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Summary

Evaluation excavation was undertaken at the above site following a desktop study and geophysical survey. Excavation of three trenches revealed the remains of a number of stone-built structures, as well as areas of small-scale activity indicated by hearths and pits, of medieval and later date, immediately below the topsoil. The limited size of the excavations made interpretation difficult but a semi-circular wall in Trench 1 was of particular interest given the location of the site opposite the parish church and close to one of the medieval priories. The results are discussed in the context of the proposed development.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Kinvena Homes Ltd to undertake an evaluation of the proposed development area at Torksey. The evaluation had been requested by the Lincolnshire County Council Assistant Archaeological Officer (on behalf of West Lindsey District Council) in advance of determining an application for outline planning permission for residential development.

This document follows an interim report, and outlines the results of the evaluation excavation. The purpose of the evaluation work was to :

- * establish the presence or absence of archaeological remains and their location within the development site.
- * determine the date, quality and extent of any such remains.
- * determine the level of further investigation required prior to development.

The Site

The proposed development site covers a rectangular area of 0.19ha and lies on the main road frontage directly opposite Torksey parish church. The site is currently under grass.

A previous geophysical survey located an area of activity within the proposed development site, stretching over the whole western half of the sampled area. No discrete anomalies were apparent from the survey.

Planning Background

An archaeological evaluation of the site was requested prior to determination of the planning application (96/P/0778). This comprised a desk top study (Field 1997) and excavation of three evaluation trenches.

Geology and Topography

Torksey is located on the east bank of the River Trent, on the outside of a large meander, just below the point where it meets the Foss Dyke. The river is still tidal at this point and the braiding of the river course resulted in the formation of a series of islands recorded on early maps (Figs. 3-5) of which all that remains is Torksey Island. The narrower span of water between the islands may have proved attractive as a crossing point. (Newark is sited at a similar location upstream.) The parent clay of Mercia Mudstone (a red clay) is overlain by deep deposits of wind-blown sand.

Archaeological Background

Torksey lies c.10km west of Lincoln adjacent to the river Trent which here forms the county boundary between Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, as well as the western limit of Torksey parish. The southern boundary of the parish is formed by the Foss Dyke, generally accepted as being a Roman canal in origin. Torksey village is located at the point where the Foss Dyke meets the River Trent and it thus controlled river traffic through the heart of the Midlands into the Humber Estuary and beyond to York (northwards) and the Wash to the east.

Of all the settlements in the Lindsey area of Lincolnshire Torksey must rank as the most archaeologically important after Lincoln, perhaps rivalled only by the Roman phases of settlement at Caistor and Horncastle. There was probably a large settlement at, or near, Torksey in the Roman period although its location is unknown and its present status as a small village belies its former role as a major trading centre in the Roman and Saxon periods. At the time of the Domesday Survey in 1086 Torksey was a borough, third in size in the county to Stamford and Lincoln.

According to the Domesday Survey the population of Torksey was about one sixth that of Lincoln but larger than Nottingham and twice the size of Newark. The urban character of the settlement was clear; 213 burgesses were recorded as living at Torksey in 1086. The liberties and privileges of the burgesses were confirmed by royal charter of Henry II (Barley 1964, 167). The town had three parish churches and two monastic houses. The core of the Saxon and medieval settlement is poorly defined and the location of only one of its three churches (St Peter's) is certain. Christian burials, thought to have been pre-Conquest in date, were found at the Castle Farm excavations (Palmer Brown 1994, 14-15). One of the lost churches may be close by.

Pottery production, which had been so important in the Roman period, was also an important part of the Saxon town's prosperity. Excavations carried out in the 1960s located seven late Saxon pottery kilns (PRN 52529, 52531, 50793, 52535, 52546, 52263). More recently a further five kilns (PRN52263) were found during excavations on the site of Castle Farm (Palmer-Brown 1994, 7). Products range in date from c. AD800-1200.

A desk top study was undertaken prior to archaeological evaluation outlining the archaeological background of the area in more detail (Field 1997).

Previous Archaeological Work

A geophysical survey was carried out by Geophysical Surveys of Bradford in 1995. The geophysical survey comprised a detailed gridded resistivity survey which located an area of activity within the proposed development site, stretching over the whole western half of the sampled area. No discrete anomalies were apparent from the survey.

A desk top study was undertaken in February 1997 which confirmed that the proposed development site would have been near the centre of the Saxon and medieval settlement. Its location opposite the medieval parish church on a site which had been suggested as a possible market place pointed to the high archaeological potential of the site (Field 1997).

Method

Three trenches were machine excavated during 21st - 25th April 1997 under archaeological supervision using a standard 1.5m wide ditching bucket. Trench 1 (10m long) was located near the SW boundary of the development area. Trench 2 (11m long) was located towards the eastern boundary of the development area. Trench 3 (10m long) was located to the NW of the development site.

The trenches were positioned to evaluate the areas of potential activity and inactivity identified by the geophysical survey.

Trench 1 was located near the south-western boundary of the development area. Trench 2 was located towards the eastern boundary of the development area. Trench 3 was located to the north-western area of the development site.

After removal of topsoil by machine, underlying deposits were cleaned by hand and recorded using colour print photographs, measured drawings at a scale of 1:20 and the LAS context recording system.

RESULTS

Trench 1

In Trench 1, the archaeological remains were revealed just below topsoil, at a depth of between 0.30m and 0.42m below modern ground surface. Some of the archaeological deposits reached a depth of 1.2m below the modern ground surface. Excavation beyond this was possible but not attempted for safety reasons. Natural sand deposits were encountered at 0.55m.

Archaeological remains in Trench 1 comprised the remains of former walls, an area of burnt material or possible hearth, pits and a posthole (Pls. 2 and 3).

The three walls (110), (115) and (135) were grouped together in the central and eastern area of the trench.

Wall (115) comprised six courses of loosely bonded flat limestone pieces, with an average size of 0.16m x 0.12m x 0.5m. (Pl. 4) The remains extended across the width of the trench running north-south, and are presumed to continue beyond the limit of excavation in both directions. It was 0.35m - 0.5m wide, and upon

excavation, proved to be a maximum of 0.3m in depth. It overlay pitched footings which lay at an angle of approximately 45° to the horizontal. Pottery sherds recovered from the wall bonding material included a post-medieval sherd, and one piece of Torksey-type ware. A 14th - 16th century date was allocated to the wall's construction.

Wall (110), as exposed in the trench, was semi-circular and of similar construction to (115) which it butted (Pl. 5). Its three courses survived to a depth of 0.2m and was 0.45m wide. Overlying deposits, (111) and (112) produced pottery dated to the 13th or 14th century. Deposit (134) which appeared to have built up against (110) produced pottery dating to the 14th or 15th century.

A third stone structure (135) comprised two courses of small limestone pieces, appearing less regular and less substantial than its neighbouring wall structures. It was an average of 0.20m wide and 0.15m surviving depth. It appeared to butt, or, alternatively was cut by (110). Their relationship was not ascertained as part of the evaluation. However, its adjacent deposit (126) produced pottery of 13th - 15th century; a similar date range to deposits overlying walls (110) and (115). This suggests a similar date for all three walls.

