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ABSTRACT

This report concerns an archive statement and assessment document of the archaeological investigations conducted as part of the Phase IV redevelopment of the Oliver Close Estate, Oliver Road, Leyton, London Borough of Waltham Forest. The investigations were undertaken as part of a planning condition placed upon the proposed redevelopment of the site.

The Phase IV redevelopment concerned a block of land located towards the southern end of the Oliver Close Estate. The project was conducted in three stages. The first involved an archaeological evaluation followed by an excavation in the northern part of the redevelopment area. The second dealt with a watching brief maintained on the construction of a tower crane in the southern part of the redevelopment area, and the third and largest stage involved an archaeological evaluation and subsequent excavation in the southern part of the redevelopment area.

The first and second stages were commissioned and generously funded by Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust while the third stage was commissioned by John Laing Partnership on behalf of the Peabody Trust who generously funded this stage. The archaeological fieldwork was monitored by Nick Truckle and David Divers of the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service on behalf of the London Borough of Waltham Forest, and was undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology L^{td}. under the supervision of David Divers, Streph Dunkerley and Chris Pickard, and the direction of Peter Moore.

The archaeological investigations revealed a dense concentration of cut features across the site, principally dateable to the Mesolithic/Neolithic, the Late Bronze Age, and the Post-Medieval periods.

The earliest evidence of activity consisted of a small quantity of residually deposited struck flints dateable to the Mesolithic or Early Neolithic period as well as a few fragments of pottery of possible Neolithic date, interpreted as representing brief intermittent visits to the site.

The main period of occupation could be dated to the Late Bronze Age. It consisted of the construction of a large ditched enclosure, c.35m in diameter, which may have had an internal bank. A mass of pits, postholes and other cut features were recorded both inside and outside of the enclosure. Possible structures located internally included a roundhouse, a palisaded screen, four-post structures and hearths. Immediately outside the west-facing entranceway was a further palisaded screen, four-post structures and an elaborate hearth or fire-pit. Pottery recovered from features across the enclosure overwhelmingly comprised plainware of the post Deverel-Rimbury tradition, dateable to 10th-9th centuries BC, of the Late Bronze Age. The morphology of the enclosure and the nature of its related features suggests that it belongs to the class of Late

Bronze Age enclosures termed ‘aggrandised enclosures’ by David Yates (1999) or ‘Springfield style enclosures’ in the Monument Protection Program definition of this type of site (www.eng-h.gov.uk/mpp/mcd/intro2.htm) after the type site at Springfield Lyons in Essex (Buckley and Hedges 1987). These appear to form focal points for the surrounding agricultural landscapes and may have acted as the strongholds for elites and/or as manufacturing and redistribution centres.

Activity at the Oliver Close enclosure appears not to have continued beyond the Late Bronze Age when a soil formed across the site, sealing all of the previous features. The site appears to have remained either marginal to human activity or in agricultural use until the 19th century when the area was caught up in the expansion of housing and industry that affected much of the margins of the lower Lea Valley. The western side of Oliver Road was used for the dumping of rubbish and demolition rubble from the late 19th century until the Second World War, and a number of pits and postholes that related to gardening or allotment activity were also excavated. During the Second World War a series of Anderson shelters were built at the site and following its conclusion a pre-fabricated housing estate was constructed, followed by a ‘high rise’ estate during the 1960s.

This document includes an introduction to the site, its location, the planning background, a summary of the previous archaeological work at Oliver Close, a summary of the historical and archaeological background, its geological and topographical setting and the archaeological methodology employed. It also includes a statement of the contents of the resulting archive, including paper records, finds and environmental data. A phased description of the archaeological findings is included based on an interim interpretation of the resulting archive. It also incorporates a summary of these findings and discusses them within the broader framework of understanding of the relevant periods. It provides an indication of the significance of the findings and their research potential, and includes a statement on further work that will be required to meet their potential. Appendices detailing all recorded contexts and their stratigraphical relationships, and an assessment of all artefactual and environmental finds are included.

1 BACKGROUND TO THE PROJECT

1.1 GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 This report details the excavations undertaken as part of the Phase IV redevelopment at the Oliver Close Estate an a summary review of the excavation archive generated in the previous three phases of work. It provides a background to the project, a summary and discussion of the principal findings, a discussion of their significance and recommendations for the further work required.

1.1.2 The fieldwork associated with the Phase IV redevelopment was conducted in three stages. The first, involved an archaeological evaluation and excavation, was conducted during 2001, the second concerned a watching brief that was maintained on the construction of a tower crane base in 2002 and the third part, also involving an archaeological evaluation and excavation, took place in 2005.

1.1.3 The client for the first and second phases of work was the Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust while the third phase was commissioned by John Laing Partnership on behalf of the Peabody Trust. The first stage of the archaeological investigations was monitored by Nick Truckle, and the second and third stages by David Divers, both of the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service, acting on behalf of the London Borough of Waltham Forest. The Phase IV investigations were undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology. David Divers, then of Pre-Construct Archaeology, supervised the first stage, the watching brief was conducted by Streph Duckering and the third stage was supervised by Chris Pickard. The fieldwork was managed under the direction of Peter Moore and all post-excavation work was managed by Dr Frank Meddens. This report was written and researched by Barry Bishop using the original records generated during the fieldwork.

1.2 SITE LOCATION

1.2.1 The Oliver Close Estate is located on the eastern side of the Lower Lea Valley[1] at Leyton in the London Borough of Waltham Forest (Fig 1). It is bounded by Oliver Road to the east, Osier Way to the south, playing fields and allotments to the west and Ive Farm Road to the north.

1.2.2 The Phase IV investigations were conducted on a block of land located towards the southeastern corner of the Oliver Close Estate. Its boundaries comprise Walnut Road to the north, Oliver Road to the east, buildings facing on to Osier Way to the south and Tupelo Road to the west. The site is centred on NGR TQ 3768 8654 (Fig 2).

[1] Throughout this report the Lower Lea Valley is referred to as meaning that part of the Lea Valley within the Greater London Region and broadly within the M25 orbital route

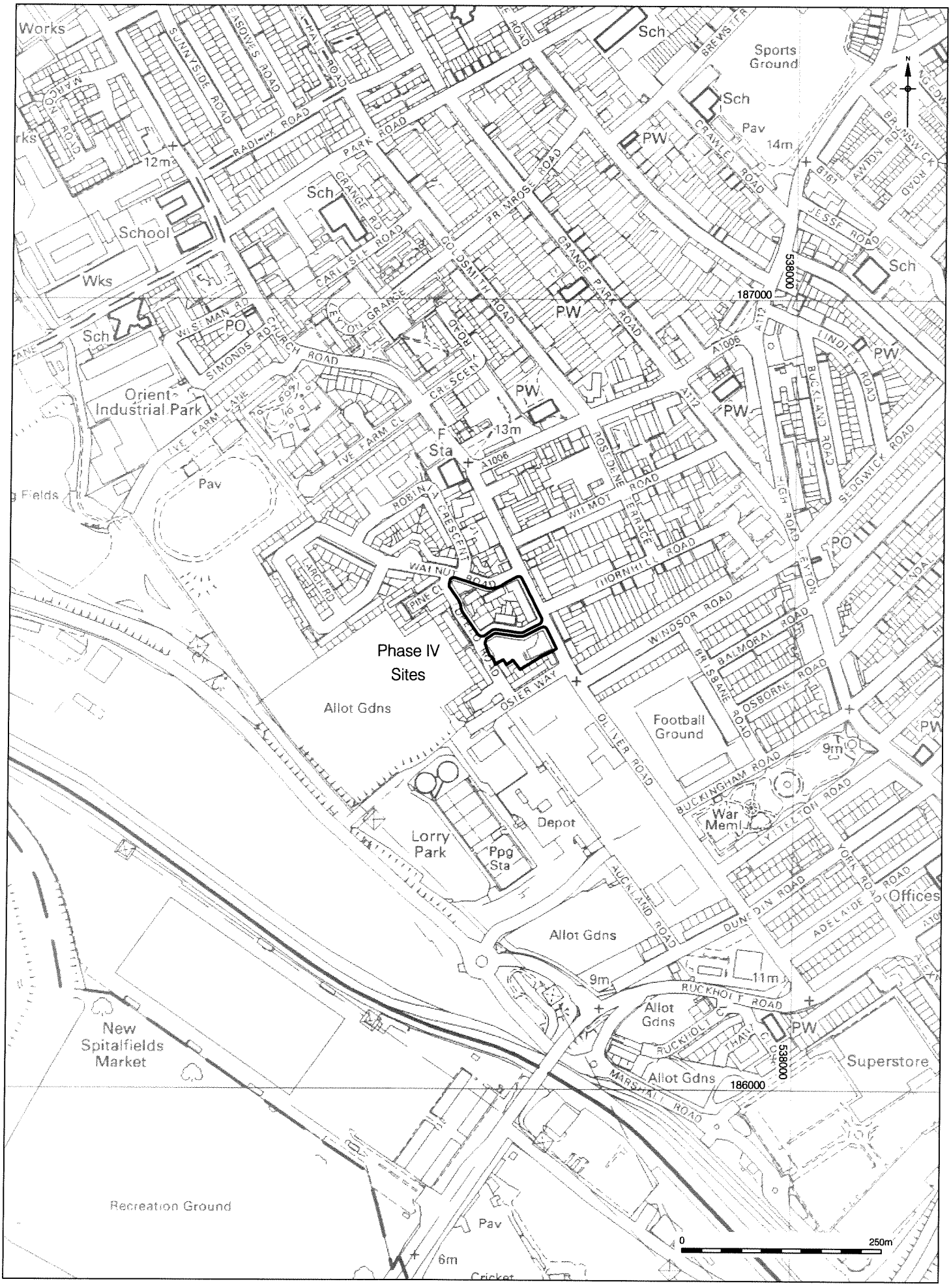

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Figure 1
Site location
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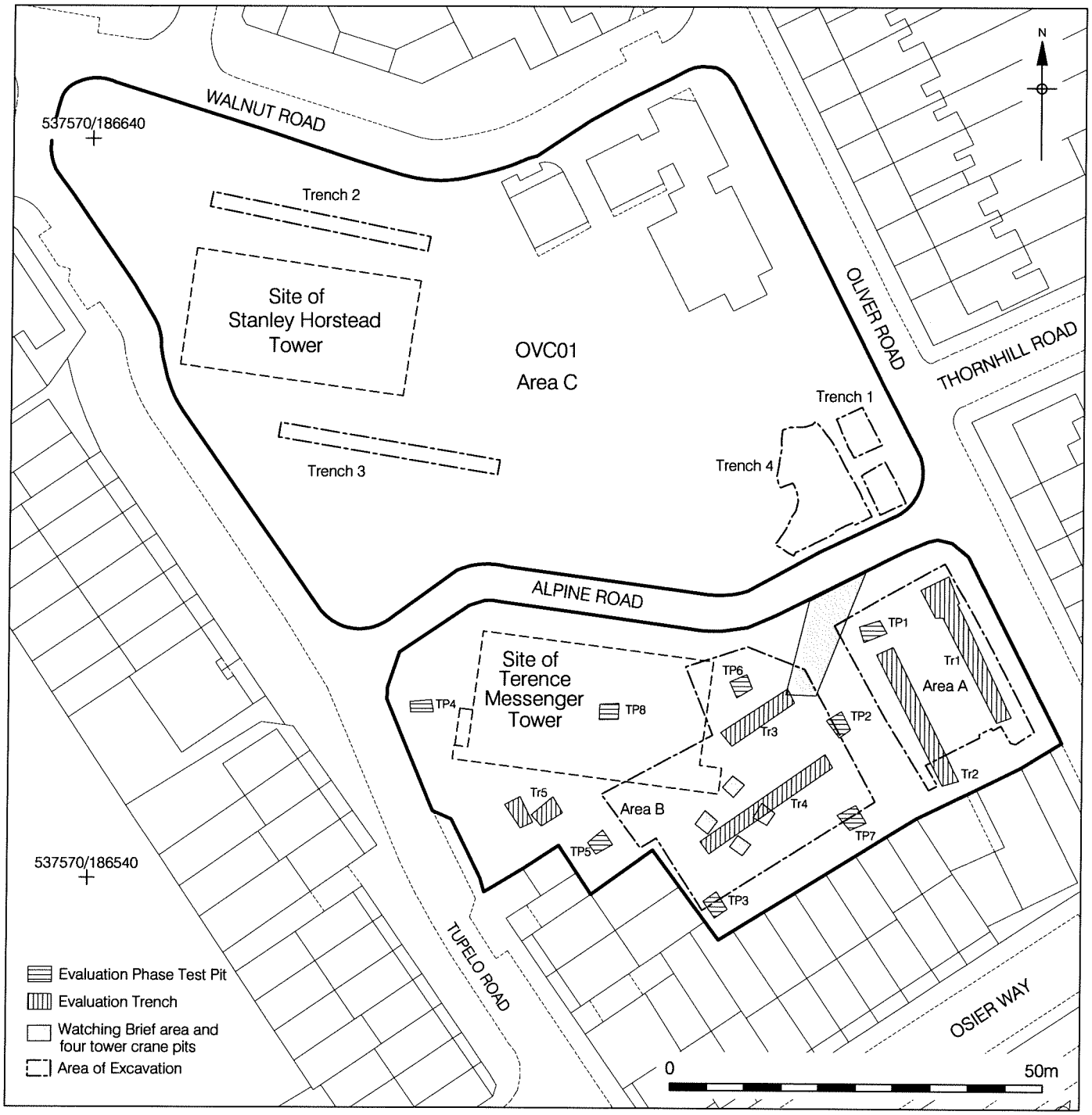

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Figure 2
Location of Phase IV Archaeological Investigations
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1.3 PLANNING BACKGROUND

1.3.1 The site is located within an Archaeological Priority Zone, as defined in the London Borough of Waltham Forest's Unitary Development Plan. Because of its location within the Archaeological Priority Zone and its archaeological potential as demonstrated by the results from the previous investigations at the Oliver Close Estate, an archaeological evaluation was required prior to any developments that potentially had an adverse impact on any surviving archaeological remains.

1.3.2 The Planning Committee of the London Borough of Waltham Forest had granted permission to the Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust to demolish high-rise residential tower blocks at the Oliver Close Estate and to replace them with low-rise housing and other community buildings. This process was to take place in four Phases (I-IV) which are detailed below.

1.4 PREVIOUS ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK AT OLIVER CLOSE

1.4.1 The redevelopment of the Oliver Close proceeded in four Phases (I-IV) from 1992 to 2005 and the archaeological programme was geared to fit into this extended scheme of works (Fig 3). No overall account of these investigations has so far been compiled although the basic sequence of events and the principal findings can be understood from examination of documents produced as part of the Phase I and II investigations (Chew 1992; Moore 1992; Sabel 1993; Sabel 1995; Moore 1996; Jarrett 1996; MacGowan 1996; Lawrence 1996) by the Passmore Edwards Museum and Newham Museum Service, and the Phase III works by the Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit from their report on part of the site (Hickling 2003).

1.4.2 The Initial evaluation consisted of the monitoring of engineers testpits across the Oliver Close Estate during 1992. This revealed the survival of alluvial deposits in the 'School Playing Field Site' and undisturbed ploughsoils in the area adjacent to Osier Way (Chew 1992).

1.4.3 **Phase I, stage I**: Watching Brief (21/09/92 to 23/09/92), which involved the monitoring of 24 soil investigation testpits excavated by contractors. This revealed Bronze Age activity on the Gravel Terrace in the form of cut features and Bronze Age material contained within alluvium on the 'The School Playing Field Site', to the west of the Oliver Close Estate (Chew 1992: Moore 1992) (Fig 3).

1.4.4 **Phase I, stage II**: Excavation (05/07/93 to 19/07/93), which comprised the excavation of Trench 1 in the section adjacent to Osier Way and Oliver Road. This revealed Late Bronze Age postholes representing linear features (fencelines?) and a curved structure. There was also ephemeral evidence of Roman activity and extensive Post-Medieval disturbance (Sabel 1993) (Fig 3).

1.4.5 **Phase I, stage III**: Watching brief and resistivity Survey (10/08/93 to 11/08/93). The watching brief was conducted on two soil investigation pits, recorded as Trenches 5 and 6. These revealed 2.8m thick modern dumps overlying organic alluvial silts, possibly a river channel. The Resistivity survey was conducted in Area B and identified areas of potential pitting (Fig 3).

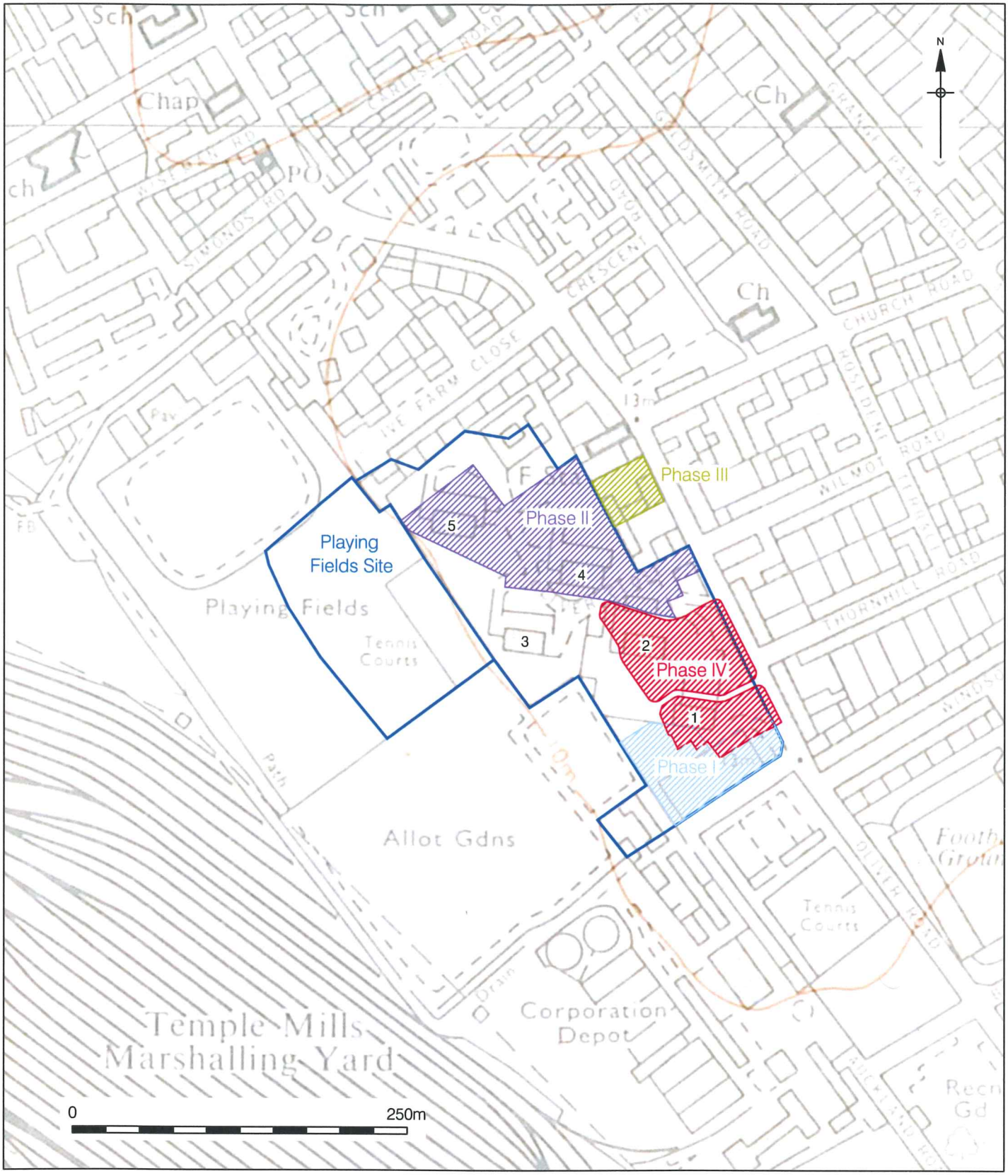
1.4.6 **Phase I, stage IV**: Excavation and Environmental Investigations (13/09/93 to 20/10/93). This involved the excavation of a Trench (referred to as Trench 2) along the southern sector of the site adjacent to Osier Way, which revealed Second World War air raid shelters relating to two properties. These were preceded by a ploughsoil sealing 'hundreds of pits, postholes, stakeholes and gullies' including a ring-ditch and associated fences and pits and troughs with evidence for cooking activities. A second phase of activity was evidenced by a realignment of the fences. Finds recovered included pot, worked flint, burnt flint and a loomweight (Moore 1996; 2001). Two trenches (referred to as Trenches 3 and 4) were excavated at the 'School Playing Field Site'. Trench 3 revealed further archaeological deposits and Trench 4 uncovered extensive alluvial deposits which were tested with column samples (no longer extant) by the Museum of London Environmental Service (MacGowan 1996). MacGowan (1996) also reports eight potential Late Bronze Age structures, provisionally interpreted as possible fencelines, a circa 5m diameter roundhouse, rectangular structures, pits containing domestic debris, placed deposits, a possible cremation and a 5m diameter semi-circular gully (Fig 3).

1.4.7 **Phase II, stage I**: Watching Brief and Geophysical Survey (14/03/95 to 21/04/95). This comprised a watching brief undertaken on 25 testpits and a 3D sub-surface contour plot. The watching brief found river silts indicating a possible tributary to the River Lea and a 'prehistoric' soil horizon, although no features. The contour survey involved the mapping of the current ground surface and the surviving natural deposits. It demonstrates the presence of a localized high point in the vicinity of the Phase IV investigations (Fig 3).

1.4.8 **Phase II, stage II**: Excavation (10/06/96 to 21/06/96) Two evaluation trenches were opened in the northern part of the Oliver Close Estate. One (referred to as Trench 2) was archeologically sterile. The other (referred to as Trench 1) revealed pits, postholes

and possible quarries containing post-Deverel Rimbury plainware pottery of Late Bronze Age date, struck flint and burnt flint (MacGowan 1996). A number of pits in Trench 1 may be of Roman date. Saxon pottery (AD 400-800) was found in the ploughsoil, possibly associated with post alignments and a pit. A Medieval (AD 1200-1400) post-built structure was also identified. Some pre-19th century field boundaries and apparently random pitting was present. This was followed by 19th/20th century drainage runs, concrete surfaces and air-raid shelters, pits and postholes associated with the development of Oliver Road (Fig 3).

1.4.9 **Phase III**: Evaluation (3/03/03 to 06/03/03) Three evaluation trenches were excavated at 24-34 Oliver Rd. A number of features of 19th century date were uncovered which cut an earlier ploughsoil and subsoil. The plougsoil overlay two pits and a gully which remain undated although one of the pits contained elements of baked clay and the other fire cracked burnt flint suggestive of a pre-historic date (Hickling 2003) (Fig 3).



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Tower blocks shown on 1977 Ordnance Survey map

1 Terence Messenger Tower
2 Stanley Horstead Tower
3 Arthur Punshon Tower
4 James Collins Tower
5 Clifford Hicks Tower

Figure 3
Former layout of the Oliver Close Sites,
showing the location of Phases I, II and IV and A and B, and the 10m contour
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1.4.3 Until relatively recently very little was known of the archaeology of either the Lower Lea Valley or the east London area. Recent archaeological investigations combined with an appreciation of 19th and 20th century 'stray' finds are now steadily filling in this gap. The following provides a very short account of some of the more pertinent discoveries from the area.

1.4.4 Palaeolithic flint tools and occasionally bioarchaeological remains have been recovered in significant quantities from the Pleistocene alluvial deposits and superficial Brickearth deposits located along the Lea Valley and Lower Thames Valley Gravel Terraces, including a small number of finds that have been made within the Leytonstone Gravel Terrace in the vicinity of the site.

1.4.5 Scattered Mesolithic, Neolithic and Early Bronze Age findspots, mostly representing small temporary encampments and possible deliberate deposits of prestigious artefacts, have been made along the Lower Lea Valley. These demonstrate extensive, if not intensive, occupation of the valley by mobile groups exploiting the rich and varied habitats that the valley would have offered. Similar evidence has been recorded along the banks of the Lower Thames and its tributary rivers, although so far the only evidence of more substantial construction within east London consists of a Neolithic ring-ditch recorded at Launders Lane in Rainham. At Edmonton, the construction of a series of parallel ditches and a possible enclosure may also date to the Neolithic period. During this time, dramatic changes in climatic and relative river levels would have radically altered the topography and physiology of the river valleys and this would have resulted in much of the evidence for these periods being buried under often-substantial deposits of alluvium.

1.4.6 By the Middle and Late Bronze Age there is evidence of an intensified interest in the marshes bordering the Lea and the Thames, with the construction of a number of wooden trackways and other structures. These may in part be associated with an intensification in agricultural activity that has been recognized in many parts of southeastern Britain. In the London region this may best be seen on the west London Gravel Terraces and the Wandle Valley, but there is increasing evidence that similar processes were occurring in the Lea Valley. For the first time permanent settlements with associated ditch-defined field-systems have been identified, including at Edmonton, Rammey Marsh and Aylands Allotments. Closer to the site, similar evidence of settlement and agricultural activity have been recorded at Lea Valley Road in Chingford, at Bow on the western edge of the Lea Valley, at Warton Road and Stratford Market Depot within the Lea Valley floodplain, and Later Bronze Age / Iron Age features have

been recorded at the George Mitchell School playing fields on Leyton High Street, c.500m to the northeast of the site.

1.4.7 Iron Age metal items and possible wooden pile-driven structures have been recorded from within the Lower Lea Valley although the most notable site in the area consists of the massive defended enclosure at Uphall Camp, adjacent to Loxford Water in Ilford. Further evidence of settlement and agricultural activity has been recorded at various other locations in east London but, so far, these investigations remain only partially published.

1.4.8 Huge foundation including arches of Roman appearance were recorded in 1718 at Grange Park Road, c.400m to the northeast of the Oliver Close Estate, with reports describing ruins covering 2 acres. Many stray finds of Roman date have been recovered in the vicinity of Grange Park. Roman ditches were found to the north at Church Road and, recently, a stretch of Roman road has been discovered at the Beaumont Road Estate at Whipps Cross. This may be associated with a 'corridor' of Roman period findspots that have been recorded from the Leyton area to Temple Meads and beyond, which may represent a hitherto unknown Roman routeway (Peter Moore, pers comm.).

1.4.9 Medieval activity is not particularly well attested in the area and settlement appears to have concentrated within small, scattered villages across the area east of London. Numerous seemingly isolated ditches pits and postholes of Saxon and Medieval date have been found, although probably the closest Medieval remains were uncovered at the Old Baths site on Leytonstone High Road. The parish church at Leyton is known to be a late Medieval foundation. Much of the region to the north may have been largely forested and animal husbandry seems to have been important during this period. The investigations at Oliver Close suggest that the site consisted largely of fields at this time.

1.4.10 The Oliver Close Estate appears on John Roque's map of 1746 as part of a field-system and still appears on the Ordnance Survey map of 1870 as open fields. At the end of the 19th century some ribbon development occurred along the western side of Oliver Road although the northern parts of the Oliver Close Estate still appear open until the mid 20th century, with the 1916 OS map showing a football field and a plant nursery, although gravel extraction and dumping may have occurred. During the Second World War, the area suffered acutely from aerial bomb damage and afterwards the site was used for pre-fabricated housing, involving the laying out of concrete slabs. During the 1960s a number of high-rise residential towers were constructed, along with ancillary building and associated infrastructure. The building works during the second part of the 20th century involved considerable disturbance, involving levelling and landscaping.

1.5 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

1.6.1 The site is identified by the British Geological Survey (1993) as situated on the Quaternary Taplow Gravel Terrace, overlying Palaeogene London Clay. Gibbard (1994) has divided the Quaternary sequence in this area into two separate deposits: the Leyton Gravels, a Lea equivalent of the Lower Thames East Tilbury Marsh Gravel (ibid, 94), itself equivalent to the Middle Tames Kempton Park Gravel, and the Leytonstone Gravels, equivalent to the Lower Thames Mucking Gravel and the Middle Thames Taplow Gravel. The height of the gravels deposits at the Oliver Close Estate would indicate these belong to the Leytonstone Gravel deposits.

1.6.2 In this area, the edge of the Leytonstone Gravel Terrace runs north-south roughly following the 10m contour line and close to the western former boundary of the site (see Fig 3). To the west of this contour, such as recorded within the 'School Playing Field Site', a deep thickness of fine grained alluvial deposits have accumulated, presumably as a result of flood events of the River Lea.

1.6.3 The site is located on and overlooks the eastern side of the Lea Valley, some 6km north of its confluence with the River Thames at Canning Town. The vicinity of the site is relatively flat with a general slope downwards to the west towards the River Lea. The Oliver Close Estate is bounded to the north and the south by two now-dry tributary valleys currently roughly defined by Leyton Grange Estate/Primrose Road to the north and Coronation Gardens/Sidmouth Road to the south (see Fig 3), the latter is referred to as the 'Leyton River'. It is as yet uncertain whether these would have carried water during the Holocene. The Oliver Close Estate is situated on a blunt peninsula of higher ground c.800m wide facing directly on to the Lea Valley floodplain. From the site, there would have been extensive views both up and down the valley and, across the river and slightly to the south, the confluence of the Hackney Brook and the River Lea would have been visible.

1.6.4 Locally, the presence of fine grained alluvial deposits recorded along the central-eastern section of the Oliver Close Estate may indicate the presence of a former tributary channel running approximately through the middle of the Estate although its date or precise course has yet to be determined (Sabel 1995; Moore 1996).

1.6 METHODOLOGY

1.7.1 The Phase IV investigations were conducted in three stages, the first in the northern part of the Phase IV development area, Area C, and the second and third in the southern part, Areas A and B (see Fig 2).

1.7.2 The first stage was conducted between the 16th January and the 7th February 2001 under the supervision of David Divers. This comprised the investigation of three evaluation Trenches. The two westerly evaluation Trenches, 2 and 3, were located near the footprint of the recently demolished Stanley Horstead Tower and revealed only heavily truncated natural deposits. Evaluation Trench 1 was located close to Oliver Road and revealed sub-soil features cut into the natural gravels, which were overlain by a ploughsoil that formed during antiquity. This Trench was extended to the east, Trench 4, where further cut features were recorded.

1.7.3 The second sage of the Phase IV investigations involved a watching brief conducted on a tower crane base located within the southern part of the Phase IV development area to the east of the Terrence Messenger Tower and immediately east of the stage III excavations. This was supervised by Streph Duckering from 30th May to the 16th June 2002 and revealed natural Gravel Terrace deposits overlain by a ploughsoil, but no archaeological features.

1.7.4 The third stage was undertaken between the 16th August and 8th September 2005 under the supervision of Chris Pickard and comprised the excavation of five evaluation Trenches. These revealed extensive truncation of the natural deposits in the vicinity of the Terrance Messenger Tower but to the south and east of this subsoil features were present, overlain by a ploughsoil that had formed in antiquity and had survived. In consequence, two open area excavations (Areas A and B) were conducted on this part of the site where the proposed new buildings would have impacted on the archaeological deposits.

1.7.5 During all stages of the investigations, initial ground reduction to remove modern overburden was carried out using a 360° tracked mechanical excavator with a 1.8m wide toothless ditching bucket, under archaeological supervision. All exposed surfaces were then cleaned and further excavation, to investigate archaeological features and deposits, was carried out using appropriate hand tools.

1.7.6 Representative sections were drawn at a scale of 1:10, and outline trench plans were made at a scale of 1:20. All features and deposits observed were recorded onto pro-forma context record sheets and the features planned at a scale of 1:20. Contexts were numbered sequentially, with contexts 1-82 recorded during stage I, 101-110 recorded during stage II and 1000-1864 during stage III. All drawn sections were photographed and a general photographic survey of the site and working conditions was undertaken. Photographic coverage employed black and white print, colour print and colour transparency formats.

1.7.7 All evaluation and excavation Trenches were surveyed by total station and tied into the site boundary and the Ordnance Survey national grid.

1.7.8 Bulk samples were taken from the fills of all features where it was appropriate to do so.

1.7.9 All levels relate to the Ordnance Datum at Newlyn as transferred from Ordnance Survey Bench Marks to suitable temporary benchmarks at the site.

1.8 CONTENTS OF THE ARCHIVE

1.8.1 Following the anticipated publication of the results of the investigations, the completed archive, comprising written, drawn and photographic records as well as artefacts recovered during the evaluation and excavation, will be deposited at the Vestry House Museum under the site code OVC 01.

1.8.2 The Paper Record

Context Sheets	865
Sample Record Sheets	79
Plans ($5m^2$):	415
Sections	35

1.8.3 Finds

Struck Flint and Burnt Flint	1 box
Prehistoric Pottery	7 boxes
Post-Medieval Pottery	1 boxes
Ceramic Building Material	2 boxes
Slag	2 boxes
Loomweights & daub/clay	2 boxes

1.8.4 Archives of phases I – III, all held at Vestry House Museum.

1.8.5 The Paper Record

Context Sheets	657
Sample Record Sheets	89
Plans ($5m^2$):	200
Sections	30

1.8.6 Finds

Struck Flint and Burnt Flint	1 box
Prehistoric Pottery	3 boxes
Post-Medieval Pottery	3 boxes
Daub	1 box
CBM	2 boxes
CTP	1 box
Animal Bone	1 box
Small Finds	1 box

2 THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SEQUENCE

2.1 PHASE 1: NATURAL DEPOSITS

Context	Classification	Highest OD	Lowest OD	Description
1024	Natural	11.74	11.35	Loose brownish orange coarse sandy gravel/pebbles/cobbles
01	Natural	12.80	11.70	Loose orange sandy gravel/pebbles/cobbles
104/108	Natural	NA	NA	Loose mid brownish orange sandy gravel/pebbles/cobbles

Table 01: Phase 1 Context Description

2.1.1 Natural deposits were revealed across all areas of excavation. They consisted of loosely compacted orange brown sandy gravel, pebbles and cobbles. They were recorded as [01] in stage I of the investigations, [104]/[108] during stage II and [1024] during stage III. Observations of engineer's testpits at the site indicate that this deposit was at least 3.5m in thickness. No evidence for the possible palaeochannel recorded during earlier phases at the Oliver Close Estate was encountered.

2.1.2 The natural deposits were interpreted as Quaternary Terrace Gravels, presumably part of the Leytonstone Gravel member (see Section 1.6 above).

2.1.3 The highest point recorded on the natural gravels was in Trench 1, located in the southeast corner of the stage I investigations, where it attained a top level of 12.80m OD. From here, the natural sloped gradually downwards in all directions. The highest point identified in the stage III investigations was 11.74mOD in the northwest corner of Area A. From there, it gently sloped down to the east, south and west, being found at between 11.58mOD and 11.62mOD along the western, eastern and southern edges of excavation Trench A. In excavation Trench B, the slope downwards became more pronounced. On the eastern side of this Trench it was recorded as 11.61mOD, dropping to 11.35mOD on the northwestern side of the Trench. Levels for the natural deposits were not available on the natural deposits found in stage II.

2.1.4 A contour survey undertaken at the Oliver Close Estate (Sabel 1995) shows a slight prominence in the vicinity of the excavations, centring on the southeastern corner of the stage I and the area of the stage III investigations (Fig 3). Although the terrace gravels in the vicinity are generally fairly level, this prominence or low hill may have held important implications for later land use (see section 2.3.2 below)

2.2 PHASE 2: EARLY PREHISTORIC ACTIVITY

2.2.1 No sub-soil features that could convincingly be shown to date prior to the Late Bronze Age were identified. However, from across the site a small collection of stuck flint flakes dateable to the Mesolithic or Neolithic periods were recovered (see Appendix 3 below). In addition, a very small number of pottery sherds of possible Neolithic date were extracted from Bronze Age features.

2.2.2 Pit [1222], located within the south-east part of a possible roundhouse (see section 3.6 below), produced the largest assemblage of lithics collected in the excavations. This comprised 22 flakes, blades and pieces of knapping waste which, although not refitting, probably mostly originated from just two cores. Also present was a truncated blade and a cortically backed blade that had been used for cutting or sawing. Although this feature has been provisionally dated to the Late Bronze Age, its contained struck flint assemblage would be more compatible with a Mesolithic or Early Neolithic date and may indicate that the feature(s) are either earlier than initially thought or, perhaps more likely, truncated an earlier feature and residually incorporated the lithic material.

2.2.3 The struck flint demonstrates that the site was visited prior to the Late Bronze Age, although the small quantities of material presents indicates that any such occupation was brief and ephemeral, possibly sporadically and over a long period of time.

2.3 PHASE 3: LATE BRONZE AGE ACTIVITY

2.3.1 Introduction

2.3.1.1 The principal prehistoric occupation of the site has been dated by pottery to the Late Bronze Age. A total of 378 separate cut features have been assigned to this phase, 20 within Area C and the remainder in Areas A and B (Figs 4 and 14). These consisted of ditches, pits, postholes and stakeholes, which were densely spread across much of the excavated areas. The principal features of this phase consist of the construction of a ditched enclosure that was probably circular in plan and bounded an area of c.35m in diameter (see section 2.3.2 below) with an east-facing entrance (see section 2.3.3 below).

2.3.1.2 Inside the enclosure, postholes formed the most common feature type. Two principal structures were identified, a curved palisade or screen (see section 2.3.4 below) and a possible roundhouse (see section 2.3.5 below). Other structures present included a four-post structure to the west of the possible roundhouse (see section 2.3.9 below) and a number of postholes to the north of the palisade screen may represent a succession of different structures (see section 2.3.10 below).

Figure 4
Interpretive plan of all Bronze Age features
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2.3.1.3 Many of the postholes present could be arranged to form simple structures, such as two-post settings or short lengths of fencelines but, given the density of postholes present within the excavated areas and the plethora of possible structure plans that could be construed from the numerous features present, any such specific interpretations at this stage in the post-excavation process would remain tenuous at best, and all that can be said with any certainty is that all of the areas investigated, both inside and outside the enclosure, witnessed sustained and intensive construction activity.

2.3.1.4 Many pits were also present. Although these were generally rather evenly distributed, two areas of sustained and intercutting pitting were identified. These consist of an area to the east of the possible roundhouse (see section 2.3.8 below) and another immediately north of the internal palisade (see section 2.3.10 below).

2.3.1.5 The majority of features recognized on the outside of the enclosure, of which only Area C and the western side of Area B remained within the areas excavated, consisted of postholes with lesser numbers of pits present. A large curving post-built palisade was present immediately west of the enclosure (see section 2.3.11 below) and to the south of this was a four/six-post structure (see sections 2.3.12 below). With the exception of these, no other structures could be confidently identified although a complex 'fire-pit' (see section 2.3.13 below) was present.

2.3.1.6 Only a minority of features, both internal and external to the enclosure, actually intercut. It was evident from those that did that several sub-phases of activity associated with the enclosure were represented, with groups of features clearly superimposed. Confident identification of both individual structures and broader phases of activity has so far been limited. Some more-confidently identified coherent structures can be speculated upon, and these are discussed in more detail below. Where it was thought appropriate, tabulated descriptions of the individual contexts are given. Details of all recorded contexts are available in Appendix 2 and their relationships, as expressed in a Stratigraphic matrix, in Appendix 2.

2.3.2 Enclosure Ditch (Fig 5)

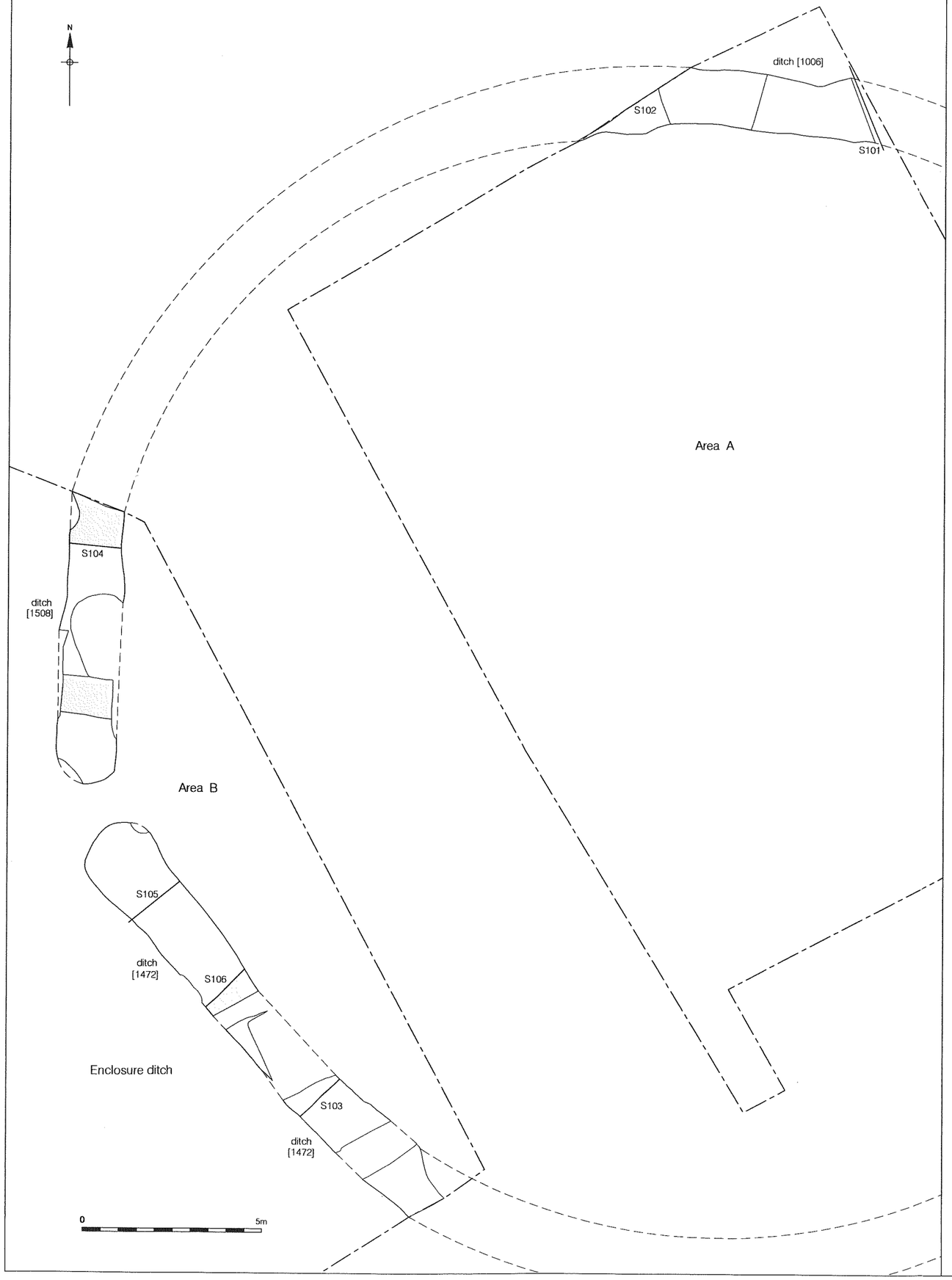
Context	Type	Section	Description
1099	2nd fill	101	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, pot, burnt flint, struck flint, fired clay

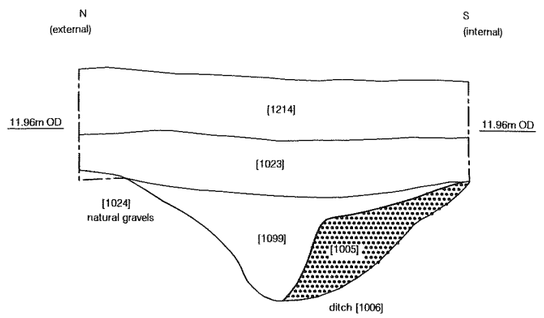
Context	Type	Section	Description
1005	1st Fill	101	Loose mid brownish grey; silty sandy gravel; occa charcoal flecks, pot
1156	2nd fill	101	Firm dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal flecks, pot, fired clay
1157	1st fill	101	Loose light greyish brown silty sandy gravel/pebbles
1006	cut	Enclosure ditch	Linear, 45 degree sloping sides and concave base
1507	fill	Terminal 1508	Loose mid brown sandy silty gravel/pebble, mod pot, burnt flint, occa fired clay
1594	3rd fill	104	Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles
1595	2nd fill	104	Lloose mid greyish brown silty sandy gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal flecks
1596	1st fill	104	Friable mid orangey brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles
1508	Cut	104	Linear with 45° sloping sides and concave base
1477	5th fill	103	Firm dark brownish grey gravelly sandy silt, occa pot, fired clay
1493	4th Fill	103	Stiff, loose mid greyish brown poorly sorted sandy silty gravel/pebbles, occa pot
1626	3rd fill	103	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silty gravel/pebbles
1494	2nd fill	103	Firm to loose mid to light orange brown poorly sorted sandy silty gravel
1495	2nd fill	103	Firm to loose mid to light orange brown silty gravelly sand, occa fired clay
1496	1st fill	103	Soft dark grey silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles
1497	1st fill	103	Soft dark grey silt-clay freg gravel/pebbles
1580	5th fill	105	Soft mid orange brown sandy clay-silt, freq gravel/pebbles, mod pot
1581	4th fill	105	Friable mid grey brown silty gravel/pebbles, occa pot, struck flint, burnt flint
1583	3rd fill	105	Loose light orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles
1584	2nd fill	105	Loose dark orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles
1611	2nd fill	105	Friable/loose dark brown orange sandy gravel/pebbles
1585	1st fill	105	Friable dark grey sandy silt
1582	1st fill	105	Loose mid grey brown silty sandy gravel/pebbles
1601	1st fill	105	Friable dark grey sandy silt
1726	4th fill	106	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, mod burnt flint, occa pot
1723	3rd fill	106	Very loose mid orange brown silty gravel/pebbles
1724	2nd fill	106	Loose dark reddish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles
1725	1st fill	106	Loose mid orange brown sandy silt, freq gravel pebbles
1472	cut	103, 105, 106	Curvilinear with c.45° sloping sides and concave base

Table 02: Enclosure Ditch Context Descriptions

2.3.2.1 The most prominent feature present at the site consisted of a large ring-ditch enclosing an internal area c.35m in diameter centred on the 12m contour (Fig 6). Three lengths were uncovered, including two terminals that formed an entranceway facing near due west. The individual lengths of ditch were relatively straight and it is possible it was constructed as a series of interlinked short straight stretches forming a polygonal shaped structure, rather than a true circle.

