# MARSH LEYS FARM

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EVALUATION
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### Preface

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### Key terms

*Throughout this project the following terms or abbreviations are used:*

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| *CAO* | County Archaeological Officer of *BCC* |
| *BCAS* | Bedfordshire County Archaeology Service |
| *BCC* | Bedfordshire County Council |
| *Client* | Old Road Securities plc |
| *The Specification* | Document: *Specification for the Archaeological Field Evaluation of land at Marsh Leys Farm, Kempston, Bedfordshire* |

## Non-Technical Summary

*Prior to the recent evaluation the County Council's Historic Environment Record contained details of two extensive archaeological sites within the Development Area (Fig. 1). The nature, date and extent of these sites, along with the remainder of the Study Area, have been evaluated by four investigative methods (aerial photograph analysis, field artefact collection, geophysical survey and trial excavation).*

*The non-intrusive surveys (Stages 1 to 3) identified three areas of possible settlement type features. That located to the north-east of the present farm was dated to the Roman period based on the artefacts recovered within the ploughsoil. The two other potential settlements to the south-west of the farm could not be dated, as crop growth prevented field artefact collection in this field. Away from these areas, cropmarks, geophysical anomalies and artefact clusters suggested other areas of isolated human activity.*

*Trial excavation (Stage 4) has conclusively demonstrated there is no settlement pre-dating the late Iron Age within the Study Area. It has, however, located two settlements with quite complex development sequences: to the north-east (IV/V) and to the south-west (XI/X) of the present farm (Fig. 32). Both appear to have originated in the late Iron Age, and continued in use throughout the Roman period. It is possible that both settlements either expanded in size or shifted location slightly during the Roman period. The settlement Area IV/V cover a maximum area of 2ha and those in XI/X a maximum area of 3.8ha.*

*The nature of the archaeological features within these settlements and the artefact assemblage suggest both were farmsteads associated with contemporary field systems and/or enclosures. Several buildings were identified, along with ditched enclosures, areas of pitting and two human burials.*

*Despite some plough damage preservation of features was reasonably good. Smaller features such as postholes, and delicate features such as stone surfaces and burials survive. The artefact assemblage included not just types which are stable in the ground, such as pottery and tile, but also more vulnerable items such as iron and copper objects. Animal bone is preserved within the features and there is some potential for ecofactual information (charred remains and possibly waterlogging).*

*Although the farmsteads are not of schedulable quality, they do have the potential to address a number of national and regional research aims. Regionally they are significant because very few sites of this type and date have fallen in their entirety within a development area.*

*Isolated features of both human and natural origin containing no artefacts and ecofacts were present in the Study Area. Without dating evidence these are of little significance. Medieval and post-medieval features were also discovered. These represent evidence for agriculture, land boundaries and communications of this period. They are of only local significance.*

# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background to the project

Old Road Securities plc have submitted a planning application (98/992/OUT) to Bedford Borough Council for outline consent for commercial development within this Study Area. This was granted in January 1999, but with a condition regarding any archaeological remains within the development area.

The *CAO* of *BCC* advised prior to application that the area under consideration was archaeologically sensitive. In accordance with Local Plan Policy HA1a the Borough Council required sufficient information to evaluate the importance of the archaeological remains within the development area. This is in line with guidance contained in PPG 16 *Archaeology and Planning*. In order to assess the archaeological implication of the proposed scheme a *Specification* was issued by the *CAO* for a staged Archaeological Field Evaluation.

On 17th November 1998 *BCAS* were appointed by The Client to undertake the first three Stages of this evaluation. These comprised aerial photograph analysis, field artefact collection and geophysical survey (as stipulated in the *Specification*). The results were the subject of a separate report produced in January 1999 (BCAS 1999). On 1st March 1999 BCAS was appointed to undertake trial excavation, the fourth and final stage of the field evaluation.

This report presents a brief summary of the results of the first three stages of evaluation and the detailed results of the trial excavation.

## 1.2 Site location (Fig 1)

Marsh Leys Farm is located on the southern edge of Kempston on the western outskirts of Bedford. The Study Area is 59 ha in extent centred on TL 0263 4570 and is divided into four arable fields surrounding the farm. It is bounded by roads to the north, west and south, and the Bedford-Bletchley railway line to the east.

Topographically the Study Area is within the Marston Vale, a clay vale lying to the south of Bedford. It is situated within the upper reaches of the Elstow Brook, a tributary of the River Great Ouse, which until re-alignments in the 1980s flowed through the Study Area. The land is fairly flat at 30m AOD, but there is a gentle drop from the north-east to the south-west.

The geology of the area is Oxford Clay, with alluvial deposits associated with the Elstow Brook likely to occur to the east.

## 1.3 Archaeological background (Fig 1)

*BCC* has a catalogue of archaeological sites and historic buildings, the Historic Environment Record (HER), in which all known discoveries in Bedfordshire are recorded. One large HER site is centred on Marsh Leys Farm and a large number are known in the vicinity, some of which may be significant for the

Study Area.

Cropmarks are visible on aerial photographs both within the Study Area (HER 9600) and immediately adjacent (HER 16323). To the north-east and south-west of the farm a complex of small rectangular enclosures may represent Roman farmsteads established within a field system. Ridge and furrow survives within the Study Area both as earthworks to the south of the farm and is visible on aerial photographs. A number of the linear cropmarks to the north-east of the farm may reflect medieval land divisions.

Immediately north-east of the Study Area, beyond the railway, a substantial cropmark complex is known (HER 16323). This comprises a system of trackways, enclosures and linear boundaries parallel to and on either side of the Elstow Brook. They are undated but may be of later prehistoric or Roman date. Their arrangement suggests they may continue into the Study Area. In 1851 a substantial quantity of Roman pottery was recovered during clay digging to the north-east (HER 265).

A moated enclosure (HER 303) is situated to the south-east of the Study Area. This is associated with the sunken lane (HER 11532) which forms the southern boundary of the Study Area and may have acted as the Kempston parish boundary. This lane is associated with Hardwick Bridge on the limit of the Study Area which is first recorded as "Herwykbrigg" in AD1430 (HER 4442). The lane is connected to another known as the Portway (HER 11535) to the west of the Study Area. Another bridge, "Fulbekbrig", of medieval origin was located to the north-west in the vicinity of the Woburn Road industrial estate roundabout on the A421 (HER 11687).

## 1.4 Project objectives

The *Specification* states that the Study Area is archaeologically sensitive but that insufficient information is available to assess the impact of the development. Therefore the following information is required from the field evaluation.

- The location, extent, nature and date of any archaeological features or deposits that are present.

- The integrity and state of preservation of any archaeological features or deposits that are present.

## 1.5 Overall method statement

A detailed method statement accompanies the report on each of the investigative methods utilised during this field evaluation. Throughout the project the standards set in the IFA *Standard and Guidance for Field Evaluation* have been adhered to. Also those standards outlined in the BCAS *Procedures Manual for Archaeological Fieldwork and the Analysis of Fieldwork Records* (1996), the IFA Code of Conduct, English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects* (1991) and *Preparing Archaeological Archives for Deposition in Registered Museums in Bedfordshire* (1993) were

adhered to.

## 1.6 Structure of the report

This report is concentrated on the results of the trial excavation stage of the evaluation. A brief summary is presented of the results of the non-intrusive stages as these provided the framework within which the trial excavation strategy was designed. As this report presents the results of the final stage of field evaluation Section 4 presents a spatial synthesis of results combining evidence from all the different investigative methods. Section 6 provides a chronological synthesis of the results. The final section of the report discusses the significance of the results in light of known national and regional criteria. The detailed trench descriptions are placed at the back of the textual section of the report. All photographs and figures are bound at the very back of this report.

# 2. SUMMARY OF THE NON-INTRUSIVE STAGES OF EVALUATION

## 2.1 *Introduction*

A summary is presented here of the results of Stages 1, 2 and 3 to provide a background to the trial excavation strategy. For detailed information on the results the report should be consulted (BCAS 1999).

## 2.2 *Aerial photograph analysis* (Fig. 2)

Given suitable conditions, including soil and crop type, aerial photographs can record surviving sub-surface archaeological features. Generally, cropmarks are most visible within ripe crops, frequently during the months of June and July. Cropmark visibility can vary for a wide number of reasons. This means that absence cannot be taken as a categorical indication of the absence of archaeological features. Aerial photograph analysis has identified a variety of cropmarks within the Study Area.

Geological variations appear to be visible as irregular dark cropmarks which in a number of areas either confuse or may mask those of archaeological origin. The larger areas of dark crop may be a reflection of the damper, low-lying ground associated with former courses of the Elstow Brook.

Within the core Study Area linear cropmarks are mainly visible. A number of these correspond to features on the historical maps and are therefore likely to be fairly recent in origin. Other linears do not respect either the present field layout or the ridge and furrow system and are therefore likely to be of some antiquity. Concentrations of shorter cropmarks which may indicate settlement locations were located to the west and north-east of Field 5, and to the north-east of Marsh Leys Farm in Field 2.

To the north-east of the railway line a series of enclosures are located to the north-west and south-east of the former course of the Elstow Brook. These are generally sub-rectangular in shape. Some contained sub-divisions, internal and external features. The presence of pit type cropmarks both within and outside a number of the enclosures suggests settlement activity. No certain entranceways were located, but the darker cropmarks on the Elstow Brook side made identification difficult.

Evidence for ridge and furrow was located in many of the fields. This represents the predominant farming system during the medieval period but also continued into post-medieval times. In some areas this may have obscured further cropmarks. It is however useful in determining which cropmarks respect the alignment of the furrows.

The historical maps suggest a number of the linears reflect field boundaries present within the Study Area over the last 300 years. It is suspicious that a number of the enclosures respect these boundaries. Otherwise, on typological grounds, the enclosures could be assigned to the Iron Age or Roman periods.

This may reflect the continuity of ancient landscape features into the modern period most commonly observed with Roman roads.

## 2.3 *Field artefact collection*

Given suitable conditions including soil, weathering, crop growth and light, artefacts can be seen within ploughed soil. The distribution of artefacts can suggest the location of past human activity. Approximately 41 hectares were examined. Unfortunately due to crop growth it was not possible to walk over the south-western field.

Artefacts recovered from field artefact collection comprised pottery of late Iron Age, Roman, medieval and post-medieval periods, ceramic building material of Roman and late medieval/post-medieval date, worked flint, an annular glass bead and ferrous slag. No significant artefact concentrations were identified from the pre- or post-Roman periods.

Roman material, however, was concentrated to the north east of Marsh Leys Farm and may indicate the location of a settlement of this period. The general scatter of Roman material adjacent to the main concentration may reflect the spreading of manure on adjacent Roman fields rather than more widespread activity. The recovery of the annular glass bead is of considerable interest, as artefacts of this type are rarely recovered during field artefact collection. Single fragments of diagnostic Roman building material may suggest the presence of substantial structures within the locality, although given the scarcity of this material, these are likely to be situated beyond the limits of the Study Area.

## 2.4 *Geophysical survey* (Fig. 3)

Variations in magnetism within soil often reflect the location of buried archaeological remains. Scientific instruments have been designed to locate such variations. The systematic use of these is known as a geophysical survey. A specialist contractor West Yorkshire Archaeology Services (WYAS) undertook the geophysical survey and the full results were presented in their separate report (WYAS 1998). The geophysical survey identified ditch type and pit type anomalies, many of which are likely to be of human origin. These were concentrated in two areas.

An area to the east of Marsh Leys Farm contained a discrete area of pit type anomalies associated with a possible ditched enclosure suggestive of settlement activity. To the south of this area another enclosure was located immediately adjacent to the former field boundary. No pit type anomalies were located in this area and it therefore may not relate to settlement activity.

Approximately 300m south-west of the farm a large area of ditch and pit type anomalies was located. The presumed ditches appear to form both D-shaped enclosures and field boundaries. The pit type anomalies were generally concentrated in the vicinity of the enclosures supporting the interpretation of these as areas of settlement.

## 2.5 Summary of results of the non-intrusive survey

Three areas of settlement type features including enclosures, ditches and pits, have been located by the non-intrusive survey. The potential settlement to the north-east of the farm probably dates to the Roman period, based on artefacts recovered from within the overlying ploughsoil. The two other potential settlements in the field could not be confirmed and dated as no field artefact collection was possible in this field. They may continue the trend of enclosures identified to the north-east of the Study Area and therefore on typological grounds could be Iron Age or Roman in date. Less concentrated cropmarks and artefact concentration indicate activity of prehistoric and indeterminate date elsewhere in the Study Area.

# 3. TRIAL EXCAVATION

## 3.1 Introduction

Trial excavation was undertaken between 15th March and 22nd April 1999 in varied weather conditions. A total of 51 trenches were opened and investigated (Fig. 4). Details of all trenches and the deposits/features they contained are recorded in Appendix 1 at the end of this report.

## 3.2 The trench strategy (Fig. 4)

The location of the initial 47 trenches was determined from the results of Stages 1, 2 and 3. The trench strategy was approved by the *CAO* and the Client prior to commencement. Trenches were positioned for the following reasons:

| Investigative reason | Discussion | No. |
|---|---|---|
| **Cropmarks visible on aerial photographs** | Investigate cropmarks interpreted as of archaeological or possible archaeological origin. | 15 |
| **Artefact concentrations** | Investigate the prehistoric "worked flint" and Roman artefact concentrations identified during field artefact collection.. | 4 |
| **Geophysical anomalies** | Investigated anomalies interpreted as of archaeological origin. | 9 |
| **Area where archaeological features may be sealed by masking deposits.** | If archaeological features are sealed by masking deposits they may not be detected as cropmarks or geophysical anomalies. Alluvial deposits could be present close to the brook and therefore this area will be examined. | 4 |
| **Investigate areas not subject to field artefact collection or detailed geophysical survey** | Smaller features such as postholes and pits may not be visible as cropmarks or geophysical anomalies. These are the typical features of prehistoric settlement and therefore trial trenching is the most suitable method of locating these. | 15 |

***Table 1:*** Initial trench strategy

## 3.3 Contingency trenches

Once examination of the initial trenches was complete a number of extensions and additional trenches were requested by the CAO. This was in line with the contingency arrangements outlined in the *Specification*. Their location and purpose was decided by the CAO and they were undertaken after agreement from The Client.

| Investigative reason | Discussion | No. |
|---|---|---|
| **Clarify the nature of archaeological features** | Occasionally the narrow width of a trial trench hinders the interpretation of features. By widening the trench in localised areas the nature of archaeological remains is often clarified. | 2 |
| **Define limits of archaeological activity** | Archaeological remains within trial trenches often appear to be concentrated. To ensure this is a true reflection some trenches were extended in length. | 2 |
| **Define limits of areas of archaeological activity** | Once the initial trial trenches are opened concentrations of archaeological remains are often apparent. It is essential to define the limit of these areas accurately and therefore additional trenches are positioned to locate the edge of the remains. | 4 |

***Table 2:*** Contingency trench strategy

### 3.4 Method statement

- All aspects of trial excavation were carried out in accordance with the *Specification* for the evaluation.

- The trenches were opened with a mechanical excavator, fitted with a toothless ditching blade, operating under archaeological supervision.

- Topsoil and overburden were removed by machine down to the top of any natural subsoil encountered (for example alluvial deposits), or archaeological deposits, whichever was encountered first. Alluvial deposits were examined and then removed by machine. The base of the majority of the trenches was therefore natural clay or gravel.

- Throughout the Study Area, the topsoil was stockpiled on the opposing side of the trench to the subsoil. Backfilling took place in reverse order with deposits being compacted with the bucket of the hymac.

- Trenches were usually either 30m or 50m long, with occasional longer ones. They were all 2.2m wide but of varying depth.

- Sufficient of archaeological features was excavated to examine the nature of the feature and filling deposits, provide an opportunity for the recovery of artefacts and ecofacts and examine the relationship with other features.

- To ensure the integrity of archaeological remains or features, the maximum possible pre-excavation recording was undertaken. Features such as hearths, burials, surfaces and the key relationships were examined in the least destructive way possible.

- On the discovery of human remains BCAS liased with the Home Office and Client to acquire the appropriate Licence. The license was granted (No. A1698) and all conditions affecting the future deposition and curation of human remains will be discussed with Bedford Museum. Only human remains in a fragile condition and where backfilling potentially could have damaged the remains were exhumed.

- All archaeological deposits were recorded using a unique recording number starting at 1.

- Generally the trenches were numbered in a continuous sequence from 1 to 51 from the northern field in a clockwise direction, with the exception of the contingency trenches.

- Each trench was allocated a block of recording numbers in a continuous sequence. Therefore context/feature 1213 is located in trench 12, context/feature 4502 is located in trench 45 etc.

### 3.5 *Results of the trial excavation* (Fig. 5)

In the following discussion the fifty-one trenches have been grouped into meaningful areas to assist in the interpretation and discussion. These generally represent spatial concentrations of archaeological features. They have been assigned Roman numerals (I – XII) to distinguish them from the trial trench numbers, geophysical areas and cropmarks letters. Each area is discussed in a standard fashion.

#### 3.5.1 **Area I** Trenches 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 (Figs. 6 and 7)

These trenches were located in the south and east of the study area. They were targeted to investigate:

- cropmarks (trench 23 and 29)
- flint artefact cluster (trench 30)
- areas where archaeological deposits may be sealed by masking deposits (trenches 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, and 34).

Overburden deposits and a small number of features were investigated. Only one artefact was recovered from topsoil from a trench in this area.

***Overburden***

Topsoil is generally 0.25m to 0.35m thick and within the topsoil of trench 34 a flint blade (RA 17) was recovered. A subsoil was present within the majority of the trenches. The natural gravels appear to dip towards the south-east and east. This corresponds to an increase in the depth of subsoil deposits (from 0.13m to 0.32m). No subsoil is evident in trench 34 where topsoil lies directly on clays. Only trench 32 contains evidence for recent alluvial deposits, increasing in thickness (up to 0.7m) next to the brook. It is possible that these deposits predate the construction of the medieval bridge HER (4442).

Natural sandy gravels were located in all the trenches north of the Elstow Brook and in trench 33 to the south. Natural Oxford clays were exposed in the remaining trenches.

- ***Archaeological features/deposits***

With the exception of trenches 27, 28 and 29 no features were present. The small number of features investigated are interpreted as of geological origin [2803], tree-throws [2705], animal disturbance [2805] and modern field drain [2807]. A small ditch [2904] was located at the west end of trench 29, but is likely to be of fairly recent date as it truncates the subsoil.

### 3.5.2 **Area II** Trenches 16 and 20 (Figs. 8)

Two trenches were located in the north east corner of the study area. They were designed to investigate:

- the area in-between the possible cropmark enclosure to the west and the complex area of cropmarks to the east of the railway.

Postholes, pits, a ditch and furrows were located within these trenches. The features were generally shallow (between 0.06m and 0.24m) indicating preservation of features in this area may be poor. No artefacts were recovered from either of these trenches.

***Overburden***

Overburden represented by topsoil and subsoil was generally between 0.5m to 0.7m thick, increasing towards the railway. The natural was a sandy clay gravel.

***Boundaries***

It is possible the three postholes [2003, 2005 and 2009] located in trench 20, orientated north-west to south-east represent a fenceline. These had very different profiles and dimensions (Fig. 9 section 84 and 85). The extension to this trench (opened as part of the contingency arrangements) did not locate any further postholes. Although no artefacts were recovered, two of the postholes contained charcoal flecks and burnt clay. An environmental sample (<4>) was taken from the fill (2006) of posthole [2005].

***Other features***

Within trench 20, 5.5m south of the posthole line, an additional isolated posthole [2007] was investigated. This had a similar form (Fig. 9 section 86) to posthole [2005], part of the possible fenceline. Three other features [1603, 1605, 1609] within trench 16 are interpreted as small pits. The dark colour and nature of the pit fills suggests they may be of modern origin. However, one of these pits was truncated by a ditch-like feature [1607] which may be the continuation of furrow [1611].

***Furrows***

One feature [1611] is interpreted as a furrow due to its form and orientation (north-west to south-east).

**3.5.3 Area III** Trenches 12, 19, 21, 23, 26 and 35 (Figs. 10 and 11)

These trenches are situated in a band, orientated north-east to south-west. They were targeted to investigate:

- cropmarks visible on aerial photographs (trenches 12, 19, 21 and 23)
- areas not subject to geophysical survey (trenches 26 and 35).

These trenches revealed a set of mainly north-east to south-west aligned ditches which correspond to the linear cropmark group A (BCAS 1999). No geophysical anomalies were recorded that could be correlated with these features. A small assemblage of artefacts was recovered from features in this area including pottery, animal bone, CBM and clinker.

***Overburden***

The depth of overburden varied between 0.3m and 0.6m. It was comprised of topsoil and a subsoil probably derived from the underlying gravel. Trench 21 truncated a probable headland earthwork (a result of medieval agriculture), and contained a deeper depth of overburden up to 0.9m due to the rise in ground level.

***Boundaries***

Ditches located within trenches 12, 19, 21 and 23 may represent the same boundary complex. The ditches varied in width from 1m wide [1211] to 2.4m [1204], and their depth varied between 0.4m [1209] and 0.6m [1206]. The ditches in the more southerly trenches, for example [2315, 2319] were similar in width but generally shallower, between 0.25m and 0.4m. A sequence of at least 5 ditches in trench 23 was investigated (Fig. 12 section 67). It is possible on stratigraphic grounds that at least two of the ditches could be contemporary. This may indicate considerable plough truncation in the southern area. The profiles of the ditches varied but nearly all showed evidence for re-cutting. It is uncertain if the ditches represent the continual replacement of one boundary or a boundary comprised of more than one ditch.

