have been 5 equidistant studs attaching the boss to the wooden board (shield). The studs have white metal heads and they measure 32-33mm in diameter. The wall of the boss is relatively straight and the apex of the cone is low; this too is furnished with a white metal disc, measuring 36mm in diameter. Stylistically the boss displays similarities to Dickinson and Härkes Types 2 (1992) a form which dates to the 6th century AD. Mineralised organic remains survive in the form of textiles on the cone and ferruginous wood on the backs of the studs and the flange (D. Parish, pers com). These will need to be identified and assessed by a suitable specialist (? Penelope Walton Rogers) once the x-rays have been completed.

The copper alloy buckle and attached plate were located close to the shield boss. They are entirely covered in corrosion deposits and mineralised organic remains, therefore it is difficult to accurately determine the shape of the buckle frame, but it appears to be D-shaped frame with a rectangular-shaped plate. Traces of poorly preserved textile survive mostly hidden beneath the soil and there are possible traces of skin at one end of the buckle plate on its outer surface (pers com. D. Parish). Conservation requirements will be assessed once the x-rays have been completed. In addition a strip of iron was recovered. Although as yet unidentified, corrosion deposits indicate the presence of two small textile cords attached on one edge (pers com D. Parish).

Other Saxon finds

Other Saxon finds include a tooth from an antler/bone comb, a lead weight and a strip of iron; all were recovered from the fill of a pit [7508] in Trench 75, to the east of the burial. The antler/bone tooth, originates from a composite comb, it measures 20mm long and 2mm wide, it has an oval cross-section and tapers to a point. Faint transverse grooves are evident at the base of the tooth; these were created during the shaping of the tooth. The lead weight is sub-spherical, with a crudely executed girth groove; small patches of ferrous corrosion deposits are evident at the poles,

presumably the remains of a suspension loop. It weighs 241g (8.5 ounces). The iron strip is tapered and appears to have been forged at right angles. It resembles an arm from a pair of tweezers, but this will be conformed once the x-raying is complete.

Finds catalogue – draft until x-rays and conservation complete.

SF 20 Knife, iron. Sent for X-ray Context 9805, butchery pit [9804]

SF 21 Shield boss, iron. Almost complete, in seven pieces, but can be partially reconstructed to form a Dickinson and Harke type 2 boss. Mineralised textiles on cone and mineralised wood on underside of flange and studs. Measurements: Diameter: 180mm, Flange width: 25-30mm, Height of wall: 20mm Diameter of stud on apex : 36mm (studs around circumference and on grip : 32-33mm), Thickness of metal: 2mm. David Parish Comments: Front of shield boss covered in textiles, completely mineralised and hard. Mineralised ferruginous wood present on the back of the studs. Context 6905, Burial [6904]

SF22 Buckle and plate, copper alloy. Entirely covered in corrosion deposits and mineralised organic remains, therefore difficult to determine the shape of the buckle frame, but appears to look like a D-shaped frame. David Parish Comments: Traces of poorly preserved textile, mostly hidden beneath the soil. Rectangular plate, broken and very fragile. Possible traces of skin at one end of the plate on its outer surface. No dimensions , need to be x-rayed. Context 6905, Burial [6904]

SF23 Strip, iron. David Parish Comments: Two small textile cords attached on one edge. Sent for X-ray. Context 6905, Burial [6904]

SF 24 Weight, lead. Sub-spherical weight with crudely manufactured girth groove. Small patch of ferrous corrosion deposits evident on each of the poles. Excessive damage to surface in the form of grooves and ?impact marks. Diameter: 36mm Height: 30mm Wgt: 241g (when converted to ounces = 8.501). Context 7509, Trench 75, pit [7508]

SF 25 Rectangular-sectioned fragment with U-shaped profile, iron. Incomplete, both terminals missing, difficult to identify object but possibly part of a ?U-shaped staple. Width: 40mm. Context 10506, Trench 105, ditch [10505]

SF 26 Comb, bone/antler. Incomplete, single tooth only. Handmade, with oval cross-section and tapered to a point; faint transverse grooves are evident at the base of the tooth, a feature often observed at the base of the teeth, and created during the shaping and polishing stage of comb manufacture. Could date from the Saxon to early medieval period. Length: 20mm Width: 2mm Context 7509, Trench 75, pit [7508]

SF 27 Strip, iron. Sent for X-ray Context 7509, Trench 75, pit [7508]

5.8 The animal bone by Karen Deighton

Introduction

A total of 2.1kg of animal bone was collected from 12 contexts during the course of evaluation. This material was assessed to determine the level of preservation, the taxa present and to inform on future collection strategies.

Method

Identifiable bones together with ageable and measurable factors (after Von Den Driesch 1976) were noted. Ageable elements included cheek tooth rows where tooth eruption and wear could be discerned, bones where the state of epiphyseal fusion is apparent (Silver 1969) and neonatal bones. (Amorosi 1989) Hand collected bones had previously been washed.

Results

Preservation

The level of fragmentation was high and bone surfaces were fairly heavily abraded. Seven instances of canid gnawing were noted. Evidence of knife marks and chopping were noted on three large ungulate ribs and on one large ungulate vertebra. Evidence of burning was noted from context 7509.

The taxa present

Table 3: Taxa by context

Cut/ fill	Feature	Date	Cattle	Sheep/ goat	pig	Horse	chicken	L. ung	S. ung	Total
7505/ 7506	Ditch		1					1		2
7508/ 7509	Shallow ditch/Pit	Saxon	7	9	2	1	5	10	3	37
10004/ 10005	Ditch		1	1		1		1		4
10108/ 10109	Ditch					1		1		2
10108/ 10110	Ditch		1					1		2
10122	Bank material		4	4						8
10910/ 10912								1		1
11005/ 11006								1		1
Total			14	14	2	3	5	16	3	57

Contexts 10105, 11704 and 11705 and a bag labelled T10 contained indeterminate bone fragments only.

Table 4: Material from sieved samples

Cut/fill	Sample	Cattle	Sheep/goat	Dog	L.ung	S.ung	Burned indet
7505/ 7506	8		1		1		
7508/ 7509	9	1		1	1	1	30
Total	17	1	1	1	2	1	30

Table 5: Ageing and metrical data by taxon and data type

Taxa	Epiphyseal fusion	Tooth eruption and wear	Juvenile bone	measurements
Cattle	4	1	1	
Sheep/goat	3	1		2
Horse	2	1		1
pig	1			

Discussion

The assemblage consists entirely of common domesticates. The mixed nature of the bone (both in terms of taxa and bone elements) suggests their origins to be as domestic waste. Little more can be said due to the small size of the assemblage.

Potential

Although preservation is poor the presence of identifiable animal bone suggests that if more were collected during the course of any subsequent excavation some basic details of the animal economy of the site could be obtained.

Conclusion

Assessment has shown a small poorly preserved assemblage, however some potential for further work was noted.

5.9 Charred plant material by Karen Deighton

Introduction

A total of 29 samples were collected by hand from a range of contexts during the course of excavation. Following consultation with the consultant 10 samples were selected for assessment. This material was processed and assessed to determine the presence, preservation and nature of any ecofacts and to inform on further sampling strategies.

Method

The samples were processed using a modified siraf tank fitted with a 250micron mesh and flot sieve. The resulting flots and residues were dried. The flots were then sorted with the aid of a stereoscopic microscope (10x magnification) and residues were scanned. Any charred plant remains were identified with the aid of the author's small reference collection (Jacomet 1996) and the SCRI website.

Results

Preservation was solely by charring. Fragmentation was low, and surface abrasion was moderate.

Discussion

The majority of the samples appear to be background i.e. material washed or blown into features from activities taking place elsewhere; this is suggested by the small number of ecofacts. Sample 11 appeared to contain wood charcoal only which is most likely associated with the operation of the kiln. The amount of material obtained from sample 9 and its mixed nature (in terms of the cereal types present) suggests it to be the result of refuse disposal (possibly sweepings).

The wild/weed taxa encountered are all common crop weeds. It is unknown if oat is present as a crop or a weed, due to the level of preservation and the small number of specimens available for examination. Due to the paucity of seeds and grains in the majority of samples little can be said of the arable economy of the site (beyond the cereal types grown and used) or added to the understanding of its status or function.

Potential

Most samples produced some reasonably well preserved ecofacts which provide some evidence of the types of cereal associated with the area, however without more dating evidence their value is limited.

With regards to the extraction of potential dating material: samples 9 and 11 produced charcoal fragments which may permit identification to taxa and

subsequently radiocarbon C14 dating. It may also be possible to scientifically date the hulled barley grain from sample 18.

Should subsequent excavations take place samples should be firstly collected from phaseable/dateable contexts to obtain evidence of the crops associated with the site and secondly from suitable secure contexts to obtain material for dating as deemed necessary.

Conclusion

Assessment has shown ecofacts to be present in most samples and suggests some potential for further work with the caveat that more dating evidence is necessary.

Table 6: Ecofacts by context

Cut/fill	7504/ 7505	7508/ 7509	7312	8708	11605	11606	11506	11507	12405	12403
Sample	8	9	10	11	17	18	20	21	26	27
Feature type	Ditch	Ditch	Ditch	Clamp Kiln?	Ring Ditch (RD5)	Ring Ditch (RD5)	Ring Ditch (RD4)	Ring Ditch (RD4)	Pit	Bank material/ headland
Date		Saxon?				BA?	BA?		BA?	
Volume (litres)	40	40	40	30	40	40	40	40	40	40
Charcoal	Sterile	500	Sterile	500	100	20	20	Sterile	50	50
Spelt? (cf <i>T. spelta</i>)										1
Breadwheat (<i>T.aestivum</i>)		5								
Wheat (Triticum sp)		1								
Hulled barley (<i>H.vulgare</i> var nudum)		20				1				
Naked barley (<i>H. vulgare</i>)		1								
Oat (<i>A. sativa</i>)		3								
Wheat/barley (Triticum/ Hordeum)		130				3				2
Cereal		12			4	13				1
Pulse		2							1	1
Fat hen (<i>Chenopodium album</i>)		7			3		3		1	24
Speedwell (<i>Veronica</i> sp)									1	3
indeterminate										1

6 DISCUSSION

The geophysical survey of the wider development area revealed a number of possible prehistoric features that form part of a landscape dating from the Neolithic through to the post-medieval period. However there was little stratigraphic or artefact dating in this phase of trenching making preliminary phasing difficult. Additionally, the veracity of the geophysical survey has been challenged by the trenching. The changes in geology across the site meant that the level and makeup of each trench was different, particularly in western part of Field 1 where the sands and ironstone lie. The changing geology also affected the visibility of archaeological features on the clays as there were ditches and gullies which were not indicated in the survey. To the east where the geology changed to the limestone the features were more visible.

The lack of any finds from the topsoil and subsoil sieving undertaken as part of the evaluation supports the theory that little occupation is present within the Phase 2 evaluation area. The flint recovered from topsoil may be later material brought in or as a result of ploughing. However, the archaeological features in the northern part of Field 1 suggest settlement in the area although the date and full character is not known.

Despite the lack of dating and relationships the following approximate chronology may be suggested. There is some evidence of early usage of area with the recovery of an Early Bronze Age Beaker assemblage and Neolithic/Bronze Age flint from a pit in field 1.

The five barrows across the area occupy an area of higher ground overlooking the stream valley to the east. Although the barrows were largely undated, with the exception of Ring Ditch 1 in field 1, a Bronze Age date for construction should not be ruled out. The lack of internal mounds is indicative of the intensive ploughing regime that has taken place.