2.3.2.2 The ditch was 'V' shaped in profile, between 1 m and 1.5m wide and up to about 1m deep. Its manner of infilling was varied and complex with up to eight separate fills being recognized. Some of the sections suggest that the ditch may have been recut or heavily cleaned out on at least one and perhaps two or three occasions, although this could not be demonstrated within all excavated slots. There was significant variation in the way that the fills had accumulated across the various excavated sections, although the basic





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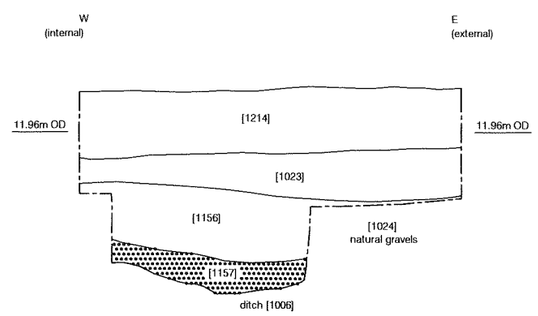
West Facing
Area A



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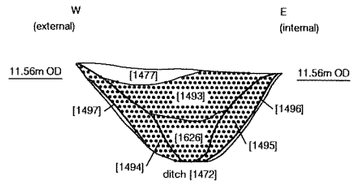

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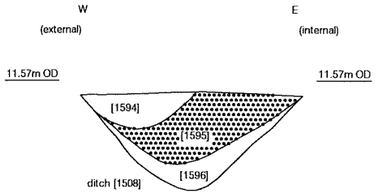

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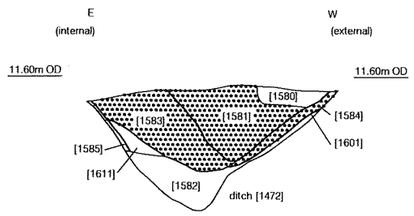
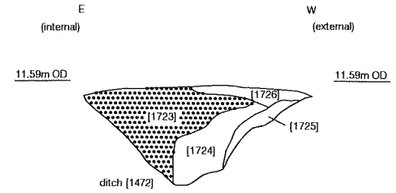


Section 105
North Facing
Area B



Section 106
North Facing
Area B

possible ditch recut

coarser-grained fills

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Figure 5
Plan detail of and sections through enclosure ditch [1006], [1508], [1472]
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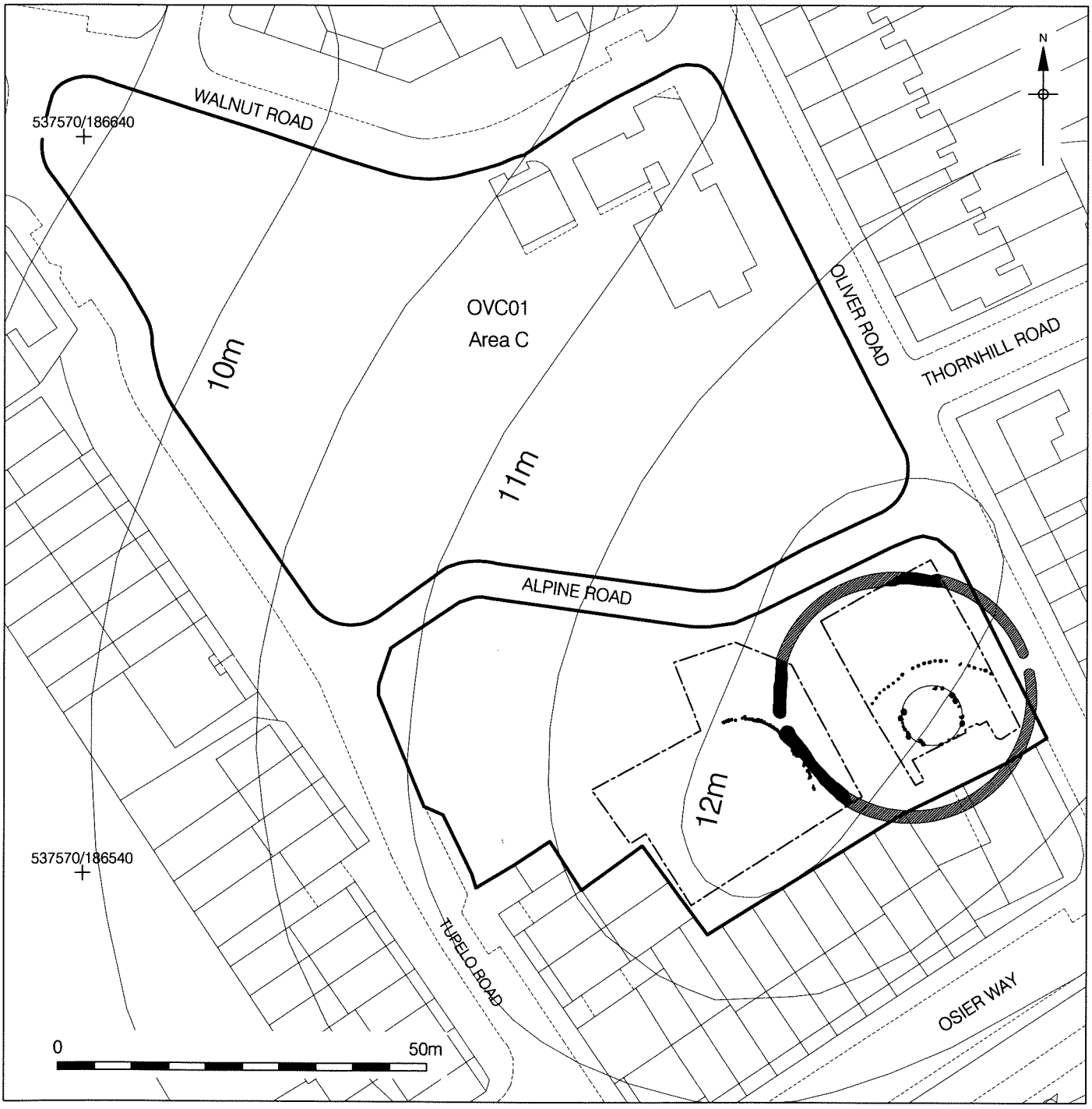

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Figure 6
Contour plan and site features
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sedimentary sequence would suggest an initial period of fine-grained silting, followed by the deposition of fills consisting predominantly of coarser-grained gravels, pebbles and cobbles. This was followed by mixed deposits of coarse and fine-grained sedimentation. This sequence would suggest that the ditch had been open for some time during which silt material had slowly accumulated in its base, followed by the relatively rapid infilling of coarse-grained material interpreted as the collapse or deliberate levelling of a bank consisting of material originally excavated from the ditch from its internal edge. Following this, the ditch finally infilled with material eroded from its edges and washed in from the remnants of the bank. This sequence provides the only direct evidence for an internal bank, although these are commonly identified on other contemporary enclosures. Arguing against this possibility are a few features, principally in the north of Area A. These would appear to be too close to the ditch to allow room for an internal bank. As identified at other comparable enclosures, it is possible that a bank was not continually present throughout the currency of use of the enclosure, or that these features pre-dated the enclosure itself.

2.3.3 Enclosure Entrance (Fig 7)

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth
1653	Fill of 1654	Friable mid greyish brown silty sand, freq pebbles/cobbles, occa gravel			
1654	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.54	0.52	0.26
1655	Fill of 1656	Friable mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles/cobbles,			
1656	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and concave base	0.50	0.42	0.22
1719	Fill of 1720	Firm mid orange brown gravel/pebbles (50%) and silt-clay (50%)			
1720	Posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and flat base	>0.38	>0.22	0.19
1721	Fill of 1722	Loose mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles			
1722	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and flat base	0.40	>0.16	0.15

Table 03: Enclosure Entrance Context Descriptions

2.3.3.1 The excavations revealed at least one entrance to the enclosure, facing due west and formed by a causeway through the enclosure ditch. The space between the ditch terminals was just under 1.5m wide and immediately inside was a group of four postholes arranged in a sub-square pattern. These were fairly substantial, the holes being around 0.5m in diameter. Very similar structures have been found at comparable enclosures and these are usually interpreted as representing some form of gate structure. They may have revetted the putative internal bank, allowing access through it to the entrance. It is also possible that they formed the superstructure of a raised tower or gatehouse. If it did form a structure that had to be passed through in order to enter or

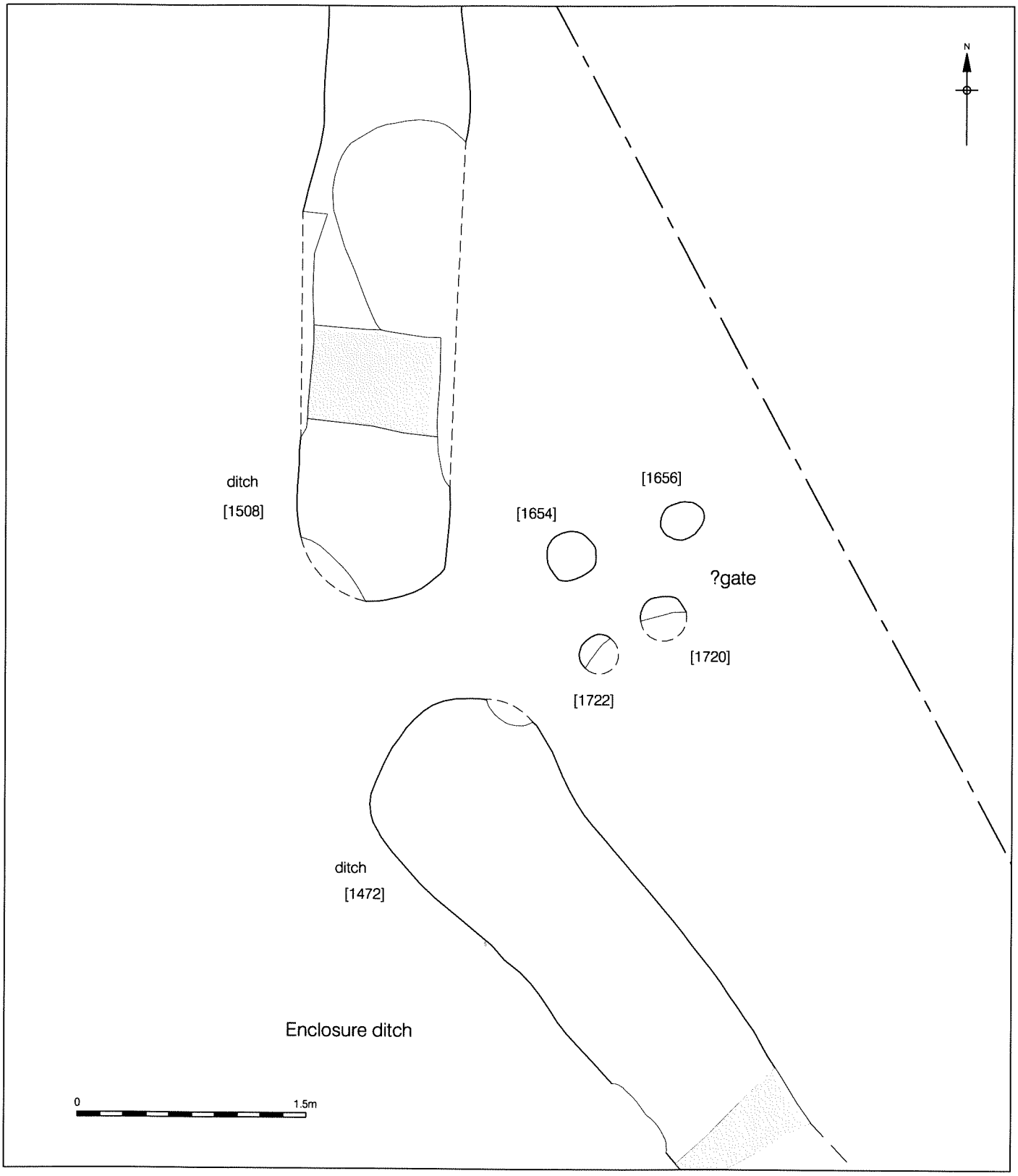

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Figure 7
Detail of enclosure ditch and 'gate' postholes (Area B)
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exit the enclosure, then access was heavily restricted as the posts would have formed a gap of less than 1m wide. Consideration of other contemporary enclosures, however, would suggest that this enclosure may have had one or more other entrances possibly wider entrances, which faced between south and east.

2.3.4 Internal Palisade (Fig 8)

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth/ Thickness
1148	Fill of 1149	Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.3	0.28	0.20
1149	Posthole	Circular with steep to vertical sides and tapered base	0.3	0.28	0.20
1150	Fill of 1151	Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.26	0.23	0.16
1151	Posthole	Circular with steep to concave sides and rounded base	0.26	0.23	0.16
1190	Fill of 1191	Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.32	0.29	0.16
1191	Posthole	Circular with concave to steep sides and tapered base	0.32	0.29	0.16
1192	fill of 1193	Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.29	0.27	0.21
1193	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and flat to rounded base	0.29	0.27	0.21
1206	Fill of 1207	Moderately compacted mid grey brown sandy gravelly silt	0.32	0.31	0.18
1207	Posthole	Circular with sloping sides and concave base	0.32	0.31	0.18
1210	Fill of 1211	Moderately compacted mid grey brown sandy gravelly silt	0.2	0.20	0.16
1211	Posthole	Sub-circular with sloping sides and concave base	0.2	0.20	0.16
1215	Fill of 1216	Loose; dark yellowish brown; gravelly sandy silt	0.39	0.38	0.15
1216	Posthole	Sub-circular with concave sides and rounded base	0.39	0.38	0.15
1227	Fill of 1228	Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.27	0.25	0.12
1228	Posthole	sub-circular with concave sides and rounded base	0.27	0.25	0.12
1229	Fill of 1230	Loose; dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt, single struck flint	0.32	0.30	0.15
1230	Posthole	Sub-square with vertical to concave sides and flat base	0.32	0.30	0.15
1273	Fill of 1274	Moderately compacted mid brown grey sandy gravelly silt, occa burnt flint	0.34	0.32	0.26
1274	Posthole	Circular with sloping sides and concave base	0.34	0.32	0.26
1285	Fill of 1286	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.29	0.25	0.15
1286	Posthole	Sub-circular with vertical to concave sides and rounded base	0.29	0.25	0.15
1292	Fill of 1293	Moderately compacted mid greyish brown sandy gravelly silt	0.35	0.30	0.28
1293	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.35	0.30	0.28
1350	Fill of 1351	Moderately compacted mid brown grey orangey; sandy gravelly silt	0.40	0.35	0.28
1351	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and tapered base	0.40	0.35	0.28
1396	Fill of 1397	Friable mid greyish brown; gravelly sandy silt	0.26	0.22	0.15
1397	Posthole	Circular with steep to concave sides and concave base	0.26	0.22	0.15
1423	Fill of 1424	Moderately compacted mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.30	0.28	0.15
1424	Posthole	Circular with steep to concave sides and concave base	0.30	0.28	0.15
1425	Fill of 1426	Friable to loose dark orangey brown gravelly silty sand	0.38	0.38	0.15
1426	Posthole	Circular with steep to concave sides and concave base	0.38	0.38	0.15
1427	Fill of 1428	Moderately compacted mid orangey greyish brown gravelly silty sand	0.31	0.30	0.27
1428	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.31	0.30	0.27
1429	Fill of 1430	Moderately compacted mid orangey greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.38	0.32	0.30
1430	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.38	0.32	0.30
1439	Fill of 1440	Moderate mid orangey greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.30	0.30	0.29
1440	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.30	0.30	0.29
1443	Fill of 1444	Moderately compacted mid orangey greyish brown gravelly silty sand	0.24	0.22	0.14
1444	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.24	0.22	0.14
1475	Fill of 1476	Friable mid to dark greyish brown gravelly sandy silt, occa pot, burnt flint	0.46	0.22	0.25
1476	Posthole	Circular with steep side and concave base	0.46	0.22	0.25

Table 04: Internal palisade context descriptions

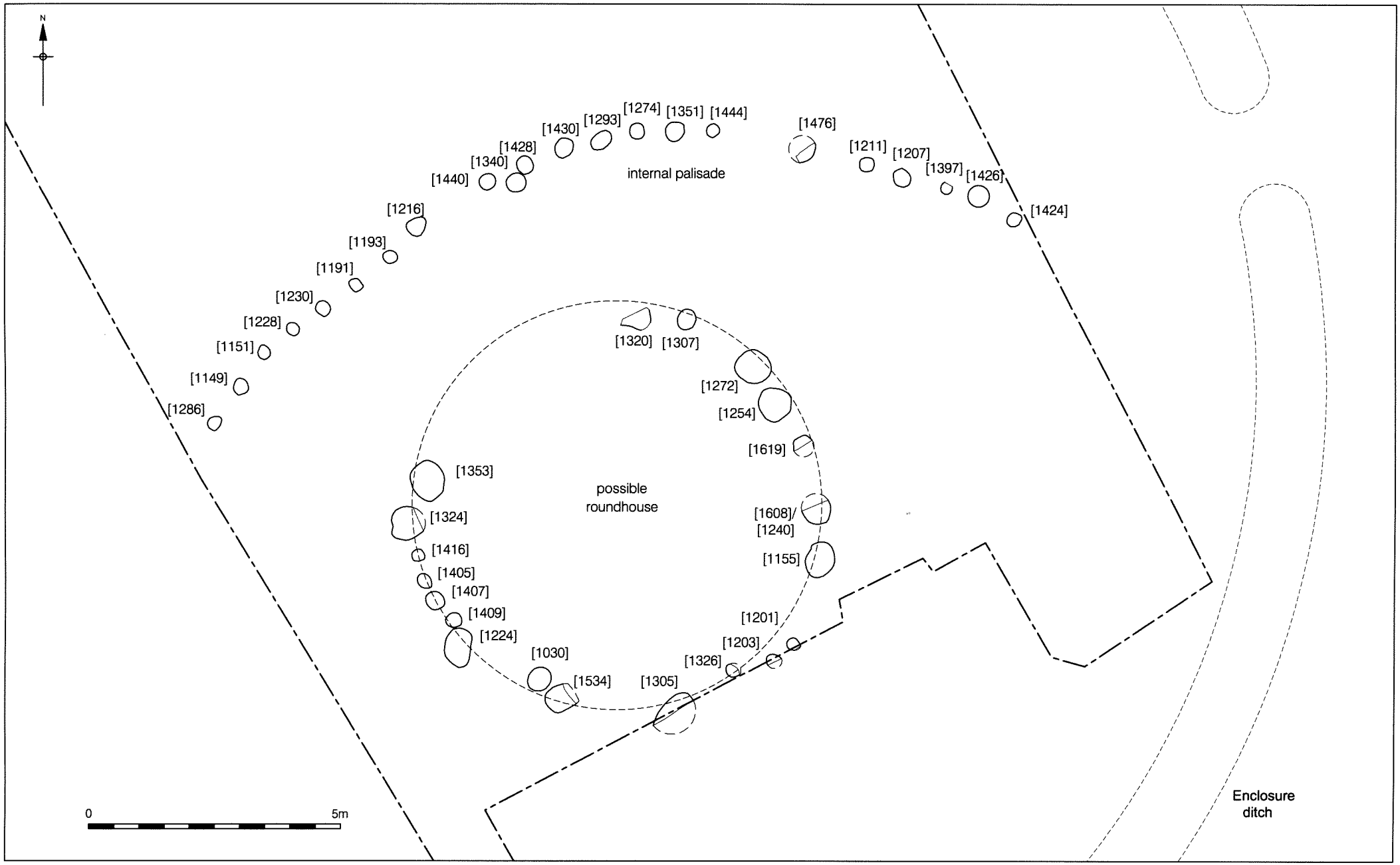

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Figure 8
Internal palisade and roundhouse
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2.3.4.1 Aligned approximately east-west and running through the centre of the enclosure was a c.20m long arced line formed by 21 postholes, each set approximately 0.80m apart. This appears to have formed a fenceline or screen, roughly dividing the enclosure into two sections and giving the appearance of 'enclosing' the southern part of the internal area and cordoning-off the possible roundhouse (see section 2.3.5 below). If it were intended as a screen then it would have required infilling with wattle panels or withies.

2.3.5 Possible Roundhouse (Figs 8 and 9)

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth/ Thickness
1029	Fill of 1030	Loose mid yellowish brown silty sandy gravel	0.55	0.55	0.20
1030	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.55	0.55	0.20
1154	Fill of 1155	Firm mid brownish grey gravelly sand silt, occa pot	0.6	0.45	0.21
1155	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep and concave base	0.6	0.45	0.21
1162	Fill of 1163	Firm mid brownish grey gravelly sand silt, occa pot	0.52	0.4	0.18
1163	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave to flat base	0.52	0.4	0.18
1184	Fill of 1185	Firm mid brownish grey gravelly sand silt, occa pot	0.25	0.21	0.16
1185	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base with post impression	0.25	0.21	0.16
1200	Fill of 1201	Firm mid brown grey gravelly sandy silt, occa pot	0.25	0.2	0.12
1201	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.25	0.2	0.12
1202	Fill of 1203	Firm mid brown grey gravelly sandy silt	0.3	0.2	0.08
1203	Posthole	Sub-circular with gradual and concave base	0.3	0.2	0.08
1223	Fill of 1224	Firm dark grey brown black silt-clay, occa pot	0.79	0.69	0.43
1224	Posthole	Oval with steep sides and concave base	0.79	0.69	0.43
1239	Fill of 1239	Firm mid brownish grey gravelly sandy silt, occa pot, clay slab	0.45	0.3	0.14
1240	Posthole = 1608	Sub-circular with gradual and concave base	0.45	0.3	0.14
1253	Fill of 1254	Loose mid brownish grey sandy silt mod burnt flint, occa pot, burnt flint	0.70	0.65	0.42
1254	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base with post impression 0.45m Ø	0.70	0.65	0.42
1271	Secondary fill of 1272	Loose mid brownish grey sandy silt, mod burnt flint, occa pot, fired clay, struck flint	0.60	0.60	0.50
1272	Posthole	Sub-circular vertical sides and concave base	0.60	0.60	0.50
1304	Fill of 1305	Firm; mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa pot	0.92	0.35	0.45
1305	Posthole(s)	Uncertain shape with steep sides and flat base	0.92	0.35	0.45
1306	Primary fill of 1307	Moderate mid orangey greyish brown gravelly silty sand	0.37	0.32	0.17
1307	Posthole	Sub-circular with vertical sides and concave base	0.41	0.4	0.30
1312	Secondary fill of 1307	Moderate mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa fired clay	0.41	0.40	0.13
1319	Fill of 1320	Moderate mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa pot, burnt flint, struck flint	0.59	0.3	0.24
1320	Posthole	Uncertain shape with vertical sides and flat base	0.59	0.3	0.24
1323	Fill of 1324	Firm mid grey brown gravelly sandy silt	0.62	0.58	0.19
1324	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and flat base	0.62	0.58	0.19
1352	Fill of 1353	Firm mid grey brown gravelly sandy silt	0.74	0.63	0.39
1353	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep and concave base	0.74	0.63	0.39
1404	Fill of 1405	Firm mid brown grey gravelly sandy silt	0.31	0.31	0.1
1405	Posthole	Sub-circular with gradual sides and concave base	0.31	0.31	0.1
1406	Fill of 1407	Firm mid brown grey sandy silt, occa pot	0.37	0.37	0.27
1407	Posthole	Sub-circular with vertical to steep sides and concave base	0.37	0.37	0.27
1408	Fill of 1409	Firm mid brown grey sandy silt	0.30	0.30	0.12
1409	Posthole	Sub-circular with vertical to steep sides and concave base	0.30	0.30	0.12
1415	Fill of 1416	Firm mid brown grey sandy silt	0.23	0.23	0.08
1416	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.23	0.23	0.08
1533	Fill of 1534	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.50	0.50	0.32
1534	Posthole	Circular with concave sides and concave base	0.50	0.50	0.32

1607	Fill of 1608	Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, occa pot, burnt flint, clay weight	0.55	0.4	0.25
1608	Posthole = 1240	Sub-circular with steep sides and unknown base	0.55	0.4	0.25
1618	Fill of 1619	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.47	0.16	0.25
1619	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and flat base	0.47	0.16	0.25
1325	Fill of 1326	Firm mid to dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal	0.31	>0.26	0.23
1326	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.31	>0.26	0.23

Table 05: Possible Roundhouse Context Descriptions

2.3.5.1 Amongst the masses of postholes present within the enclosure, a circular arrangement of 23 may have represented a structure measuring c.8m in diameter. Within this circle of posts, there was a markedly lower density of other features than seen outside of it, particularly to the east and west. It would also 'sit' comfortably within the arc of postholes that constitutes the internal palisade. As repeatedly noticed within comparable enclosures, this structure is likely to represent a roundhouse, usually interpreted as a residential dwelling.

2.3.5.2 Identification of the precise elements of this structure is problematic due to the density of postholes and other features along parts of its postulated circumference, the high degree of truncation by both Bronze Age and more recent features, the possibility that some of the postholes were recut/renewed and the possible later deliberate removal of posts, causing damage and obfuscation of the original posthole settings. Several postholes appear to have been either replaced or deliberately dug out when the structure was dismantled. Nevertheless, a reasonably convincing circle of postholes can be discerned and it is thought very likely that amongst this mass of postholes a circular post-built structure was present. However, not every posthole indicated on the plan can be unequivocally said to be part of the structure, and there may be other postholes not indicated that were.

2.3.5.3 Some postholes contain the depressed impressions of posts in their bases, such as [1254] which had the impression of a c.0.45m diameter post. This was quite a substantial post and it may have formed part of the entrance structure. Others may have had a more-complex history. Posthole [1155], for example, truncated an earlier posthole, [1163], which in turn truncated a cut [1185] which may have represented a deeper post-impression measuring c.0.25m by 0.21m. This complex of cuts could in fact represent either the removal of the post when the structure was dismantled or possibly the replacement of the original post. Posthole [1305] also appears to be composed of two elements, a circular posthole c.0.50m wide and an abutting shallower pit, which may represent either a construction ramp or attempts to dig out the post.

2.3.5.4 The possible individual elements of the structure varied quite considerably in size. Large postholes were present sporadically along its circumference with smaller examples in

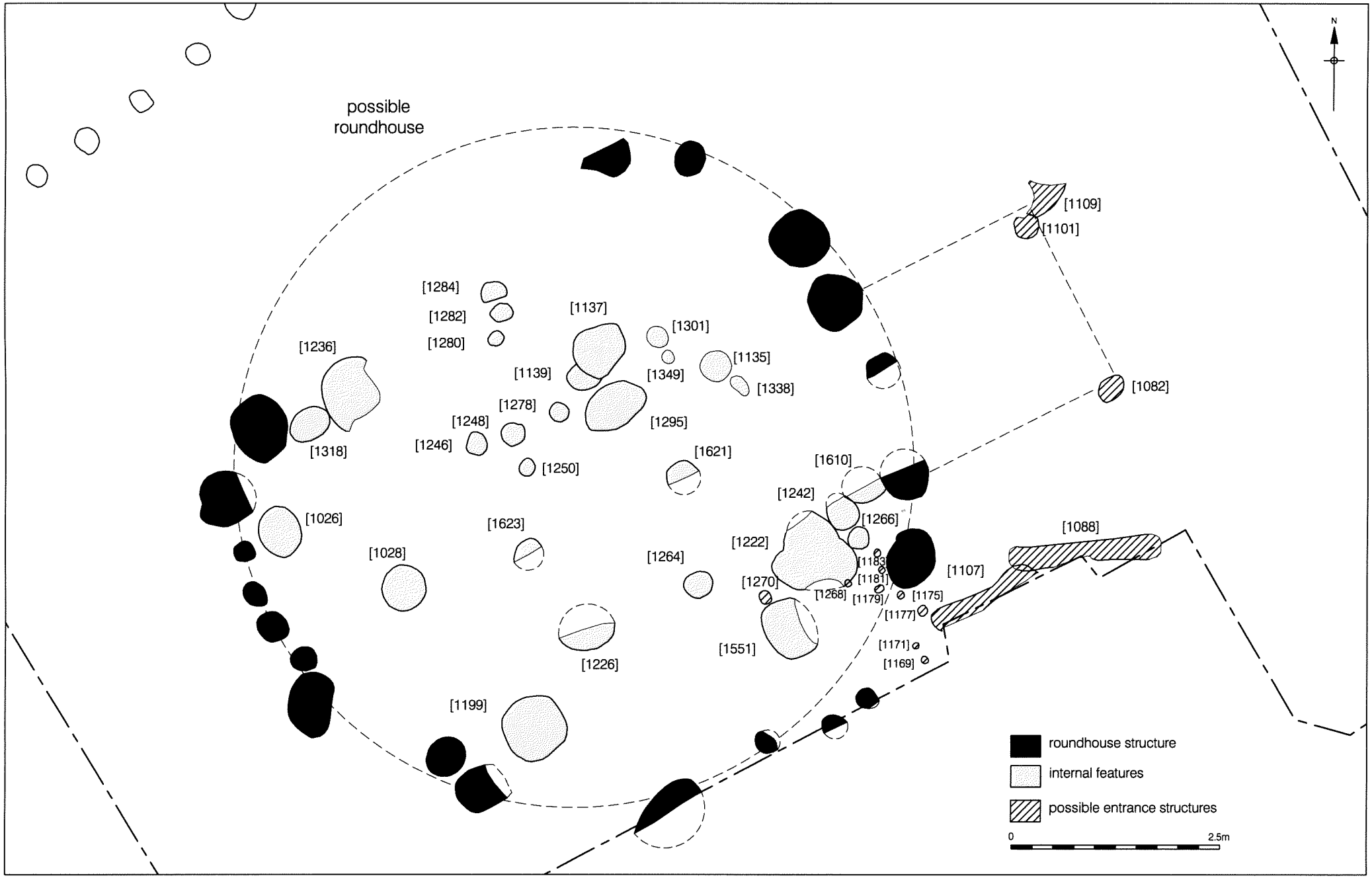

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Figure 9
Detail of roundhouse, internal features and possible entrance structure
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between these. If all of these features have been correctly interpreted as part of a roundhouse it would appear the basic construction method involved the erecting of a number of fairly widely-spaced substantial posts in a circle and then infilling the spaces between these with smaller posts and possibly stakes.

2.3.5.5 Posthole [1307] had an upper fill containing charcoal and burnt daub fragments, which may demonstrate that this post had been burnt.

2.3.6 Possible Roundhouse Entrances (Fig 9)

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth/Thickness
1087	Fill of 1088	Firm mid grey brown sandy silt, occa pot	1.7	0.25	0.35
1088	Linear slot	Linear with steep sides and concave base, has slot in base cf to hold planking	1.7	0.25	0.35
1100	Fill of 1101	Loose mid reddish brown gravelly silt	0.30	0.30	0.25
1101	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.30	0.30	0.25
1106	Fill of 107	Firm mid grey brown gravelly sandy silt, mod pot, fired clay weight	1.10	0.20	0.15
1107	Linear slot	Linear with steep sides and flat base, has two 'post settings' either end	1.10	0.20	0.15
1168	Fill of 1169	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.08	0.08	0.14
1169	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.08	0.08	0.14
1170	Fill of 1171	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.08	0.08	0.14
1171	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.08	0.08	0.14
1172	Fill of 1173	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.09	0.09	0.06
1173	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.09	0.09	0.06
1174	Fill of 1175	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.10	0.10	0.05
1175	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.10	0.10	0.05
1176	Fill of 1177	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.12	0.12	0.18
1177	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.12	0.12	0.18
1178	Fill of 1179	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.10	0.10	0.06
1179	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.10	0.10	0.06
1180	Fill of 1181	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.08	0.08	0.07
1181	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.08	0.08	0.07
1182	Fill of 1183	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.09	0.09	0.07
1183	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.09	0.09	0.07
1267	Fill of 1268	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.09	0.09	0.18
1268	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.09	0.09	0.18
1269	Fill of 1270	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt	0.18	0.15	0.11
1270	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.18	0.15	0.11
1081	Fill of 1082	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles	0.30	0.22	0.29
1082	Posthole	Oval with near vertical sides and concave base	0.30	0.22	0.29
1108	Fill of 1109	Firm light brownish yellow silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles	>0.50	>0.40	0.25
1109	Posthole	Sub-circular with gradual sides and concave base	>0.50	>0.40	0.25

Table 06: Roundhouse Entrance Context Descriptions

2.3.6.1 If the circular structure did form a roundhouse then it presumably had an entrance. During the Late Bronze Age, roundhouse entrances most commonly face between due east and south. The largest and deepest-set postholes were present on the eastern side and, although modern truncation has greatly obscured the area, it appears there were two double pairs ([1272], 1252], and [1608], [1163]), which formed a gap facing just

north of east of c.1.5m wide, although there was a further posthole ([1619]) located within this gap that may or may not have been related.

2.3.6.2 Roundhouses during the Late Bronze Age frequently had entrance elements, usually termed porches. A number of features to the east and southeast of the roundhouse may have formed such structures. This area was severely disturbed by a mass of postholes and pits and it also lies close to the limits of excavation, resulting in two possible alternatives. If the double pair of larger postholes on the east side of the possible roundhouse indicates an entrance then some of the postholes further to the east could potentially represent a porch. The most likely candidates are postholes [1082] and [1101]/[1109]. These were located c. 2.5m from the putative entrance and if these are included then they would have formed a square structure comparable to the 'porches' found on other roundhouse of the period. There are, however, other postholes in the vicinity that may have been associated with such a structure, and others could have been lost through later truncation. It is also entirely possible that the structure did not have a porch or that it lay beyond the area of excavation to the southeast. This latter possibility is given some support by the irregular line of stakeholes that run transversely across the perimeter of the postulated roundhouse at this location (stakeholes [1169], [1171], 1175], [1177], [1179], 1181] and [1183]). Along the edge of the excavated area there were two roughly east-west aligned gullies, which led away from the postulated roundhouse. Gully [1107] had two postholes at either end and [1088] had deeper 'slots' in the base that may have represented a short section of a plank-built fence or screen. Three smaller postholes, [1201], [1203] and [1326] along the roundhouse circumference could, if the gullies and stakeholes did form an entrance structure, represent the actual roundhouse entrance.

2.3.7 Features Internal to the Roundhouse (Fig 9)

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth /Thickness
1025	Fill of 1026	Moderate mid greyish brown silty-clayey sand, mod burnt flint, gravel/pebbles/cobbles, occa charcoal, pot	0.57	0.55	0.28
1026	Posthole	Circular with steep concave sides and concave base	0.57	0.55	0.28
1027	Fill of 1028	Moderate greyish mid brown clayey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, pot	0.65	0.60	0.41
1028	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and post impression in base and concave base	0.65	0.60	0.41
1134	Fill of 1135	Friable dark orangey brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.36	0.38	0.17
1135	Posthole	Circular with concave/steep sides and concave base	0.36	0.38	0.17
1136	Fill of 1137	Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles	0.60	0.64	0.28
1137	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.60	0.64	0.28

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth /Thickness
1138	Fill of 1139	Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, charcoal	0.32	>0.25	0.17
1139	Posthole	Circular with almost virtual sides and concave base	0.32	>0.25	0.17
1198	Fill of 1199	Firm mid orange brown silty gravelly sand, freq charcoal, occa burnt bone, burnt flint, struck flint, fired clay	0.62	0.68	0.46
1199	Posthole	Sub-circular/rectangular with steep to almost vertical sides and concave base, Possible postpipe 0.44m Ø identified	0.62	0.68	0.46
1221	Fill of 1222	Firm mid grey brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles, charcoal, burnt flint, struck flint, pot	1.00	0.90	0.35
1222	Posthole(s)	Irregular shaped with steep sides and concave/irregular base, possibly 3 postholes	1.00	0.90	0.35
1235	Fill of 1236	Firm mid brown grey silty gravelly sand	>0.78	>0.70	0.40
1236	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and slightly concave base	>0.78	>0.70	0.40
1241	Fill of 1242	Firm mid grey brown sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, pot	>0.55	>0.35	0.31
1242	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	>0.55	>0.35	0.31
1245	Fill of 1246	Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	0.24	0.24	0.16
1246	Posthole	Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base	0.24	0.24	0.16
1247	Fill of 1248	Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa pot, charcoal	0.25	0.28	0.20
1248	Posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and concave base	0.25	0.28	0.20
1249	Fill of 1250	Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	0.19	0.18	0.05
1250	Posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and concave base	0.19	0.18	0.05
1263	Fill of 1264	Firm mid brown grey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa struck flint	0.40	0.33	0.20
1264	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.40	0.33	0.20
1265	Fill of 1266	Firm mid brown grey sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles	0.35	0.23	0.15
1266	Posthole	Oval with steep sides and concave base	0.35	0.23	0.15
1277	Fill of 1278	Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles	0.26	0.26	0.11
1278	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.26	0.26	0.11
1279	Fill of 1280	Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles	0.18	0.22	0.07
1280	Posthole	Sub-circular with near vertical sides and flat base	0.18	0.22	0.07
1281	Fill of 1282	Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles	0.22	0.24	0.07
1282	Posthole	Sub-circular with near vertical sides and flat base	0.22	0.24	0.07
1283	Fill of 1284	Moderate greyish mid brown clayey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles	0.22	0.31	0.09
1284	Posthole	Sub-circular/rectangular with near vertical sides and flat base	0.22	0.31	0.09
1294	Fill of 1295	Soft mid to dark greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles/cobbles, occa pot, charcoal, fired clay	0.50	0.76	0.58
1295	Posthole	Circular with 'ramp' on E and near vertical sides and flat base	0.50	0.76	0.58
1300	Fill of 1301	Loose mid orangey brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles	0.26	0.26	0.18
1301	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.26	0.26	0.18
1317	Fill of 1318	Firm mid grey brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles	0.36	0.44	0.23
1318	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	0.36	0.44	0.23
1337	Fill of 1338	Moderate greyish mid to light brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.25	0.16	0.27
1338	Stake/posthole	Oval with near vertical sides and concave base	0.25	0.16	0.27
1348	Fill of 1349	Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	0.14	0.14	0.20
1349	Stakehole	Circular with near vertical sides and tapered base	0.14	0.14	0.20
1550	Fill of 1551	Firm mid to dark brownish grey sandy silt	0.74	>0.54	0.39
1551	Posthole	Circular with concave sides and rounded base	0.74	>0.54	0.39
1609	Fill of 1610	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq pot, gravel/cobbles, occa fired clay	>0.17	>0.49	0.24
1610	Posthole	Sub-circular with sharp sloping sides and concave base	>0.17	>0.49	0.24
1620	Fill of 1621	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	>0.24	0.39	0.13
1621	Posthole	Sub-circular with sharp sloping sides and flat base	>0.24	0.39	0.13
1622	Fill of 1623	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	>0.19	0.33	0.39
1623	Posthole	Semi-circular with sharp sloping sides and concave base	>0.19	0.33	0.39

Table 07: Features Internal to the Possible Roundhouse Context Descriptions

2.3.7.1 Twenty-seven sub-soil features were present within the perimeter of the possible roundhouse, all of which have been interpreted as postholes. No central posts were present although there was a cluster of variably sized postholes located around the central point. No coherent patterns were suggested by the layout of the postholes. The postholes are likely to represent structures such as a loom setting or internal partitions. There was a concentration of large postholes close to the southwest perimeter of the roundhouse, four of which were intercutting.

2.3.7.2 Two postholes, [1220] and [1199], both contained reasonably large quantities of burnt flint. This could have been utilized as post-packing although it is also possible that they represented small hearths or pits used to deposit the residues from hearths, perhaps even for ceremonial purposes. Posthole [1610] also contained relatively high quantities of pottery, which may also have been deliberately interred. Feature [1222], which appeared to consist of a series of intercutting pits or postholes, produced by far the largest assemblage of struck flint, with 22 pieces. These could be dated to the Mesolithic or Early Neolithic period and the assemblage probably originates from only two cores. As Late Bronze Age pottery was also recovered from this feature, it would seem likely that it represents an earlier feature that was truncated during the Late Bronze Age.

2.3.8 Features to East of Possible Roundhouse (Fig 10)

2.3.8.1 To the east of the possible roundhouse was a dense spread of features, including a higher proportion of pits than seen elsewhere during the excavations. Some of these, including [1102], [1004], [1103], [1187], [1074] and [1070] contained much higher than average quantities of pottery and/or burnt flint fragments, as well as occasional other artefacts such as fired clay, burnt daub and clay weights. This suggests that this area either witnessed an intensity of 'domestically-orientated' activities, such as food preparation and/or consumption, or was used to dispose of the residues from such activities, or served to curate such materials. It may also support the notion that the roundhouse was residential in nature. Some of these pits virtually abutted the eastern sector of the roundhouse, which if contemporary with it, would negate the idea that there was an entrance at this point.