Although the fills of the ditches were relatively dark only a few contained artefacts. A small number of deposits (1205), (2307), (2312) and (2314) contained a mixture of post-medieval pottery, animal bone, clinker, slag, post-medieval CBM and, burnt clay. Only ditches [2313], [2315] and [2306] contained datable evidence which suggest they filled up in the post-medieval period. Ditches [1206] and [1215] contained evidence of deliberate backfilling (1208) and (1217). No evidence was detectable in the filling deposits of any of the ditches to suggest the presence/location of a bank.

A single ditch was located in trenches 26 and 35, although on a similar alignment to those to the north it is impossible to be certain these are the continuation of this boundary. Ditch [3506] contained a small quantity of animal bone.

***Other archaeological features***

Five pit-like features were identified within area III, four in trench 23 and one in trench 35. Those in trench 23 were shallow bowl shaped features, for example [2302]. They all contained naturally derived fills which contained no artefacts or other occupation debris (no burnt clay or charcoal). It is possible these are either of periglacial origin or merely reflect variations in the natural. Although two fills were identified in pit [3503] this was also unconvincing as a feature of human origin.

One isolated feature in trench 12 is interpreted as a posthole [1202]. This was fairly shallow but contained no artefacts or ecofacts.

***Furrows***

Only one furrow was identified within this area. This [2326] was orientated north-west to south-east within trench 23. The absence of furrows is likely to reflect the orientation of most of the trenches on the same alignment. To the south deeper ploughing may have removed all trace.

### 3.5.4 **Area IV** Trenches 14, 15, 17, 18 and 50 (Figs. 13)

These trenches were located to the immediate north-east of the farm complex. They were located to investigate an area believed to contain archaeological remains and specifically:

- linear cropmarks (trench 14)
- Roman artefact concentration (trench 18)
- geophysical ditch and pit-like anomalies (trenches 15, 18 and 17)
- the limit of archaeological activity (extension of trench 17 and contingency trench 50).

The trenches revealed an area of complex archaeological evidence including a wide range of feature types. Preservation of features was generally good including the survival of a stone surface of Roman date. Some plough truncation and disturbance has occurred. On excavation the deeper features often accumulated ground water, suggesting waterlogged remains may be preserved. A wide range of artefacts were recovered from the topsoil and features within this area.

***Overburden***

This was generally approximately 0.4m thick, comprising topsoil and naturally derived subsoil. The underlying natural deposits were sandy or sandy clay gravels.

***Boundaries***

Trench 14 contained a large number of ditches on similar alignments to the furrows. They were distinguished from the furrows by their depth and nature of their fills. The majority of the ditches in this trench were aligned north-west to south-east, and at least two [1433 and 1445] appear to correspond with geophysical anomalies. The ditches were generally at least 1m wide and 0.7m deep, for example [1443] (Fig. 14 section 75). They were filled with dark greyish brown to black gravely silts, often containing Roman pottery and animal bone.

Two large ditch complexes were identified to the west of the centre of trench 14. These both comprised an area 8m wide of fill separated by a gap of 4m. Both are interpreted as a group of intercutting ditches rather than a pit complex. The northerly complex [1431] appeared to coincide with at least two linear geophysical anomalies. The upper fill (1430) was a black silt and contained late Iron Age pottery. Within the southern complex a sequence was discernible stratigraphical grounds with [1425 and 1427] being the earliest ditches, and [1423] and [1421] being respectively later. Insufficient dateable pottery was recovered to prove this supposition conclusively. The fills were very similar comprising a dark or black silt containing late Iron Age and Roman pottery. Geophysical anomalies detected immediately to the north-west of trench 14 may suggest a number of these ditches turned a corner in this area.

Situated centrally in trench 18 was a south-west to north-east boundary which had been recut on at least three occasions [1813], [1820] and [1815] (Fig. 14 section 112). The geophysical survey suggests these are part of a major boundary, which was also located in trench 15 to the north and appeared to extend for over 88m. A curving geophysical anomaly suggests at least one of the ditches may form a small enclosure with ditch [1802] to the north-west. The deposits within the latest recut [1815] suggests a bank may have been located to the south-east. They also contained a large quantity of Roman pottery. The position of this boundary survived as a depression in the landscape for some time, allowing the formation of layers (1818) and (1819). These contained significant amounts of late Iron Age and Roman pottery and animal bone. They also contained fired clay and a fragment of a bone pin (RA 13).

To the south-west of this area, trench 17 contained several north-west to south-east aligned ditches, although the situation was complicated by the presence of several furrows on the same alignment. Ditch [1706] probably corresponds with a linear geophysical anomaly, which would be situated perpendicular to the major south-west to north-east alignment located in trenches 15 and 18. Ditches [1711] and [1722] are situated on similar alignments and may correspond to geophysical anomalies suggesting an enclosure in this area. The fills of these ditches were generally black silt and several contained Roman pottery, animal bone and in the case of [1711] nails.

***Structural features***

Although postholes were identified in most of the trenches there were no obvious concentrations to suggest the location of a building. Two postholes were investigated in trench 14 situated 6.5m apart. Both [1409 and 1418] contained packing stones around an offset and sloping post pipe 0.18m in diameter (Fig. 14 section 71 and 73). This may suggest they formed part of a building rather than a fence line. Two other features in trench 15 [1503 and 1505] were positioned 11m apart. Due to there diameters they may be pits rather than postholes. One contained a sherd of Roman pottery. One posthole in trench 17 [1720] contained iron hobnails (RA 14). Four postholes were located towards the east of trench 50. They were similar in shape and less than 0.22m deep. Two were clearly not contemporary as [5003] truncated [5005]. None produced any artefact or ecofacts.

***Pits***

Only one pit-like feature was clearly identified within this area. Pit [1804] was probably circular in outline with a gentle profile. It was found to be only 0.25m deep but five distinct fills were identified. One of the lower fills contained a small amount of Roman pottery, animal bone and fired clay. The upper fills contained charcoal flecks but no obvious function was discernible. Given the intensity of the features in trench 14 it is not surprising pits were not identified in this area. It is always possible some of the ditches have been mis-interpreted.

***Surfaces***

Parallel to ditch [1711] was a rough limestone surface (1710), approximately 0.9m wide (Photo.3). Situated between and above the stones was a black silt (1709) containing significantly large quantities of Roman pottery. It also contained animal bone, CBM, shell and a fragment of vessel glass (RA 8). Plough disturbance (1732) of this feature to the north-east produced further artefacts including a large number of iron nails, some hobnails (RA 15) and iron objects (RA 16 and 17). Given the extent and nature of this feature it is likely it represents a path or small trackway.

***Furrows***

A fairly regular system of parallel furrows on north-west to south-east alignments was identified. These all exhibited wide shallow profiles for example [1439] (Fig. 14 section 75).

***Modern disturbance***

The south-western end of trench 14 contains a substantial area of disturbed ground containing modern rubbish which may be associated with the present farm. Gully [1412] is situated centrally within trench 14 and truncates all features including furrows. This is clearly a fairly modern feature. A field boundary aligned north-west to south-east is visible on historical maps. These were not positively identified during fieldwork.

### 3.5.5 **Area V** Trenches 11 and 13 (Figs. 15)

These trenches are located to the north of area IV. They were targeted to investigate:

- linear cropmarks visible on aerial photographs (trenches 11 and 13)

The trenches revealed a complex arrangement of intercutting ditches which would appear to correspond to cropmark group B (BCAS 1999) and some structural activity. The smaller features were shallow suggesting plough truncation had occurred but otherwise preservation of features and artefacts was generally good. The water table was reached within a number of features suggesting the potential of waterlogged remains. Pottery was the dominate artefact type recovered from this area.

***Overburden***

Overburden deposits comprising topsoil and subsoil were usually 0.4m deep. The depth of overburden increased to 0.6m next to the modern field boundary (associated with an increase in topsoil thickness). The underlying natural deposits were sandy or sandy clay gravels

***Boundaries***

A series of at least four intercutting ditches were evident in both trenches. The ditches in trench 13 (Photo. 1) were at least 2m [1321] wide but varied between 0.2m [1319] and 0.7m [1321] in depth (Fig. 16 section 107). These shared a similar south-west to north-east alignment (slightly deviating from the modern boundary) and are presumed to represent replacements to the same boundary. Examination of the fills on site produced no evidence for a bank. The lower fills of [1321 and 1325] probably derive from the natural deposits slumping into the open ditch. The other fills, for example (1322 and 1326), however are much darker in colour and contain Roman pottery, animal bone and fired clay suggestive of domestic activity. Although unexcavated the ditches uncovered in trench 11 are clearly the continuation of those in trench 13.

***Structural***

To the south of the boundary ditches in trench 13, four postholes, including [1308] (Fig. 16 section 125), were located inside the arc of a curving gully [1303/1312] (Photo.2). The gully has been recut to the south-west by [1303] (Fig. 16 section 124). Both excavated segments of this gully contained fills (1305 and 1314) which produced limestone fragments (burnt and unburnt) suggestive of a structural function. One of the other fills (1304) of these gullies contained Roman pottery and three quern fragments (RA 9, 10 and 11). It is unclear whether these had been reused as some form of packing or were simply disposed of once broken. The four postholes in the vicinity of this gully suggest it could have a structural function, either as a wall foundation or for drainage. One isolated posthole [1104] was identified in trench 11.

***Other archaeological features***

Towards the north-west of trench 13 are three parallel north-east to south-west aligned gullies [1334, 1336, 1339]. It is unclear how these relate to a similar feature [1330] which is perpendicular to them. The narrow width of these gullies suggests they may have a structural rather than a boundary function. A similar feature [1108] and small pit [1106] were located in trench 11.

### 3.5.6 **Area VI** Trenches 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and (Figs. 17 and 18)

These trenches were located within the north-western field of the Study Area. They were positioned to investigate:

- areas not subject to geophysical survey (trenches 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8)
- cropmarks visible on aerial photographs (trench 9)
- the extent of the archaeological remains from Area V (contingency trench 51)

The dominant feature type was furrows, but ditches, pits and postholes were also located. These were concentrated towards the east of the area. No artefacts were recovered from these trenches although small quantities of charcoal were recorded in a number of the features.

***Overburden***

This was generally 0.45m thick, comprising topsoil and a naturally derived subsoil. In trench 9 overburden increases to 0.7m next to the modern field boundary probably the result of the cleaning out the modern boundary ditch. The underlying natural deposits were sandy or sandy clay gravels becoming clays and sandy clays toward the north-west

***Boundaries***

Four shallow boundary features [305, 402, 603 and 918] were located in this area on approximate north-west to south-east alignments (Fig. 19 section 91). Gully [402] appeared to be butt ending within the trench. No artefacts were recovered from these features and only [603] contained charcoal flecks. Trench 8 exposed three north-east to south-west aligned butt ending gullies [803, 815 and 819] and one east to west aligned gully [807]. The filling deposits appeared to be naturally derived and contained no artefacts. Only gully [803] contained any charcoal flecks. The ditches/gullies in trench 10 were not well defined and comprised a variety of alignments. The fills were naturally derived and sterile of artefacts and ecofacts.

***Structural***

A number of postholes were identified in trenches 8, 9 and 10. Trench 8 contained one shallow posthole [821] truncating ditch [819]. Neither feature contained artefacts although the posthole fill (822) contained charcoal flecks. Two other features in this trench could either be interpreted as postholes or pits [809 and 813]. Trench 9 contained two isolated postholes, one [912] with evidence of a post pipe [914]. Neither fill contained artefacts although charcoal flecks were present. Trench 10 was situated adjacent to Area IV and contained several postholes. A line of five postholes, one of which [1004] cuts ditch [1008] may represent a fenceline rather than the wall of a building given the absence of occupational debris. There were five other isolated postholes within this trench including two which intercut each other (Fig. 19 section 96). Trench 51 contained one isolated posthole.

### *Pits*

One isolated pit [611] was located in trench 6. This was sub-circular with a concave profile (Fig. 19 section 93). It contained no artefacts or ecofacts. Trench 9 contained three large features (up to 3.7m diameter). All [905, 910 and 916] had very sterile amorphous fills indicative of gradual silting rather than the dumping of occupational debris. Although interpreted as pits these features coincide with the position of a linear cropmark. It is therefore possible that at least one may represent a ditch. Trench 51 contained one large feature [5105] (2.06m diameter) which was truncated on either side by furrows. The fill contained charcoal but no artefacts were recovered.

### *Furrows*

The majority of the trenches contained evidence of north-west to south-east aligned furrows. Where relationships were discernible the furrows always truncated other features within the trenches except the land drain trenches.

### *Modern intrusions*

Many of the trenches contained agricultural field drains. These were usually distinct and were therefore left unexamined.

### 3.5.7 **Area VII** Trenches 2 and 5 (Fig. 20)

The trenches were located to the extreme north of the Study Area. They were targeted to investigate:

- linear cropmarks visible on aerial photographs (trenches 2 and 5).

The trenches contained a series of ditches which corresponded to the position of cropmark group A (BCAS 1999). Preservation of features was generally good, but it was evident that some plough truncation and disturbance has occurred. No artefacts were recovered from the features.

***Overburden***

This was generally between 0.4m and to 0.6m thick comprising topsoil and a naturally derived subsoil. The underlying natural deposits were sandy or clay gravels.

***Boundaries***

Two intercutting ditches [214 and 216] were located in the approximate location of the cropmarks. The eastern ditch [214] was 0.8m wide and 0.3m deep and contained two fills neither of which produced artefacts or ecofacts. This ditch appeared to truncate the western ditch [216] indicating they were not contemporary. Both ditches were truncated by later south-west to north-east aligned gullies [204, 206 and 211] which may be the result of agricultural activity. A number of possible wheel ruts were pressed into the upper fills of the earlier ditch. The boundary continues into trench 5 [505], although only one ditch cut could be identified. Another south-west to north-east ditch was located in trench 5. This may be parallel to those identified in trench 2. The ditch fills in both trenches appeared to be naturally derived suggesting gradual silting and contained no artefacts or ecofacts.

***Other archaeological features***

Two tree throws [ 221 and 224] were located in trench 2 and one [507] in trench 5. These contained no artefacts or ecofacts.

***Modern intrusions***

Feature [218] was confirmed to be of modern origin as it contained a modern ceramic pipe.

### 3.5.8 **Area VIII** Trench 1 (Fig. 21)

This area is located at the northern tip of the Study Area. The trench was targeted to investigate:

- an area not subject to detailed geophysical survey close to HER 11687 (trench 1).

The concentration of possible structural features and small gullies distinguished this area from Area VI to the south. Preservation of features was poor due to plough truncation and disturbance and no artefacts were recovered.

***Overburden***

This was generally 0.3m to 0.4m thick, comprising only topsoil. No subsoil was present in this trench. The underlying natural deposits were clays.

***Archaeological Features***

The trench contained two approximately parallel north-east to south-west aligned gullies 6m apart. These were of very different nature and may therefore not be associated. The northern gully [108] was irregular in outline and profile. Its fill (109) did contain charcoal flecks. The southern gully [106] was more regular in outline but very shallow (Fig. 22 section 118). Two postholes [104] and [112] (Fig. 22 section 119 and 120) and a possible stakehole [102] were situated in the vicinity of the gullies supporting a possible structural interpretation. However, the absence of artefacts suggests it is located at some distance from a settlement focus.

***Furrows***

Two wide furrows [110] were located within trench 1 on the usual north-west to south-east alignment.

### 3.5.9 **Area IX** Trenches 45, 46 and 47 (Fig. 23)

These trenches were located immediately south-west of Marsh Leys Farm in an area aerial photographs suggested could contain settlement. The trenches were located to investigate:

- cropmarks (trenches 45 and 46)
- an area not subject to geophysical survey (trench 45 and 47)

The trenches revealed a selection of linear features, some corresponding with cropmark group I, and others cropmark group E (BCAS 1999). Preservation of features was moderate as there was evidence of plough truncation and disturbance.

***Overburden***

This was generally 0.45m thick, comprising topsoil and subsoil. The underlying natural deposits were clays and clay gravels.

***Boundaries***

A complex of north-east to south-west aligned ditches was located in trench 45. These probably represent the recutting and replacement of the same boundary, which was also located within trench 44. The western group of ditches comprise [4506, 4508 and 4511] of which [4508] is on stratigraphic grounds the latest (Fig. 24 section 19). The eastern group comprise ditches [4502, 4524, 4529, and 4535]. The ditches are all generally concave in profile, approximately 1m wide and less then 0.5m deep (Fig. 25 section 31). Only the fills of [4502] (late Iron Age pottery), [4504] (animal bone) and [4524] (copper waste RA 4) produced artefacts.

Within trench 46 three features [4602], [4615] and [4618] were tentatively identified as ditches. These were all aligned from north-west to south-east (the same alignment as the furrows). Feature [4602] on excavation had a double concave base and was 0.45m deep suggesting it was not a furrow (Fig. 24 section 11). Features [4615} and [4618] possibly correspond with cropmark group E (BCAS 1999). No artefacts or ecofacts were identified from any of the ditch fills. Trench 47 contained a 5.5m wide north-east to south-west aligned ditch [4706] with very natural-like clay fills. Fill (4710) contained one sherd of undiagnostic pottery.

***Pits***

One irregular pit [4717] was located within trench 47. One of its fills (4719) produced fired clay.

***Furrows***

Trenches 46 and 47 contained a number of north-west to south-east aligned furrows.

***Modern Intrusions***

A modern sub rectangular pit was evident in trench 46.

**3.5.10 Area X** Trenches 41, 42, 43 and 44 (Fig. 26)

This group of trenches were located south-west of the farm complex. They were located to investigate:

- linear cropmarks (trench 41, 42 and 44),
- geophysical anomalies (trenches 41, 42, 43 and 44).

The trenches revealed an area of dense archaeological features, possibly focused on trench 42. Ditches corresponding with cropmark group I (BCAS 1999) were identified. Preservation of features was generally good, but there was some evidence of plough truncation and disturbance. A varied artefact assemblage was recovered from these trenches.

***Overburden***

The depth of overburden varied between 0.3m (trench 43) and 0.55m (trench 42). It comprised topsoil and a naturally derived subsoil. In trench 42 it appeared that the subsoil was also derived from the upper fills of features. The underlying natural deposits were sandy or clay gravels.

***Boundaries***

The north-east to south-west aligned complex linear boundary, identified in area IX continues into this area. Ditch [4408] in trench 44 coincides exactly with the geophysical anomaly. Given its substantial width (4.8m) it is likely to have been recut on a number of occasions. Three smaller ditches [4402, 4404 and 4406] to the east may also represent the continuation of this boundary, although the later two are considerably smaller. All had mid brown silty clay fills and contained no artefacts or ecofacts. Coinciding with the linear geophysical anomaly was another ditch [4223]. This was 3.5m wide contained a dark humic upper fill (4225 and 4226) which contained late Iron Age and Roman pottery, animal bone, CBM, slag and iron nails. The presence of irregular limestone fragments and CBM in the upper filling deposits may suggest a surface had been placed over the infilled ditch. The ditch truncated a north-west to south-east aligned ditch [4229] which approximately coincided with another linear geophysical anomaly. The south-west to north-east aligned ditch was also located in trench 41, as a single ditch [4108]. The lower fill was a sterile black organic silty clay but the upper fill (4109) contained late Iron Age and Roman pottery. Layer (4115) to the south may represent another ditch relating to this boundary.

Aligned parallel to this major boundary was ditch [4423]. This may represent the ditch visible as a geophysical anomaly to the north-west of trench 42. This ditch had a concave profile (Fig. 27 section 45) and its fill contained late Iron Age pottery and fired clay.

A sinuous north-west to south-east aligned ditch [4229] was traced through most of trench 42 and may continue in trench 43 as [4318]. This approximately coincides with a linear geophysical anomaly and is earlier than the major south-west to north-east boundary. The ditch fills (4230 and 4231)

contained Roman pottery, slag, a fragment of a hearth base and iron nails. At least three additional north-west to south-east aligned boundaries were located in trench 43. A number of these [4320, 4324 and 4328] coincided with linear geophysical anomalies. None of these produced artefacts although the fill of the later contained significant quantities of charcoal and burnt clay flecks.

In between ditches [4318] and [4320] was a complex of at least six intercutting ditches (Fig. 28 section 39). As these were not located within trench 42 it is possible they were turning within the trench, hence their complex nature. Only ditch [4308] produced any artefacts; Roman pottery and fired clay.

***Structural***

A concentration of five postholes was identified towards the north of trench 42. These [4210], [4212], [4218], [4220] and [4244] appear to be aligned from north-west to south-east for 10m. Most of the postholes contained a dark fill with charcoal flecks and small stones. These may represent a post built structure or fence line. The postholes in trench 44 were very different in profile and dimensions. The smaller [4421] had a concave profile with a slightly pointed base (Fig. 27 section 46). The other postholes [4412] was larger with a flat base (Fig. 27 section 50). This contained Roman pottery and CBM. Trench 43 contained only one posthole [4322]

***Pits***

Trenches 42, 43 and 44 contained pits of a variety of sizes and shapes. Pits [4326, 4414 and 4418] (Fig. 27 sections 41 and 47) were all less than 0.6m deep and the one in trench 43 contained small quantities of late Iron Age pottery and animal bone. The main area of pits was located to the north and south of trench 42. Sixteen pits were identified in this trench, often intercutting (Photo. 4) and with dark fills. The majority of the excavated pits, for example [4238] were less than 0.5m deep. Several of the pits were intercutting, for example [4253, 4246, 4249, 4251, 4258] indicating several episodes of activity (Photo 4). The pit fills contained charcoal flecks but no artefacts. Although one sherd of pottery was recovered from the surface of an unexcavated pit it was undiagnostic in date.