Within the evaluation area there are two instances where contexts can be definitely assigned to a probable early Saxon date; the burial adjacent to Ring Ditch 2 (trench 69) and the pit in trench 75. The construction of barrows and the reuse of prehistoric barrows in the period is a well known Anglo-Saxon tradition (Vince 2006). The recovery of a shield boss from the grave suggests that the individual buried there may have had a high status. In this respect the location on the crest of a slope which would have been visible from some distance may be significant. The pit, which is located within an undated enclosure may relate to a contemporary settlement. However, as no other features such as post-holes were seen in its immediate vicinity its form and function remains uncertain. The same is true of the ditches and gullies in fields 1, 6 and 7 which were also undated. The fills largely comprised sterile soils and had as such had little by way of palaeo-environmental potential.

It has been suggested that the earthwork banks represent medieval or later headlands. The furlong map produced by David Hall (Fig 30) suggests that there were headlands in the area on the same alignment as the recorded earthworks. However, they cannot be matched with the surviving remains with the exception of a short stretch of the eastern earthwork at the northern end of Field 1. It is a possibility that the map reflects a different phase of ploughing. A theory of a medieval or later date for the eastern earthwork is supported by post-medieval pottery recovered from features beneath the bank material.

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APPENDIX 1 CONTEXT INVENTORY FIELD 1

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
28	25m x 1.7m NE-SW	479551/266226	101m aOD	0.52m & 100.48m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2801	Topsoil	Dark brown clay loam	0.26m thick	
2802	Subsoil	Light orange/ brown loam	0.26m thick	
2803	Natural	Red sands & clay		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
29	25m x 1.7m NE-SW	479604/266277	100.7m aOD	0.75m & 99.95m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2901	Topsoil	Dark brown clay loam	0.33m thick	Ceramic
2902	Subsoil	Light orange/ brown loam	0.42m thick	
2903	Natural	Banding of red sands & clay, ironstone fragments		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
30	50m x 1.7m NNW-SSE	479506/266272	101.2m aOD	0.49m & 0.49m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3001	Topsoil	Orange-brown silty loam, occasional small stones/Ironstone fragments	0.27m thick	
3002	Subsoil	Orangey-brown silty clay loam. Very sterile <5% small stones	0.22m thick	
3003	Natural	Orangey-brown sandy silt		
3004	Natural	Bands of sand, Ironstone and clay intermingled with Manganese flecks		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
31	50m x 1.7m NE-SW	479473/266350	101.7m aOD	0.49m & 101.19m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3101	Topsoil	Soft mid-orange brown silt loam	0.27m thick	
3102	Subsoil	Orange brown silt/sand, few stone	0.22m thick	
3103	Natural	Sand and weathered ironstone deposits		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
32	50m, 1.7m NW-SE	479543/266341	101.5m aOD	0.46m & 101.04m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3201	Topsoil	Greyish-brown silty loam, very fine <10% small ironstone inclusions	0.28m thick	Ceramic
3202	Subsoil	Soft dark orangey-brown sand/ silt with occasional pebble & ironstone fragments	0.18m thick	
3203	Natural	Very soft light orangey-brown sandy silt. Occasional ironstone fragment		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
33	25m, 1.7m NW-SE	479601/266335	101.3 m aOD	0.47m & 100.83m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3301	Topsoil	Very loose mid brown sand/silt <15% small ironstone fragments	0.37m thick	
3302	Subsoil	Loose sand/silt with clay pockets	0.10m thick	
3303	Natural	Light yellow sands and limestone		
3304	Quarry pit Fill 3305	Rectangular, E-W pit with a dish shaped profile	3.5m wide 0.59m deep	

3305	Fill of quarry pit 3304	Loose orangey-brown loamey sand, rare ironstone fragments (2mm)	3.5m wide 0.59m thick	
3306	Post-hole Fill 3307	Oval in plan, SE-NW, dish shaped profile with concave weathered edges	0.50m wide 0.52m deep	
3307	Fill of post-hole 3306	Loose orangey-brown loamey sand	0.50m wide 0.52m thick	
3308	Post-hole Fill 3309	Oval in plan, SE-NW, flat base, vertical sides	0.47m wide, 0.55m deep	
3309	Fill of post-hole 3308	Loose orangey-brown loamey sand. Cut by 3310	0.47m wide, 0.55m thick	
3310	Pit Fill 3311	Oval in plan, NW-SE, bowl shaped base with eroded SE side. Cuts 3309	0.92m wide, 0.35m deep	
3311	Fill of pit 3310	Loose orangey-brown loamey sand	0.92m wide, 0.35m thick	
3312	Quarry pit? Fill 3313	Rectangular, E-W pit with a dish shaped profile, same as 3304?	0.59m deep	
3313	Fill of quarry pit 3314	Loose orangey-brown loamey sand, ironstone fragments	0.59m thick	
3314	Ditch Fill 3315	NW-SE aligned with a dish shaped profile of a flat base and steep sides	At least 1.30m wide and 1m deep	
3315	Fill of ditch 3314	Loose orangey-brown loamey sand, few limestone fragments	At least 1.30m wide and 1m thick	Pottery
3316	Gully Fill 3317	N-S aligned, bowl shaped profile with eroded western edge	0.79m wide, 0.22m deep	
3317	Fill of gully 3316	Loose orangey-brown loamey sand, limestone fragments	0.79m wide, 0.22m thick	
3318	Post-hole Fill 3319	Oval in plan, NW-SE, flat base, vertical sides	0.24m wide, 0.59m deep	
3319	Fill of post-hole 3318	Loose orangey-brown loamey sand	0.24m wide, 0.59m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
34	50m, 1.7m NE-SW	479559/266400	101.5m aOD	0.46m & 101.04m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3401	Topsoil	Very loose mid brown sand/silt <10% small angular to rounded stones, ironstone fragments	0.26m thick	
3402	Subsoil	Loose sand/silt with clay pockets	0.12m thick	
3403	Natural	Weathered sand/ silt with ironstone fragments		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
35	25m, 1.7m NW-SE	479485/266417	102.2m aOD	0.53m & 101.67m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3501	Topsoil	Loose mid orange brown sandy silt, <10% small angular to rounded stones	0.30m thick	
3502	Subsoil	Very soft light orangey-brown silt/sand. Rare stone inclusion (water rolled pebbles)	0.23m thick	
3503	Natural	Mixed sand/ clay and ironstone deposits		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
36	50m, 1.7m & NW-SE	479502/266453	102m aOD	0.50m & 101.50m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3601	Topsoil	Loose mid brown sandy silt, <10% small angular to rounded stones, ironstone fragment	0.30m thick	
3602	Subsoil	Very loose light orangey-brown silty sand	0.20m thick	

3603	Natural	Mixed horizon comprising pale yellow sands and ironstone, occasional glacial erratic		
3604	Pit? Fills 3605 3606	Oval in plan, NE-SW. Steep sided almost V-shaped profile with a step on the NE	0.70m long, 0.5m wide, 0.23m deep	
3605	Lower fill of pit? 3604	Firm yellow sand mottled with scorched red sand, very few small sub-rounded stones	0.34m long, 0.40m wide, 0.16m thick	
3606	Upper fill of pit? 3604	Firm pink sand with areas of scorched red sand, very few small sub-rounded stones, burnt flint	0.36m long, 0.50m wide, 0.23m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
37	25m, 1.7m, W-E	479598/266431	101.6	0.55m & 101.05m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3701	Topsoil	Firm brown sandy loam	0.29m thick	
3702	Subsoil	Loose red sand	0.26m thick	
3703	Natural	Bands of yellow sands and red clay		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
38	50m, 1.7m, N-S	479697/266467	101m aOD	0.55m & 100.45m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3801	Topsoil	Firm reddish brown sandy loam	0.30m thick	
3802	Subsoil	Firm pinkish-brown clayey sand	0.25m thick	
3803	Natural	Bands of yellow sands and red clays		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
39	25m, 1.7m, SW-NE	479697/266467	101.5m aOD	0.48m & 101.02m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
3901	Topsoil	Firm brown sandy loam, few small flint nodules	0.25m thick	
3902	Subsoil	Firm orangey-pink sand, few small flint nodules	0.23m thick	
3903	Natural	Red clays with ironstone and limestone patches		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
40	25m, 1.7m, NE-SW	479689/266495	101.7m aOD	0.56m & 101.14m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4001	Topsoil	Firm brown sandy loam, few small flint nodules	0.26m thick	
4002	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sand, rare small flint nodules	0.30m thick	
4003	Natural	Red clays and sands with ironstone patches		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
41	25m, 1.7m E-W	479621/266522	102m aOD	0.42m & 101.58m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4101	Topsoil	Friable brown sandy loam, very few small flint nodules	0.25m thick	
4102	Subsoil	Friable orangey pink clayey sand	0.17m thick	
4103	Natural	Reddish sands with areas of whitish silica sand & patches of compact grey clay		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
42	25m, 1.7m SW-NE	479546/266499	102m aOD	0.57m & 101.43m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4201	Topsoil	Friable reddish brown slightly clayey sands, well weathered and mixed with subsoil	0.33m thick	
4202	Subsoil	Friable, slightly clayey orangey red sand	0.25m thick	
4203	Natural	Red & yellow sands with clay and ironstone patches		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
43	50m x 1.7m NW-SE	479550/266539	102.80m aOD	0.55m & 102.25m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4301	Topsoil	Friable brown sandy loam, few small stones	0.3m thick	
4302	Subsoil	Loose orange sand, fine grained	0.25m thick	
4303	Natural	Loose white/grey & reddish sands. Patches of grey clay and sandy gravel		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
44	25m x 1.7m NE-SW	479546/266610	103.7	0.46m & 103.24m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4401	Topsoil	Friable brown clayey sand, very few small flint nodules	0.28m thick	
4402	Subsoil	Firm orangey red clayey sand	0.18m thick	
4403	Natural	Loose-friable orange sands & clays		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
45	25m x 1.7m W-E	479596/266585	102.6m aOD	0.56m & 102.04m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4501	Topsoil	Friable brown clayey sand	0.34m thick	
4502	Subsoil	Friable light reddish orange sand	0.22m thick	
4503	Natural	Loose orange/ red sands & clays		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
46	25m long, 1.7m, SSW-NNE	479636/266577	102.3m aOD	0.53m & 101.77m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4601	Topsoil	Firm brown sandy loam	0.31m thick	
4602	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown clayey sand, few small flint nodules	0.22m thick	
4603	Natural	Loose orange/ red sands with ironstone and gravel patches		
4604	Pit Fill 4605	Oval in plan, NE-SW, bowl shaped profile	1.3m long, 1m wide, 0.4m deep	
4605	Fill of pit 4604	Loose orangey-brown clayey sand, rare limestone fragments	1.3m long, 1m wide, 0.4m deep	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
47	25m, 1.7m SE-NW	479669/266576	102.3m aOD	0.57m & 101.73m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4701	Topsoil	Loose brown sandy loam, few flint nodules	0.31m thick	
4702	Subsoil	Firm brownish-red clayey sand, few small sub-rounded stones	0.21m thick	
4703	Natural	Loose orange/ red sands & clays, ironstone fragments. there are bands of yellowish clays		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
48	25m, 1.7m NW-SE	479716/266582	102m aOD	0.55m & 101.45m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4801	Topsoil	Firm brown sandy loam, few flint nodules	0.28m thick	
4802	Subsoil	Firm brownish-red clayey	0.22m thick	