Almost immediately adjacent to (110) was a post-hole [128], some 0.26m in diameter, and a minimum of 0.2m deep. It appeared to be cut into (123), and through the overlying deposits (134) and (127). However, it was not easily definable. (134) produced pottery which included a possible post-medieval example, five medieval green-glazed sherds and three sherds of Torksey ware which was residual. An overall date range of 14th - 15th century was assigned.

A possible floor surface (113) overlay (134) and (127) and consisted of a compact sandy clay deposit which included large numbers of flat limestone and sandstone fragments. Their average dimensions were 0.1m x 0.12m x 70mm. Pottery retrieved from this layer was 18th century to modern in date. This deposit and the overlying (139) most likely represent modern disturbance.

At the far western end of Trench 1 a spread of burnt material was revealed. It appeared similar in colour to the hearth spread in Trench 3, but consisted of a much coarser crumbly clay-like material (104). It extended for the width of the trench, into which it projected for 2.15m (east-west).

The burnt area was overlain by (105) a sandy-silt deposit, which was overlain in its turn by (107). (107) produced a large number of pottery sherds dated to the 13th - 14th century.

Two large pits were exposed to the east of (104), [119] and [129]. The earlier of the two, [119] (Pl. 6) was cut through the upper deposits of Trench 1, into the natural sand. It had a gently sloping eastern side, and near-vertical western side, with a slightly concave base. Its uppermost fill (107) produced large quantities of Torksey ware (93 sherds), but was dated to the 13th - 14th century by sherds from Potter Hanworth and Lincoln.

[129] had been cut partly through [119]. It had almost vertical sides, with an irregularly undulating base. It was 1m wide 0.8m deep. No dating evidence was recovered. A further cut [136] clipped the western edge of [129] this was probably a recut of [119].

Trench 2

Trench 2 was located close to the eastern boundary of the development site (Pls. 7 and 8). The archaeological remains were revealed just below topsoil, at a depth of between 0.20m and 0.35m below existing ground level. The archaeological deposits reached a maximum depth of 0.90m below the modern ground surface. Natural sand deposits were encountered at the same depth.

The remains of three walls were exposed. The first of these [210] was at the western end of the trench (Pls. 10 and 11). It comprised twelve courses of narrow limestone pieces, each approximately 0.20m x 0.15m x 50mm, bonded with a yellow sandy mortar (209). It extended for the width of the trench and evidently beyond to the north and south.

To the west of [210] a series of layers were interpreted as floor levels (Pl. 9). These averaged 0.20m in thickness. A number of painted plaster fragments were recovered from one of the floor levels (220), suggesting that this was a building of relatively high status, rather than a simple outbuilding.

A single pottery sherd retrieved from (220) has been dated to late 17th century or later. Unfortunately no other dating evidence was recovered from the floor levels and wall [210]. Deposits which butted wall [210] on its eastern side, however, produced pottery dating to the mid-14th (202) and 13th-14th centuries (205). No construction cut was visible for [110], and its relationship to the deposits of differing dates on each side is unclear.

The remains of a second wall [217] of similar size and construction to (210) extended into the trench from the southern limit of excavation, for a distance of 0.75m (Pl. 12). At this point it was truncated by a pit-type feature [206] (Pl. 13). Pottery retrieved from between courses of [217] date the wall's construction to the 12th - 14th centuries. Deposit (202) directly overlay wall [217], and contained pottery dated to the mid 14th century, indicating that the wall had fallen out of use by then.

Artefacts retrieved from (204), the fill of [206], dated from the post-medieval and modern periods. Feature [206] also truncated a second pit [224] to the east of Trench 2. This was filled with a silty sand containing mortar and limestone fragments as well as charcoal flecks (223). Pottery retrieved from (223) was dated to the 13th or 14th century.

The remains of a probable third wall [215] were exposed at the extreme eastern end of Trench 2 (Plate 14). These were less substantial than either of the other wall remains, and appeared to have been disturbed to a greater extent. They consisted of limestone fragments of similar dimensions to [210] and [217], but appeared to represent demolition debris rather than intact foundation remains.

A sandy silt layer (205) was probably a former topsoil horizon and extended over the whole area of the trench. This was found in all three trenches (as (141) in Trench 1 and (315) in Trench 3) directly overlying natural sand deposits in all three. In Trench 2 pottery recovered from this horizon was dated to the 13th or 14th century. No dating evidence was retrieved from this horizon in Trenches 1 and 3.

Trench 3

Trench 3 was located towards the north-western area of the proposed development site (Pls. 15, 16 and 17). The archaeological remains were revealed just below topsoil, between 0.20m and 0.40m beneath the existing ground surface. The archaeological deposits reached a depth of at least 1.20m below the modern ground surface. Excavation was not continued beyond this depth for reasons of safety. Natural sand deposits were encountered at 0.60m - 0.70m below the modern ground surface.

At the northernmost end of Trench 3 four linear features [302], [304], [306] and [312] were revealed, running parallel with each other for the width of the trench. They were an average width of 0.10m, and 0.20m in depth. Two of these [302] and [306] produced pottery which dated them to the mid-17th to mid-18th. Two similar linear features [325] and [328] were apparent some 1.50m and 3.20m to the south. (307) the fill of [306] produced post-medieval pottery, but (329) the fill of [328] produced a single sherd of probable Torksey ware which was no doubt redeposited. All were interpreted as plough scores.

Underlying the northern group of plough scores was a possible surface (309) which produced medieval green-glazed pottery dated to the 14th - 16th century. Beneath that, an earlier pit-type feature [355] was revealed (Pl. 20), which was 1.2m in diameter, and at least 0.8m in depth (for reasons of safety, excavation was suspended at a total depth of 1.2m from ground surface). Pottery sherds recovered from its uppermost fill (356) were dated to the 10th or 11th century. However, (356) may represent the primary fill of a later recut and contain redeposited material.

A number of other cut features were exposed. [330] (Pl. 18), [337], [338] and [340] were pit-type or 'scoop' shaped features of unknown function. Pottery recovered from (331) the fill of [330] included medieval green-glazed, and Torksey types dated to the 12th or 13th century. [338] was truncated by [346] a vertical-sided, flat-bottomed pit some 0.45m in depth, whose uppermost fill (343) produced two sherds of medieval green-glazed pottery. [337] was a U-shaped pit some 0.5m deep, and 0.7m wide and of unknown function. Pottery recovered from its upper fill (314) was dated to the 10th century.

[340] was a roughly oval-shaped feature, 0.27m wide, x 0.73m long, and 0.12m deep. It had sloping sides of around 45°, with a concave base. Its function is not known and no dating evidence was recovered from its fill (341).

[346] was an east west aligned rectangular pit with a flat bottom and vertical sides. It appeared to have been used to dump rakings from the oven or hearth nearby. Its fills (343) and (344) produced pottery dated to the 13th or 14th century.

[347] was a roughly circular pit which may have been dug to extract sand (Pl.19). Its uppermost fill (348) produced pottery which included Torksey wares, dating to the 12th century.

Two probable post-holes were excavated; [332] and [350]. [332] was ill-defined in plan, but appeared to be oval in shape, 0.24m in width and depth, with a V-shaped profile. Its fill (333) produced two sherds of pottery, of mid/late 17th - mid 18th century date. Post-hole [350] was 0.66m in width, 0.50m in depth, with steep sides and a concave base.