***Furrows***

Surprisingly only one furrow [4113] was observed in this area.

**3.5.11 Area XI** Trenches 33, 37, 39, 48 and 49 (Fig. 29)

These trenches were located within the south-west of the Study Area. They were located to investigate:

- cropmarks (trenches 37 and 39),
- geophysical anomalies (trenches 37, 38 and 39)
- the extent of archaeological activity (extension to trench 39 and contingency trenches 48 and 49).
- Clarify the nature of features (contingency box extension to trench 39)

The trenches revealed an area of dense and varied archaeological features including at least one inhumation burial. Preservation of features was good, although some plough truncation and disturbance has occurred, especially within the north-western end of trench 39 and in trench 37. A diverse range of artefacts was recovered from this area.

***Overburden***

Overburden deposits comprised topsoil and a naturally derived subsoil were between 0.3m to 0.5m deep (increasing to the west). The underlying natural deposits were sandy or clay gravels.

***Boundaries***

Two ditches were located in trenches 37 and 38 which appeared to correspond to the location of cropmark J (BCAS 1999). They were both [3707 and 3849] aligned on a north-west to south-east orientation. The shape and profile of both ditches was similar to ditch [4108] in trench 41 which the geophysical survey suggests is part of the same ditch system. The fills were dark grey to black clayey silts and produced no artefacts or ecofacts. This ditch line may have continued into trench 48 although the feature [4826] which coincides with this alignment has the appearance of a pit.

To the north of this area within trench 38 three intercutting ditches [3812], [3825] and [3827] were identified (Fig. 30 section 56). Although all shared a north-west to south-east alignment [3812] was clearly a later recut of [3825]. These ditch would appear to coincide with a geophysical ditch-type anomaly which is this area was detected as a series of pit-type anomalies. The ditches were filled with a mixture of naturally derived fills and dark humic fills, suggesting a complex history of slumping, silting and deliberate dumping. Fills of ditches [3812 and 3825] late Iron Age and Roman pottery and small quantities of animal bone. To the west ditches [3829] and [3847] coincide with geophysical ditch-type anomalies which appear to form a D shaped enclosure. No artefacts were recovered from these fills. A similar enclosure may be attached to the main linear boundary J, although the features [3854] which coincide with the linear anomaly have a furrow-like nature.

Toward the north-east of trench 37 were five north-west to south-east aligned ditches, possibly parallel to cropmark ditch J. Where excavated these [3718], [3727], [3730], [3735] and [3742] all had fairly shallow concave profiles with

sterile naturally derived lower fills. The upper fills were black silts, some of which contained Roman pottery, animal bone and CBM, for example (3731, 3738 and 3744). One ditch fill (3743) contained an unidentifiable iron object (RA 3). These represent dumps of domestic debris into the silting up ditches. The position of two of the ditches [3718] and [3730] corresponds with geophysical ditch-type anomalies. These anomalies appear to form a small enclosure, possibly linked to cropmark ditch J. Two of the other ditches [3727] and [3735] appear to coincide with an alignment of pit-type anomalies, which may be a reflection of variations in the ditch fills. It may be coincidental that ditch [3735] is partially truncated by a pit [3739] (Fig. 30 section 30).

Trench 39 contained a number of north-east to south-west aligned gullies or ditches. Only one [3911] approximately corresponds with a geophysical ditch-type anomaly. The others however would be parallel to this. Only ditches [3905 and 3950] contained artefacts (some Roman pottery and animal bone).

Trench 49 contained two small north-east to south-west aligned ditches [4908 and 4910] with sterile naturally derived fills. Those features identified as furrows [4902, 4916 and 4920] based on their profile and dimensions may actually represent truncated ditches. The are on different alignments to the majority of the furrows in this field.

***Structural***

Two possible beamslots were located 7m apart in trench 37. These [3725 and 3733] had steep sided profiles with a flat base (Fig. 30 section 29), but contained no artefacts. These are likely to represent the wall foundations for a rectangular building.

A number of small isolated post holes were identified in all the trenches. Two in trench 38 [3835 and 3841] were either truncated or truncating other features suggesting occupation was of more than one episode. Within the extension to trench 39 were a number of evenly spaced and aligned small pits [3928-3940]. These may represent postpits forming a wall line of a substantial post built building. These correlate with a north-east to south-west aligned linear geophysical anomaly. The fills were sterile of artefacts and ecofacts. To the west trench 49 only contained a small number of isolated postholes. It did however contain one feature [4914] which due to the presence of frequent charcoal flecks and burnt stones may represent debris from a hearth, or actually an insitu hearth.

***Pits***

Trench 37 contained three pits [3721, 3723 and 3739] of variable profiles and dimensions. These were variously truncating or truncated by other features suggesting occupation was of more than on episode, for example [3739] (Fig. 30 section 30) . No artefacts were recovered from the fills. Trench 39 contained a large number of pits, some intercutting. These varied in size from 0.5m [3940] to 1.5m [3911] and included circular [3930], oval [3926] and irregular [3911] shapes. They appeared to contain naturally derived fills which did not contain artefacts. A number of pits were also identified within trench

48 to the south.

***Human burials***

Two possible graves were identified at the south-west end of trench 37. These [3702 and 3705] were sub oval in shape and aligned north-west to south-east, the former being fully exposed and the later only partially. Human bone was visible within the fill of [3702]. Therefore after consultation with the Home Office, CAO and the Client this feature was further investigated. A human skeleton (3704) was revealed buried in a supine position (on back), with straight legs and hands place on pelvis (Photo.5). Although the bone was generally in good condition it had suffered some plough damage, especially the skull and feet. A chipped (in antiquity) Roman pottery vessel was placed by the pelvis and an iron object (RA 1) was also recovered from the fill. These are likely to represent grave goods. Due to its obvious vulnerability skeleton (3704) was removed. No human bone was visible within the surface of [3705] and this was therefore left unexamined.

***Furrows***

Furrows were only clearly identified within trenches 38 and 48. These were aligned from north-west to south-east and were generally less than 1m wide with shallow profiles.

***Modern intrusions***

Field drains were evident in all trenches generally aligned either south-east to north-west or from south-west to north-east. The modern pipe located by geophysical survey was not detectable within trench 39.

### 3.5.12 **Area XII** Trenches 36 and 40 (Fig. 31)

These trenches were located within the field to the south-west of Marsh Leys Farm. They were targeted to investigate:

- Areas not subject to field artefact collection or geophysical survey

A small number of features were located including ditches, postholes and pits. Plough truncation and disturbance had occurred, especially within the trench 36. Only two tiny sherds of undiagnostic pottery were recovered from trench 36.

***Overburden***

Topsoil and a naturally derived subsoil were generally between 0.5m and 0.6m deep. The underlying natural deposits were sandy gravels.

***Boundaries***

Two north-east to south-west aligned ditches [3603 and 3610] were located within trench 36. Ditch [3603] was 2m wide but only 0.4m deep and contained sterile naturally derived fills.

***Pits***

A small number of pits were located within both trenches. Only pit [3606] produced pottery (two tiny undiagnostic sherds). Three fills were identified within this pit which was only 0.27m deep. The other pits were also filled with naturally derived sterile deposits.

***Structural***

One isolated posthole [4005] was identified in trench 40.

***Modern intrusions***

Field drains were visible at the base of all trenches.

## 3.6 Artefact assemblage

### 3.6.1 Introduction

The trial trench stage of the evaluation produced an artefactual assemblage comprising mainly pottery and animal bone (Table 3). All artefacts collected were processed in accordance with the *Specification*. The material has been scanned to ascertain the nature, condition and, where possible, date range of the artefact types present.

| Tr* | Context | Feature | Date | Pottery | Animal Bone | CBM | Other finds | Area |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | *sherd:wt* | *frag:wt* | *frag:wt* | | |
| 12 | 1205 | 1204 | | | 4:33 | | | III |
| 13 | 1301 | 1301 | R, PM | 8:57 | | **1:64 | quern fragment (**ra** 12) | V |
| | 1304 | 1303 | R | 10:15 | 1:1 | | quern fragments (**ra** 9,10 & 11) | V |
| | 1307 | 1306 | R | 2:10 | | | | V |
| | 1316 | 1315 | R | 8:21 | 1:1 | | | V |
| | 1318 | 1317 | R | 2:115 | 4:196 | | | V |
| | 1322 | 1321 | | | 37:84 | | | V |
| | 1323 | 1321 | | 1:2 | | | | V |
| | 1326 | 1325 | R | 2:3 | 9:43 | | | V |
| | 1327 | 1325 | R | 2:78 | 1:2 | | | V |
| 14 | 1413 | 1418 | R | 2:7 | | | | IV |
| | 1419 | 1421 | LIA | 2:86 | | | | IV |
| | 1420 | 1421 | R | 1:3 | | | fired clay (135g) | IV |
| | 1422 | 1423 | R | 5:51 | | | fired clay (75g) | IV |
| | 1430 | 1431 | LIA | 4:135 | | | | IV |
| | 1440 | 1443 | R, PM | 21:116 | 12:165 | | | IV |
| | 1444 | 1445 | R | 1:9 | | | | IV |
| 15 | 1506 | 1505 | | 1:1 | | | | IV |
| | 1516 | 1515 | | | 2:39 | | | IV |
| 17 | 1707 | 1706 | R | 3:19 | | | fired clay (71g) | IV |
| | 1709 | 1708 | R | 114:2624 | 74:1647 | 2:81 | oyster shell (24g), vessel glass fragment (**ra** 8) | IV |
| | 1712 | 1711 | R | 3:45 | | | fe nails (38g) | IV |
| | 1713 | 1711 | R | 26:433 | 8:80 | 1:95 | fe nails (20g), oyster shell (4g) | IV |
| | 1721 | 1720 | R | | | | fe hobnails (**ra** 14) | IV |
| | 1732 | 1732 | LIA, R | 58:1052 | 71:934 | 2:84 | fe nails (274g), oyster shell (9g), fe hobnail (**ra** 15), unid fe objects (**ra** 16 & 17) | IV |
| 18 | 1800 | 1800 | R | 1:20 | | | | IV |
| | 1803 | 1802 | LIA, R | 52:812 | | | fired clay (27g) | IV |
| | 1806 | 1804 | R | 3:20 | 3:31 | | fired clay (5g) | IV |
| | 1816 | 1815 | R | | | | | IV |
| | 1817 | 1815 | R | 17:304 | | | | IV |
| | 1818 | 1818 | LIA, R | 32:469 | 8:383 | | bone pin (**ra** 13), fired clay (61g) | IV |
| 23 | 2307 | 2306 | PM | 2:41 | | **3:115 | clinker (10g), ferrous slag (11g) | III |
| | 2312 | 2313 | PM | | | **1:15 | clinker (4g) | III |
| | 2314 | 2315 | PM | | | | clinker (9g), fired clay (30g) | III |
| 34 | 3402 | 3402 | | | | | flint blade (**ra** 17) | I |
| 35 | 3507 | 3506 | | | 2:22 | | | III |
| 36 | 3609 | 3606 | | 2:3 | | | | XII |
| 37 | 3703 | 3702 | R | 6:320 | | | unid fe object (**ra** 1), fired clay (10g) | XI |
| | 3704 | 3702 | R | | | | Inhumation | XI |
| | 3720 | 3718 | R | 5:53 | 1:4 | | | XI |
| | 3731 | 3730 | R | 1:2 | | | | XI |
| | 3732 | 3730 | R | 2:42 | 1:4 | | | XI |
| | 3738 | 3735 | R | 2:154 | | 1:58 | | XI |
| | 3743 | 3742 | | | | | unid fe object (**ra** 3) | XI |
| | 3744 | 3742 | R | 3:122 | | 1:60 | | XI |
| | 3745 | 3742 | R | 1:20 | | | | XI |
| 38 | 3804 | 3803 | LIA | 19:25 | 3:19 | | | XI |
| | 3807 | 3812 | R | 3:26 | | | | XI |
| | 3813 | 3825 | LIA, R | 12:146 | 4:20 | | | XI |
| | 3818 | 3825 | R | 1:118 | | | | XI |
| | 3842 | 3843 | LIA | 4:13 | | | | XI |
| | 3844 | 3845 | | 1:22 | | | | XI |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **39** | 3900 | 3900 | R | | | | fe brooch pin (**ra** 2) | XI |
| | 3906 | 3905 | R | 13:422 | 4:125 | 3:129 | | XI |
| | 3910 | 3909 | R | 2:16 | | | | XI |
| | 3919 | 3918 | R | 1:2 | 1:10 | | | XI |
| | 3939 | 3938 | | | 11:143 | | | XI |
| | 3951 | 3950 | | | 3:106 | | | XI |
| | 3967 | 3966 | | 1:12 | | | | XI |
| **41** | 4103 | 4103 | LIA | 1:19 | | | | X |
| | 4104 | 4105 | LIA, R | 3:28 | | | | X |
| | 4107 | 4106 | LIA | 3:22 | | | | X |
| | 4109 | 4108 | LIA, R | 4:32 | | | | X |
| | 4115 | 4115 | R | 2:15 | 32:283 | | | X |
| **42** | 4201 | 4201 | R | 1:126 | | | fe nails (16g) | X |
| | 4207 | 4206 | R | 1:100 | | | | X |
| | 4215 | 4214 | LIA, R | 2:27 | | | | X |
| | 4223 | 4222 | | 1:7 | | | | X |
| | 4225 | 4224 | LIA, R | 9:232 | 69:1033 | | fe nails (47g), ferrous slag (107g) | X |
| | 4226 | 4224 | R | 2:19 | | 3:7614 | quern frag (**ra** 5), fe nails (24g) | X |
| | 4230 | 4229 | R | 2:182 | | | | X |
| | 4231 | 4229 | R | 2:14 | | | fe nails (35g), ferrous slag/hearth bowl (804g), unid fe objects (**ra** 6 & 7) | X |
| | 4233 | 4232 | R | 12:67 | | | | X |
| **43** | 4307 | 4308 | R | 2:27 | | | fired clay (2g) | X |
| | 4325 | 4326 | LIA | 4:10 | 4:1 | | | X |
| **44** | 4411 | 4410 | LIA | 2:15 | | | | X |
| | 4413 | 4412 | R | 1:12 | | 1:22 | | X |
| | 4417 | 4416 | LIA | 2:99 | | | | X |
| | 4424 | 4423 | LIA | 1:10 | | | fired clay (5g) | X |
| **45** | 4503 | 4502 | LIA | 1:5 | | | | IX |
| | 4505 | 4504 | | | 1:79 | | | IX |
| | 4528 | | | | | | ca waste (**ra** 4) | IX |
| **47** | 4710 | 4706 | | 1:14 | | | | IX |
| | 4719 | 4717 | | | | | fired clay (88g) | IX |
| | **Total** | | | **522:9205** | **378:5556** | **19:8337** | | |

***Table 3:*** Artefact Assemblage by Trench and Context (weight in grammes)

**KEY**:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| LIA | Late Iron Age | CBM | ceramic building material (Roman) |
| R | Roman | ** | Post-medieval CBM |
| PM | Post-medieval | RA | registered artefact |
| Fe | Iron | Ca | Copper alloy |

* No artefacts were recovered from trenches 1-11, 16, 19-22, 24-33, 40, 46, or 48-51.

### 3.6.2 Ceramics

***Pottery***

A total of 522 sherds, weighing 9.2kg was recovered. The pottery was examined by context and 27 fabric types identified, using common names and type codes in accordance with the Ceramic Type Series, held by BCAS. Fabrics are listed below (Table 4) in approximate chronological order. Bracketed figures represent sherd number, and bracketed italics denote vessels of regional *(r)* or continental *(c)* origin. Quantification was carried out using minimum sherd count and weight.

| | Common Name | Form | Date Range |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Late Iron Age/early Roman (65)** *12% total assemblage* | | | |
| Type F03 (1) | grog & sand | undiagnostic | *c.* 50BC-100AD |
| Type F05 (1) | grog & shell | undiagnostic | *c.* 50BC-100AD |
| Type F06B (6) | medium grog | undiagnostic | *c.* 50BC-100AD |
| Type F06C (27) | coarse grog | storage jar | *c.* 50BC-100AD |
| Type F07 (15) | shell | lid-seated jar | *c.* 50BC-100AD |
| Type F09 (14) | grog & sand | cordoned jar | *c.* 50BC-100AD |
| Type F24 (1) | buff shelly | storage jar | C1 |
| **Roman (435)** *83% total assemblage* | | | |
| Type R02 (9) | mica-gilded | plain rim bowl | C1-2 |
| Type R01 (7) | Samian ware *(c)* | mortaria | C2 |
| Type R03B (4) | gritty whiteware *(r)* | undiagnostic | C2 |
| Type R03C (2) | smooth whiteware *(r)* | undiagnostic | C2 |
| Type R07B (16) | sandy blackware | 'dog' dish | C2-3 |
| Type R07C (36) | gritty blackware | plain rim bowl | C2-3 |
| Type R33 (6) | Verulamium ware mortaria *(r)* | mortaria | C2-3 |
| Type R05A (4) | orange sandy | undiagnostic | C2+ |
| Type R06B (65) | coarse greyware | 'dog' dish, narrow necked jar | C2+ |
| Type R06C (85) | fine greyware | folded beaker | C2+ |
| Type R06E (11) | calcareous greyware | flanged bowl | C2+ |
| Type R09A (1) | pink grog *(r)* | undiagnostic | C2+ |
| Type R10A (1) | buff gritty | undiagnostic | C2+ |
| Type R13 (143) | shell | storage jar, rectangular rim bowl, lid seated jars, jars with everted, undercut and triangular rims | C2+ |
| Type R14 (22) | harsh sandy | undiagnostic | C2+ |
| Type R17 (1) | smooth orange | undiagnostic | C2+ |
| Type R11 (8) | Oxford oxidised *(r)* | undiagnostic | C2+ |
| Type R11D (1) | Oxford colour coat *(r)* | undiagnostic | C3+ |
| Type R11E (6) | Oxford mortaria *(r)* | mortaria | C3+ |
| Type R12B (7) | Nene Valley colour coat *(r)* | beaker | C3-4 |
| Miscellaneous unidentified (18) | undatable shell tempered | undiagnostic | - |

- Four sherds of post-medieval date were also recovered. These were either unstratified (Area V), intrusive (Area IV) or associated with post-medieval agricultural activity (Area III).

***Table 4:*** Pottery Type Series

Pottery was retrieved in variable quantities from Areas III-V and IX-XII. The largest concentration, constituting 66% of the total assemblage derives from Area IV with material from Areas X and XI totalling 10% and 14% respectively. The distribution of this material parallels clustering observed during field artefact collection, and corresponds with the position of cropmarks.

The pottery dates predominantly to the Roman period, with a small proportion deriving from the late 'Belgic' Iron Age. Vessels recovered from both periods are indicative of a domestic assemblage, comprising tablewares, cooking pots and storage jars, and representing an accumulation of settlement debris. A high proportion of vessels are abraded, and many of the shell tempered sherds leached. The degree of fragmentation is high and many contexts contained only one sherd.

Late 'Belgic' Iron Age

Features in Area IX contained exclusively Late Iron Age material. Area X

contained a mixture of both Late Iron Age and Roman features, while to the south, the material from Area XI was largely Roman in date, with only a small proportion of residual Late Iron Age sherds. This distribution may suggest a gradual expansion and shift southwards, and indicates an extended period of activity.

Across all areas, locally produced 'Belgic' vessels in grog tempered fabrics (types F03, F05, F06, and F09) predominate. Shell tempered vessels in fabric F07 are likely to derive from one of a number of kiln sites known in the vicinity, such as Bromham and Stagsden (BCAS in prep).

Roman

The greatest concentration of Roman pottery derives from Area IV (323 sherds weighing 5.9kg). A proportion of this material (2.6kg) appears to have been utilised as hardcore in the construction of foundation trench [1708]. Features in Area IV contained mixed Late Iron Age and Roman material, similar to the assemblage from Area XI, and it can be suggested that the two are contemporary. Features in Area V, adjacent to Area IV, contained exclusively Roman pottery.

The assemblage spans the entire Roman period, and comprises a comparable range of wares to those recovered from the Roman settlement at Kempston, situated approximately 2.5km to the north-east of the Study Area. Coarsewares are represented by a standard range of local greywares (types R06B, R06C and R06E), oxidised sandy wares (type R05A) and blackwares (types R07B and R07C). Diagnostic shell tempered forms (type R13) are comparable to vessels produced at the Lodge Farm kilns in Harrold, N Beds (Brown 1994), and constitute approximately 33% of the Roman assemblage. Regional imports include whitewares from Oxfordshire (type R11E) and the Verulamium region (type R03B, R03C and R33), and a single pink grog vessel (type R09A) likely to derive from Caldecotte, Bucks.

The limited range of finewares in the early period is represented by Samian vessels (type R01) and in the later period by imported colour coat vessels from both Oxfordshire (type R11D) and the Nene Valley (type R12B).