		sand, few small sub-rounded stones		
4803	Natural	Loose orange/ red sands & clays, ironstone fragments. yellowish clays at NW		
4804	Gully Fill 4805	East to west aligned gully, flattish base rising to steep sides.	0.6m wide 0.2m deep	
4805	Fill Gully 4804	Firm brown loam, rare charcoal fragments, rare rounded medium stones (<70mm), occasional medium-large angular ironstone	0.6m wide 0.2m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
49	25m, 1.7m, WSW-ENE	479663/266625	103m aOD	0.62m & 102.38m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
4901	Topsoil	Firm brown clayey sand, few small flint nodules	0.33m thick	
4902	Subsoil	Firm brownish-red sand, few small sub-rounded stones	0.28m thick	
4903	Natural	Compact orangey-yellow clays/sands		
4904	Ditch Fill 4905	N-S aligned, bowl shaped profile with eroded eastern slope, cuts 4907	1.50m wide, 0.50m deep	
4905	Fill of ditch 4904	Loose orangey-brown sand, occasional small pebbles (<10mm)	1.50m wide 0.50m thick	
4906	Gully Fill 4907	N-S aligned, bowl shaped profile	0.45m wide 0.10m deep	
4907	Fill of gully 4906	Loose light orangey-brown sand, cut by 4904	0.45m wide 0.10m thick	
4908	Tree hole	Loose orangey-brown with dark brownish-black organic areas sand with silt patches, few small pebbles (<10mm). Irregular shape	1m long, 0.50m wide, 0.10m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
50	25m x 1.7m SE-NW	479630/266617	103m aOD	0.39m & 102.91m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5001	Topsoil	Brown silty clay, few small flat water rolled pebbles	0.28m thick	
5002	Subsoil	Yellowish-brown sandy silt	0.13m thick	
5003	Natural	Mixed natural comprising sands and Ironstone		
5004	Gully Fill 5005	NE-SW with dish shaped profile	0.90m wide 0.20m deep	
5005	Fill of gully 5004	Loose orangey-brown sand, rare small fragments of flint	0.90m wide 0.20m thick	
5006	Gully Fill 5007	NE-SW, dish shaped profile uneven eroded edges	1.05m wide 0.20m deep	
5007	Fill of gully 5006	Firm brown silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	1.05m wide 0.20m thick	
5008	Ditch Fill 5009	N-S, dish shaped profile, uneven eroded edges	0.50m wide 0.28m deep	
5009	Fill of ditch 5008	Firm brown silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	0.50m wide 0.28m thick	
5010	Post-hole Fill 5011	Circular in plan, bowl shaped profile	0.40m diameter 0.22m deep	
5011	Fill of post-hole 5010	Firm brownish-grey silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	0.40m wide 0.22m thick	
5012	Ditch Fills 5013, 5014, 5015	N-S, dish shaped profile, uneven eroded edges	1.00m wide 0.52m deep	
5013	Fill of ditch 5012	Firm brownish-grey silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	0.20m wide 0.10m thick	
5014	Fill of ditch 5012	Firm light orangey-yellow sand	0.90m wide 0.10m thick	
5015	Fill of ditch 5012	Firm brown silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	1.00m wide 0.32m thick	

5016	Gully Fill 5017	N-S, dish shaped profile, uneven eroded edges	0.50m wide 0.19m deep	
5017	Fill of gully 5016	Firm brown silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	0.50m wide 0.19m thick	
5018	Gully Fill 5019	N-S, dish shaped profile, uneven eroded edges	0.40m wide 0.12m deep	
5019	Fill of gully 5018	Firm brown silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	0.40m wide 0.12m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
51	50m, 1.7m, NW- SE	479555/266676	105m aOD	0.48m & 104.52m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5101	Topsoil	Brown sandy silt, occasional small stones, ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
5102	Subsoil	Yellowish-brown sandy silt	0.22m thick	
5103	Natural	Loose mixed natural comprising sands, clays with manganese patches		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
52	25m, 1.7m, NW- SE	479644/266663	104m aOD	0.64m & 103.36m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5201	Topsoil	Brown silty loam, occasional small stones	0.28m thick	Pottery
5202	Subsoil	Orangey-brown sandy silt, few small pebbles	0.12m thick	
5203	Subsoil	Yellowish-brown sand mottled with orangey-brown	0.16m thick	

		sand		
5204	Natural	Yellowish-brown sand		
5205	Ditch Fill 5206	N-S aligned, unexcavated	2m wide	
5206	Fill of ditch 5205	Firm brownish-red sandy clay, unexcavated	2m wide	
5207	Ditch terminal Fill 5208		2.4m wide, 0.75m deep	
5208	Upper fill of ditch terminal 5207	Friable brown clayey sand, rare charcoal flecking, small sub-angular stones	1.80m wide 0.46m thick	
5209	Lower fill of ditch terminal 5207	Loose orangey-yellow fine to medium grained sand with lenses of compact orange clay and silty sand. Some tree root disturbance and weathering	2.4m wide 0.29m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
53	50m, 1.7m, WNW-ESE	479667/266694	106m aOD	0.54m & 105.46m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5301	Topsoil	Firm orangey-brown silty sand, few small water rolled and sub-rounded stones	0.28m thick	
5302	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown sandy silt, rare inclusions	0.26m thick	
5303	Natural	Friable orangey-brown sandy silt and clay patches with occasional manganese		
5304	Natural	Stiff/firm yellowish-brown clay with few small stones at ESE end of the trench		
5305	Ditch Fill 5306	WSW-ENE, bowl shaped profile eroded, with ESE edge	1.35m wide 0.30m deep	
5306	Ditch Fill 5305	Firm orangey-brown silty sand, charcoal flecking	1.35m wide 0.30m thick	
5307	Ditch Fill 5308	NE-SW aligned, dish shaped profile but eroded and uneven	1.55m wide 0.55m deep	
5308	Fill of ditch 5307	Friable brown silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	1.55m wide 0.37m thick	

5309	Fill of ditch 5307	Friable greyish-orange silty sand, occasional small rounded pebbles	0.94m wide 0.18m thick	
5310	Tree hole	Unexcavated		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
54	50m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479761/266673	103.8m aOD	0.40m & 103.40m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5401	Topsoil	Brown sandy silt, few small stones, occasional ironstone fragments	0.28m thick	
5402	Subsoil	loose orangey-brown sandy silt, rare inclusions	0.14m thick	
5403	Natural	Mixed sands and clays with ironstone fragments		
5404	Natural	Ironstone at E end of trench		
5405	Ditch Fill 5406	E-W aligned, bowl shaped profile with gentle, gradual slopes	0.85m wide 0.41m deep	
5406	Fill of ditch 5405	Loose orange mottled with greyish-brown silty sand	0.85m wide 0.41m thick	
5407	Ditch Fill 5408	E-W aligned, bowl shaped profile with gentle, gradual slopes	0.92m wide 0.20m deep	
5408	Fill of ditch 5407	Loose orangey-brown silty sand, ironstone fragments	0.92m wide 0.20m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
55	50m, 1.7m, NE-SW	479733/266725	105m aOD	0.40m & 104.60m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5501	Topsoil	Greyish-brown silty clay, occasional small stones (<10mm)	0.28m thick	
5502	Subsoil	Friable light orangey-brown silty/sand	0.14m thick	
5503	Natural	Northampton sands and ironstone		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
56	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479634/266733	110m aOD	0.50m & 109.50m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5601	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, occasional small water rolled pebbles	0.26m thick	
5602	Subsoil	Stiff orangey-brown clayey sand	0.24m thick	
5603	Natural	Loose orangey-brown mottled with yellow sands		
5604	Natural	Stiff/firm orangey-brown clay		
5605	Ring Ditch 1, western arm Fills 5605, 5606	SE-NW aligned western arm of Ring Ditch 1. Bowl shaped profile with even sloping sides	2.34m wide 0.39m deep	
5606	Upper fill of ditch 5605	Firm dark yellowish-brown sandy clay tipping from east to west, few small sub-rounded stones, iron panning	2.34m wide, 0.20m thick	Bronze Age pottery and animal bone
5607	Lower fill of ditch 5605	Firm dark orangey-brown clayey sand tipping from east to west, few small rounded and sub angular stones, rare charcoal flecking	1.94m wide 0.23m thick	
5608	Ring Ditch 1, eastern arm Fills 5609, 5610	Unexcavated eastern arm of Ring Ditch 1. SW-NE aligned.	2.20m wide	
5609	Fill of 5608 Ring Ditch 1	Firm dark yellowish-brown silty/sandy clay, charcoal flecking, iron panning, few small sub-rounded and sub-angular stones	1.50m wide	
5610	Fill of 5608 Ring Ditch 1	Firm brownish-orange sandy clay, charcoal flecks, few small sub-rounded stones	0.50m wide	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
57	50m, 1.7m, E-W	479623/266778	110.5m aOD	0.59m & 109.92m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5701	Topsoil	Friable brown silty loam, occasional small flint, ironstone fragments	0.32m thick	
5702	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clayey silt, rare inclusions	0.27m thick	
5703	Natural	Orangey-brown sands with water rolled pebbles		
5704	Service trench Fill 5704	NE-SW, unexcavated	5m wide	
5705	Fill of 5704	Unexcavated. Stiff mottled orangey-brown clay with charcoal and chalk flecks, pebbles	5m wide	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
58	50m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479770/ 266778	106.19 (NW)	0.58m & 105.51m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5801	Topsoil	Friable brown sandy silt, occasional small angular and rounded stones	0.32m thick	
5802	Subsoil	Orangey-brown sandy silt with some clay content, occasional small stones	0.26m thick	
5803	Natural	Mottled orangey-brown sand with clay pockets		
5804	Natural	Friable dark brown clay silt with manganese flecks/patches and clay pockets		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
59	50m, 1.7m E-W	479686/266826	110m aOD	0.53m & 109.47m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
5901	Topsoil	Friable brown sandy silt, occasional small angular and rounded stones	0.29m thick	
5902	Subsoil	Orangey-brown sand/clay	0.25m thick	
5903	Natural	Sands and clays	—	
5904	Service trench Fill 5905	NE-SW, unexcavated	At least 2m wide	
5905	Fill of 5904	Unexcavated	At least 2m wide	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
60	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479735/26683	108m aOD	0.56m & 107.44m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6001	Topsoil	Friable orangey-brown silt/sand, occasional small angular and rounded stones	0.32m thick	
6002	Subsoil	Friable light yellowish/orangey brown clay/sand, few small stones (<10mm)	0.24m thick	
6003	Natural	Mottled yellow/orange brown sand		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
61	50m, 1.7m, NE-SW	479840/266805	105m aOD	0.45m & 104.55m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6101	Topsoil	Friable orangish-brown silt/sand, few small rounded pebbles	0.28m thick	
6102	Subsoil	Orange clay /silt, few small rounded stones (<10mm)	0.18m thick	