2.3.8.2 Several of the more-irregular pits here had circular or oval 'depressions in their bases, and could conceivably have held large post. These included [1074] whilst [1004] had a linear series of four circular impressions in its base and may have represented a bedding trench for four posts. Pits [1048], [1187] and [1189] may have held double post. A possible alignment may be conjectured from postholes [1074], [1090] and

Figure 10
Features to the east of the roundhouse
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[1096] and possible bedding trench [1004]. Many other possible alignments can be conjectures from the postholes and possible postholes in this area, with varying degrees of confidence (Fig 10).

2.3.9 Features to West of Roundhouse (Fig 11).

2.3.9.1 To the west of the roundhouse there was also a high density of features, nearly all of which comprised reasonably large postholes although some may represent small pits. The only structure that could be inferred, however, consisted of four postholes of similar size arranged in a square measuring approximately 1m by 1m (see table 08), which formed a reasonably convincing but small 4-post structure. The two westernmost postholes of this structure, [1143] and [1161], both contained fragments of cylindrical clay weights.

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth /Thickness
1213	Posthole	Sub-circular with gradual sides and concave base	0.45	0.37	0.11
1212	Fill of 1213	Firm light bluish grey brown gravelly sandy silt	0.45	0.37	0.11
1161	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and flat base	0.39	0.30	0.40
1160	Fill of 1161	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa burnt flint, fired clay weight frags	0.39	0.30	0.40
1147	Posthole	Circular with concave sides and flat base	0.35	0.30	0.12
1146	Fill of 1147	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.35	0.30	0.12
1143	Posthole	Sub-circular with vertical sides and flat base	0.35	0.34	0.3
1142	Fill of 1143	Firm mid grey sandy silt, fired clay weight frags	0.35	0.34	0.3

Table 08: Four-post Structure West of Possible Roundhouse Context Descriptions

2.3.10 Features in Northern Part of Enclosure (Fig 12).

2.3.10.1 To the north of the internal palisade, there was a relatively high density of pits. These mostly contained only small quantities of artefactual material. Exceptions included feature [1383] which produced 5.7kg of burnt flint and fragments of a cylindrical clay weight, and which may have represented either a hearth or a pit used to deposit hearth waste, and feature [1367] which produced 1.4kg of pottery. It is not clear why such high quantities of pottery were deposited here although it may have been interred ceremonially. To the north of these and continuing to the very edge of the enclosure ditch, was a concentration of postholes. It is possible to conjecture numerous linear, sub-circular and irregularly shaped arrangements; possibly representing sequences of buildings and fencelines, with varying degrees of conviction.

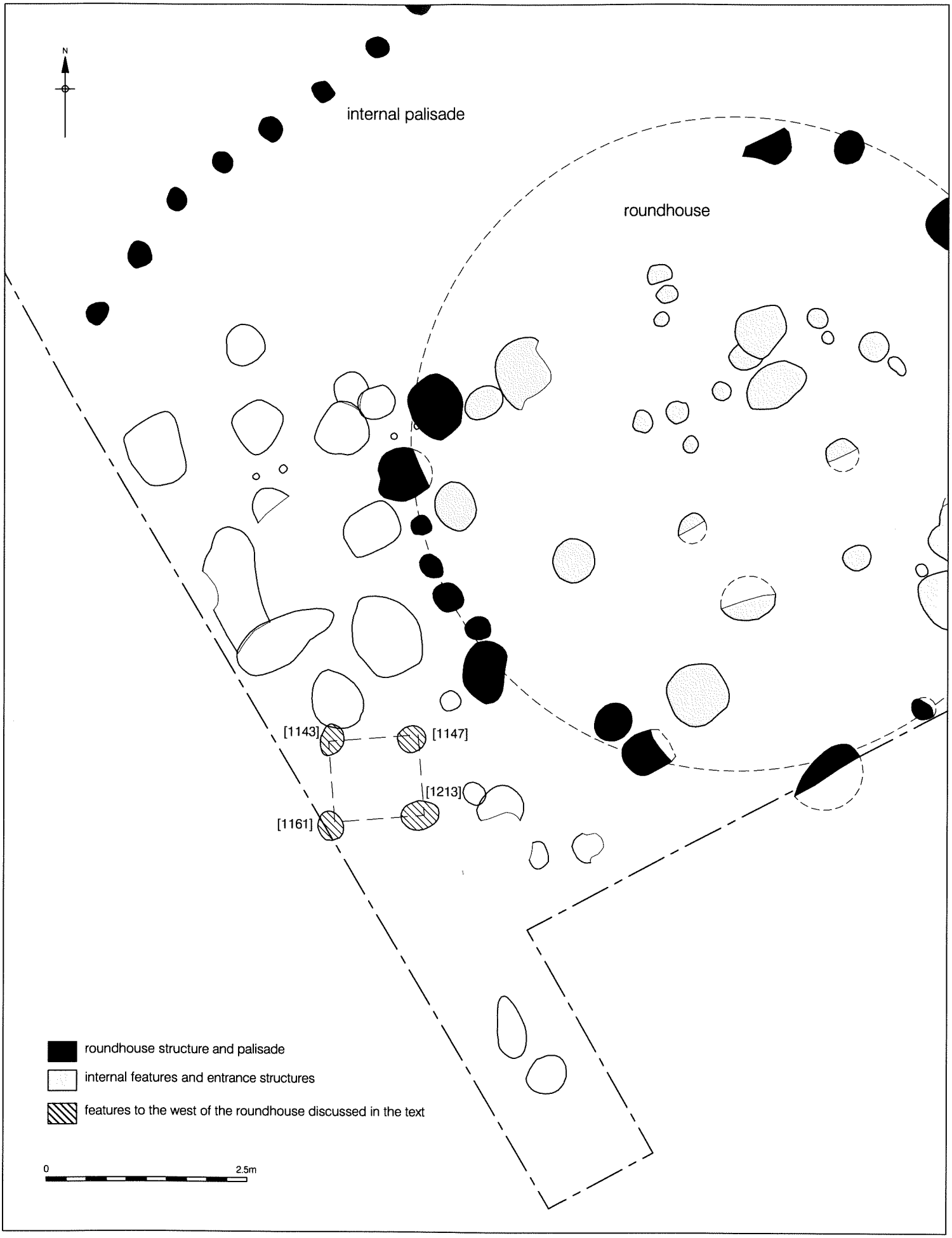

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Figure 11
Features to the west of the roundhouse
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enclosure ditch

[1006]

[1383]

[1367]

internal palisade

roundhouse

palisade and roundhouse structure

features to the north of the palisade discussed in the text

assumed posthole within larger cut feature

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Figure 12
Features to the north of the palisade
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2.3.11 The External Palisade (Fig 13).

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth/Thickness
1627	Fill of 1628	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	0.34	0.34	0.16
1628	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.34	0.34	0.16
1629	Fill of 1630	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	0.24	0.27	0.15
1630	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.24	0.27	0.15
1631	Fill of 1632	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa pot	0.34	0.34	0.16
1632	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.34	0.34	0.16
1633	Fill of 1634	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	>0.20	0.22	0.16
1634	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	>0.20	0.22	0.16
1635	Fill of 1636	Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles	0.60	0.30	0.24
1636	Posthole(s)	Oval steep to gentle sides and rounded base	0.60	0.30	0.24
1637	Fill of 1638	Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles	0.34	0.30	0.29
1638	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and flat base	0.34	0.30	0.29
1639	Fill of 1640	Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles	0.30	0.30	0.24
1640	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and flat base	0.30	0.30	0.24
1641	Fill of 1642	Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles, occa pot	0.41	0.34	0.31
1642	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and flat base	0.41	0.34	0.31
1643	Fill of 1644	Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles	0.35	0.35	0.31
1644	Posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and flat base	0.35	0.35	0.31
1645	Fill of 1646	Circular with near vertical sides and flat base	0.30	0.30	0.34
1646	Posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and flat base	0.30	0.30	0.34
1673	Fill of 1674	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	0.40	0.39	0.14
1674	posthole	Sub-circular with near vertical sides and flat base	0.40	0.39	0.14
1683	Fill of 1684	Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.40	0.36	0.35
1684	posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and concave base	0.40	0.36	0.35
1685	Fill of 1686	Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.40	0.38	0.34
1686	posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.40	0.38	0.34
1687	Fill of 1688	Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.42	0.50	0.29
1688	posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.42	0.50	0.29
1689	Fill of 1690	Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.34	0.34	0.15
1690	posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.35	0.39	0.24
1691	Fill of 1692	Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.35	0.39	0.24
1692	posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.35	0.39	0.24
1693	Fill of 1694	Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.30	0.32	0.24
1694	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.30	0.32	0.24
1695	Fill of 1696	Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.30	0.30	0.22
1696	posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.30	0.30	0.22
1697	Fill of 1698	Firm orange brown silt-clay	0.33	0.33	0.19
1698	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.33	0.33	0.19
1703	Fill of 1704	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	0.28	0.28	0.16
1704	Posthole	Circular with sharp sloping sides and flat base	0.28	0.28	0.16
1716	Fill of 1717	Firm mid greyish brown gravelly silty sand	0.46	0.42	0.33
1717	Posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and concave base	0.46	0.42	0.33
1741	Fill of 1742	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	0.40	0.30	0.15
1742	Posthole	Oval with gradual sloping sides and slightly concave base	0.40	0.30	0.15
1743	Fill of 1744	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	0.40	0.30	0.12
1744	Posthole	Oval with gradual sloping sides and slightly concave base	0.40	0.30	0.12
1745	Fill of 1746	Loose light greyish brown silty sandy gravel/pebbles	0.26	0.28	0.13
1746	Posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and slightly concave base	0.26	0.28	0.13
1749	Fill of 1750	Loose mid yellow gravelly silt, occa pebbles	0.32	0.26	0.10
1750	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.32	0.26	0.10
1751	Fill of 1752	Loose mid yellow gravelly silt, occa pebbles	0.30	0.30	0.18
1752	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and concave base	0.30	0.30	0.18
1767	Fill of 1768	Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles	0.23	0.30	0.24
1768	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and flat base	0.23	0.30	0.24
1771	Fill of 1772	Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles	0.40	0.34	0.17
1772	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and rounded base	0.40	0.34	0.17
1792	Fill of 1793	Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	0.30	0.25	0.18

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth/Thickness
1793	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and flat base	0.30	0.25	0.18
1806	Fill of 1807	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	0.50	0.35	0.15
1807	Posthole	Oval with gradually sloping sides and uneven base (post impression?)	0.50	0.35	0.15
1828	Fill of 1829	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	>0.25	0.30	?
1829	Posthole	Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	>0.25	0.30	?
1834	Fill of 1835	Context sheet missing			
1835	Posthole	Context sheet missing			

Table 09: External Palisade Context Descriptions

2.3.11.1 The most notable feature located outside of the enclosure proper consisted of a curvi-linear arrangement of 31 postholes. The arc, if completed, would have formed a large circle of roughly comparable size to that of the ditched enclosure, although there was no evidence for it continuing further westwards. The postholes were tightly spaced, with many virtually abutting, and it would have formed an effective screen or fenceline.

2.3.11.2 It was located immediately to the west of the ditched enclosure although its relationship with the ditched enclosure is not fully resolved. The ditched enclosure appeared to cut through some of the postholes of the palisade and it therefore must have superseded it. However, the precise relationships between the postholes and the ditch were not entirely clear; it was initially thought that they represented a fenceline along the ditch's side, which had partially eroded, and therefore they could have been contemporary with it. It is also likely that the ditches were recut, further obscuring the relationships between the initial ditch and the palisade.

2.3.11.3 The northern section of the palisade formed a regular curve leading away from the entrance to the ditched enclosure and, if contemporary with it, would have restricted and regulated access into and out of it. Similar fencelines have been recognized at comparable enclosures. The southern section formed a slightly more irregular and less-curved arc, following the edges of the ditched enclosure for a short distance.

2.3.11.4 Other than the palisade, a single feature, pit [1488], was truncated by the enclosure ditches. This produced a small fragment of Late Bronze Age pottery and testified to at least some activity at the site prior to the construction of the enclosure.

2.3.12 Four/Six-Post Structure (Fig 13)

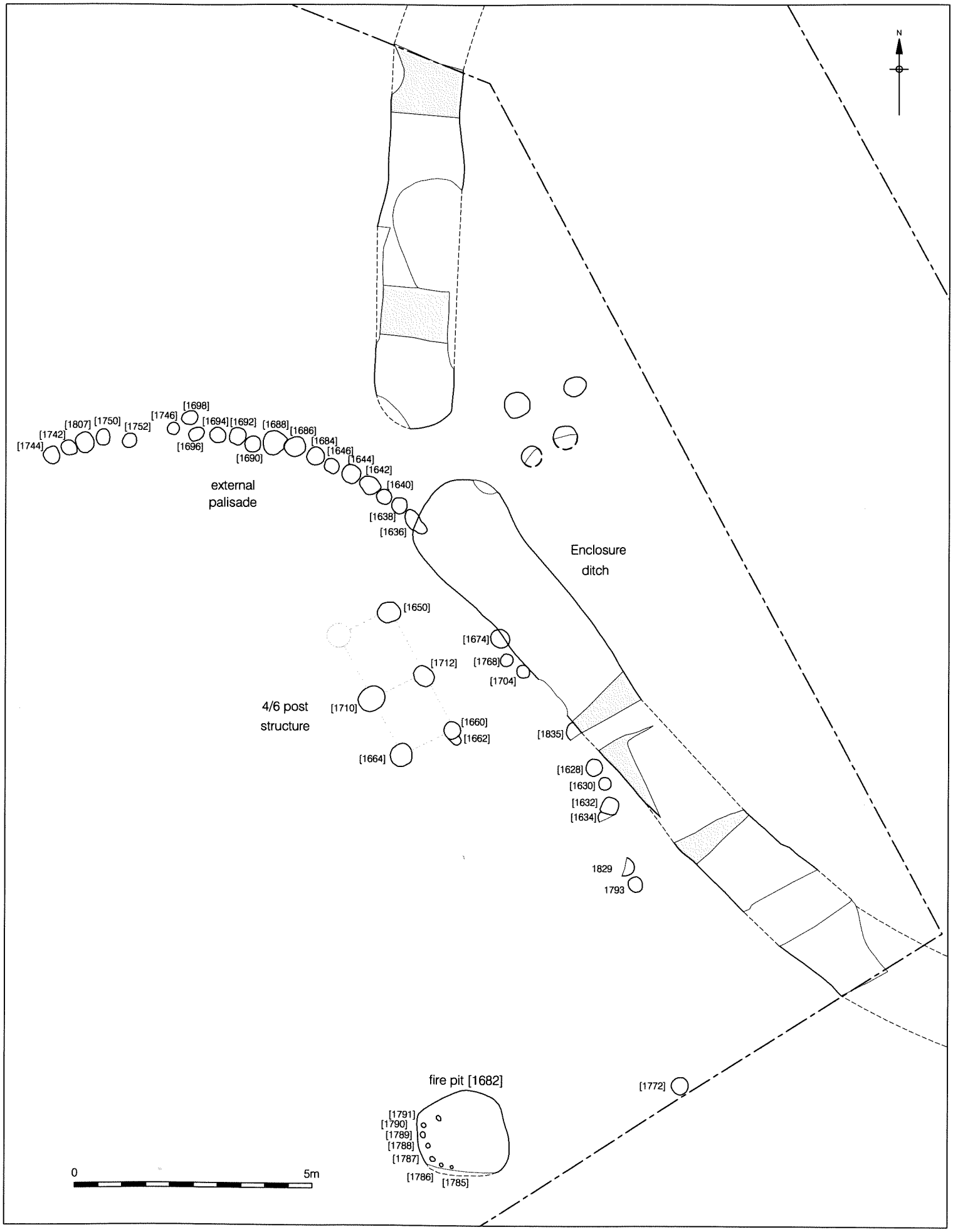

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Figure 13
External palisade, 4/6 post structure and fire pit (Area B)
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Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth/ Thickness
1712	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and rounded base	0.42	0.37	0.24
1711	Fill of 1712	Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal, pot, burnt flint, struck flint	0.42	0.37	0.24
1710	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and rounded base	0.50	0.60	0.39
1709	Fill of 1710	Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal, burnt flint	0.50	0.60	0.39
1664	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and rounded base	0.48	0.43	0.38
1663	Fill of 1664	Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal	0.48	0.43	0.38
1662	Posthole	Circular with vertical sides and rounded base	0.20	0.20	0.23
1661	Fill of 1662	Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal	0.20	0.20	0.23
1660	Posthole	Circular with 'ramp' to S, vertical sides and rounded base	0.52	0.36	0.30
1659	Fill of 1660	Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal, burnt flint	0.52	0.36	0.30
1650	Posthole	Circular with near vertical sides and a concave base with post impression	0.46	0.48	0.23
1649	Fill of 1650	Firm dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles/cobbles, occa burnt flint	0.46	0.48	0.23

Table 10

2.3.12.1 Just outside and to the south of the ditched enclosure's entrance were four postholes arranged in a square measuring c.1.5m X 1.5m. If a further posthole to the north [1650] and a putative posthole truncated by a Post-medieval pit are included, this structure could be extended from a six-post structure. Three slightly smaller postholes close to the southern pair may also be associated with it.

2.3.13 Fire-Pit (Fig 13).

Context	Interpretation	Description	Length	Width	Depth/Thickness
1681	Fill of 1682	Loose dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq burnt flint, pot, occa charcoal, struck flint, gravel/pebbles. concentration of burnt flint and pot mainly in NW section;	1.96	1.90	0.28
1682	Fire pit	Sub-circular with concave sides and slightly rounded base	1.96	1.90	0.28
1778	Fill of 1785	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.12	0.12	0.14
1779	Fill of 1786	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.10	0.10	0.12
1780	Fill of 1787	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.13	0.13	0.13
1781	Fill of 1788	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.11	0.11	0.12
1782	Fill of 1789	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.10	0.10	0.11
1783	Fill of 1790	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	0.11	0.11	0.16
1784	Fill of 1791	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt, occa burnt flint	0.16	0.16	0.10
1785	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.12	0.12	0.14
1786	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.10	0.10	0.12
1787	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.13	0.13	0.13
1788	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.11	0.11	0.12
1789	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.10	0.10	0.11
1790	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.11	0.11	0.16
1791	Stakehole	Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	0.16	0.16	0.10
1796	Fill of 1797	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles	0.30	0.32	0.18
1797	Posthole	Circular with steep sides and rounded base	0.30	0.32	0.18
1798	Fill of [1799]	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles	0.20	0.16	0.09
1799	Stakehole	Circular with concave sides and rounded base	0.20	0.16	0.09

Table 11: fire-Pit Context Descriptions

2.3.12.1 To the southwest of the four/six-post structure was a large but shallow circular pit [1682] with an arc of seven stakeholes located around its western side [1785 - [1791]. The pit was filled with a considerable quantity of uniformly burnt flint fragments, weighing nearly 14kg in total. It also contained a substantial collection of large fragments pottery, weighing just over 7kg and representing nearly half of the prehistoric pottery by weight recovered from the site. Also from the pit were large quantities of burnt clay and four conjoining fragments from a possible crucible. Despite the evidence for burning, only small quantities of charcoal were present and this was confirmed by analysis of the samples taken, which indicated only negligible quantities of carbonised wood or other organic remains were present.

2.3.12.2 The function of this feature remains enigmatic. The lack of charcoal mand reddening or hardening of the soil indicates that it was not used as a hearth *per se*, but it clearly contained large quantities of flint that had been burnt and some of the pottery fragments were also coated with carbonised residues. Possible uses include it being used for cooking, with the burnt flint being used to heat food, either through boiling or dry baking. The stakes along its western side may have served as a screen. The pottery assemblage from its fill comprised the largest single group from the entire site and included large pieces from vessels, which would have been for communal use. The presence of a possible crucible may hint at an industrial function, such as metalworking, although little other corroborative evidence for industrial activities was associated with the pit. A close-by posthole [1797] and stakehole [1799] may be linked with it.

2.3.12.3 To the east of fire pit [1682] was a cut which had been heavily truncated by modern drains [1700]. There was some evidence that it had contained a post but it also produced a significant quantity of pottery and some burnt flint. Although heavily truncated it is possible that it was of similar size to the fire pit and it may have fulfilled a comparable function.

2.3.14 Other Features External to the Enclosure

2.3.14.1 The remainder of the external features predominantly comprised postholes, which were scattered and did not form any recognizable structures.

2.3.14.2 Away from the enclosure, in the southwest corner of the site were two large, shallow features, interpreted as tree-throw hollows [1827] and [1858].

2.3.14.3 Six postholes or small pits were present in the vicinity of these including one [1856] that actually cut through one of the tree-throws and which produced a complete thick-walled thumb-pot type cup placed upright in the base of the cut, as well as numerous

fragments of fired clay. There was some evidence of *in situ* burning within the feature, as well as the presence of quantities of charcoal, predominantly of oak but also some hazel and cherry/blackthorn, which had been burnt at high temperatures. To the north of this and presumably associated with it was a similar shaped and sized feature that also contained charcoal- and fired clay-rich fills [1840]. Certainly with [1856], the presence of a complete pot and evidence of intense burning suggests it was used for ritual purposes, and its similarities with [1840] suggest the latter may have performed a similar role. It is conceivable that these activities were connected with the removal of the tree with which they were associated.

2.3.15 Features in Area C (Fig 14).

2.3.15.1 In Area C, sixteen features were recorded underlying the ploughsoil (see Phase 5 below). These were interpreted as representing four pits and twelve postholes. A number of other elements were present although there was some doubt as to whether these were genuine purposefully dug features, anomalies within the natural deposits or root/animal disturbance. Little dating evidence was recovered from them although it is thought they were pre-dominantly associated with the Late Bronze Age activity as presented within Areas A and B. No clear structures or patterns could be construed from the layout of the features although they do show a similar density as recorded over most of Areas A and B and confirm that fairly intensive activity continued this far north.

2.4 PHASE 4: ROMAN, SAXON AND MEDIEVAL ACTIVITY

2.4.1 No features of unequivocal Roman, Saxon or Medieval date were identified during the Phase IV investigations although a single fragment of possible Roman pottery was recovered from the top of one of the features in Area C, and further Roman, Saxon and Medieval pottery and possible pits and structures have been identified during the earlier investigation at the Oliver Close Estate.

2.5 PHASE 5: ABANDONMENT

2.5.1 Sealing all of the features within Areas A, B and C was a layer of loosely compacted mid greyish brown sandy clay-silt, up to 0.30m thick. It was interpreted as the formation of a biologically and perhaps plough –worked soil which marked the abandonment of the enclosure and the associated Late Bronze Age activity. It is likely that the soil horizon formed as the site reverted to marginal or agricultural usage and this process

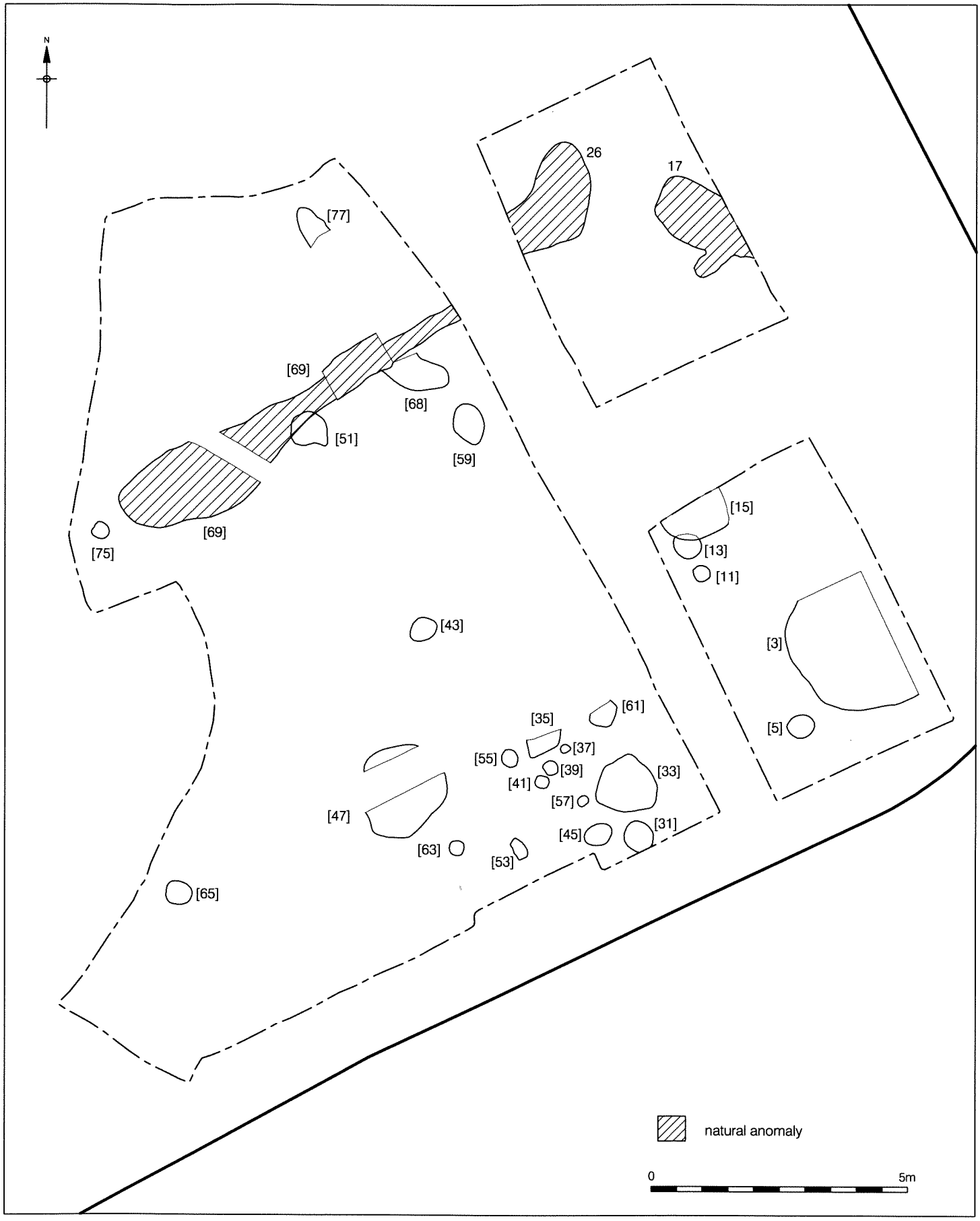

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Figure 14
Area C features
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appeared to continue from the abandonment of the site around the end of the Bronze Age until the 18th or 19th centuries AD.

2.6 PHASE 6: POST-MEDIEVAL ACTIVITY

2.6.1 There was no evidence from the Phase IV investigations for any sustained use of the site from the abandonment of the Late Bronze Age enclosure until the 18th – 19th centuries, when a number of features, mostly pits and service trenches, were dug across the areas excavated (Fig 15). By the late 19th century, rows of tenements had been constructed facing on to Oliver Road, and the features recorded were likely to be linked to the occupation of these.

2.6.2 The majority of the recorded features consisted of pits that contained a range of domestic refuse, including broken pottery, clay tobacco pipe, bone, shellfish, ash, pieces of slate, broken bricks, glass and assorted metal items. The pottery recovered from these had a manufacturing date ranging from the 18th to 19th century although considerations of the individual assemblages suggested that the pits were infilled between the late 19th and the middle of the 20th century. The pits were most frequent in Area B and its is thought that they represented rubbish/cess pits constructed in the rear gardens of the tenements facing on to Oliver Road. Remnants of organic rich 'garden' soils were also identified in this area, supporting the possibilities that gardens were present.

2.6.3 Traversing approximately east-west through Area A and extending onto Area B were a series of drainage runs with associated inspection holes and down-pipes. These likely represented services associated with the tenements facing onto Oliver Road. A similar range of features was recorded in Area C which were also interpreted as service trenches relating to the residential building fronting onto Oliver Road.

2.6.4 The latest recorded features consisted of two Anderson Shelters, both of which truncated the enclosure ditch. These were constructed in the rear garden of the tenements during World War Two as shelters from aerial bombing.

2.6.5 Much of the central part of Area B as well as the northwestern part of the Phase IV development sites had been seriously truncated by the construction of the Terrence Messenger and Stanley Horstead residential tower blocks, during the 1960s.

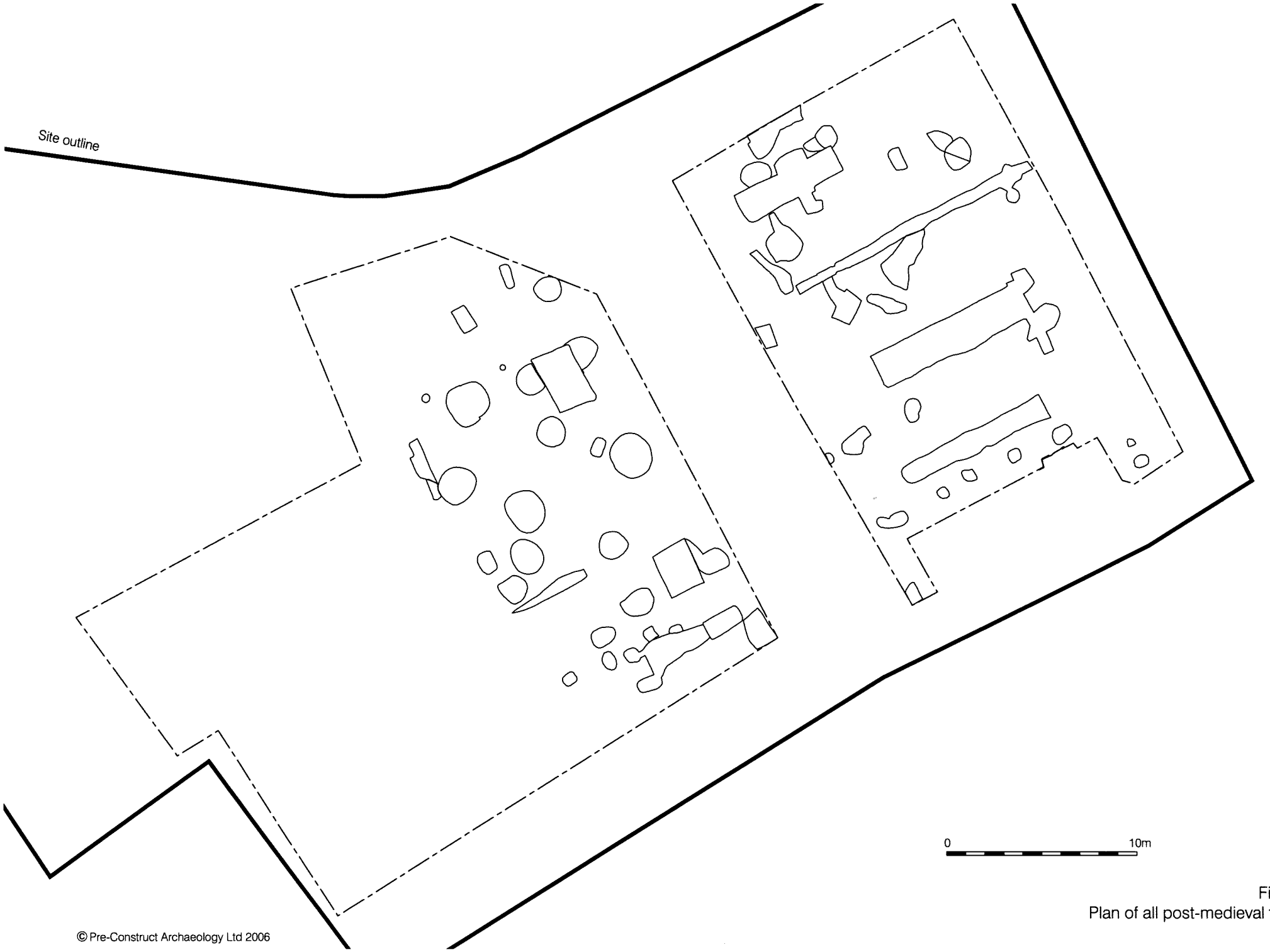

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Figure 15
Plan of all post-medieval features
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3 SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

3.1 INTRODUCTION

3.1.1 This section summarises the archaeological sequence as presented in Chapter 2 and broadens its understanding by discussing it within the context of a wider appreciation of the archaeology of the region.

3.2 PHASE 1: NATURAL DEPOSITS

3.2.1 The natural deposits consist of sandy gravels and were present throughout the site. These conform to Gibbard's (1994) Leytonstone Gravel deposits, the Lea equivalent of the Middle Thames Taplow Gravels.

3.2.2 The mineralogical composition of the gravels terraces has resulted in them supporting soils that are light and easy to till, have good drainage and which are often regarded as preferred areas for early agricultural exploitation. Immediately to the west of the site, the land slopes down in to the Lea valley's floodplain which would comprised a mosaic of varied habitats, including stream channels, marshes and seasonally flooded lands, as well as islands scattered along the valley floor. These would have provided a rich variety of resources, not least seasonal pasturage, which were likely to have played an important role for early agricultural communities. Further to the west, tracts of London Clay are thought to have provided less agriculturally favourable soils and which have provided less evidence for settlement (Sheldon and Schaaf 1978) although these would have maintained dense woodlands. They could have supplied timber vital for the construction of settlements and as fuel, as well as a range of other plant and animal resources.

3.3 PHASE 2: EARLY PREHISTORIC ACTIVITY

3.3.1 This phase produced an assemblage of struck flint dateable to the Mesolithic or Early Neolithic period. This material was recovered residually from later contexts, with no evidence for any contemporary structural features identified. It demonstrated that human activity had occurred on the site, probably in the form of a single or a series of short duration presences or task-specific camps. The site's location, on higher ground commanding extensive views over the river Lea's floodplain would have made it a favourable location for such activities.

3.3.2 The evidence for exploitation of the area during the Mesolithic and/or Early Neolithic was slight but is consistent with similarly dated evidence identified in other parts of the Lower Lea and within the Lower Thames Valley. The evidence for settlement during these periods overwhelming consists of small scatters of flint with few other traces of occupation although it is becoming increasingly apparent that the valley was fairly extensively visited during this period, the evidence probably indicating short-term and activity specific camps, exploiting the rich and varied ecological habitats within and adjacent to the floodplain.

3.4 PHASE 3: LATE BRONZE AGE ACTIVITY

3.4.1 During the Late Bronze Age a circular ditched enclosure was constructed at the site, roughly centred on a small natural prominence in the local topography. The interior of the enclosure was divided with a palisade fence or screen; in its southern sector was a post-built roundhouse.

3.4.2 The interior of the enclosure also contained many pits and postholes, testifying to high intensity activity. Some pitting clusters were recognized and many of the postholes probably represented structures such as irregularly constructed buildings or four-post setting, as well as fences and internal partitions.

3.4.3 The enclosure had a small west-facing entrance formed by a causeway through the ditch and a group of postholes close to this inside the enclosure may have constituted a gateway structure. There was also some evidence that the enclosure had an internal bank although other features close to the internal side of the ditches suggest this may not have been present throughout the Late Bronze Age phase of occupation.

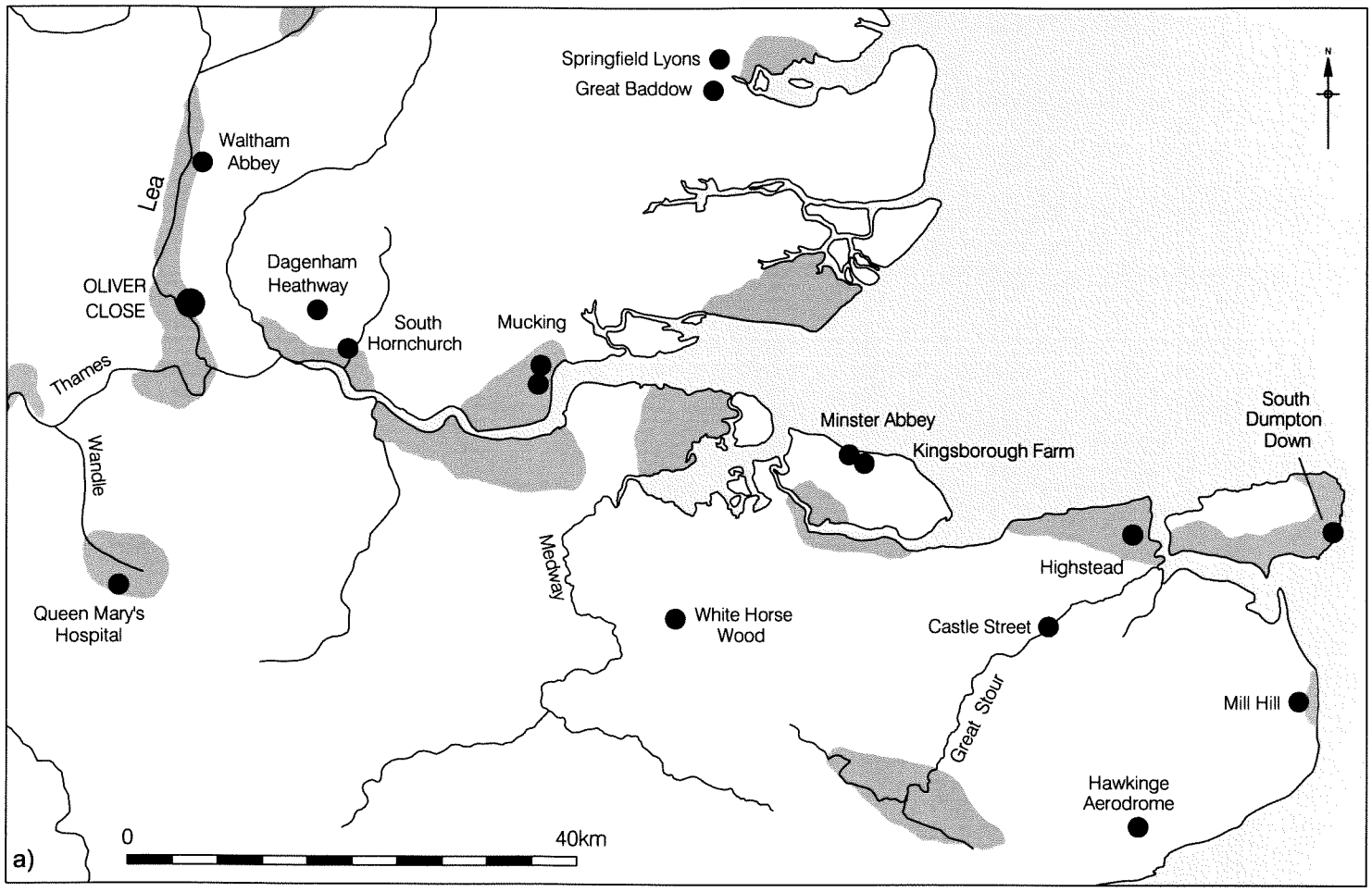
3.4.4 Outside the enclosure was a further long and curved palisade, which may have pre-dated the ditched enclosure itself, although this is not certain. At least one four or possibly a six-post structure was present near the outside of the gateway and further south was a pit containing substantial quantities of burnt flint and pottery fragments. Numerous other features outside of the enclosure indicate that the external area was also heavily used. The excavations provided a large corpus of pottery, some of which may have represented ceremonial deposits, fired clay weights, unperforated slabs and other objects, and a fragment from a possible metalworking crucible and salt-manufacturing briquetage. A small proportion of the struck flint recovered from the excavations may belong to the Late Bronze Age phase of occupation.

3.4.5 The enclosure can be convincingly attributed to the class of enclosed settlements of the Late Bronze Age identified across southeastern Britain, particularly along the Thames

valley and around the Greater Thames Estuary. These have been termed 'aggrandised enclosures' by Yates (1999; 2001; 2004) and 'Springfield style enclosures' in the relevant Monument Protection Program terminology, (www.eng-h.gov.uk/mpp/mcd/intro2.htm). It has been named after the type site at Springfield Lyons in Essex (Buckley and Hedges 1987). They appear to display a greater degree of complexity and investment than the more-commonly identified settlements, which mostly consist of unenclosed roundhouses scattered within wider expanses of field-systems. A number of possible aggrandised or Springfield style enclosures have been identified (Fig 16) although many of these are only suggested through aerial photographs. Within the Greater Thames Estuary less than 20 have received any further archaeological investigation and only five, South Hornchurch in Havering (Guttmann and Last 2000), Mucking North Ring (Bond 1988), Springfield Lyons (Buckley and Hedges 1987), Loft's Farm in Essex (Brown 1988), and the riverside settlement at Runnymede in Surrey (Longley 1986; Needham and Longley 1988; Needham 1991), have witnessed extensive excavation and publication. Aggrandized or Springfield style enclosures form a diverse group and, although all form focal points within wider agricultural landscapes, they bear similarities to early hillforts (Jones 1975) and probably embrace a wide variety of functions and levels of settlement hierarchy.

3.4.6 Aggrandised/Springfield style enclosures are often, although far from exclusively, circular in shape, have structural elements suggestive of fortification, such as palisades, internal banks and/or gate structures, and contain evidence of residential occupation in the form of roundhouses and other structures. They are usually situated within or adjacent to large tracts of agricultural land, as evidenced by the laying out of extensive tracts of ditched field-systems, trackways and wells (Fig 16a), and several enclosures have provided evidence of craft specialisation, including metalworking.

3.4.7 They are often located in areas where significant deposits of metalwork, usually in the form of hoards or as riverine deposits, have been found (Fig 16b). No metal items were recovered during the excavation and the only evidence for metalworking consisted of the recovery of a possible crucible fragment. Nevertheless, the Lea Valley has provided numerous examples of Late bronze Age metalwork, particularly that of the Ewart Park phase which is broadly dated to 900-700BC (Needham and Burgess 1980, fig. 7) and contemporary with the inhabitation of the enclosure. It is now generally accepted that many of these probably represented 'votive' offerings deliberately deposited into the wetlands. In addition, a number of bronze objects have been recovered from 'dryland' sites in the Leyton and Wanstead areas and it is possible that the deposition of these had a ritual or ceremonial significance associated with the settlement at Oliver Close (cf Needham and Burgess 1980, fig 5; Cotton 2005).