***Ceramic Building Material*** (CBM)

Nineteen fragments of ceramic building material weighing 8.3kg were recovered

The majority of recognisable pieces are shell tempered *tegulae* and brick fragments of Roman origin, likely to be products of the Harrold kilns. Sizeable portions of two bricks were recovered from Area X. Their incomplete nature precludes precise identification. Their presence may further support the suggestion that substantial Roman buildings may be situated in the vicinity (the field artefact collection also produced diagnostic Roman building material). However, given evidence for scorching on their surface it is possible they were brought into the area as useful material for inclusion in a hearth or furnace type structure.

Four fragments of sand tempered flat roof tile of late/post-medieval origin were recovered from Area III and a further unstratified fragment from Area V.

***Fired Clay***

Thirty-five fired clay fragments, weighing 507g were recovered. The majority of the assemblage comprises amorphous and abraded fragments in a coarse sand/calcareous fabric, while fragments in a soapy organic fabric constitute the remainder. None of the fragments bear wattle impressions, although a number retain surfaces and/or edges, suggesting that they represent pre-fabricated structural components from either a hearth or oven. None of the material was recovered from features interpreted as either hearths or furnaces. The majority derived from pits and ditches of Roman date, although eight fragments were recovered from an exclusively Late Iron Age feature in Area IX.

### 3.6.3 Non-ceramics

***Registered Artefacts*** (RA)

Of the seventeen registered artefacts recovered (Table 5), five are of Roman date. In addition, the association of a number of rotary quernstone fragments with Roman pottery in Areas V and X suggest the former derive from the same period. Typologically datable objects of Roman origin are restricted to items of personal adornment and dress; an unstratified iron brooch pin (Area XI), 5 iron hobnails and a bone hairpin (Area IV). It is proposed to submit six unidentified iron objects for x-ray to the Archaeological Conservation Services (Museum of London), to assist in the identification of form and function. Unidentified artefacts include a tanged iron object with a flat, leaf-shaped blade, variously interpreted as a spearhead, ritual 'rattle' (*c.f.* Baldock: Stead and Rigby 1986, fig. 66/523), trowel, or agricultural implement.

An unstratified, truncated flint crested blade derived from Area I. The object displays retouch and post-depositional edge damage. The location of the find does not correspond with the low density concentrations of lithic material recovered during field artefact collection.

| Area | Registered Artefact | Total |
|---|---|---|
| I | crested flint blade | 1 |
| IV | vessel glass fragment, hobnails x5, unid fe object x2, bone hairpin | 5 |
| V | quern fragments x4 | 4 |
| IX | ca waste fragment | 1 |
| X | quern fragment, unid fe objects x2 | 3 |
| XI | unid fe objects x2, fe brooch pin | 3 |

***Table 5:*** Registered Artefacts by Area

***Industrial residues***

A total of 922g of vitrified clay and ferrous smithing slag, including a portion of plano-convex hearth bottom, was recovered, the majority (911g) deriving from Area X. The remainder, recovered from Area III is likely to be post-

medieval in origin. None of the material was found *in situ*. Although the quantity recovered is small, its restricted distribution may suggest a specific zone of industrial activity in the vicinity of Area X.

### 3.6.4 Animal Bone

Three hundred and seventy-eight fragments of animal bone, weighing 5.6kg were recovered. The majority of the assemblage derives from Roman features within Areas IV and X, which produced 48% and 27% of the material respectively. This material was deposited within pits and ditches representing secondary dumping, and cannot be directly associated with the use of these features. The bone survives in reasonable condition, with some surface erosion and general degradation, and is highly fragmented. Cut marks are visible on a number of bones. Diagnostic fragments comprise mainly long bones, rib fragments and skull parts, principally of cow and horse, with lesser quantities of sheep/goat, pig and bird (Table 6).

| Area | Species | | | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Cow* | *Sheep/goat* | *Horse* | *Pig* | *Bird* | *Undiag* | |
| **III** | 1 | | | | | 5 | **6** |
| **IV** | 7 | 2 | 73 | 1 | 1 | 98 | **182** |
| **V** | 4 | 1 | | | | 52 | **57** |
| **IX** | | | | | | 1 | **1** |
| **X** | *69 | | | | | 36 | **105** |
| **XI** | | 1 | 1 | | | 25 | **27** |
| | 81 | 4 | 74 | 1 | 1 | 217 | **378** |

* single skull

***Table 6:*** Animal bone fragment total by area

### 3.6.5 Human bone

A largely complete human skeleton (total weight 3.2kg) was recovered from trench 37 (Area XI). The body was supine and extended, and had sustained some machine and plough damage, particularly to the skull, right arm, hands and feet. The long bones and ribs survive in fair condition, although the vertebrae and finger bones are highly degraded. Most bones display surface erosion and are highly fragmented. The skeleton appears to be that of a young adult, although the fragmentary nature of both pelvis and skull mean it is impossible to determine sex. Accompanying grave goods comprised a semi-complete fine greyware jar of Roman date, and an unidentified iron object.

## 3.8 Summary

Fifty-one trenches were opened and a total of 1018 contexts were investigated. These comprised 543 archaeological features, 367 of which were of the "cut" type. Appendix 1 provides detailed descriptions of contexts arranged by each trench. Table 7 summarises features types by trench.

| TR. | Finds | D | F | GU | G | Pit | S | SRF | Area |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | N | | 2 | 2 | | | 3 | | VIII |
| 2 | N | 3 | | 2 | | | | | VII |
| 3 | N | 1 | 5 | 1 | | | | | VI |
| 4 | N | | | 1 | | | | | VI |
| 5 | N | 2 | | | | | | | VII |
| 6 | N | 1 | 5 | | | 1 | | | VI |
| 8 | N | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | VI |
| 9 | N | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | 2 | | VI |
| 10 | N | 5 | | | | | 9 | | VI |
| 11 | N | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | V |
| 12 | Y | 8 | | | | | 1 | | III |
| 13 | Y | 5 | | 6 | | | 4 | | V |
| 14 | Y | 10 | 1 | 3 | | | 4 | | IV |
| 15 | Y | 4 | 1 | | | 2 | | | IV |
| 16 | N | | 2 | | | 3 | | | II |
| 17 | Y | 3 | 8 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | IV |
| 18 | Y | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | IV |
| 19 | N | 2 | | 1 | | | | | III |
| 20 | N | | | | | | 4 | | II |
| 21 | N | 2 | | | | | | | III |
| 23 | Y | 6 | 1 | | | 4 | | | III |
| 26 | N | 1 | | | | | | | III |
| 27 | N | | 1 | | | | | | I |
| 29 | N | 1 | | | | | | | I |
| 34 | Y | | | | | | | | I |
| 35 | Y | 1 | | | | 1 | | | III |
| 36 | Y | 3 | | | | 2 | | | XII |
| 37 | Y | 7 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | XI |
| 38 | Y | 8 | 1 | 4 | | 1 | 2 | | XI |
| 39 | Y | | 1 | 3 | | 22 | 6 | | XI |
| 40 | N | 6 | | | | 1 | 1 | | XII |
| 41 | Y | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | X |
| 42 | Y | 3 | | 1 | | 17 | 4 | | X |
| 43 | Y | 10 | | | | 1 | 1 | | X |
| 44 | Y | 4 | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | | X |
| 45 | Y | 8 | | 2 | | | | | IX |
| 46 | N | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | | | IX |
| 47 | Y | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | | | IX |
| 48 | N | 1 | 4 | | | 8 | 1 | | XI |
| 49 | N | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 4 | | | XI |
| 50 | N | | 1 | | | | 4 | | IV |
| 51 | N | | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | VI |

KEY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| D | Ditch or gully | Pit | Pit |
| F | Furrow | S | Structural feature e.g. posthole. Foundation slot |
| G | Grave | SRF | Surface |

***Table 7:*** Feature summary by trench

# 4. SPATIAL SYNTHESIS OF RESULTS

The results of the four stages of the archaeological evaluation are combined in this section. The groupings of trenches used in the results section are discussed (Fig. 32) in terms of their overall archaeological interpretation. The results of the aerial photograph analysis, field artefact collection and geophysical survey provide a framework for a discussion of the results from the trial trenches. The artefactual assemblage (from both field artefact collection and trial excavation) provides a chronological framework and suggest the status of each area.

The potential of each Area to contain archaeological data is assigned to one of four levels of potential:

| | |
|---|---|
| No potential | No meaningful features or artefacts |
| Low potential | Meaningful features but not associated with artefactual or ecofactual data |
| Moderate potential | Meaningful features associated with artefactual or ecofactual data |
| High potential | Dense concentration of features with artefactual or ecofactual data representing settlement foci |

| Area | Pottery (Sherd) | Bone (Frag) | CBM/ FC | Non Ceramic Artefacts | Feature Types | Date | Nature of remains | Extent (Ha) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I | | | | flint blade | 1D, 1F, | | Small number isolated features | |
| II | | | | | 2F, 3P, 4S | | Small number of pits and postholes | |
| III | 2 | 6 | 5 | Slag, clinker | 20D, 1F, 1GU, 5P? | PM | Major linear ditched boundary | 2 |
| IV | 20 | | | | | LIA | Farmstead with field/enclosure system | 0.5 |
| | 323 | 182 | 27 | fe hobnails, nails, unid fe objects x2, bone pin | 21D, 12F, 5GU, 3P, 9S, 1SF | R | Expanded farmstead with field/enclosure system | 1 |
| | 2 | | | | | PM | Isolated features | |
| V | 35 | 53 | 1 | quern frags x4 | 7D, 7GU, 1P, 5S | R | Extension to Area IV farmstead | 0.5 |
| VI | | | | | 10D?, 18F, 4GU, 7P?, 13S? | | Isolated features to west<br>Postholes and pits to east | 0.5 |
| VII | | | | | 5D, 2GU | | Majory linear ditched boundary | 1 |
| VIII | | | | | 2F, 2S | | Possible structures within field system | 0.3 |
| IX | 2 | 1 | 8 | ca waste | 12D, 5F, 3GU, 1P | LIA | Major linear ditched boundary | 0.2 |
| X | 18 | | | | | LIA | Farmstead | 0.75 |
| | 35 | 105 | 6 | quern frag, slag, nails, unid fe objects x2 | 20D, 1F, 3GU, 20P, 8S | R | Expanded farmstead within field/enclosure system | 2 |
| XI | 25 | | | | | LIA | Farmstead, possibly same as Area X | 0.75 |
| | 50 | 27 | 7 | fe brooch pin, unid fe object x2, inhumation | 18D, 8F, 11GU, 2G, 37P, 11S | R | Expanded farmstead within field/enclosure system, possibly same as Area X | 2 |
| XII | 2 | | | | 9D, 3P | - | Isolated features | |

KEY:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | Ditch or gully | P | Pit | | |
| F | Furrow | S | Structural feature e.g. posthole. foundation slot | | |
| Gu | Gully | SF | Surface | | |
| G | Grave | | | | |
| LIA | Late Iron Age | R | Roman | PM | Post-medieval |

***Table 8:*** Summary of archaeological evidence by Area

### 4.1 Area I

The field to the south of the Elstow Brook and most of the field to the north of it are included in this area. Aerial photographs did not reveal cropmarks of a archaeological nature and this lack of human activity was supported by the geophysical survey (detailed area D and E). During field artefact collection the field south of the brook produced two Roman and one late Iron Age pottery sherds. A cluster of worked flint was observed to the north of the brook.

The trial trenches were targeted on artefact clusters and were mainly designed to investigate whether masking deposits were sealing archaeological remains. Alluvial deposits were located by trial excavation. In all cases these deposits were removed but no archaeological features were present below them. In all 11 trenches the only features interpreted as of human origin were ditch (trench 29) and 1 furrow (trench 27). The only artefact comprised a flint blade (RA 17).

The absence of archaeological features and artefacts suggests this area has no potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.2 Area II

This area was located adjacent to the railway between cropmark enclosures to the west and east. No cropmarks or significant geophysical anomalies (detailed area C) were observed in this area. No significant artefact clusters were present in this area.

The two trial trenches were located to confirm that the apparent gap in the cropmarks was correct. Four postholes were recorded in trench 20 and three possible postholes in trench 16 to the north. No artefacts were recovered from these features to suggest their date. The pits had a distinctly dark fill and may therefore be modern in origin. One of the postholes contained a large quantity of charcoal and occasional charred seeds. Although significant, without dating evidence, the value of this in environmental terms is negligible.

Archaeological features were identified but were not associated with any artefacts. It is possible they represent peripheral activity to settlements to the west and east. However, given the proximity to the railway they may be fairly recent in origin. This area is therefore viewed as having low potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.3 Area III

This area comprises a linear zone aligned south-west to north-east. Aerial photographs showed a series of linear cropmarks ( C ) within the field to the north-east of the Study Area. One of the oblique aerial photographs examined suggested this arrangement of ditches was contemporary with the north-west to south-east linear cropmark interpreted as the High Causeway mentioned in the Enclosures Act (Area VII). No artefacts clusters were obviously focused on these cropmarks, although there was a general corresponding trend in the distribution of undiagnostic pottery and CBM. The detailed geophysical

survey (areas B, C, H and F) did not located any anomalies that obviously coincided with the cropmarks.

Trial trenches were therefore located to investigate the cause of the cropmarks. A number of ditches were located in trenches 12, 19, 21 and 23 which corresponded with the positions of the cropmarks. The ditches were reasonably substantial in the trenches to the north, decreasing in depth further south. It is unclear if the ditches observed in trenches 26 and 35 are the same features. The boundary has been recut on a number of occasions. The dateable artefacts from two of the ditches suggest a post-medieval date. The remaining features in these trenches (the pits in trench 23) are interpreted as being of natural origin except for one isolated undated posthole in trench 12.

The ditches visible as cropmarks were located to the north of this area. It is unclear if they continued further south than trench 23. They represent a major boundary that was recut on a number of occasions. This area has a moderate potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.4 Area IV

This area was located to the north-east of Marsh Leys Farm. Cropmarks visible on aerial photographs suggested a number of ditches were present immediately to the south of the modern field boundary. These included a possible ditched enclosure (D). Field artefact collection located a concentration of Roman pottery immediately to the south-east of the cropmark enclosure. A small quantity of late Iron Age pottery and Roman CBM was also located. The detailed geophysical survey (area B) confirmed archaeological type features were present and included ditches and pit-type features.

The trenches were designed to determine the date, nature and extent of any settlement remains. A system of ditches mainly aligned south-west to north-east or north-west to south-east was located. Combined with the geophysical anomalies these appear to form a system of enclosures or fields (approximately 1750 square metres in area), along with smaller enclosures (only 200 square metres in area). The re-cutting of a number of the ditches suggests the system was maintained for some time. The intercutting nature of some of the ditches indicates the system was in use long enough to require alterations.

A number of postholes were located and any of these may represent walls of buildings or structures. The number of pits identified in the trenches within this area is likely to under represent the true quantity. A surface comprised of stones associated with large quantities of Roman domestic debris survived in trench 17.

The majority of the artefacts were dateable to the Roman period. These comprised pottery, iron objects (including hobnails) and a bone pin. A substantial quantity of animal bone was also recovered from the features. The presence of a small quantity of late Iron Age pottery suggests occupation may

have commenced prior to the Roman conquest.

The extent of the occupation area was defined by trench 17 to the south and by trenches 19 and 50 to the east. It is probable that Area V forms the northern part of the Area IV settlement. Equally the western limit is discussed with Area VI.

A range of archaeological features have been identified within this area. Combined with the artefactual assemblage this suggests the presence of a late Iron Age and Roman farmstead. Preservation of features, (for example the survival of a surface) and the full range of artefacts including animal bone and iron objects suggest this area has of high potential to contain archaeological data. Some limited destruction will have taken place as a result of ploughing and the modern disturbance recorded to the south-west.

### 4.5 Area V

Area V is situated immediately to the north of Area IV to the north-east of Marsh Leys Farm. Linear cropmarks (B) suggested a number of ditches gradually diverging from the modern boundary. Although these appeared to be linked to possible cropmark enclosure (D), field artefact collection produced no clusters of artefacts over their alignment. No responses were detected during geophysical scanning of the area and therefore no detailed survey was undertaken.

Two trial trenches were located to investigate whether ditches were present and to determine their nature and date. A series of ditches was located in both trenches which correspond to the location of the linear cropmarks. Their form and dimensions varied, although the fills were generally dark and contained Roman pottery and other occupational debris including quernstones. In the southern trench a small concentration of postholes and a curving gully was located adjacent to the main ditch. It is possible these represent the location of a circular building, perhaps surrounded by a drainage gully.

This area mainly comprised a complex ditched boundary. However, the presence of structural features and occupation debris within the ditch fills in trench 13 suggest domestic activity took place adjacent to it.

This area represents the continuation of the late Iron Age and Roman farmstead identified in Area IV. Given the presence of only Roman artefacts in this area it is possible the original farmstead shifted northwards. The artefact assemblage and presence of small structural features such as postholes indicates this area has high potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.6 Area VI

This area occupies the majority of the field directly north of Marsh Leys Farm. The only cropmark observed on aerial photographs was a linear (I) to the south-east. Flint and Roman artefacts were recovered during field artefact collection but no obvious concentrations were identified. No geophysical anomalies were located during scanning and therefore only two areas of

detailed survey (I and J) were undertaken. No clear archaeological type anomalies were located.

Two of the trial trenches (trenches 4 and 7) in this area were devoid of archaeological features, a further three (trenches 3, 6 and 51) contained mainly furrow type features. A small number of ditch type features were investigated. None contained dateable artefacts or other domestic debris and it is presumed they may form part of a pre medieval field system. A number of features in trench 9 coincided with the linear cropmark, which was also located (and will be discussed) in Area IX to the south.

Postholes and small pits were located within trenches 8, 9 and 10. None contained artefacts and only a few had charcoal flecks. Trench 10 contained a possible posthole structure, but the postholes in the other trenches were isolated. The absence of domestic debris suggests they may be situated away from the main settlement area they presumably relate to.

The majority of this area (to the west) has no potential to contain archaeological data. The eastern edge of the area contains archaeological features, but they did not contain artefacts. Given the late Iron Age and Roman activity in the proximity it is likely these features represent seasonal or peripheral activity within the fields of this settlement. This area therefore has only low potential to contain archaeological data, although the area around trench 10, given its vicinity to Area IV, has moderate potential.

### 4.7 Area VII

This area is situated close to the northern limit of the Study Area. Linear cropmarks (A) were visible on aerial photographs. Historical Map Research suggested they correspond with the "High Causeway" shown on a variety of maps. Three high spots of post-medieval pottery were located close to the cropmarks during field artefact collection. Geophysical scanning failed to detect any variations in the locations of the cropmarks so detailed survey was not undertaken.

Two trenches were located to investigate the linear cropmarks. The boundary was located in both trenches and comprised a number of intercutting ditches. The ditch fills appear to have been naturally derived and contained no occupational debris. The other features in these trenches comprised tree-throws and a small area of modern disturbance.

Although no direct dating evidence was found, one aerial photograph clearly shows one of these cropmarks turning and continuing as part of the Area III complex. This complex has been dated to the post-medieval period which is consistent with the Historical Map evidence.

The linear cropmarks have been located. They do not contain occupational debris suggesting they are located some distance from a contemporary settlement. It is likely they represent a major post-medieval boundary, probably associated with the High Causeway routeway. This area has low

potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.8 Area VIII

Area VIII is situated at the northern tip of the Study Area. No cropmarks were observed in this area which is situated within 100m of the presumed medieval bridge of "Herwykbrigg" (HER 11687). No significant artefact concentrations were observed in this area and geophysical scanning detected no anomalies.

The trench in this area contained two postholes and two gullies. None of these produced artefacts suggesting these represent isolated activity in the landscape. This area was distinguished from Area VI to the south because it contained a small number of structural features.

Although structural features have been identified the absence of occupational debris suggests these may be isolated in the landscape, perhaps representing seasonal activity within fields. No dating evidence was available, but given the proximity of late Iron Age and Roman activity to the south it may belong to this period. The absence of flints within the features and from the field artefact collection in this area suggest they are unlikely to be prehistoric features. The A medieval bridge is situated within 100m to the north, and it is possible these features belong to this period. This area has low potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.9 Area IX

Situated immediately to the south-west of Marsh Leys Farm this area was believed, from cropmark evidence (E and I) to contain settlement activity. No field artefact collection was possible in this field. Geophysical scanning only produced a "limited" number of responses but a detailed survey was (nevertheless) carried out (detailed survey area K). This produced no obvious archaeological responses.

A series of ditches were located in trench 45 coinciding with linear cropmark I. The boundary had been recut on a number of occasions. A small quantity of occupational debris was recovered from the fills. The only datable artefact was one sherd of late Iron Age pottery. Three further ditches were identified within trench 45 which coincide with the shorter linear cropmarks. One small irregular pit was identified within trench 47.

