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## SUMMARY

Detailed magnetometry was carried out over 1ha of land at Bury Farm, Locking, North Somerset by Archaeological Surveys Ltd ahead of the proposed construction of three houses. The results indicate the presence of a number of positive discrete and linear anomalies in the north eastern part of the site that lack a coherent morphology and are of uncertain origin. Elsewhere there are anomalies associated with the tidal flat deposits and drainage of the lower lying part of the site and also modern ground make-up and dumping.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 *Survey background*

- 1.1.1 Archaeological Surveys Ltd was commissioned by Dr Philip Cox to undertake a magnetometer survey of an area of land at Bury Farm, Locking, North Somerset. The site has been outlined for a proposed development of three new dwellings, associated access, attenuation pond and pumping station (North Somerset Council planning application no: 22/P/2083/OUT).
- 1.1.2 The geophysical survey was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by Archaeological Surveys (2023) and approved by Cat Lodge, Principal Archaeologist for North Somerset Council, prior to commencing the fieldwork.

### 1.2 *Survey objectives and techniques*

- 1.2.1 The objective of the survey was to use magnetometry to locate geophysical anomalies that may be archaeological in origin so that they may be assessed prior to development of the site. The methodology is considered an efficient and effective approach to archaeological prospection.
- 1.2.2 Geophysical survey can provide useful information on the archaeological potential of a site; however, the outcome of any survey relies on a number of factors and as a consequence results can vary. The success in meeting the aims and objectives of a survey is, therefore, often impossible to predetermine.

### 1.3 *Standards, guidance and recommendations for the use of this report*

- 1.3.1 Archaeological Surveys Ltd is a Registered Organisation with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) and both company directors are Members of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (MCIfA) and have therefore been assessed for their technical competence and ethical suitability and abide by the CIfA Codes of Conduct. The survey and report follow the

recommendations set out by: European Archaeological Council (2015) Guidelines for the Use of Geophysics in Archaeology; Institute for Archaeologists (2002) The use of Geophysical Techniques in Archaeological Evaluations. The work has been carried out to the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014, updated 2020) Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Geophysical Survey.

- 1.3.2 Archaeological Surveys Ltd provide a detailed geophysical survey report and it is recommended that where possible the contents should be considered in full. The Summary provides a brief overview of the results with more detail available in the Discussion and/or Conclusion. The *List of anomalies* within the Results provides a detailed assessment of the anomalies within separate categories which can be useful in inferring a level of confidence to the interpretation. Quality and factors influencing the interpretation of anomalies is also set out within the results.
- 1.3.3 It is recommended that the full report should always be considered when using data and interpretation plots; where this is not possible, in the field for example, the abstraction and interpretation plots should retain their colour coding and be used with a corresponding legend.

#### 1.4 Site location, description and survey conditions

- 1.4.1 The site is located to the east of Bury Farm, Locking, North Somerset. It is centred on Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference (OS NGR) ST 36470 59515, see Figs 01 and 02.
- 1.4.2 The geophysical survey covers approximately 1ha within two small pasture fields. The main focus of the proposed development is within Area 1 in the north eastern part of the site, with the attenuation pond in the south east and new access leading through the western field, Area 2, to The Bury. New planting has also been proposed and so the geophysical survey covered the entire site, where feasible, for context.
- 1.4.3 The site slopes steeply at the northern end of Area 1 from 9.7m AODN to 6.4m AODN where the northernmost of a series of east to west aligned drainage ditches or grypes commence in the field. These drain into a central north south aligned ditch which then drains into the Hutton and Locking Rhyne which bounds the southern edge of the site. The central part of Area 1 is generally 5.4-5.3m AODN, rising slightly to 5.6m AODN at the southern edge. A low bank is visible extending across the northern part of Area 1, at 8.4m AODN.
- 1.4.4 The site lies to the south of residential dwellings, field boundaries are mainly hedgerows with trees along part of the western side of Area 1 and to the north of Area 2. The south western part of Area 1 contains an area used for burning and some made ground.

- 1.4.5 The ground conditions across the site were generally considered to be favourable for the collection of magnetometry data. Weather conditions during the survey were fine and sunny.