6103	Natural	Loose mottled orangey brown sand with clay patches, fragmentary ironstone		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
62	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479833/266859	106.3m aOD	0.42m & 105.87m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6201	Topsoil	Friable brown silt/loam, occasional small stones (<10mm)	0.26m thick	
6202	Subsoil	Orange sandy silt, occasional small rounded stones (<10mm)	0.17m thick	
6203	Natural	Loose mottled orangey brown sand with clay patches, manganese pockets, fragmentary ironstone		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
63	50m, 1.7m, N-S	479668/266891	110.6m aOD	0.54m & 110.06m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6301	Topsoil	Firm greyish-brown silty clay	0.28m thick	
6302	Subsoil	Orangey-brown sandy clay	0.28m thick	
6303	Natural	Mottled sands		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
64	50m, 1.7m NE-SW	479707/260983	110.7m aOD	0.45m & 110.25m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6401	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, occasional small inclusions (<20mm)	0.26m thick	
6402	Subsoil	Friable orangey-brown silty clay, few inclusions	0.19m thick	
6403	Natural	Mottled orangey-brown sand with clay patches, flint nodules, fragmentary		

		ironstone		
6404	Gully cut Fill 6405	NW-SE, concave base rising to gradual slides (40-50 degree angle)	0.50m wide 0.30m deep	
6405	Fill of gully 6404	Loose brown sandy silt, occasional small rounded pebbles	0.50m wide 0.30m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
65	50m, 1.7m NE-SW	479782/266951	110.7m aOD	0.45m & 110.25m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6501	Topsoil	Firm brown silty sand, clay patches, occasional small flint nodules, occasional ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
6502	Subsoil	Stiff yellowish-brown clay with occasional small rounded pebbles		
6503	Natural	Stiff yellowish-brown clay with sand pockets		
6504	Quarry pit? Fill 6505	Unexcavated, NE-SW aligned		
6505	Fill of quarry pit 6504	Unexcavated, Loose sand with clay lumps		
6506	Service trench Fill of 6507	Unexcavated service trench aligned NE-SW	2.10m wide	
6507	Fill of service trench 6506	Unexcavated	2.10m wide	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
66	50m, 1.7m NE-SW	479827/266899	108m aOD	0.55m & 107.45m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6601	Topsoil	Friable brown silty sand, clay patches, occasional small stones	0.29m thick	
6602	Subsoil	Friable orangey-brown silty sand, occasional small stones	0.26m thick	
6603	Natural	Mottled orangey-brown with yellow patches, clay and manganese flecking		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
67	50m, 1.7m NE-SW	479912/266911	107.10m aOD	0.45m & 106.65m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6701	Topsoil	Friable brown silty loam, sand patches, rare small stones	0.30m thick	
6702	Subsoil	Friable orangey-brown sandy silt	0.28m thick	
6703	Natural	Loose mottled orangey-brown and yellow sand, clay patches		
6704	Ditch Fill 6705	N-S aligned, dish shaped profile, sharp breaks of slope	1.80m wide 0.30m deep	
6705	Fill of ditch 6704	Firm orangey-grey silty sand, rare rounded small gravel	1.80m wide 0.30m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
68	50m, 1.7m NE-SW	479914/266866	105.5m aOD	0.45m & 105.05m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6801	Topsoil	Friable brown silty loam	0.28m thick	
6802	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clayey silt with sand content	0.34m thick	

6803	Natural	Mixed orangey-brown sand with fragmentary ironstone		
6804	Natural	Loose mottled orangey-brown silty sandy clay, small rounded inclusions and occasional larger ironstone and flint nodules		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
69	25m x 1.7m E-W	480000/266866	104.5m aOD	0.43m & 104.07m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
6901	Topsoil	Friable orangey-brown silty loam with moderate ironstone fragments	0.24m thick	
6902	Subsoil	Loose orangey-brown silty loam, fragments o ironstone, charcoal flecking	0.22m thick	
6903	Natural	Northampton sands and ironstone		
6904	Grave cut?	Unexcavated rectangular pit aligned east to west. Partially under baulk of trench.	1.7m long, at least 1m wide	
6905	Fill of grave 6904	Friable dark brown loamey sand with occasional small stones	1.7m long, at least 1m wide	SF21 (Shield boss) SF22 (buckle)
6906	Ditch cut Fills 6907, 6908, 6909, 6910 Eastern arm of Ring Ditch 2	U-shaped base with eroded upper edges	3.2m wide, 0.98m deep	
6907	Upper fill of Ring Ditch 6906	Friable dark orangey-brown stoney sand, frequent small angular stones	0.28m thick	
6908	Third fill of 6906	Firm light greyish-brown sandy silt, occasional small stones	0.36m thick	
6909	Secondary fill 6906	Friable dark greyish-brown stoney sand/silt, occasional small to medium angular ironstone fragments, iron panning	0.28m thick	
6910	Primary fill 6906	Loose light greyish-brown silty sand, occasional medium angular stones	0.30m thick	

6911	Grave cut?	Unexcavated, rectangular in plan, SE-NW	0.80m long, 1m wide	
6912	Fill of 6911	Friable dark brown loamey sand, few small stones, 1 large stone	0.80m long, 1m wide	
6913	Grave cut?	Unexcavated sub-rectangular SE-NW	1.5m long, 0.7m wide	
6914	Fill of grave 6913	Friable dark brown loamey sand, few small stones, human bone visible on surface	1.5m long, 0.7m wide	
6915	Grave cut?	Unexcavated. Sub-rectangular N-S	1.8m long, 0.70m wide	
6916	Fill of grave 6915	Friable dark brown sandy loam with few small stones	1.8m long, 0.70m wide	
6917	Grave cut?	Unexcavated. Sub-rectangular NW-SE	1.50m long, 0.65m wide	
6918	Fill of grave 6917	Friable dark brown sandy loam with few small stones	1.50m long, 0.65m wide	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
70	25m x 1.7m N-S	480055/266737	102.9m aOD	0.39m & 51m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7001	Topsoil	loose brown sandy silt, occasional small inclusions	0.24m thick	
7002	Subsoil	Loose orangey-brown silty sand, ironstone fragments	0.15m thick	
7003	Natural	Northampton sands and ironstone		
7004	Ditch Fill 7005	E-W dish-shaped profile	0.88m wide 0.26m deep	
7005	Fill of ditch 7004	Very loose mottled orange and grey silty sand, occasional small Ironstone fragments, occasional sand pockets	0.88m wide 0.26m deep	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
71	25m x 1.7m W-E	480093/266724	100m aOD	0.38m & 99.42m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7101	Topsoil	Friable brown sandy silt, frequent ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
7102	Subsoil	Friable orangey-brown silty sand, ironstone fragments	0.08m thick	
7103	Natural	Northampton sands and ironstone, limestone		
7104	Service trench Fills 7105 7106	N-S, vertical sides, not bottomed (H&S)	1m wide @ least 1.50m deep	
7105	Lower (visible) fill 7104	Firm yellowish grey sandy clay, few small angular stones		
7106	Upper fill 7104	Loose grey sand, many angular stones		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
72	25m x 1.7m W-E	480108/266671	96.90m aOD	0.62m & 99.28m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7201	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy clay, few small rounded stones		
7202	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sandy clay		
7203	Natural	Firm grey clay-glacial tills		
7204	Ditch? Fill 7205	Uneven base, sloping sides	1.65m wide 0.29m deep	
7205	Fill of ditch 7204	Brown sandy clay	1.65m wide 0.29m thick	
7206	Service trench Fill 7207	N-S, uneven base, vertical sides	0.75m wide 0.36m deep	
7207	Fill of service trench 7206	Firm greyish-brown sandy clay	0.75m wide 0.36m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
73	25m x 1.7m NW-SE	480173/266757	97m aOD	0.34m & 96.66m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7301	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown clay loam	0.21m thick	
7302	Subsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy clay	0.13m thick	
7303	Natural	Firm grey clay		
7304	Natural	Ironstone at NW end of trench		
7305	Gully Fill 7304	NE-SW, bowl shaped profile	0.36m wide 0.14m deep	
7306	Fill of gully 7305	Firm brown silty clay, occasional small rounded pebbles	0.36m wide 0.14m thick	
7307	Gully Fill 7308	NE-SW, bowl shaped profile	0.65m wide 0.26m deep	
7308	Fill of gully 7307	Firm brown silty clay, occasional rounded pebbles	0.65m wide 0.26m thick	
7309	Gully Fill 7310	E-W, bowl shaped profile, uneven	0.62m wide 0.21m deep	
7310	Fill of gully 7309	Firm brown silty clay	0.62m wide 0.21m thick	
7311	Ditch Fill 7312	NE-SW, bowl shaped profile	1.70m wide 0.55m deep	
7312	Fill of ditch 7311	Firm brown silty clay	1.70m wide 0.55m wide	
7313	Ditch? Fill 7314	NE-SW, uneven. Colluvium?	0.70m deep	
7314	Fill of ditch? 7313	Firm brown silty clay	0.70m thick	
7315	Posthole Fill 7316	Circular, rounded base, curved sides	0.20m diameter 0.08m deep	
7316	Fill of posthole 7315	Firm brown silty clay	0.20m diameter 0.08m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
74	25m x 1.7m NW-SE	480218/266792	98m aOD	0.23m & 97.77m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7401	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown clay loam	0.24m thick	
7402	Subsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy clay	0.12m thick	
7403	Natural	Firm grey clay		
7404	Natural	Limestone		
7405	Ditch Fill 7406, 7407	N-S, V-shaped profile	2.46m wide 0.90m deep	
7406	Fill of ditch 7405	Firm brown sand, frequent angular stones, charcoal flecks, clay pockets	0.58m thick	Animal bone
7407	Fill of ditch 7405	Loose mottled brownish-grey clayey silt, iron panning, occasional small stone	0.35m thick	
7408	Gully Fill 7409	N-S, shallow dish shaped profile	0.44m wide 0.12m deep	
7409	Fill of gully 7408	Firm orangey-brown silty sand, occasional small stone	0.44m wide 0.12m thick	
7410	Service trench Fill 7411	N-S, not bottomed, vertical sides	0.57m wide 0.46m deep at least	
7411	Fill of service trench 7410	Loose greyish brown sandy clay, limestone fragments	0.57m wide 0.46m thick at least	
7412	Ditch? Fill 7413	N-S? uneven sloping sides Possibly colluviums?	@least 0.86m wide and 0.32m deep	
7413	Fill of Ditch? 7412	Firm orangey-brown silty sand, small stones. Colluviums?	@least 0.86m wide and 0.32m deep	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
75	50m, 1.7m N-S	480177/266808	101m aOD	0.35m & 100.65m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7501	Topsoil	Friable yellowish-brown sandy loam, occasional limestone/ironstone fragments	0.15m thick	
7502	Natural	Limestone		
7503	Subsoil	Orangey brown sand	0.20m thick	
7504	Furrow	N-S aligned, mixed silty sand fill	0.60m wide, 0.08m deep	
7505	Ditch Fill 7506	E-W, V-shaped	1.9m wide 0.86m deep	
7506	Upper fill of ditch 7505	Firm greyish-brown sandy silt, small stones	0.70m thick	Animal bone Sample 8
7507	Lower fill of ditch 7505	Compact brownish-grey sand, many limestone fragments	0.35m thick	
7508	Pit Fill 7509	E-W, shallow dish-shaped profile	2.15m wide, 0.20m deep	
7509	Fill of pit 7508	Loose dark grey loamey sand, few small rounded stones, occasional charcoal	2.15m wide, 0.20m thick	Saxon pottery Animal bone SF 24, 25, 26, 27 Sample 9
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
76	50m, 1.7m & NW-SE	480132/266820	102.5m aOD	0.60m & 101.90m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7601	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.32m thick	
7602	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clayey-silt, <5% small pebbles and occasional ironstone fragments	0.28m thick	
7603	Natural	Mottled orangey-brown sandy interspersed with gravel bands		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
77	25m, 1.7m, N-S	480264/266826	100m aOD	0.28m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7701	Topsoil	Friable yellowish-brown sandy loam, limestone and ironstone fragments	0.28m thick	
7702	Natural	Yellow limestone		
7703	Natural	Ironstone		
7704	Gully Fill 7705	NE-SW, uneven, bowl shaped	0.35m wide 0.25m deep	
7705	Fill of gully 7704	Firm brownish-orange silty sand, occasional small, angular ironstone	0.35m wide 0.25m thick	
7706	Gully Fill 7707	NW-SE, dish shaped profile	0.80m wide 0.16m deep	
7707	Fill of gully 7706	Firm mottled grey and brown sandy silt, small limestone fragments	0.80m wide 0.16m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
78	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	480264/266854	103.4m aOD	0.28m & 103.12m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7801	Topsoil	Friable yellowish-brown sandy loam, limestone and ironstone fragments	0.28m thick	
7802	Natural	Yellow limestone		
7803	Quarry pit Fill 7804	Flat base, sloping sides	0.72m deep	
7804	Fill of quarry pit 7803	Friable reddish-brown silt, occasional small inclusions		
7805	Fill of quarry pit 7803	Loose mixed sand with substantial amounts of limestone, ironstone		
7806	Ditch Fill 7807	NE-SW bowl shaped profile	1.35m wide 0.50m deep	
7807	Fill of ditch 7806	Firm brownish-orange silty sand, occasional small angular limestone	1.35m wide 0.50m thick	