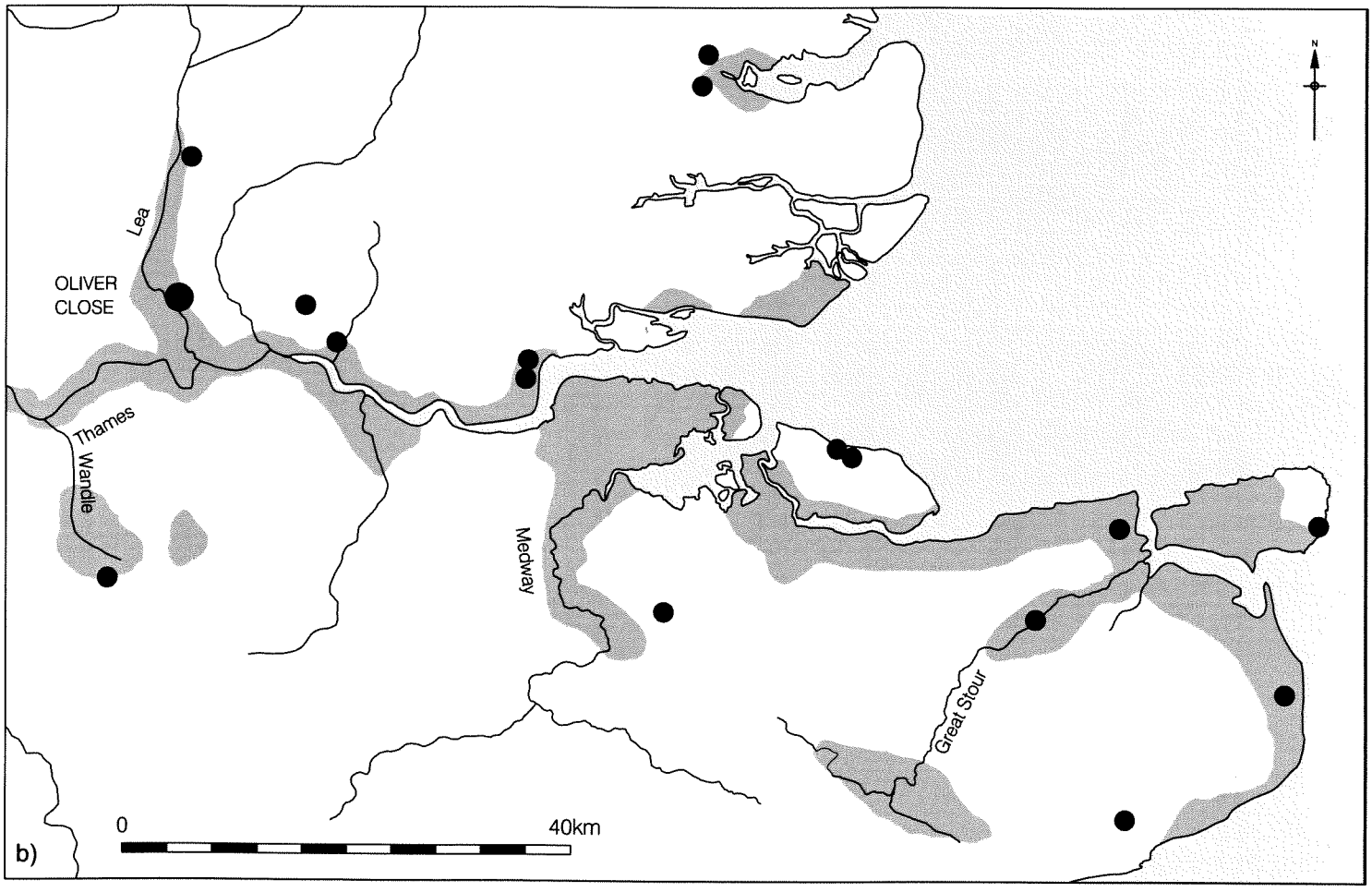


Figure 16
LBA enclosures in the SE, showing a) field-systems
b) metalworking
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3.4.8 The enclosures are usually sited as to provide easy access to the major communications routes, such as the Thames and its major tributaries, or directly on the English Channel, and their aspect appears to confirm an association with contact with the continent. It is likely that their location was intended to somehow control or administer routes and the land associated with them.

3.4.9 Although these enclosures evidently played a pivotal part in the functioning of Late Bronze Age society, their precise role is more difficult to elucidate. Given the efforts required to construct the enclosures and their associated features, an obvious interpretation would be that they were the residences of the elites who organised the setting out of land and the agricultural production within the tracts of complex and formally laid-out agricultural landscapes that appear in the archaeological record during this period. The close association with this type of enclosure with areas of explicit agricultural production and the supply and circulation of metalwork would suggest that such enclosures may have had an important role in the organization, production and distribution of agricultural, craft and industrial products.

3.4.10 On a local level the archaeology of the Lower Lea Valley has been little explored until recent years, despite the large quantities of metalwork recovered during the 19th and 20th centuries, particularly from waterlain deposits along the valley floor but also as hoards along its banks. A number of wooden piled structures were recorded during dredging works and reservoir construction during the early 20th century, although these remain inadequately recorded and poorly dated. In recent years a number of large-scale excavations have demonstrated that the lower part of the valley, that laying within the Greater London region, was intensely occupied with a number of often quite extensive settlements and field systems. These include a Middle to Late Bronze Age settlement at Innova Park in Enfield (Wessex Archaeology website) and settlements and field-systems at Edmonton (Bishop forthcoming). Nearer to the Oliver Close Estate, recent excavations have found Late Bronze Age settlements at Warton Road (Neil Hawkins) and at Stratford Market Depot (Hiller and Wilkinson 2005). This evidence would appear to fit in with a general pattern of settlement and agricultural reorganization recognized along the reaches of the lower Thames, particularly that on the west London gravel terraces but also further eastwards in south Essex and north Kent (eg Bishop and Bagwell 2005).

3.4.11 These developments make the region assume a new importance, possibly associatied with a greater population density, and connected to systems of exchange operating along the Thames to the Continent (Sherratt 1996). Yates suggests that these patterns

demonstrate the Thames estuary's "*participation in an increasingly cosmopolitan world*" (2004, 11), and that the greater emphasis on the circulation of prestige weaponry and deposition of ostentatious objects suggests the development by the Late Bronze Age of social elites (ibid.).

3.4.12 Following the English Heritage Monument Protection Program characterisation criteria aggrandized/Springfield style enclosures are very rare, they represent one of a very restricted range of monument types for the later Bronze Age, are constrained to a 150-300 year period and appear to be of limited variability (www.eng-h.gov.uk/mpp/mcd/intro2.htm).

3.5 PHASE 4: ROMAN, SAXON AND MEDIEVAL ACTIVITY

3.5.1 The only material evidence of activity at the site from the end of the Bronze Age until the Post-medieval period recorded during the Phase IV investigations consisted of a fragment of possible Roman pottery recovered in Area C. Further artefactual and structural evidence dating to Roman, Saxon and medieval periods was recovered during the earlier investigations at Oliver Close and is indicative of limited activity.

3.6 PHASE 5: ABANDONMENT

3.6.1 There was no evidence that the site continued to be occupied after the Late Bronze Age phase, dated to the 8th – 9th centuries BC, and this apparently complete and seemingly abrupt abandonment of the site for anything other than marginal or low-key agricultural activity follows a pattern seen across much of southeast Britain.

3.6.2 It has been noted that within the London region (eg Greenwood 1997) and along the Thames Estuary the dense pattern of settlement and agricultural organization established during the Late Bronze Age does not continue for long into the Iron Age, with settlements during this period being generally rarer, smaller and with less evidence for central organisation.

3.6.3 The precise reasons for this apparent decline in archaeologically visible activity are not readily apparent. Factors such as increased wetter conditions, climatic deterioration, rising river levels and the depletion of previously fertile soils from over-exploitation have all been forwarded. Jones and Keen (1993, 272) note that *"Between about 3000 and 2300BP* (ie the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age), *a drop in average temperatures of up to 2°C has been postulated for the British Isles, together with an increase in precipitation*." Such changes would have had profound effects on the agricultural basis of Late Bronze Age prosperity, including a possible increase in crop failure and the

potential loss of productive low-lying areas fringing the major river valleys (Devoy 1979; 1980). At Farmoor in Oxfordshire, higher up in the Thames Valley, Early and Middle Iron Age settlement concentrated on the floodplains but increasingly wetter conditions, combined with renewed rates of alluviation, forced settlement higher up on the valley sides (Lambrick and Robinson 1979). A loss of pasturage along the fringes of the Thames and its tributaries could have led to dislocation, both economically and in settlement patterns.

3.6.4 Other factors include wider European disruption (Yates 2004), possibly resulting in the collapse of long distance communication, along with its associated political organization. Later Bronze Age politics was perhaps underpinned by the exchange of bronze, and may have been closely related to the ability to create and control agricultural surplus, a surplus evidenced by the 'new' densely settled agricultural landscape. A collapse of one would no doubt have far reaching implications for the other.

3.7 PHASE 6: POST-MEDIEVAL ACTIVITY

3.7.1 There was little evidence for settlement or any other form of activity at the site following the abandonment of the Late Bronze Age enclosure until the construction of tenements fronting on to Oliver Road. These were represented principally by a number of drainage runs and associated features, which bisected the excavated areas from east to west, and a number of rubbish pits that would appear to have been dug to the rear of the properties. Although demonstrating the urban growth of the area and its ultimate incorporation into the London metropolis, these findings are considered to be of only marginal significance.

4 THE SIGNIFICANCE AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL OF THE DATA

4.1 INTRODUCTION

4.1.1 The purpose of this section is to summarise the significance the results of the excavation as outlined in Chapters 2 and 3 above and to indicate how the information recovered has the potential to contribute to wider research interests and a fuller understanding of some of the issues currently under consideration by the archaeological community. Details of the nature of the evidence and suggested interpretations are covered elsewhere within this text.

4.2 NATURAL DEPOSITS

4.2.1 The significance of the natural deposits lies in their contribution to understanding the geology and palaeo-topography of the area and the influences these may have had for site location and wider settlement patterns, as well as the resource base available to those inhabiting the area.

4.2.2 Topographically, the site lies on the edge of Terrace deposits affording excellent views up and down the Lea Valley. Locally, tributary valleys to the south and north of the Oliver Close Estate would have naturally demarcated and defined the area, and localized variations in height suggest that the enclosure was situated on a slightly higher prominence that would have emphasised its visual impact.

4.2.3 Natural deposits at the site consisted of Pleistocene sands and gravels that would have formed light, easily drained tillable soils. The site also lies close to two other important sedimentary formations; the alluvial deposits of the Lea Valley and, to the northwest, the relatively heavy and intractable London Clays. These background geologies would have provided for rich and diverse habitats and their proximity would have allowed the easy availability of a wide range of resources.

4.3 EARLY PREHISTORIC ACTIVITY

4.3.1 The sole evidence for these early periods consisted of a small collection of struck flint. Although limited, the significance of this data is that it can contribute to a fuller appreciation of the Mesolithic/Early Neolithic landscape use and settlement nature and organization within the lower Lea valley and, more broadly, within the lower Thames valley. An understanding of the occupation of the lower Lea Valley during these periods requires further appreciation of the environment and topography of the valley and the

variety of ways that this landscape was inhabited, plus the interaction with lower-lying riverine areas and the surrounding high ground bordering the valley.

4.4 LATE BRONZE AGE ACTIVITY

4.4.1 The identification and extensive archaeological excavation of a Late Bronze Age enclosure set within a densely used zone on the edge of the Lea Valley represents a significant opportunity for understanding a number of key research themes, particularly those relating to local and regional settlement patterns, the dating, layout and role of Late Bronze Age enclosures, social hierarchy, the deposition of metalwork and the organisation of agriculture, craft manufacture, trade and exchange.

4.4.2 According to the English Heritage Monument Protection Program criteria aggrandized/Springfield style enclosures are very rare, they comprise one of a very limited range of monument types for the later Bronze Age, are present only for a 150-300 year period and appear to be restricted in their range of variability (www.eng-h.gov.uk/mpp/mcd/intro2.htm). The site is therefore of considerable importance and its formal analysis and publication is a high priority.

4.4.3 Most of these themes have local and regional significance, whilst the enclosure's possible relationship between metalwork production, exchange and disposition has added national and even international significance. It is not within the scope of this report to detail the nature of this evidence and its significance and present it here, but an outline of some of the principal research interests to which the data recovered during the excavations will contribute are given below. These are not exhaustive and, in many cases, the themes are interlinked. In some instances, the evidence from the excavations will be able to directly illuminate these aspects, in others it will be through a broader understanding of the period that the evidence will be able to contribute the themes identified.

- The nature of the Late Bronze Age subsistence base as identified during the excavations, particularly the possible contribution to the economy and the interrelationship of the wetlands of the Lea Valley floor, the free-draining and easily tilled Gravel Terraces bordering the Lea Valley and the possibly more-heavily forested Claylands to the northeast.
- How the agricultural and the subsistence base compares with evidence for agricultural practices at contemporary sites in the Thames Valley and beyond.
- The relationship between the settlement, particularly the enclosure, and agricultural intensification within the Lea Valley and its environs.

- An understanding of settlement hierarchies and the bearing this may have on elucidating possible social hierarchy
- An understanding of the role of elites in Bronze Age society, and their role in national and international contact, trade and exchange
- An understanding of the developing political structures, elite hierarchies and nascent chiefdom structures of society in the area during the Late Bronze Age.
- An understanding of the relationship between aggrandized enclosures and metalwork deposition.
- Evidence for metalworking at the site and the possible relationships between the site and the contemporary metalwork finds from the Lea Valley and the valley sides.
- Evidence relating to craft and industrial activities undertaken at the settlement.
- The nature and range of material culture recovered from the site, particularly the possible roles of the pottery, clay weights and other fired clay objects and the possible crucible fragment. Also the significance of items such as perforated clay slabs which are routinely recovered from comparable enclosures but absent at this site.
- An understanding of Late Bronze Age settlement patterns and landscape organization on local and regional levels.
- An understanding of the spatial and temporal relationship with other comparable Late Bronze Age enclosures in south-east Britain.
- A comparison and contrasting of this enclosure and the aggrandized/Springfield type enclosures of southeast Britain and the Late Bronze age and Early Iron Age 'hillforts' of central and southwestern Britain.
- The nature, layout and structure of the site and its environs
- The nature and range of activities identified at the site
- A reconstruction of the geology, topography and environmental setting of the site, including relevant parts of the Lea Valley floor and the Gravel Terrace and Tertiary deposits that form the valley sides.
- A better understanding of the timing of the Late Bronze Age / Iron Age sequence of environmental and / or agricultural change. In particular whether the changes observed in the wider Thames valley were the result of increased run off cause by increased agricultural activity or whether it was the result of climate change induced increases in precipitation.

- Evidence for ceremonial and ritual practices occurring at the site.
- An understanding of the timing, cause and effects of the demise of the extensive and complex Late Bronze Age agricultural and settlement systems during the Early Iron Age and the apparently profound changes in the nature of society during these periods

4.5 ROMAN, SAXON AND MEDIEVAL ACTIVITY

4.5.1 The only evidence relating to the periods between the late Bronze Age and Post-medieval periods recovered during the Phase IV investigations consisted of a single sherd of possible Roman pottery of limited interpretational value. However, more-but also limited evidence of Roman, Saxon and medieval activity has been found during earlier investigations at the Oliver Close Estate This material will be further discussed as part of the analysis phase of the project.

4.6 ABANDONMENT

4.6.1 The evidence suggests a relatively rapid abandonment of the site at the end of the Bronze Age with no evidence for continuity in settlement into the Iron Age. Similar discontinuity at the end of the Bronze Age and an apparent dearth of evidence for succeeding Iron Age settlement is a recurring feature of the early first millennia BC throughout the lower Thames valley and more widely along the Greater Thames Estuary. The apparent absence of activity at the site during the Iron Age is significant for the broader understanding of the change in social and economic organization during the first half of the 1st millennium BC.

4.7 POST-MEDIEVAL ACTIVITY

4.7.1 The Post-medieval evidence recorded during the Phase IV investigations all related to the construction and occupation of tenements along the western side of Oliver Road during the late 19th century and early 29th century, as well as later developments including World War Two air raid shelters and the construction during the 1960s of high rise residential accommodation. The significance of this primary related to the increase in urbanisation of the London region from the 19th century onwards.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER WORK

5.1 INTRODUCTION

5.1.1 This chapter indicates how the information gained during the excavations should be disseminated and what further work will be required to achieve this aim.

5.2.2 As detailed in Chapters 2 to 4, the principal significance of the investigations lay in the recognition and extensive excavation of a settlement enclosure of Late Bronze Age date. Although the basic characteristics of these enclosures are slowly becoming realized, very few have witnessed extensive excavation and even fewer published in any significant detail. As such, the excavations of this enclosure and its associated evidence for occupation constitute a significant development for the understanding of Late Bronze Age settlement patterns, settlement hierarchy and agricultural, craft and industrial organisation. At a local level, the identification of a Late Bronze Age enclosure within the Lower Lea Valley is an important addition to the growing body of evidence concerning the structure of occupation within the valley during this period. It has major implications concerning the establishment and maintenance of the agricultural systems increasingly being identified within the Lea Valley and the organization and redistribution of its produce. There is also the intriguing question of the relationship between such enclosures and the distribution of contemporary metalwork within the River Lea and its hinterland. At a region level, the excavations can make a significant contribution to discussions of the form, dating and role of such enclosures, particularly as so few have so far been extensively examined and published.

5.2 PUBLICATION PROPOSAL

5.2.1 Following the recognition of the significance of the findings from the excavation, as outlined in Chapters 2, 3 and 4 above, full publication in an appropriate format is recommended. The scale of the publication will exceed the capacity of the relevant regional archaeological journal, it is therefore proposed that the site be included as a Pre-Construct Archaeology Monograph, which will allow for a more in-depth discussion of the findings and their significance than publication in a regional archaeological journal would allow.

5.2.2 It has also been previously agreed by all parties concerned that the findings from the earlier investigations (Phases I – III) should be incorporated into the final publication of the excavations at the Oliver Close Estate (Moore 1996).

5.2.3 A contemporary enclosure has recently been excavated at Dagenham Heathway, some 11km to the east by Pre-Construct Archaeology. It is proposed that the Monograph should include a detailed description of the findings and their significance from this excavation, as the similarities and contrasts will greatly enhance the understanding of both sites.

5.2.4 Themes that the publication should primarily address are given in Chapter 4. Some of the themes will be answerable from the syntheses and discussion already undertaken, although this information will need enhancing. Others will require the undertaking of further research work to achieve these aims and the nature of this work is detailed below.

5.3 FURTHER RESEARCH REQUIRED

5.3.1 Earlier Investigations

5.3.1.1 Archaeological Investigations were conducted at the Oliver Close Estate from 1992 until 2005 (Chew 1992; Moore 1992; Sabel 1993; Sabel 1995; Moore 1996; Jarrett 1996; MacGowan 1996; Lawrence 1996). In order to place the findings from the Phase IV investigations into their local context it is imperative to fully incorporate the findings from the earlier investigations. It has been previously agreed that at the completion of all investigations at the site the combined results would be published together.

5.3.1.2 The Phase I and II investigations were conducted by the Newham Museum Service and further archaeological work was undertaken at the Oliver Close Estate by the Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit.

5.3.1.3 The primary records from this work has been archived, a limited amount of post-excavation work has so far been undertaken. In order to meet the publication proposal it will be necessary to access all archives relating to the investigations, including paper records, and artefactual material. No environmental samples from the earlier investigations remain extant. All archaeological information from the various earlier reports and from the primary data will need to be integrated with the phase IV data.

5.3.2 Mapping the local topography

5.3.2.1 The geological and topographic setting will have had a fundamental influence on the location and nature of prehistoric activity at the site. It will therefore be necessary to

review the existing geological and topographical maps on an appropriate scale in order to explore these influences.

5.3.2.2 Basic geological data will be available from the British Geological Survey (1993) with additional data regarding the Lea Valley floor from the Lea Valley Mapping Project (MoLAS forthcoming). Topographical modelling of the area of the excavations has partly been achieved through earlier work (Sabel 1995) but this requires extending and clarifying, such as by locating a possible tributary stream running through the middle of the Oliver Close Estate down to the River Lea. This will be largely achievable by making use of levels taken both during the archaeological investigations and from other contractors information.

5.3.3 The Structural (stratigraphic) Evidence.

5.3.3.1 Although a number of discrete structural elements have already been identified the nature and the relationship between the majority of the excavated features is still in need of clarification. This may be achieved by further consideration of the morphology of the features, including their size, shape and depth, the nature of their infilling, their relationship to each other and by a multidisciplinary approach to the artefactual and environmental remains in their fills.

5.3.4 The Artefactual Record

5.3.4.1. Pottery

5.3.4.1.1 As the pottery was only examined for assessment it is recommended that it is analysed in detail and a summary and discussion of the findings, incorporating relevant regional comparisons and selected illustrations, produced for publication. The assemblage will also be looked at with a view to further refine the pottery typology, use and dating in a regional context. Residue analysis may contribute to an understanding of the specific uses the vessels were put to and potentially to provide direct radiocarbon determinations of specific vessel forms.

5.3.4.2 Struck Flint

5.3.4.2.1 The lithic assemblage is of significance in that it indicates prehistoric activity that in parts significantly pre-dates the main period of occupation at the site, no structural features were identified from these periods and the lithics provide the principal means of understanding the activities associated with the Mesolithic and Neolithic in the vicinity. There is also some limited evidence of flintworking associated with the Late Bronze Age

occupation that may help understanding the range of activities represented for that period, as well as understanding the role of flintworking within a Late Bronze Age settlement context, close to the end of structured flintworking in Britain.

5.3.4.2.1 It is therefore recommended that the assemblage should be examined in more detail and a summary and discussion of the findings, incorporating relevant regional comparisons and selected illustrations, produced for publication.

5.3.4.3 Briquetage

5.3.4.3.1 A few fragments of briquetage from salt manufacturing activities were identified. It is recommended that the corpus of daub and fired clay is examined in more detail with the aim of identifying further examples and a summary and discussion of the findings, incorporating relevant regional comparisons, prepared for publication.

5.3.4.4 Crucible

5.3.4.4.1 Fragments from a possible crucible were identified. This requires confirmation from chemical and other scientific analysis with the aim of establishing its function and what materials it maybe associated with. A discussion of the findings, incorporating relevant regional comparisons, will be prepared for publication.

5.3.4.5 Clay Weights

5.3.4.5.1 A number of clay weights were recovered. These require further examination and a summary and discussion of the findings, specifically addressing their possible uses, incorporating relevant regional comparisons and selected illustrations, prepared for publication.

5.3.4.6 Other Fired Clay Objects

5.3.4.6.1 A number of other fired clay objects were recovered. These require further examination in order to ascertain their possible function(s). A discussion of the findings, incorporating relevant regional comparisons, will be prepared for publication.

5.3.5 The Environmental Record

5.3.5.1 Environmental Samples

5.3.5.1.1 A comprehensive environmental sampling program was conducted for the phase IV intervention. No samples or residues have been retained from the preceding 3 phases of investigation. It is recommended that for the phase IV material that of those samples used in the charcoal assessment the remaining material from a selection of features and their contexts will be processed and a full analysis conducted to clarify the general

composition of the local woodland and shrubland, and the nature of woodland management practices. The selection process will be conducted by the environmental archaeologist, senior author and project manager, and will be targeted to meet the aims and objectives of the project.

5.3.5.1.2 Of those samples used in the plant macrofossil assessment the remaining material from all features (with the exception of the post-medieval samples) will be processed and a full analysis conducted to elucidate the general nature of forest farming during these phases.

5.3.5.2 Animal Bone

5.3.5.2.1 Unfortunately, faunal remains did not survive in any quantity due to unfavourable soil conditions. There is a low potential that more will become available from the environmental samples, if so, these should be examined and discussed, incorporating relevant regional comparisons, and the results included in the publication.

5.3.6 Dating: Carbon 14 determinations

5.3.6.1 No wood or other organic remains survived to the extent it could be dated. However, many of the samples contained substantial quantities of charcoal and organic residues adhering to pottery were noted. Thes may provide samples suitable for accelerator mass-spectronomy dating. It is recommended that suitable samples are selected from key contexts and submitted for C14 determination, in order to provide a secure chronological foundation for the settlement sequence and the dating of the artefact typology.

5.3.7 The Broader Context

5.3.7.1 It is only possible to understand the significance of Late Bronze Age settlement by considering it within broader patterns of settlement during this period.

5.3.7.2 Further research should include a review of the data from the Oliver Close Estate within the context of the evidence for broader patterns of Late Bronze Age /Early Iron Age settlement patterns and activity within their local setting, within the Lea Valley, the London region and, where appropriate, southeast Britain and beyond. This will require widespread consultation with and research into numerous published and unpublished sources of archaeological knowledge. It will also be necessary to consider the antecedents of the Late Bronze Age regional settlement by considering the evidence for Middle Bronze Age and earlier settlement patterns in the Lea Valley and east London

5.3.7.3 Comparisons will be made in particular with excavated similar single ditched enclosures in their settings, such as Springfield Lyons, Highstead, Mill Hill and Mucking North Ring, and with double ditched enclosures such as at Thwing and Mucking South Rings, as well as with other contemporary Bronze Age monument types.

5.3.8 Later Periods

5.3.8.1 The publication should also consider and briefly describe the nature and causes of the post-Late Bronze Age settlement patterns in the region to provide an understanding of the demise of the Late Bronze Age settlement, including the environmental and climatic implications of landscape use and the negative evidence relating to the latest prehistoric settlement.

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Appendix 1: Context Descriptions

Context	Type	Plan No	Section No	Provisional date	Classification	Structure	Highest OD	Lowest OD	Co-ords	Sample	Description	Interpretation/Notes	Length	Width	Depth/ Thickness
0001	Layer	1, 2 and 3		Natural	Gravel Terrace	1	12.80	11.90	Area C		Loose orange sandy gravel/pebbles/cobbles		-	-	-
0002	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of ovoid shaped depression 03	3			Area C		Moderate to soft orange brown clayey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	Same as 08	>1.60	1.30	0.30
0003	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Ovoid shaped depression	3			Area C		Ovoid with near vertical sides and flat base	continues beyond LOE same as 09; possible ditch terminal or tree-throw	>1.60	1.30	0.30
0004	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of Posthole 05	3			Area C		Moderate to loose dark orange brown silty gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.40	0.15
0005	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3			Area C		Circular with rounded sides and rounded base		0.40	0.40	0.15
0006	Fill	tr 1		PMed	Fill of service trench 07	6			Area C		Moderate to loose mid grey brown clinker, ash, sandy silt, mod drain frags and 19-20th pot	service trench, not fully excavated	-	-	-
0007	Cut	tr 1		PMed	Service trench	6			Area C		Linear with near vertical sides and base not seen	service trench, not fully excavated	-	-	-
0008	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of ovoid shaped depression 09	3			Area C		Moderate to soft orange brown clayey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	Same as 02	-	-	-
0009	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Ovoid shaped depression	3			Area C		Ovoid with near vertical sides and flat base	same as 03	-	-	-
0010	Fill	tr 1		LBA	fill of posthole 11	3			Area C		Moderate to soft orange brown clayey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.20	0.20	0.15
0011	Posthole	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3			Area C		Circular with near vertical sides and rounded base		0.20	0.20	0.15
0012	fill of posthole 13	tr 1		LBA	fill of posthole 13	3			Area C		Moderate to soft mid brown sandy silt-clay		0.40	0.40	0.30
0013	Posthole	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3			Area C		Circular with steep sides and rounded base		0.40	0.40	0.30
0014	Fill of 15	tr 1		LBA	Fill of ovoid pit 15	3			Area C		Moderate to soft orange brown clayey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		>0.80	1.40	0.40
0015	Pit	tr 1		LBA	Ovoid pit	3			Area C		Sub-oval with rounded sides and flat base	truncated to N by modern services	>0.80	1.40	0.40
0016	Fill of 17	tr 1		preh	Fill of ?tree-throw				Area C		Moderate to firm mid brown coarse sandy gravel		1.80	>1.20	0.40
0017	Tree-throw?	tr 1		preh	Tree-throw?				Area C		Irregularly shaped with steep but irregular sides and flat base	continues E beyond LOE	1.80	>1.20	0.40
0018	Fill of	-		-	-	-	-	-	Area C		Context Sheet Missing		-	-	-

Context	Type	Plan No	Section No	Provisional date	Classification	Structure	Highest OD	Lowest OD	Co-ords	Sample	Description	Interpretation/Notes	Length	Width	Depth/ Thickness
	19														
0019	'cut'	-		-	-	-	-	-	Area C		Context Sheet Missing		-	-	-
0020	Layer	tr 1		PMed	Overburden	6			Area C		Moderate dark grey brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles, charcoal	Modern demolition material/topsoil	throughout trench	throughout trench	0.35
0021	fill of 22	tr 1		PMed	Fill of pit 22t	6			Area C		Moderate dark grey brown silty sand, occa CBM, slate frags	19/20th century pit/garden feature	-	-	-
0022	Cut	tr 1		PMed	Pit/garden feature	6			Area C		'pit'	19/20th century pit/garden feature	-	-	-
0023	Fill of 24	tr 1		PMed	Fill of modern cut	6			Area C		Moderately compacted frogged-brick rubble	19/20th century pit/garden feature	-	-	-
0024	Cut	tr 1		PMed	Pit/garden feature	6			Area C		Sub circular with near vertical sides and base not seen	19/20th century pit/garden feature	-	-	-
0025	fill	tr 1		preh	Fill of ?natural anomaly				Area C		Mid brown gravel/pebbles		1.90	>1.00	>0.20
0026	Cut	tr 1		preh	?Natural anomaly				Area C		Irregular shaped with irregular sides and irregular base	Very irregular- possibly archaeological but possibly root disturbance or staining of some kind	1.90	>1.00	>0.20
0027											Context Sheet Missing				
0028	Layer	tr 1		PMed	Ploughsoil	5			Area C		mid orange brown silty sand	abandonment ploughsoil			0.30
0029	Layer	tr 1		PMed	Topsoil	6			Area C		Dark grey brown silty sand	Modern topsoil			0.40
0030	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 31	3	12.78		Area C		Soft mid brown gravelly silt		0.70	0.60	0.30
0031	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.78	12.48	Area C		Circular with steep stepped sides and flat base		0.70	0.60	0.30
0032	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of 33	3	12.79		Area C		Soft mid brown and orange gravelly silt, occa charcoal		1.18	1.15	0.45
0033	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Pit / Posthole	3	12.79	12.34	Area C		Irregular, sub-ovoid with variably steep sides and a flat even base	Suggested as a tree-bowl but irregular sides could indicate a removed post	1.18	1.15	0.45
0034	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of ?pit 35	3	12.70		Area C		Soft mid brown silt, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.50	0.60	0.25
0035	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Pit?	3	12.70	12.45	Area C		Unknown shape with gradual sides and unknown base	severely truncated by modern intrusion	>0.50	0.60	0.25
0036	Fill	tr 1		LBA	fill of posthole 37	3	12.72		Area C		Soft mid brown gravelly silt		0.25	0.25	0.30
0037	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.72	12.42	Area C		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.25	0.25	0.30
0038	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 39	3	12.71		Area C		Soft mid brown gravelly silt		0.30	0.25	0.30
0039	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.71	12.51	Area C		Circular with steep slightly stepped		0.30	0.25	0.30

Context	Type	Plan No	Section No	Provisional date	Classification	Structure	Highest OD	Lowest OD	Co-ords	Sample	Description	Interpretation/Notes	Length	Width	Depth/ Thickness
											sides and a concave base				
0040	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 41	3	12.73		Area C		Soft mid brown gravelly sand		0.28	0.28	0.22
0041	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.73	12.51	Area C		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.28	0.28	0.22
0042	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 43	3	12.75		Area C		Soft mid brown silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.48	0.52	0.40
0043	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.75	12.35	Area C		Circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.48	0.52	0.40
0044	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 45	3	12.78		Area C		Soft mid brown gravelly silt		0.40	0.60	0.30
0045	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.78	12.48	Area C		Oval with gradual sides and a flat base with a tapered point	posthole with post impression?	0.40	0.60	0.30
0046	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of pit 47	3	12.75	12.71	Area C		Soft mottled light reddish brown/ mid greyish brown silt-clay, freq sand, gravel/pebbles	equivalent to 48	>0.65	1.75	0.22
0047	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Pit - poss natural hollow	3	12.75	12.43	Area C		Sub-oval with gently sloping sides and concave base	cut by modern truncation; equivalent to 49	>0.65	1.75	0.22
0048	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of 49	3	12.66	12.63	Area C		Soft mottled light reddish brown/ mid greyish brown silt-clay, freq sand,	equivalent to 46	>0.26	1.20	0.16
0049	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Pit - poss natural hollow	3	12.66	12.50	Area C		Sub-oval with gently sloping sides and base truncated	cut by modern truncation; equivalent to 47	>0.26	1.20	0.16
0050	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of pit 51	3	12.62		Area C		Moderate mid brown silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.78	0.73	0.12
0051	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Pit / large posthole	3	12.62	12.50	Area C		Irregular shaped with irregular sides and uneven base		0.78	0.73	0.12
0052	Fill	tr 1		preh	Fill of ?tree-throw 53		12.71		Area C		Soft mid brown gravel/pebbles and silt-clay		0.40	0.28	0.12
0053	Cut	tr 1		preh	Tree-throw or irregular posthole		12.71	12.59	Area C		Sub-rectangular with variable sides and flat base		0.40	0.28	0.12
0054	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 55	3	12.71		Area C		Soft mid brown gravelly silt		0.30	0.30	0.17
0055	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.71	12.54	Area C		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.30	0.30	0.17
0056	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of Posthole 57	3	12.71		Area C		Soft mid brown gravelly silt		0.20	0.20	0.14
0057	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.71	12.57	Area C		Circular with vertical to very steep sides and concave base	profile suggests angled posthole	0.20	0.20	0.14
0058	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 59	3	12.57		Area C		Moderate mid greyish brown silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.80	0.60	0.10
0059	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.57	12.47	Area C		Sub-circular with variable sloping sides	remnants of a posthole	0.80	0.60	0.10

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											and tapered base				
0060	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 61	3	12.37		Area C		Soft orangey mid brown gravelly silt, occa charcoal flecks		>0.38	0.58	0.45
0061	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.37	11.92	Area C		Circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated by modern services	>0.38	0.58	0.45
0062											Context sheet missing				
0063											Context sheet missing				
0064											Context sheet missing				
0065											Context sheet missing				
0066	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of pit 67	3	12.56		Area C		Loose mid reddish brown silt-clay and gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, pot		>0.95	0.65	0.25
0067	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Pit (?posthole)	3	12.56	12.31	Area C		Sub-oval with steep sides and concave base	truncated to N by modern services	>0.95	0.65	0.25
0068	Fill	tr 1		PMed	Modern staining/natural anomaly	6			Area C		Moderate dark grey stained silty gravels		-	-	-
0069	Cut	tr 1		PMed	Modern staining anomaly	6			Area C		Irregular linear, no real edges	slot dug into 'dirty' gravels that proved to be natural that had been stained by overlying service trench			
0070	Fill	tr 1		PMed	Modern staining anomaly	6			Area C		Moderate dark grey sandy gravel		0.35	0.40	0.10
0071	Cut	tr 1		PMed	Modern staining anomaly	6			Area C		Circular with no real edges	'dirty gravels circular patches	0.35	0.40	0.10
0072	Fill	tr 1		PMed	1st Fill of service trench 73	6	12.65		Area C		Moderate grey brown sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, occa frogged bricks		1.40	8.00	0.56
0073	Cut	tr 1		PMed	Service trench	6	12.65	12.09	Area C		Linear series of sub-circular pits with near vertical sides and flat base	Series of interconnecting sub-circular pits - possible post built boundary	1.40	8.00	0.56
0074	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of posthole 75	3	12.55		Area C		Moderate mid greyish brown gravelly silt-clay, freq pebbles/cobbles		0.32	0.32	0.16
0075	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole	3	12.55	12.39	Area C		Circular with steep sides and a tapered base		0.32	0.32	0.16
0076	Fill	tr 1		LBA	Fill of Posthole 77	3	12.62		Area C		Loose mid brown becoming reddish brown towards base		>0.72	0.40	0.15
0077	Cut	tr 1		LBA	Posthole?	3	12.62	12.47	Area C		Irregular/oval with concave sides and flat base	irregular - poss natural or 'ramped' post	>0.72	0.40	0.15
0078	Fill	tr 1		PMed	Fill of pit 79	6	12.63		Area C		Firm very dark brownish grey sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, mod charcoal, coal, occa brick frags		0.65	0.70	0.16

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0079	Cut	tr 1		PMed	Pit	6	12.63	12.47	Area C		Sub-circular with gently sloping sides and concave base		0.65	0.70	0.16
0080	Fill	tr 1		PMed	2nd Fill of service trench 73	6	13.32	13.10	Area C		Soft variably coloured gravelly sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, bricks, mortar		1.40	8.00	0.56
0081	Fill	tr 1		PMed	Fill of modern features	6	-	-	Area C		Collective number for modern fills		-	-	-
0082	Cut	tr 1		PMed	Modern features	6	-	-	Area C		Collective number for modern intrusions		-	-	-
0101	Layer	WB		PMed	Overburden	6	-	-	WB pit 1		Variably compacted mid greyish brown silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal	levelling/redeposited topsoil	-	-	0.45
0102	Layer	WB		PMed	Ploughsoil	6	-	-	WB pit 1		Variably compacted mid greyish brown silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal	Topsoil	-	-	0.12
0103	Layer	WB		PMed	Ploughsoil	5			WB pit 1		Loose light greyish brown gravel and silt-clay, freg pebbles/cobbles	ploughsoil, abandonment phase	-	-	0.06
0104	Layer	WB		Natural	Terrace Gravels	1	-	-	WB pit 1		Loose mid brown orange sandy gravels				>0.22
0105	Layer	WB		PMed	Overburden	6	-	-	WB pit 2		Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles, occa CBM	levelling/redeposited ploughsoil	-	-	0.24
0106	Layer	WB		PMed	Ploughsoil	5	-	-	WB pit 2		Firm dark brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles	topsoil			0.16
0107	Layer	WB		PMed	Ploughsoil	5	-	-	WB pit 2		variably compacted mid brown gravelly silt	ploughsoil, abandonment phase			0.13
0108	Layer	WB		Natural	Terrace Gravels	1			WB pit 2		Loose mid to light reddish brown sandy gravelly pebbles				>0.22
0109	Layer	WB		PMed	Overburden	6			WB pit 3		Loose mid brown to dark grey sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa CBM	levelling/redeposited topsoil			0.70
0110	Layer	WB		PMed	Overburden	6			WB pit 4		loose mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles, mod brick frags	levelling/redeposited topsoil			>1.00
1001	Fill	Tr1		LBA	Fill of sub rounded pit 1002	3	11.6		150/205	108	Moderate reddish greyish dark brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, pot, BF, SF	Contains 'concentration of large pot sherds in southwest half of fill, no charcoal' ?ritual deposition	1.60	1.30	0.22
1002	cut	Tr1		LBA	Pit	3	11.6	11.36	150/205		Sub-circular with concave sides and almost flat base		1.60	1.30	0.22
1003	fill	Tr1		LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1004	3	11.52	11.36		101	Loose dark greyish brown; sandy silty; freq charcoal flecks; mod pot; occa daub, struck and burnt flint	Deliberately backfilled due to dark colour (c/)?) and quantity of pot	2.92	0.82	0.38
1004	cut	Tr1 &		LBA	Ovoid cut	3	11.52	11.07			Irregular/linear with concave sides and	Linear cut of obviously	2.92	0.82	0.38

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		1004									rounded base	four pits (large postholes?) but no separate cuts visible			
1005	fill	Tr1 & 1006	101	LBA	Primary fill of 1006 Slot 1	3.1	11.33	10.86	145-155/220-225	110	Loose mid brownish grey; silty sandy gravel; occa charcoal flecks	Deliberately backfilled due to coarseness of inclusions (or collapsed bank?).	6.30	1.20	0.78
1006	cut	Tr1 & 1006	101	LBA	Enclosure ditch	3.1	11.51	10.83	145-155/220-225		Linear, 45 degree sloping sides and concave base	Possibility ditch has been recut	6.30	1.20	0.78
1007	fill	Tr1		LBA	Fill of posthole 1008	3	11.48				Loose to moderate mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.70	>0.25	0.20
1008	cut	Tr1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.48	11.3			Sub-circular with concave sides, base not seen	Continued to E beyond eval trench	0.70	>0.25	>0.20
1009	fill	TP1		LBA	Fill of posthole 1010	3	11.55				Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.50	0.50	0.18
1010	cut	TP1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.55	11.37			Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.50	0.50	0.18
1011	fill	TP1		LBA	Fill of gully 1012	3	11.54				Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		>2.10	0.40	0.43
1012	cut	TP1		LBA	Gully	3	11.54	11.11			Linear with steep side and concave base	Continues beyond LOE to E and W; poss has a terminal as 1598?	>2.10	0.40	0.43
1013	Fill	TP1		PMed	Fill of posthole 1014	6	11.54				Soft blackish brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, CBM pot		>0.20	1.00	>0.21
1014	Cut	TP1		PMed	Posthole	6	11.54	11.33			Oval with steep sides and unexcavated base	Not fully excavated	>0.20	1.00	>0.21
1015	Fill	TP1		PMed	Fill of posthole 1016	6	11.55				Soft dark greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal	Not fully excavated	>0.10	0.50	>0.12
1016	Cut	TP1		PMed	Posthole	6	11.55	11.43			Oval with steep sides and unexcavated base	Not fully excavated	>0.10	0.50	>0.12
1017	Fill	Tr1		LBA	Fill of posthole 1018	3	11.57				Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles/cobbles, charcoal		0.20	0.10	?
1018	Cut	Tr1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.5			Oval steep sides and concave base		0.20	0.10	?
1019	Fill	TP2		PMed	Fill of pit [1020]	6	11.63		Not within excavated area		Soft dark greyish brown silty sand, mod charcoal, CBM, gravel/pebbles	Not fully excavated	1.08	0.40	NFE
1020	Cut	TP2		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.63		Not within excavated area		Linear with vertical sides and unexcavated base	Not fully excavated	1.08	0.40	NFE
1021	Fill	TP7		LBA	Fill of posthole 1022	3	11.58				Loose mid orange brown gravelly silt, occa cobbles		0.50	0.50	0.21

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1022	Cut	TP7		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.37			Circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.50	0.50	0.21
1023	Layer	All squares		PMed	Ploughsoil	5	11.86	11.79			Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay mod gravel/pebbles		Throughout trenches	Throughout trenches	?
1024	Layer	All squares		Natural	Natural gravel	1	11.73	11.35			Loose brownish orange coarse sandy gravel/pebbles/cobbles		Throughout trenches	Throughout trenches	
1025	Fill	TR2		LBA	Fill of posthole 1026	3.6	11.48			102	Moderate mid greyish brown Silty-clayey sand, mod gravel/pebbles/cobbles, occa charcoal		0.57	0.55	0.28
1026	Cut			LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.48	11.2			Circular with steep concave sides and concave base		0.57	0.55	0.28
1027	Fill	TR2		LBA	Fill of posthole 1028	3.6	11.47				Moderate greyish mid brown clayey sandy silty, mod gravel/pebbles, occa pot, charcoal		0.65	0.60	0.41
1028	Cut			LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.47	11.08			Circular with steep sides and post impression in base and concave base		0.65	0.60	0.41
1029	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1030	3.4	11.43		140/200		Loose mid yellowish brown silty sandy gravel		0.55	0.55	0.2
1030	Cut	TR2 & 1030		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.43	11.23	140/200		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.55	0.55	0.2
1031	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1032	3	11.4			103	Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, charcoal		0.70	0.30	0.15
1032	Cut	TR1 & 1032		LBA	Posthole	3	11.4	11.2			Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.70	0.30	0.15
1033	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1034	3	11.33				Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, pot, charcoal		0.35	0.40	0.20
1034	Cut	TR1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.33	11.13			Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.35	0.40	0.20
1035	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1036	3	11.53				Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.33	>0.33	0.25
1036	Cut	TR1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.27			Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	Truncated to N by modern intrusion and continues E beyond LOE	>0.33	>0.33	0.25
1037	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1038	3	11.53				Friable mid brownish grey sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.30	0.40	0.05
1038	Cut	TR1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.46			Oval with concave sides/base		0.30	0.40	0.05
1039	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1040	3	11.6				Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa pot flecks, BF, charcoal		0.25	0.25	0.15