A third possible post-hole [362] was visible in the north facing section produced after the removal of deposits from [347]. It was 0.30m deep, and 0.28m wide. Its fill (352) included sherds of Torksey-type pottery, of 11th century date.

The two most notable features in Trench 3 were a possible path or former wall foundation [315]/[360]/(310), and the remains of a hearth (308). [315] consisted of a layer of pitched limestone footings 0.18m - 0.2m deep (Pl. 17). Each limestone fragment was irregularly shaped and laid at an angle of 45° to the horizontal. Overlying these footings was a slightly cambered layer (310) of smaller fragments from 10mm to 0.15m in size. This produced one sherd of medieval green-glazed pottery dating to the 11th or 12th century.

[315] overlay a sandy silt layer (311) which was probably a former topsoil horizon. This was found in all three trenches (as (141) in Trench 1 and (205) in Trench 2) directly overlying natural sand deposits. In this trench, pottery was recovered from it which included Torksey wares and medieval green glazed types dating to the mid 11th or 12th century. (A single sherd of post-medieval pot was also recovered.)

(308) represented the remains of a hearth, possibly with surrounding stakes (Pl. 21). It consisted of a red coarse-grained sand which had been subjected to heating. Pottery recovered from (308) was 11th - 12th century in date.

DISCUSSION

The proposed development area site fronts on to a road of some antiquity, is directly opposite a parish church with medieval origins, and is adjacent to the supposed site of a former abbey. Barley suggested that the triangular plot of land bounded by Main Street to the west and the boundary east of the development site was the location of a former market place (1964,167). However, the evaluation has produced no evidence to confirm this theory.

The evaluation excavations have established that archaeological remains survive immediately beneath the topsoil, the majority of which appear to be 12th-14th century in date with earlier deposits in Trench 3. The limited size of the investigations has necessarily made it difficult to interpret the features discovered with confidence. It has not been possible to tie in any of the structural remains with any boundaries marked on early estate maps (see figs. 3-5 in Field 1997).

According to the pottery evidence most features excavated were of 12th - 14th century date. There is a period from the 14th to 16th century when pottery evidence is sparse, possibly indicating a period of reduced activity on the site. Trench 3 was alone in producing Anglo-Saxon horizons (as indicated by the pottery evidence), but no discrete features.

The remains in Trench 1 may indicate the presence of former buildings associated with the Abbey, which is known to have been located in the environs of the site. The apsidal structure in Trench 1 is of particular interest but its true function can only be guessed at unless it is further investigated.

Trench 2 produced walls of similar construction and scale to those in Trench 1, but of probable earlier date. There appears to be no correlation of the structural features between trenches (see Fig. 3).

The function of the apsidal ended structure in Trench 1 is unknown. The burnt area at the west end of Trench 1 and its relationship to the walls further east is also unknown, as is the possible connection between the structures found in Trenches 1 and 2. The pitched footings and overlying debris in Trench 3 may represent another demolished wall or a well-made pathway but appear to differ in character from the walls found in Trenches 1 and 2.

A clean sand layer underlay archaeological deposits in all three trenches. There are two possible interpretations for this sand layer; firstly, that it is an undisturbed 'natural' deposit; secondly, it is a wind-blown sand deposit, beneath which earlier, possibly Saxon, archaeological remains may exist. As the sand occurs at a depth of at least 1.20m, it is unlikely that archaeological remains beneath it will be affected by the proposed development.

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APPENDIX 1

Main Street Torksey (TMS 97)

The pottery by Jane Young

A total of 360 post-Roman pottery sherds were submitted for archive and assessment. Except for the 10th century sherds the material is in a fairly fresh condition. A few obvious Torksey-type (TORK) wasters or seconds are present in the assemblage, although, the bulk of the TORK vessels are sooted indicating that they are from domestic occupation in the area. Other contemporary 11th wares including an imported Andenne-type pitcher are also found amongst the material from the site. Occupation in the area continued into the 12th century and is represented by both local material and regional imports from Stamford (ST), Nottingham (NSP) and Beverley (BEVO). Over ?? sherds date to the period between the early 13th and the late 14th century. Most of this material comes from the Humber area (BEVO, HUM and HUMB) and Nottingham (NOTT) and must be travelling up and down the Trent. Lincoln (LSW2 and LSW3) and Lincoln area (POTT) wares are reaching the site but in much smaller numbers. Although 15th and 16th century material is found on the site it is poorly represented and the main emphasis of the post-medieval pottery is in the late 17th and the 18th century.

POST-ROMAN POTTERY ARCHIVE: TMS97 HORIZON DATING

Context	Earliest horizon	Latest horizon	Probable horizon	Dating
100	PMH7	PMH9	PMH8	early to mid 18th
107	MH5	MH7	-	13th or 14th
107	MH5	MH7	MH6-MH7	14th
111	MH6	MH7	-	14th
112	MH4	MH10	MH4-MH7	13th or 14th
114	PMH9	EMH	-	mid 18th to modern
115	MH6	PMH3	-	14th to 16th
116	MH4	MH10	-	DATE ON TILE
125	MH4	PMH3	-	13th to 16th
126	MH4	MH9	-	13th to 15th
134	MH8	MH9	-	14th or 15th
201	PMH9	EMH	-	mid 18th to modern
202	MH6	MH7	-	mid 14th
204	EMH	EMH	-	modern
205	MH5	MH6	-	13th or 14th
208	MH10	PMH1	-	late 15th to early/mid 16th
217	MH3	MH8	-	12th to 14th
218	MH7	MH8	-	14th or 15th
220	PMH7	EMH	-	late 17th to modern
223	MH4	MH8	-	13th or 14th DATE ON TILE
225	MH4	MH6	MH5-MH6	13th or 14th
301	PMH8	EMH	-	early 18th to modern
303	MH1	EMH	-	any date beyond 12th DATE ON TILE
307	PMH5	PMH8	-	mid 17th to mid 18th
308	ASH11	MH3	-	11th or 12th
309	MH6	PMH3	-	14th to 16th
310	ASH11	MH3	-	11th or 12th
311	ASH13 OR MH1	ASH13 OR MH4	-	mid 11th or 12th
314	ASH7	ASH11	-	10th
329	ASH7	ASH13	-	10th or 11th
331	MH1	MH5	-	12th or 13th
333	PMH6	PMH8	-	mid/late 17th to mid 18th
335	PMH7	PMH9	-	late 17th to late 18th
339	ASH7	ASH11	-	10th
343	MH4	MH6	-	13th or 14th
344	PMH1	EMH	-	DATE ON BRICK FRAG
348	MH1	MH4	-	12th
352	ASH11	MH3	ASH12-ASH13	11th
356	ASH7	ASH13	-	10th or 11th