7808	Posthole? Fill 7809	Circular, curved base, vertical sides	0.30m diameter 0.32m deep	
7809	Fill of posthole 7808	Firm brownish-orange silty sand	0.30m diameter 0.32m thick	
7810	Posthole? Fill 7811	Circular, bowl shaped	0.12m diameter 0.10m deep	
7811	Fill of posthole 7810	Brown silty sand	0.12m diameter 0.10m thick	
7812	Posthole? Fill 7813	Circular, bowl shaped	0.18m diameter 0.20m deep	
7813	Fill of posthole 7812	Brown silty sand	0.18m diameter 0.20m thick	
7814	Posthole? Fill 7815	Circular, bowl shaped	0.18m diameter 0.17m deep	
7815	Fill of posthole 7814	Brown silty sand	0.18m diameter 0.17m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
79	25m, 1.7m, E-W	480187/266857	104m aOD	0.60m & 103.40m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
7901	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
7902	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions	0.30m thick	
7903	Natural	Compact glacial clays, frequent limestone inclusions, periodic sand/ clay pockets		
7904	Ditch Fill 9105	NE-SW, bowl shaped profile		
7905	Fill of ditch 9104	Firm mid greyish-brown silty clay, rare small angular and rounded gravel		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
80	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	480044/266820	105m aOD	0.34m & 104.46m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8001	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.24m thick	
8002	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions- ironstone	0.10m thick	
8003	Natural	Ironstone ands sands		
8004	Ditch Ring Ditch 3 Fill 8005, 8006, 8007	NE-SW, V-shaped profile	1.68m wide 0.76m deep	
8005	Upper fill of ditch 8004	Firm dark orangey-brown silty sand, occasional small stone	0.22m thick	
8006	Middle fill ditch 8004	Firm dark greyish-brown sandy clay, small angular stones	0.17m thick	
8007	Lower fill ditch 8004	Loose light yellowish-brown silty clay, few rounded stones	0.34m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
81	25m, 1.7m, E-W	480088/266914	106m aOD	0.38m & 105.42m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8101	Topsoil	Friable orangey-brown silty loam, few ironstone fragments	0.28m thick	
8102	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions	0.10m thick	
8103	Natural	Ironstone and sands		
8104	Ditch Fill 8105	NNW-SSE, bowl shaped profile, sharp breaks of slope	1.10m wide 0.28m deep	
8105	Fill of ditch 8104	Loose orangey-brown sandy silt, occasional ironstone fragments	1.10m wide 0.28m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
82	50m, 1.7m, N-S	480088/266914	106m aOD	0.38m & 105.42m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8201	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.22m thick	
8202	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions	0.18m thick	
8203	Natural	Compact glacial clays, frequent limestone inclusions, periodic sand/ clay pockets		
8204	Natural	Loose mottled orangey-brown sand		
8205	Ditch Fill 8206	NW-SE dish shaped profile	1.50m wide 0.50m deep	
8206	Fill of ditch 8205	Loose brownish-orange silty sand, occasional limestone and ironstone	1.50m wide 0.50m thick	
8207	Ditch Fill 8208	NW-SE, U shaped profile	0.60m wide 0.19m deep	
8208	Fill of ditch 8207	Loose orangey-brown sand, frequent angular sandstone	0.60m wide 0.19m thick	
8209	Ditch Fill 8210	SE-NW, flat base and steep slope	1m wide 0.23m deep	
8210	Fill of ditch 8209	Friable orangey-brown sand, ironstone	1m wide 0.23m thick	
8211	Pit Fill 8212	Circular in plan, flat base, vertical sides	0.65m wide 0.40m deep	
8212	Fill of pit 8211	Loose orangey-brown sand, angular ironstone	0.65m wide 0.40m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
83	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	480045/266929	107.2m aOD	0.46m & 106.78m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8301	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, occasional small stones	0.24m thick	
8302	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clay and silt	0.22m thick	
8303	Natural	Firm mottled brown clay and sand		
8304	Natural	Sands and Ironstone		
8305	Gully Fill 8306	NW-SE bowl shaped profile with eroded SE edge	1.04m wide 0.30m deep	
8306	Fill of gully 8305	Loose reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small pebbles	1.04m wide 0.30m thick	
8307	Post hole Fills 8308, 8309	Circular, bowl shaped profile	0.40m diameter 0.20m deep	
8308	Fill of posthole 8307	Loose reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional charcoal flecking	0.40m diameter 0.20m thick	
8309	Fill of posthole 8307	Loose dark brownish-grey, charcoal lumps/flecks	0.17m diameter 0.20m thick	
8310	Ditch Fills 8311, 8312	NE-SW, U shaped profile	0.80m wide 0.30m deep	
8311	Lower fill of ditch 8310	Friable light brown silty sand, rare rounded stones	0.50m wide 0.10m thick	
8312	Upper fill of ditch 8310	Friable brown sand, rare sub-angular stones (<30mm), smaller stones (<10mm)	0.80m wide 0.20m thick	
8313	Gully Fill 8314	N-S, U-shaped profile	0.4m wide 0.20m deep	
8314	Fill of gully 8313	Friable light brownish-orange sandy loam, rare small flint	0.20m thick	
8315	Ditch Fill 8316	N-S bowl shaped profile	0.20m wide 0.30m deep	
8316	Fill of ditch 8315	Firm light brownish-orange clayey loam, rare flint	0.30m thick	

8317	Bank material?	Mottled brown silty clay, small inclusions		
8318	Bank material? From 8310	Firm yellowish-brown sandy clay	Between 0.3m and 0.4m wide 0.27m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
84	25m, 1.7m, N-S	480008/266953	107.8m aOD	0.58m & 107.22m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8401	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, occasional small stones	0.30m thick	
8402	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clay and sand	0.28m thick	
8403	Natural	Firm mottled orangey-brown silty clay, flint, manganese flecking		
8404	Bank material	Firm orangey-brown sand and clay		
8405	Ditch Fill 8406	E-W, bowl shaped profile	0.90m wide 0.28m deep	
8406	Fill of ditch 8405	Stiff/firm mottled yellowish brown clay, few small angular and rounded pebbles, and occasional pea grit	0.90m wide 0.28m thick	
8407	Ditch Fill 8408	E-W, undulating base, concave sloping sides	1.60m wide 0.30m deep	
8408	Fill of ditch 8407	Loose orangey-brown clayey silt, occasional water rolled pebbles, manganese flecks, rare charcoal flecks	1.60m wide 0.30m thick	
8409	Bank material	Mottled orangey-brown silty clay, few small inclusions		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
85	50m, 1.7m, NW-SE	480078/266967	108m aOD	0.48m & 107.52m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8501	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.24m thick	
8502	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions	0.24m thick	
8503	Natural	Compact glacial clays, frequent limestone inclusions, periodic sand/ clay pockets		
8504	Ditch Fill 8504	NNE-SSW, dish shaped profile, eroded western slope	1.50m wide 0.35m deep	
8505	Fill of ditch 8504	Friable mottled orangey brown silty clay, rare small angular and rounded stones	1.50m wide 0.35m thick	Sample 12
8506	Ditch Fill 8507	NE-SW, bowl shaped profile, eroded western edge	1.12m wide 0.43m deep	
8507	Upper fill of ditch 8506	Loose mottled orangey-brown silty clay, occasional small stones, charcoal flecking		Sample 13
8508	Lower fill of ditch 8506	Firm mottled yellowish-brown clayey silt, occasional small stones		
8509	Post-hole Fill 8509	Circular, flat base, steep sides, sharp breaks of slope	0.34m diameter, 0.13m deep	
8510	Fill of post-hole 8508	Loose orangey-brown clayey silt, rare small stones, rare charcoal flecking	0.34m diameter, 0.13m thick	
8511	Bank material	Mottled orangey-brown silty sand		
8512	Bank material	Mottled orangey-brown silty sand, few inclusions		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
86	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479929/266964	109m aOD	0.60m & 108.40m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8601	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
8602	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions	0.30m thick	
8603	Natural	Compact glacial clays, frequent limestone inclusions, periodic sand/ clay pockets		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
87	25m, 1.7m, W-E	479995/267030	110.6m aOD	0.52m & 110.08m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8701	Topsoil	Friable brown clayey silt, few small flint pebbles and occasional cobbles	0.24m thick	
8702	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clayey-silt, <5% small pebbles	0.28m thick	
8703	Natural	Mottled orangey-brown sandy interspersed with greyish-brown clay		
8704	Pit cut Fills 8705 8706	Irregular in plan, NW-SE, bowl shaped profile	At least 2m long, 1m wide, 0.30m deep	
8705	Fill pit 8704	Compact light orangey-brown clayey loam, rare rounded stones (<20-30mm)	At least 2m long, 1m wide, 0.30m thick	
8706	Fill pit 8704	Firm orangey-brown sandy clay, charcoal flecking	0.86m long, 0.36m wide, 0.28m thick	
8707	Cut for clamp kiln? Fills 8708 8709	Oval NW-SE, with bowl shaped profile	0.74m long, 0.55m wide, 0.20m deep	
8708	Fill clamp kiln 8707	Friable dark grey sand with clay, lumps and flecks of charcoal, burnt clay,	0.15m thick	Sample 11 Wood charcoal

		occasional small rounded stones (<10mm)		
8709	Fill clamp kiln 8707	Compact burnt red clay	0.05m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
88	50m, 1.7m & NW-SE	479933/267016	110.5m aOD	0.60m & 109.90m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8801	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.32m thick	
8802	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clayey-silt, <5% small pebbles and occasional ironstone fragments	0.28m thick	
8803	Natural	Mottled orangey-brown sandy interspersed with gravel bands		
8804	Natural	Orangey-brown glacial clays, sand pockets		
8805	Quarry pit Fills 8806, 8807, 8808	Shape not known, NW side has a gradual break of slope	27m long, unknown width, at least 1.25m deep	
8806	Upper fill Quarry pit 8805	Stiff/firm mottled orangey-brown clay and silt, few small stones, ironstone, water shaped pebbles and charcoal flecking	27m long, 0.26m thick	
8807	Fill Quarry pit 8805	Stiff/firm mottled orangey-brown clay with sand pockets, few ironstone fragments, small stones and charcoal flecking	0.42m thick	
8808	Fill Quarry pit 8805	Stiff/firm mottled grey clay, frequent flecks of ironstone and chalk, occasional charcoal flecking	At least 0.76m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
89	25m, 1.7m & N-S	479877/267029	111.5m aOD	0.76m & 110.74m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
8901	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
8902	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clayey-silt, <5% small pebbles and occasional ironstone fragments	0.46m thick	
8903	Natural	Mottled orangey-brown sandy interspersed with gravel bands		
8904	Modern service trench Fill 8905	NE-SW, unexcavated		
8905	Fill Service trench 8904	Unexcavated		
8906	Ditch Fill 8907	ENE – WSW, Unexcavated	0.75m wide	
8907	Fill of ditch 8906	Unexcavated, mottled greyish-brown clayey silt, frequent small limestone inclusions	0.75m wide	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
90	25m, 1.7m & NW-SE	479772/267016	110.6m aOD	0.43m & 110.17m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9001	Topsoil	Brown sandy silt, occasional small ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
9002	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions	0.46m thick (max)	
9003	Natural	Orangey-brown mottled sand and clay, patches of fragmented ironstone		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
91	25m, 1.7m & NW-SE	479822/267131	111.2m aOD	0.60m & 110.60m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9101	Topsoil	Friable brown silty clay, few small pebbles and ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
9102	Subsoil	Orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions	0.30m thick	
9103	Natural	Compact glacial clays, frequent limestone inclusions, periodic sand/ clay pockets		
9104	Ditch Fill 9105	NE-SW, bowl shaped profile		
9105	Fill of ditch 9104	Firm mid greyish-brown silty clay, rare small angular and rounded gravel		
9106	Ditch Fill 9107	NE-SW, bowl shaped profile		
9107	Fill of ditch 9106	Firm greyish-brown silty clay, rare angular flint		
9108	Ditch Fill 9109	N-S, dish shaped profile, with a weathered western slope		
9109	Fill of ditch 9108	Firm orangey-brown silty sand and clays, rare small angular gravel, small pieces ironstone		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
92	50m, 1.7m, NE-SW	479878/267079	111.8m aOD	0.46m & 111.34m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9201	Topsoil	Friable brown silt with occasional small flat gravel	0.24m thick	
9202	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown silty clay	0.22m thick	
9203	Natural	Firm mottled orangey-brown clay, flint and ironstone		
9204	Ditch Fill 9205	NE-SW aligned, bowl shaped profile	1.05m wide 0.20m deep	

