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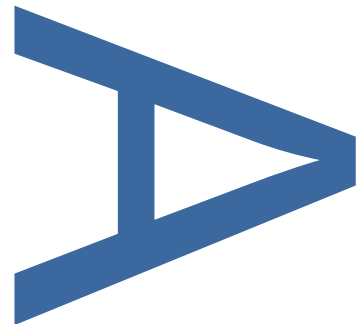
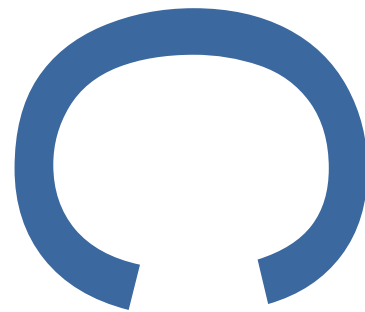
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1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was appointed by Giles and Vicky Fisher to carry out an archaeological watching brief at 48 Clifton Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 5BP. The Site is the subject of development including internal alterations and a single storey extension.

The watching brief comprised the monitoring of the excavation of a foundation trench and ground level reduction across the area of the extension. The watching brief was undertaken between the 26th of April to the 10th of August 2022

The foundation trench revealed the eastern edge of a large ditch, believed to be the internal edge of the Oram's Arbor Iron Age enclosure ditch, confirming its alignment and its survival beneath the modern landscape.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Giles and Vicky Fisher to carry out an archaeological watching brief at 48 Clifton Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 5BP, hereafter 'the Site' (NGR 447516 129632) (**Figure 1**). The Site is the subject of development including internal alterations and a single storey extension.

2.1.2 The archaeological watching brief and this report were required as conditions 3 and 4 of planning permission for the development granted by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) Winchester City Council (planning ref. 15/00730/FUL). The conditions were based on the advice of the Council's Historic Environment Team Archaeologist (HETA) and reflected the potential of the Site to contain archaeological remains that may have been put at risk by the development.

2.1.3 This document provides a report on the results of the watching brief, carried out between the 27th of July and 10th of August 2022, and has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief (CifA 2020) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (Historic England, 2015).

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.3 The Site (**Figure 2**) lies west of the city centre on the east side of Clifton Road and adjacent to Oram's Arbour park. The Site comprises a house and garage with rear garden and front yard.

2.4 Clifton Road occupies a relatively elevated location in the city and is located on the western slope of the river Itchen valley. The Site lies at approximately 81m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).

2.5 The bedrock geology of the Site is mapped as Seaford Chalk Formation, with superficial deposits likely to include gravel and alluvial deposits.

2.6 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.6.1 The Site is situated in an area of high archaeological potential close to the historic core of Winchester, and within the Iron Age enclosure Oram's Arbour (Qualmann et al 2004). In providing advice to the LPA, the HETA provided the following background concerning the archaeological potential of the Site:

'The application site lies to the west of the historic Roman, Late Saxon and medieval city of Winchester, the precursor to which was a large defended Iron Age enclosure. The alignment of the western bank and ditch of this Iron Age enclosure passes beneath the application site.'

The ditch of this Iron Age enclosure was substantial and previous investigations undertaken to the north have established that on its northern side it survives to a depth of 4.6m with a width of c.11m wide at the top and 1m at the base. The corresponding bank must have been similarly massive; however this has now been levelled. A low bank within the park to the north of the application site, although on the line of the Iron Age defences, relates to 19th century landscaping following the excavation of the railway cutting to the east.

Through the Roman period, the Iron Age ditch was utilised as a cemetery, with a very high proportion of neonatal and infant burials. The discovery of several burials at the inner edge of the former defensive bank (on both the northern and western side of the enclosure), suggest that the Iron Age bank was also used as a part of this cemetery. It is possible that this cemetery use is related to the use of the former Iron Age enclosure as some kind of shrine during the Roman period.

