

Chapter 10. Phased Context Data

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The nine notebooks that contain all the contextual data recorded on site, plus *pro forma* context sheets onto which the original information was transposed, are held within the excavation archive at Bedford Museum (accession no. 1975/70). A fairly systematic, context-based recording system was used on site, but the detailed recording protocols evolved over the four years during which the excavation was in operation, and context numbers started at '1' for each trench rather than using a single unique numerical sequence. To allow this data to be entered more easily on a database, individual context numbers were generated using a composite number made up of the trench number and context number: *e.g.* structure 17 from Trench 2a is identified as 2a-17, while post-hole 27 from Trench 5a is referred to as 5a-27. A complete list of these composite context numbers, together with their original context and trench numbers, is provided in the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that forms the main content of this chapter. The spreadsheet also states briefly what each context represents, and lists the Group number and phase to which each belongs.