The north-east to south-west ditch line was located and represents the continuation of the boundary found to the south and north. It appears it was not associated with any attached enclosures. Its fills contained a small quantity of occupational debris supporting the interpretation that it was not associated with a settlement, but was part of a field system. Given the association of this boundary with Area X settlement this area has moderate potential to contain archaeological data. The ditches in the north-east corner of this field do not contain occupational debris and therefore have low potential to contain archaeological data. The absence of features to the west of this area means indicates it has no potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.10 Area X

This area is situated in the south-western field, adjacent to the western limit of the Study Area. The HER information for this area suggested a number of small enclosures might be present. Aerial photograph analysis confirmed the location of two possible ditched enclosures (F and G) which were clearly not contemporary with linear cropmarks (I and J). Field artefact collection was not possible in this field. The geophysical scanning identified a large number of archaeological type responses in this area. Detailed survey area A was extended until the limits of this activity appeared to have been reached. The detailed results confirmed the location of the two linear ditches identified originally as cropmarks. A number of other ditch-type anomalies were detected, some appearing to be associated with the major ditches, others forming small D-shaped enclosures. A large number of pit-type anomalies were also identified.

The south-west to north-east ditch was located in trenches 41, 42, and 44. It had been recut on a number of occasions and contained occupational debris including late Iron Age and Roman pottery. The system of rectangular ditches (orientated parallel and perpendicular to it) suggested by the geophysical survey were confirmed by the trial trenches. A number of these had been recut substantially on a number of occasions, for example in trench 43. The fills of these also contained occupational debris including iron nails, slag and a fragment of a hearth base.

The concentration of postholes in trench 42 is indicative of a post-built building. Isolated postholes were located in the other trenches and these may indicate the location of other buildings or structures. A variety of pits were located confirming the geophysical results. These were often relatively shallow and of uncertain function. A small quantity of occupational debris (including late Iron Age pottery) was recovered from the fills.

The rectangular system of enclosures and/or fields associated with the major boundary contained evidence for occupation. It is likely this represents a farmstead that originated in the late Iron Age and continued into the Roman period. It is possible this expanded or shifted over a period of time. This area has high potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.11 Area XI

Area XI is situated in the south-western field, immediately to the south of Area X. Aerial photograph analysis identified one major north-west to south-east linear cropmark J. This was confirmed by geophysical scanning along with a large number of ditch and pit-type anomalies. Detailed survey area A was extended until a low density of anomalies was located. At least two possible enclosures were identified and the pit-type anomalies were generally located outside these. Due to the level of crop growth it was not possible to undertake field artefact collection in this area.

The major boundary ditch in this area was located in trenches 37, 38 and 48. The geophysical survey suggested it was perpendicular to the major boundary

ditch located in Area X. It is likely both ditches are contemporary and therefore Roman in date. A variety of other ditches in this area were located mainly perpendicular or parallel to the major boundary. These may form smaller, attached land units. The geophysical survey has identified several D-shaped enclosures. Although independent from the major boundary these do share the same alignment. Within trench 39 a number of ditches were located on a different alignment (south-west to north-east). Although some Roman pottery was recovered these are unlikely to be contemporary with the major boundary. The geophysical linear anomalies which coincide with one of these ditches suggest they may represent a major change in the orientation of the Roman landscape.

Posthole and other structural features were identified in most of the trenches in this area. These probably represent buildings and other structures associated with human settlement. It is likely the beam slots in trench 37 and concentration of post pits in trench 39 indicated the location of substantial rectangular buildings. A large number of pits were identified confirming the geophysical survey results. Although quite small, these are characteristic of human settlement. The two graves located in trench 37 may be situated towards the periphery of the settlement. This location and the type of burial (inhumation rather than cremation) is characteristic of the Roman period after the 1st Century AD. This is consistent with the artefact assemblage which comprised Roman pottery, animal bone, CBM and a small number of iron objects.

This area contained a regular system of enclosures and/or fields associated with a Roman farmstead. It is possible the focus for this settlement was in the area of trench 37 and 39, although all the trenches in this area contained settlement type features. It may be significant that the late Iron Age pottery recovered only came from the north of this area. This may suggest settlement shift during the Roman period in a southerly direction. This area has high potential to contain archaeological data.

### 4.12 Area XII

Situated immediately to the south-west and south-east of Area XI. No cropmarks or geophysical anomalies were located in this area. The two trenches contained a small number of archaeological features.

The features located in these trenches comprised ditches, pits and a posthole. Although probably of archaeological origin the two ditches in trench 36 shared some of the characteristics of furrows and the pits were quite shallow. Only two tiny undiagnostic sherds of pottery were recovered from a pit in trench 38.

Although features were identified in this area, their nature and the absence of artefacts or ecofacts suggest this area has low potential to contain archaeological data.

# 5. CHRONOLOGICAL SYNTHESIS

The following synthesis is presented in chronological order, based largely on diagnostic artefacts recovered during field artefact collection or trial excavation. The typological forms of the cropmark, geophysical and trial trench features has also assisted. Historical maps provided evidence for the last 200 years.

## 5.1 *Prehistoric (- c.100BC)*

No pottery of this period was recovered. Although it rarely survives within the ploughsoil, subsurface features can act as a catchment and protect pottery sherds. Flint artefacts are more resilient and relatively easy to recognise (Holgate 1985). The worked flint assemblage recovered during field artefact collection comprised mainly late Neolithic/early Bronze Age pieces. A small quantity of early Neolithic artefacts were also recovered. There was no obvious concentration to suggest the location of settlements or activity areas. Only one piece of worked flint was recovered from the trial trenches, a blade from **Area I**. No cropmark, geophysical or trial trench features coincided with the flint clusters and none on typological grounds would be assigned to this period.

The Study Area contained extremely limited evidence for early prehistoric activity.

## 5.2 *Late Iron Age/early Roman (c. 100BC – AD100)*

A small quantity of 'Belgic' late Iron Age pottery was recovered during field artefact collection within **Areas IV** and **VI**. The distribution of this pottery approximately corresponds to the distribution of Roman artefacts. Features in **Areas IV, IX, X** and the northern part of **XI** contained pottery typically late Iron Age/early Roman in date. In most of these areas the pottery was found both mixed with later pottery and on its own. The nature of the features (ditches, postholes and pits) and the artefact assemblage within **Areas IV** and **IX/X,** suggest these are likely to represent late Iron Age/early Roman farmsteads. Significantly both farmsteads in their entireity appear to be situated within the Development Area.

It is likely that **Area IV** comprised a small farmstead perhaps not more than 0.5ha in extent. It is unclear whether the farmstead simply comprised one roundhouse and associated enclosure, as partially investigated within the Biddenham Loop (BCAS 1998) or comprised settlement within a field system. The quantity of occupational debris associated with this period is relatively small when compared to the evidence for Roman activity.

It is possible that the farmstead within **Area X/XI** is more extensive as pottery of this period was found over a 1.5ha area. From the quantity of pottery in the ditch fills it is likely that the rectangular system had its origins in this period. Fired pre-fabricated clay fragments from features exclusively with pottery of this period suggest hearths or furnaces are present in the vicinity.

The form of Iron Age settlements in the Ouse and Nene valleys has been studied by Knight (1984). Based on the results of the evaluation it is difficult to determine whether the two farmsteads were enclosed within a major boundary ditch or not. The D-shaped enclosure identified by geophysical survey would be comparable in size and form to those investigated at Pennyland (Williams 1993). However, the limited dating evidence from the ditch fill suggests those within the Study Area are more likely to be Roman in date. Although no human bone of this period was recovered it is likely that both farmsteads will have an associated cremation cemetery situated on the periphery of each settlement.

### 5.3 *Roman (c. AD100 – 410)*

The majority of the pottery assemblage recovered from field artefact collection and the trial trenches was Roman in date. Field artefact collection identified a concentration of material to the north-east of Marsh Leys Farm in **Area IV**. This was associated with a less dense scatter of material to the west (**Area VI**) and east (**Area I and III**). Other Roman artefacts were recovered from features within **Area IV** and **V** confirming this to be a area of settlement. A further area of Roman settlement was located in **Areas X** and **XI**. Regional and continental pottery vessels were recovered from both farmsteads. There was however significantly more from **Area IV** than **X/XI**. The ratio of imported pottery vessels to locally produced wares is however small in both cases. The nature of features and artefacts in both areas suggest these are not high status settlements, but probably represent farmsteads with origins in the late Iron Age.

The farmstead within **Areas IV/V** extended over an area of 1.5ha. The absence of late Iron Age pottery in northern **Area V** suggests this farmstead expanded or shifted northwards. This farmstead may have been concentrated within rectangular enclosures in-between two major south-west to north-east boundaries. However, Roman pottery from field artefact collection was concentrated a little to the east, although this may be a reflection of rubbish disposal and manuring away from the settlement core. Postholes, gullies and slots may suggests the location of buildings or structure, one concentration within **Area V** may indicate the location of a roundhouse. The survival of the stone surface associated with a large quantity of Roman occupation debris suggest feature survival may be good. The recovery of a bone pin, bead (from field artefact collection) and nails, iron objects and quernstone fragments attest to both personal and domestic/agricultural activity.

Within **Areas X** and **XI** Roman occupation extended over 4ha. The distribution of the pottery suggests the Roman farmstead extended southwards from the Iron Age settlement. The settlement area now extended over a larger area than in the late Iron Age. It is uncertain if the activity represents one shifting settlement or a series of settlement foci within a field system. The latter may be comparable to the situation at Broughton, Buckinghamshire (Petchey 1978) where settlement occurred towards the edges of fields.

Additional enclosures and ditches were orientated on the major boundary ditches. There is evidence that there was one major re-arrangement in the landscape. Concentrations of postholes and beamslots suggest the location of at least one building in **Area X** and one in **Area XI**. The large number of pits suggest activity possibly associated with gravel/clay extraction or rubbish disposal. It may be significant that the majority of the slag (although a small assemblage) came from this area. It is therefore possible that along with the agricultural regime, some small scale industrial activity was taking place. This may explain the presence of charcoal in the majority of the feature fills and the high geophysical readings in this area. Burials, perhaps aligned on one of the major boundaries, were located possibly towards the periphery of the farmsteads. It is generally believed inhumation replaced cremation as a burial tradition in the 2nd Century AD (Philpott 1991). The artefact assemblage included an iron brooch pin, other iron objects including nails and a quern fragment.

Taylor has quoted a density of one settlement per 0.4 or 0.5 square kilometres (Taylor and Woodward 1983) for this period. When combining the results of the aerial photograph analysis to the east this would appear to be accurate in the immediate environs of the Study Area. The settlements within the Study Area can be classed as farmsteads. This type of non villa settlement has received relatively little attention in comparison to those of higher status (Hingley 1989). The farmsteads are situated entirely within the Study Area.

### 5.4 *Medieval (c. AD1066 – 1500)*

Seven sherds of medieval pottery were recovered during field artefact collection and none from the trial trenches. No settlement of this period was located within the Study Area and the pottery distribution is likely to reflect the manuring of fields during this period. Cropmarks, geophysical anomalies and trial excavation features revealed the location of ridge and furrow within the Study Area. This also survives as earthworks to the south-west of the farm. Ridge and furrow developed in agricultural fields that were subject to strip ploughing. This system of agriculture was common from the late Saxon period and throughout the medieval period.

### 5.5 *Post-medieval (AD1500 – 1900)*

The vast majority of the ceramic material recovered from field artefact collection was of this period. No obvious concentrations were evident within its distribution and it is therefore assumed the material is the result of manuring. Trial excavation confirmed the linear cropmark represented ditches. Those aligned north-west to south-east in **Area VII** comprised a series of ditches and are presumed to represent the High Causeway mentioned in the Enclosure Act. Possible wheel ruts were located but no other evidence for a trackway surface was located. One aerial photograph clearly shows that cropmarks in this alignment turn and are continuous with some in the south-west to north-east alignment (within **Area III**). A small quantity of post-medieval material from ditches in **Area III** supports this. The 1848 map is the first to show Marsh Leys Farm.

### 5.6 Modern (AD1900 onwards)

Little evidence for modern activity was located within the Study Area. This mainly comprised agricultural land drains but small scale modern disturbance was also noted in **Areas II**, **IV** and **VII**.

# 6. SIGNIFICANCE OF RESULTS

## 6.1 The assessment of archaeological remains within the planning process

The CAO's *Specification* specifically forbids any discussion in this report of the potential implications for the development of any archaeological remains discovered during the evaluation. However, a discussion of the significance of the remains in terms of national and regional archaeological research frameworks is appropriate.

Although archaeological remains are now a material consideration in the planning process, there is no single, "easy-to-use" guide to assessing the importance of a particular archaeological site.

A limited number of nationally important archaeological sites have been given the status of Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs) to indicate their exceptional type, nature and state of preservation. The Study Area does not contain any SAMs.

With the issuing of *Planning Policy Guidance Note 16; Archaeology and Planning (PPG16)* central government accepted the view that archaeological remains should be regarded as a finite, non-renewable resource, and that there should be a presumption in favour of the physical preservation of nationally important remains (whether Scheduled or not). The Bedford Borough Local Plan policy HA1 adopted this view. The creation of an archaeological record, through the mechanism of archaeological fieldwork, was indicated to be the second best option and a similar view was adopted in the Local Plan policy HA2.

Central government, through English Heritage, addressed the issue of national archaeological research needs with the publication of *Exploring Our Past* in 1991 and a draft Research Agenda in 1997. The later document contains a number of research agendas, against which the archaeological resource of an area may be assessed.

On a more regional level the County Archaeologists of East Anglia have published the first volume in a research framework for the eastern counties (Glazebrook 1997). Although this document covers the adjacent counties of Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire, it does not specifically consider Bedfordshire. Nevertheless, topographical and historical similarities (at a regional level) between these counties make the document a useful tool for assessing the significance of the archaeological remains at Marsh Leys Farm.

## 6.2 *Assessment of the significance of the archaeological remains within the Study Area (Iron Age and Roman)*

The most important archaeological remains within the Study Area are the late Iron Age/Roman farmsteads. However, these are not unique within the region. Their level of preservation, while good, is not exceptional; they are truncated to some degree by later agricultural activity. It would not be reasonable to consider them as the best of their site type. Accordingly, they should not be considered of national significance or of schedulable quality.

However, they do appear to have the potential to address a number of national and regional research aims. Regionally they are also important because although a number of similar sites have been partially examined, very few have fallen in their entirety within a development area.

### 6.2.1 English Heritage Research Agenda

*Processes of change*

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| Britain into Roman | The transition phase from the late Iron Age to Roman period. The evaluation at Marsh Leys Farm has shown this is the predominant period of activity. The archaeological remains, therefore, have **high** potential for addressing this aim. |
| Empire to kingdom | The nature of change in Romano-British society in the 3rd and 4th Century is not well understood. There is evidence for activity continuing into this period at Marsh Leys Farm, but no evidence of Saxon activity. The archaeological remains, therefore, have **moderate** potential for addressing this aim. |

*Themes*

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| Settlement hierarchies and interaction | A basic understanding of settlement types and their distribution is needed. However the study of an individual settlement and its environs is an important step towards formulating broader theories and research goals. The Study Area contains evidence for at least two settlements, in their entirety, with peripheral activity. It therefore has **high** potential for addressing this aim |
| Rural settlement | Settlement patterns are the key to understanding the economic, social and political structures of rural England. The Study Area contains rural settlements which will have developed over time both in form and economic basis. It therefore has **high** potential for addressing this aim. |
| Patterns of craftsmanship and industry (including agriculture) | The study of industry and craftsmanship is a continuing area of research. Although the Study Area contains settlements primarily agricultural in character, the presence of slag and fired clay structures suggests some diversification may have occurred. It therefore has **moderate** potential for addressing this aim. |

*Site/area selection*

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| Group value | The potential value of a single site may be greatly enhanced by association with other contemporary sites. The Study Area contains two contemporary farmsteads. There is **high** potential to directly compare and contrast the two settlements which on evaluation appear similar. |
| Survival/condition | This is a crucial consideration and has been assessed for the Study Area by identifying the potential of different areas to contain archaeological data. Despite plough damage and a small number of modern disturbances the archaeological features are reasonably well preserved. Smaller features such as postholes survive, along with occasional stone surfaces. The expected range of artefacts and ecofacts survive including metalwork and animal bone. The Study Area has a **moderately** well preserved set of archaeological data. |
| Fragility / vulnerability | The site is vulnerable to further plough damage and development. In some areas the archaeological remains survive as little as 0.3m below the present ground surface. |
| Potential | The potential for ecofactual information is **good** with charred plant remains, including seeds, present. The high water table may have preserved waterlogged deposits within any deeper features, such as wells, on the site. |

### 6.2.1 East Anglian Research Framework

*Rural settlement*

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| Non-villa settlement | Investigations over the last ten years have gone some way to addressing the imbalance between the number of investigations on villas as opposed to other site-types. However, Glazebrook (1997) states "study of other kinds of rural settlement has not progressed as rapidly as might be desired". The Study Area has **high** potential for addressing this aim. |
| Burials | Rural Romano-British burials and cemeteries, particularly long-used or later Roman sites, was identified as a particular weakness. The Study Area has **high** potential for addressing this aim. |

## *6.3 Assessment of the significance of the archaeological remains within the Study Area (medieval and later)*

With the exception of the modern farm the Study Area does not contain significant post-Roman settlement remains. The evidence for medieval to post-medieval agriculture, boundaries and rural communications is of only local significance.

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# APPENDIX 1: CONTEXT SUMMARIES BY TRENCH

Contexts are presented in numeric order. Positive layers, such as topsoil, will be in stratigraphic order, where appropriate. Context descriptions for "cut" type features including the "fills" are then grouped together. Context numbers in **bold** denote "cut" features. Measurements are given in meters. Depth BGL refers to the depth below ground level (m) of the top of the deposit or cut.

| Trench 1 | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 48.70m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.70m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02649/46199 (N end) | | NGR TL 02649/46150 (S end) | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 100 | Topsoil | Dark brown grey loam with occasional small stones. | | | 0.28m | |
| 101 | Natural | Mid orange clay with variable stone content; occasional to frequent, average 5cm, angular to rounded. a few outcroppings of grey blue clay visible. | | | not established | 0.28m |
| 102 | **Stake hole** | Circular, with sides of around 45 degrees from horizontal. Concave base, slightly rounded. Probably truncated by the machine as 0.15m of natural has gone here. Possibly associated with [104] as both have similar fills c.0.15m x 0.15m. | | | 0.03m | 0.43m |
| 103 | Stake hole fill | 50/50 split between dark, purplish brown and mid brownish grey clay silt. No stones | | | 0.03m | 0.43m |
| 104 | **Post hole** | Circular, steep sided, less so on E side. Base flat on N side, then dives deeper on south side, probably where the end of the post rested c.0.40m x 0.38m. | | | 0.11m | 0.43m |
| 105 | Post hole fill | Split between dark, purplish brown and mid brownish grey clay silt (possible tumble). Irregularly mixed together, no stones | | | 0.11m | 0.43m |
| 106 | **Gully** | Linear feature running NE to SW. Sides very slightly concave, base rounded c. 2.70m x 0.41m. (widening out by 0.60m towards section). | | | 0.10m | 0.28m |
| 107 | Gully fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with few stones (all around c.2cm) | | | 0.10m | 0.28m |
| 108 | **Gully** | Irregular, linear feature, apparently turning as it goes into section. peters out in trench. Possibly base of butt ending, shallow ditch although not convincing may be geological feature c. 2.40m x 0.35m. | | | 0.25m | 0.28m |
| 109 | Gully fill | Mid brown grey clay silt with some small stones and one patch of charcoal | | | 0.25m | 0.28m |
| 110 | **Furrow** | Two furrows running NW to SE. Visible in section c. 5.50m x 2.80m. | | | 0.40m | 0.28m |
| 111 | Furrow fill | Mid browny grey silty clay with occasional small stones | | | 0.40m | 0.28m |
| 112 | **Post hole** | Only visible in section. Sides concave and base rounded. Possible post hole c. 0.30m x 0.11m | | | 0.11m | 0.28m |
| 113 | Post hole fill | Dark brown grey silty clay. Similar to topsoil, possible backfill | | | 0.11m | 0.28m |

| Trench 2 | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 28.80m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.60m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 2790/46106 (ENE end) | | NGR TL 2817/46116 (WNW end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate cropmarks viable on aerial photographs.. | | | | | |

| Context | Type | Description | Max Depth | Depth (BGL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 200 | Topsoil | Dark brown loam. | 0.30m | |
| 201 | Subsoil | Light brown clay silt. | 0.30m | 0.30m |
| 202 | Natural | Yellow orange sandy gravel. | not established | 0.60m |
| 204 | **Gully** | Long, thin linear feature. Truncates [211] c.7.00m x 0.17m x 0.15m | 0.15m | 0.60m |
| 203 | Gully fill | Gritty brown silt. Fill of [204] | 0.15m | 0.60m |
| 206 | **Gully** | Long, deep and narrow linear feature truncating [211] c.5.00m x 0.17m x 0.30m | 0.30m | 0.60m |
| 205 | Gully fill | Brown silt. Fill of narrow, long and deep linear feature [206] | 0.30m | 0.60m |
| 211 | **Ditch** | Long, narrow feature, truncated by [204] and [206]. Truncates [216] c.1.50m x 1.20m x 0.30m | 0.30m | 0.60m |
| 210 | Primary ditch fill | Yellow orange sand and grit. Primary fill of [211]. Redeposited natural | 0.10m | 0.78m |
| 209 | Ditch fill | Dark brown silt. fill of [211] | 0.07m | 0.78m |
| 208 | Ditch fill | Yellow orange sand and grit. fill of [211] | 0.12m | 0.70m |
| 207 | Upper ditch fill | Grey brown clay silt. Upper fill of [211] | 0.10m | 0.60m |
| 214 | **Ditch** | Broad linear feature truncating [216] c.0.70m x 0.80m x 0.34m | 0.34m | 0.56m |
| 213 | Primary ditch fill | Grey clay, mottled with brown silt. Fill of [214] | 0.19m | 0.72m |
| 212 | Secondary ditch fill | Brown clay silt. Fill of [214] | 0.15m | 0.55m |
| 216 | **Ditch** | Broad, linear feature, truncated by [211] and [214] c.0.70m x 1.80m x 0.30m. | 0.30m | 0.56m |
| 215 | Ditch fill | Dark grey silty clay. Only fill of [216] | 0.30m | 0.56m |
| 218 | **Field drain** | Narrow, linear feature c. 0.40m x 0.90m x 0.30m | 0.30m | 0.56m |
| 217 | Field drain fill | Brown clay silt. Only fill of [218] | 0.30m | 0.56m |
| 221 | **Tree throw** | Irregular ovoid feature c. 3.00m x 2.00m. | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 220 | Primary tree throw fill | Grey clay. Redeposited natural. Primary fill of [221] | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 219 | Secondary tree throw fill | Brown clay silt. Secondary fill of irregular ovoid feature [221]. | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 224 | **Tree throw** | Irregular ovoid feature c.1.50m x 2.10m. | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 223 | Primary tree throw fill | Grey clay fill of [224]. Redeposited natural | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 222 | Secondary tree throw fill | Brown clay silt. Secondary fill of [224] | unexcavated | 0.60m |