*Plate 1: Area 1 looking north east*

## **1.5 Site history and archaeological potential**

- 1.5.1 The North Somerset Historic Environment Record indicates that although no designated or non-designated heritage assets are located directly within the site, it lies immediately adjacent to the medieval auster tenement of Bury Farm (MNS4719), which also lies within the Locking historic core settlement (MNS5449). The site has, however, not been subject to previous archaeological investigation. In the wider vicinity lie the earthwork remains of an undated square enclosure (MNS4716) approximately 300m to the east, with traces of earthworks relating to possible medieval or Romano-British settlement (MNS69) situated approximately 350m to the south west.
- 1.5.2 Early mapping shows that the western land parcel contained an orchard between at least 1880 to 1960, while a pond is recorded in the eastern field (Area 1). Area 1 also contains the series of east to west oriented grypes or drainage channels with a central north to south ditch draining into the Hutton and Locking Rhyne to the south.

## **1.6 Geology and soils**

- 1.6.1 The underlying solid geology across the site is mudstone and halite stone from the Mercia Mudstone Group with overlying tidal flat deposits in the

southern part of the site (BGS, 2022).

- 1.6.2 The overlying soil across the survey area is from the Evesham 1 association (411a) and is a typical calcareous pelosol and consists of a slowly permeable, calcareous clayey soil (Soil Survey of England and Wales, 1983).
- 1.6.3 The underlying geology and soils are considered less than optimum for magnetic survey as they can be associated with low magnetic susceptibility. If, however, the site contains evidence for long term occupation or industrial activity the soils can become sufficiently enhanced for the creation of magnetic anomalies.

## 2 METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 *Technical synopsis*

- 2.1.1 Magnetometry survey records localised magnetic fields that can be associated with features formed by human activity. Magnetic susceptibility and magnetic thermoremnance (also known as thermoremanence) are factors associated with the formation of localised magnetic fields.
- 2.1.2 Iron minerals within the soil may become altered by burning and the break down of biological material; effectively the magnetic susceptibility of the soil is increased, and the iron minerals become magnetic in the presence of the Earth's magnetic field. Accumulations of magnetically enhanced soils within features, such as pits and ditches, may produce positive magnetic anomalies that can be mapped by magnetic prospection. In addition, where soil is displaced by material of comparatively low magnetic susceptibility, such as many types of sedimentary rock, anomalies of negative value may occur which could be indicative of structural remains.
- 2.1.3 Magnetic thermoremnance can occur when ferrous minerals have been heated to high temperatures such as in a kiln, hearth, oven etc. On cooling, a permanent magnetisation may be acquired due to the presence of the Earth's magnetic field. Certain natural processes associated with the formation of some igneous and metamorphic rock may also result in magnetic thermoremnance.
- 2.1.4 The localised variations in magnetism are measured as sub-units of the Tesla, which is a SI unit of magnetic flux density. These sub-units are nano Teslas (nT), which are equivalent to  $10^{-9}$  Tesla (T). Additional details are set out in 2.2 below and within Appendix A.

### 2.2 *Equipment configuration, data collection and survey detail*

- 2.2.1 The detailed magnetic survey was carried out using a SENSYS MAGNETO®MXPDA 5 channel cart-based system. The instrument has 5 fluxgate



gradiometers (FGM650) spaced 0.5m apart with readings recorded at 20Hz. The cart is pushed at walking speed and not towed. Each sensor is not zeroed in the field as the vertical axis alignment is precisely fixed leaving sensor offsets that are removed during data processing. The fixing of the vertical alignment ensures the sensors are not unduly influenced by localised magnetic fields and that the vertical component of a magnetic anomaly is measured. The gradiometers have a recorded range of  $\pm 3000\text{nT}$ , and resolution is approximately  $0.1\text{nT}$ . They are linked to a Leica GS10 RTK GNSS with data recorded by SENSYS MonMX software on a rugged notebook computer system.

- 2.2.2 Due to the fixed offsets within the fluxgate sensors, as a result of the manufacturing and tensioning process, the survey data do not provide a visually useful dataset until a zero median traverse algorithm is applied. It is recognised that this has the potential to affect some anomalies detrimentally by removing linear features orientated parallel to survey transects. However, this has not been noted as a particular problem with the system due to the high resolution data collection, generally long length of traverses and variability within the magnetic characteristics of a linear anomaly.
- 2.2.3 Data are collected along a series of parallel survey transects to achieve 100% coverage of the surveyable land. The length of each transect is variable and relates to the size of the survey area and other factors including ground conditions. A visual display allows accurate placing of transects and helps maintain the correct separation between adjacent traverses. Data are not collected within fixed grids and data points are considered to be random even though the data are collected in a systematic manner covering all accessible areas (Aspinall, Gaffney and Schmidt, 2009).
- 2.2.4 Fluxgate sensors are highly sensitive to temperature change and this manifests as drift during the course of a survey. This can be particularly noticeable during the morning as temperatures rise and the equipment warms or cools. Sensor drift within the course of a traverse will appear as a line trending from negative to positive after processing with a zero median traverse algorithm. To remove the potential for temperature drift, data were collected after a 20 minute stabilisation period and traverses were limited to a time of generally  $<60\text{s}$ .