The application site therefore has the potential to contain buried remains of not only the Iron Age defences, but also possibly burials, forming part of the Roman cemetery which utilised the former defences. Evidence of former occupation within the Iron Age enclosure may also be present within the application site.'

3 AIM

3.1 Archaeological Evaluation

3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to monitor groundwork for the proposed extension and drainage work and investigate and record archaeological remains that were identified, taking account of the date, nature, extent, bio-archaeological and palaeo-environmental potential of the remains. More specific aims of the watching brief were to consider:

- The depth of existing modern foundations and impacts on below-ground deposits;
- The presence of overburden and any suggestion that there is made ground beneath the Site;
- If present, the uppermost significant archaeological horizon and its depth below existing ground level, its character and possible date; this information will be relevant to the archaeological context of the Site within the Iron Age enclosure of Oram's Arbour and in the vicinity of previous discoveries including burials within the enclosure's earthworks.

3.1.2 A further aim was to prepare an archive of the results of the investigations leading to the preparation of this final report, so that the future treatment of any archaeological resources beneath the Site, in respect of the proposed development, may be determined.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following presents a summary of the watching brief results based upon the Site archive, which comprises a Site diary, written and drawn records, digital photographs and survey data. Photographs of the Site are provided in **Appendix 1** and the context index is provided in **Appendix 2**. An OASIS record is provided in **Appendix 3**. The archive of the watching brief is held at PCA's Winchester office under the site code **AY777** and will in due course be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The archaeological watching brief was undertaken following the methodology detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (PCA 2022), which was approved by the Local Planning Authority in advance of the works and on the advice of the HETA.

4.2.2 The watching brief comprised the monitoring of the excavation of a foundation trench and ground reduction of c. 0.30m below ground level (BGL) across the area of the extension (**Figure 2**). The work was undertaken between the 27th of July and the 10th of August 2022.

4.3 Results

4.3.1 The area of the proposed extension was cleared of existing surfacing, which comprised paving and a sand bedding layer. At 81.4m aOD. This revealed an area of natural chalk on the eastern part of the area. The foundation trench for the new south wall of the extension measured c.0.7m wide and was excavated to a total depth of 1m BGL. A single archaeological feature was revealed in plan and in the sections of the foundation trench, as described below.

Iron Age

4.3.2 Cut into the natural chalk (001) and visible in the western end of the foundation trench was the edge of a large feature, ditch [002] (**Plates 1-3 & Figures 3 & 4**). Only part of the eastern side of the ditch was exposed in the section of the foundation trench. Measuring >1.65m wide and >0.87m deep, it was observed to run north to south across the footprint of the proposed extension. Two fills were observed (003) and (004). Fill (004) was observed on the edge of the ditch and comprised a mid-dark brownish grey clayey silt with occasional inclusions of small angular fragments of chalk. It was 0.08m thick. Fill (003) comprised a light-mid brownish grey clayey silt with frequent inclusions of small angular fragments of chalk. It measured >0.87m thick and was observed to continue beyond the west end and base of the trench. No finds or datable material was recovered from either fill.

4.3.3 Though no datable evidence was recovered from the ditch, it is almost certainly a section of the Oram's Arbor Iron Age enclosure ditch, projected to run beneath Site (Qualmann et al 2004). Of the two fills observed, (004) may represent erosion of the ditch side while (003) may represent deliberate backfilling of the ditch.

19th Century

4.3.4 In the northern part of the Site, in the area under the former kitchen, a layer of disturbed ground (006) was observed comprising a compact dark brownish clayey silt, with frequent inclusions of chalk fragments and ceramic building material. Fragments of clay tobacco pipe were also observed along with modern building materials. Below layer (006) was the remnant of a wall [005], a red brick wall in a header bond, possibly a garden wall. It was 0.2m wide, at least 0.8m long and aligned northwest to southeast (**Figure 3**).