107	POTT	1	?	BS
107	BEVO	1	JUG	TYPE I;PART SPL GLZE;? ID
107	LSW2	6	JUG	ALL ROUND THU BASE
107	TILE	1	?	SCRAP;GLZE
107	MISC	1	?	V FINE FABRIC;LERTH OR BEVO II
107	NOTG	1	JUG	V THICK NECK;CU GLZE
107	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
107	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
107	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
107	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
107	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE;PART WORKED;COUNTER
107	NOTG	1	JUG	BS
111	TORK	1	JAR	BS
111	TORK	1	JAR	BS
111	TORK	1	JAR	BS
111	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
111	TORK	1	JAR	BASE;SOOT
111	TORK	1	JAR	BASE
111	POTT	1	?	BS
111	MEDLOC	1	JAR/PIP	UNGLZE;RIM
111	HUM	1	JUG	BS
111	HUM	1	JUG	BS
111	LSW3	1	JUG;CONICAL/BALUSTER	SPLAYED BASE
111	NOTG	1	JUG	SPLAYED BASE
111	NOTG	2	JUG	CU GLZE
111	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
111	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
112	NSP	1	JUG	BS
112	BEVO	1	JUG	THU BASE;? ID;TYPE I
112	NOTG	1	JUG;SMALL	GLZE
112	HUMB	1	JUG	BS
112	BEVO	1	JUG;SMALL	NO GLZE;TYPE I
114	HUMB	1	JUG	BS
114	BL	1	HOLLOW	18TH
114	CRMWARE	1	?	BS
114	BL	1	?	17/18TH
114	STMO	1	MUG	-
115	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
115	HUM	1	JUG	BS
125	HUMB	1	JAR/JUG	INT DEP;NO GLZE
126	POTT	1	COOK	-
134	TORK	1	?	BASE;SOOT
134	TORK	1	JAR	SOOT;? H-M
134	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
134	POTT	1	COOKPOT	RIM;LATE ?
134	POTT	2	?	-
134	POTT	1	COOKPOT	-
134	LSW2/3	1	?	NO GLZE
201	LMLOC	1	JUG/JAR	GLZE;? A HUMB TYPE
201	HUM	1	JUG/JAR	-
201	BL	1	BOWL	18TH;STAFFS ?
201	CRMWARE	1	PLATE	-
201	BL	1	BOWL	18TH

201	BL	1	BOWL	18TH
202	MEDLOC	1	JAR/PIP	GLZE
202	LSW2/3	1	JUG	RIM;ROUL APP STP;PROB FACE JUG
202	BEVO	4	JUG	NECK;OR EARLY HUM
202	HUM	4	JUG	THU BASE
202	HUM	1	?	-
202	TOY	1	JAR/JUG	-
204	HUMB	1	JAR/JUG	NO GLZE
204	HUMB	1	JAR/JUG	NO GLZE
204	HUMB	1	JAR/JUG	NO GLZE
204	BL	1	BOWL	18/19TH;RIM
204	BL	1	BOWL	18/19TH;BASE
204	BL	1	?	17/18TH;
204	BL	1	?	17/18TH;RIM
204	BEVO	1	JUG	SPL GLZE
204	PMLOC	1	JUG/JAR	? ODD TB
204	LSWA	1	JUG	CU MOTTLED GLZE
204	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
204	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
204	BL	1	HOLLOW	OR CIST;17TH
204	BL	1	HOLLOW	17/18TH
204	BL	1	HOLLOW	17/18TH
204	MP	1	JUG/CISTERN	-
204	BERTH	1	?	INT GLZE;16-18TH
204	CIST	1	CUP	-
204	BL	1	CUP	16/17TH
204	CRMWARE	2	OPEN	-
204	MISC	3	?	UNGLZE SCRAPS;NO SURFS
204	BS	1	?	-
204	LPM	9	?	INC BL/W & COLOUR GLZE
205	ST	1	PITCHER	GLZE;L11/12TH
205	ST	1	JAR/PIT	GLZE;L11/12TH
205	ST	1	PIT/JAR;COLL	UNGLZE;RIM;L11/12TH
205	LFS	1	BOWL	RIM
205	TORK	1	BOWL	BS
205	TORK	1	?	BS
205	TORK	1	?	BS
205	TORK	1	?	BS
205	TORK	1	?	BS
205	TORK	1	?	BS
205	TORK	1	JAR	BS
205	TORK	1	JAR	BS
205	TORK	1	JAR	BS
205	TORK	1	JAR	BS
205	TORK	1	JAR	BS
205	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
205	TORK	1	JAR	BASE;SOOT
205	TORK	1	?	BS
205	LEMS	1	JAR	RIM
205	POTT	1	COOK POT	RIM
205	MEDLOC	1	JAR/PIP	UNGLZE;BASE
205	LFS	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
205	LFS	1	JAR	BS;SOOT

205	LFS	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
205	POTT	1	COOK POT	BS;SOOT
205	POTT	1	COOK POT	BS;SOOT
205	POTT	1	COOK POT	BS;SOOT
205	POTT	1	COOK POT	BS;SOOT
205	POTT	1	COOK POT	BS;SOOT
205	POTT	1	?	BS
205	MEDLOC	2	JUG	QUARTZ FABRIC;LOOKS LIKE TORK; THICK GREEN CU SPECK GLZE
205	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
205	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
205	NOTG	1	JUG	CU GLZE
205	NOTG	1	JUG	CU SPECK GLZE
205	MEDX	1	JUG	WHITE GRITTY;GREEN GLZE;YORKS?
208	LMLOC	1	JUG	GLZE
208	MP	1	JUG/CIST	LIGHT ORANGE FABRIC;AMBER GLZE
208	HUM	1	JUG	RIM & HANDLE;PURPLE GLZE?
208	HUM	1	JUG	BS
208	HUM	1	JUG	BS
208	HUM	1	JUG;SMALL	RIM
208	HUMB	1	BOTTLE	RIM
217	BEVO	1	JUG	TYPE I;SUS GLZE
218	POTT	1	COOKPOT	RIM
218	HUM	2	JUG	BS
218	NOTG	1	JUG	REDUCED
220	BS	1	HOLLOW	FRAG
223	TORK	1	JAR	BS
225	POTT	1	?	BASE
225	MEDX	1	JUG	WHITE GRITTY FABRIC;YORKS?; YELLOW-GREEN GLZE
225	NOTG	1	JUG	RIDGED SHOULDER
225	BEVO	2	JUG/BOTTLE	SPECK GLZE
301	BEVO	1	JUG	TYPE I;SUS GLZE
301	HUM	1	JUG	PURPLE GLZE;INC WAVY DEC
301	CIST	1	CUP	-
301	BL	1	BOWL	RIM;18/19TH
301	BL	1	CUP/MUG	17TH
307	BL	1	?	FRAG;17/18TH
308	LFS	1	JAR	BS
308	TORK	1	JAR	BS
308	TORK	1	JAR	?? ID;OXID;LATE TYPE?
308	TORK	1	JAR	?? ID;OXID;LATE TYPE?
308	TORK	1	JAR	?? ID;OXID;LATE TYPE?
308	TORK	1	JAR	?? ID;OXID;LATE TYPE?
308	TORK	1	JAR	?? ID;OXID;LATE TYPE?
309	LKT	1	JAR	COMPL CORK
309	HUM	1	JUG/CIST	-
310	ST	1	JAR	UNGLZE;11/12TH
311	ANDE	1	PITCHER	GLZE
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS

311	TORK	1	JAR	BS
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	TORK	1	JAR	BS;DROUL
311	TORK	1	JAR	BASE;SOOT
311	TORK	1	?	BS;SOOT
311	TORK	1	?	BS;SOOT
311	TORK	1	?	BS;SOOT
311	LEMS	1	COOKPOT	BS;SOOT
311	LEMS	1	COOKPOT	BS;SOOT
311	LFS	1	JAR	BASE
311	SNLOC	1	JAR	BASE;QUARTZ + SHELL;REDUCED
311	MEDLOC	1	JUG	? SPL GLZE
311	TORK	1	GLOB VESS	? H-M
311	TORK	1	JAR	BASE;VITR
311	TORK	1	?	WASTER;VITR & COKED
311	LFS	2	JAR;TINY	RIM
311	LFS	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	LFS	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	LFS	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
311	ST	1	JAR	UNGLZE;11/12TH
314	LKT	1	JAR	BS
329	TORK	1	BOWL	BS
331	LSH	1	JAR	FABRIC E;BS
331	TORK	1	BOWL	BS;SOOT
331	TORK	1	BOWL	BS;SOOT
331	TORK	1	BOWL	BS;SOOT
331	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
331	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
331	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
331	BEVO	1	JUG	HANDLE;SPL GLZE?
333	LEMS	1	COOKPOT	BS
333	BL	1	?	17/18TH;STAFFS
335	SLIP	1	HOLLOW	TAN SLIP;YELL & BROWN TRAILED DEC
339	LKT	1	JAR	BS
343	LSW2	1	JUG	BS
343	NOTG	1	JUG	BS;CU GLZE
348	TORK	1	JAR	BS;INT DEP
348	TORK	1	JAR	BS
348	TORK	1	JAR	BS
348	TORK	1	JAR	BS
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348	TORK	1	JAR	BS
348	TORK	1	JAR	BS
348	TORK	1	JAR	BASE
348	TORK	1	JAR	BASE;SOOT

348	TORK	1	JAR	RIM;SOOT
348	LEMS	1	?	BS
348	LEMS	1	?	BASE
348	LEMS	1	?	BASE
348	EMLOC	1	?	HARD FABRIC;SPL GLZE
348	EMHM	1	COOKG	RIM;FABRIC T ?
348	TORK	1	BOWL	FLANGE RIM
348	TORK	1	BOWL	BASE
348	TORK	1	BOWL	BS
348	ST	1	JAR	11/12TH;UNGLZE
352	TORK	1	?	INT DEP
352	ST	1	JAR	BASE;UNGLZE;11/12TH
352	TORK	1	?	-
352	TORK	1	JAR	BS;SOOT
356	LKT	1	JAR	BASE;COMPL CORK
356	LKT	1	JAR	BS;COMPL CORK
356	TORK	1	?	BASE

APPENDIX 2

Main Street Torksey (TMS 97) List of Finds

Small Find Number	Description	Context Number
1	Clay pipe stem	100
2	Fe object	343
3	Fe object	208
4	Fe object	205
5	Fe object	204
6	Fe object	311
7	Fe object	220
8	Pb object	204
9	Pb (offcut?)	208
10	Fe object	111
11	Flint	114
12	Glass sherds	101
13	Clay pipe stem	101
14	Glass sherd	204
15	Clay pipe stem	201
16	Clay pipe stem	204
17	Fe object	100

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TRENCH 1		
No.	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
100		unstratified finds
101	layer	topsoil
102	feature	?hearth
103	fill	fill of 102
104	layer	debris from 102
105	layer	below 101
106	layer	burnt patch below 101
107	fill	upper fill of 119
108	layer	burnt patch below 109
109	layer	?floor surface
110	feature	wall
111	fill	fill inside 110
112	layer	sandy layer below 113
113	layer	stony layer below 139
114	layer	below 139
115	wall	wall
116	layer	clay floor butts wall 110, below 111
117	layer	floor layer butts wall 110, below 116
118	layer	floor layer butts wall 110, below 117
119	cut	pit
120	fill	fill of 119, below 107
121	wall	wall, butts 110
122	layer	plaster lining of 102
123	layer	natural, sand
124	VOID	
125	fill	upper fill of 129
126	layer	between walls 115 and 135, below 140
127	layer	orange sand, redeposited natural below 113
128	cut	posthole
129	cut	pit
130	fill	fill of 129
131	cut	foundation cut for wall 115
132	fill	fill of 131
133	layer	butts walls 110 and 115
134	layer	below 139
135	VOID	same as 121
136	cut	small pit?
137	fill	fill of 136, below 101
138	fill	fill of 128
139	layer	below 101
140	layer	below 101
141	layer	below 142
142	layer	below 104
TRENCH 2		
No.	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
201	layer	topsoil
202	layer	subsoil
203	fill	fill of 206
204	fill	fill of 206
205	layer	cultivation horizon, below 202
206	cut	modern pit
207	layer	demolition horizon
208	layer	remains of topsoil 201
209	fill	bonding matrix of wall 210
210	wall	wall at west end of trench
211	fill	fill of 212

TRENCH 2		
No.	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
212	cut	plough furrow
213	fill	fill of 214
214	cut	plough furrow
215	wall	wall at east end of trench
216	layer	demolition horizon
217	wall	wall in centre of trench
218	layer	same as 208
219	layer	floor surface below 220
220	layer	floor surface below 216
221	layer	mixed interface between 205 and natural sand 222
222	layer	sand, natural
223	fill	fill of 224, below 202
224	cut	pit cut by 206
TRENCH 3		
No.	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
301	layer	topsoil
302	cut	plough furrow
303	fill	fill of 302
304	cut	plough furrow
305	fill	fill of 304
306	cut	plough furrow
307	fill	fill of 305
308	layer	spread of burnt sand, hearth, below 320
309	layer	floor surface?, cut by plough furrows
310	fill?	loose stones below 301
311	layer	cultivation horizon below 309
312	cut	plough furrow
313	fill	fill of 312
314	fill	clay fill of 337
315	cut	foundation trench for 310
316	layer	burnt material above below 301
317	layer	yellow clay below 308
318	layer	grey clay below 301
319	layer	light brown sand, below 311, limit of excavation
320	cut	posthole
321	fill	fill of 320
322	layer	grey sandy clay below 323
323	layer	whitish sandy clay, below 324
324	layer	dark brown sand, below 301
325	cut	plough furrow
326	fill	fill of 325
327	fill	charcoal fill of 340
328	cut	plough furrow
329	fill	fill of 328
330	cut	pit
331	fill	fill of 330 below 331
332	cut	posthole?
333	fill	fill of 332, below 336
334	cut	shallow scoop
335	fill	fill of 334, below 316
336	layer	bricks, below 301
337	cut	pit
338	cut	shallow scoop
339	fill	fill of 338, below 340
340	cut	shallow scoop

TRENCH 3		
No.	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
341	fill	fill of 340, below 327
342	fill	fill of 337, below 314
343	fill	fill of 346, below 301
344	fill	fill of 346, below 343
345	fill	fill of 346, below 344
346	cut	oblong pit
347	cut	pit
348	fill	fill of 347
349	fill	fill of 350, below 311?
350	cut	posthole/pit
351	cut	posthole/scoop
352	fill	fill of 351, below 346
353	fill	fill of 347, below 348
354	fill	fill of 347, below 353
355	cut	pit
356	fill	fill of 355, below 359
357	fill	fill of 355, below 356
358	fill	fill of 355, below 357
359	layer	mortar spread, below 311
360	feature	pitched stone wall footings, below 310
361	layer	modern spread below 301

APPENDIX 4

Main Street Torksey (TMS 97) Contents of Site Archive

Primary data

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Section drawings	13

Photographs

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Pottery report and archive list
Small finds list
Correspondence