### 2.3 *Data processing and presentation*

- 2.3.1 Magnetic data collected by the MAGNETO®MXPDA cart-based system are initially prepared using SENSYS MAGNETO®DLMGPS software. The software effectively allocates a geographic position for each data point and can compensate for fixed offsets present within the FGM650 sensors. The offsets are positive or negative values present on all fluxgate gradiometer sensors. Some systems use manual or electronic balancing to effectively zero the sensors; however, this is a short term measure that is prone to drift through temperature changes and vibration and can easily be incorrectly set due to localised magnetic fields. The FGM650 sensors are very accurately aligned to the vertical magnetic gradient and are highly stable showing

negligible drift on long traverses. The offset values are removed using TerraSurveyor software.

- 2.3.2 Survey tracks are analysed and georeferenced raw data (UTM Z30N) are then exported in ASCII format for further analysis and display within TerraSurveyor. The removal of the offset values (compensation) of the sensors is also carried out in TerraSurveyor using a zero median traverse function. Data are then considered to be minimally processed. Note: without the zero median traverse function it is not possible to create a meaningful data plot as all sensors have a different offset value. Although a zero median traverse algorithm can remove anomalies aligned with the survey tracks, in practice this rarely occurs due to the use of long traverses, high resolution measurement and variability within the magnetic susceptibility of long linear features.
- 2.3.3 The minimally processed data are collected between limits of  $\pm 3000\text{nT}$  and clipped for display at  $\pm 100\text{nT}$  with high values highlighted in red and low in blue, it has also been clipped  $\pm 3\text{nT}$  in order to see lower magnitude responses. Data are interpolated to a resolution of effectively 0.5m between tracks and 0.15m along each survey track.
- 2.3.4 Additional data processing has been carried out in the form of high pass filtering. This effectively removes low frequency variation along a traverse that has been caused by large magnetic bodies, cultivation or rapid temperature change. Data treated to additional processing have been compared to unprocessed data to ensure that no significant anomalies have been removed.
- 2.3.5 Appendix C contains metadata concerning the survey and data attributes and is derived directly from TerraSurveyor. Reference should be made to Appendix B for further information on processing.
- 2.3.6 A TIF file is produced by TerraSurveyor software along with an associated world file (.TFW) that allows automatic georeferencing (OSGB36 datum) when using GIS or CAD software. The main form of data display used in the report is the minimally processed greyscale plot. Minimally processed data are considered by the manufacturer to be data that are compensated by SENSYS MAGNETO DLMGPS software, see 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. Note: traceplots are not considered to be appropriate as they do not provide an accurate or useful assessment of the magnetic anomalies due to the very high density of data collection. In addition, traceplots cannot be meaningfully plotted against base mapping and in areas of complexity traces may be lost or highly confused. Traceplots may be used to demonstrate characteristic magnetic profiles across discrete features where it is considered beneficial.
- 2.3.7 The raster images are combined with base mapping using ProgeCAD Professional 2021, creating DWG (2018) file formats. All images are externally referenced to the CAD drawing in order to maintain good graphical quality. The CAD plots are effectively georeferenced facilitating relocation of features using GNSS, resection method, etc.

- 2.3.8 An abstraction and interpretation is drawn and plotted for all geophysical anomalies located by the survey. Anomalies are abstracted using colour coded points, lines and polygons. All plots are scaled to landscape A3 for paper printing. Appendix E sets out CAD layer names with colour and graphic content for each interpretation category, see 3.3.
- 2.3.9 A brief summary of each anomaly, with an appropriate reference number, is set out in list form within the results (Section 3) to allow a rapid and objective assessment of features within each survey area.
- 2.3.10 A digital archive is produced with this report, see Appendix D below. The main archive is held at the offices of Archaeological Surveys Ltd.

## 3 RESULTS

### 3.1 *General assessment of survey results*

- 3.1.1 The detailed magnetic survey was carried out within two survey areas covering approximately 1ha.
- 3.1.2 Magnetic anomalies located can be generally classified as positive and negative linear anomalies of an uncertain origin, anomalies associated with land management, anomalies with a natural origin, areas of magnetic debris and disturbance, strong discrete dipolar anomalies relating to ferrous objects and strong multiple dipolar linear anomalies relating to buried services or pipelines. Anomalies located within each survey area have been numbered and are described in 3.4 below.