| Trench 3 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 45.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.45m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02552/45999 (W end) | | NGR TL 02597/46000 (E end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** | |
| 300 | Topsoil | Dark black brown clay loam with occasional small stones | | | 0.20m | | |
| 301 | Subsoil | Light orange brown clay with occasional stones | | | 0.25m | 0.20m | |
| 302 | Natural | Light orange sandy clay. Stones moderate to frequent. Occasional pockets of silty sand material and occasional outcrops of whitish grey clay | | | not established | 0.45m | |
| 303 | **Furrow** | Linear cut NNW to SSE. Aligned equidistant from furrows to E and W. Position suggests furrow, but quite deep down and sealed by subsoil c. 2.30m x 0.81m x 0.15m. | | | 0.15m | 0.45m | |
| 304 | Furrow fill | Light red brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | 0.15m | 0.45m | |
| 305 | **Ditch** | Linear cut NNW to SSE alignment. Cut by furrow [303]. Sides quite sharp (45 to 50 degrees) and straight. Bottom quite narrow. Possible ditch appears to run at 90 degrees to gully at E end of trench (c.0.60m wide) c.2.30m x 0.54m x 0.20m. | | | 0.20m | 0.45m | |
| 306 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown soft sticky silty clay with small stones. Fill of ditch [305] | | | 0.20m | 0.45m | |
| 307 | **Gully** | Linear cut on NE to SW alignment. Straight sides and flat base. Situated towards E end of trench. Possible gully runs at 90 degrees to ditch [305] c.4.40m x 0.30m x 0.18m | | | 0.18m | 0.40m | |
| 308 | Gully fill | Dark grey brown soft silty clay with small stones. Fill of [307] | | | 0.18m | 0.40m | |
| 309 | **Furrow** | Linear cut c.2.40m x 1.00m. | | | unexcavated | 0.45m | |
| 310 | Furrow fill | Light red brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | unexcavated | 0.45m | |
| 311 | **Furrow** | Linear cut c.2.00m x 2.00m. | | | unexcavated | 0.45m | |
| 312 | Furrow fill | Light red brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | unexcavated | 0.45m | |
| 313 | **Furrow** | Linear cut c.2.00m x 2.20m. | | | unexcavated | 0.45m | |
| 314 | Furrow fill | Light red brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | unexcavated | 0.45m | |
| 315 | **Furrow** | Linear cut c.2.20m x 2.00m. | | | unexcavated | 0.45m | |
| 316 | Furrow fill | Light red brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | unexcavated | 0.45m | |

| Trench 4 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 49.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02699/46049 (N end) | | NGR TL 02700/46000 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | .To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** | |
| 400 | Topsoil | Dark black brown clay loam with occasional small stones | | | 0.30m | | |
| 401 | Subsoil | Light orange brown clay with occasional stones | | | 0.30m | 0.30m | |
| 402 | **Gully** | Narrow, linear shallow cut running NE to SW at S edge of trench. Butt ends around 2m from E edge of trench c.1.50m x 0.45m x 0.18m | | | 0.18m | 0.60m | |
| 403 | Gully fill | Mid brown loam. Fill of [402]. | | | 0.18m | 0.60m | |
| 405 | Natural | Light orange gravel with occasional pockets of grey green and orange clay | | | not established | 0.60m | |

| Trench 5 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 30.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02849/45999 (SW) | | NGR TL 02875/46016 (NE) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 500 | Topsoil | Dark grey brown clay silt with occasional small to medium stones | | | | 0.20m | |
| 501 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown silty clay | | | | 0.25m | 0.20m |
| 502 | Natural | Light orange gravel with occasional pockets of grey green and orange clay | | | | not established | 0.45m |
| 503 | **Ditch** | Linear, straight, parallel sides, gently sloping down to concave base c.3.50m x 0.70m x 0.12m | | | | 0.12m | 0.45m |
| 504 | Ditch fill | Mid dark brown clay silt. Loose, with occasional small stones. Fill of [503]. | | | | 0.12m | 0.45m |
| 505 | **Ditch** | Irregular, linear sides, not clearly defined. Complex linear boundary may represent multiple ditches c.2.00m x 5.00m x 0.20m | | | | 0.20m | 0.46m |
| 506 | Ditch fill | Mid red brown clay. Contrasts with mid orange brown clay sides. Very homogenous. Gradual silting. Fill of [505]. | | | | 0.20m | 0.46m |
| 507 | **Tree throw** | c.2.50m x 0.60m | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 508 | Tree throw fill | Fill of tree throw | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |

| Trench 6 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 48.90m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.48m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02500/45850 (S end) | | NGR TL 02500/45899 (N end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 600 | Topsoil | Dark black brown clay loam with occasional small stones | | | | 0.28m | |
| 601 | Subsoil | Light orange brown clay with occasional stones | | | | 0.18m | 0.28m |
| 602 | Natural | Light orange sandy clay. Stones moderate to frequent. Occasional pockets of silty sand material and occasional outcrops of white/grey clay | | | | not established | 0.46m |
| 603 | **Ditch** | Linear NW to SE, V shaped cut with sides varying between slightly concave and slightly convex c.3.00m x 0.75m x 0.24m | | | | 0.24m | 0.47m |
| 604 | Ditch fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones (average 3cm). Very occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of [603]. | | | | 0.24m | 0.47m |
| 605 | **Furrows** | General number for several linear features, probably furrows c.2.50m x 1.00m-4.00m x 0.01-0.16m | | | | 0.01 - 0.16m | 0.48. |
| 606 | Furrow fill | Mid grey brown clay, compact in places, with occasional stones (5cm average angular to rounded) | | | | 0.01 - 0.16m | 0.48m |
| 607 | **Tree throw** | Almost linear. NE side starts very shallow with almost imperceptible break of slope. Convex sides. Flat base. Not very convincing as feature, may be odd shaped ditch or, more likely, tree throw c.2.90m x 1.00m x 0.17m | | | | 0.17m | 0.46m |
| 608 | Tree throw fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with moderate amount of stones (average c.3cm rounded to angular) | | | | 0.17m | 0.46m |
| 609 | **Tree throw** | Possible feature towards side of trench near [607]. Probable tree throw, or maybe pit c.1.00m x 1.10m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 610 | Tree throw fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with moderate amount of stones (average c.3cm rounded to angular) | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 611 | **Pit** | Semi circular (obscured by edge of trench). Sides vary from slightly convex to slightly concave. Very slightly stepped on S side c.1.80m x 0.80m x 0.28m | | | | 0.28m | 0.46m |
| 612 | Pit fill | Mid grey brown silty clay, compact, with occasional stones (c.3cm average and angular to rounded). Probable silting up of pit. Fill of [611] | | | | 0.28m | 0.46m |

| Trench 7 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.54m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02599/45899 (W end) | | | NGR TL 02650/45900 (E end) | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 700 | Topsoil | Dark brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.24m | |
| 701 | Subsoil | Light red brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.30m | 0.24m |
| 702 | Natural | Light red brown silty clay with occasional gravel patches and occasional dark grey patches | | | | not established | 0.54m |

| Trench 8 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.55m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02799/45899 (S end) | | | NGR TL 02800/45950 (N end) | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 800 | Topsoil | Dark grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones | | | | 0.20m-0.30m | |
| 801 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.30m | 0.20m |
| 802 | Natural | Light orange sandy gravels with occasional patches of green grey clay | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 803 | **Gully** | Linear, with straight parallel sides running NE to SW. Cut by furrow [805] c.2.00m x 0.50m x 0.20m | | | | 0.20m | 0.50m |
| 804 | Gully fill | Dark brown clay silt with occasional small stones and charcoal patches. Fill of gully [803] | | | | 0.20m | 0.50m |
| 805 | **Furrow** | Straight, linear, with parallel sides, running NW to SE. Sides are gently sloping to a flatish base. Fairly shallow. Cuts [803] c.3.00m x 2.80m x 0.15m | | | | 0.15m | 0.50m |
| 806 | Furrow fill | Mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.15m | 0.50m |
| 807 | **Ditch** | Straight, linear, parallel - sided cut running E to W. Gently sloping sides down to concave base. Very shallow. 2.00m x 1.00m x 0.11m | | | | 0.11m | 0.50m |
| 808 | Ditch fill | Mid orange/grey/brown, loose, with occasional small stones. Fill of [807] | | | | 0.11m | 0.50m |
| 809 | **Pit** | Sub oval, gently sloping cut, very shallow, with concave base. Base of small pit c.0.70m x 0.70m x 0.07m | | | | 0.07m | 0.50m |
| 810 | Pit fill | Mid brown clay silt with occasional small stones. Fill of pit [809] | | | | 0.07m | 0.50m |
| 811 | **Furrow** | Straight, linear, parallel sided cut, running NW to SE c.3.00m x 1.50m. | | | | 0.10m | 0.50m |
| 812 | Furrow fill | Mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.10m | 0.50m |
| 813 | **Pit** | Sub circular, gently sloping, shallow cut with concave base c.1.00m x 0.60m x 0.09m | | | | 0.09m | 0.50m |
| 814 | Pit fill | Mid brown clay silt with occasional small stones. Fill of [813] | | | | 0.09m | 0.50m |
| 815 | **Gully** | Straight, linear, parallel sided cut with gently sloping, smooth sides, and concave base. SW to NE running. Butt ending c.1.50m x 0.44m x 0.09m | | | | 0.09m | 0.50m |
| 816 | Gully fill | Mid grey brown, friable, sandy clay. Fill of [815] | | | | 0.09m | 0.50m |
| 817 | **Furrow** | Straight, linear, parallel sided shallow cut with flatish base. NW to SE running c.2.5m x 2.00m x 0.10m | | | | 0.10m | 0.50m |
| 818 | Furrow fill | Mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.10m | 0.50m |
| 819 | **Ditch** | Straight, linear, parallel sided cut, running NE to SW. Gently sloping, with concave base. Butt ending c.2.00m x 1.10m x 0.20m. | | | | 0.20m | 0.50m |
| 820 | Ditch fill | Dark brown clay silt, with occasional small stones. Cut by [821]. Fill of [819] | | | | 0.20m | 0.50m |
| 821 | **Post hole** | Sub oval cut with gently sloping, smooth sides and concave base. Cuts (820) c.1.00m x 0.60m x 0.16m. | | | | 0.16m | 0.50m |
| 822 | Post hole fill | Dark brown silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal patches. Fill of [821] | | | | 0.16m | 0.50m |
| 823 | **Furrow** | Straight, linear, parallel sided cut, running NW to SE c.3.00m x 2.00m x 0.10m. | | | | 0.10m | 0.50m |
| 824 | Furrow fill | Mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.10m | 0.50m |

| Trench 9 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 28.50m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.72m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02614/45824 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02631/45801 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** | |
| 900 | Topsoil | Mid grey clay silt with moderate small stones. Stone content increases to SE end to frequent | | | 0.25m | | |
| 901 | Subsoil | Light brown to mid brown (over furrows) clay silt, with moderate small stones | | | 0.30m | 0.25m | |
| 902 | Natural | Light yellow brown clay silt with moderate small stones and gravel lenses (underlain by pale blue clay) | | | not established | 0.45m | |
| 903 | **Furrow** | Unexcavated furrow c.2.70m x 2.50m. | | | unexcavated | 0.56m | |
| 904 | Furrow fill | Light brown to mid brown clay silt, with moderate small stones | | | unexcavated | 0.56m | |
| 905 | **Pit** | Sub circular pit with long, gradual break of slope top, and stepped, convex sides. Seen only partially in plan. Not bottomed. Possible water pit: 2.90m x 2.50m x 0.56m | | | 0.56m | 0.56m | |
| 906 | Primary Pit fill | Dark grey blue clay. Very diffuse boundary with (907). Possible natural silting. Primary fill of pit [905] | | | 0.36m | 0.76m | |
| 907 | Secondary Pit fill | Harder and drier dark grey blue clay. Secondary fill of [905]. | | | 0.20m | 0.56m | |
| 908 | **Post hole** | Sub oval cut c.0.50m x 0.30m | | | unexcavated | 0.56m | |
| 909 | Post hole fill | Light brown clay silt, with moderate charcoal flecks. Fill of [908] | | | unexcavated | 0.56m | |
| 910 | **Pit** | Sub rectangular cut c.1.50m x 1.90m | | | unexcavated | 0.56m | |
| 911 | Pit fill | Mid to dark grey clay with frequent small stones. Fill of [910] | | | unexcavated | 0.56m | |
| 912 | **Post hole** | Sub oval cut with steep concave sides and concave base. Construction cut for post hole c.0.55m x 0.80m x 0.31m | | | 0.31m | 0.56m | |
| 913 | Post hole fill | Light yellow brown clay silt with occasional small stones. Post packing derived from natural. Fill of [912] | | | 0.31m | 0.56m | |
| 914 | **Post pipe** | Sub circular cut with steep, straight sides and concave base. Post pipe c. 0.25m x 0.25m x 0.31m | | | 0.31m | 0.56m | |
| 915 | Post pipe fill | Mid grey clay silt, with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Post may have been removed, rather than decayed *in situ* c.0.25m x 0.25m x 0.31m. Fill of [914] | | | 0.31m | 0.56m | |
| 916 | **Pit** | Sub oval cut c.3.50m x 1.45m | | | unexcavated | 0.50m | |
| 917 | Pit fill | Mid to dark grey clay with frequent small stones. Fill of [916] | | | unexcavated | 0.50m | |
| 918 | **Ditch** | Linear cut, running NW to SE, with concave sides and flat base. Possibly small boundary c.6.50m x 0.30m x 0.34m | | | 0.34m | 0.46m | |
| 919 | Primary ditch fill | Redeposited fine gravel. Inwash from cut. Primary fill of ditch [918] | | | 0.03m | 0.76m | |
| 920 | Ditch fill | Light brown silty clay, with moderate small stones. Secondary fill of ditch [918]. Natural silting | | | 0.11m | 0.66m | |
| 921 | Upper ditch fill | Mid grey clay silt. Natural silting, possibly derived from topsoil. Fill of ditch [918] | | | 0.20m | 0.46m | |
| 922 | **Furrow** | NW to SE running cut with gradual concave sides and a flat base. Truncated by a field drain c. 3.00m x 1.60m x 0.17m | | | 0.17m | 0.46m | |
| 923 | Furrow fill | Light brown silty clay with moderate small stones. | | | 0.17m | 0.46m | |
| 924 | **Layer** | Mid grey clay silt with moderate small stones. Buried topsoil c. 4.00m x 2.00m x 0.20m | | | 0.20m | 0.22m | |

| Trench 10 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 27.40m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.45m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02752/45851 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02770/45832 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 1000 | Topsoil | Dark brown loam. | | | | 0.25m | |
| 1001 | Subsoil | Brown clay sand. | | | | 0.20m | 0.25m |
| 1002 | Natural | Sandy gravel with lenses of grey clay. | | | | not established | 0.45m |
| 1004 | **Post hole** | Ovoid feature. Post hole cut part of possible fence line. Truncates [1008] c.0.20m x 0.31m x 0.35m | | | | 0.35m | 0.45m |
| 1003 | Post hole fill | Dark grey silty clay, with mottled brown sand. Fill of [1004] | | | | 0.35m | 0.45m |
| 1008 | **Gully** | Curvilinear, narrow feature. Truncated by [1004] c.0.40m x 0.25m x 0.40m | | | | 0.40m | 0.45m |
| 1007 | Primary gully fill | Brown silty gravel. Fill of [1008] | | | | 0.13m | 0.81m |
| 1006 | Gully fill | Black clay silt. Fill of [1008] | | | | 0.11m | 0.70m |
| 1005 | Upper gully fill | Grey silty clay. Fill of [1008]. | | | | 0.25m | 0.45m |
| 1010 | **Post hole** | Discreet circular feature, truncating [1012]: 0.20m x 0.25m x 0.20m | | | | 0.20m | 0.45m |
| 1009 | Post hole fill | Grey silty clay. 0.20m x 0.25m x 0.20m. Fill of [1010] | | | | 0.20m | 0.45m |
| 1012 | **Post hole** | Circular feature, truncated by [1010] c.0.20m x 0.45m x 0.15m | | | | 0.15m | 0.45m |
| 1011 | Post hole fill | Dark grey clay silt, abutting (1009). Fill of [1012] | | | | 0.15m | 0.45m |
| 1015 | **Post hole** | Discreet, small, circular feature. c. 0.15m x 0.40m x 0.15m | | | | 0.15m | 0.45m |
| 1014 | Primary post hole fill | Brown silty gravel. Fill of [1015] | | | | 0.09m | 0.56m |
| 1013 | Secondary post hole fill | Brown silt. Fill of post hole [1015] | | | | 0.11m | 0.45m |
| 1017 | **Ditch** | Narrow, linear feature c.1.00m x 0.70m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1016 | Ditch fill | Dark grey clay silt. Fill of [1017] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1019 | **Post hole** | Discreet, small ovoid feature c.0.20m x 0.20m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1018 | Post hole fill | Dark grey clay silt. Fill of [1017] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1021 | **Post hole** | Discreet circular feature, truncating [1023]. Part of possible fence line c.0.40m x 0.20m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1020 | Post hole fill | Grey clay silt. Fill of [1021] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1023 | **Post hole** | Circular feature, truncated by [1021]. Part of possible fence line c.0.20m x 0.20m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1022 | Post hole fill | Grey clay silt. Fill of [1022] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1027 | **Post hole** | Discreet, small, circular feature. Part of possible fence line c.0.05m x 0.05m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1026 | Post hole fill | Grey clay silt. Fill of [1026] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1029 | **Ditch** | Narrow, linear feature c.1.00m x 1.10m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1028 | Ditch fill | Black silt. Fill of [1029] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1031 | **Post hole** | Small, discreet, circular feature c.0.30m x 0.30m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1030 | Post hole fill | Dark grey clay silt. Fill of [1031] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1033 | **Ditch** | Narrow linear feature c.1.60m x 0.60m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1032 | Ditch fill | Grey clay silt mixed with brown silt. Fill of [1033] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1035 | **Ditch** | Narrow, linear feature c.2.20m x 0.70m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1034 | Ditch fill | Brown clay silt. Fill of [1035] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1037 | **Ditch** | Broad, linear feature c.2.00m x 1.10m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1036 | Ditch fill | Dark brown clay silt. Fill of [1037] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |

| Trench 11 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 29.30m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02884/45943 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02903/45921 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 1100 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Irregular, slightly diffuse boundary with subsoil | | | | 0.35m | |
| 1101 | Subsoil | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones. Diffuse boundary with natural | | | | 0.25m | 0.35m |
| 1114 | Natural | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey brown. Large, fine gravels with sandy clay matrix and white/grey clay patches. | | | | not established | 0.60m |
| 1102 | **Ditch** | Parallel - sided cut, running NE to SW, 6.50m from SE end of trench c. 2.20m x 1.00m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1103 | Ditch fill | Dark brown loam, with occasional gravel inclusions. Fill of [1102] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1104 | **Post hole** | Sub - circular, shallow cut. Possible post hole c. 0.30m x 0.20m. | | | | 0.15m | 0.40m |
| 1105 | Post hole fill | Light brown orange loam. Fill of [1104] | | | | 0.15m | 0.40m |
| 1106 | **Pit** | Sub - circular cut of feature, lying midway between features [1102] and [1108] c. 0.70m x 0.60m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1107 | Pit fill | Brown grey silty - clay with charcoal inclusions. Fill of [1106] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1108 | **Gully** | Narrow, shallow, parallel - sided cut, running NE to SW, and parallel to ditches [1102], [1110], and [1112] c. 2.20m x 0.30m. | | | | 0.15m | 0.40m |
| 1109 | Gully fill | Mid brown silty - clay with significant gravel inclusions (30 - 40 %). Fill of [1108] | | | | 0.15m | 0.40m |
| 1110 | **Ditch** | Parallel - sided cut, running NE to SW. Lies between, and parallel to ditches [1108] and [1112] c. 2.20m x 1.50m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1111 | Ditch fill | Mid brown silty - clay. Fill of [1110] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1112 | **Ditch** | Parallel - sided cut, running NE to SW, and lying just to NW of ditch [1110] c. 2.20m x 1.80m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1113 | Ditch fill | Dark brown silty - clay with some gravel inclusion. Fill of [1112] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |

| Trench 12 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 68.50m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.60m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02945/45868 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02996/45822 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 1200 | Topsoil | A dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.30m | |
| 1201 | Subsoil | Light, orange brown layer with significant gravel inclusions | | | | 0.30m | 0.30m |
| 1218 | Natural | Fine gravel within sandy clay matrix | | | | not established | 0.60m |
| 1202 | **Post hole** | Shallow, roughly circular scoop with gently sloping sides. Possible post hole c.0.50m x 0.27m x 0.11m | | | | 0.11m | 0.60m |
| 1203 | Post hole fill | Mid brown grey sticky loam. Fill of [1202] | | | | 0.11m | 0.60m |
| 1204 | **Ditch** | Linear feature. Wide, flat bottomed cut with 45 degree sloping sides. Running NE to SW around 25m from SE end of trench c.2.20m x 2.40m x 0.55m | | | | 0.55m | 0.60m |
| 1205 | Ditch fill | Mid brown loam with occasional gravel inclusions. Fill of [1204]. Contained animal bone | | | | 0.55m | 0.60m |
| 1206 | **Ditch** | Linear, parallel sided cut, running NE to SW. Lying 1m SE of [1209] c. 2.20m x 0.90m x 0.60m | | | | 0.60m | 0.30m |
| 1207 | Primary ditch fill | Primary, loam fill of ditch [1206] | | | | 0.35m | 0.50m |
| 1208 | Secondary ditch fill | Secondary, yellow gravel fill of ditch [1206]. | | | | 0.25m | 0.30m |