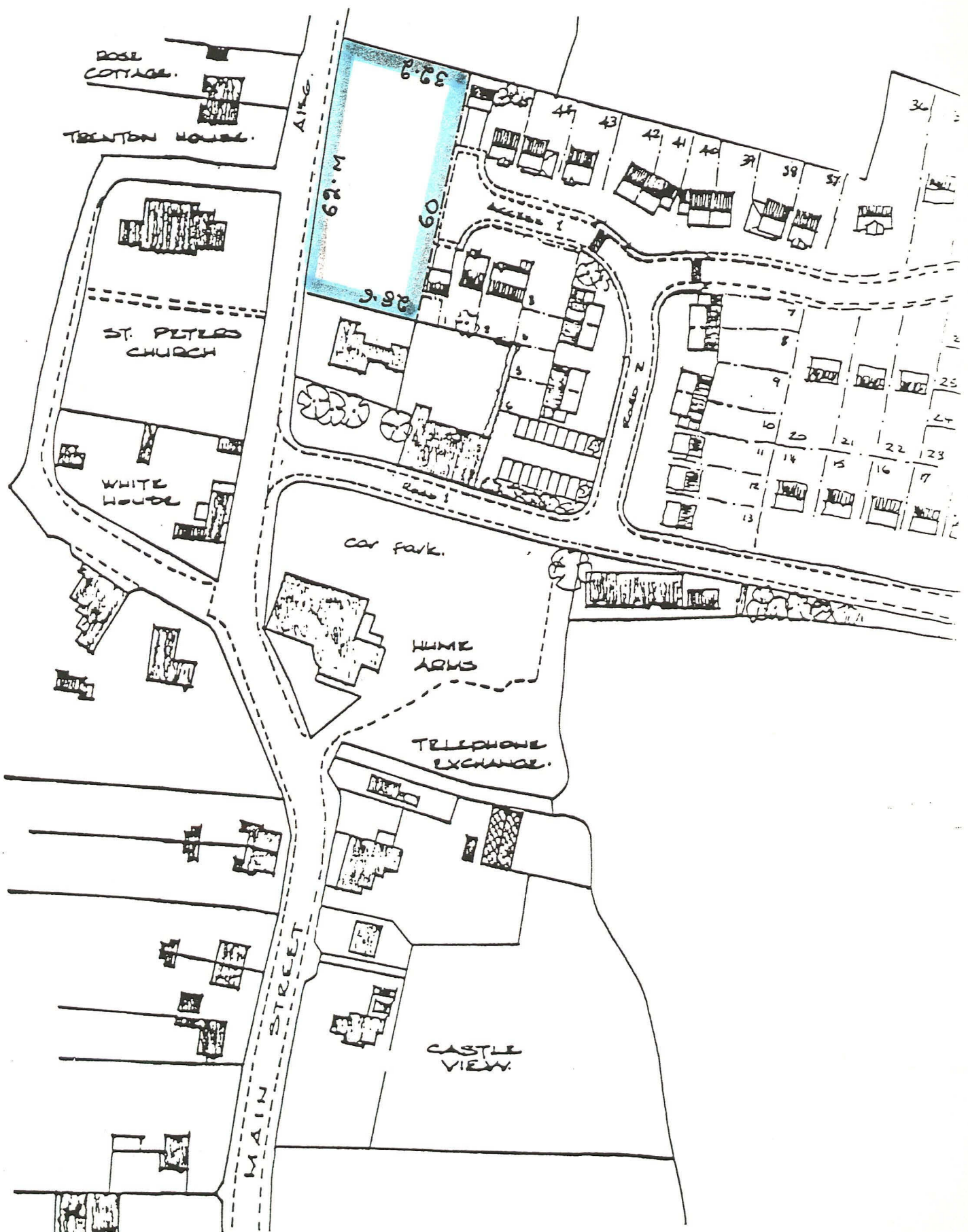


Fig. 2. Main Street, Torksey. Proposed development site. Plan supplied by Anderson Associates.