### 3.2 *Data quality and factors affecting the interpretation or formation of anomalies*

- 3.2.1 Data are considered representative of the magnetic anomalies present within the site. There are no significant defects within the dataset.
- 3.2.2 High magnitude magnetic disturbance is associated with a water pipeline running along the southern part of the site and this may obscure weak magnetic anomalies should they be present within this part of the site. Zones of magnetic debris were located primarily along the western side of Area 1, these are associated with modern ferrous material within made ground and an area of burning; the high magnitude of the responses also has the potential to obscure weak anomalies.
- 3.2.3 Very few anomalies were located that would allow a qualitative assessment of the suitability of the soils for magnetometry, although useful results have been obtained from similar soils and underlying geology elsewhere. Amorphous anomalies of natural origin located on the lower parts of the site are unlikely to obscure or confuse anomalies of anthropogenic origin.

### 3.3 Data interpretation

3.3.1 The list of sub-headings below attempts to define a number of separate categories that reflect the range and type of features located during the survey. A general explanation of the characteristics of the magnetic anomalies is set out for each category in order to justify interpretation, see Table 1.

Interpretation category	Description and origin of anomalies
<b>Anomalies with an uncertain origin</b>	The category applies to a range of anomalies where <u>there is not enough evidence to confidently suggest an origin</u> . Anomalies in this category <u>may well be related to archaeologically significant features, but equally relatively modern features, geological/pedological features and agricultural features should be considered</u> . Morphology may be unclear or uncharacteristic and there may be a lack of additional supporting information. Positive anomalies are indicative of magnetically enhanced soils that may form the fill of 'cut' features or may be produced by accumulation within layers or 'earthwork' features; soils subject to burning may also produce positive anomalies. Negative anomalies are produced by material of comparatively low magnetic susceptibility such as stone and subsoil.
<b>Anomalies relating to land management</b>	Land drains can appear in a classic herringbone pattern of interconnected multiple dipolar linear anomalies, or as parallel linear anomalies. The multiple dipolar response indicates ceramic land drains.
<b>Anomalies associated with magnetic debris</b>	Magnetic debris often appears as areas containing many small dipolar anomalies that may range from weak to very strong in magnitude. They often occur where there has been dumping or ground make-up and are related to magnetically thermoremanent materials such as brick or tile or other small fragments of ferrous material. This type of response is occasionally associated with kilns, furnace structures, hearths and nail spreads from former wooden structures or rooves and <u>may, therefore, be archaeologically significant</u> . It is also possible that the response may be caused by natural material such as certain gravels and fragments of igneous or metamorphic rock. Strong discrete dipolar anomalies are responses to ferrous objects within the topsoil.
<b>Anomalies with a modern origin</b>	The magnetic response is often strong and dipolar indicative of ferrous material and may be associated with extant above surface features such as wire fencing, cables, pylons etc. Often a significant area around these features has a strong magnetic flux which may create magnetic disturbance; such disturbance can effectively obscure low magnitude anomalies if they are present. Fluxgate sensors may respond erratically adjacent to strong magnetic sources. Buried services may produce characteristic multiple dipolar anomalies dependant upon their construction.
<b>Anomalies with a natural origin</b>	Naturally formed magnetic anomalies are caused by localised variability in the magnetic susceptibility of soils, subsoils and other drift or solid geologies. Anomalies may be amorphous, linear or curvilinear and may appear 'fluvial' or discrete; the latter are <u>almost impossible to distinguish from pit-like anomalies with an anthropogenic origin</u> . Fluvial, glacial and periglacial processes may be responsible for their formation within drift material and subsoil. Igneous and metamorphic activity can lead to anomalies within more solid geology.

Table 1: List and description of interpretation categories

### 3.4 List of anomalies

Site centred on OS NGR 336470 159515, see Figs 03 – 06.

#### *Anomalies with an uncertain origin*

(1) – A group of discrete positive anomalies are located in the north eastern corner of the site. They have a range of 3-10nT, which could indicate a response to cut, pit-like features. A much stronger linear anomaly is located nearby which has a response of over 40nT which may indicate an association with burnt material. It is

not clear if they relate to relatively modern features and/or dumping, or if they are of some antiquity.

(2) – A positive and a negative linear anomaly are situated to the south of a low bank in the northern part of Area 1. They lie at approximately 7.8m AODN and although generally parallel with linear drainage ditches (4), they do not appear to be connected.

(3) – A small number of short, weakly positive linear anomalies, oriented north to south are located in the north eastern part of the site. It is possible that there has been some truncation by the drainage channels, but they are of uncertain origin.