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1040	Cut	TR1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.6	11.46			Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.25	0.25	0.15
1041	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1042	3	11.66				Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.30	0.20	0.25
1042	Cut	TR1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.66	11.43			Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.30	0.20	0.25
1043	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1044	3	11.62				Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa pot, daub, charcoal, BF		0.35	0.60	0.25
1044	Cut	TR1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.62	11.36			Oval with steep sides and concave base	Truncated to NW by modern intrusion	0.35	0.60	0.25
1045	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1046	3	11.58				Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, BF		0.40	0.35	0.15
1046	Cut	TR1		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.42			Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.40	0.35	0.15
1047	Fill			LBA	Fill of double post setting 1048	3	11.48		150-155/200-205	104	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		2.05	0.70	0.25
1048	Cut	1048		LBA	Posthole for two posts	3	11.48	11.19	150-155/200-205		Irregular with steep to gradual sloping sides and concave base	Double post setting/recut posthole	2.05	0.70	0.25
1049	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1050	3	11.57		150/200		Loose mid greyish brown silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.38	0.29	0.29
1050	Cut	1050		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.3	150/200		Circular with vertical sides and rounded base		0.38	0.29	0.29
1051	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1052	3	11.57		155/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay. Freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.34	0.34	0.14
1052	Cut	1052		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.44	155/200		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.34	0.34	0.14
1053	Fill			LBA	Secondary fill of posthole 1055	3	11.56		150/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay. Freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.32	0.32	0.20
1054	Fill			LBA	Primary fill of posthole 1055	3	11.4		150/200		Firm mid to pale greyish orange silty sandy gravel, freq gravel/pebbles		0.30	0.30	0.15
1055	Cut	1055		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.24	150/200		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base - with post impression?		0.32	0.32	0.35
1056	Fill			LBA	Secondary fill of posthole 1058	3	11.56		150/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay. Freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.31	0.31	0.21
1057	Fill			LBA	Primary fill of posthole 1058	3	11.36		150/200		Firm mid to pale greyish orange silty sandy gravel, freq gravel/pebbles		0.20	0.20	0.14
1058	Cut	1058		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.21	150/200		Circular with steep sides and concave base - with post impression		0.32	0.32	0.35
1059	Fill			PMed	Fill of pit 1060	6	11.58		150/200		Firm mid to dark brownish grey organic sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, brick frogs		0.74	0.72	0.31

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1060	Cut	1060		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.58	11.27	150/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and flat base		0.74	0.72	0.31
1061	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1062	3	11.55		150/200		Loose mid brownish grey silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles		0.38	>0.34	0.20
1062	Cut	1062		LBA	Posthole	3	11.55	11.37	150/200		Sub-rectangular with concave sides and rounded base	Truncated to S by modern intrusion	0.38	>0.34	0.20
1063	Fill			PMed	Fill of posthole 1064	6	11.51		150/200		Loose mid greyish brown silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.39	0.45	0.15
1064	Cut	1064		PMed	Posthole	6	11.51	11.42	150/200		Sub-square with concave sides and flat base		0.39	0.45	0.15
1065	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1066	3	11.56		155/200-205		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.50	0.54	0.19
1066	Cut	1066		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.34	155/200-205		Circular with sharp sloping sides and concave base		0.50	0.54	0.19
1067	Fill			PMed	Fill of pit 1068	6	11.57		145-150/200		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		1.00	0.75	0.35
1068	Cut	1068		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.57	11.5	145-150/200		Sub-rectangular with near vertical sides and flat base		1.00	0.75	0.35
1069	Fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1070	3	11.6		150/200		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		>1.00	0.75	0.25
1070	Cut	1070		LBA	Pit	3	11.6	11.36	150/200		Sub-rectangular gradual sloping sides and concave base	Truncated by 1068 modern intrusion	>1.00	0.75	0.25
1071	Fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1072	3	11.52		155/210		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.65	0.38	0.24
1072	Cut	1072		LBA	Posthole	3	11.52	11.3	155/210		Irregular/oval with steep sides and concave base	Possible recut posthole	0.65	0.38	0.24
1073	Fill			PMed	Fill of pit 1074	6	11.45		150/200		Loose dark greyish brown silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		1.03	0.96	0.48
1074	Cut	1074		PMed	Pit cut (possibly 2/3 features)	6	11.45	11.15	150/200		Irregular with vertical to steep sides and rounded base	Possibly includes a ?prehistoric posthole truncated by the pit?	1.03	0.96	0.48
1075	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1076	3	11.59		150/205		Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, mod charcoal		0.26	0.32	0.17
1076	cut	1076		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.42	150/205		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.26	0.32	0.17
1077	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1078	3	11.52		150/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.21	0.21	0.24
1078	cut	1078		LBA	Posthole	3	11.52	11.31	150/200		Circular with steep sides and tapered base		0.21	0.21	0.24
1079	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1080	3	11.51		150/200		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles		0.34	0.25	0.21
1080	cut	1080		LBA	Posthole	3	11.51	11.35	150/200		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.34	0.25	0.21
1081	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3.5	11.56		150/200		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay,		0.30	0.22	0.29

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					1082						mod gravel/pebbles				
1082	cut	1082		LBA	Posthole	3.5	11.56	11.26	150/200		Oval with near vertical sides and concave base		0.30	0.22	0.29
1083	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1084	3	11.61		150-155/200		Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.31	0.28	0.31
1084	cut	1084		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.31	150-155/200		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.31	0.28	0.31
1085	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1086	3	11.56		150/205		Soft dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.50	0.35	0.15
1086	cut	1086		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.39	150/205		Oval/sub-rectangular with moderately sloping sides and concave base		0.50	0.35	0.15
1087	fill			LBA	Fill of linear slot 1088	3.5	11.55		150/200		Firm mid grey brown sandy silt		1.7	0.25	0.35
1088	cut	1088		LBA	Linear slot	3.5	11.55	11.44	150/200	106	Linear with steep sides and concave base	gully, slot in the base cf to hold planking?	1.7	0.25	0.35
1089	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1090	3	11.51		150/200	107	Firm mid to dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal	lots of pot	>0.41	>0.80	0.22
1090	cut	1090		LBA	pit cut	3	11.51	11.32	150/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	continues S and W beyond LOE; uncertain relationship with 1088	>0.41	>0.80	0.22
1091	void										not used				
1092	void					3					not used				
1093	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1094	3	11.62		150/205		Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.44	0.15
1094	cut	1094		LBA	Posthole	3	11.62	11.47	150/205		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.40	0.44	0.15
1095	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1096	3	11.58		150/205		Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles		0.70	0.72	0.25
1096	cut	1096		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.33	150/205		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.70	0.72	0.25
1097	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1098	3	11.56		150-155/205-210		Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.62	0.58	0.38
1098	cut	1098		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.18	150-155/205-210		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.62	0.58	0.38
1099	fill		101	LBA	2F of 1006 Slot 1	3.1	11.51		150-155/220-225	111	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	continuation of silting after deliberate backfilling of gravel 1005	4.75	1.13	0.30
1100	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1101	3.5	11.56		150/205		Loose mid reddish brown gravelly silt		0.30	0.30	0.25
1101	cut	1101		LBA	Posthole	3.5	11.56	11.31	150/205		Circular with steep sides and concave	Cut by PH 1086 to N	0.30	0.30	0.25

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											base				
1102	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1103	3	11.57		150-155/205-210	112	Loose mid yellowish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	lots of pot	0.72	>0.52	0.34
1103	cut	1103		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.57	11.24	150-155/205-210		Oval/sub-rectangular with variably sloping sides and concave base	truncated to W by concrete beam	0.72	>0.52	0.34
1104	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1105	3	11.44		150/200	113	Loose to firm mid to dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		>0.50	>0.60	0.30
1105	cut	1105		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.44	11.15	150/200		Sub-circular/oval with steep sides and concave base	truncated to S by 1090 and 1088	>0.50	>0.60	0.30
1106	fill			LBA	Fill of linear slot 1107	3.5	11.57	11.55	145/200		Firm mid grey brown gravelly sandy silt		1.10	0.20	0.15
1107	cut	1107		LBA	Linear slot	3.5	11.57	11.33	145/200		Linear with steep sides and flat base	Has two 'postholes' either end - possible fence/screen setting	1.10	0.20	0.15
1108	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1109	3.5	11.56		150/205		Firm light brownish yellow silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		>0.50	>0.40	0.25
1109	cut	1109		LBA	Posthole	3.5	11.56	11.31	150/205		Sub-circular/irregular with gradual sides and concave base	truncated to SE by 1101, to E by 1086 and to NW by 1002	>0.50	>0.40	0.25
1110	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1111	3	11.64		150/205		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.46	0.44	0.27
1111	cut	1111		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.37	150/205		Oval with near vertical sides and concave base		0.46	0.44	0.27
1112	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1113	3	11.62		150/205		Loose mid reddish brown gravelly silt		>1.30	1.00	0.25
1113	cut	1113		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.62	11.38	150/205		Sub-rectangular with gradual sides and flat base	truncated to N by modern intrusion	>1.30	1.00	0.25
1114	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1115	3	11.57		150/205	114	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa pot		0.50	0.50	0.15
1115	cut	1115		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.45	150/205		Circular with gradual sides and concave base		0.50	0.50	0.15
1116	fill			LBA	fill of posthole 1117	3	11.58		145/200		Firm pale brown grey sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.32	0.45	0.17
1117	cut	1117		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.41	145/200		Oval with concave sides and concave base		0.32	0.45	0.17
1118	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1119	3	11.58		145/200		Firm pale to mid brown grey sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.35	>0.21	0.10
1119	cut	1119		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.5	145/200		Oval/sub-circular with gradual sides and concave base	truncated by 1131 to W and 1068 to W	0.35	>0.21	0.10
1120	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1121	3	11.59		145/200		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.30	0.23
1121	cut	1121		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.29	145/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and		0.40	0.30	0.23

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											concave base				
1122	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1123	3	11.54		135/200	117	Firm mid greenish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.80	0.45	0.23
1123	cut	1123		LBA	Posthole	3	11.54	11.3	135/200		Oval with 'ramp' vertical to gradual sides and flat base		0.80	0.45	0.24
1124	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1125	3	11.58		135-140/200		Firm mid brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles		0.48	0.50	0.40
1125	cut	1125		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.19	135-140/200		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.48	0.50	0.40
1126	fill			PMed	Fill of pit 1127	6	11.56		135/200		Firm mid greenish brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles		1.00	0.60	?
1127	cut	1127		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.56	11.31	135/200		Sub-rectangular with vertical sides and flat base	continues to S and W beyond LOE	>1.00	>0.60	0.25
1128	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1129	3	11.63		150/205	116	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.60	0.95	0.20
1129	cut	1129		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.63	11.43	150/205		Sub-rectangular with gradual sides and concave base	truncated by 1115 and 1113 to N	>0.60	0.95	0.20
1130	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1131	3	11.61		145/200		Firm mid to dark grey brown sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.38	0.30	0.37
1131	cut	1131		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.24	145/200		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.38	0.30	0.37
1132	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1133	3	11.61		145/210	115	Loose dark yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.59	0.63	0.33
1133	cut	1133		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.29	145/210		Circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.59	0.63	0.33
1134	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1135	3.6	11.61		145/205		Friable dark orangey brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.36	0.38	0.17
1135	cut	1135		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.61	11.44	145/205		Circular with concave/steep sides and concave base		0.36	0.38	0.17
1136	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1137	3.6	11.5		145/205		Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles		0.60	0.64	0.28
1137	cut	1137		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.5	11.22	145/205		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.60	0.64	0.28
1138	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1139	3.6	11.49		145/205		Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, charcoal		0.32	>0.25	0.17
1139	cut	1139		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.49	11.32	145/205		Circular with almost virtual sides and concave base	truncated to E by 1137	0.32	>0.25	0.17
1140	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1141	3	11.62		150/205	118	Firm mid reddish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, BF, daub, charcoal		0.40	0.60	0.45
1141	cut	1141		LBA	Posthole	3	11.62	11.21	150/205		Circular with near vertical sides and flat base with c.0.35m diam post impression		0.40	0.60	0.45
1142	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3	11.58	11.53	135/205	163	Firm mid grey sandy silt		0.35	0.34	0.3

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					1143										
1143	cut	1143		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.28	135/205		sub-circular; vertical; flat		0.35	0.34	0.3
1144	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1145	3	11.6		140/205		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles		0.35	0.33	0.13
1145	cut	1145		LBA	Posthole	3	11.6	11.47	140/205		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.35	0.33	0.13
1146	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1147	3	11.57		140/205		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt		0.35	0.30	0.12
1147	cut	1147		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.45	140/205		circular; concave; flat		0.35	0.30	0.12
1148	fill			LBA	fill of posthole 1149	3.3	11.55		140/210		Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.3	0.28	0.2
1149	cut	1149		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.55	11.36	140/210		circular with steep to vertical sides and tapered base		0.3	0.28	0.2
1150	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1151	3.3	11.52		140/210		Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.26	0.23	0.16
1151	cut	1151		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.52	11.38	140/210		Circular with steep to concave sides and rounded base		0.26	0.23	0.16
1152	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1153	3	11.56		150/205		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.50	0.50	0.40
1153	cut	1153		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.23	150/205		Circular with steep sides and slightly concave base		0.50	0.50	0.40
1154	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1155	3.4	11.58		145/200	120	Firm mid brownish grey gravelly sand silt		0.6	0.45	0.21
1155	cut	1155		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.58	11.42	145/200		sub-circular with steep and concave base	possible recut or post-removal pit of posthole [1162]	0.6	0.45	0.21
1156	fill of 1006		102	LBA	2F of 1006 Slot 2	3.1	11.42	10.91	145-150/220-225		Firm dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal flecks	secondary fill enclosure ditch	1.00	1.02	0.45
1157	fill of 1006		102	LBA	1F of 1006 Slot 2	3.1	11.45	10.91	145-150/220-225		Loose light greyish brown silty sandy gravel/pebbles	primary fill enclosure ditch	0.30	1.20	0.20
1158	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1159	3	11.61		145-150/205		Loose mid brown gravelly sandy silt		>0.85	0.80	0.30
1159	cut	1159		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.61	11.57	145-150/205		Sub-rectangular with gradual sides and concave base	truncated to NE by 1129 and 1153	>0.85	0.80	0.30
1160	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1161	3	11.64		135/205	121	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt		0.39	0.30	0.40
1161	cut	1161		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.22	135/205		circular; vertical; flat		0.39	0.30	0.40
1162	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1163	3.4	11.58		145/200	122	Firm mid brownish grey gravelly sand silt	fills similar and part of same posthole as [1154] and [1184]	0.52	0.4	0.18
1163	cut	1163		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.58	11.41	145/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave to flat base	part of a complex pit cut includes [1155] and [1186] - could be	0.52	0.4	0.18

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												recut posthole, evidence of post removal or three separate features			
1164	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1165	3	11.48		150-155/205		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.82	0.61	0.26
1165	cut	1165		LBA	Posthole	3	11.48	11.24	150-155/205		Sub-rectangular/irregular with steep sides and concave base		0.82	0.61	0.26
1166	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1167	3	11.61		145/200		Firm mid to pale brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.15	0.23	0.17
1167	cut	1167		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.41	145/200		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.15	0.23	0.17
1168	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1169	3.5	11.53		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.08	0.08	0.14
1169	cut	1169		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.53	11.39	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.08	0.08	0.14
1170	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1171	3.5	11.53		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.08	0.08	0.14
1171	cut	1169		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.53	11.41	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.08	0.08	0.14
1172	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1173	3.5	11.5		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.09	0.09	0.06
1173	cut	1169		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.5	11.44	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.09	0.09	0.06
1174	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1175	3.5	11.5		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.10	0.10	0.05
1175	cut	1169		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.5	11.45	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.10	0.10	0.05
1176	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1177	3.5	11.5		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.12	0.12	0.18
1177	cut	1169		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.5	11.32	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.12	0.12	0.18
1178	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1179	3.5	11.58		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.10	0.10	0.06
1179	cut	1169		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.58	11.52	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.10	0.10	0.06
1180	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1181	3.5	11.58		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.08	0.08	0.07
1181	cut	1169		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.58	11.51	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.08	0.08	0.07
1182	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1183	3.5	11.58		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.09	0.09	0.07
1183	cut	1169		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.58	11.51	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.09	0.09	0.07

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1184	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1185	3.4	11.41		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey gravelly sand silt		0.25	0.21	0.16
1185	cut	1185		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.41	11.24	145/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	Post-impression in base of posthole [1162]	0.25	0.21	0.16
1186	fill			LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1187	3	11.47		150-155/200-205	123	Loose dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	lots pot	>1.59	0.60	0.28
1187	cut	1187		LBA	Ovoid cut (possible several postholes)	3	11.47	11.19	150-155/200-205		Irregular/oval with moderate to steep sides and irregular base	truncated to N by 1165; possibly multiple posthole setting/recut postholes	>1.59	0.60	0.28
1188	fill			LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1189	3	11.37		150-155/205-210	126	Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq truncated to N by 1165		0.97	>0.54	0.22
1189	cut	1189		LBA	Posthole possibly double	3	11.37	11.2	150-155/205-210		Irregular/oval with moderate to steep sides and irregular base	truncated to E by 1187; possible double post setting/recut posthole	0.97	>0.54	0.22
1190	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1191	3.3	11.57		140/210		Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.32	0.29	0.16
1191	cut	1191		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.57	11.41	140/210		circular with concave to steep sides and tapered base		0.32	0.29	0.16
1192	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1193	3.3	11.57		140/210		Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.29	0.27	0.21
1193	cut	1193		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.57	11.38	140/210		circular with vertical sides and flat to rounded base		0.29	0.27	0.21
1194	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1195	33	11.6		140/205	124	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.98	0.80	0.44
1195	cut	1195		LBA	Posthole	3	11.6	11.16	140/205		Circular with concave sides and flat base		0.98	0.80	0.44
1196	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1197	3	11.55		150/205		Loose mid brownish grey sandy silty gravel/pebbles		0.52	0.61	0.40
1197	cut	1197		LBA	Posthole	3	11.55	11.2	150/205		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.52	0.61	0.40
1198	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1199	3.6	11.49	11.45	140/200	145	Firm mid orange brown silty gravelly sand, freq charcoal, occa burnt bone, SF, BF pot daub	Possible postpipe 0.44m diam identified, also lots burning - ritual or hearth?	0.62	0.68	0.46
1199	cut	1199		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.49	11.01	140/200		Sub-circular/rectangular with steep to almost vertical sides and concave base	Lots burning - ritual or hearth?	0.62	0.68	0.46
1200	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1201	3.4	11.5		145/200		Firm mid brown grey gravelly sandy silt	truncated	0.25	0.2	0.12
1201	cut	1201		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.5	11.38	145/200		sub-circular with steep sides and	truncated	0.25	0.2	0.12

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											concave base				
1202	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1203	3.4	11.42		145/200		Firm mid brown grey gravelly sandy silt	truncated	0.30	0.20	0.08
1203	cut	1203		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.42	11.34	145/200		Sub-circular with gradual and concave base	truncated	0.30	0.20	0.08
1204	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1205]	6	11.66		135-140/200		Firm mid to dark bluish grey brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel, mod pebbles, occa shale, Charcoal, shell, Brick		0.72	1.64	0.32
1205	cut	1205		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.66	11.3	135-140/200		Irregular shaped with near vertical sides and flat base		0.72	1.64	0.32
1206	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3.3	11.53		150/205		Moderately compacted mid grey brown sandy gravelly silt		0.32	0.31	0.18
1207	cut	1207		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.53	11.38	150/205		Circular with sloping sides and concave base		0.32	0.31	0.18
1208	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1209]	6	11.66		135/205		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles, mod CBM		0.55	>0.35	0.28
1209	cut	1209		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.66	11.36	135/205		Sub-circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.55	>0.35	0.28
1210	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1211	3.3	11.55	11.52	150/210		Moderately compacted mid grey brown sandy gravelly silt		0.2	0.2	0.16
1211	cut	1211		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.55	11.41	150/210		Sub-circular with sloping sides and concave base		0.2	0.2	0.16
1212	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1213	3	11.64		140/200		Firm light bluish grey brown gravelly sandy silt		0.45	0.37	0.11
1213	cut	1213		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.53	140/200		Sub-circular; gradual; concave		0.45	0.37	0.11
1214	layer		101102	PMed	Topsoil	6	11.64?		all squares		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa CBM, charcoal, shell		throughout trenches	throughout trenches	0.40
1215	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1216	3.3	11.59		140-145/210		Loose; dark yellowish brown; gravelly sandy silt		0.39	0.38	0.15
1216	cut	1216		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.59	11.44	140-145/210		SFub-circular with concave sides and rounded base		0.39	0.38	0.15
1217	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1218	3	11.59		155/210	128	Loose mid brownish grey sandy silty gravel/pebbles	continues to E beyond LOE	0.35	>0.44	0.22
1218	cut	1218		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.37	155/210		Sub-rectangular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.35	>0.44	0.22
1219	fill			PMed	Fill of Pit [1220]	6	11.66		145/200		Firm mid to dark brown grey sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, CBM		0.90	1.00	0.33
1220	cut	1220		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.66	11.27	145/200		Sub-rectangular with steep sides and concave base	NB this and 1551 originally dug as one feature but clear that it	0.90	1.00	0.33

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												represents a LBA PH cut by a PM pit - the daub and BF prob belongs to former			
1221	fill			LBA	Fill of postholes 1222	3.6	11.77		145/200	129	Firm mid grey brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles, charcoal, BF, organic rich	Contains large Meso/Neo flint assemblage - old feature, cuts old feature or ritual collection?	1.00	0.90	0.35
1222	cut	1222		LBA	Posthole - several	3.6	11.77	11.42	145/200		Irregular shaped with steep sides and concave/irregular base	cluster of 3 intercutting/associated PHs. Truncated to N by 1613 and S by 1221	1.00	0.90	0.35
1223	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1224	3.4	11.63		140/205	127	Firm dark grey brown black silt-clay		0.79	0.69	0.43
1224	cut	1224		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.63	11.2	140/205		oval with steep sides and concave base		0.79	0.69	0.43
1225	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1226	3	11.57		140-145/205		Firm mid to dark orange brown silty gravelly sand		>0.30	0.72	0.40
1226	cut	1226		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.17	140-145/205		Sub-circular/irregular with steep sides and unknown base	truncated to N by modern intrusion	>0.30	0.72	0.40
1227	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1228	3.3	11.51		140/210		Loose dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.27	0.25	0.12
1228	cut	1228		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.51	11.42	140/210		Sub-circular with concave sides and rounded base		0.27	0.25	0.12
1229	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1230	3.3	11.55		140/210		Loose; dark yellowish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.32	0.30	0.15
1230	cut	1230		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.55	11.41	140/210		Sub-square with vertical to concave sides and flat base		0.32	0.30	0.15
1231	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1232	3	11.64		140/205	130	Firm dark to mid grey brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.63	0.80	0.41
1232	cut	1232		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.23	140/205		Oval with near vertical sides and concave base		0.63	0.80	0.41
1233	fill			PMed	Fill of posthole 1234	6	11.55		140/205		Firm mid to dark greyish brown gravelly sand, occa pot, slate, CBM, charcoal		1.22	0.95	0.17
1234	cut	1234		PMed	Posthole or tree-throw	6	11.55	11.35	140/205		crescent shaped with gently sloping sides and a concave base		1.22	0.95	0.17
1235	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1236	3.6	11.59		140/205		Firm mid brown grey silty gravelly sand	some residual preh pot from mod feature 1234 that cuts it	>0.78	>0.70	0.40
1236	cut	1236		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.59	11.19	140/205		Sub-circular with steep sides and slightly concave base		>0.78	>0.70	0.40
1237	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3	11.54		150-	131	Loose mid yellow brownish brown silty		0.48	0.48	0.31

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					1238				155/215-220		sand, freq gravel/pebbles				
1238	cut	1238		LBA	Posthole	3	11.54	11.18	150-155/215-220		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.48	0.48	0.31
1239	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1239	3.4	11.62		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey gravelly sandy silt	truncated	0.45	0.3	0.14
1240	cut	1240		LBA	Posthole = [1608]	3.4	11.62	11.38	145/200		sub-circular with gradual and concave base	truncated	0.45	0.3	0.14
1241	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1242	3.6	11.62		145/200		firm mid grey brown sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		>0.55	>0.35	0.31
1242	cut	1242		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.62	11.52	145/200		Circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated to N by 1613	>0.55	>0.35	0.31
1243	fill			PMed	Fill of ?tree bole [1244]	6	11.69		140/205	136	Firm mid to dark grey/brown sandy silty-clay, mod gravel/pebbles		1.73	1.05	0.37
1244	cut	1244		PMed	Tree bole	6	11.69	11.32	140/205		Irregular sub-ovoid with steep sides and undulating base		1.73	1.05	0.37
1245	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1246	3.6	11.56		145/205		Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.24	0.24	0.16
1246	cut	1246		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.56	11.4	145/205		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.24	0.24	0.16
1247	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1248	3.6	11.56		145/205		Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa pot, charcoal		0.25	0.28	0.20
1248	cut	1248		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.56	11.37	145/205		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.25	0.28	0.20
1249	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1250	3.6	11.58		145/205		Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.19	0.18	0.05
1250	cut	1250		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.58	11.54	145/205		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.19	0.18	0.05
1251	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1252	3	11.61		140/205		Firm mid to dark grey brown sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles		0.27	0.48	0.24
1252	cut	1252		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.37	140/205		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.27	0.48	0.24
1253	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1254	3.4	11.59		145/205	133	Loose mid brownish grey sandy silt	truncated	0.70	0.65	0.42
1254	cut	1254		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.59	11.22	145/205		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.70	0.65	0.42
1255	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1256	3	11.61		150-155/215-220		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.26	0.24	0.16
1256	cut	1256		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.44	150-155/215-220		Circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated to S by modern drain	>0.26	0.24	0.16
1257	fill			LBA	Fill of double	3	11.64		145/210	132	Loose mid greyish brown gravelly silty		>0.52	0.75	0.51

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					posthole 1258						sand, mod pebbles, occa charcoal				
1258	cut	1258		LBA	Posthole - double/recut?	3	11.64	11.11	145/210		Oval/irregular with vertical sides and flat but irregular base	truncated to S by modern intrusion	>0.52	0.75	0.51
1259	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1260	3	11.5		150/220		Firm mid brown sandy silt-clay, occa daub		0.28	0.32	0.14
1260	cut	1260		LBA	Posthole	3	11.5	11.36	150/220		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.28	0.32	0.14
1261	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1262	3	11.52		150-155/220		Firm mid brown sandy silt-clay, occa charcoal		0.50	0.45	0.11
1262	cut	1262		LBA	Posthole	3	11.52	11.41	150-155/220		Circular with steep sides and flat base		0.50	0.45	0.11
1263	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1264	3.6	11.56		145/200		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.33	0.20
1264	cut	1264		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.56	11.43	145/200		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.40	0.33	0.20
1265	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1266	3.6	11.6		145/200		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles		0.35	0.23	0.15
1266	cut	1266		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.6	11.44	145/200		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.35	0.23	0.15
1267	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1268	3.5	11.55		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.09	0.09	0.18
1268	cut	1268		LBA	Stakehole	3.5	11.55	11.37	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.09	0.09	0.18
1269	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1270	3.5	11.56		145/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.18	0.15	0.11
1270	cut	1270		LBA	Posthole	3.5	11.56	11.45	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base	recorded as a PH but more similar to stakeholes [1268] and [1169]-[1183] and has a tapered 'root channel' in base!	0.18	0.15	0.11
1271	fill			LBA	Secondary fill of posthole [1272]	3.4	11.59		145/205	134	Loose mid brownish grey sandy silt	contain relatively large lithic assemblage and generally artefact rich	0.6	0.6	0.5
1272	cut	1272		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.59	11.07	145/205		Sub-circular vertical sides and concave base		0.6	0.6	0.5
1273	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1274	3.3	11.65		145/210	137	Moderately compacted mid brown grey sandy gravelly silt		0.34	0.32	0.26
1274	cut	1274		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.65	11.4	145/210		Circular with sloping sides and concave base		0.34	0.32	0.26
1275	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1276	3	11.55		150/215		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.32	0.30	0.17
1276	cut	1276		LBA	Posthole	3	11.55	11.38	150/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.32	0.30	0.17

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1277	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1278	3.6	11.56		145/205		Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.26	0.26	0.11
1278	cut	1278		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.56	11.45	145/205		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.26	0.26	0.11
1279	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1280	3.6	11.5	11.48	145/205		Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.18	0.22	0.07
1280	cut	1280		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.5	11.44	145/205		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.18	0.22	0.07
1281	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1282	3.6	11.5	11.49	145/205		Moderate greyish mid brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.22	0.24	0.07
1282	cut	1282		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.5	11.43	145/205		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.22	0.24	0.07
1283	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1284	3.6	11.53		145/205		Moderate greyish mid brown clayey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.22	0.31	0.09
1284	cut	1284		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.53	11.45	145/205		Sub-circular/rectangular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.22	0.31	0.09
1285	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1286	3.3	11.56		135/210		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.29	0.25	0.15
1286	cut	1286		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.56	11.4	135/210		sub-circular with vertical to concave sides and rounded base		0.29	0.25	0.15
1287	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1288	3	11.59		145-150/215		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.37	0.39	0.15
1288	cut	1288		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.47	145-150/215		Circular with moderately sloping sides and concave base		0.37	0.39	0.15
1289	fill			LBA	Primary fill of posthole 1272	3	11.55	11.47	145/205		Firm mid yellowish brown to greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, pot, SF, BF charcoal	artefact rich	0.60	0.60	0.15
1290	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1291	3	11.57		140/205		Firm mid to dark grey brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.73	0.69	0.30
1291	cut	1290		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.27	140/205		Sub-circular with concave sides and concave base		0.73	0.69	0.30
1292	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1293	3.3	11.65		145/210	138	Moderately compacted mid greyish brown sandy gravelly silt		0.35	0.30	0.28
1293	cut	1292		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.65	11.39	145/210		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.35	0.30	0.28
1294	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1295	3.6	11.59		145/205		Soft mid to dark greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles/cobbles, occa charcoal, daub		0.50	0.76	0.58
1295	cut	1294		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.59	11.01	145/205		Circular with 'ramp' on E and near vertical sides and flat base		0.50	0.76	0.58
1296	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1297	3	11.59		140/200		Firm mid grey brown with dark grey mottling sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		>0.49	0.60	0.16
1297	cut	1296		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.43	140/200		Sub-circular/oval with steep sides and	truncated by 1205	>0.49	0.60	0.16

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1298	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole(s) 1299	3	11.59		150/215	139	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.50	1.08	0.17
1299	cut	1298		LBA	Posthole (possibly 2)	3	11.59	11.46	150/215		Irregular with variably steep sides and irregular base - possible 'ramp'	possibly setting for 2 or even 3 posts/recut posthole	0.50	1.08	0.17
1300	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1301	3.6	11.53		145/205		Loose mid orangey brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles		0.26	0.26	0.18
1301	cut	1300		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.53	11.35	145/205		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.26	0.26	0.18
1302	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1303]	6	11.76	11.65	140-145/200		Firm mid to dark grey brown sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles		0.72	0.74	0.20
1303	cut	1302		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.76	11.54	140-145/200		Sub-square with steep sides and flat base		0.72	0.74	0.20
1304	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole(s) 1305	3.4	11.75	11.64	140-145/200		Firm; mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay		0.92	0.35	0.45
1305	cut	1304		LBA	Posthole (possibly 2)	3.4	11.75	11.28	140-145/200		Uncertain shape with steep sides and flat base	truncated, possible two postholes or a post-extraction recut	0.92	0.35	0.45
1306	fill			LBA	1F of posthole [1307]	3.4	11.4		145/205		Moderate mid orangish greyish brown gravelly silty sand		0.37	0.32	0.17
1307	cut	1306		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.5	11.24	145/205		sub-circular with vertical sides and concave base		0.41	0.4	0.30
1308	fill			LBA	Fill of small pit	3	11.67		135/205-210	140	Firm mid grey brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.84	0.73	0.24
1309	cut	1308		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.67	11.43	135/205-210		Sub-rectangular with steep sides and flat base		0.84	0.73	0.24
1310	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3	11.61		145/210	142	Loose mid brown orange sandy silty gravel/pebbles		0.70	0.62	0.28
1311	cut	1310		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.35	145/210		Circular with moderately steep sides and flat base		0.70	0.62	0.28
1312	fill			LBA	2F of posthole [1307]	3.4	11.53	11.5	145/205	143	Moderate mid greyish brown sandy silty		0.41	0.40	0.13
1313	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1314	3	11.57		145/210-215		Loose mid yellowish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles		0.43	0.31	0.22
1314	cut	1314		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.36	145/210-215		Oval with steep sides and rounded base		0.43	0.31	0.22
1315	fill			LBA	Fill of pit [1316]	3	11.62		150/205	145	Soft mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, BF		>1.80	1.10	0.25
1316	cut	1316		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.62	11.41	150/205		Sub-rectangular/irregular with gradual sloping sides and flat base	Truncated by modern intrusion to NE	>1.80	1.10	0.25
1317	fill			LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.58		140/205		Firm mid grey brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.36	0.44	0.23
1318	cut	1318		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.58	11.35	140/205		Sub-circular with steep sides and		0.36	0.44	0.23

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1319	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole [1320]	3.4	11.52	11.5	145/205		Moderate mid greyish brown sandy silt		0.59	0.3	0.24
1320	cut	1320		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.52	11.29	145/205		Uncertain shape with vertical sides and flat base	truncated	0.59	0.3	0.24
1321	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1322]	6	11.57		150-155/220-225		Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles, occa slag, CTP		1.44	1.40	0.27
1322	cut	1322		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.57	11.26	150-155/220-225		Circular with steep sides and flat base		1.44	1.40	0.27
1323	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1324	3.4	11.68		140/205		Firm mid grey brown gravelly sandy silt		0.62	0.58	0.19
1324	cut	1324		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.68	11.49	140/205		sub-circular with steep sides and flat base	truncated	0.62	0.58	0.19
1325	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1326	3.4	11.59		145/200		Firm mid to dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.31	>0.26	0.23
1326	cut	1326		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.59	11.36	145/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.31	>0.26	0.23
1327	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1328	3	11.57		140/200		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles		0.37	0.37	0.05
1328	cut	1328		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.39	140/200		Sun-circular with possible 'ramp' to W, steep sides and concave base	badly horizontally truncated	0.37	0.37	0.05
1329	fill			PMed	Fill of posthole 1330	3	11.6		140/200		Firm mid to dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles		?	?	?
1330	cut	1330		PMed	Posthole	3	11.6	11.51	140/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		?	?	?
1331	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1332	3	11.5		150/220		Firm mid brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.38	0.32	0.20
1332	cut	1332		LBA	Posthole	3	11.5	11.36	150/220		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.38	0.32	0.20
1333	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1334	3	11.52		145/220		Firm mid brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.35	0.26
1334	cut	1334		LBA	Posthole	3	11.52	11.26	145/220		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.40	0.35	0.26
1335	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1336	3	11.5		145-150/220		Firm light brown silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.65	0.70	0.11
1336	cut	1336		LBA	Posthole	3	11.5	11.39	145-150/220		Circular with moderately sloping sides and concave base		0.65	0.70	0.11
1337	fill			LBA	Fill of stake/posthole 1338	3.6	11.56		145/205		Moderate greyish mid to light brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.25	0.16	0.27
1338	cut	1338		LBA	stake/posthole	3.6	11.56	11.49	145/205		Oval with near vertical sides and concave base		0.25	0.16	0.27

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1339	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1340	3	11.59		145/210		moderately compacted mid greyish orangey brown sandy gravelly silt		0.40	0.40	0.25
1340	cut	1340		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.34	145/210		circular with steep sides and concave base		0.40	0.40	0.25
1341	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1342	3	11.6		145/210		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, daub		0.32	0.40	0.20
1342	cut	1342		LBA	Posthole	3	11.6	11.41	145/210		Oval with steep sides and rounded base		0.32	0.40	0.20
1343	fill			LBA	secondary fill of posthole 1344	3	11.58	11.54	150/205		Soft light yellowish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		>0.60	>0.60	0.20
1344	cut	1344		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.24	150/205		Unknown with moderately sloping sides and concave base	truncated to N, E and S	>0.60	>0.60	0.20
1345	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1346	3	11.54		150-155/215-220		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.24	0.33	0.18
1346	cut	1346		LBA	Posthole	3	11.54	11.38	150-155/215-220		Sub-circular with moderately steep sides and concave base	truncated by 1322 to N	>0.24	0.33	0.18
1347	fill			LBA	Primary fill of posthole [1344]	3	11.4		150/205		Loose light brownish yellow gravelly sandy silt, occa pebbles		0.30	0.30	0.15
1348	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1349	3.6	11.59		145/205		Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.14	0.14	0.20
1349	cut	1348		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.59	11.39	145/205		Circular with near vertical sides and tapered base	stakehole	0.14	0.14	0.20
1350	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1351	3.3	11.63	11.59	150/210		Moderately compacted mid brown grey orangey; sandy gravelly silt		0.40	0.35	0.28
1351	cut	1350		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.63	11.35	150/210		circular with steep sides and tapered base		0.40	0.35	0.28
1352	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1353	3.4	11.55		140/205	147	Firm mid grey brown gravelly sandy silt		0.74	0.63	0.39
1353	cut	1352		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.55	11.16	140/205		Sub-circular with steep and concave base		0.74	0.63	0.39
1354	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1354]	6	11.46		140/200		Firm mid to dark greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, pot glass		0.58	0.52	0.27
1355	cut	1354		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.46	11.14	140/200		Sub-rectangular with steep sides and concave base	evidently 2 features - split into 2 with 1354/1355	0.58	0.52	0.27
1356	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1357	3	11.6		145/220		Firm mid brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.45	0.29
1357	cut	1356		LBA	Posthole	3	11.6	11.31	145/220		Circular with moderately sloping sides and flat base		0.40	0.45	0.29
1358	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3	11.56		150/210		Friable mid greyish brown silty sandy,		0.12	0.14	0.19

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					1359						mod gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles				
1359	cut	1358		LBA	stakehole	3	11.56	11.37	150/210		Circular with near vertical sides and tapered base		0.12	0.14	0.19
1360	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1361	3	11.56		150/210		Friable mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.28	0.28	0.19
1361	cut	1360		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.42	150/210		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.28	0.28	0.19
1362	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1363	3	11.56		150/210		Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.18	0.16	0.19
1363	cut	1362		LBA	Stakehole	3	11.56	11.37	150/210		Circular with near vertical sides and tapered base		0.18	0.16	0.19
1364	fill			LBA	Fill of postholes 1365	3	11.6		150/205		Moderate brownish mid grey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa pot, BF, charcoal, daub		0.80	>0.40	0.45
1365	fill	1364		LBA	Posthole double/recut	3	11.6	11.16	150/205		irregular/oval with near vertical sides and double concave base	truncated to E by modern intrusion double post setting/recut posthole	0.80	>0.40	0.45
1366	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1367	3	11.61		145/215	155	Moderate mid brown grey sandy gravelly silt, freq pot	ritual deposited pot?	>0.21	>0.36	0.29
1367	cut	1366		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.32	145/215		Sub-circular/irregular with near vertical sides and concave base	truncated by 1499 to S and 1483 to E;	>0.21	>0.36	0.29
1368	fill			LBA	Fill of pit [1369]	3	11.47		140/215	148	Loose dark brownish black sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, charcoal, pot	conjoinable pot and lots of charcoal- ritual?	0.60	0.60	0.10
1369	cut	1368		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.47	11.38	140/215		Circular with concave sides and even sloping base		0.60	0.60	0.10
1370	fill			PMed	Fill of [1371]	6	11.58		150/220		Loose mid greenish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles, CTP		>1.10	0.66	0.22
1371	cut	1370		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.58	11.24	150/220		Irregular with steep sides and flat base		>1.10	0.66	0.22
1372	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1373	3	11.64		145/220		Firm mid brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles, pot, BF		0.40	0.50	0.30
1373	cut	1372		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.34	145/220		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.40	0.50	0.30
1374	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1375	3	11.59		140/205		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.40	>0.40	0.10
1375	cut	1374		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.42	140/205		Circular with concave sides and concave base	truncated by 1377 to SE and 1291 to SW	>0.40	>0.40	0.10
1376	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1377	3	11.5		140/205		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.45	0.45	0.24
1377	cut	1376		LBA	Posthole	3	11.5	11.28	140/205		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.45	0.45	0.24
1378	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1379	3	11.66	11.6	140/205-210		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, BF		0.60	0.60	0.40
1379	cut	1378		LBA	Posthole	3	11.66	11.23	140/205-		Sub-circular with concave sides and		0.60	0.60	0.40

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									210		concave base				
1380	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1381	3	11.63		145/210		Moderate mid greyish brown sandy gravelly silt		0.28	0.26	0.14
1381	cut	1380		LBA	Posthole	3	11.63	11.49	145/210		Circular with gradually sloping sides and tapering base	?stakehole	0.28	0.26	0.14
1382	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1383	3	11.62		145/220	156	Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles/cobbles, BF, occa pot, daub, charcoal, clay weight	artefact rich - ritual?	0.55	0.55	0.35
1383	cut	1382		LBA	Posthole	3	11.62	11.29	145/220		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	ritual?	0.55	0.55	0.35
1384	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1385	3	11.57		145/220	157	Friable dark yellowish brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles, occa BF, pot, pot		0.45	>0.25	0.20
1385	cut	1384		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.34	145/220		Oval with vertical sides and concave base	truncated to SW by modern intrusion	0.45	>0.25	0.20
1386	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1387	3	11.66		140/205		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.10	0.10	0.12
1387	cut	1386		LBA	stakehole	3	11.66	11.57	140/205		Circular with near vertical sides and tapered base		0.10	0.10	0.12
1388	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1389	3	11.62		140/205		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.09	0.09	0.11
1389	cut	1388		LBA	stakehole	3	11.62	11.51	140/205		Circular with near vertical sides and tapered base		0.09	0.09	0.11
1390	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1391	3	11.48		140/205		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.12	0.12	0.05
1391	cut	1390		LBA	stakehole	3	11.48	11.43	140/205		Circular with near vertical sides and tapered base		0.12	0.12	0.05
1392	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1393	3	11.53		140/205		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		0.07	0.07	0.05
1393	cut	1392		LBA	Stakehole	3	11.53	11.48	140/205		Circular with near vertical sides and tapered base		0.07	0.07	0.05
1394	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1395	3	11.61		140/210		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.50	0.50	0.30
1395	cut	1394		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.3	140/210	150	Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.50	0.50	0.30
1396	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1397	3.3	11.57		150/205		Friable mid greyish brown; gravelly sandy silt		0.26	0.22	0.15
1397	cut	1396		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.57	11.42	150/205		Circular with steep to concave sides and concave base	cut by [1096]	0.26	0.22	0.15
1398	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1399	3	11.57		150/205		Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.14	0.14	0.15
1399	cut	1398		LBA	Stakehole	3	11.57	11.46	150/205		Circular with steep sides and tapered base		0.14	0.14	0.15
1400	fill			PMed	Fill of [pit 1401]	6	11.58		125/200		Stiff mid to dark brownish grey gravelly silt-clay, occa CBM, shell	not fully excavated	>2.05	>1.40	>0.50