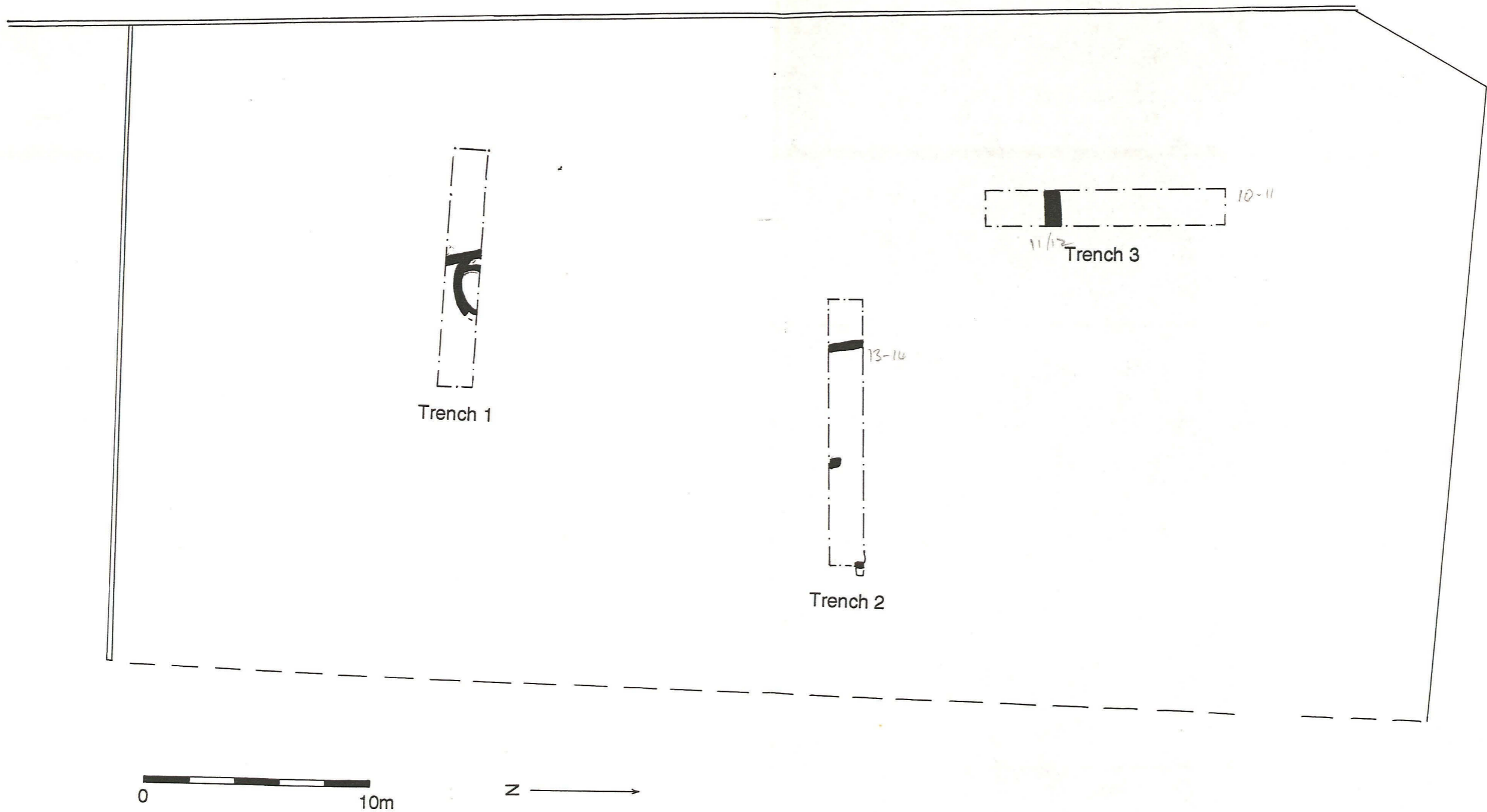
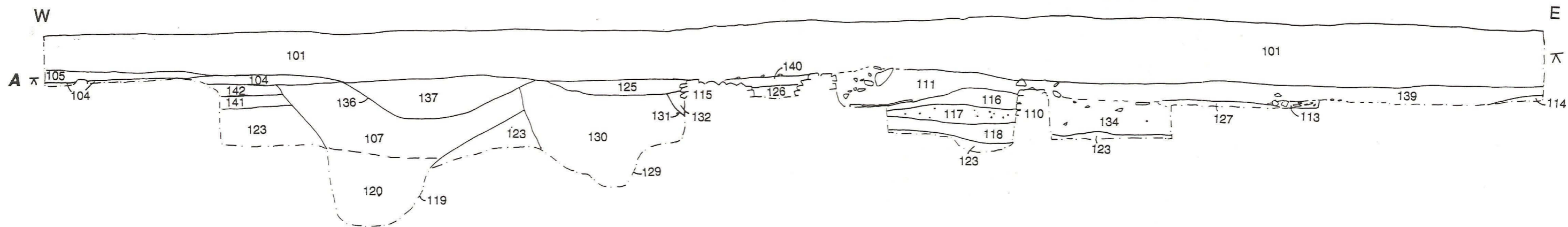
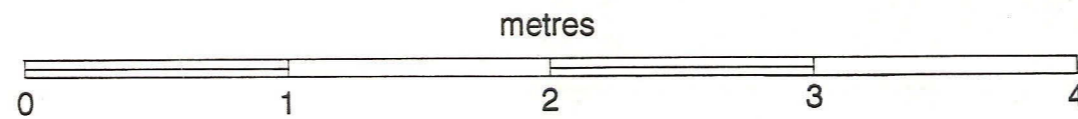
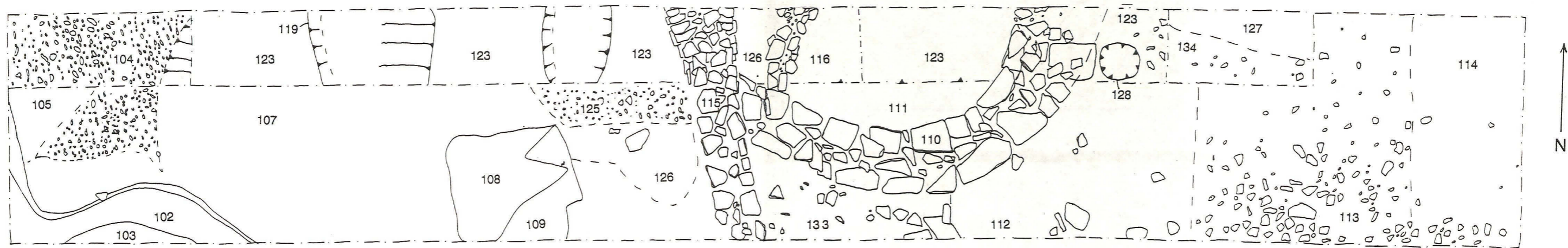
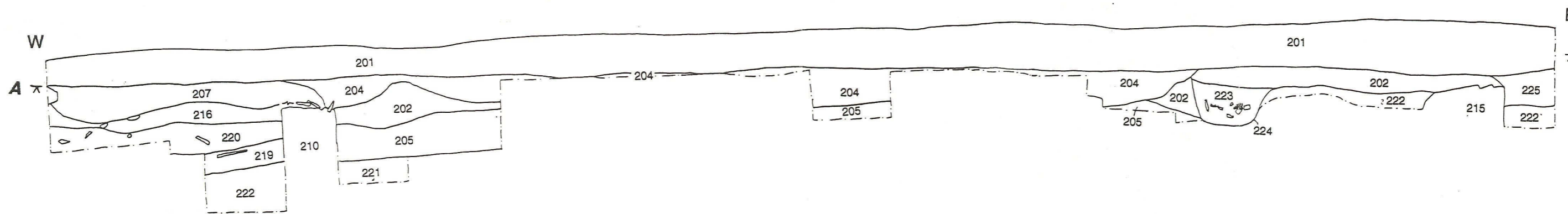
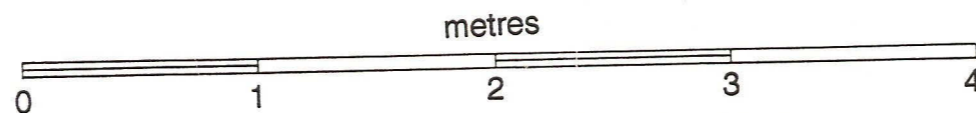
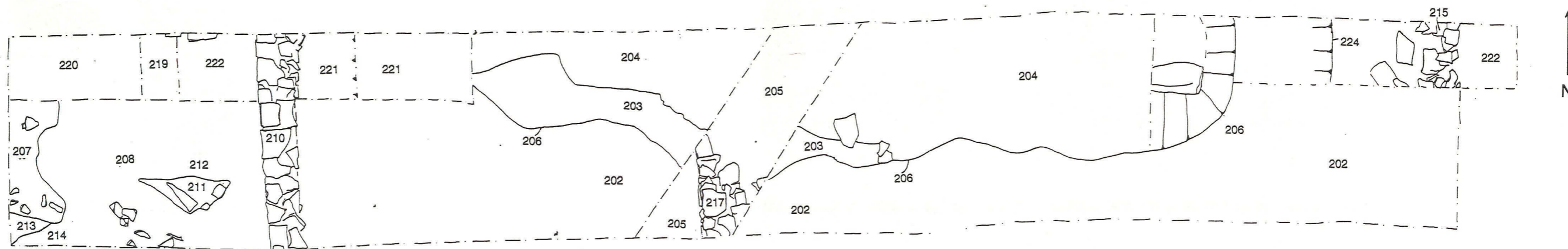


Fig. 3 Trench location plan (M. Clark)