#### *Anomalies associated with land management*

(4) – A series of east to west aligned linear anomalies relate to extant ditches or grypes, some of which contain land drains that lead to a central north to south aligned ditch that drains into the Hutton and Locking Rhyne at the southern edge of the site.

#### *Anomalies with a natural origin*

(5) – Amorphous, magnetically variable anomalies can be seen in the lower ground between 5.2m and 6.2m AODN. The responses relate to variable magnetic susceptibility caused by periodic waterlogging and drying episodes within the underlying tidal flat deposits within this part of the site.

#### *Anomalies associated with magnetic debris*

(6) – The western side of Area 1 contains widespread magnetic debris. This relates to modern dumping and ground-make up, including the infilling of a pond, and to ferrous debris associated with an area of burning.

(7) – Much of Area 2 contains widespread magnetic debris, also likely to be derived from modern dumping and ground make-up.

(8) – Strong, discrete dipolar anomalies are a response to ferrous and other magnetically thermoremanent objects, such as brick/tile within the topsoil.

#### *Anomalies with a modern origin*

(9) – A strong, multiple dipolar linear anomaly extends along the southern edge of the site and relates to a buried water pipeline.

## 4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1.1 The geophysical survey located a number of discrete positive responses in the north eastern corner of the site; however, it is not possible to determine their origin. A small number of weakly positive linear anomalies have also been located in the vicinity, with one possibly indicating a ditch associated with a low bank within the field. The majority of the anomalies relate to natural variations within tidal flat deposits and modern dumping and ground make-up.

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## Appendix A – basic principles of magnetic survey

Iron minerals are always present to some degree within the topsoil and enhancement associated with human activity is related to increases in the level of magnetic susceptibility and thermoremanent material. Magnetic susceptibility is an induced magnetism within a material when it is in the presence of a magnetic field. This can be thought of as effectively permanent due to the presence of the Earth's magnetic field. Thermoremanent magnetism occurs when ferrous material is heated beyond a specific temperature known as the Curie Point. Demagnetisation occurs at this temperature with re-magnetisation by the Earth's magnetic field upon cooling.

Enhancement of magnetic susceptibility can occur in areas subject to burning and complex fermentation processes on biological material; these are frequently associated with human settlement. Thermoremanent features include ovens, hearths, and kilns. In addition thermoremanent material such as tile and brick may also be associated with human activity and settlement.

Silting and deliberate infilling of ditches and pits with magnetically enhanced soil can create an area of enhancement compared with surrounding soils and subsoils into which the feature is cut. Mapping enhanced areas will produce linear and discrete anomalies allowing an assessment and characterisation of hidden subsurface features.

It should be noted that areas of negative enhancement can be produced from material having lower magnetic properties compared to the topsoil. This is common for many sedimentary bedrocks and subsoils which were often used in the construction of banks and walls etc. Mapping these 'negative' anomalies may also reveal archaeological features.

Magnetic survey or magnetometry can be carried out using a fluxgate gradiometer and may be referred to as gradiometry. The SENSYS gradiometer is a passive instrument consisting of two fluxgate sensors mounted vertically 65cm apart. The instrument is carried about 10-20cm above the ground surface and the upper sensor measures the Earth's magnetic field as does the lower sensor but this is influenced to a greater degree by any localised buried magnetic field. The difference between the two sensors will relate to the strength of the magnetic field created by the buried feature.

There are a number of factors that may affect the magnetic survey and these include soil type, local geology and previous human activity. Situations arise where magnetic disturbance associated with modern services, metal fencing, dumped waste material etc., obscures low magnitude fields associated with archaeological features.

## Appendix B – data processing notes

### *Clipping*

Minimum and maximum values are set and replace data outside of the range with those values. Extreme values are removed improving colour or greyscale contrast associated with data values that may be archaeologically significant. Different ranges are applied to data in order to determine the most suitable for anomaly abstraction and display.

### *High Pass Filter*

Removes low frequency anomalies within the data that are not considered to be archaeologically significant and may be natural in origin. A window passes over the data, the mean of all the data within the window is subtracted from the centre value. The size of the window is adjusted as is the weighting which may be uniform or Gaussian. The process is used to improve the visibility of anomalies of interest.

### *Zero Median/Mean Traverse*

The median (or mean) of data from each traverse is calculated ignoring data outside a threshold value, the median (or mean) is then subtracted from the traverse. The process is used to equalise differences between the offset values of the gradiometer sensors. The process can remove archaeological features that run along a traverse but with the high resolution datasets created by the Sensys FGM650 sensors and the method of data collection this has not been a notable problem. In fact, the removal of offsets using software avoids carrying out a balancing procedure on site, which inevitably can never be done in magnetically clean

conditions and results in improperly aligned fluxgate sensors and/or electronic adjustment values.