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| 1209 | **Ditch** | Linear, parallel sided cut, flat bottomed with gently sloping sides. Runs NE to SW: Possibly machine truncated c.2.20m x 1.50m x 0.40m | 0.40m | 0.60m |
| 1210 | Ditch fill | Light brown loam. Fill of [1209] | 0.40m | 0.60m |
| 1211 | **Ditch** | One side of a ditch cut (other side is probably [1213]). Gently sloping sides, with flat bottom. Aligned NE to SW c.2.20m x 1.00m x 0.45m | 0.45m | 0.60m |
| 1212 | Ditch fill | Yellow brown loam. Probably same as (1214). Fill of [1211] | 0.45m | 0.60m |
| 1213 | **Ditch** | One side of ditch (other side probably [1211]). Sides of around 45 degree slope. Runs NE to SW c.2.20m x 1.05m. | 0.70m | 0.50m |
| 1214 | Ditch fill | Yellow brown loam with occasional gravel pockets. Probably equates to (1212). Cut away by insertion of public drain [1215]. Fill of [1213] | 0.70m | 0.50m |
| 1215 | **Land drain** | Probable public drain. Cuts ditch fill (1214) c.2.20m x 1.00m x 0.85m | 0.85m | 0.30m |
| 1216 | Primary land drain fill | Mid brown loam. Fill of land drain. | 0.55m | 0.50m |
| 1217 | Secondary land drain fill | Yellow gravel. Fill of land drain | 0.20m | 0.30m |

| **Trench 13** | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 27m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.66m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02839/45894 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02859/45873 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |

| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1300 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Regular, slightly diffuse boundary with subsoil | 0.66m | |
| 1301 | Subsoil | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones. Generally diffuse boundary with (1302). Contained pottery and quern fragment (**ra** 12) | 0.66m | 0.42m |
| 1302 | Natural | As with (1301), with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey brown. Large, fine gravel with sandy clay matrix and white grey clay patches | not established | 0.42m |
| 1303 | **Gully** | Shallow, even, curvilinear feature. SE side slightly less steep than NW c. 2.00m x 0.30m x 0.14m | 0.14m | 0.42m |
| 1304 | Primary gully fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional stones (some large). Contained pottery and animal bone, plus quern fragments (**ra** 9, 10, and 11). Fill of [1303]. Partially excavated. | 0.14m | 0.42m |
| 1305 | Secondary gully fill | Large limestone lumps within (1304). Possible post packing, although stratigraphy goes against this theory. Fill of [1303] | n/a | 0.42m |
| 1306 | **Post hole** | Oval cut, with smooth sides and flat base c.0.60m x 0.33m x 0.10m | 0.10m | 0.42m |
| 1307 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Fill of [1306]. Contained pottery | 0.10m | 0.42m |
| 1308 | **Post hole** | Half circular cut partially within trench. Smooth sides with concave base c.0.15m (from section) x 0.25m x 0.17m | 0.17m | 0.42m |
| 1309 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Fill of [1308] | 0.17m | 0.42m |
| 1310 | **Post hole** | Circular cut with smooth sides and concave base c.0.25m x 0.24m x 0.08m | 0.08m | 0.42m |
| 1311 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Fill of [1310] | 0.08m | 0.42m |
| 1312 | **Gully** | Curvilinear feature with smooth sides and concave base. Unclear relationship to [1303] c.2.00m x 0.30m x 0.10m | 0.10m | 0.42m |
| 1313 | Primary gully fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Primary fill of [1312]. | 0.10m | 0.42m |
| 1314 | Secondary gully fill | Large stones lying on top of (1313). limestone lumps. Post packing unclear. Secondary fill of [1312] | n/a | 0.42m |
| 1315 | **Post hole** | Very shallow circular cut with imperceptible sides. Truncated post hole c.0.30m x 0.35m x 0.04m | 0.04m | 0.42m |
| 1316 | Post hole fill | Dark grey black clay silt. Fill of [1315]. Contained pottery and animal bone | 0.04m | 0.42m |
| 1317 | **Ditch** | Linear cut, running NE to SW. Smooth sides and concave base c.2.00m x 0.72m x 0.25m | 0.25m | 0.42m |
| 1318 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Contained pottery and animal bone. Fill of [1317] | 0.25m | 0.42m |

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| 1319 | **Ditch** | Linear cut, shallow, with smooth sides and uneven bottom. Cuts [1321]. Runs NE to SW c.2.00m x 2.16m x 0.22m | 0.22m | 0.56m |
| 1320 | Ditch fill | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Fill of [1319] | 0.22m | 0.56m |
| 1321 | **Ditch** | Smooth sided ditch with partial concave base. Stepped on NW side. Cut by [1319] c.2.00m x 2.00m x 0.75m | 0.75m | 0.56m |
| 1324 | Primary ditch fill | Light orange yellow sandy clay with frequent stones. Primary (slumped) fill of [1321] | 0.28m | 1.06m |
| 1338 | Ditch fill | Light grey clay silt with no stones. Secondary fill of [1321]. | 0.18m | 0.86m |
| 1323 | Ditch fill | Dark grey silty clay with few stones. Tertiary fill of [1321]. Contained pottery | 0.10m | 0.76m |
| 1322 | Upper ditch fill | Light grey brown silty clay with frequent stones. Upper fill of [1321]. Contained animal bone | 0.20m | 0.56m |
| 1325 | **Ditch** | Ditch running NE to SW, smooth sided with concave bottom. Partially stepped on NW side c.2.00m x 2.06m x 0.66m | 0.66m | 0.54m. |
| 1329 | Primary ditch fill | Light orange yellow sandy clay with frequent stones. Slumping in [1325] | 0.04m | 0.64m |
| 1328 | Primary ditch fill | Light orange yellow sandy clay with frequent stones. Primary fill of [1325] | 0.04m | 0.64m |
| 1327 | Ditch fill | Dark grey black silty clay with moderate stones. Contained pottery and animal bone. Secondary fill of [1325] | 0.44m | 0.74m |
| 1326 | Upper ditch fill | Light grey brown silty clay with frequent stones. Tertiary fill of [1325]. Contained pottery and animal bone | 0.20m | 0.54m |
| 1330 | **Gully** | Smooth sided cut. Base unclear c.0.20m from half box section x 1.2m x 0.08m | 0.08m | 0.54m |
| 1331 | Gully fill | Light grey brown silty clay with moderate stones. Fill of [1330] | 0.08m | 0.54m |
| 1332 | **Gully** | Steep - sided cut to concave base. Unclear relationship with [1330]. 0.14m from box section. c. 2.00m x 0.25m | 0.25m | 0.54m |
| 1333 | Gully fill | Light grey brown silty clay with moderate stones. Fill of [1332] | 0.25m | 0.54m |
| 1334 | **Gully** | Smooth sided ditch with concave base c. 2.0m x 0.26m x 0.10m. | 0.10m | 0.54m |
| 1335 | Gully fill | Light grey brown silty clay with frequent small stones. Fill of [1334] | 0.10m | 0.54m |
| 1336 | **Gully** | Smooth sided cut with concave base c. 2.0m x 0.36m x 0.07m. | 0.07m | 0.54m |
| 1337 | Gully fill | Light grey brown silty clay with frequent small stones. Fill of [1336] | 0.07m | 0.54m |
| 1339 | **Ditch** | Smooth sided, narrow ditch with concave base. Lower break of slope on the SE side c.2.0m x 0.53m x 0.22m | 0.22m | 0.54m |
| 1340 | Ditch fill | Light grey brown silty clay with moderate stones. Fill of [1339] | 0.22m | 0.54m |

| **Trench 14** | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 98.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.40m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02819/45853 (NE end) | | NGR TL 02753/45781 (SW end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |

| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1400 | Topsoil | Dark brown loam | 0.30m | |
| 1401 | Subsoil | Brown clay silty sand | 0.10m | 0.30m |
| 1402 | Natural | Sandy gravel | not established | 0.40m |
| 1409 | **Post hole** | Ovoid, sub square feature, containing [1406] c.0.22m x 0.25m x 0.24m | 0.24m | 0.40m |
| 1408 | Primary post hole fill | Silty brown gravel (redeposited natural). Primary fill of post hole [1409] | 0.09m | 0.55m |
| 1407 | Secondary post hole fill | Brown clay sand (redeposited natural). Secondary fill of post hole [1409] | 0.15m | 0.40m |
| 1406 | **Post pipe** | Ovoid cut within [1409]. Interface between post and backfill ie Post pipe c.0.17m x 0.17m x 0.30m | 0.30m | 0.40m |
| 1405 | Primary post pipe fill | Silty brown gravel (Dirty natural). Primary fill of post pipe [1406] | 0.10m | 0.70m |
| 1404 | Post pipe fill | Mid brown silt. Secondary fill of post pipe [1406]. | 0.30m | 0.40m |
| 1403 | Upper post pipe fill | 3 sub angular limestone fragments. Tertiary fill of [1406] | 0.05m | 0.40m |
| 1412 | **Gully** | Long, narrow, linear feature. Truncates archaeological features and furrows c.0.30m x 0.35m x 0.14m | 0.14m | 0.40m |
| 1411 | Primary | Brown silty gravel (redeposited natural). Primary fill of [1412] | 0.08m | 0.46m |

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| 1410 | gully fill<br>Secondary gully fill | Brown silt. Secondary fill of linear feature [1412] | 0.06m | 0.40m |
| 1418 | **Post hole** | Ovoid feature containing [1415] c. 0.40m x 0.55m x 0.35m | 0.35m | 0.40m |
| 1417 | Primary post hole fill | Brown gravely silty sand (redeposited natural). Primary fill of post hole [1418]. | 0.09m | 0.59m |
| 1416 | Secondary post hole fill | Brown silty gravel. Secondary fill of post hole [1418]. | 0.19m | 0.59m |
| 1415 | **Post pipe** | Ovoid feature in base of [1418]. Interface between post and post hole fill ie, post pipe c.0.18m x 0.20m x 0.12m | 0.12m | 0.40m |
| 1414 | Primary post pipe fill | Brown silty gravel. Fill of post pipe [1415] | 0.12m | 0.40m |
| 1413 | Secondary post pipe fill | Dark brown silt. Post pipe [1415] fill. Contained pottery | 0.19m | 0.40m |
| 1421 | **Ditch** | Linear feature truncating [1423] c.2.20m x 0.90m | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1420 | Primary ditch fill | Black silt. Contained pottery and fired clay. Primary fill of ditch [1421] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1419 | Secondary ditch fill | Grey sandy clay. Secondary fill of ditch [1421]. Contained pottery | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1423 | **Ditch** | Broad, curvilinear feature c.2.20m x 9.50m | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1422 | Ditch fill | Black silt. Contained pottery and fired clay. Fill of ditch [1423] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1425 | **Ditch** | Linear feature, truncated by [1423] c.0.70m x 0.70m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1424 | Ditch fill | Grey charcoal clay. Fill of ditch [1425] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1427 | **Ditch** | Linear feature, truncated by [1423] c.0.70m x 0.60m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1426 | Ditch fill | Brown silty gravel. Fill of ditch [1427] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1429 | **Ditch** | Narrow, linear feature, truncated by [1412] c.2.20m x 0.70m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1428 | Ditch fill | Black silt. Fill of ditch [1429] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1431 | **Ditch** | Curvilinear feature, heavily truncated by later intrusive features c.8.70m x 2.20m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1430 | Ditch fill | Black silt. Fill of ditch [1431]. Contained pottery. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1433 | **Ditch** | Narrow E to W running linear feature c.2.20m x 1.10m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1432 | Ditch fill | Dark brown clay silt. Fill of ditch [1433] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1435 | **Ditch** | Narrow linear feature at its termination c.1.60m x 1.00m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1434 | Ditch fill | Dark brown grey silt. Fill of [1435] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1437 | **Land drain** | Narrow, linear cut of land drain. Not bottomed c. 0.40m x 0.30m x 0.50m. | 0.50m | 0.40m |
| 1436 | Land drain fill | Brown silt. Fill of [1437] | 0.50m | 0.40m |
| 1439 | **Furrow** | Broad linear feature truncating [1443]. Also general number for other furrows c. 0.40m x 2.20m x 0.40m | 0.40m | 0.40m |
| 1438 | Furrow fill | Grey brown silty clay. Fill of furrow [1439] | 0.40m | 0.40m |
| 1443 | **Gully** | Curvilinear feature, truncated by [1439] c. 3.00m x 0.40m x 0.70m | 0.70m | 0.40m |
| 1442 | Primary gully fill | Black gravely silt. Primary fill of [1443] | 0.12m | 1.02m |
| 1441 | Gully fill | Brown silty gravel. Secondary fill (slippage) of ditch [1443] | 0.12m | 0.90m |
| 1440 | Upper gully fill | Black gritty silt with pot and bone. Tertiary fill of [1443]. Contained pottery and animal bone | 0.50m | 0.40m |
| 1445 | **Ditch** | Linear feature, truncated by a furrow c. 2.20m x 1.50m | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1444 | Ditch fill | Black stoney silt. Fill of ditch [1445]. Contained pottery | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1447 | **Gully** | Curvilinear feature at its termination c. 1.00m x 0.40m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1446 | Gully fill | Dark grey brown silt. Fill of gully [1447] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1449 | **Ditch** | Linear feature c. 2.20m x 2.50m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 1448 | Ditch fill | Dark brown clay silt. Fill of [1449] | unexcavated | 0.40m |

| Trench 15 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02793/45814 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02826/45776 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate geophysical anomalies. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 1500 | Topsoil | Grey brown silty clay | | | | 0.30m | |
| 1501 | Subsoil | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.20m | 0.30m |
| 1502 | Natural | Red brown sandy clay and gravel | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 1503 | **Pit** | Ovoid cut with convex sides down to an irregular base c. 0.75m x 0.60m x 0.20m | | | | 0.20m | 0.45m |
| 1504 | Pit fill | Mid grey brown fine silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [1503] | | | | 0.20m | 0.45m |
| 1505 | **Pit** | Ovoid cut with shallow sides. Possible pit, more likely geological anomaly c. 0.60m x 0.57m x 0.15m | | | | 0.15m | 0.50m |
| 1506 | Pit fill | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [1505]. Contained pottery | | | | 0.15m | 0.50m |
| 1507 | **Furrow** | Linear cut obscuring much of the west end of the trench. Cuts across N to S aligned ditches c. 25.00m x 1.40m | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1508 | Furrow fill | Mid brown silty clay with medium to small stones. | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1509 | **Ditch** | Linear, N to S aligned cut, lying towards W end of trench and largely obscured by a furrow. Possible ditch c. 2.20m x 0.60m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1510 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones and flecks of charcoal. Fill of ditch [1509] | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1511 | **Ditch** | Linear cut on N to S alignment, running parallel to ditch [1513]. Possible continuation of ditch seen in Trench 18 c.2.00m x 1.30m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 1512 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks Fill of ditch [1511] | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 1513 | **Ditch** | Linear cut of possible ditch, running N to S parallel with similar ditch [1513] to the east c. 2.00m x 0.50m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 1514 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [1513] | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 1515 | **Ditch** | Linear cut on N to S alignment, with steep sides and curved base. Extends 0.60m from S baulk and terminates in a steep butt end c. 0.50m x 0.50m x 0.31m | | | | 0.31m | 0.47m |
| 1516 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Contained animal bone. Fill of [1515] | | | | 0.31m | 0.50m |

| Trench 16 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 35.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.60m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02949/45799 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02971/45776 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 1600 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Irregular, slightly diffuse boundary with subsoil | | | | 0.30m | |
| 1601 | Subsoil | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones. Generally diffuse boundary with (1602) | | | | 0.20m | 0.30m |
| 1602 | Natural | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with moderate to frequent stones. Occasionally grey brown with large, fine gravel. Sandy clay matrix and white grey clay patches | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 1603 | **Pit** | Curved feature extending from S section c. 1.45m x 0.20m | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1604 | Pit fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [1603] | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1605 | **Pit** | Ovoid cut, situated 1m SE of linear feature [1611] c. 1.00m x 0.50m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 1606 | Pit fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of pit [1605] | | | | unexcavated | 0.60m |

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| 1607 | **Furrow** | Linear cut extending 1.50m from S baulk. Truncated by [1609]. Possible terminus of gully c. 1.50m x 2.00m. | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 1608 | Furrow fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of ditch [1607] | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 1609 | **Pit** | Ovoid cut of possible pit c. 0.60m x 0.50m. | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 1610 | Pit fill | Grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Fill of pit [1609] | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 1611 | **Furrow** | Linear cut extending the length of the trench and varying in width and having quite wavy sides. Possible ditch. Cut by later features c. 35.10m x 2.20m. | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 1612 | Furrow fill | Grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [1611] | unexcavated | 0.60m |

| **Trench 17** | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 73.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.40m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02789/45768 (NE end) | | NGR TL 02742/45712 (SW end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate geophysical anomalies. Extended as part of contingency arrangements by 43m to define limit of the remains. | | | | | |

| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1700 | Topsoil | Loose, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones | 0.25m | |
| 1701 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown sandy clay, plastic, with occasional small stones: | 0.18m | 0.25m |
| 1738 | Natural | Red brown sandy clay with gravel | not established | 0.43m |
| 1702 | **Furrow** | Linear, E to W aligned feature c. 2.20m x 1.20m. | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1703 | Furrow fill | Light brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones. Fill of furrow [1702] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 1704 | **Tree throw** | Sub circular with irregular sides and bottom c. 1.05m wide (surviving). | 0.44m | 0.45m |
| 1705 | Tree throw fill | Dark grey brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones | 0.44m | 0.45m |
| 1706 | **Ditch** | Linear, NW to SE shallow, flat bottomed ditch c. 2.20m x 2.07m. | 0.41m | 0.45m |
| 1707 | Ditch fill | Dark brown grey silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones. Contained pottery and fired clay | 0.41m | 0.45m |
| 1736 | Ditch fill | Dark grey black charcoal lens. Upper fill of ditch [1706]. | 0.04m | 0.48m |
| 1708 | **Surface cut** | Linear, NW to SE, shallow, flat bottomed cut c.2.20m x 0.90m x 0.70m | 0.70m | 0.40m |
| 1709 | Primary surface fill | Mid brown silty clay, loose, with frequent medium to small stones. Contained pottery, oyster shell, bone, CBM and glass vessel fragment (**ra** 8) | 0.70m | 0.40m |
| 1710 | Secondary surface fill | Stones of various shapes and sizes, ranging from 0.05m to 0.20m in length (see masonry sheet). | n/a | 0.40m |
| 1711 | **Ditch** | Linear NW to SE orientated cut, with steep sides and concave base c. 2.20m x 1.20m x 0.44m | 0.44m | 0.40m |
| 1712 | Primary ditch fill | Mid brown silty gravel, compact with occasional large stones. Contained pottery and iron nails. Primary fill of ditch [1711]. | 0.13m | 0.40m |
| 1713 | Secondary ditch fill | Dark brown silty clay, loose, with moderate, small and medium stones. Contained pottery, iron nails, oyster shell, animal bone and CBM. Secondary fill of ditch [1711]. | 0.31m | 0.40m |
| 1714 | **Furrow** | Linear, E to W aligned cut c. 1.10m x 2.20m | unexcavated | 0.42m |
| 1715 | Furrow fill | Light brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones | unexcavated | 0.42m |
| 1716 | **Furrow** | Linear, E to W aligned cut c.1.10m x 2.20m | unexcavated | 0.43m |
| 1717 | Furrow fill | Light brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones | unexcavated | 0.43m |
| 1718 | **Furrow** | Linear, E to W aligned feature c. 1.55m x 2.20m | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1719 | Furrow fill | Light brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1720 | **Post hole** | Circular cut, steep sided cut with concave base c. 0.40m x 0.40m x 0.17m | 0.17m | 0.43m |
| 1721 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown silty clay, loose, with a moderate amount of small stones. Fill of post hole [1720]. Contained iron hobnails (**ra** 14) | 0.17m | 0.43m |
| 1722 | **Ditch** | Linear, E to W aligned cut. Boundary ditch c. 2.20m x 1.10m | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1723 | Ditch fill | Mid brown grey silty clay, firm with occasional small stones. Fill of modern boundary ditch | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1724 | **Furrow** | Linear, E to W aligned cut c. 2.20m x 1.45m | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1725 | Furrow fill | Light brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones. | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1726 | **Gully** | Linear, E to W orientated feature. Modern ditch c. 0.43m x 2.20m | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1727 | Gully fill | Mid brown grey silty clay, firm with occasional small stones. Fill of gully [1726] | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1728 | **Furrow** | Linear, E to W aligned feature c. 2.20m x 1.55m | unexcavated | 0.44m |
| 1729 | Furrow fill | Light brown silty clay, firm with occasional small stones | unexcavated | 0.44m |