9205	Fill of ditch 9204	Firm greyish-brown clay with patches of silt, occasional limestone and charcoal flecking	1.05m wide 0.20m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
93	25m, 1.7m ,NE-SW	479812/267087	111.4m aOD	0.55m & 110.85m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9301	Topsoil	Friable brown silt with occasional small flat gravel	0.29m thick	
9302	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clayey silt, small stones	0.26m thick	
9303	Natural	Firm mottled orangey-brown clay, flint and ironstone		
9304	Ditch Fill 9305	SE-NW aligned, dish shaped profile, sharp breaks of slope	0.76m wide 0.16m deep	
9305	Fill of ditch 9304	Firm reddish-brown silty clay, rare rounded and sub-angular small gravel	0.76m wide 0.16m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
94	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479775/267066	110.50m aOD	0.58m & 109.92m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9401	Topsoil	Friable brown silt with occasional ironstone fragments	0.30m thick	
9402	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clayey silt, few small stones	0.28m thick	
9403	Natural	Loose orangey-brown sand, few stones		
9404	Made ground	Firm greyish-brown clay, frequent limestone		
9405	Natural	Light yellowish-grey lay with small limestone inclusions		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
95	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479838/267119	111.50m aOD	0.48m & 111.02m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9501	Topsoil	Friable brown clayey silt with occasional pebbles	0.26m thick	
9502	Subsoil	Firm orangey-brown clay with rare inclusions	0.22m thick	
9503	Natural	Firm orangey-brown clay with sand		
9504	Quarry Pit Fills 9505, 9506	Oval?, flattish base, gradual sides	10m long, unknown width, at least 1.05m deep	
9505	Fill of quarry pit 9504	Hard light brown mixed with orange silty clay and sand	5.50m long 0.35m thick	
9506	Fill of pit 9504	Compact brown and grey silty clay, charcoal flecks, burnt stones, few stone (1cm-10cm)	10m long, 1.05m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
96	25m, 1.7m, NNW-SSE	479827/267147	111m aOD	0.49m & 110.51m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9601	Topsoil	Friable brown clayey silt with occasional pebbles	0.26m thick	
9602	Subsoil	Stiff orangey brown clay with rare inclusions	0.23m thick	
9603	Natural	Plastic/firm orangey-brown silty clay with sand content, manganese flecks		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
123	29m, 1.7m, E-W	479695/266419	101.6m aOD	0.58m & 101.02m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12301	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown loamey clay, occasional small-medium angular stones	0.30m thick	
12302	Subsoil	Orangey-brown silty sand pockets of clay, medium angular stones, rare charcoal flecking	0.28m thick	
12303	Natural	Yellow and red sands		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
124	42.50m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479674/266611	102.5m aOD	0.68m & 101.82m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12401	Topsoil	Friable dark yellowish-brown sandy loam, few small sub-angular stones	0.38m thick	
12402	Subsoil	Orangey-brown silty sand pockets of clay, medium angular stones, rare charcoal flecking	0.30m thick	
12403	Bank material	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy clay, rare charcoal flecking, few small rounded stones	15.5m wide, 0.30m thick	Sample 27
12404	Natural	Firm yellowish clays		
12405	Fill of pit 12406	Firm greyish brown sandy clay, charcoal (5-10%), few small sub rounded stones	1.10m long, at least 0.51m wide, 0.24m thick	Bronze Age pottery, flint Sample 26
12406	Pit Fill 12405	Oval (1/2 pit seen, remainder under trench edge), NW-SE, dish shaped profile with sharp breaks of slope	1.10m long, at least 0.51m wide, 0.24m deep	
12407	Fill of tree hole 12408	Firm dark grey sandy clay, charcoal flecking	1.14m x 0.20m x 0.21m deep	
12408	Tree hole Fill 12407	Irregular in plan with uneven profile	1.14m x 0.20m 0.21m deep	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height	Depth & height of natural
125	55m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479964/266925	107m aOD	0.50m & 106.50m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12501	Topsoil	Firm dark yellowish brown silty clay	0.19m thick	
12502	Layer	Firm reddish brown silty clay	0.10m thick	
12503	Layer	Firm yellowish brown silty clay	0.12m thick	
12504	Layer	Compact dark yellowish brown clay, charcoal flecks	0.18m thick	
12505	Fill of gully 12506	Firm yellowish-brown silty clay, rare small sub-angular stones	0.70m wide 0.20m thick	
12506	Gully Fill 12505	SW-NE, dish shaped profile, eroded NW edge	0.70m wide 0.20m deep	
12507	Fill of gully 12508	Firm yellowish-brown sandy clay, rare small sub-angular stones	0.34m wide 0.15m thick	
12508	Gully Fill 12507	WSW-ENE, dish shaped, steep sided	0.34m wide 0.15m deep	
12509	Fill of gully terminal 12506	Compact light whitish-brown sandy clay, iron panning, chalk flecking, few small sub-rounded stones	0.70m wide 0.19m thick	
12510	Gully terminal? Fill 12507	E-W, dish shaped profile	0.70m wide 0.19m deep	

APPENDIX 2 CONTEXT INVENTORY FIELD 2

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height (m aOD)	Depth & height of natural
118	50m, 1.7m, south-west to north-east	479471/265984	100.4	0.5m deep 99.9m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11801	Topsoil	Dark orangey-brown sandy loam	0.28m thick	
11802	Subsoil	Light brown sandy loam	30m long and 0.2m thick	
11803	Natural	Northampton Sands and ironstone with limestone outcrops		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height (m aOD)	Depth & height of natural
119	25m, 1.7m, north-west to south-east	479556/266046	101.2	0.5m deep 100.7m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11901	Topsoil	Dark brown sandy loam	0.27m thick	
11902	Subsoil	Orangey-brown sandy loam	0.15m thick	
11903	Natural	Northampton Sands and ironstone with limestone outcrops		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height (m aOD)	Depth & height of natural
120	25m, 1.7m, west to east	479503/266061	101.3	0.55m 100.7m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12001	Topsoil	Friable yellowish-brown clayey sand, few small sub-angular stones	0.27m thick	Pottery
12002	Subsoil	Friable dark brownish-red sand/silt, few small sub-angular stones	0.20m thick	

12003	Natural	Northampton sands		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height (m aOD)	Depth & height of natural
121	25m, 1.7m, north to south	479548/266087	101.2	0.61m 100.6m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12101	Topsoil	Friable yellowish-brown sand, few small sub-angular stones	0.28m thick	Clay pipe
12102	Subsoil	Firm brownish-red silt/sand, few small sub-rounded stones	0.20m thick	
12103	Natural	Brownish-yellow sand/silt located at the northern end of the trench		
12104	Natural	Northampton Sands with limestone outcrops		
12105	Natural	Northampton sands		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface Height (m aOD)	Depth & height of natural
122	25.3m, 1.7m, west to east	479653/266080	101.7	0.48m 101.22m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12201	Topsoil	Friable reddish-brown sandy loam, few small sub-angular stones	0.25m thick	
12202	Subsoil	Thin band of firm orangey-red sandy clay	0.13m thick	
12203	Natural	Northampton Sands and Ironstone with limestone outcrops		

APPENDIX 3: CONTEXT INVENTORY FIELD 3

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
126	25m, 1.7m, N-S	479980/265580	92.2m aOD	0.54m, 91.83m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12601	Topsoil	Firm dark yellowish-brown sandy clay, few small sub-angular sandstone	0.37m thick	
12602	Natural	Ironstone and brown clays		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
127	25m, 1.7m, SW-NE	479940/265559	91m aOD	1.05m (sondage), 0.67m, 89.95m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12701	Topsoil	Firm dark yellowish-brown sandy clay, few small sub-angular sandstone	0.30m thick	
12702	Subsoil	Thin layer reddish-brown clay	0.15m thick	
12703	Natural	Ironstones		
12704	Subsoil?	Firm reddish-brown clay, few ironstone fragments	7m wide, 0.55m thick	
12705	Natural	Dark red/orange clays at the base of the sondage at south-west end		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
128	25m, 1.7m, W-E	479953/265514	89m aOD	0.58m, 88.42m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12801	Topsoil	Mid yellowish-brown sandy clay	0.30m thick	
12802	Natural	Light yellowish-brown with poorly sorted frequent ironstone	0.20m thick	
12803	Cut of gully	Linear, sloping sides, concave base	0.45m wide, 0.11m deep	
12804	Fill of gully 12803	Compact mid yellowish-brown silty clay, poorly sorted moderate ironstone inclusions	0.45m wide, 0.11m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
129	50m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479998/265462	87.2m aOD (NW)	0.56m (NW), 86.64m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
12901	Topsoil	Firm mid yellowish-brown sandy clay	0.26m thick	
12902	Subsoil	Thin layer of reddish-brown clay, few small sub-angular ironstone	0.07m thick	
12903	Natural	Ironstones and red clays		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
130	25m, 1.7m, W-E	479992/265448	84m aOD	0.4m, 83.6m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13001	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty loam, poorly sorted occasional ironstone fragments	0.2m thick	
13002	Subsoil	Thin layer of light reddish-brown clay, poorly sorted rare ironstone	0.07m thick	
13003	Natural	Blue-grey clay mottled orange clay		
13004	Cut of ditch	Linear, vertical sides, flat base	0.96m wide, 0.55m deep	
13005	Fill of 13004	Compact yellowish-brown silty clay and sand, poorly sorted few ironstone fragments, charcoal flecking	0.96m wide, 0.55m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
131	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479923/265480	86.30m aOD	0.42m, 85.98m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13101	Topsoil	Firm yellowish-brown clay, very few small sub-angular stones	0.33m thick	
13102	Natural	Compact grey and orange clays		
13103	Cut of ditch	Linear,	1.90m wide, 0.68m deep	
13104	Fill of 13103	Compact light yellowish orange clay	0.58m wide, 0.15m thick	
13105	Fill of 13103	Firm dark orangey-brown clay, high coarse grained gravel poorly sorted	0.84m wide, 0.22m thick	
13106	Fill of 13103-primary silting	Firm orangey-brown clay with high ironstone gravel content	1.06m wide, 0.34m thick	
13107	Re-cut of ditch	Linear, u-shaped profile with gradual sides	1.04m wide, 0.34m deep	
13108	Fill of 13107	Compact orangey-brown clay with high coarse ironstone gravel content	1.04m wide, 0.34m thick	Sample 29
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
132	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479878/265542	86.26m aOD (SE)	1.46m, 84.80m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13201	Topsoil	Firm dark yellowish-brown sandy clay	0.36m thick	
13202	Upper fill of 13205	Firm brown sandy clay, rare small sub-angular stones	10m long, 0.55m thick	
13203	Middle fill of 13205	Re-deposited white chalk/clay	0.05m thick	
13204	Lower fill of 13205	Firm dark brown humic silty clay	0.50m thick	
13205	Quarry cut	Gradual sloping sides, flattish base	10m long (min), 1.10m deep	
13206	Natural	Blue/grey clays		
13207	Natural	Chalk		
13208	Fill of 13209	Loose very dark brown clayey sand	2.4m long, 0.7m (min)	