## Appendix C – survey and data information

### Area 1 minimally processed data

Filename: J953-mag-Area1-proc.xcp  
 Instrument Type: Sensys DLMGPS  
 Units:  
 UTM Zone: 30U  
 Survey corner coordinates (X/Y): OSGB36  
 Northwest corner: 336437.99, 159587.49 m  
 Southeast corner: 336546.44, 159466.89 m  
 Collection Method: Randomised  
 Sensors: 5  
 Dummy Value: 32702  
 Dimensions  
 Survey Size (meters): 108 m x 121 m  
 X&Y Interval: 0.15 m  
 Source GPS Points: Active: 281241, Recorded: 281241  
 Stats  
 Max: 3.32  
 Min: -3.30  
 Std Dev: 1.85  
 Mean: -0.02  
 Median: 0.05  
 Composite Area: 1.3079 ha  
 Surveyed Area: 0.89402 ha  
 PROGRAM  
 Name: TerraSurveyor  
 Version: 3.0.37.0  
 GPS based Proce4  
 1 Base Layer.

### 2 Unit Conversion Layer (UTM to OSGB36).

3 DeStripe Median Traverse:  
 4 Clip from -3.00 to 3.00

### Area 1 filtered data

Filename: J953-mag-Area1-proc-hpf.xcp  
 Stats  
 Max: 3.32  
 Min: -3.30  
 Std Dev: 1.68  
 Mean: -0.01  
 Median: 0.00  
 GPS based Proce5  
 1 Base Layer.  
 2 Unit Conversion Layer (UTM to OSGB36).  
 3 DeStripe Median Traverse:  
 4 High pass Uniform (median) filter: Window dia: 201  
 5 Clip from -3.00 to 3.00

### Area 2 minimally processed data

Filename: J953-mag-Area2-proc.xcp  
 Northwest corner: 336357.60, 159518.88 m  
 Southeast corner: 336434.25, 159462.63 m  
 Survey Size (meters): 76.7 m x 56.3 m  
 X&Y Interval: 0.15 m  
 Source GPS Points: Active: 73793, Recorded: 73793  
 Stats  
 Max: 3.32

Min: -3.30  
 Std Dev: 2.42  
 Mean: -0.04  
 Median: 0.07  
 Composite Area: 0.43116 ha  
 Surveyed Area: 0.25237 ha  
 GPS based Proce5  
 1 Base Layer.  
 2 Unit Conversion Layer (UTM to OSGB36).  
 3 DeStripe Median Traverse:  
 4 Clip from -100.00 to 100.00  
 5 Clip from -3.00 to 3.00

### Area 2 filtered data

Filename: J953-mag-Area2-proc-hpf.xcp  
 Stats  
 Max: 3.32  
 Min: -3.30  
 Std Dev: 2.17  
 Mean: -0.08  
 Median: 0.02  
 1 Base Layer.  
 2 Unit Conversion Layer (UTM to OSGB36).  
 3 DeStripe Median Traverse:  
 4 High pass Uniform (median) filter: Window dia: 201  
 5 Clip from -3.00 to 3.00

## Appendix D – digital archive

Archaeological Surveys Ltd hold the primary digital archive at their offices in Wiltshire. Data are backed-up onto an on-site data storage drive and at the earliest opportunity data are copied to CD ROM for storage on-site and off-site.

A PDF copy will be supplied to the North Somerset Historic Environment Record with greyscale images and abstraction layers made available on request. The data will be archived with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) and the report will also be uploaded to the Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological investigationS (OASIS).

Archive contents:

File type	Naming scheme	Description
Data	J953-mag-[area number/name].asc J953-mag-[area number/name].xcp J953-mag-[area number/name]-proc.xcp	Raw data as ASCII CSV TerraSurveyor raw data TerraSurveyor minimally processed data
Graphics	J953-mag-[area number/name]-proc.tif	Image in TIF format
Drawing	J953-[version number].dwg	CAD file in 2018 dwg format
Report	J953 report.odt	Report text in LibreOffice odt format

Table 2: Archive metadata

## Appendix E – CAD layers for abstraction and interpretation plots

The table below sets out Archaeological Surveys Ltd CAD layer names with associated colours and graphical content. Where CAD files are available layers may be extracted for further CAD/GIS use. Note: hatched polygon boundaries are contained within layers with the RGB colour code 254, 255, 255 (near white) in order to prevent their visibility.