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The ground works revealed the eastern edge of a large ditch, believed to be the internal edge of the Oram's Arbor Iron Age enclosure ditch, confirming its alignment and survival beneath the modern landscape.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION AND DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, will be prepared in accordance with 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage' (UKIC 1990) and the Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust.

5.2 Copyright

5.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the site will be retained by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. Hampshire Cultural Trust, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profitmaking, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003. Further distribution and uses of the report either in its entirety or part thereof in paper or electronic form is prohibited without the prior consent of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.

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5.2.3 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the content of this report. However, Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd cannot accept any liability in respect of, or resulting from, errors, inaccuracies or omissions this report contains.

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7 REFERENCES

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APPENDIX 1: PLATES



Plate 1. South facing section of foundation trench showing ditch [002]. Taken looking north with a 1m scale.



Plate 2. Overview of the area, showing the foundation trench taken before the level reduction. Taken looking northeast with a 1m scale.



Plate 3. Overview of the area showing ditch [002] in plan, taken after the level reduction. Taken looking north with a 1m scale

APPENDIX 2: CONTEXT INDEX

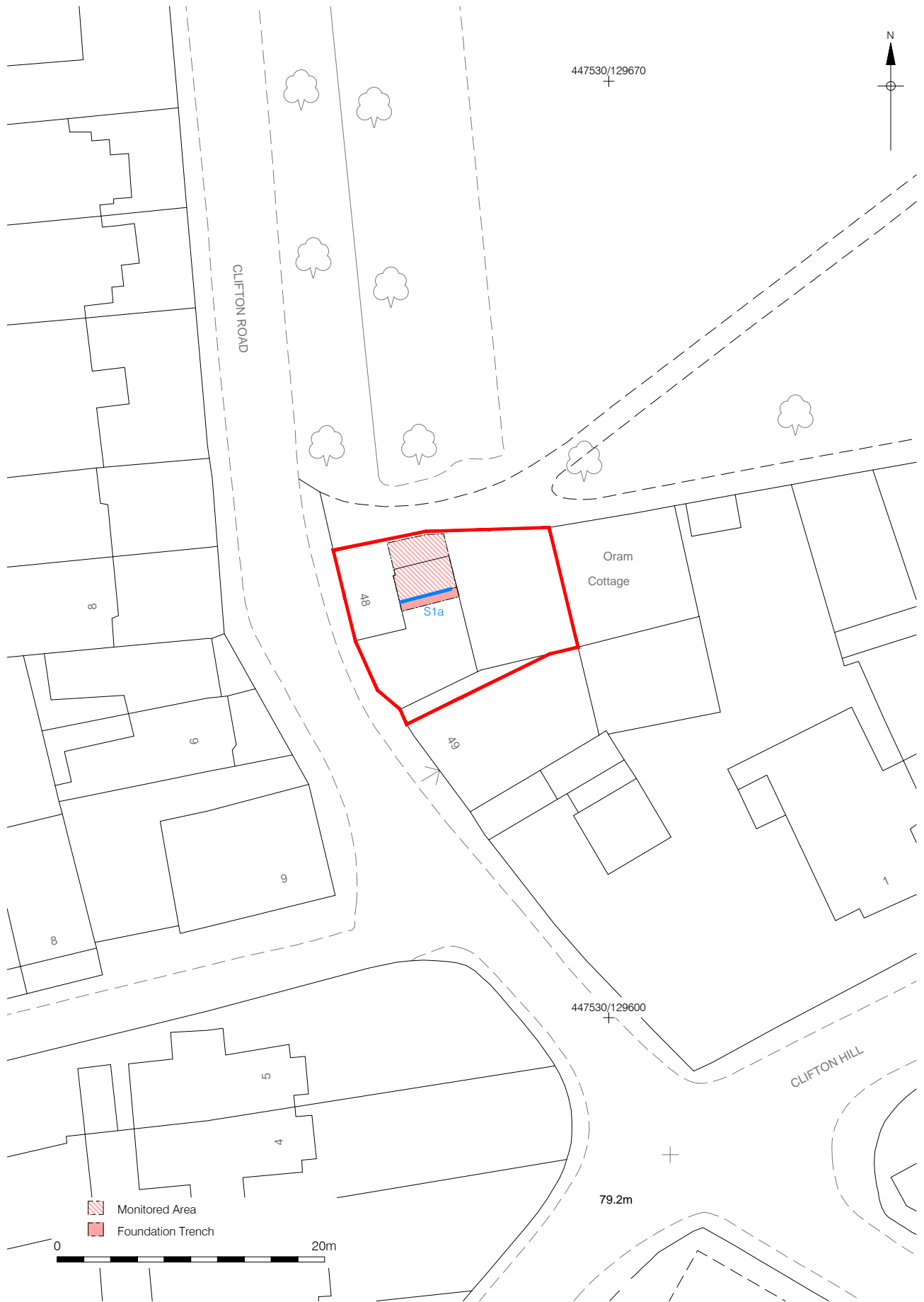
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1	Layer	Chalk		natural
2	cut	partially exposed cut of north - south orientated linear, moderately steep flat sloping side	IA	cut of east edge of iron age enclosure ditch of Oram's Arbor
3	fill	friable, light-mid brownish grey clayey silt. Frequent inclusions of small chalk fragments	undated	backfill of ditch
4	fill	friable, mid-dark brownish grey clayey silt. occasional inclusions of small chalk fragments	undated	infill/ tumble
5	structure	wall foundation, single line of red brick in a header bond	19th century	garden wall foundation
6	Layer	compact, dark brownish grey clayey silt. Frequent inclusions of chalk fragments and modern building material	19th century	layer of disturbed ground