			wide, 0.25m thick	
13209	Tree bole cut	Shallow cut with very gradual sloping sides and an uneven base	2.4m long, 0.7m (min) wide, 0.25m deep	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
133	50m, 1.7m, SW-NE	479837/265477	83m aOD	0.30m, 82.70m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13301	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	0.29m thick	
13302	Natural	Blue mottled with orange clay		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
134	26m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479773/265504	87.54m aOD	0.41m, 87.13m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13401	Topsoil	Firm dark brown silty clay	0.30m thick	
13402	Subsoil	Light brown silty clay	0.15m thick	
13403	Natural	Compact light grey/orange clay		
13404	Cut of ditch	Linear, sloping sides, flat base	0.85m wide, 0.25m deep	
13405	Fill of 13404	Hard light brownish-orange silty clay	0.85m wide, 0.25m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
135	25m, 1.7m, W-E	479669/265446	86.68m aOD	0.27m, 86.41m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13501	Topsoil	Firm mid yellowish-brown clay	0.35m thick	
13502	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown silty clay	0.04m thick	
13503	Natural	Compact blue/grey clay with rare patches of red sand, rare ironstone fragments		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
136	25m, 1.7m, NE-SW	479769/265414	79.20m aOD	0.36m, 78.84m aOD

Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13601	Topsoil	Firm orangey-brown clay	0.34m thick	
13602	Subsoil	Firm reddish- brown sandy clay.	0.04m thick	
13603	Natural	Firm reddish-brown sandy clay, rare ironstone fragments		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
137	25m, 1.7m, N-S	479791/265383	77.54m aOD	0.4m, 77.14m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13701	Topsoil	Firm yellowish-brown clay	0.36m thick	
13702	Subsoil	Heavily denuded firm yellowish-brown clay	0.1m thick	
13703	Natural	Orangey-brown mottled with yellow sandy clay, rare ironstone fragments		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
138	50m, 1.7m, SW-NE	479700/265341	80m aOD	0.36m, 79.64m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13801	Topsoil	Firm brownish-yellow clay	0.30m thick	
13802	Subsoil	Heavily denuded firm yellowish-brown clay	0.08m thick	
13803	Natural	Light brownish-yellow clay, occasional ironstone fragments		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
139	25m, 1.7m, W-E	479649/265377	80m aOD	0.51m, 79.49m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
13901	Topsoil	Firm brown clay	0.3m thick	
13902	Subsoil	Denuded layer of mid reddish-brown sandy clay	0.23m thick	
13903	Natural	Northampton sands and ironstones		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
140	25m, 1.7m, N-S	479564/265361	78.8m aOD (S)	0.6m (S), 78.20m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
14001	Topsoil	Firm brown clay	0.3m thick	
14002	Subsoil	Denuded layer of mid reddish-brown sandy clay, rare chalk fragments	0.09m thick	
14003	Natural	Northampton sands and ironstones		
14004	Alluvium	Firm dark orangish-brown sandy clay	0.15m thick	

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
103	25m, 1.7m, NNW-SSE	479818/266329	101.10m aOD	0.36m, 100.74m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10301	Topsoil	Firm dark yellowish-brown sandy loam, few small angular flint	0.29m thick	
10302	Subsoil	Firm brownish-red sandy clay, charcoal flecking, small angular limestone fragments	0.06m thick	
10303	Natural	Red sands/clays and limestone		
10304	Ditch Fill 10305	Gentle sloping uneven sides, flattish base	1.0m wide, 0.20m deep	
10305	Single fill Ditch [10304]	Loose brownish-orange silty sand, occasional limestone/ironstone fragments (<100mm)	1.0m wide, 0.20m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
104	25m, 1.7m, N-S	479856/266325	101.00m aOD	0.44m, 100.56m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10401	Topsoil	Firm dark-reddish-brown sandy loam, rare rounded gravel	0.27m thick	
10402	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sandy loam, rare small ironstone fragments	0.20m thick	
10403	Natural	Northampton sands and ironstone		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
105	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479829/266304	101.10m aOD	0.38m, 100.72m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10501	Topsoil	Firm dark-reddish-brown sandy loam, rare rounded small-medium gravel, limestone flecks	0.20m thick	
10502	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sandy loam, rare small rounded gravel	0.18m thick	
10503	Natural	Red sand		
10504	Natural	Limestone		

10505	Ditch Fill 10506	N-S, dish shaped profile	0.1m wide 0.23m deep	
10506	Single fill Ditch [10505]	Loose orangey-brown sandy silt, occasional small stones, limestone fragments	0.1m wide 0.23m thick	SF25 fe object Sample 6
10507	Ditch Fill 10508	N-S, dish shaped profile	1m wide 0.30m deep	
10508	Single fill Ditch [10507]	Loose orangey-brown silty clay with sand pockets, occasional ironstone fragments	1m wide 0.30m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
106	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479951/266344	99.90m aOD	0.38m & 99.52m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10601	Topsoil	Friable dark yellowish-brown sandy loam	0.27m thick	
10602	Subsoil	Friable yellowish-brown clayey sand	0.11m thick	
10603	Natural	Red sands and limestone		
10604	Natural	Friable yellowish-brown clayey sand, few coarse gravel (<100mm)		
10605	Ditch Fills 10606, 10607	NW-SE, bowl shaped profile	0.88m wide 0.33m deep	
10606	Fill (secondary) Ditch 10605	Firm greyish-brown clayey silt, small to medium water rolled pebbles, rare charcoal	0.88m wide 0.05m thick	
10607	Fill (primary) Ditch 10605	Firm reddish-brown clayey silt, occasional small stones, occasional charcoal	0.28m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
107	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	480048/266344	96.35m aOD	0.77m & 95.58m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10701	Topsoil	Friable yellowish-brown sandy loam	0.26m thick	
10702	Subsoil	Firm light reddish-brown sand, charcoal flecking, occasional small sub-angular stones	0.18m thick	
10703	Colluvium	Firm light yellowish brown clayey sand, few small sub-rounded stones	0.30m thick	
10704	Colluvium	Firm light yellowish-brown sandy clay, few flint nodules	0.05m thick	Pottery

10705	Natural	Light brownish-yellow clays, limestone patches, chalk areas		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
108	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479974/266288	98.70m aOD	0.29m & 98.41m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10801	Topsoil	Friable yellowish-brown sandy loam	0.29m thick	
10802	Natural	Limestone and red sand		
10803	Natural	Loose red sand		
10804	Natural	Loose light brownish-yellow sand		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
109	27m, 1.7, NW-SE	480021/266279	97.30m aOD	0.32m & 96.98m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10901	Topsoil	Friable yellowish-brown sandy loam	0.23m thick	
10902	Subsoil	Firm brownish-red clayey sand, charcoal, poor sorted gravel	0.09m thick	
10903	Natural	Brash limestone and red sand		
10904	Natural	Ironstones		
10905	Ditch Fill 10906 10907	N-S, very uneven dish shaped base, deeper to SE	1.95m wide 0.20m deep	
10906	Lower fill of ditch 10905	Friable light brown sandy clay, occasional angular limestone (20-60mm)	0.60m wide 0.24m thick	
10907	Upper fill of ditch 10905	Friable orangey-brown clayey sand, occasional angular limestone (20-60mm)	1.95m wide 0.20m thick	
10908	Ditch Fill 10909	N-S, V shaped ditch	0.50m wide 0.45m deep	
10909	Fill of ditch 10908	Friable brown sandy clay, frequent angular limestone	0.50m wide 0.45m thick	
10910	Ditch Fill 10911 10912	E-W, dish shaped profile with near vertical sides	0.65m wide 0.40m deep	
10911	Primary fill of ditch 10910	Firm dark greyish brown sandy clay, substantial amount angular limestone (10-100mm)	0.65m wide 0.20m thick	
10912	Upper fill of ditch 10910	Firm brown sandy clay, few angular limestone fragments, occasional rounded pebbles	0.65m wide 0.20m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
110	27m, 1.7m, E-W	480058/266262	92.70m aOD	0.34m & 92.36m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11001	Topsoil	Friable brown clayey sand, very few small sub-angular stones	0.25m thick	
11002	Subsoil	Brownish red sandy clay, charcoal flecking, few small sub-angular flint	0.09m thick	
11003	Natural	Firm brownish-red clay, few coarse gravel		
11004	Natural	Chalk?		
11005	Ditch Fill 11006	N-S, irregular base and sides but roughly dish shaped profile	1.70m wide 0.30m deep	
11006	Fill of ditch 11005	Friable orangey-brown sandy clay, chalk patches, rare medium rounded stones (20-30mm)	1.70m wide 0.30m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
111	25m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479998.266222	98.23m aOD (NW)	0.24m & 97.99m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11101	Topsoil	Friable dark yellowish-brown sandy loam	0.24m thick	
11102	Natural	Limestone with red sand patches		
11103	Ditch Fill 11104	NE-SW, dish shaped profile, shallow	0.70m wide 0.10m deep	
11104	Fill of ditch 11103	Yellowish-brown sandy clay, few limestone inclusions	0.70m wide 0.10m thick	
11105	Ditch Fill 11106	NE-SW, dish shaped profile, shallow	0.70m wide 0.10m deep	
11106	Fill of ditch 11105	Yellowish-brown sandy clay, few limestone inclusions	0.70m wide 0.10m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
112	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479921/266200	100.20m aOD	0.52m & 99.68m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11201	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-grey sandy loam, few small rounded gravel	0.30m thick	