Report sub-heading and associated CAD layer names	Colour with RGB index	Layer content
<b>Anomalies with an uncertain origin</b>		
AS-ABST MAG POS LINEAR UNCERTAIN	255,127,0	Line, polyline or polygon (solid)
AS-ABST MAG NEG LINEAR UNCERTAIN	Blue 0,0,255	Line, polyline or polygon (solid)
AS-ABST MAG POS DISCRETE UNCERTAIN	255,127,0	Solid donut, point or polygon (solid)
<b>Anomalies associated with magnetic debris</b>		
AS-ABST MAG DEBRIS	132, 132, 132	Polygon (cross hatched ANSI37)
AS-ABST MAG STRONG DIPOLAR	132, 132, 132	Solid donut, point or polygon (solid)
<b>Anomalies with a modern origin</b>		
AS-ABST MAG DISTURBANCE	132, 132, 132	Polygon (hatched ANSI31)
AS-ABST MAG SERVICE	132, 132, 132	Line or polyline
<b>Anomalies with a natural origin</b>		
AS-ABST MAG NATURAL FEATURES	204,178,102	Polygon (cross hatched ANSI37)

Table 3: CAD layering

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**Map of survey area**



Survey location



● Survey location

Site centred on OS NGR  
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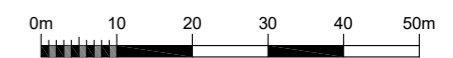
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**Referencing information**

Referencing grid to OSGB36 datum at 50m intervals

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- Survey tracks
- - - Survey track start
- - - Survey track stop

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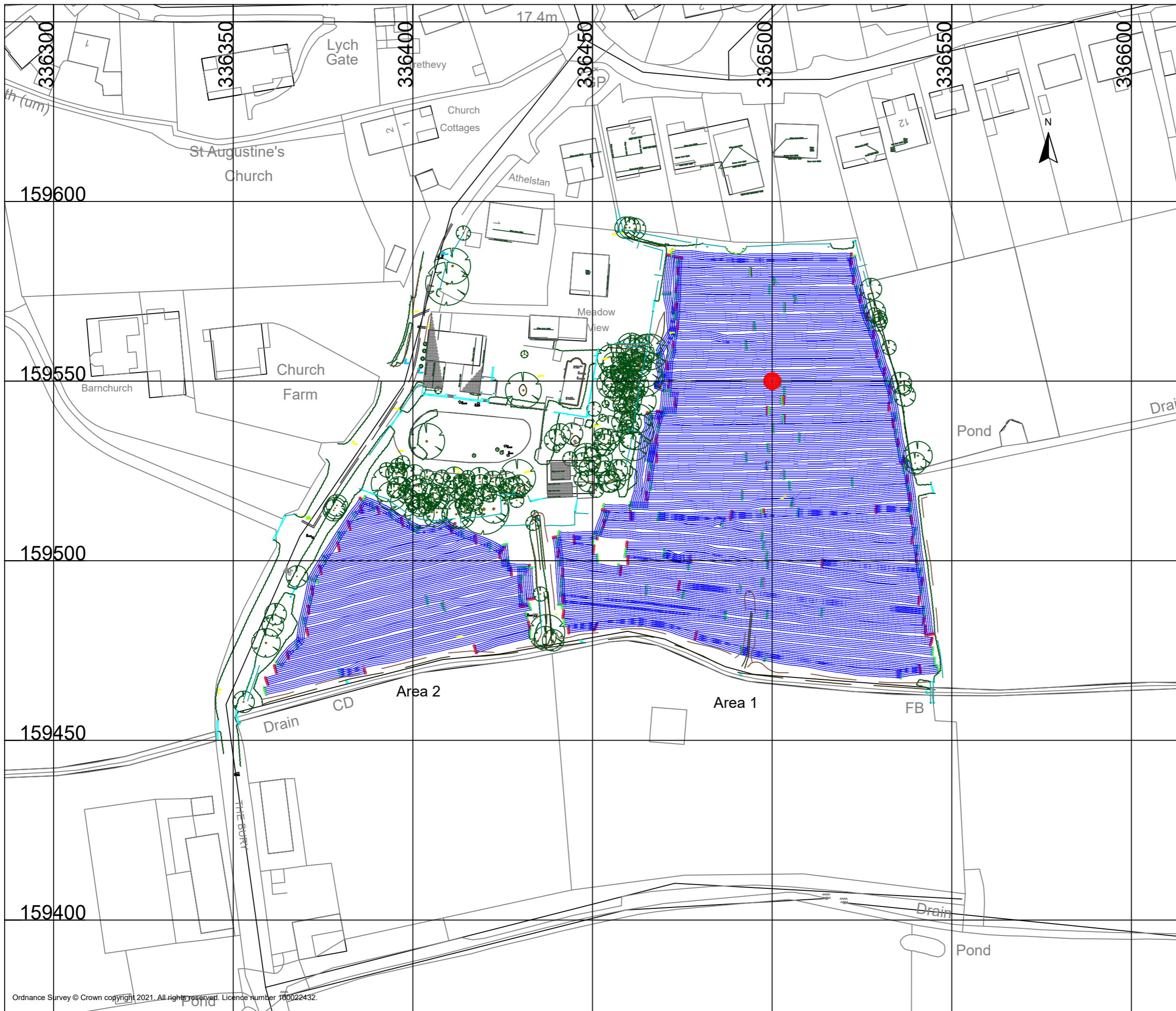