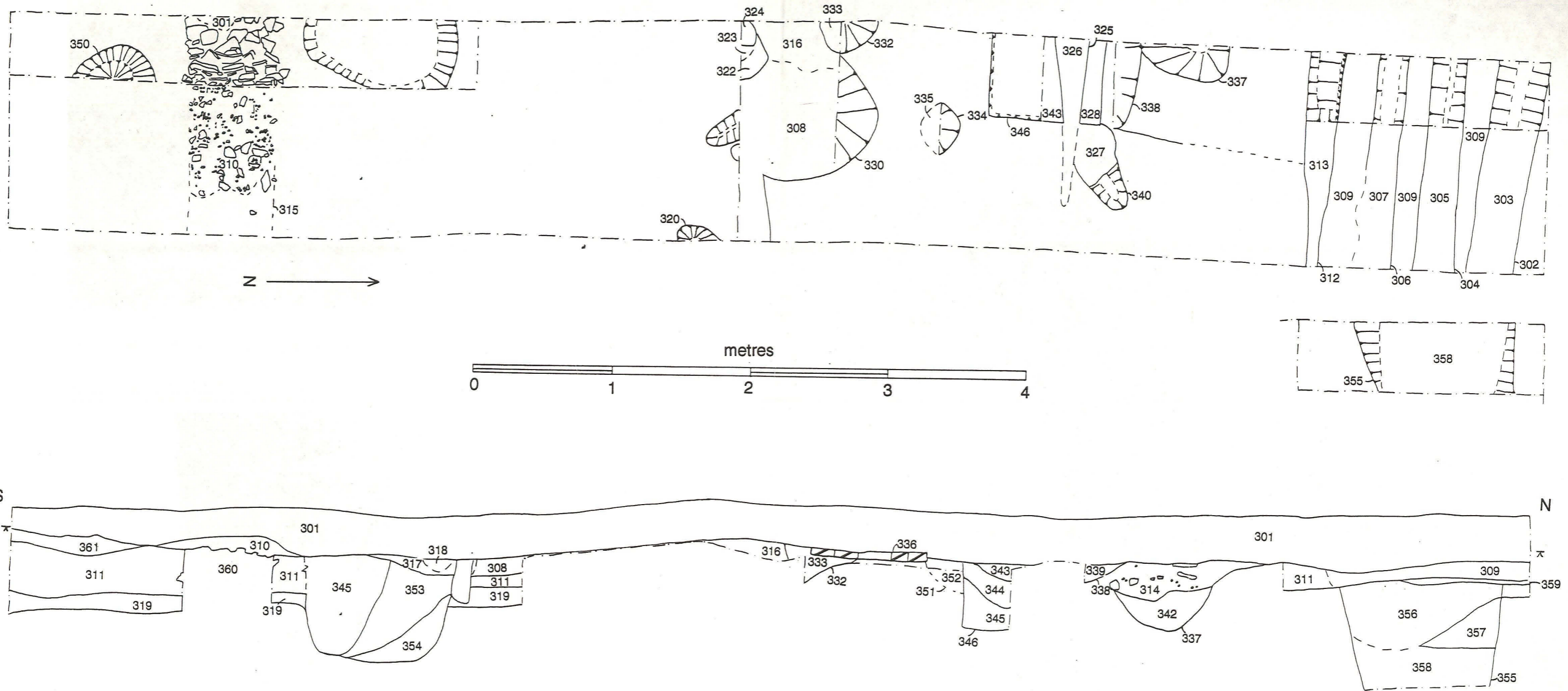
Level A = 1.38m below TBM

Fig. 4 Trench 1. Plan and section (S. Ensor)



Level A = 1.34m below TBM

Fig. 5 Trench 2. Plan and section (S.Ensor)



Level A = 1.33m below TBM

Fig. 6 Trench 3. Plan and section (S.Ensor)



Pl. 1. Main St Torksey. General view of site looking north

Pl. 2. Main St Torksey. Trench 1 looking east





Pl. 3. Main St Torksey. Trench 1 looking west

Pl. 4. Main St Torksey. Trench 1, wall 115 looking east





Pl. 5. Main St Torksey. Trench 1, wall 110 looking east

Pl. 6. Main St Torksey. Trench 1, feature 119 looking north





Pl. 7. Main St Torksey. Trench 2 looking east

Pl. 8. Main St Torksey. Trench 2 looking west



Pl. 9. Main St Torksey. Trench 2, floor levels at west end of trench

Pl. 10. Main St Torksey. Trench 2 wall 210 looking north

PI. 11. Main St Torksey. Trench 2 wall 210 elevation looking east

PI. 12. Main St Torksey. Trench 2 wall 217 looking south





PI. 13. Main St Torksey. Trench 2 feature 206 looking west

PI.14. Main St Torksey. Trench 2 feature 215 looking east





Pl. 15. Main St Torksey. Trench 3 looking north

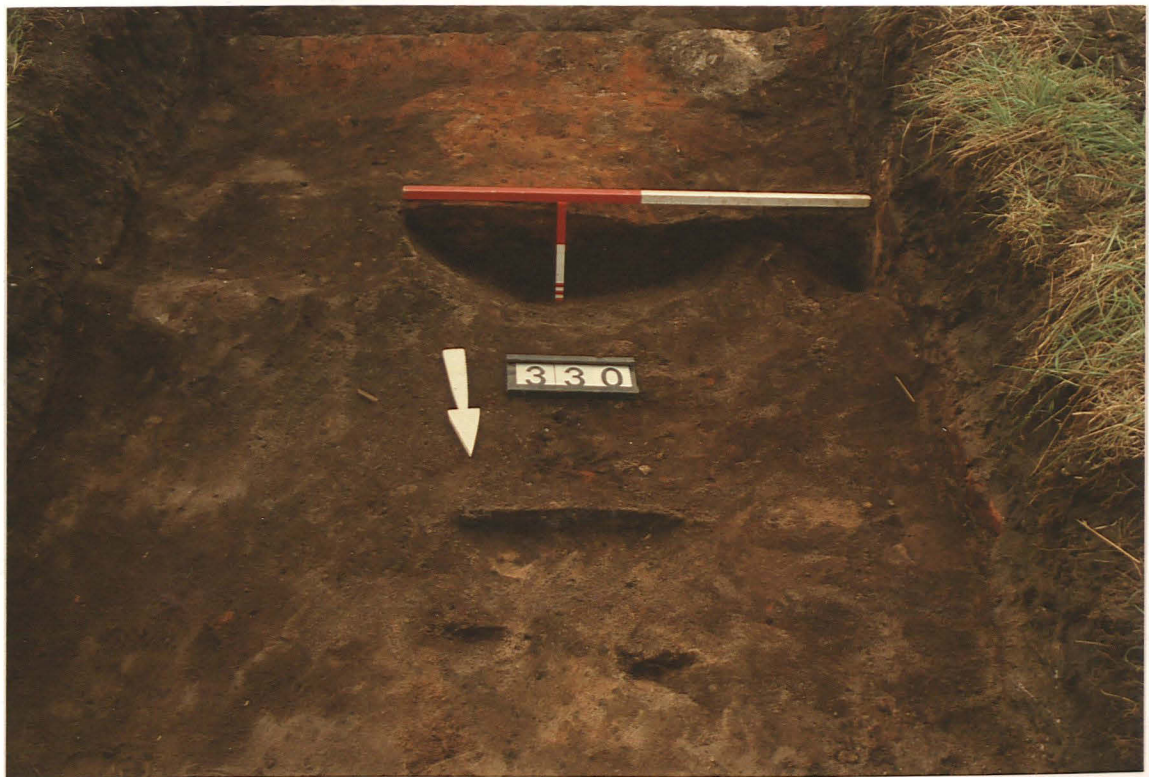


Pl. 16. Main St Torksey. Trench 3 looking south



Pl. 17. Main St Torksey. Trench 3 looking north

Pl. 18. Main St Torksey. Trench 3 feature 330





Pl. 19. Main St Torksey. Trench 3 feature 347

Pl. 20. Main St Torksey. Trench 3 feature 351





Pl. 21. Main St Torksey. Trench 3 feature 308