11202	Subsoil	Firm red sandy loam, small angular ironstone fragments, rounded gravel	0.22m thick	
11203	Natural	Red sands/clays and ironstone		
11204	Ditch Fill 11205	N-S, dish shaped profile	1.82m wide 0.30m deep	
11205	Fill of Ditch 11204	Firm yellowish-brown clayey silt, occasional small ironstone fragments and manganese flecks, rare charcoal flecks	1.82m wide 0.30m thick	
11206	Re-cut Ditch Fill 11207	N-S, dish shaped profile	0.72m wide 0.27m deep	
11207	Fill of Ditch 11206	Firm yellowish-brown clayey silt, occasional ironstone	0.72m wide 0.27m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
113	25m, 1.7m, N-S	479908/266176	100m aOD	0.42m & 99.58m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11301	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-grey sandy loam, few small rounded gravel	0.28m thick	
11302	Subsoil	Firm reddish-grey sandy loam, small angular limestone fragments, rounded gravel	0.14m thick	
11303	Natural	Red sands/clays and limestone		
11304	Ditch Fill 11305	ENE-WSW, bowl shaped profile	2m wide 0.60m deep	
11305	Lower fill of ditch 11304	Loose orangey-brown silty clay, occasional small to medium ironstone, rare charcoal flecks	2m wide 0.60m thick	Sample 15
11306	Upper fill of ditch 11304	Firm mottled yellowish brown clayey silt, frequent limestone	1.20m wide 0.25m thick	
11307	Ditch? Fill 11308, 11309	E-W, V-shaped but heavily eroded base and sides	2m wide 0.92m deep	
11308	Fill of 11307	Firm yellowish-brown silty sands, occasional small angular stones	0.25m thick	Sample 16
11309	Fill of 11307	Loose dark greyish-brown sand, few small angular stones	0.50m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
114	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479892/266230	100.50m aOD	0.52m &
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11401	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-grey sandy loam, occasional small rounded gravel	0.30m thick	
11402	Subsoil	Firm reddish-grey sandy loam, small rounded gravel	0.22m thick	
11403	Natural	Orangey-grey sand, few small ironstone fragments		
11404	Quarry pit? 11405- 11410	N-S, dish shaped, with steep sloping sides	4.60m wide 0.92m deep	
11405	Fill of quarry pit 11404	Loose orangey-brown silty clay, occasional small ironstone fragments, occasional small rounded stones	2.20m wide 0.12m thick	
11406	Fill of quarry pit 11404	Loose mottled orangey-brown silty clay, occasional small ironstone fragments, occasional small rounded stones	4.60m wide 0.12m thick	
11407	Fill of quarry pit 11404	Loose yellowish brown sandy silt	2.80m wide 0.22m thick	
11408	Fill of quarry pit 11404	Loose yellowish brown silty sand, occasional small stones, ironstone, charcoal flecks	2.10m wide 0.30m thick	
11409	Fill of quarry pit 11404	Friable mottled yellowish brown silty clay with high sand content, occasional ironstone, rare charcoal flecks	3.40m wide 0.36m thick	
11410	Fill of quarry pit 11404	Loose yellowish brown sandy silt, few small water rolled pebbles, ironstone	0.40m wide 0.30m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
115	25m, 1.7m, N-S	479853/266228	101.10m aOD	0.47m & 100.63m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11501	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy loam, few small rounded gravel	0.27m thick	
11502	Subsoil	Firm reddish-grey sandy loam, small and medium limestone and ironstone fragments	0.20m thick	
11503	Natural	Red sand and ironstone		
11504	Natural	Ironstone		

11505	Ditch Ring ditch 5 Fill 11507 11506	E-W, bowl shaped profile	2m wide 0.78m deep	
11506	Fill of ditch 11505	Friable orangey-brown sandy silt, ironstone occasional small rounded pebbles, fragmentary	1.50m wide 0.46m thick	Sample 20
11507	Fill of ditch 11505	Friable yellowish-brown silty clay, frequent ironstone fragments	2m wide 0.32m thick	Sample 21
11508	Gully/pit? Fill 11509	E-W, dish shaped profile	0.4m wide 0.2m deep	
11509	Fill of gully/pit 11508	Loose mottled grey and orangey brown silty clay, frequent ironstone	0.4m wide 0.2m thick	
11510	Gully? Fill 11511	E-W dish shaped profile	0.88m wide 0.32m deep	
11511	Fill of gully 11510	Loose mottled yellow and brown silty sand, occasional ironstone fragments	0.88m wide 0.32m thick	
11512	Pit Fill 11513	NE-SW, bowl shaped profile	1.20m long 0.50m wide 0.17m deep	
11513	Fill of pit 11512	Loose mottled orange and brown sandy silt, frequent ironstone fragments	1.20m long 0.50m wide 0.17m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
116	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479865/266274	100.9m aOD	0.40m & 100.5m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11601	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy loam, occasional small gravel	0.25m thick	
11602	Subsoil	Reddish-brown sandy loam, few limestone fragments	0.15m thick	
11603	Natural	Red sand and limestone patches		
11604	Ditch Ring Ditch 4	N-S, V-shaped profile		
11605	Fill of ditch 11604	Firm light reddish-brown sandy silt, rare small stone	0.66m thick	Sample 17
11606	Fill of ditch 11604	Firm light brown silty sand	0.80m wide 0.40m thick	Sample 18
11607	Recut of Ring Ditch	N-S, bowl-shaped, eroded upper edges		
11608	Fill of ditch 11611	Firm brown sandy silt, rare small stone, tipping E-W	1.60m wide 0.30m thick	
11609	Fill of ditch	Firm light brown sandy silt, rare	1.30m wide	

	11611	small stone, tipping E-W	0.36m thick	
11610	Fill of ditch	Firm light reddish-brown sandy silt, rare small stone	2.90m wide 0.80m thick	Sample 19
11611	Recut of Ring Ditch Fills	N-S Bowl shaped, more gradual western slope	1.60m wide 0.36m deep	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
117	48m, 1.7m, E-W	479914/266302	101.5m aOD	0.45m & 101.05m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
11701	Topsoil	Grey silty sandy clay	0.27m thick	
11702	Subsoil	Light orangey- brown sandy clay	0.18m thick	
11703	Natural	Sandy clay, cornbrash pockets		
11704	Bank material	Firm reddish brown silty sand with clay, few pebbles	15m wide 0.23m thick	
11705	Bank material	Firm dark brown silty sand with clay, few pebbles, sandstones, occasional ironstone (10-100mm)	15m wide 0.24m thick	
11706	Bank material/track	Firm mottled reddish-brown silty clay, frequent weathered small to medium ironstone		
11707	Ditch Fill 11708	NW-SE bowl shaped profile	1.29m wide 0.38m deep	
11708	Fill of ditch 11707	Firm reddish brown sandy clay, few small stones, weathered limestone	1.29m wide 0.38m thick	
11709	Ditch Fills 11710, 11711	N-S, bowl shaped profile	1.30m wide 0.78m deep	
11710	Upper fill of ditch 11707	Friable orangey-brown silty clay, few limestone fragments	0.46m thick	
11711	Lower fill of ditch 11707	Firm yellowish brown clayey silt, occasional small weathered limestone	0.32m thick	
11712	Furrow? Fill 11713	NE-SW, dish shaped profile	1.40m wide 0.15m deep	
11713	Fill of furrow 11712	Loose greyish-brown silty clay, fragmentary limestone	1.40m wide 0.15m thick	

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
97	50m, 1.7m, SW-NE	479771/266528	101.80m aOD	0.50m, 101.30m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9701	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy loam, occasional small rounded gravel	0.25m thick	
9702	Subsoil	Firm reddish sand, occasional small rounded gravel	0.25m thick	
9703	Natural	Reddish-brown sand, limestone patches		
9704	Cut of tree bole	Irregular with uneven base	3.6m wide, 0.40m deep	
9705	Fill of 9704	Loose dark orangish-brown sand, few fragments of angular cornbrash and roots	3.6m wide, 0.40m thick	
9706	Cut of tree bole	Irregular with uneven base	2.50m wide, 0.40m deep	
9707	Fill of 9706	Loose dark orangish-brown sand, few fragments of angular cornbrash and roots	3.6m wide, 0.40m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
98	50m, 1.7m, N-S	479824/266426	101.40m aOD	0.49m, 100.91m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9801	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy loam, occasional small rounded gravel	0.25m thick	
9802	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sandy loam	0.24m thick	
9803	Natural	Northampton Sands and Ironstone		
9804	Cut for butchering pit	Rectangular, near vertical sides and flat base	2.50m wide, 0.58m thick	
9805	Fill of 9804	Firm brown/grey sandy clay, charcoal flecking	2.50m wide, 0.58m thick	Animal bone Pottery Fe knife (SF20)

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
99	25m, 1.7m, WNW-ESE	479876/266454	102.10m aOD	0.60m, 101.50m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
9901	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy loam	0.25m thick	
9902	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sandy loam	0.30m thick	
9903	Natural	Light orange sands and limestone		
9904	Cut for tree bole	Irregular, stepped broken sides and uneven base	1.55m long, 1.40m wide, 0.37m deep	
9905	Lower fill 9904	Firm reddish-brown clayey sand, few flint nodules	0.55m long (exc), 0.61m (exc), 0.10m thick	
9906	Upper fill 9904	Firm brownish-red sandy clay, charcoal flecking, few flint nodules	1.55m long, 1.40m wide, 0.37m thick	
9907	Natural	Firm brown sandy clay		
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
100	50m, 1.7m, NW-SE	479985/266396	99m aOD	0.60m, 98.40m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10001	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy loam, occasional small rounded gravel	0.34m thick	
10002	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sandy loam, few rounded gravel	0.26m thick	
10003	Natural	Northampton Sands and Ironstone		
10004	Cut of ditch	Linear, U-shaped profile	1.46m wide, 0.43m deep	
10005	Fill of 10004	Firm orangish-brown sandy clay, charcoal flecking, few rounded stones	1.46m wide, 0.43m thick	Animal bone Flint Sample 1

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
101	25m, 1.7m, E-W	479919/266361	102.03 (WNW)	0.98m, 101.01m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10101	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy loam	0.24m thick	
10102	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sandy loam	0.24m thick	
10103	Natural	Light orange coarse sand and limestone		
10104	Cut of ditch	Linear, N-S, U-shaped profile	1.56m wide, 0.43m deep	
10105	Fill of 10104	Friable brownish-grey mottled red silty sand, few small ironstone fragments	1.56m wide, 0.43m thick	Animal bone Sample 3
10106	Animal disturbance	Friable mid greyish-brown sandy silt, few small ironstone fragments		
10107	Natural	Solution hollows comprising red-brown sand		
10108	Cut of ditch	Linear, steep sided V-shaped profile	1.04m wide, 0.88m deep	
10109	Upper fill of 10108	Loose dark brownish-orange mottled grey sand, occasional rounded pebbles, sub-angular ironstone	0.47m thick	Animal bone
10110	Lower fill of 10108	Loose dark brownish-orange sand, occasional angular limestone and ironstone fragments	0.41m thick	Animal bone Sample 2
10111	Quarry pit cut		3.5m wide, 0.70m deep	
10112	Primary fill 10111	Friable brownish-orange sand, rare charcoal flecking, few small sub-angular limestone fragments, occasional small pebbles	3.5m wide, 0.20m thick	Stone tool?
10113	Fill of 10111	Firm, dark grey mottled with orange sandy loam, very frequent small grit fragments, one or two larger angular (40-60mm) stones. Degraded turf fill/layer?	3.5m wide, 0.12m thick	
10114	Slump fill of 10111	Friable orangish-brown sand, occasional sub-rounded and sub-angular stones	1.20m wide, 0.33m thick	
10115	Fill of 10111	Friable orangish-brown sand, few sub-angular stones	3.5m wide, 0.12m thick	
10116	Cut of pit/recut	Ovoid, uneven sides, uneven	1.7m wide,	

	of 10111?	base	0.50m deep	
10117	Fill of 10116	Firm orangish-brown sandy clay, occasional sub-angular limestone fragments	0.25m thick	
10118	Fill of 10116	Loose orangish-brown sand, frequent stone	0.10m thick	
10119	Fill of 10116	Loose orangish-brown sand, occasional small angular limestone fragments	0.15m thick	
10120	Cut of ditch	Linear, V-shaped profile	0.70m wide, 0.30m deep	
10121	Fill of 10120	Loose orangish-brown sand, occasional small sub-angular stones	0.70m wide, 0.30m thick	Sample 4
10122	Bank material Feature 10125	Firm orangish-brown clayey sand, few small rounded pebbles, few limestone fragments	6.2m wide 0.28m thick	
10123	Buried soil Feature 10125	Loose greyish-brown sandy loam, occasional small angular limestone fragments	10.90m wide 0.32m thick	
10124	Bank material Feature 10125	Friable orangish-brown sand, few sub-angular limestone fragments	4.4m wide, 0.15m thick	
10125	Bank deposits 10122- 10124		10.90m wide 0.57m thick	
Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth & height of natural
102	WNW-ESE	479862/266378	101.20m aOD	0.35m, 100.88m aOD
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
10201	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy loam	0.24m thick	
10202	Subsoil	Firm reddish-brown sandy loam	0.13m thick	
10203	Natural	Light orange sand and ironstone, more ironstone to the SE		



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