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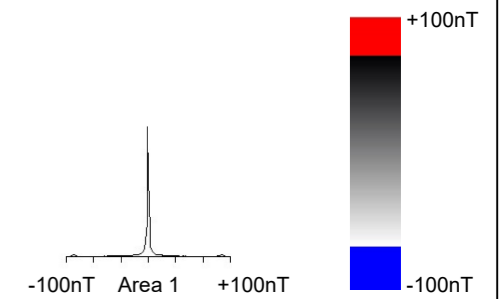
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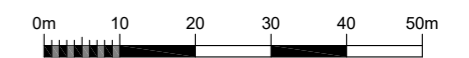


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**Greyscale plot of minimally processed magnetometer data clipped at  $\pm 100\text{nT}$**



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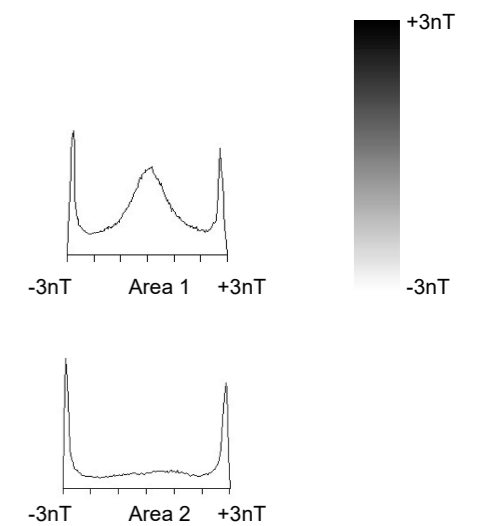
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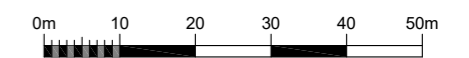
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Greyscale plot of minimally processed magnetometer data clipped at  $\pm 3nT$



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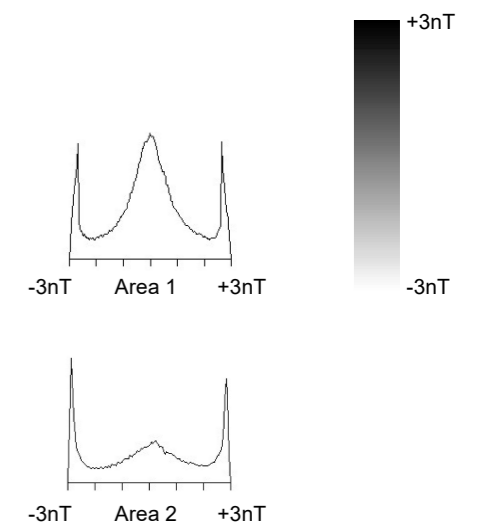
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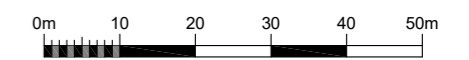
FIG 04

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Greyscale plot of  
filtered magnetometer data



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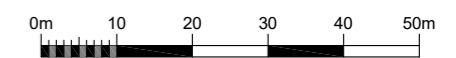
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**Abstraction and interpretation of  
magnetic anomalies**

-  Positive linear anomaly - possible ditch-like feature
-  Negative linear anomaly - material of low magnetic susceptibility
-  Positive/weak multiple dipolar linear anomaly - extant drainage ditch
-  Discrete positive response - possible pit-like feature
-  Variable magnetic response - of natural origin
-  Magnetic debris - spread of magnetically thermoremanent/ferrous material
-  Magnetic disturbance from ferrous material
-  Strong multiple dipolar linear anomaly - pipeline / cable / service
-  Strong dipolar anomaly - ferrous object



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FIG 06