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1401	cut	1400		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.58	TBA	125/200		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and base not excavated	not fully excavated	>2.05	>1.40	>0.50
1402	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1403	3	11.57		135-140/210	151	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.70	0.65	0.10
1403	cut	1402		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.48	135-140/210		Rounded with concave sides and concave base		0.70	0.65	0.10
1404	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1405	3.4	11.6		140/205		Firm mid brown grey gravelly sandy silt		0.31	0.31	0.1
1405	cut	1404		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.6	11.52	140/205		sub-circular with gradual sides and concave base		0.31	0.31	0.1
1406	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1407	3.4	11.6		140/205		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt		0.37	0.37	0.27
1407	cut	1406		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.6	11.52	140/205		sub-circular with vertical to steep sides and concave base		0.37	0.37	0.27
1408	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1409	3.4	11.56		140/205		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt		0.30	0.30	0.12
1409	cut	1408		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.56	11.46	140/205		Sub-circular with vertical to steep sides and concave base		0.30	0.30	0.12
1410	layer	1410		PMed	Sandy silt layer	6	11.63	11.59	150/205		Moderate mottled orangey brown/grey sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles, charcoal, CBM		1.50	1.10	0.10
1411	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1412	3	11.53		150/205		Moderate mid grey brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, charcoal		0.40	0.40	0.19
1412	cut	1412		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.34	150/205		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and slightly concave base		0.40	0.40	0.19
1413	fill			LBA	Fill of pit [1414]	3	11.54		150/205		Moderate mottled orange mid brown/grey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		1.40	0.70	0.37
1414	cut	1414		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.54	11.19	150/205		Sub-rectangular with near vertical sides and flat base	truncated to W by 1412, to S and N by modern truncation	1.40	0.70	0.37
1415	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole1416	3.4	11.6		140/205		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt		0.23	0.23	0.08
1416	cut	1416		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.6	11.52	140/205		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.23	0.23	0.08
1417	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1418	3	11.49		140/210		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.10	0.10	0.08
1418	cut	1418		LBA	Stakehole	3	11.49	11.41	140/210		Circular with steep sides and tapered base		0.10	0.10	0.08
1419	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1420	3	11.56		140/215		Firm mid greyish brown to reddish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.60	0.60	0.20
1420	cut	1420		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.37	140/215		Circular with concave sides and concave base		0.60	0.60	0.20
1421	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3	11.53		140/215		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa		0.40	0.40	0.20

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					1422						gravel/pebbles				
1422	cut	1422		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.47	140/215		Circular with concave sides and concave base		0.40	0.40	0.20
1423	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1424	3.3	11.59		155/205		moderately compacted mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	some large nodules<110mm	0.3	0.28	0.15
1424	cut	1424		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.59	11.44	155/205		Circular with steep to concave sides and concave base		0.3	0.28	0.15
1425	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1426	3.3	11.58		155/205		Friable to loose dark orangey brown gravelly silty sand	(darker fill - could this be later than the others but truncate an original one??)	0.38	0.38	0.15
1426	cut	1426		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.58	11.43	155/205		Circular with steep to concave sides and concave base		0.38	0.38	0.15
1427	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1428	3.3	11.6		145/210		Moderately compacted mid orangish greyish brown gravelly silty sand		0.31	0.3	0.27
1428	cut	1428		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.6	11.31	145/210		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.31	0.3	0.27
1429	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1430	3.3	11.6		145/210		moderately compacted mid orangish greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.38	0.32	0.3
1430	cut	1430		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.6	11.3	145/210		sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.38	0.32	0.3
1431	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1432	3	11.58		140/200		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt-clay, mod gravel, occa pebbles/cobbles, charcoal		0.26	0.26	0.20
1432	cut	1432		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.42	140/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.26	0.26	0.20
1433	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1434]	6	11.58		140-145/210-215		Loose mid orange brown sandy silt-clay, mod gravel/pebbles		2.13	0.63	0.32
1434	cut	1434		PMed	Pit cut prob post med	6	11.58	11.28	140-145/210-215		Irregularly shaped with steep sides and uneven base		2.13	0.63	0.32
1435	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1436	3	11.66		140/215		Firm mid grey brown gravelly sandy silt, freq pebbles, occa charcoal		0.71	0.68	0.37
1436	cut	1436		LBA	Posthole	3	11.66	11.29	140/215	160	Circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.71	0.68	0.37
1437	fill			LBA	Fill of pit [1438]	3	11.67		145-150/215	152	Moderate mid orangey brown grey, gravelly sandy silt		1.10	>1.24	0.59
1438	cut	1438		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.67	10.95	145-150/215		Sub-rectangular with gradually sloping sides and even but sloping base	truncated to S by modern intrusion	1.10	>1.24	0.59
1439	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1440	3.3	11.56		145/210		Moderately compacted mid orangish greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.3	0.3	0.29
1440	cut	1440		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.56	11.28	145/210		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.3	0.3	0.29

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1441	fill			PMed	Fill of posthole 1442	6	11.48		150/220		Loose mid yellowish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.30	>0.16	0.20
1442	cut	1442		PMed	Posthole	6	11.48	11.24	150/220		Irregularly shaped with gently sloping sides and flat base		>0.30	>0.16	0.20
1443	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1444	3.3	11.48		150/210		Moderately compacted mid orangish greyish brown gravelly silty sand		0.24	0.22	0.14
1444	cut	1444		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.48	11.34	150/210		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base		0.24	0.22	0.14
1445	fill	1447		PMed	Fill of construction cut [1447]	6	11.57		120/205		Friable dark grey brown sandy silt-clay, occa glass	not fully excavated	2.50	2.00	?
1446	masonry	1447		PMed	Anderson Shelter	6	11.45	11.42	120/205		Concrete Anderson shelter base	not fully excavated	2.50	2.00	?
1447	cut	1447		PMed	Anderson Shelter cut [1446]	6	11.57	11.42	120/205		Rectangular with steep sides and unexcavated base	not fully excavated	2.50	2.00	?
1448	fill			LBA	Fill of Pit/posthole 1449	3	11.6		135-140/205		Firm light to mid grey brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.57	1.14	0.17
1449	cut	1448		LBA	Pit/posthole	3	11.6	11.43	135-140/205		Irregular/oval with steep sides and flat base		0.57	1.14	0.17
1450	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1451	3	11.6		145/210		Moderate orange greyish mid brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.15	0.13	0.20
1451	cut	1450		LBA	Posthole	3	11.6	11.39	145/210		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base	Stakehole	0.15	0.13	0.20
1452	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1453	3	11.62		145/210		Moderate orange greyish mid brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.15	0.13	0.20
1453	cut	1452		LBA	Posthole	3	11.62	11.42	145/210		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base	Stakehole	0.15	0.13	0.19
1454	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1455]	6	11.6		120-125/200		Firm mid to dark grey brown gravelly silt-clay, occa coal frags		2.02	1.04	0.64
1455	cut	1454		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.6	10.96	120-125/200		Rectangular with near vertical sides and flat base		2.02	1.04	0.64
1456	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1457	3	11.54		140/210	154	Moderate dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq pebbles, occa gravel charcoal, cobbles		0.54	0.56	0.41
1457	cut	1456		LBA	Posthole	3	11.54	11.13	140/210		Circular near vertical sides and concave base		0.54	0.56	0.41
1458	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1459	3	11.58		145/210		Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles	Stakehole	0.24	0.23	0.10
1459	cut	1458		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.52	145/210		Circular with steep sides and taper base	Stakehole	0.24	0.23	0.10
1460	fill			LBA	Fill of pit [1461]	3	11.67		135/205	153	Loose mid grey brown gravelly sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		1.28	0.65	0.38

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1461	cut	1460		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.67	11.29	135/205		Sub-rounded/oval with steep sides and concave base	truncated by 1449 to S and 1209 to W	1.28	0.65	0.38
1462	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1463	3	11.56		145/210		Moderate greyish mid to dark brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa pot		>0.22	0.42	0.34
1463	cut	1462		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.2	145/210		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base	truncated to S by modern intrusion	>0.22	0.42	0.34
1464	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1465	3	11.64		150/215		Mod mid greyish brown sandy gravelly silt		0.60	>0.54	0.28
1465	cut	1464		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.36	150/215		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base	truncated to W by 1438	0.60	>0.54	0.28
1466	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1467	3	11.54		145/210		Moderate orange greyish mid brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.16	0.20	0.20
1467	cut	1466		LBA	Posthole	3	11.54	11.34	145/210		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and tapered base	Stakehole	0.16	0.20	0.20
1468	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1469	3	11.56		145/210		Moderate orange greyish mid brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.18	0.31	0.27
1469	cut	1468		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.32	145/210		Semi-circular with near vertical sides and concave base	truncated to S by modern intrusion	>0.18	0.31	0.27
1470	fill			PMed	Fill of Anderson Shelter [1547]	6	11.64		145/210-215		Loose mid orange/brown to greyish brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles and cobbles, CBM		3.46	2.40	0.58
1471	cut	1471		PMed	Anderson Shelter	6	11.42	11.31	120/215-220		Partially demolished concrete and steel framed Anderson shelter		2.76	1.56	0.53
1472	cut	1472	103	LBA	enclosure ditch	3.1	11.57	10.94	120-125/200-210		Curvilinear 45 degree sloping sides and concave base	Enclosure Ditch	13.80	1.60	0.63
1473	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1474	3	11.57		150/215	158	Loose mid yellowish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles	lots pot	>1.23	1.00	0.20
1474	cut	1474		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.32	150/215		Irregular with mod to steep sloping sides and irregular base	truncate to W by 1299; double post setting/recut posthole	>1.23	1.00	0.20
1475	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1476	3.3	11.58		150/210		Friable mid to dark greyish brown gravelly sandy silt	truncated	0.46	0.22	0.25
1476	cut	1476		LBA	Posthole	3.3	11.58	11.33	150/210		Circular with steep side and concave base	truncated	0.46	0.22	0.25
1477	fill	1472	103	LBA	5F of 1472 Slot 3	3.1	11.66	11.61	120/205		Firm dark brownish grey gravelly sandy silt	latest fill of enclosure ditch	0.60	0.75	0.10
1478	fill			LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1479	3	11.56		140/210	159	Firm light brownish yellow sandy silt; occa gravel and pebbles		1.30	0.90	0.30
1479	cut	1479		LBA	ovoid cut	33	11.56	11.26	140/210		Oval/sub-rectangular with steep sides and flat base		1.30	0.90	0.30
1480	fill			PMed	Fill of 20th century rubbish	6	11.52		125/205		Friable dark grey gravelly sandy silt-clay, occa metal objects	not fully excavated	1.15	1.64	?

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					pit 1481										
1481	cut	1481		PMed	20th century rubbish pit	6	11.52	>9.51	125/205		Oval with near vertical sides and unexcavated base	not fully excavated	1.15	1.64	?
1482	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1483	3	11.63		145/215		Moderate mid greyish brown sandy gravelly silt		0.45	0.50	0.22
1483	cut	1483		LBA	Posthole	3	11.63	11.41	145/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.45	0.50	0.22
1484	layer	1484		Natural	silting layer	1	11.66	11.64	150/210-215		Moderate orange greyish mid brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles	fill of depression/puddle	1.60	0.60	0.05
1485	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1486	3	11.63		150/215		Moderate orange greyish mid brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.33	0.31	0.22
1486	cut	1486		LBA	Posthole	3	11.63	11.41	150/215		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.33	0.31	0.22
1487	fill			LBA	Fill of possible linear 1488	3	11.56		125/200-205		Firm light to mid orange brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		>1.20	>1.00	0.20
1488	cut	1488		LBA	Linear? Slot	3	11.56	11.35	125/200-205		Irregular with steep sides and slightly uneven base	Truncated to W by [1472] and to S by 1455	>1.20	>1.00	0.20
1489	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1490	3	11.53		140/210-215		Firm light brownish yellow sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		>0.70	0.70	0.25
1490	cut	1490		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.29	140/210-215		Oval with steep sides and concave base	Truncated by 1479 to SW	>0.70	0.70	0.25
1491	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1492	3	11.58		150/215		Loose mid yellowish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.34	0.32	0.13
1492	cut	1492		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.42	150/215		Circular sharp sloping sides and concave base	truncated to S by 1474	>0.34	0.32	0.13
1493	fill		103	LBA	4F of 1472 Slot 3	3.1	11.61	11.53	120-125/200-210		Stiff, loose mid greyish brown poorly sorted sandy silty gravel/pebbles, occa flecks of daub	tertiary fill collapsed internal bank in enclosure ditch	13.8	0.56	0.55
1494	fill		103	LBA	2F of 1472 Slot 3	3.1	11.66	11.26	120-125/200-210		Firm to loose mid to light orange brown poorly sorted sandy silty gravel	secondary fill of enclosure ditch	13.80	0.65	0.50
1495	fill		103	LBA	2F of 1472 Slot 3	3.1	11.61	11.03	120-125/200-210		Firm to loose mid to light orange brown poorly sorted silty gravelly sand	secondary fill slumped material on east side of ditch	13.80	0.55	0.50
1496	fill		103	LBA	1F of 1472 Slot 3	3.1	11.56	11.03	120-125/200-210		Soft dark grey silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles	primary fill of enclosure ditch silting	13.80	0.05	0.55
1497	fill		103	LBA	1F of 1472 Slot 3	3.1	11.55	11.13	120-125/200-210		Soft dark grey silt-clay freg gravel/pebbles	primary fill of enclosure ditch silting	13.80	0.05	0.40
1498	fill			LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1499	3	11.64		145/215	162	Moderate dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, mod BF occa		0.77	0.74	0.33

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											pot, charcoal				
1499	cut			LBA	Ovoid cut	3	11.64	11.31	145/215		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and flat base	truncated by 1483 to NE	0.77	0.74	0.33
1500	fill			PMed	Fill of Anderson Shelter [1501]	6	11.47		125/205		Soft dark greyish brown sandy silt-clay, occa charcoal	not fully excavated	1.78	>0.60	>0.59
1501	cut			PMed	Modern cut assoc with Anderson Shelter	6	11.47	10.88	125/205		Sub-circular with vertical sides and unexcavated base	not fully excavated	1.78	>0.60	>0.59
1502	fill			PMed	backfill of Anderson Shelter 1501	6	11.55	11.49	120/215-220		Firm dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, freq concrete frags, CBM, mod gravel/pebbles	demolished Anderson shelter 1471	2.65	1.36	0.27
1503	fill			PMed	Backfill of Anderson Shelter c/cut 1501	6	11.55	11.49	120/215-220		Firm mid brown sandy silt-clay	backfill of Anderson shelter	2.10	0.25	0.27
1504	cut			PMed	C/cut of Anderson Shelter 1501	6	11.55	11.16	120/215-220		Rectangular with near vertical sides and flat base	cut for Anderson shelter	3.40	2.10	0.27
1505	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1506]	6	11.49		120/215		Firm dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, freq lenses of ?lime mortar, occa CBM		1.40	1.50	0.55
1506	cut	1506		PMed	19th century rubbish pit	6	11.49	10.97	120/215		Circular with near vertical sides and flat base		1.40	1.50	0.55
1507	fill of 1508			LBA	Fill of 1508 ?terminal	3.1	11.5		120/215	179	Loose mid brown sandy silty gravel	fill of enclosure ditch; lots pot	1.90	1.70	0.60
1508	cut	1508	104	LBA	Enclosure ditch	3.1	11.5	10.83	120/215		Llinear with 45 degree sloping sides and concave base	Enclosure ditch terminal	7.70	1.70	0.60
1509	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1510]	6	11.48		140/215		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		>0.75	>0.75	0.15
1510	fill	1510		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.48	11.33	140/215		Irregular rectangular with gently sloping sides and concave base		>0.75	>0.75	0.15
1511	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1512	3	11.7		145/215		Moderate dark greyish brown sandy gravelly silt		0.38	0.35	0.09
1512	cut	1512		LBA	Posthole	3	11.7	11.61	145/215		Circular with gradual sides and concave base		0.38	0.35	0.09
1513	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1514	3	11.65		155/215		Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.46	0.47	0.35
1514	cut	1514		LBA	Posthole	3	11.65	11.31	155/215		Circular sharp sloping sides and concave base		0.46	0.47	0.35
1515	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1516	3	11.59		150/210		Loose mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles, occa cobbles		0.30	0.30	0.14
1516	cut	1516		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.45	150/210		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.30	0.30	0.14
1517	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3	11.61		150/220		Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt,		0.40	0.39	0.23

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					1518						mod gravels/pebbles, occa charcoal				
1518	cut	1518		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.38	150/220		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.40	0.39	0.23
1519	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1520	3	11.64	11.55	140/215		Firm mid brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		2.00	>1.15	0.55
1520	cut	1520		LBA	Posthole date uncertain	3	11.64	11.1	140/215		Oval/sub-rectangular with steep sides and concave base	truncated to N and E by modern intrusion	2.00	>1.15	0.55
1521	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1522	3	11.63		145/215		Loose mid orange brown sandy silty gravel		0.40	0.30	0.62
1522	cut	1522		LBA	Posthole	3	11.63	11.02	145/215		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and taped base	truncated by 1499 to NE - large stakehole?	0.40	0.30	0.62
1523	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1524	3	11.62		145/220		Loose mid reddish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.49	0.48	0.28
1524	cut	1524		LBA	Posthole	3	11.62	11.33	145/220		Circular with sharply sloping sides and concave base		0.49	0.48	0.28
1525	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1526	3	11.61		150/220		friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.44	0.41	0.20
1526	cut	1526		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.41	150/220		Circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.44	0.41	0.20
1527	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1528	3	11.58		150/220	127	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.36	0.33	0.22
1528	cut	1528		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.36	150/220		Circular with moderate steep sides and concave base		0.36	0.33	0.22
1529	fill			LBA	Fill of possible linear cut 1530	3	11.61		150/220		Friable dark grey brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		>0.90	0.46	0.15
1530	cut	1530		LBA	possible linear	3	11.61	11.46	150/220		Linear with moderate steep sides and concave to flat base	truncated to NE by eval trench	>0.90	0.46	0.15
1531	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1532	3	11.6		140/215	165	Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.50	0.50	0.20
1532	cut	1532		LBA	Posthole	3	11.6	11.39	140/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.50	0.50	0.20
1533	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1534	3.4	11.46		140/200		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt		0.50	0.50	0.32
1534	cut	1534		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.46	11.14	140/200		Circular with concave sides and concave base	truncated	0.50	0.50	0.32
1535	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1536	3	11.43		150/200		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.30	0.20	0.13
1536	cut	1536		LBA	Posthole	3	11.43	11.3	150/200		Circular with vertical sides and rounded base		0.30	0.20	0.13
1537	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1538	3	11.44		150/200		Firm dark greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles		0.10	0.10	0.12
1538	cut	1538		LBA	Posthole	3	11.44	11.32	150/200		Circular with concave to vertical sides and rounded base	?stakehole	0.10	0.10	0.12
1539	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3	11.61		140/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa		0.30	0.30	0.25

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					1540						gravel/pebbles				
1540	cut	1540		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.37	140/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated to E by modern intrusion	0.30	0.30	0.25
1541	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1542	3	11.57		150/220		Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.45	0.44	0.21
1542	cut	1542		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.36	150/220		Circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.45	0.44	0.21
1543	fill			LBA	Fill of pit [1544]	3	11.63	11.6	145/215	166	Moderate mid orangey brown sandy silty gravel		1.08	>1.02	0.29
1544	cut	1544		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.63	11.34	145/215		Oval/sub-rectangular with vertical sides and flat base	truncated to E by modern intrusion	1.08	>1.02	0.29
1545	cut	1545		LBA	Posthole filled with 1558	3	11.58	11.4	145/215		Sub-circular with concave sides and rounded base	truncated by1547 and modern intrusion to W and N	0.58	>0.42	0.20
1546	cut	1546		LBA	Posthole filled with 1559	3	11.58	11.26	145/215		Sub-circular with steep sides and rounded base	truncated to W by 1547	0.58	>0.40	0.36
1547	cut	1547		PMed	irregular cut	6	11.63	11.04	145-145/210-215		Irregular - linear with steep sides and sloping base	truncated	>1.18	>1.84	0.58
1548	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1549	3	11.54		140/215	169	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.80	0.80	0.37
1549	cut	1549		LBA	Posthole	3	11.54	11.17	140/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated by 1520 to SW and modern intrusions to W and S	0.80	0.80	0.37
1550	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1551	3.6	11.66		145/200		Firm mid to dark brownish grey sandy silt	BF (180) and daub recorded from 1220 may more likely have been from here?	0.74	>0.54	0.39
1551	cut	1551		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.66	11.27	145/200		Circular with concave sides and rounded base	truncated to E by 1220. This and 1220 excavated as one feature -	0.74	>0.54	0.39
1552	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1553	3	11.58		145/215		Loose dark greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.27	>0.19	0.19
1553	cut	1553		LBA	Posthole	3	11.58	11.42	145/215		Sub-circular with steep sides and tapered base	truncated to NE by modern intrusion	0.27	>0.19	0.19
1554	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1555	3	11.65		145/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.45	>0.30	0.20
1555	cut	1555		LBA	Posthole	3	11.65	11.44	145/215		Sub-circular/sub-square with steep sides and concave base	truncated to N by modern intrusion	0.45	>0.30	0.20
1556	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1557	3	11.56		145/220		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.25	0.26	0.15
1557	cut	1557		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.4	145/220		Circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.25	0.26	0.15

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1558	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole [1545]	3	11.5		145/215		Loose mid orange greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.58	0.42	0.20
1559	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole [1546]	3	11.58		145/215		Loose mid orange greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	truncated	0.58	0.40	0.36
1560	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1560	3	11.53		155/220		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.63	>0.55	0.31
1561	cut	1561		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.22	155/220		Circular with concave to vertical sides and slightly concave base	continued E beyond LOE	0.63	>0.55	0.31
1562	fill	1563		PMed	Fill of pit [1563]	6	11.57		120-125/215-220		Moderate mid brown grey gravelly sandy silt-clay, mod pot, CBM, CTP	not fully excavated	2.30	2.98	>1.00
1563	cut	1563		PMed	Rubbish pit	6	11.57	10.68	120-125/215-220		Circular with near vertical sides and unexcavated base	not fully excavated	2.30	2.98	>1.00
1564	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1565	3	11.55		125/200		Firm mid brown grey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.35	0.40	0.15
1565	cut	1565		LBA	Posthole	3	11.55	11.38	125/200		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.35	0.40	0.15
1566	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1567	3	11.58		145/215		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.18	>0.12	0.10
1567	cut	1567		LBA	stakehole	3	11.58	11.5	145/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated to N by modern intrusion; stakehole	0.18	>0.12	0.10
1568	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1569	3	11.58		145/215		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	stakehole	0.18	0.16	0.10
1569	cut	1567		LBA	Stakehole	3	11.58	11.51	145/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base	stakehole	0.18	0.16	0.10
1570	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1571	3	11.59		145/215		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.26	0.28	0.23
1571	cut	1571		LBA	Posthole	3	11.59	11.33	145/215		Oval with steep sides and concave base		0.26	0.28	0.23
1572	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole 1573	3	11.6		145/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.12	0.14	0.10
1573	cut	1567		LBA	Stakehole	3	11.6	11.52	145/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base	stakehole	0.12	0.14	0.10
1574	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1575	3	11.57		145/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		>0.30	0.35	0.20
1575	cut	1567		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.4	145/215		Sub-square/circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated to N by modern intrusion	>0.30	0.35	0.20
1576	fill			LBA	Fill of possible fire pit [1577]	3	11.6	11.54	145/215	172	Loose mid yellowish brown silty sandy gravel, freq burnt flint	'c.50-70% of gravel in top of fill are burnt' evidently not collected!!!! Hearth or hearth sweepings	0.70	1.05	0.20

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1577	cut	1577		LBA	possible fire pit	3	11.6	11.4	145/215		Sub-rectangular with steep sides and concave base		0.70	1.05	0.20
1578	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1579	3	11.64		145/220		Moderate orange greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal		0.44	0.46	0.35
1579	cut	1579		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.28	145/220		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.44	0.46	0.35
1580	fill of 1472		105	LBA	5F of 1472 Slot 5	3.1	11.54	11.51	120/2120	173	Soft mid orange brown sandy clay-silt, freq gravel/pebbles	fill of enclosure ditch	2.05	1.10	0.20
1581	fill of 1472		105	LBA	4F of 1472 Slot 5	3.1	11.55	11.51	120/2120	174	Friable mid grey brown silty gravel/pebbles	fill of enclosure ditch	1.64	0.65	0.05
1582	fill of 1472		105	LBA	1F 1472 Slot 5	3.1	11.12	10.98	120/2120	175	Loose mid grey brown silty sandy gravel/pebbles	fill of enclosure ditch		0.65	0.36
1583	fill of 1472		105	LBA	3F 1472 Slot 5	3.1	11.51	11.43	120/2120	176	Loose light orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles	tertiary fill collapsed internal bank in enclosure ditch	2.05	0.65	0.50
1584	fill of 1472		105	LBA	2F of 1472 Slot 5	3.1	11.51	11	120/2120		Loose dark orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles	thin layer of darker material along ditch edge	2.05	0.20	0.50
1585	fill of 1472		105	LBA	2F of 1472 Slot 5	3.1	11.43	11.12	120/2120		Friable dark grey sandy silt	fill of enclosure ditch	2.05	0.03	0.30
1586	void										Not used				
1587	fill			LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1588	3	11.58		145/215		Loose mid brown gravelly silt, mod gravel/pebbles		>1.05	>0.30	0.45
1588	cut	1588		LBA	Ovoid cut	3	11.58	11.13	145/215		Unknown shape with steep sides and concave base	cut by fire pit 1577 to W and modern intrusions to N, E and S	>1.05	>0.30	0.45
1589	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1590	3	11.64		145/215		Moderate mid brownish grey sandy silty gravel, occa burnt flint		>0.37	0.76	0.21
1590	cut	1590		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.43	145/215		Sub-rectangular with gradually sloping sides and flat base	truncated to S by 1438	>0.37	0.76	0.21
1591	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1592	3	11.59		145/215	177	Firm mid brown gravelly silt with lenses of sand, charcoal		>1.05	1.40	0.17
1592	cut	1592		LBA	Large ?posthole	3	11.59	11.02	145/215		Sub-rectangular with steep sides leading to flat base with a deeper post impression inset (filled with 1593)	truncated to S by modern intrusion, pit with post in base or pit cutting a posthole	>1.05	1.40	0.56
1593	fill			LBA	Fill of large ?posthole [1592]	3	11.41	11.23	145/215		Soft mid yellowish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, charcoal	fill of post indent within 1592	0.40	0.40	0.21
1594	fill of 1508	1508	104	LBA	3F of [1508] Slot 4	3.1	11.49	11.47	125/200		Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	tertiary fill of enclosure ditch			
1595	fill of 1508	1508	104	LBA	2F of 1508 Slot 4	3.1	11.49	11.47	125/200		Loose mid greyish brown silty sandy gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal flecks	possibly from collapsed internal bank			
1596	fill of	1508	104	LBA	1F of 1508 Slot	3.1	11.44	11.02	125/200		friable mid orangey brown sandy silt,	primary natural silting			

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	1508				4						occa gravel/pebbles				
1597	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole or butt end of a linear slot [1598]	3	11.56		145/220		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	truncate to W by modern intrusion	0.40	>0.20	0.17
1598	cut	1598		LBA	Posthole or butt end of a linear slot	3	11.56	11.39	145/220		Semi-circular with vertical sides and flat base	truncate to W by modern intrusion ?poss terminal of 1012?	0.40	>0.20	0.17
1599	fill			PMed	Fill of [1600]	6	11.54	11.44	120-125/210		Friable mid to dark brownish grey sandy clay-silt, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, CBM, slate		2.35	2.42	1.12
1600	cut	1600		PMed	rubbish pit	6	11.54	10.42	120-125/210		Sub-rectangular with near vertical sides and concave base		2.35	2.42	1.12
1601	fill [1472]	1601	105	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	3.1	11.4	11.13	120/210		Friable dark grey sandy silt	poss remnant of pre-recut ditch?	2.05	0.06	0.36
1602	void										Not used				
1603	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3	11.58		145/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.16	0.20	0.20
1604	cut	1567		LBA	stakehole	3	11.58	11.36	145/215		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base	stakehole	0.16	0.20	0.20
1605	fill			LBA	Fill of linear slot	3	11.54		125/215-220		Friable mid orange brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		>1.12	1.05	0.22
1606	cut	1606		LBA	Linear slot	3	11.54	11.32	125/215-220		Linear with moderately steep sides and concave to flat base	truncated to E and W	>1.12	1.05	0.22
1607	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1608 (= [1239?])	3.4	11.63		145/200		Friable dark greyish brown sandy silt		0.55	0.4	0.25
1608	cut	1608		LBA	Posthole = [1240]	3.4	11.63	11.39	145/200		Sub-circular with steep sides and unknown base	truncated	0.55	0.4	0.25
1609	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1610	3.6	11.63		145/200		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/cobbles	lots pot	>0.17	>0.49	0.24
1610	cut	1610		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.63	11.44	145/200		Sub-circular with sharp sloping sides and concave base	truncated to E by 1242, to W by 1609 and N by 1613	>0.17	>0.49	0.24
1611	fill [1472]			LBA	f2F of 1472 Slot 5	3.1	11.32	11.08	120/210		Friable/loose dark brown orange sandy gravel/pebbles	slumping/collapsed bank?	2.05	0.22	0.21
1612	fill			PMed	Fill of modern truncation [1613]	6	11.9		140-150/200-205		Loose dark greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, concrete	not fully excavated	1.20	8.10	?
1613	cut	1613		PMed	Modern truncation	6	11.9	11.7	140-150/200-205		Sub-rectangular with steep sides and unexcavated base	not fully excavated	1.20	8.10	?
1614	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1615	3	11.63		145/215		Loose mid brownish grey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		>0.25	>0.47	0.31
1615	cut	1615		LBA	Posthole	3	11.63	11.35	145/215		Sub-rectangular with steep sides and	truncated to E by 1617	>0.25	>0.47	0.31

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											flat base	and to S by 1592			
1616	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1617	3	11.64		145/215		Loose mid grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		>0.28	0.29	0.11
1617	cut	1617		LBA	Posthole	3	11.64	11.51	145/215		Circular with concave sides and rounded base	truncated to S b 1592	>0.28	0.29	0.11
1618	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1619	3.4	11.55		145/205		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.47	0.16	0.25
1619	cut	1619		LBA	Posthole	3.4	11.55	11.29	145/205		Sub-circular with steep sides and flat base	truncated	0.47	0.16	0.25
1620	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1621	3.6	11.56		145/205		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silty, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.24	0.39	0.13
1621	cut	1621		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.56	11.43	145/205		Sub-circular with sharp sloping sides and flat base	truncated to S by 1613	>0.24	0.39	0.13
1622	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1623	3.6	11.5		140-145/205		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.19	0.33	0.39
1623	cut	1623		LBA	Posthole	3.6	11.5	11.09	140-145/205		Semi-circular with sharp sloping sides and concave base	truncated to S by 1613	>0.19	0.33	0.39
1624	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1625	3	11.53		145/200		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles		0.25	0.23	0.20
1625	cut	1625		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.34	145/200		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.25	0.23	0.20
1626	fill [1472]		103	LBA	3F of 1472 Slot 3	3.1	11.36	11.29	120-125/200-210		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt gravel/pebbles	collapsed internal bank	13.80	0.56	0.33
1627	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1628	3.7	11.48		120/205		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.34	0.34	0.16
1628	cut	1628		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.48	11.36	120/205		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.34	0.34	0.16
1629	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1630	3.7	11.47		120/205		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.24	0.27	0.15
1630	cut	1630		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.47	11.4	120/205		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.24	0.27	0.15
1631	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1632	3.7	11.49		120/205		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.34	0.34	0.16
1632	cut	1632		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.49	11.36	120/205		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.34	0.34	0.16
1633	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1634	3.7	11.54		120/205		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		>0.20	0.22	0.16
1634	cut	1634		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.54	11.37	120/205		Circular with steep sides and concave base	truncate to NE by 1632 and to S by modern intrusion	>0.20	0.22	0.16
1635	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1636	3.7	11.46		120/210		Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles		0.60	0.30	0.24
1636	cut	1635		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.46	11.22	120/210		Oval steep to gentle sides and rounded base	Double posthole setting/recut posthole	0.60	0.30	0.24

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1637	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1638	3.7	11.51		120/215		Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles		0.34	0.30	0.29
1638	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.51	11.22	120/215		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.34	0.30	0.29
1639	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1640	3.7	11.51		120/215		Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles		0.30	0.30	0.24
1640	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.51	11.26	120/215		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.30	0.30	0.24
1641	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1642	3.7	11.48		120/215		Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles		0.41	0.34	0.31
1642	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.48	11.17	120/215		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.41	0.34	0.31
1643	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1644	3.7	11.52		120/215		Firm mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles		0.35	0.35	0.31
1644	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.52	11.21	120/215		Circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.35	0.35	0.31
1645	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1646	3.7	11.51		120/215		Circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.30	0.30	0.34
1646	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.51	11.12	120/215		Circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.30	0.30	0.34
1647	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1648	3	11.52		145/220		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles		0.25	0.30	0.20
1648	cut	1648		LBA	Posthole	3	11.52	11.23	145/220		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.25	0.30	0.20
1649	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1650	3.8	11.55		120/210	180	Firm dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles/cobbles		0.46	0.48	0.23
1650	cut	1650		LBA	Posthole	3.8	11.55	11.22	120/210		Circular with near vertical sides and a concave base with post impression		0.46	0.48	0.23
1651	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1652	3	11.52		120/210		Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel/pebbles		0.28	0.28	0.12
1652	cut	1652		LBA	Posthole	3	11.52	11.4	120/210		Circular with steep sides and rounded base with post impression		0.28	0.28	0.12
1653	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1654	3.2	11.52		120/215		Friable mid greyish brown silty sand, freq pebbles/cobbles, occa gravel	Part of 'gate'	0.54	0.52	0.26
1654	cut	1654		LBA	Posthole	3.2	11.52	11.26	120/215		Circular steep sides and concave base	Part of 'gate'	0.54	0.52	0.26
1655	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1656	3.2	11.51		125/215		Friable mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles/cobbles,	Part of 'gate'	0.50	0.42	0.22
1656	cut	1656		LBA	Posthole	3.2	11.51	11.29	125/215		Circular, vertical sides and concave base	Part of 'gate'	0.50	0.42	0.22
1657	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1658	3	11.46		120/220		Firm mid brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, charcoal, pot		0.40	>0.25	0.15
1658	cut	1658		LBA	Posthole	3	11.46	11.31	120/220		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated by Anderson shelter to E	0.40	>0.25	0.15
1659	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1660	3.8	11.51		120/210		Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal		0.52	0.36	0.30
1660	cut	1650		LBA	Posthole part of 4/6 post structure	3.8	11.51	11.21	120/210		Circular with 'ramp' to S, vertical sides and rounded base		0.52	0.36	0.30

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1661	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1662	3.8	11.51		120/210		Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal		0.20	0.20	0.23
1662	cut	1650		LBA	Posthole part of 4/6 post structure	3.8	11.51	11.26	120/210		Circular with vertical sides and rounded base	truncated to N by 1660 - could be original post that had been recut	0.20	0.20	0.23
1663	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1664	3.8	11.54		120/210		Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal		0.48	0.43	0.38
1664	cut	1664		LBA	Posthole part of 4/6 post structure	3.8	11.54	11.14	120/210		Circular with vertical sides and rounded base		0.48	0.43	0.38
1665	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1666	3	11.49		120/220	181	Firm mid brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, burnt flint, pot charcoal	BF not collected!!!!	0.40	0.40	0.20
1666	cut	1658		LBA	Posthole	3	11.49	11.3	120/220		Circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.40	0.40	0.20
1667	fill			PMed	Fill of sub rounded pit 1668	6	11.55		115/205-210		Firm dark brownish grey/red brown mottling silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, CBM, shell		1.48	1.40	0.49
1668	cut	1668		PMed	Sub rounded pit	6	11.55	11.06	115/205-210		Sub-circular with vertical sides and flat base		1.48	1.40	0.49
1669	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1670	3	11.49		120/220		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.50	0.50	0.20
1670	cut	1658		LBA	Posthole	3	11.49	11.3	120/220		Sub-circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.50	0.50	0.20
1671	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1672	3	11.48		120/220		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.35	0.45	0.20
1672	cut	1658		LBA	Posthole	3	11.48	11.28	120/220		Sub-circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.35	0.45	0.20
1673	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1674	3.7	11.37		120/210		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.39	0.14
1674	cut	1674		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.37	11.27	120/210		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and flat base	truncated by 1472	0.40	0.39	0.14
1675	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1676	3	11.6		150/215		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.25	0.25	0.26
1676	cut	1676		LBA	Posthole	3	11.6	11.34	150/215		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.25	0.25	0.26
1677	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1678	3	11.61		150-155/215		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles		0.25	0.25	0.23
1678	cut	1678		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.37	150-155/215		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.25	0.25	0.23
1679	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1680	3	11.61		150/215		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles		0.38	0.35	0.36
1680	cut	1680		LBA	Posthole	3	11.61	11.25	150/215		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.38	0.35	0.36
1681	fill			LBA	Fill of fire pit with assoc	3.9	11.55		115/200	182186	Loose dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq burnt flint, mod pot, occa charcoal,	concentration of BF and pot mainly in NW	1.96	1.90	0.28

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					stakeholes [1682]						gravel/pebbles	section			
1682	cut	1682		LBA	Fire pit with assoc stakeholes	3.9	11.55	11.23	115/200		Sub-circular with concave sides and slightly rounded base	truncated to SW by modern intrusion	1.96	1.90	0.28
1683	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1684	3.7	11.52		120/215		Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.36	0.35
1684	cut	1683		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.52	11.17	120/215		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.40	0.36	0.35
1685	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1686	3.7	11.51		120/215		Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.38	0.34
1686	cut	1683		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.51	11.17	120/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.40	0.38	0.34
1687	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1688	3.7	11.48		120/215		Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.42	0.50	0.29
1688	cut	1683		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.48	11.19	120/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.42	0.50	0.29
1689	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1690	3.7	11.41		115/215		Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.34	0.34	0.15
1690	cut	1683		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.41	11.33	115/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.35	0.39	0.24
1691	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1692	3.7	11.42		115/215		Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.35	0.39	0.24
1692	cut	1683		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.42	11.27	115/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.35	0.39	0.24
1693	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1694	3.7	11.45		115/215		Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.30	0.32	0.24
1694	cut	1683		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.45	11.27	115/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.30	0.32	0.24
1695	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1696	3.7	11.45		115/215		Firm dark brownish grey silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.30	0.30	0.22
1696	cut	1683		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.45	11.23	115/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.30	0.30	0.22
1697	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1698	3.7	11.42		115/215		Firm orange brown silt-clay		0.33	0.33	0.19
1698	cut	1683		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.42	11.23	115/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.33	0.33	0.19
1699	fill			LBA	Fill of pit [1700]	3	11.54		120/200	183	Moderate orangish greyish mid to dark brown sandy silt, mod daub, pot, occa gravel/pebbles, charcoal		>0.84	>1.64	0.55
1700	cut	1700		LBA	Pit cut	3	11.54	11.01	120/200		Sub-rounded with near vertical sides and irregular base	possible posthole impression in eastern half; truncated by modern intrusion to N	>0.84	>1.64	0.55

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1701	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1702	3	11.46		120/215		Loose mid brownish grey gravelly sandy silt, freq pebbles		0.30	0.30	0.15
1702	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3	11.46	11.32	120/215		Circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.30	0.30	0.15
1703	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1704	3.7	11.44		120/210		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.28	0.28	0.16
1704	cut	1704		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.44	11.29	120/210		Circular with sharp sloping sides and flat base	truncated by 1472	0.28	0.28	0.16
1705	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1706]	6	11.5		120/215-220		Firm dark greyish brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles, CBM, coal		1.70	1.30	0.30
1706	cut	1706		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.5	11.18	120/215-220		Circular with steep sides and concave base		1.70	1.30	0.30
1707	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1708	3	11.5		115/210		Soft dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles/cobbles		0.28	0.28	0.37
1708	cut	1708		LBA	Posthole	3	11.5	11.14	115/210		Circular with vertical sides and rounded base		0.28	0.28	0.37
1709	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1710	3.8	11.54		115/210		Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal		0.50	0.60	0.39
1710	cut	1650		LBA	Posthole part of 4/6 post structure	3.8	11.54	11.16	115/210		Circular with steep sides and rounded base		0.50	0.60	0.39
1711	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1712	3.8	11.49		120/210	184	Soft dark brown sandy silty gravel, occa charcoal		0.42	0.37	0.24
1712	cut	1650		LBA	Posthole part of 4/6 post structure	3.8	11.49	11.25	120/210		Circular with vertical sides and rounded base		0.42	0.37	0.24
1713	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1714	3	11.5		120/215	187	Firm light greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		1.10	0.90	0.17
1714	cut	1714		LBA	Pit	3	11.5	11.33	120/215		Sub-rectangular with gradual sides and slightly concave base		1.10	0.90	0.17
1715	structure	1715		LBA	4/6 post structure	3.8					4/6 post structure				
1716	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1717	3.7	11.53		115/215		Firm mid greyish brown gravelly silty sand		0.46	0.42	0.33
1717	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole assoc with [1718]	3.7	11.53	11.2	115/215		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.46	0.42	0.33
1718	structure	1638		LBA	palisade enclosure	3.7					External palisade fence				
1719	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole1720	3.2	11.53		125/210		Firm mid orange brown gravel/pebbles (50) and silt-clay (50)	Part of 'gate'	0.38	>0.22	0.19
1720	cut	1720		LBA	Posthole	3.2	11.53	11.34	125/210		Circular, near vertical sides and flat base	Part of 'gate'	0.38	>0.22	0.19
1721	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1722	3.2	11.5		120/210		Loose mid orange brown sandy gravel/pebbles	Part of 'gate'	0.40	>0.16	0.15