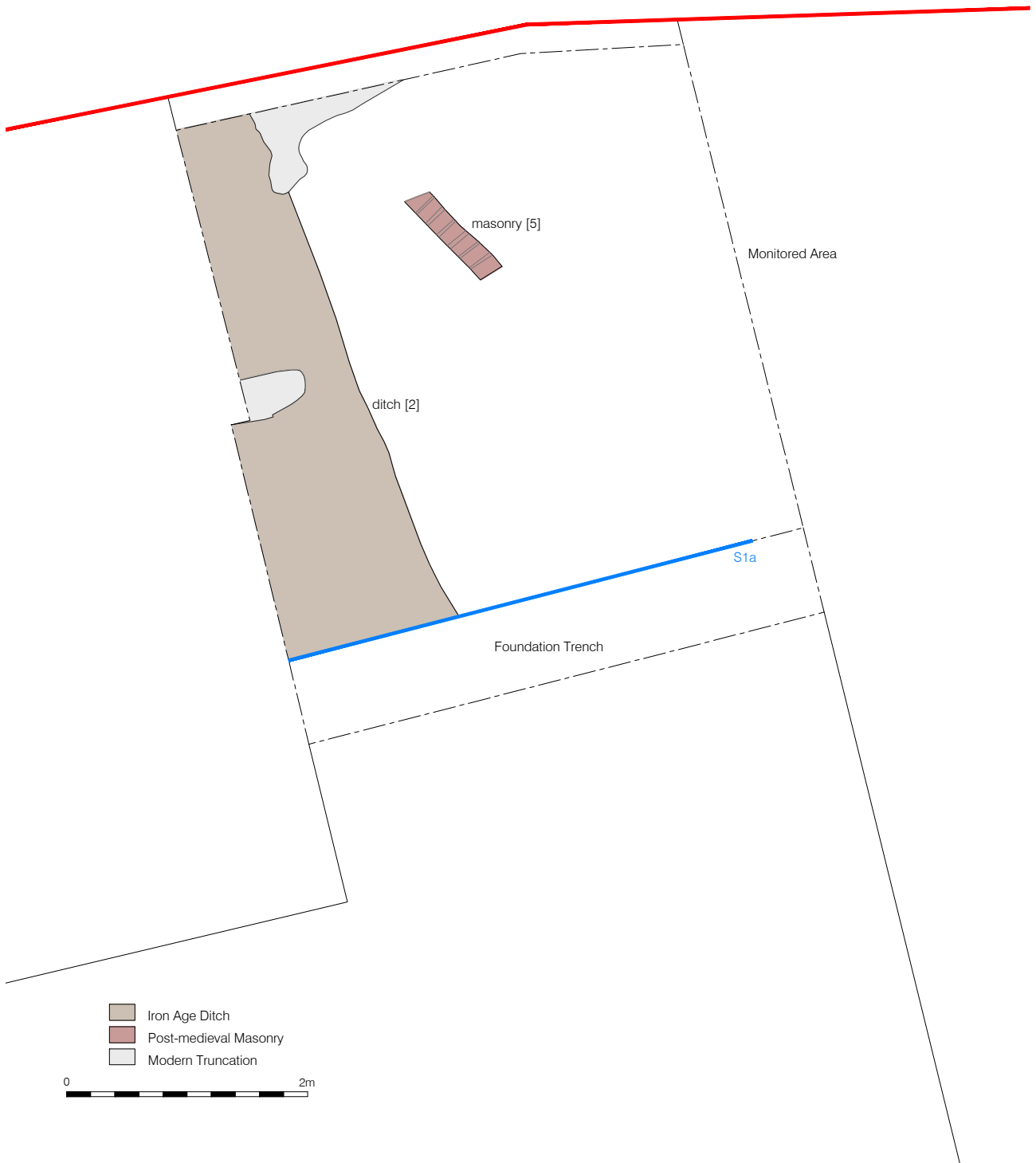
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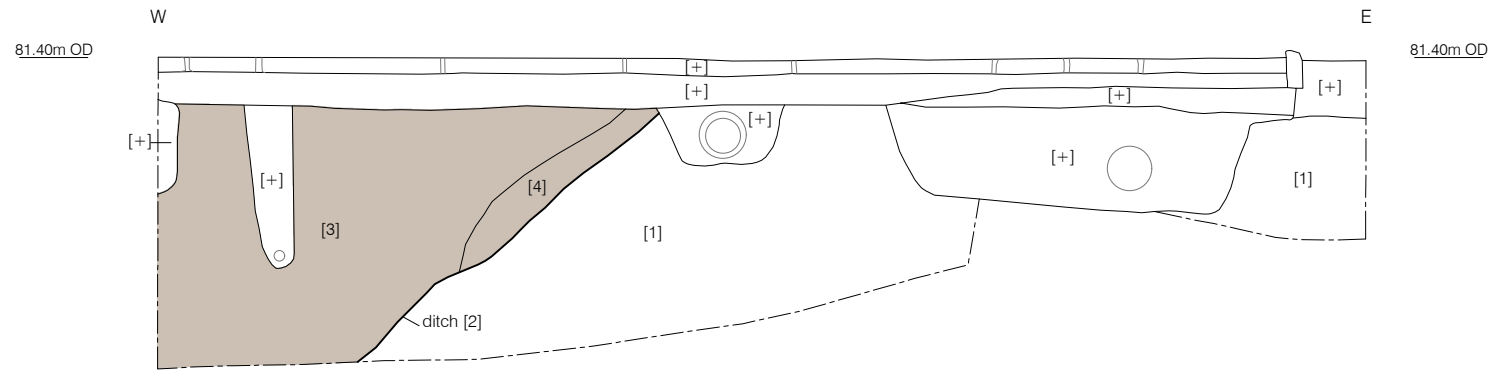
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Project Results	The ground works revealed the eastern edge of a large ditch, believed to be the internal edge of the Iron Age enclosure ditch of Orams Arbour. This further informs the alignment of this section of the ditch. The 19th century garden wall is of limited archaeological significance.
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