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1722	cut	1722		LBA	Posthole	3.2	11.5	11.35	120/210		Circular with vertical sides and flat base	Part of 'gate'	0.40	>0.16	0.15
1723	fill of 1472		106	LBA	3F 1472 Slot 6	3.1	11.54		120/205-210		Very loose mid orange brown silty gravel/pebbles	slumping/collapse of internal bank	OSS	1.20	0.50
1724	fill of 1472		106	LBA	2F 1472 Slot 6	3.1	11.44		120/205-210		Loose dark reddish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	silting	OSS	0.60	0.30
1725	fill of 1472		106	LBA	1F 1472 Slot 6	3.1	11.45		120/205-210		Loose mid orange brown sandy silt, freq gravel pebbles	primary silting	OSS	0.50	0.12
1726	fill		106	LBA	4F 1472 Slot 6	3.1	11.56		120/205-210		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	latest fill/ silting of abandoned ditch	OSS	0.79	0.12
1727	fill			PMed	Fill of modern truncation [1728]	6	11.57		120/200		Soft dark greyish brown sandy silt-clay, freq charcoal, mod CBM, occa frogged brick		1.40	3.60	0.44
1728	cut	1728		PMed	modern truncation	6	11.57	11.04	120/200		Sub-rectangular with vertical sides and flat base		1.40	3.60	0.44
1729	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1730	3	11.54		120/200		Moderate mid brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		>1.50	1.55	0.37
1730	cut	1730		LBA	Pit	3	11.54	11.17	120/200		Sub-rectangular with moderately sloping sides and slightly concave base	poss assoc with PH 1772 that it appears to avoid; truncated by 1700 to N and LOE to S	>1.50	1.55	0.37
1731	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1732	3	11.5		110/205		Friable mid slightly grey orange brown silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		0.33	0.30	0.20
1732	cut	1732		LBA	Posthole	3	11.5	11.3	110/205		Circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.33	0.30	0.20
1733	fill			PMed	Fill of ovoid cut 1734	6	11.54		115/210		Loose dark brownish grey ash and clinker, freq silty gravel/pebbles	not fully excavated	1.17	0.82	>0.50
1734	cut	1734		PMed	ovoid cut	6	11.54	11.04	115/210		Rectangular with vertical sides and unexcavated base	not fully excavated	1.17	0.82	>0.50
1735	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1736	3	11.53		115/210		Soft dark greyish brown silty sand, freq pebbles, mod gravel		0.40	0.32	0.23
1736	cut	1736		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.3	115/210		Circular with near vertical sides and rounded base	truncated to SW by PM pit 1734	0.40	0.32	0.23
1737	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1738	3	11.52		115/210		Soft dark greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.52	>0.36	0.21
1738	cut	1738		LBA	Posthole	3	11.52	11.32	115/210		Circular with steep sides and rounded base	truncated to NE by PM pit 1734	0.52	>0.36	0.21
1739	fill			LBA	Fill of pit/ tree bole [1740]	3	11.57		110/205-210		Loose mid orange brown silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		2.25	>0.70	0.47
1740	cut	1740		LBA	Pit/ tree bole	3	11.57	11.1	110/205-210		Irregular with steep sides, base not seen	truncated to N by modern intrusion and by 1803 and 1732	2.25	>0.70	0.47
1741	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1742	3.7	11.54		115/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.30	0.15

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1742	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.54	11.42	115/215		Oval with gradual sloping sides and slightly concave base		0.40	0.30	0.15
1743	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1744	3.7	11.54		115/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.30	0.12
1744	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.54	11.42	115/215		Oval with gradual sloping sides and slightly concave base		0.40	0.30	0.12
1745	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1746	3.7	11.39		115/215		Loose light greyish brown silty sandy gravel/pebbles		0.26	0.28	0.13
1746	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.39	11.26	115/215		Circular with near vertical sides and slightly concave base		0.26	0.28	0.13
1747	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1748]	6	11.56		120/200-205		Loose dark brownish grey sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa pot, CTP		0.64	0.62	0.25
1748	cut	1748		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.56	11.29	120/200-205		Sub-rectangular with variably sloping sides and concave base		0.64	0.62	0.25
1749	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1750	3.7	11.5		115/215		Loose mid yellow gravelly silt, occa pebbles		0.32	0.26	0.10
1750	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.5	11.41	115/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.32	0.26	0.10
1751	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1752	3.7	11.51		115/215		Loose mid yellow gravelly silt, occa pebbles		0.30	0.30	0.18
1752	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.51	11.33	115/215		Circular with steep sides and concave base		0.30	0.30	0.18
1753	fill			LBA	Fill of pit 1754	3	11.55		115/220		Firm mid greyish brown gravelly silt, occa pebbles		1.00	>0.80	0.15
1754	cut	1754		LBA	Pit	3	11.55	11.43	115/220		Sub-rectangular with gradually sloping sides and flat base	truncated to W by modern intrusion	1.00	>0.80	0.15
1755	fill	1756		LBA	Fill of pit/ tree bole [1756]	3	11.57		110-115/210		Friable mid grey brown silt-clay (50) gravel/pebbles (50)	NOT EXCAVATED - seen in plan and section truncated to W, N and E by modern intrusions	>1.34	>0.74	0.37
1756	cut	1756		LBA	Pit/ tree bole	3	11.57	NFE	110-115/210		Unknown with steep sides and concave base	NOT EXCAVATED - seen in plan and section truncated to W, N and E by modern intrusions	>1.34	>0.74	0.37
1757	fill			PMed	Fill of small rubbish pit [1758]	6	11.55		115/220		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles, glass, CBM		0.40	0.40	0.10
1758	cut	1754		PMed	small rubbish pit	6	11.55	11.46	115/220		Circular with concave sides and concave base		0.40	0.40	0.10
1759	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1760	3	11.56		115/220		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.35	0.30	0.30

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1760	cut	1754		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.27	115/220		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and slightly concave base		0.35	0.30	0.30
1761	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1762	3	11.51		125/205		Loose mid greyish brown silty sandy gravel		0.33	0.33	0.16
1762	cut	1762		LBA	Posthole	3	11.51	11.34	125/205		Circular with concave sides and rounded base		0.33	0.33	0.16
1763	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1764	3	11.49		120/200-205	190	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles	lot pot; truncated to W by modern intrusion	0.64	>0.53	0.33
1764	cut	1764		LBA	Posthole	3	11.49	11.13	120/200-205		Sub-circular with concave sides and concave base	truncated to W by modern intrusion	0.64	>0.53	0.33
1765	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1766	3	11.54		120/200-205		Firm dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/cobbles	lot pot	0.60	0.60	0.54
1766	cut	1766		LBA	Posthole	3	11.54	11.03	120/200-205		Circular with near vertical and slightly concave base with post impression 0.35m diam		0.60	0.60	0.54
1767	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1768	3.7	11.42		120/210		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles		0.23	0.30	0.24
1768	cut	1768		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.42	11.18	120/210		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.23	0.30	0.24
1769	fill			PMed	Fill of cess pit 1770	6	11.56		115/215-220		Variably compacted dark greyish brown ashy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles, pot, CTP, CBM	not fully excavated	2.17	2.20	>0.50
1770	cut	1770		PMed	Cess pit	6	11.56	11.06 (NFE)	115/215-220		Sub-square with vertical sides and unexcavated base	not fully excavated	2.17	2.20	>0.50
1771	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1772	3.7	11.5		120/200		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, occa gravel/pebbles		0.40	0.34	0.17
1772	cut	1772		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.5	11.33	120/200		Circular with vertical sides and rounded base		0.40	0.34	0.17
1773	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1774]	6	11.45		120/210-215		Friable dark grey sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa shell, CBM, coal		1.05	0.65	0.46
1774	cut	1774		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.45	10.99	120/210-215		Sub-rectangular with near vertical sides and flat base		1.05	0.65	0.46
1775	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1776]	6	11.6		115/215		Firm dark brownish grey silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles, occa CBM, glass, pot		1.70	1.90	0.70
1776	cut	1776		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.6	10.88	115/215		Circular with near vertical sides and concave base		1.70	1.90	0.70
1777	structure			LBA	Pit cut [1682] and assoc stakeholes [1785]-[1791]	3.9			115/200		Fire pit				
1778	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.12	0.12	0.14
1779	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.10	0.10	0.12
1780	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly		0.13	0.13	0.13

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											sandy silt				
1781	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.11	0.11	0.12
1782	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.10	0.10	0.11
1783	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.11	0.11	0.16
1784	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Loose mid greyish brown gravelly sandy silt		0.16	0.16	0.10
1785	cut	1777		LBA	Stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.12	0.12	0.14
1786	cut	1777		LBA	Stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.10	0.10	0.12
1787	cut	1777		LBA	Stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.13	0.13	0.13
1788	cut	1777		LBA	Stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.11	0.11	0.12
1789	cut	1777		LBA	Stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.10	0.10	0.11
1790	cut	1777		LBA	Stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.11	0.11	0.16
1791	cut	1777		LBA	stakehole	3.9	11.34		115/200		Circular with vertical sides and tapered base		0.16	0.16	0.10
1792	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1793	3.7	11.51		120/205		Firm mid greyish brown silty sand, freq gravel/pebbles		0.30	0.25	0.18
1793	cut	1793		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.51	11.33	120/205		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.30	0.25	0.18
1794	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1795	3	11.56		115/220	189	Firm mid yellowish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.60	>0.40	0.15
1795	cut	1795		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.41	115/220		Sub-circular with gradual sides and slightly concave base	truncated to E by 1770	0.60	>0.40	0.15
1796	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1797	3.9	11.55		115/200		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.30	0.32	0.18
1797	cut	1797		LBA	Posthole	3.9	11.55	11.38	115/200		Circular with steep sides and rounded base		0.30	0.32	0.18
1798	fill			LBA	Fill of stakehole [1799]	3.9	11.53		115/200		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, mod gravel/pebbles		0.20	0.16	0.09
1799	cut	1799		LBA	Stakehole	3.9	11.53	11.45	115/200		Circular with concave sides and rounded base		0.20	0.16	0.09
1800	fill			PMed	Fill of posthole 1801	6	11.55		120/200		Loose mid to dark grey sandy silt-clay, occa chalk, charcoal, gravel/pebbles, CTP		0.45	0.76	0.31
1801	cut	1801		PMed	Posthole	6	11.55	11.24	120/200		Irregular with steep sides and concave base		0.45	0.76	0.31
1802	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3	11.57		110/210		Soft mid slightly grey orange brown silt-		>0.48	0.54	0.35

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					1803						clay, freq gravel/pebbles				
1803	cut	1803		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.22	110/210		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base	truncated to N by modern intrusion	>0.48	0.54	0.35
1804	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1805	3	11.53		115/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.55	0.52	0.20
1805	cut	1805		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.38	115/215		Circular with moderately steep sides and concave base		0.55	0.52	0.20
1806	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1807	3.7	11.51		115/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.50	0.35	0.15
1807	cut	1638		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.51	11.39	115/215		Oval with gradually sloping sides and uneven base (post impression?)		0.50	0.35	0.15
1808	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1809	3	11.56		120/205		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt		>0.40	0.50	0.19
1809	cut	1809		LBA	Posthole	3	11.56	11.37	120/205		Sub-circular with concave sides and concave base	truncated to S by 1766	>0.40	0.50	0.19
1810	fill			PMed	Fill of modern rubbish pit [1811]	6	11.53		110-115/215		Firm dark greyish brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles, CBM, glass		1.24	>0.50	0.20
1811	cut	1811		PMed	modern rubbish pit	6	11.53	11.31	110-115/215		Irregular with steep sides and concave base		1.24	>0.50	0.20
1812	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1813	3	11.5		115/215		Firm mid reddish brown gravelly sandy silt, occa BF		>0.70	>0.65	0.30
1813	cut	1813		LBA	Posthole	3	11.5	11.21	115/215		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and slightly concave base	truncated by modern intrusion	>0.70	>0.65	0.30
1814	fill			PMed	Fill of linear slot [1815]	6	11.53		110-115/215		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt-clay, occa gravel/pebbles		>2.55	0.80	0.14
1815	cut	1815		PMed	Linear slot	6	11.53	11.31	110-115/215		Linear with gently sloping sides and concave base		>2.55	0.80	0.14
1816	fill			PMed	Secondary fill of [1818]	6	11.61		120/205	192	Firm dark grey brown, mod gravel/pebbles, occa shell, pot, CBM		1.27	1.40	0.50
1817	fill			PMed	Primary fill of [1818]	6	11.13		120/205		Firm light greyish brown silty chalk frags		0.95	>0.80	0.08
1818	cut	1818		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.61	11.05	120/205		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and flat base		0.95	>0.80	0.08
1819	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1820	3	11.57		105/200		Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.30	0.29	0.16
1820	cut	1820		LBA	Posthole	3	11.57	11.38	105/200		Circular with sharp sloping sides and concave base		0.30	0.29	0.16
1821	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1822	3	11.52		115/215	193	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles, pot		0.50	0.50	0.25
1822	cut	1822		LBA	Posthole	3	11.52	11.25	115/215		Sub-circular with near vertical sides and concave base		0.50	0.50	0.25
1823	fill			PMed	Secondary fill of pit [1825]	6	11.53	11.46	115/210		Loose dark grey clinker, freq gravel/pebbles, occa charcoal, shell		1.94	1.62	0.35

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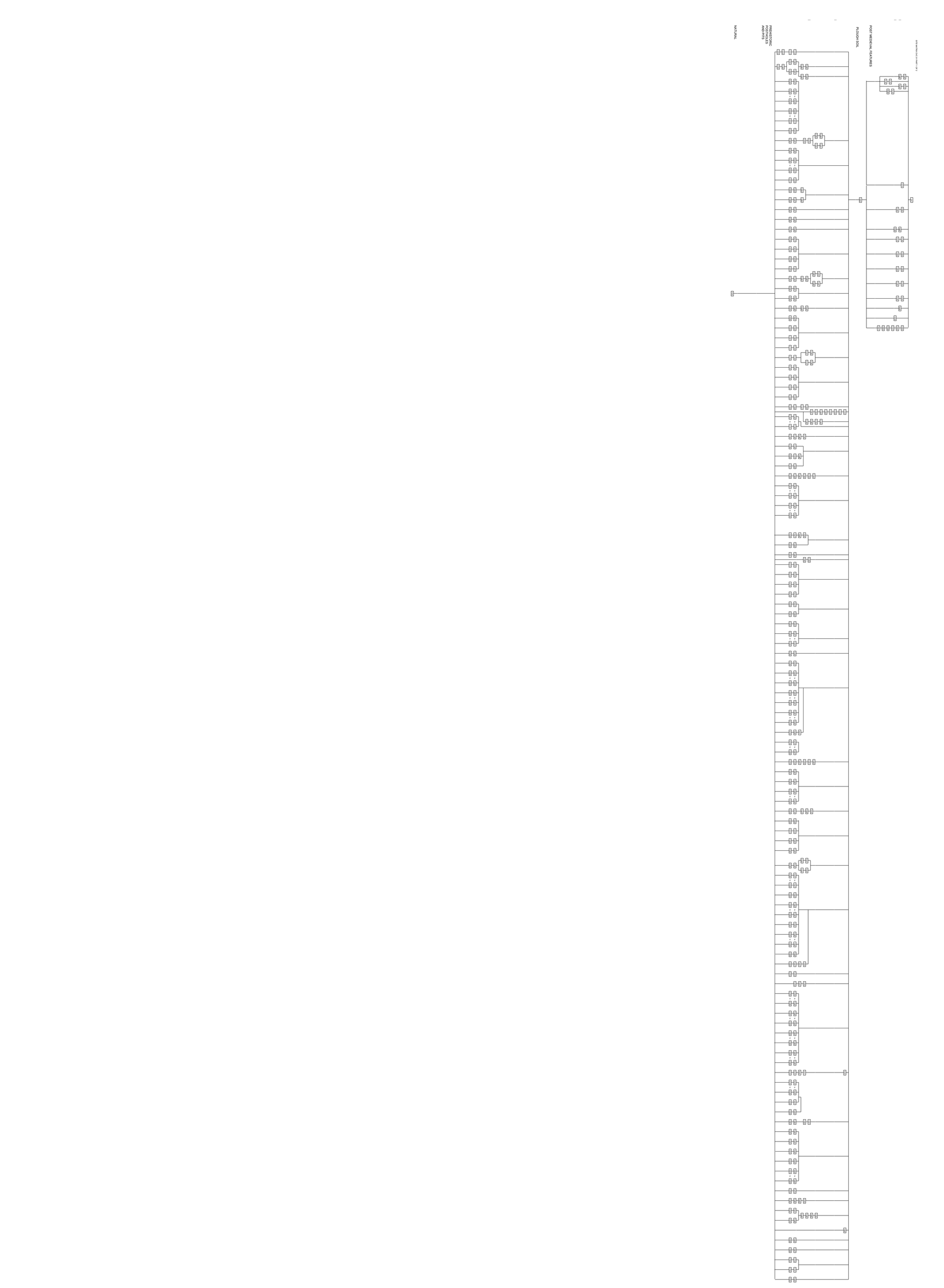
1824	fill			PMed	Primary fill of pit [1825]	6	11.18	11.05	115/210		Loose mid greyish brown gravel/pebbles, occa CBM	not fully excavated	1.94	1.62	>0.35
1825	cut	1825		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.53	10.4	115/210		Oval with near vertical sides and unexcavated base	not fully excavated	1.94	1.62	>0.35
1826	fill			preh	Fill of tree bole [1827]		11.51		105/200		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt-clay, freq gravel/pebbles		>1.16	0.50	0.18
1827	cut	1827		preh	tree bole		11.51	11.34	105/200		Rectangular with gently sloping sides and irregular base		>1.16	0.50	0.18
1828	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1829	3.7	11.41		120/205		Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		>0.25	0.30	-
1829	cut	1829		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.41	11.33	120/205		Sub-circular with steep sides and concave base	truncated to N by modern intrusion 1818	>0.25	0.30	-
1830	fill			LBA	Fill of ovoid cut [1831]	3	11.58		115-120/205		Firm mid brownish grey sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		0.90	>1.10	?
1831	cut	1831		LBA	Ovoid cut	3	11.58	11.29	115-120/205		Sub-circular with gradual sides and slightly concave base	disturbed by three root and truncated to W by modern intrusion 1818	0.90	>1.10	?
1832	fill			LBA	Fill of ovoid cut [1833]	3	11.57		120/205		Loose mid orange brown gravelly sandy silt		>0.86	0.80	0.09
1833	cut	1833		LBA	Ovoid cut	3	11.57	11.48	120/205		Ovoid with concave sides and rounded base	truncated to N by 1831 and S by modern intrusion 1748	>0.86	0.80	0.09
1834	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1835	3.7	11.54		120/205		Context sheet missing				
1835	cut	1835		LBA	Posthole	3.7	11.54	11.5	120/205		Context sheet missing				
1836	structure			LBA	fence line in Area A	3.7					Internal palisaded screen/fence				
1837	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1832	3	11.49		100/205	194	Loose mid greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.56	0.52	0.25
1838	cut	1838		LBA	Posthole	3	11.49	11.19	100/205		Circular with vertical sides and flat base		0.56	0.52	0.25
1839	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole [1840]	3	11.49		105/200	195, 196	Soft dark greyish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles, mod charcoal, occa daub	artefact rich	0.56	0.32	0.31
1840	Cut	1840		LBA	Posthole (ritual?)	3	11.49	11.18	105/200		Ovoid with near vertical sides and rounded base		0.56	0.32	0.31
1841	fill			LBA	Fill of linear slot [1842]	3	11.47		115/200-205	197	Firm mid greyish brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles	some root disturbance	0.68	>2.00	0.20
1842	cut	1728		LBA	linear slot	3	11.47	11.28	115/200-205		Linear with gradual sides and slightly concave base	Truncated to S by modern intrusion	0.68	>2.00	0.20
1843	fill			PMed	Fill of ovoid cut [1844]	6	11.53		115/205		Loose mid brownish grey gravelly silt-clay, occa pebbles		1.40	0.90	0.25
1844	cut	1728		PMed	Ovoid cut	6	11.53	11.3	115/205		Sub-rectangular with gradual sides and concave base		1.40	0.90	0.25
1845	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole	3	11.54		115/205		No sheet				

Context	Type	Plan No	Section No	Provisional date	Classification	Structure	Highest OD	Lowest OD	Co-ords	Sample	Description	Interpretation/Notes	Length	Width	Depth/ Thickness
					1846										
1846	cut	1728		LBA	Posthole	3	11.54	11.31	115/205		No sheet				
1847	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1848	3	11.53		115/205		No sheet				
1848	cut	1728		LBA	Posthole	3	11.53	11.27	115/205		No sheet				
1849	fill			PMed	Fill of pit [1849]	6	11.56		115/205		No sheet				
1850	cut	1728		PMed	Pit cut	6	11.56	11.29	115/205		no sheet				
1851	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1852	3	11.46		100/200		Loose mid yellow brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.38	0.33	0.15
1852	cut	1852		LBA	Posthole	3	11.46	11.31	100/200		Circular with sharp sloping sides and concave base		0.38	0.33	0.15
1853	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole 1854	3	11.55		105/205		Loose mid yellowish brown sandy silt, freq gravel/pebbles		0.33	0.35	0.26
1854	cut	1854		LBA	Posthole	3	11.55	11.3	105/205		Sub-circular with sharp sloping sides and concave base		0.33	0.35	0.26
1855	fill			LBA	Fill of posthole [1856]	3	11.44		105/200		Soft dark greyish brown sandy silt, mod charcoal, occa daub	placed thumb pot and other sherds	0.78	0.42	0.25
1856	cut	1840		LBA	Posthole (ritual?)	3	11.44	11.19	105/200		Ovoid with near vertical sides and flat base	ritual	0.78	0.42	0.25
1857	fill			LBA	Fill of large pit/natural? Depression 1858	3	11.57		100/200-205		Firm mid brown sandy silt, occa gravel/pebbles		3.00	2.00	0.10
1858	cut	1858		LBA	Pit/natural? Depression	3	11.57	11.54	100/200-205		Sub-rectangular with gradual sides and flat base		3.00	2.00	0.10
1859	fill		107	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	3.1	11.71	11.58	120/200-205		No sheet only recorded in section 107				
1860	fill		107	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	3.1	11.51	11.33	120/200-205		No sheet only recorded in section 107				
1861	fill		107	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	3.1	11.48	11.16	120/200-205		No sheet only recorded in section 107				
1862	fill		107	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	3.1	11.33	11.3	120/200-205		No sheet only recorded in section 107				
1863	fill		107	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	3.1	11.16	11.01	120/200-205		No sheet only recorded in section 107				
1864	fill		107	LBA	Primary fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	3.1	11.68	10.93	120/200-205		No sheet only recorded in section 107				

Appendix 2: Stratigraphic Matrix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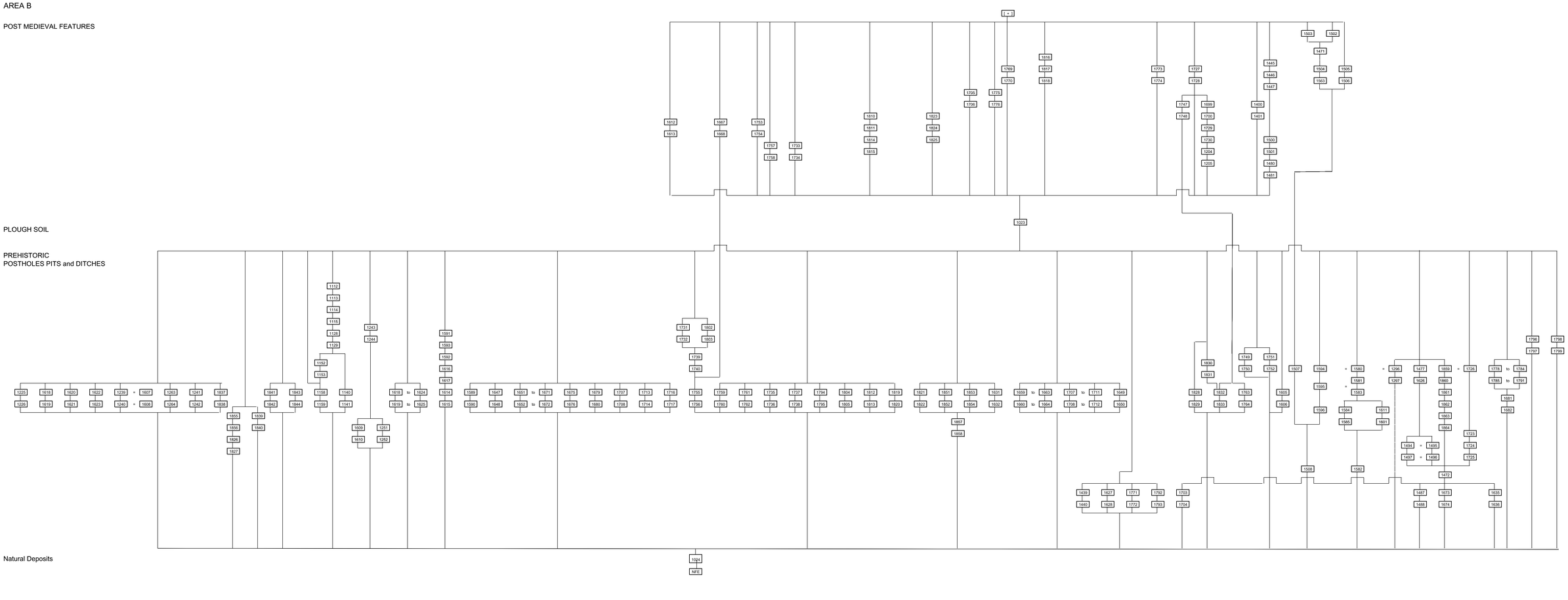

Appendix 3: Lithic Material

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INTRODUCTION

Excavations at the above site recovered 57 struck flints and just over 27kg of burnt flint and stone fragments. This report quantifies and describes the material, offers some comments on its significance and recommendations for the further work required. It concentrates on the assemblage's technological and typological characteristics in order to formulate a chronological framework, includes some general, preliminary impressions and interpretations of the material. As the material was only assessed, a more detailed examination may alter or amend the interpretations offered here.

BURNT FLINT

Just over 27kg of burnt stone, consisting of otherwise unmodified fragments of heat affected flint and occasional quartzite pebbles, was recovered from 62 separate contexts (see Table 12). Where identifiable it consisted of smooth-worn or chattermarked alluvial cobbles.

Context	Provisional date	Description	Burnt Flint No.	Burnt Flint Wt
1001	LBA	Fill of sub rounded pit 1002	23	370
1003	LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1004	15	395
1005	LBA	Primary fill of enclosure ditch 1006	14	335
1025	LBA	Fill of posthole 1026	6	285
1043	LBA	Fill of posthole 1044	19	305
1045	LBA	Fill of posthole 1046	1	10
1073	Post med	Fill of pit 1074	21	230
1089	LBA	Fill of pit 1090	5	105
1095	LBA	Fill of posthole 1096	1	16
1099	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch 1006	4	104
1130	LBA	Fill of posthole 1131	6	130
1132	LBA	Fill of posthole 1133	1	9
1140	LBA	Fill of posthole 1141	6	340
1160	LBA	Fill of posthole 1161	1	22
1186	LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1187	1	41
1198	LBA	Fill of posthole 1199	7	135
1219	Post med	Fill of Pit [1220]	3	180
1221	LBA	Fill of postholes 1222	6	95
1253	LBA	Fill of posthole 1254	5	175
1257	LBA	Fill of posthole 1258	1	16
1271	LBA	Upper fill of small pit / posthole [1272]	9	365
1273	LBA	Fill of posthole 1274	2	16

Context	Provisional date	Description	Burnt Flint No.	Burnt Flint Wt
1289	LBA	Lower fill of small pit / posthole [1272]	40	1340
1308	LBA	Fill of small pit	1	30
1313	LBA	Fill of posthole 1314	1	9
1314	LBA	Posthole	2	8
1315	LBA	Fill of pit [1316]	3	118
1319	LBA	Fill of posthole [1320]	2	37
1362	LBA	Fill of posthole 1363	1	11
1364	LBA	Fill of postholes 1365	2	70
1366	LBA	Fill of posthole 1367	12	91
1368	LBA	Fill of pit [1369]	14	273
1372	LBA	Fill of posthole 1373	1	23
1378	LBA	Fill of posthole 1379	2	56
1382	LBA	Fill of posthole 1383	227	5710
1384	LBA	Fill of posthole 1385	4	41
1433	Post med	Fill of pit [1434]	1	13
1456	LBA	Fill of posthole 1457	3	87
1475	LBA	Fill of posthole 1476	2	8
1498	LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1499	14	205
1507	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch 1508	8	165
1543	LBA	Fill of pit [1544]	3	18
1581	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	3	96
1597	LBA	Fill of posthole or butt end of a linear slot [1598]	3	170
1599	Post med	Fill of [1600]	24	370
1607	LBA	Fill of posthole 1608 (= [1239?])	1	12
1609	LBA	Fill of posthole 1609	5	79
1649	LBA	Fill of posthole 1650	1	7
1651	LBA	Fill of posthole 1652	1	28
1659	LBA	Fill of posthole 1660	3	17
1663	LBA	Fill of posthole 1664	1	19
1667	Post med	Fill of sub rounded pit 1668	5	88
1681	LBA	Fill of fire pit	414	13965
1699	LBA	Fill of pit [1700]	6	210
1709	LBA	Fill of posthole 1710	1	8
1711	LBA	Fill of posthole 1712	1	1
1726	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch	5	110
1733	Post med	Fill of ovoid cut 1734	2	14
1765	LBA	Fill of posthole 1766	1	39
1784	LBA	Fill of stakehole	1	8
1802	LBA	Fill of posthole 1803	2	23
1812	LBA	Fill of posthole 1813	1	18
Total			981	27274

Table 12: Burnt Flint by Context

By far the largest quantity was recovered from fire pit [1682], which produced nearly 14kg of material. This had mostly been burnt to a uniform greyish white colour and, although generally very fragmentary, several large rounded cobbles weighing up to 150g were present. It would appear that large alluvial cobbles had been gathered and deliberately burnt, characteristic of 'pot-boilers'. Although the very high quantities such as recorded from 'burnt mound' sites were not

found here, the concentrations and the degree of burning suggest the intensive and systematic production of burnt flint, usually identified with processes such as cooking or industrial or craft activities (Hedges 1974-5; Barfield and Hodder 1987; Barfield 1991).
A large quantity comprising nearly 6kg was also recovered from posthole [1383]. There was no evidence of in situ burning in this feature and it is presumed that it was incorporated as post-packing. Small pit or posthole [1272] also contained a significant quantity at just over 1.7kg and, in addition, produced several large rounded pebbles. Other contexts that produced large quantities (arbitrarily defined here as over 100g) included a number of other postholes, which again may indicate the use of burnt flint for post-packing, and some of the fills of the enclosure ditch. This may have resulted from the periodic dumping of hearth waste or the 'sweeping' of the internal area of occupation debris into the ditch. The remainder of the burnt flint was recovered from numerous disparate contexts and most likely represents residual 'background' waste accruing from hearth use within and around the enclosure.

STRUCK FLINT

Fifty-seven pieces of struck flint were recovered from 23 different contexts (see Table 13).

Context	Provisional date	Description	Preparation/ Decortication Flake	Flake	Blade	Blade-Like Flake	Flake Fragment	Chip	Minimal Core	Conchoidal Shatter	Retouched	Truncated Blade	Context Total
1001	LBA	Fill of sub rounded pit 1002	2			1					1		4
1023	Post med	Ploughsoil						1					1
1099	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch 1006		1				1					2
1116	LBA	Fill of posthole 1117		1									1
1130	LBA	Fill of posthole 1131	1										1
1186	LBA	Fill of ovoid cut 1187				1							1
1198	LBA	Fill of posthole 1199		1									1
1219	Post med	Fill of Pit [1220]	1										1
1221	LBA	Fill of postholes 1222	3	5	6	4	1	1		1		1	22
1229	LBA	Fill of posthole 1230				1							1
1263	LBA	Fill of posthole 1264		1									1
1271	LBA	Upper fill of small pit / posthole [1272]							1	1			2
1289	LBA	Lower fill of small pit / posthole [1272]		2			2						4
1319	LBA	Fill of posthole [1320]		1									1
1366	LBA	Fill of posthole 1367				1							1
1437	LBA	Fill of pit [1438]				1							1
1554	LBA	Fill of posthole 1555				1							1
1581	LBA	Fill of enclosure ditch [1472]						2					2
1599	Post med	Fill of [1600]	1				1						2
1667	Post med	Fill of sub rounded pit 1668						1					1

Context	Provisional date	Description	Preparation/ Decortication Flake	Flake	Blade	Blade-Like Flake	Flake Fragment	Chip	Minimal Core	Conchoidal Shatter	Retouched	Truncated Blade	Context Total
1681	LBA	Fill of fire pit [1682]		1		1			2				4
1711	LBA	Fill of posthole 1712		1									1
1737	LBA	Fill of posthole 1738					1						1
Total			8	14	6	11	5	6	3	2	1	1	57

Table 13: Struck Flint by Context

Raw Materials

The struck flint was manufactured mostly from good quality translucent black to semi-opaque grey flint with a weathered but still thick and rough cortex. A few pieces were of coarser grained cherty flint and some retained patches of smooth rolled cortex. It is likely that all of the raw materials were gathered from local alluvial terrace deposits although the prevalence of pieces with thick rough cortex suggests that better quality material may have been selected.

Condition

The condition of the struck flint varied but it was predominantly in a good and still reasonably sharp condition, indicating that although much of it was probably redeposited (see below) it had not experienced extensive post-depositional disturbance.

Technology / Typology

The only typologically diagnostic piece consisted of a truncated blade from postholes [1222], which is most likely to be of Mesolithic date. Technologically the assemblage suggests a mix of industries, the most obvious and probably accounting for the majority of the material was a systematic blade-based reduction strategy typical of Mesolithic and Early Neolithic industries. A much smaller component involved the rather ad hoc production of thick, broad flakes and the minimal and opportunistic working of cores; strategies which are consistent with Bronze Age industries and which may be contemporary with the Late Bronze Age occupation at the site. Included within this may be the two crudely and minimally worked cores from fire pit [1682] and a thick badly-struck primary flake with some rough bifacial flaking around its bulbar end, forming a crude denticulated edge from pit [1002].

Discussion of the Struck Flint

The bulk of the struck flint possesses Mesolithic or Early Neolithic characteristics and would significantly pre-dates the main period of occupation at the site. This includes the material from pit [1222], which produced the largest assemblage recovered during the excavations. This comprises flakes, blades and knapping waste which, although not refitting, probably mostly originated from just two cores. Also present were the truncated blade and a cortically backed

blade with extensive edge damage consistent with a use for cutting or sawing. Although this feature has been provisionally dated to the Late Bronze Age, its contained struck flint assemblage would be more compatible with a Mesolithic or Early Neolithic date and may indicate that the feature(s) are either earlier than initially thought or that they truncated an earlier feature and that the material was residually incorporated. Overall, this early material is suggestive of occasional visits to the site by small groups, perhaps attracted by the site's location with its views across the Lea Valley but also exploiting the readily available raw materials present in the vicinity.

Only a very few pieces may have been contemporary with the Late Bronze Age occupation, indicating that flint use was a minor aspect of the activities conducted during that period. Perhaps the most convincing evidence of some flint use was the small assemblage recovered from fire pit [1682] that tentatively suggests that the production of struck flint was associated with the activities represented by the pit. Notably, none of the struck pieces from this context had been burnt, indicating a different depositional history to that of the mass of burnt flint recovered.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the small size of the struck flint assemblage, the paucity of typologically diagnostic pieces and its probable chronological mixing, this report is all that is required for the archive and no further metrical or technological analyses are required.

However, the assemblage is of significance in that it indicates prehistoric activity that significantly pre-dates the main period of occupation at the site and which can contribute to the further appreciation of Mesolithic and Early Neolithic activity in the Lea Valley. No structural features were identified from these periods and the lithics provide the principal means of understanding the activity at the site during this period. There is also some limited evidence of flintworking associated with the Late Bronze Age occupation that may help understanding the range of activities represented there, as well as understanding the role of flintworking within a Late Bronze Age settlement context, close to the end of structured flintworking within Britain.

It is therefore recommended that the assemblage should be examined in more detail and fully described for publication, alongside illustrations of relevant pieces. The publication should concentrate on a describing the material with full considerations to context, both within individual features and spatially across the site, and with regard to the material's relationship with other deposited materials. The publication should also include some consideration of local geology, raw material sources and previous finds and research in the local area.

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Appendix 4: Prehistoric Pottery

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Introduction

In all, 788* sherds weighing 14.58k* were recovered from 104 separate contexts, all but 7 of the latter of which are likely to be of prehistoric date (Appendix 1). The vast majority of the prehistoric contexts comprise the fills of pits/postholes, and nearly half of the total assemblage (by weight) and a little under a third (by sherd count) was recovered from the fill [1681] of a single large pit [1682]. Reasonably substantial assemblages by weight and/or sherd count were recovered from three other pits [1002], [1367] and [1610], and from 9 contexts representing the various fills of the enclosure ditch [1006]/[1508]/[1472]. With the exception of one or two sherds of possible Neolithic and Middle Bronze Age date, the pottery is of Late Bronze Age character.

(* These figures do not include one complete vessel from [1855])

Quantification, fabrics and forms

The pottery was quantified by sherd count/weight within individual contexts, and was sorted by fabric using the system devised for Essex by Nigel Brown (1988, fiche 3-7). Fabrics were initially scanned macroscopically on the basis of type, size and frequency of inclusions; these subdivisions were subsequently confirmed by use of a x20 binocular microscope. The inclusions were overwhelmingly of crushed burnt flint, though quartz, sand and grog were used too. Small pellets of iron oxide were also noted in a number of fabrics, though these appear to have been naturally incorporated in the clay matrices rather than deliberate additions.

Size of inclusions:

S = <1mm diameter
M = 1-2mm diameter
L = >2mm diameter

Density of inclusions:

1 = <6 per sq cm
2 = 6-10 per sq cm
3 = >10 per sq cm

Fabrics:

A Flint, S 2 well sorted
B Flint, S-M 2
C Flint, S-M with occasional L 2
D Flint, S-L 2 poorly sorted
E Flint & sand, S–M 2
H Sand, S 2
L Quartz with some sand, S-L 2
M Grog, with sand/flint
U Flint, S-L 2 with occasional irregular voids

Where possible sherds were ascribed to the five vessel classes defined by John Barrett (1980) to characterise Late Bronze Age (LBA) pottery assemblages, as follows: Class I (coarse jars); Class II (fine jars); Class III (coarse bowls); Class IV (fine bowls); Class V (cups). Diagnostic sherds are few, and the range of forms is limited. Much of the assemblage comprises coarseware vessels of Classes I and III; typically, fine wares of Classes II and IV are in a minority while Class V cups are confined to one complete vessel.

Detailed assemblage traits

The assemblage is characterised by the virtual absence of sharply angled shoulders (most are rounded, weak or slack). Where present, decoration is confined to cabling along the top of rims and to two possible examples of finger-tipping at shoulders. One or two examples of fine tooling were also noted on Class IV vessels. Rims are either rounded or flattened and many of the latter have internal bevels. (Internally bevelled rims were also prevalent at South Hornchurch and Lofts Farm, where they were suggested to hint at some specialist function (Brown 1988, 269).) One vessel has been perforated below the rim prior to firing. No handles or handled vessels are present. Bases are either flat or pinched to produce a slightly protruding foot. One or two have dense burnt flint crusting on the underside. Other techniques of manufacture include: the presence of coil junctions (particularly noticeable at changes of wall angle such as rims, shoulders and bases), and finger or grass wiping of coarse vessels and surface burnishing/polishing of fine vessels.

Distribution across the site

No detailed work has yet been undertaken on the spatial distribution of the ceramic assemblage across the site. However, it is already clear that there are several examples of 'placed deposits' comprising complete or nearly complete vessels amongst the assemblage, from positions within ([1366]), and without ([1681], [1855]), the enclosure.

Dating and affinities

In terms of affinities and dating, the Oliver Close assemblage falls within the general run of Late Bronze Age plainware assemblages (Barrett 1980), for which there are good parallels in Essex and beyond. Similar if somewhat larger assemblages have been recovered from Lofts Farm (Brown 1988, 264-9, fig 14), for example, from the internal features and lower ditch silts of the circular enclosure at Springfield Lyons, and from the early phases of the circular enclosures at the North Ring and South Rings at Mucking (Barrett and Bond 1988) and South Hornchurch (Guttmann and Last 2000). LBA plainware assemblages are usually assigned to the 10^{th}-9^{th} centuries BC.

Recommended Illustrations

Fill of 'fire-pit' [1681], west of enclosure

1. Class I jar, fabric C. Large conjoining sherds of round bodied jar with short upright rim; vertical wiping on exterior, horizontal wiping on interior.
2. Class I jar, fabric U. Large conjoining sherds of brittle hooked rim jar with pronounced vertical smearing on the exterior surface.
3. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric A. Small rim sherd with internal bevel with faint cabling. Rippling below rim on external surface.
4. Class III bowl, fabric A. Rim sherd of open, flaring bowl with internal bevel and cabling on rim. Rippling below rim on external surface.
5. Class I jar, fabric C. Large rim sherd of weakly-shouldered biconical jar with upright internally bevelled rim. Wiping on interior surfaces.
6. Class III bowl, fabric A. Small hemispherical bowl with plain upright rim with internal bevel.
7. Class IV bowl, fabric H. Open, flaring mouthed bowl with plain, flat-topped rim. Surfaces burnished inside and out.
8. Class I jar, fabric C. Virtually complete base with thumbed foot. (Same as 1 above?)
9. Class I jar, fabric U. Half of a base with thumbed foot and pronounced vertical smearing on the exterior wall. (Same as 2 above?)
10. Class III bowl, fabric A. Sherd of small base with thumbed foot and traces of internal wiping. (Same as 3 or 6 above?)
11. Class I jar, fabric U. Rounded shoulder.
12. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Sherd of small plain base.
13. Class I jar, fabric A. Three-quarters complete well-finished base, with traces of wiping on the interior.

14. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Small plain hooked rim.

Enclosure ditch [1005], primary fill

15. Class I jar, fabric C. Two sherds of inturned, internally thickened rounded rim, smoothed inside and out.

Enclosure ditch [1580], upper fill

16. Class I jar, fabric C. Inturned simple rim

Enclosure ditch [1507]

17. Class III bowl, fabric C/D. Rim of open bowl with simple plain rim externally thickened. Internal wiping.
18. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric D. Sherd of base with thumbing at foot.

Enclosure ditch [1581]

19. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Inturned rim with internal bevel and cabling.

Fill of pit [1001], east of the putative round house within the enclosure

20. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Hooked rim with internally thickened bevelled rim. Traces of internal wiping.
21. Class IV bowl, fabric E. Globular bowl with simple, plain upright rim. Surface burnished inside and out, outside very worn.
22. Class IV bowl, fabric A. Two small conjoining bowl sherds with external burnishing and tooled lines.
23. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Inturned, externally thickened beaded bevelled rim.
24. Class III bowl, fabric A. Sherd from below shoulder with internal and external burnishing and tooled lines.
25. Class III bowl, fabric D. Small base, externally smoothed.
26. Class III bowl, fabric D. Small simple inturned bevelled rim, externally smoothed. (Same as 25 above?)

Fill of pit [1366], northern sector of the enclosure

27. Class I jar, fabric D/U. Large sherd of simple out-turned rim with well-formed internal bevel.
28. Class I jar, fabric D/U. Large sherds of base/lower wall of brittle jar, some flint temper >9mm in size. (Same as 27 above?)
29. Class III bowl, fabric A. Base of small bowl, externally smoothed.

Fill of ovoid cut [1003], east of the putative round house within the enclosure

30. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Outward-flaring, simply expanded rim with cabling along flattened bevel. Wiping inside and out.

Posthole Fill [1025]

31. Class III bowl, fabric A. Simple, slightly inturned hooked rim.

Pit Fill [1067]

32. Class I jar, fabric B. Weakly shouldered jar with rippling below shoulder.

Pit Fill [1073]

33. Class I jar, fabric C. Round shouldered jar with simple upright flattened rim. Internal wiping.
34. Class IV bowl, fabric A. Simple, outflaring rim with distinct internal bevel.

Pit Fill [1089]

35. Class I jar, fabric C. Simple, slightly inturned rim with cabling on flattened top.
36. Class III bowl, fabric C. Simple upright/slightly inturned rim with slight internal bevel.

Posthole Fill [1114]

37. Class III bowl, fabric C. Open bowl with simple upright rim.

Posthole Fill [1130]

38. Class IV bowl, fabric A. Upright rim with internal bevel, burnished inside and out.

Posthole Fill [1154]

39. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Simple, flattened inturned rim with possible cabling.
40. Class I jar, fabric D. Rounded shoulder with traces of finger-tip decoration.

Posthole Fill [1184]

41. Class I jar, fabric D. Simple out-turned rim.

Posthole Fill [1287]

42. Fabric D. Simple upright rim with laminated, heavily flint-tempered fabric. ?Neolithic

Posthole Fill [1304]

43. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Simple inturned hooked rim.

Posthole Fill [1382]

44. Class I jar, fabric C. Simple, rounded upright rim with hole drilled from the outside before firing.

Posthole Fill [1406]

45. Class I jar, fabric C. Two conjoining sherds of short upright, slightly out-turned rim, externally expanded.
46. Class III bowl, fabric C. Small hemispherical bowl with simple upright, slightly out-turned rim with internal bevel. (Carbon residue on internal wall.)

Pit Fill [1609], within the putative round house

47. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric D. Base of round-bodied jar/bowl with flint crusting on underside of base.

Pit Fill [1498]

48. Class III bowl, fabric A. Simple, slightly inturned flattened rim, burnished inside and out.
49. Class I jar, fabric D. Rounded shoulder.

Posthole Fill [1527]

50. Class II jar, fabric C. Round bodied jar with short out-turned rim with internal bevel. Burnished inside and out.

Pit Fill [1699], west of the enclosure

51. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Round shouldered jar/bowl with short simple upright rim. Carbonised residue on interior wall.
52. Class I jar, fabric C. Simple flattened rim.
53. Class I/III jar/bowl, fabric C. Rounded shoulder.

Pit Fill [1855], west of the enclosure

54. Class I jar, fabric H. Simple hooked rim, re-fired.
55. Class V cup, fabric B. Complete thick-walled thumb-pot with simple rounded rim and a band of plastic finger-pinched decoration below the rim.

Context	Context Type	Fabric	Sherds	Weight (grams)	Comments
+	-	C	6	147.3	3 sherds (2 conj) of plain base; mbs

Context	Context Type	Fabric	Sherds	Weight (grams)	Comments
67	?	H	2	3.6	mbs, ext burnish
1001	Pit fill	A, C, D, E, H	57	576.4	4 rims, fabrics C, D & E; 1 base, fabric D; 1 shoulder; mbs, 2 dec, both fabric A. *ILL 20-26
1003	Cut fill	C	18	263.9	1 rim (cabled), fabric C; mbs. *ILL 30
1005	Enc ditch (primary)	A, B, C, D	8	192.6	2 rims, fabric C; mbs. *ILL 15
1007	Ph fill	D	4	30.1	mbs
1025	Ph fill	A	1	3.3	1 rim, fabric A. *ILL 31
1027	Ph fill	E	1	3.5	mbs
1031	Ph fill	C, D	3	38.4	mbs
1043	Ph fill	A, C	2	3.2	mbs, 1 fabric A burnished int & ext
1047	Double ph fill	B	1	7.6	mbs
1049	Ph fill	B, C	3	18.3	mbs
1059	Pit fill (p-m?)	B	1	3.0	mbs
1061	Ph fill	B	3	27.5	mbs
1067	Pit fill (p-m?)	B	1	26.8	weak shoulder. *ILL 32
1069	Ph fill	B	1	4.5	mbs
1073	Pit fill (p-m?)	A, C	4	79.7	2 rims (one coarse, fabric C; one fine, fabric A). *ILL 33-34
1083	Ph fill	B	1	16.7	mbs
1087	Linear fill	B, C, H	4	31.8	1 weak shoulder, fine; mbs, 2 fabric H burnished
1089	Pit fill	B, C	15	204.1	2 rims (1 cabled, one inturned, both fabric C); mbs. *ILL 35-36
1095	Ph fill	B, C	3	25.7	mbs
1097	Ph fill	A	1	3.8	mbs
1099	Enc ditch	B, D	5	44.4	mbs; 1 base (flint crusted)
1102	Pit fill	B, D	14	546.8	mbs (large)
1104	Pit fill	B, C	8	179.4	mbs
1106	Linear fill	A, B, H	5	21.8	mbs, 3 fabric H burnished
1114	Ph fill	C	2	21.7	1 rim, fabric C; mbs. *ILL 37
1130	Ph fill	A	3	26.5	1 rim, fabric A; mbs. *ILL 38
1132	Ph fill	A, B, H	5	24.7	mbs, 2 fabric H burnished
1154	Ph fill	C, D	4	60.8	1 rim, fabric C; mbs (1 dec, fabric D). *ILL 39-40
1156	Enc ditch (secondary)	B	2	58.6	mbs
1162	Ph fill	A, C	2	21.0	mbs
1164	Ph fill	D	1	16.7	mbs
1166	Ph fill	C	1	11.7	mbs
1184	Ph fill	D	1	9.0	1 rim, fabric D. *ILL 41
1186	Ovoid cut fill	B, C	6	147.9	mbs
1198	Ph fill	B, C, H	10	54.9	1 small rim; 1 base; mbs, 4 fabric H burnished
1200	Ph fill	C	1	30.6	1 base (flint crusted)
1221	Ph fill	-	1	0.6	mbs
1223	Ph fill	C	2	17.8	mbs
1233	Ph fill (p-m?)	C	1	8.5	mbs
1240	Ph fill	C	1	13.3	mbs
1242	Ph fill	B	1	8.7	mbs
1247	Ph fill	B	1	8.2	shoulder, broken at coil junction
1257	Ph fill	C	1	25.2	mbs
1271	Pit/ph fill	A, B	3	8.0	mbs, 1 fabric A burnished int & ext
1287	Ph fill	D	1	8.3	1 rim (laminated, fabric D). *ILL 42
1289	Ph fill	B, H	5	51.1	mbs
1294	Ph fill	B	1	2.7	mbs

Context	Context Type	Fabric	Sherds	Weight (grams)	Comments
1298	Ph(s) fill	B, C	10	62.2	1 base; mbs
1304	Ph(s) fill	B, C	3	34.8	1 rim (inturned, fabric C); mbs. *ILL 43
1308	Pit fill	B	1	9.4	weak shoulder (broken at coil junction)
1313	Ph fill	C	1	6.6	mbs
1315	Pit fill	D	1	19.0	mbs
1319	Pit fill	B	1	2.4	mbs
1356	Ph fill	C	1	4.1	mbs
1364	Ph(s) fill	C, D	4	78.6	1 base/ang shoulder; mbs
1366	Ph fill	A, D/U	57	1402.9	5 rims, fabric D/U; 3 bases, one fabric D/U, one A; shoulder; mbs. *ILL 27-29
1368	Pit fill	C	7	42.4	mbs (conj)
1372	Ph fill	B	1	7.9	mbs
1382	Ph fill	C	8	54.5	2 rims (conj), fabric C; mbs. *ILL 44
1400	Pit fill (p-m?)	C	1	34.3	1 base
1406	Ph fill	C	5	31.2	3 rims (2 conj), fabric C, one with carbon residue; mbs. *ILL 45-46
1431	Ph fill	B	1	3.4	mbs
1456	Ph fill	C	1	4.4	mbs
1462	Ph fill	B	2	8.6	mbs
1473	Ph fill	A, C	11	151.3	1 base (conj sherds); mbs, 1 shoulder, fabric A, ? ang burnished int & ext
1475	Ph fill	A, C	3	11.6	mbs, 1 fabric A burnished int & ext
1477	Enc ditch (upper fill)	L	1	9.0	mbs
1487	Linear fill	B	1	1.8	mbs
1493	Enc ditch	C	2	14.2	mbs
1498	Ovoid cut fill	A, D	7	76.2	1 rim, fabric A; 1 shoulder, fabric D; mbs. *ILL 48-49
1507	Enc ditch	C/D, D, H, M, U	11	508.1	1 rim, fabric C/D; 2 bases, both fabric D; mbs (1 30mm thick). *ILL 17-18
1527	Ph fill	B	19	67.1	rim sherds (conj), fabric B, fine. *ILL 50
1543	Pit fill	C	2	27.4	mbs (conj), fine with external slip/paint?
1580	Enc ditch (upper fill)	C, M	9	146.3	1 rim, fabric C, *ILL; 1 base; mbs, 1 fabric M burnished int & ext
1581	Enc ditch	B, C	4	95.3	1 rim, fabric C; 1 base; mbs. *ILL 19
1599	Pit fill (p-m?)	C	1	6.3	mbs
1607	Ph fill	C, H	2	20.0	mbs, 1 fabric H burnished int & ext
1609	Ph fill	A, C	40	602.4	1 base (flint crusted) & mbs (same vessel?), fabric D. *ILL 47
1631	Ph fill	B	1	37.9	mbs
1641	Ph fill	C	1	37.4	mbs
1649	Ph fill	A, B	2	4.0	mbs
1651	Ph fill	B	1	12.9	? base, ext burnish
1657	Ph fill	B	1	1.8	mbs
1659	Ph fill	B	1	5.9	mbs
1663	Ph fill	D	1	14.2	mbs, laminated fabric
1665	Ph fill	D	2	12.4	mbs
1681	Pit fill	A, C, D, H, U	220	7015.2	12 rims, fabrics A, C, H, U; 17 base, fabrics A, C, U; 1 shoulder, fabric U; mbs, 1 with carbon residue. *ILL 1-14
1699	Pit fill	B, C	15	203.7	3 rims (2 conj), fabric C; 1 shoulder, fabric C; mbs. *ILL 51-53
1707	Ph fill	A, B	4	25.7	mbs
1711	Ph fill	D	2	13.5	mbs
1726	Enc ditch	C	1	7.5	mbs
1735	Ph fill	B	2	8.8	mbs
1737	Ph fill	C, L	2	15.1	mbs

Context	Context Type	Fabric	Sherds	Weight (grams)	Comments
1763	Ph fill	B, C	5	136.8	mbs
1765	Ph fill	C	3	116.4	mbs
1819	Ph fill	C	1	8.7	mbs
1821	Ph fill	B, C	2	25.0	mbs
1824	Pit fill (p-m?)	C/D	1	8.3	1 base
1839	Ph fill	D	4	50.7	mbs (conj)
1841	Linear fill	C	1	25.4	mbs
1851	Ph fill	C	2	25.2	mbs
1855	Ph fill	B, C, H	7*	80.1*	1 rim, fabric H; 1 base; 1 complete vessel, fabric B; mbs. *ILL 54-55

Table 14: Pottery quantification by context and sherd count/weight (mbs = miscellaneous body sherd; *ILL refers to Illustrated Catalogue above)

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Appendix 5: Fired Clay Objects

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Introduction

In all, 209 pieces of fired clay weighing some 4.7k were recovered from 47 separate contexts across the site. A majority were not identifiable as to form or function. The few diagnostic pieces comprise fragments of clay weights of cylindrical and pyramidal form (including one complete cylindrical example from [1003]), together with part of a briquetage pedestal from [1726]. No certain fragments of perforated clay slab could be identified and no fragments of clay investment mould were noted either, although the base of a possible crucible was recorded from [1681].

Discussion

Clay weights of various forms have been noted on a number of Bronze Age sites, with cylindrical forms giving way to pyramidal forms around the start of the first millennium BC. As such, the preponderance of cylindrical weights noted at Oliver Close might hint at a relatively early date within the Late Bronze Age, a point corroborated by the presence of the plainware ceramic assemblage. The function of these weights is open to speculation, and at 1.6k the weight of the complete example from Oliver Close is such that it is as likely to have secured thatch as the warp threads on a loom.

The apparent absence of fragments of perforated clay slab from the site is surprising given their ubiquity on other Thames Valley sites of this date and, even though their function remains uncertain, no convincing explanation for their absence here can be offered. The presence of part of a clay pedestal and the base of a possible crucible hints at industrial processes connected with salt-extraction and metalworking, respectively. Both processes are well attested on other Essex sites of the period.

Table 15: Fired clay by context, numbers of fragments and weight

Context	Nos	Weight (grams)	Comment
1001	1	2.1	Fired clay
1003	2	1690.7	Complete perforated cylindrical clay weight *ILL
1014	1	12.7	CBM? Post-med
1033	1	4.1	Fired clay
1053	2	5.5	Fired clay
1099	1	38.1	Fired clay
1099	3	98.0	Frags of clay slab (unperforated)
1102	14	88.1	Fired clay
1106	1	121.9	Half of a perforated annular clay weight *ILL
1140	5	19.7	Fired clay
1142	9+	122.2	? Cylindrical clay weight frags
1156	1	7.7	Frag of clay slab (unperforated)
1160	6	196.6	Perforated cylindrical clay weights
1186	1	32.1	Frag of clay slab (unperforated)
1198	1	92.0	Fired clay (wedged potting clay with flint temper)
1215	1	0.6	CBM? Post-med
1240	3	17.9	Frags of clay slab (unperforated)
1257	1	0.6	Fired clay
1271	1	11.1	Fired clay
1273	1	1.9	CBM? Post-med
1294	2	33.0	Fired clay
1312	2	28.4	Fired clay
1364	1	3.8	Fired clay
1366	1	206.4	Fired clay (large)
1382	3	78.0	Frags of conjoining cylindrical clay weight
1382	20	187.1	Fired clay
1433	2	25.6	Fired clay
1437	1	4.5	Fired clay
1477	1	32.3	Re-fired fired clay
1495	2	13.1	Fired clay
1507	1	21.9	Fired clay
1560	3	8.9	Fired clay
1580	4	217.5	Fired clay
1595	10+	85.0	Fired clay
1599	1	1.7	CBM? Post-med
1605	1	30.6	Fired clay
1607	1	39.6	Horizontally-pierced clay weight of pyramidal form *ILL
1661	1	115.5	Fired clay, smoothed surface
1681	18	359.0	Fired clay, some with smoothed surfaces
1681	1	3.9	CBM? Post-med
1681	4	78.5	4 conj frags of ?crucible/base of ceramic vessel *ILL
1681	3	43.5	Fired clay
1699	13	75.3	Fired clay
1707	1	12.4	Fired clay, flat ?briquetage
1709	1	2.6	Fired clay
1726	2	54.2	Conj frags of clay pedestal ?briquetage *ILL
1737	7	29.1	Fired clay
1765	1	5.3	Fired clay
1773	1	5.4	CBM? Post-med
1824	1	9.8	Fired clay
1839	16	152.1	Fired clay, smoothed surfaces (NB. May include a frag of sandstone)
1839	7	99.1	Fired clay
1855	20+	183.8	Fired clay (1 frag with part of perforation)

Table 16: Fired clay by context, numbers of fragments and weight

Appendix 6: Post-Medieval Pottery and Clay Tobacco Pipe Spot Dates

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Context	SD	Suggested date based on decoration
73	1800-1900	
1059	1780-1900	Late 19th C
1019	1835-1900	
1063	1800-1900	
1067	1580-190	
1073	1800-1900	
1204	1780-1900	Late 19th C+
1302	1780-1880	
1302	1800-1900	
1354	1805-1900	Late 19th C
1400	1820-1900	C.1830-60
1480	1800-1900	
1500	1720-1880	
1562	1760-1860	1830-60
1599	1800-1860	
1667	1835-1900	Late 19th c
1733	1911	After George V's 1911 coronation.
1747	1770-1860	
1775	1800-1900	
1794	1840-1880	LATE 19TH C
1823	1850-1900	POSSIBLY WORLD WAR II OR SOME CATASTROPHE – HEAVILY BURNT POTTERY
1824	1800-1900	

Clay tobacco pipes

CONTEXT	PART	Spot date
1067	STEM	18th/19th C
1073	STEM	?19TH C.
1204	STONE	Red stone formed in an interesting way!
1302	STEM	?19TH C
1321	BOWL	1820-1860.
1354	STEM	18th/19th C
1370	STEM	?19TH C.
1400	STEM	19TH C.
1500	STEM	18th/19th C
1599	STEM	c.1860/70-1910
1667	BOWL	19TH C..
1747	STEM	18th/19th C
1775	STEM	?19TH C.
1794	STEM	19TH C.

Appendix 7: The Metal and Small Finds

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A small assemblage of mainly metal objects was retrieved from post-medieval contexts. Besides nails, the finds include both personal and practical items associated with a household in the 19th and early 20th centuries; a small enamelware bowl and brass fittings as well as a near-complete brooch or tie pin and parts of a drawing compass. A brass ?cymbal from context [1562] is probably a musical instrument. A similar object from Norwich, although slightly smaller and more bell-shaped, was interpreted as a percussive musical instrument (Margeson 1993, Fig. 162, no.1762).

No further work is recommended for these finds.

context	sf	description	pot date
1204		iron nail; L 60mm	late 19th c
1400		four incomplete round- and rectangular-section iron nails	1830-1860
1562		small brass ?cymbal with perforated square lug for suspension; diam. 63mm	1830-1860
1599		iron nail; complete; L 65mm	1800-1860
1599		fragment of lead window came; L 22mm	1800-1860
1599	107	globular cast lead object, possibly small weight or the foot of a vessel; diam. 13mm	1800-1860
1667		iron fragment; flat-rectangular profile and slightly rounded shape; L 65mm	late 19th c
1773		copper-alloy wire; lengths of thicker, finer and multi-strand wire	1911+
1773		near-complete copper-alloy bar brooch or medal bar; L 40mm W 3mm	1911+
1773		metal drawing compass; lower part of arm with tightening screw	1911+
1794		brass fitting, possibly the backplate of a glass or porcelain door knob; diam. 33mm	late 19th c
1794		three large rectangular-section iron nails; complete; L 95, 110 and 170mm	late 19th c
1823		incomplete enamelware bowl with rolled outwards-turned rim; white interior and black exterior; ht. 70mm; diam. 180mm	1850-1900
1823		metal pin; L 50mm	1850-1900
1824		iron ?drop/bucket handle; incomplete; L 175mm	1800-1900
1824		stone ?hone	1800-1900

Table 17: Metal finds from Oliver close, Leyton

Appendix 8: Environmental Archaeological Assessment

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INTRODUCTION

This report summarises the findings arising out of an environmental archaeological assessment undertaken by *ArchaeoScape* in connection with the proposed development at Oliver Close, Leyton, London (Site Code: OVC01). The archaeological excavation, conducted by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd., permitted the recovery of bulk samples from contexts provisionally dated to the Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age, Late Bronze Age and Post-medieval period. Assessment of these samples was deemed necessary due to the significance of the site with respect to current research agendas for London that highlight the importance of improving our knowledge and understanding of the environment and human occupation of the prehistoric landscape. The assessment exercise consisted of:

1. A 'rapid' assessment of the bulk samples to record the concentration and state of preservation of fossilised macro-remains (charcoal, charred and waterlogged seeds, bone and insects)
2. Assessment of well-preserved remains, namely charcoal, and charred and waterlogged seeds, to determine their suitability for reconstructing local environmental conditions, the economy and diet of the former inhabitants, and radiocarbon dating.

METHODS

Bulk samples were assessed from a range of archaeological features, including pits, ditches and postholes from Area A and Area B. Three samples were provisionally dated to Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age, eighty-eight samples were taken from features dated to the Late Bronze Age, and two samples were from Post-medieval features. Ten litre bulk sub-samples were processed by flotation by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd, using 1mm and 300µm mesh sizes (Tables 18, 19 and 20). The bulk sub-sample 'flots' were scanned using a low-power zoom-stereo Olympus BX41 microscope and the residues were sorted 'by eye'. Provisional identifications of charred and waterlogged plant macrofossils were made using reference collections at Royal Holloway, and recommendations for further analysis are based on the concentration and standard

of preservation of the remains. Plant nomenclature follows Stace (1997). Identifiable charcoal was scanned using a low power zoom-stereo microscope, prepared using standard techniques (Gale and Cutler, 2000) and examined using an Olympus BX41 microscope. The charcoal was examined using reflected light with magnifications of up to x400, and material was identified from three planes of section whenever possible and compared, when necessary, with relevant literature (e.g. Schweingruber, 1990). Where abundant material was provided only charcoal fragments *ca.* 2mm or greater were studied as smaller pieces lack diagnostic character suites needed for identification. Material categorised as 'unidentifiable' could not be assigned with confidence to a specific taxon due to small size and/or quality of anatomical character preservation. When a genus is represented by a single species in the native British flora it is named as the most likely origin of the wood although it must be noted that wood anatomy alone is often not enough to secure identification to individual species. Classification follows that of Tutin *et al* (1964-1980). The charcoal from each bulk sub-sample was sorted into glass vials by taxon and then labelled individually for the purposes of radiocarbon dating.

RESULTS OF THE 'RAPID' BIOARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Prehistoric

The assessment has recorded the presence of well-preserved, identifiable charcoal in samples <195> and <198>, and charred seeds in samples <195> (Table 18). The remaining contexts contained either no remains, or low concentrations of unidentifiable charcoal, seeds and bone.

Late Bronze Age

The assessment has recorded the presence of well-preserved, identifiable charcoal in samples <130>, <132>, <135>, <102>, <104>, <105>, <109>, <117>, <119>, <122>, <125>, <127>, <143>, <139>, <141>, <144>, <155>, <156>, <157>, <158>, <161>, <163>, <164>, <167>, <169>, <178>, <185>, <147>, <149>, <150>, <151>, <181>, <189>, <154>, <180>, <184>, <170>, <191>, <111>, <173>, <174>, <175>, <176>, <179>, <162>, <101>, <126>, <123>, <106>, <148>, <145>, <152>, <107>, <108>, <112>, <113>, <140>, <166> and <183> (Table 18). The assessment has also recorded the presence of well-preserved, identifiable charred and waterlogged seeds in samples <135>, <104>, <114>, <115>, <141>, <164>, <185>, <191>, <111>, <179>, <162>, <101>, <106>, <108> and <112> (Table 18). The remaining samples contained either no remains, or low concentrations of unidentifiable charcoal, seeds, bone and insects.

Post-medieval

The assessment has recorded the presence of well-preserved, identifiable charred seeds in sample <192> (Table 18).

RESULTS OF THE CHARCOAL ASSESSMENT

The results of the assessment are presented by their provisional date (Table 19). Over 1000 charcoal fragments were examined; from those identifiable fragments, the following seven taxa were identified:

Corylus avellana	Hazel
Fagus	Beech
Prunus sp	Blackthorn, Cherries
Quercus sp	Oak
Populus/*Salix*	Willow
Alnus glutinosa	Alder
?Aesculus	Horse-chestnut

All material appeared to be from relatively mature wood as determined by growth ring curvature unless otherwise stated as roundwood (Table 19). Heartwood was identified in some *Quercus* specimens by the presence of tyloses in the vessels either in transverse and/or longitudinal section. Some charcoal specimens were black and shiney in appearance indicative of having been heated to high temperatures (up to but probably not exceeding 400^{o}C; Menzel and Poole unpublished data). Other specimens were black and shiney with a more or less homogeneous structure indicative of heating to above 400^{o}C (Menzel and Poole unpublished data) (e.g. context (1597) sample <178> vile A; context (1855) sample <198> vile A; context (1839) sample <195> vile B; context (1198) sample <125> vile A). The preservation of the anatomical structures needed for identification in these specimens were obscured and thus rendered the material unidentifiable. Since this material had been subject to relatively high temperatures, which may affect their suitability for radiocarbon dating, unidentifiable material is not recommended for dating.

Prehistoric

Sample <195> contained 60 fragments of *Quercus* sp.; sample <197> contained 2 fragments of ?*Corylus avellana* and 1 fragment of *Quercus* sp; sample <198> contained 127 fragments of *Quercus* sp., 1 fragment of *Corylus avellana* and 1 fragment of *?Prunus* sp.

Late Bronze Age

Postholes

Sample <130>, context (1231) contained 21 fragments of *Quercus* sp, 7 fragments of *?Prunus* sp. and 4 fragments of *Corylus avellana*. Sample <132> from context (1257) contained a single fragment of *Alnus glutinosa.* Sample <135> contained 21 fragments of *Quercus* sp. Samples <102>, <104>, <105> and <109> all contained *Quercus* sp. and *Prunus* sp. Samples <117>, <119>, <122> and <125> all contained small quantities of *Quercus* charcoal. As well as *Quercus*, sample <127> also contained four fragments of *Prunus* sp. and 2 fragments of *Corylus avellana.* Sample <143>, context (1312) from [1307] contained 11 fragments of *Prunus sp.,* 13 fragments of *Quercus sp.* and 5 fragments of *Corylus avellana*. Sample <139> contained 1 fragment of P*runus* sp. Samples <141>, <144>, <155>, <156>, <157>, <158> <161>, <163>, <164>, <167> <169>, <178> and <185> contained fragments of *Quercus* sp. Samples <147>, <149>, <150>, <151> <181> and <189> contained fragments of *Quercus* sp. and *Prunus* sp. Both samples <154> and <180> contained fragments of *Quercus* sp. and *Corylus avellana.* Sample <184> contained only 1 fragment of *Corylus avellana.* Sample <170> contained fragments of *Quercus* sp. and also fragments of *Prunus* sp. and *Populus*/*Salix.* Sample <191> contained fragments of *Quercus* sp. and 1 fragment of *Aesculus.*

Enclosure ditch

The fill of feature [1477], sample <111> contained *Prunus* sp. and *Quercus* sp. The upper fill, sample <173> contained *Corylus avellana* and a conifer. Sample <175> from the primary fill of enclosure ditch [1472] contained five fragments of *Quercus* sp. The fill of [1472], samples <174>, <176> and <179>, all contained a few fragments of *Quercus* sp., and sample <174> also contained one fragment of *Fagus*.

Pits

Samples <162>, <101>, 126>, <123> contained fragments of *Quercus* sp. Samples <162> and <101> contained *Prunus* sp. Sample <101> also contained one fragment of *Fagus sylvatica* and one fragment of *Corylus avellana.* Sample <106>, context (1088) was taken from the fill of a

linear slot and contained fragments of *Quercus* sp. Samples <148>, <145>, <152>, <107>, <108>, <112> <113>, <140>, <166 > and <183> taken from pits including [1316], [1438], [1461], [1544] and [1700] all contained fragments of *Quercus* sp. Samples <108>, <112> and <183> also contained a few fragments of *Prunus* sp. Sample <166> also contained a fragment of *Corylus avellana.*

Post-medieval

This period did not provide charcoal.

RESULTS OF THE PLANT MACROFOSSIL ASSESSMENT

Prehistoric

Sample <195> provided a small quantity *Triticum* / *Hordeum* (Wheat / Barley) grains, whilst both samples <195> and <198> contained seeds of *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen).

Late Bronze Age

Posthole samples <104>, <115>, <141> and <185> provided small quantities of *Triticum* / *Hordeum* (Wheat / Barley) grains, whilst samples <135>, <115>, <141>, <164> and <191> contained seeds that included *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen) and *Rubus* sp (e.g. Blackberry). Ditches, cuts and a single linear feature provided small quantities of *Triticum* / *Hordeum* grains in samples <179>, <162> and <106>, whilst samples <111>, <162> and <101> contained seeds that included *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen), *Rumex* sp (Docks) and *Rubus* sp (e.g. Blackberry). Pit samples <112> and <108> contained small quantities of *Triticum* / *Hordeum* grains and *Chenopodium album* seeds respectively.

Post-medieval

Sample <192> contained small quantities of *Triticum* / *Hordeum* grains and *Rubus* sp seeds.

INTERPRETATION AND CONCLUSIONS

The ‘rapid’ bioarchaeological assessment indicated the presence of well-preserved charcoal and plant macrofossils (seeds), in appropriate concentrations, in selected Late Neolithic / Early

Bronze Age, Late Bronze Age and Post-medieval samples. Assessment of these selected samples tentatively revealed that during the Late Neolithic / Early Bronze Age, oak, hazel and possibly blackthorn were present in the local vegetation cover, and exploited by the inhabitants of the site. During the Late Bronze Age, a similar picture has tentatively emerged for the local presence and exploitation of mainly oak, hazel and blackthorn, but also poplar/willow, alder, horse chestnut and beech. The presence of beech is particularly interesting, because according to pollen-stratigraphic records beech does not become extensive in the UK until the Late Iron Age / Roman period. However, there is a growing body of data, based upon charcoal identifications, which indicate the presence of beech woodland from the Bronze Age onwards. During both phases, there is unequivocal evidence for the utilisation of wheat / barley, and the local presence and possible exploitation of blackberry shrubs. However, there is no evidence in the plant macrofossil record for the local cultivation of cereals i.e. the presence of waste by-products (chaff) of crop processing. Finally, during the post-medieval period there is evidence for the exploitation of wheat / barley. All of the samples listed in Tables 19 and 20, with the exception of samples <122>, <141>, <144>, <156>, <161> and <108>, have provided materials suitable for radiocarbon dating using either the AMS or standard radiometric methods depending upon sample size.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Of those samples used in the charcoal assessment (see Table 19), the remaining material from a selection of features and their contexts should be processed and a full analysis conducted to elucidate the general composition of the local woodland and shrubland, and the nature of woodland exploitation practices. The selection process should be conducted by the environmental archaeologist, site supervisor and project manager, and should be targeted to meet the aims and objectives of the project.
2. Of those samples used in the plant macrofossil assessment (see Table 20), the remaining material from all features and their contexts (with the exception of the post-medieval samples) should be processed and a full analysis conducted to elucidate the general nature of forest farming during these phases.

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Table 18:

Context	Sample	Provisional Date	Description	Volume processed	Volume remaining	Charcoal	Charred Seeds	WL seeds	Bone	Insects
1001	108	LBA	fill of sub rounded pit	10	20	2	2	2	-	-
1003	101	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	2	2	2	--	-
1005	110	LBA	primary fill of enclosure ditch	10	20	-	1	-	-	-
1025	102	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1031	103	LBA	fill of posthole	Missing	Missing				-	-
1047	104	LBA	fill of double posthole	10	10	2	2	2	-	-
1069	105	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	-	-	-
1088	106	LBA	linear slot	10	10	2	2	2	-	-
1089	107	LBA	fill of pit	10	10	2	1	-	-	-
1097	109	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	-	-	-
1099	111	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch	10	20	2	2	-	-	-
1102	112	LBA	fill of pit	10	0	2	2	2	-	-
1104	113	LBA	fill of pit	10	10	2	1	-	-	-
1114	114	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	2	2	-	-
1122	117	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1124	119	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	-	-	-
1128	116	LBA	fill of pit	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1132	115	LBA	fill of posthole	10	30	-	2	2	-	1
1140	118	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1142	163	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1154	120	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1160	121	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1	1	-	-
1162	122	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1186	123	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1188	126	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	0	2	1	-	-	-
1194	124	LBA	fill of posthole	10	20	-	1	-	-	-
1198	125	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	-	1	-
1217	128	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1	1	-	-
1221	129	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1	1	-	-
1223	127	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	-	-	-
1231	130	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	-	-	-
1237	131	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	-	-	-
1243	136	Post med	fill of [1244]	Missing	Missing	-	-	-	-	-
1253	133	LBA	fill of posthole	Missing	Missing	-	-	-	-	-
1257	132	LBA	fill of posthole	10	30	2	1	-	-	-
1271	134	LBA	fill of posthole [1272]	10	10	-	1	-	-	-
1273	137	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1289	135	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	2	2	-	-
1292	138	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
1294	141	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	2	2	-	-
1298	139	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1304	144	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	1
1308	140	LBA	fill of small pit	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1310	142	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1	1	-	-
1312	143	LBA	fill of posthole [1307]	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1315	145	LBA	fill of pit [1316]	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1343	146	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1	1	-	-
1352	147	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1366	155	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	-	-	-
1368	148	LBA	fill of pit [1369]	10	10	2	1	1	-	2

Context	Sample	Provisional Date	Description	Volume processed	Volume remaining	Charcoal	Charred Seeds	WL seeds	Bone	Insects
1378	149	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1382	156	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1384	157	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1394	150	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1402	151	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1436	160	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1	1	-	-
1437	152	LBA	fill of pit [1438]	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1456	154	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1460	153	LBA	fill of pit [1461]	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1473	158	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1478	159	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	-	1	1	-	-
1489	161	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1498	162	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	2	2	2	-	-
1507	179	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch	10	10	2	2	2	-	-
1519	164	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	2	2	-	-
1527	167	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1531	165	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1539	168	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1543	166	LBA	fill of pit [1544]	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1548	169	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1560	170	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1574	171	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1576	172	LBA	fill of possible fire pit [1577]	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1580	173	LBA	upper fill of enclosure ditch [1477]	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1581	174	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	10	10	2	-	-	-	-
1582	175	LBA	primary fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1583	176	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1591	177	LBA	fill of posthole	Missing	Missing					
1597	178	LBA	fill of posthole [1598]	10	0	2	1	1	-	1
1649	180	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1665	181	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	1	-	-
1681	182	LBA	fill of pit [1682]	10	30	-	1	-	-	-
1681	186	LBA	fill of pit [1682]	10	10	-	1	-	-	-
1699	183	LBA	fill of pit [1700]	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1707	185	LBA	fill of posthole	10	5	2	2	-	-	-
1711	184	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	1	1	-	-
1713	187	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1716	188	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1	-	-	-
1763	190	LBA	fill of posthole [1718]	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1765	191	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	2	2	2	-	-
1794	189	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	2	1	-	-	-
1816	192	Post med	secondary fill of [1818]	10	10	-	2	-	-	-
1821	193	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1837	194	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1	1	-	-
1839	195	LN/EBA	fill of posthole [1840]	10	25	2	2	-	1	-
1841	197	LN/EBA	fill of posthole [1842]	10	0	1	1	-	-	-
1855	198	LN/EBA	fill of posthole [1856]	10	0	2	2	-	-	-

Table 19:

Context	Sample	Provisional Date	Description	voume processed	volume remaining	Charcoal	Charred Seeds	WL seeds	Bone	Insects	Species
1001	108	LBA	fill of sub rounded pit	10	20	1-10 identifiable	51-150 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	?Quercus sp; ?Prunus sp; *Chenopodium album*
1003	101	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	11-50 identifiable	11-50 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	--	-	*Fagus sylvatica; Quercus sp; Prunus sp; Corylus avellana; Rubus*
1005	110	LBA	primary fill of enclosure ditch	10	20	-	1-10 unident	-	-	-	
1025	102	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp; Corylus avellana
1031	103	LBA	fill of posthole	Missing	Missing				-	-	
1047	104	LBA	fill of double posthole	10	10	11-50 identifiable	11-50 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp; *Triticum*/*Hordeum* sp
1069	105	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp
1088	106	LBA	linear slot	10	10	1-10 identifiable	11-50 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	Quercus sp; *Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp
1089	107	LBA	fill of pit	10	10	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	Quercus sp
1097	109	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	?Quercus sp; Prunus sp
1099	111	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch	10	20	1-10 identifiable	11-50 identifiable	-	-	-	Prunus sp; Quercus sp; *Chenopodium album*; *Rubus; Rumex* sp
1102	112	LBA	fill of pit	10	0	11-50 identifiable	11-50 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp; *Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp
1104	113	LBA	fill of pit	10	10	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	Quercus
1114	114	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	
1122	117	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1124	119	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	Quercus sp
1128	116	LBA	fill of pit	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1132	115	LBA	fill of posthole	10	30	-	11-50 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	1-10 unident	*Triticum*/*Hordeum* sp; *Chenopodium album*
1140	118	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1142	163	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1154	120	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1160	121	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1162	122	LBA	fill of	10	0	1-10	1-10	1-10	-	-	

Context	Sample	Provisional Date	Description	voume processed	volume remaining	Charcoal	Charred Seeds	WL seeds	Bone	Insects	Species
			posthole			identifiable	unident	unident			
1186	123	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	?Quercus
1188	126	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	
1194	124	LBA	fill of posthole	10	20	-	1-10 unident	-	-	-	
1198	125	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	51-150 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	1-10 unident	-	Quercus sp
1217	128	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1221	129	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1223	127	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp; Corylus avellana
1231	130	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	51-150 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp; Corylus avellana
1237	131	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	-	-	-	
1243	136	Post med	fill of [1244]	Missing	Missing	-		-	-	-	
1253	133	LBA	fill of posthole	Missing	Missing	-	-	-	-	-	
1257	132	LBA	fill of posthole	10	30	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	Alnus glutinosa
1271	134	LBA	fill of posthole [1272]	10	10	-	1-10 unident	-	-	-	
1273	137	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1289	135	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	11-50 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	Quercus sp; *Chenopodium album*; *Rubus*
1292	138	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	
1294	141	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	11-50 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	?Quercus sp; *Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp; *Chenopodium album;* Caryophyllaceae
1298	139	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Prunus sp
1304	144	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	1-10 unident	?Quercus sp
1308	140	LBA	fill of small pit	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp.
1310	142	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1-10 unident	11-50 unident	-	-	
1312	143	LBA	fill of posthole [1307]	10	0	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp; Corylus avellana
1315	145	LBA	fill of pit [1316]	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1343	146	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1352	147	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp
1366	155	LBA	fill of	10	0	11-50	1-10	-	-	-	Quercus sp

Context	Sample	Provisional Date	Description	voume processed	volume remaining	Charcoal	Charred Seeds	WL seeds	Bone	Insects	Species
			posthole			identifiable	unident				
1368	148	LBA	fill of pit [1369]	10	10	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	1-10 identifiable	Quercus sp
1378	149	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1382	156	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	?Quercus sp
1384	157	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1394	150	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp
1402	151	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp
1436	160	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1437	152	LBA	fill of pit [1438]	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1456	154	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; ?Corylus avellana
1460	153	LBA	fill of pit [1461]	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1473	158	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1478	159	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1489	161	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	?Quercus sp
1498	162	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	11-50 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	Quercus sp; ?Prunus sp; *Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp; *Chenopodium album*
1507	179	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	Quercus sp; *Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp
1519	164	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	11-50 identifiable	-	-	Quercus sp; *Rubus; Chenopodium album*
1527	167	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1531	165	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1539	168	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1543	166	LBA	fill of pit [1544]	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	11-50 unident	-	-	Corylus avellana; Quercus sp;
1548	169	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1560	170	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	51-150 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp; Populus/Salix
1574	171	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1576	172	LBA	fill of possible fire pit [1577]	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1580	173	LBA	upper fill of	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Corylus avellana; conifer

Context	Sample	Provisional Date	Description	voume processed	volume remaining	Charcoal	Charred Seeds	WL seeds	Bone	Insects	Species
			enclosure ditch [1477]								
1581	174	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	10	10	1-10 identifiable	-	-	-	-	Quercus sp; Fagus
1582	175	LBA	primary fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1583	176	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch [1472]	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp
1591	177	LBA	fill of posthole	Missing	Missing						
1597	178	LBA	fill of posthole [1598]	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	1-10 unident	Quercus sp
1649	180	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; Corylus avellana
1665	181	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	11-50 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; ?Prunus sp
1681	182	LBA	fill of pit [1682]	10	30	-	1-10 unident	-	-	-	
1681	186	LBA	fill of pit [1682]	10	10	-	1-10 unident	-	-	-	
1699	183	LBA	fill of pit [1700]	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Quercus sp; Prunus sp
1707	185	LBA	fill of posthole	10	5	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	-	Quercus sp; *Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp
1711	184	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	Corylus avellana
1713	187	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1716	188	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	-	1-10 unident	-	-	-	
1763	190	LBA	fill of posthole [1718]	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1765	191	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	?Aesculus; ?Quercus sp; *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen) *Rubus* (e.g. blackberry)
1794	189	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	1-10 identifiable	1-10 unident	-	-	-	Quercus sp; ?Prunus sp
1816	192	Post med	secondary fill of [1818]	10	10	-	11-50 identifiable	-	-	-	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp; *Rubus*
1821	193	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1837	194	LBA	fill of posthole	10	0	-	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	
1839	195	LN/EBA	fill of posthole [1840]	10	25	51-150 identifiable	11-50 identifiable	-	1-10 unident	-	Quercus sp; *Triticum*/*Hordeum* sp; *Chenopodium album*

Context	Sample	Provisional Date	Description	voume processed	volume remaining	Charcoal	Charred Seeds	WL seeds	Bone	Insects	Species
1841	197	LN/EBA	fill of posthole [1842]	10	0	1-10 unident	1-10 unident	-	-	-	?*Corylus avellanaI; Quercus sp*
1855	198	LN/EBA	fill of posthole [1856]	10	0	51-150 identifiable	1-10 identifiable	-	-	-	?Prunus sp; ?*Corylus avellanaI; Quercus sp; Chenopodium album*

Table 20

Context	**Sample**	**Provisional Date**	**Description**	**Sample vol. processed (l)**	**Sample vol. remaining (l)**	**Principal Charred and Waterlogged Taxa**
1839	195	LN/EBA	fill of posthole [1840]	10	25	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley) *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen)
1855	198	LN/EBA	fill of posthole [1856]	10	0	*Chenopodium album* (Fat hen)
1289	135	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	*Chenopodium album* (Fat hen) *Rubus* (e.g. blackberry)
1047	104	LBA	fill of double posthole	10	10	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley)
1132	115	LBA	fill of posthole	10	30	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley) *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen)
1294	141	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley) *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen) Caryophyllaceae (e.g. Charlock)
1519	164	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	*Rubus* (e.g. blackberry) *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen)
1707	185	LBA	fill of posthole	10	5	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley)
1765	191	LBA	fill of posthole	10	10	*Chenopodium album* (Fat hen) *Rubus* (e.g. blackberry)
1099	111	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch	10	20	*Chenopodium album* (Fat hen) *Rubus* (e.g. blackberry) *Rumex* sp (docks and sorrels)
1507	179	LBA	fill of enclosure ditch	10	10	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley)
1498	162	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley) *Chenopodium album* (Fat hen)
1003	101	LBA	fill of ovoid cut	10	10	*Rubus* (e.g. blackberry)
1088	106	LBA	linear slot	10	10	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley)
1001	108	LBA	fill of sub rounded pit	10	20	*Chenopodium album* (Fat hen)
1102	112	LBA	fill of pit	10	0	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley)
1816	192	post med	secondary fill of [1818]	10	10	*Triticum* / *Hordeum* sp (Wheat / Barley) *Rubus* (e.g. blackberry)

Appendix 9: Animal Bone Assessment

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Introduction

The excavations at Oliver Close Estate recovered a small quantity of animal bone mainly from post-medieval features. The condition of the bone was average with the exception of some poorly preserved cattle tooth fragments found in the fill of a Late Bronze Age double post setting.

Methodology

The animal bone was identified to species/taxonomic category where possible and to size class in the case of unidentifiable bones such as ribs, fragments of longbone shaft and the majority of vertebra fragments. Recording follows the established techniques whereby details of the element, species, bone portion, state of fusion, wear of the dentition, anatomical measurements and taphonomic including natural and anthropogenic modifications to the bone were registered.

Results

None of the post-medieval pits produced a significant quantity of animal bone. A single cattle hyoid was found in the fill of [1060], the fill of [1371] produced a pig humerus butchered across the distal shaft, a indeterminate longbone fragment was found in the fill of [1600], fragments of an unfused, juvenile cattle metatarsal were present in [1668] and some pieces of an adult cattle skull were recovered from [1825].

Two Late Bronze Age contexts contained animal bone. Double post setting [1048] contained a few fragments of a cattle tooth which was very poorly preserved. The single fragment of well-preserved animal bone found in posthole [1795] is probably intrusive because of the lack of animal bone found in prehistoric contexts. Furthermore this pig femur displayed evidence of butchery using a saw which only becomes common in the 18th or 19th centuries. This bone is either therefore intrusive or the dating of the post-hole needs to be reconsidered.

Recommendations

The animal bone is too small and provides insignificant evidence for use of animals in either the Late Bronze Age or Iron Age. No further work is therefore suggested for the assemblage.

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