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| 1730<br>1731 | **Furrow**<br>Furrow fill | Linear, E to W aligned feature c. 2.20m x 2.60m<br>Light brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones | unexcavated<br>unexcavated | 0.42m<br>0.42m |
| 1732 | **Layer** | Mid brown silty clay, loose with frequent medium and small stones. Contained pottery, animal bone, CBM, iron nails, oyster shell, iron hobnails (**ra** 15), and unidentified iron objects (**ra** 16 and 17) c. 2.70m x 2.10m x 0.07m(surviving). | 0.07m | 0.40m |
| 1733 | **Layer** | Mid brown silty clay, loose, with frequent small and medium stones. Contained pot, bone and iron objects c. 1.18m x 0.27m x 0.02m. | 0.02m | 0.40m |
| 1734<br>1735 | **Furrow**<br>Furrow fill | Linear E to W aligned feature c. 2.20m x 2.40m<br>Light brown silty clay, firm. with occasional small stones. | unexcavated<br>unexcavated | 0.42m<br>0.42m |
| 1737 | **Layer** | Mid brown silty clay, firm. Subsoil. | 0.19m | 0.26m |

| **Trench 18** | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** 0.55m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02776/45797 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02810/45760 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate artefact concentrations. | | | | | |

| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1800 | Topsoil | Mid grey brown silty clay, loose, with occasional small and medium stones. Contained pottery. | 0.25m | |
| 1801 | Subsoil | Mid orange sandy clay, firm, with occasional small and medium stones. | 0.20m | 0.25m |
| 1824 | Natural | Red brown sandy clay. | not established | 0.45m |
| 1802 | **Ditch** | Linear, N to S running, steep sides to concave base c. 1.40m x 2.20m x 0.56m. | 0.56m | 0.50m |
| 1803 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty clay, loose, with occasional small stones. Contained pottery and fired clay. Fill of ditch [1802]. | 0.56m | 0.50m |
| 1804 | **Pit** | Sub circular cut, half in trench. Gradually sloping sides and flat bottom. Pit associated with slot [1811] c. 2.20m x 1.00m x 0.25m. | 0.25m | 0.42m |
| 1805 | Primary pit fill | Mid orange brown sandy gravel, compact, with occasional medium stones. Primary fill of pit [1804]. | 0.14m | 0.62m |
| 1809 | Primary pit fill | Dark grey brown silty clay, loose, with occasional charcoal flecks. Primary fill of [1804] | 0.22m | 0.50m |
| 1808 | Pit fill | Mid grey clay, firm, with occasional small stones. Secondary fill of [1804] | 0.25m | 0.50m |
| 1806 | Pit fill | Mid grey brown silty clay, loose, with occasional small stones. Contained pottery, animal bone and fired clay. Secondary fill of [1804] | 0.10m | 0.50m |
| 1807 | Upper pit fill | Dark grey brown silty clay, loose, with occasional charcoal flecks. Tertiary fill of pit [1811]. | 0.90m | 0.50m |
| 1810 | **Layer** | Mid brown silty gravel, compact, with frequent medium stones. Layer over [1804]. | 0.13m | 0.29m |
| 1811 | **Gully** | Linear, N to S aligned cut, with steep sides to concave base c. 2.10m x 0.31m x 0.15m. | 0.15m | 0.43m |
| 1812 | Gully fill | Mid brown, silty clay, loose, with occasional small stones. Fill of [1811] | 0.15m | 0.43m |
| 1813 | **Ditch** | Linear, NW to SE aligned cut, steeply sloping sides to concave base c. 0.96m x 2.20m x 0.40m deep. | 0.40m | 0.50m |
| 1814 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty clay, loose, with moderate charcoal flecks. Fill of [1813] | 0.40m | 0.50m |
| 1815 | **Ditch** | Linear, NE to SW aligned cut, with gradually sloping sides to flat base c. 2.16m x 2.20m x 0.60m | 0.60m | 0.47m |
| 1816 | Primary ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty gravel, loose. Contained pottery. Primary fill of [1815] | 0.41m | 0.47m |
| 1817 | Secondary ditch fill | Mid grey silty clay, firm, with occasional charcoal flecks. Contained pottery. Secondary fill of ditch [1815]. | 0.48m | 0.47m |
| 1818 | **Layer** | Mid brown silty clay, compact, with frequent small and medium stones, occasional charcoal flecks. Contained pottery, animal bone, fired clay and bone pin (**ra** 13). Lies over [1815] and [1820] c. 2.78m wide x 0.13m deep. Lies towards middle of trench. | 0.13m | 0.47m |
| 1819 | **Layer** | Mid grey brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small to medium stones and occasional charcoal flecks c. 2.72m wide x 0.09m deep. Found towards middle of trench, overlying (1818) | 0.09m | 0.47m |
| 1820 | **Ditch** | Linear, NW to SE aligned cut, with gradually sloping sides to concave base c. 1.48m x 2.20m x 0.33m deep. | 0.33m | 0.47m |

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| 1821 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with moderate small and medium stones. Fill of [1820]. Cut by [1815]. | 0.33m | 0.47m |
| 1822 | **Furrow** | Linear, E to W aligned feature (half in trench) c. 8.00m x 0.50m. | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 1823 | Furrow fill | Light orange brown silty clay, firm. | unexcavated | 0.49m |

| **Trench 19** | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 69.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02831/45750 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02879/45700 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |

| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1900 | Topsoil | Grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones. | 0.26m | |
| 1901 | Subsoil | Mid red brown silty clay with occasional small stones. | 0.24m | 0.30m |
| 1902 | Natural | Mid red brown silty clay with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey - brown. Large, fine gravel with sandy clay matrix and white grey clay patches. | not established | 0.50m |
| 1903 | **Ditch** | Linear, NE to SW aligned cut, extending under trench edges c. 2.00m x 4.50m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1904 | Ditch fill | Mid grey brown silty clay, mottled, with occasional stones. Fill of [1903] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1905 | **Ditch** | Linear, NE to SW aligned cut, situated towards S end of trench c. 2.00m x 1.00m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1906 | Ditch fill | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [1905] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1907 | **Gully** | Linear cut extending from N baulk. Possible terminus of gully c. 0.70m x 0.40m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 1908 | Gully fill | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Fill of [1907] | unexcavated | 0.50m |

| **Trench 20** | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 27.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.70m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02929/45709 (N end) | | NGR TL 02929/45681 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. 4m x 4m box added to define limit of post holes as part of contingency arrangements. | | | | | |

| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2000 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Irregular, slightly diffuse boundary with subsoil. | 0.20m | |
| 2001 | Subsoil | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones. Generally diffuse boundary with natural (2002). | 0.50m | 0.20m |
| 2002 | Natural | As (2001) but with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey brown. Large fine gravel with sandy clay matrix and white grey clay patches. | not established | 0.70m |
| 2003 | **Post hole** | Circular cut c. 0.27m x 0.24m x 0.24m. | 0.24m | 0.65m |
| 2004 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with few stones, charcoal, and burnt clay flecking. Fill of post hole [2003]. | 0.24m | 0.65m |
| 2005 | **Post hole** | Circular cut c. 0.27m x 0.22m x 0.06m. | 0.06m | 0.65m |
| 2006 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with few stones, large amount of charcoal and clay flecking. Sample no. 4. Fill of [2005] | 0.06m | 0.65m |
| 2007 | **Post hole** | Circular cut c. 0.20m x 0.30m x 0.06m. | 0.06m | 0.70m |
| 2008 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with few stones, charcoal, and burnt clay flecking. Fill of [2007] | 0.06m | 0.70m |
| 2009 | **Post hole** | Circular cut c. 0.37m x 0.27m (from section). | unexcavated | 0.65m |
| 2010 | Post hole fill | Mid grey brown silty clay with red mottling. Fill of [2009]. | unexcavated | 0.65m. |

| Trench 21 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.94m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02737/45663 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02722/45627 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 2100 | Topsoil | Dark grey brown silty clay. | | | | 0.30m | |
| 2101 | Subsoil | Red brown silty clay. | | | | 0.60m | 0.30m |
| 2102 | Natural | Red brown silty clay with frequent clean stones. | | | | not established | 0.90m |
| 2103 | **Ditch** | Possible linear cut, straight sided and extending 2.50m from S end of trench c. 2.00m x 2.60m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.90m |
| 2104 | Ditch fill | Mid grey brown silty clay with moderate stones. Fill of [2103] | | | | unexcavated | 0.90m |
| 2105 | **Ditch** | Linear, NE to SW aligned cut, across N end of trench c. 2.00m x 1.00m | | | | unexcavated | 0.90m |
| 2106 | Ditch fill | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [2105] | | | | unexcavated | 0.90m |

| Trench 22 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.70m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02799/45599 (W end) | | NGR TL 02849/45599 (E end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate areas not subject to field artefact collection or detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 2200 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.34m | |
| 2201 | Subsoil | Mid grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.16m | 0.34m |
| 2203 | Natural | Light orange brown clay silt. | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 2204 | Natural | Light yellow brown silty clay with fine gravel patches. | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 2205 | Natural | Light yellow brown clay with medium amount of gravel. | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 2206 | Natural | Light yellow brown silty clay with moderate small stones and large clay patches. | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 2207 | Natural | Bands of light yellow brown sandy fine and medium gravels and red brown sand. | | | | not established | 0.50m |

| Trench 23 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 49.50m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.45m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02613/45561 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02649/45526 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 2300 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Irregular, slightly diffuse boundary with subsoil. | | | | 0.35m | |
| 2301 | Subsoil | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones. Diffuse boundary with natural. | | | | 0.10m | 0.35m |
| 2328 | Natural | Light brown silty clay with moderate stones. | | | | not established | 0.45m |
| 2302 | **Pit/ Natural feature** | Oval shaped cut, shallow with bowl shaped profile c. 3.20m x 2.00m x 0.35m. | | | | 0.35m | 0.45m |
| 2303 | Pit/ Natural feature fill | Orange brown clay loam. Fill [2302] | | | | 0.35m | 0.45m |
| 2304 | **Pit/ Natural feature** | Roughly rectangular, shallow cut, with rounded terminus c. 0.16m x 0.50m x 0.27m. | | | | 0.27m | 0.45m |
| 2305 | Pit/ Natural feature fill | Brown grey silty clay. Fill of [2304] | | | | 0.27m | 0.45m |
| 2306 | **Ditch** | Linear, NE to SW aligned cut, rounded "V" shaped profile c. 2.30m x 1.00m x 0.50m. | | | | 0.50m | 0.30m |
| 2308 | Primary ditch fill | Orange brown silty clay with iron pan flecks. Primary fill of ditch [2306]. | | | | 0.15m | 0.60m |
| 2307 | Secondary ditch fill | Grey brown silty clay. Secondary fill of ditch [2306]. Contained pottery, CBM, clinker, and ferrous slag. Secondary fill of [2306] | | | | 0.30m | 0.30m |
| 2311 | **Field drain** | "V" shaped cut containing modern drainage pipe c. 2.30m x 0.60m x 0.92m | | | | 0.92m | 0.00m |
| 2309 | Primary field drain | Drainage pipe. Primary fill of field drain [2311]. | | | | 0.07m | 0.60m |
| 2310 | Secondary field drain fill | Clay fill with much gravel in upper parts. Backfill of modern field drain. | | | | 0.85m | 0.00m |
| 2313 | **Ditch** | Linear, NE to SW aligned cut. One of four closely situated, parallel running ditches at SE end of trench c. 1.20m x 2.30m x 0.40m. | | | | 0.40m | 0.40m |
| 2312 | Ditch fill | Orange brown silty clay with iron pan flecks. Fill of [2313]. Contained CBM and clinker | | | | 0.40m | 0.40m |
| 2315 | **Ditch** | Linear cut, shallow and almost flat bottomed, running roughly parallel to [2313]. Cuts ditch fill (2316) c. 1.10m x 2.30m x 0.25m. | | | | 0.25m | 0.35m |
| 2314 | Ditch fill | Light brown grey silty clay, few inclusions. Fill of [2315]. Contained fired clay and clinker | | | | 0.25m | 0.35m |
| 2317 | **Ditch** | Linear cut, with bowl shaped profile, running roughly parallel to [2313], [2315], and [2319] c. 1.20m x 2.30m x 0.40m. | | | | 0.40m | 0.35m |
| 2316 | Ditch fill | Orange brown silty clay with inclusions of charcoal, gravel and iron pan flecks. Fill of [2317]. | | | | 0.40m | 0.35m |
| 2319 | **Ditch** | Linear, shallow, flat bottomed cut, running parallel to [2313], [2317] and [2315] c. 1.00m x 2.30m x 0.25m. | | | | 0.25m | 0.30m |
| 2318 | Ditch fill | Mid brown silty clay with iron pan flecks. Fill of shallow ditch [2319]. Cut away on NW side by furrow. | | | | 0.25m | 0.30m |
| 2321 | **Pit/ Natural** | Cut with steeply sloping sides and flat bottom c. 2.00m wide x 0.45m | | | | 0.45m | 0.45m |
| 2320 | Pit/ Natural feature fill | Orange brown silty clay with pockets of clay, gravel and iron pan flecks. Fill of [2321]. | | | | 0.45m | 0.45m |
| 2323 | **Pit/ Natural feature** | Half oval cut, disappearing under E side of trench c.2.00m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 2322 | Pit/ Natural feature fill | Dark brown grey loam. Fill of [2323]. | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 2325 | **Ditch** | Linear, NE to SW running, shallow, flat bottomed cut c. 1.20m x 2.30m x 0.20m. | | | | 0.20m | 0.40m |
| 2324 | Ditch fill | Mid brown silty clay, loose. Fill of [2325]. | | | | 0.20m | 0.40m |
| 2326 | **Furrow** | Linear, NW to SE running feature c. 32.00m x 0.90m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 2327 | Furrow fill | Mid brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |

| Trench 24 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 1.00m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02789/45499 (W end) | | NGR TL 02839/45500 (E end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate areas not subject to field artefact collection or detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 2400 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional stones. | | | | 0.26m | |
| 2401 | Subsoil | Mid grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.24m | 0.26m |
| 2402 | Natural | Light orange brown clay silt. | | | | 0.30m | 0.50m |
| 2403 | Natural | Light yellow brown silty clay with gravel patches. | | | | not established | 0.76m |

| Trench 25 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.90m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02768/45467 (NE end) | | NGR TL 02732/45432 (SW end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate areas not subject to field artefact collection or detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 2500 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.34m | |
| 2501 | Subsoil | Mid grey brown clay silt. | | | | 0.30m | 0.34m |
| 2502 | Natural | Light orange brown clay silt. | | | | 0.30m | 0.64m |
| 2503 | Natural | Light orange brown clay silt. | | | | 0.14m | 0.98m |
| 2504 | Natural | Fine gravel. | | | | not established | 1.12m |

| Trench 26 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.70m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02500/45399 (W end) | | NGR TL 02550/45399 (E end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate areas not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 2600 | Topsoil | Mid grey brown silty clay loam, loose, with occasional inclusions of small stones. | | | | 0.40m | |
| 2601 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown sandy clay, compact, with occasional inclusions of small to medium stones. | | | | 0.45m | 0.40m |
| 2602 | Natural | Mixed natural deposits of grey orange clay and light green brown to mid orange gravels. | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 2603 | **Tree throw** | Small oval cut with gradually sloping sides to concave base c. 0.50m x 0.50m x 0.10m. | | | | 0.10m | 0.52m |
| 2604 | Tree throw fill | Mid orange brown silty clay, with darker staining in places, and occasional inclusions of small stones. | | | | 0.10m | 0.52m |
| 2605 | **Ditch** | Linear, NE to SW aligned cut, steeply sloping sharp sides to concave base c. 3.00m x 0.90m x 0.32m. | | | | 0.32m | 0.70m |
| 2606 | Primary ditch fill | Light orange brown sandy clay, compact, plastic, with occasional inclusions of small to medium stones. Primary fill of [2605] | | | | 0.10m | 0.84m |
| 2607 | Secondary ditch fill | Mid brown silty clay, plastic, with occasional inclusions of small stones. Secondary fill of ditch [2605]. | | | | 0.20m | 0.70m |

| Trench 27 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.60m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02685/45349 (W end) | | NGR TL 02735/45350 (E end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area where archaeological deposits may be sealed by masking deposits, | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** | |
| 2700 | Topsoil | Mid grey brown silty clay, loose, with occasional small stones. | | | 0.35m | | |
| 2701 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown sandy clay, compact, with occasional small to medium stones. | | | 0.40m | 0.35m | |
| 2702 | Natural | Orange sandy clay with clean gravels. | | | not established | 0.50m | |
| 2703 | **Furrow** | Linear, parallel sided, shallow cut, sloping more on E side than on W c. 2.00m x 1.00m x 0.16m. | | | 0.16m | 0.50m | |
| 2704 | Furrow fill | Mid orange brown sandy clay, compact, with occasional small to medium stones. Very homogenous. | | | 0.16m | 0.50m | |
| 2705 | **Tree throw** | Irregular, sub rectangular cut c. 1.60m x 1.00m x 0.13m. | | | 0.13m | 0.50m | |
| 2706 | Tree throw fill | Dark brown silty clay, homogenous, with occasional flecks of charcoal and small stones. Fill of [2705]. | | | 0.13m | 0.50m | |

| Trench 28 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.70m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02599/45349 (N end) | | NGR TL 02599/45300 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area where archaeological deposits may be sealed by masking deposits, | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** | |
| 2800 | Topsoil | Mid grey brown silty clay loam, loose, with occasional small stones. | | | 0.33m | | |
| 2801 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown sandy clay, compact, with occasional small to medium stones. | | | 0.40m | 0.33m | |
| 2802 | Natural | Orange yellow sandy clay with clean gravels. | | | not established | 0.50m | |
| 2803 | Natural | Roughly circular anomaly. Recorded as pit, but likely periglacial feature c.1.40m x 1.00m (visible) x 0.25m | | | 0.25m | 0.60m | |
| 2804 | Natural | Mid green brown silty clay, fairly homogenous apart from one area of root disturbance, compact. Fill of [2803] probable natural feature. | | | 0.25m | 0.60m | |
| 2805 | **Disturbance** | Oval shaped feature with smooth, roughly 45% sides and concave base. Likely tree root or animal disturbance c. 0.60m x 0.38m x 0.10m | | | 0.10m | 0.60m | |
| 2806 | Disturbance fill | Mid orange brown sandy silt, compact. Sole fill of [2805]. | | | 0.10m | 0.60m | |
| 2807 | **Field drain** | Linear, parallel sided, straight cut with steeply sloping sides down to a concave base. Drainage gully of recent (ie, 18th - 19th C.) origin c. 4.00m x 0.37m x 0.20m. | | | 0.20m | 0.60m | |
| 2808 | Field drain fill | Dark orange brown clay silt, loose, with occasional small stones. Fill of [2807]. | | | 0.20m | 0.60m | |

| Trench 29 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.84m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02433/45242 (SW end) | | NGR TL 02481/45258 (NE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 2900 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Irregular, slightly diffuse boundary with subsoil. | | | | 0.32m | |
| 2901 | Subsoil | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones. Diffuse boundary with natural. | | | | 0.13m | 0.32m |
| 2902 | Natural | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey brown. Large, fine gravels with sandy clay matrix and white grey clay patches. | | | | 0.39m | 0.45m |
| 2903 | Natural | Sandy clay with fine gravel and stones. | | | | not established | 0.84m |
| 2904 | **Ditch** | Linear, E to W aligned cut with "U" shaped profile and concave base. Cuts subsoil. Drainage ditch c. 2.40m x 0.60m x 0.41m. | | | | 0.41m | 0.32m |
| 2905 | Ditch fill | Mid to dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Diffuse boundary with topsoil. Fill of [2904] | | | | 0.41m | 0.32m |

| Trench 30 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.45m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02505/45219 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02525/45174 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate artefact concentrations. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3000 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Irregular, slightly diffuse boundary with subsoil. | | | | 0.32m | |
| 3001 | Subsoil | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones. Diffuse boundary with natural. | | | | 0.13m | 0.32m |
| 3002 | Natural | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey brown. Large fine gravel with sandy clay matrix and white grey clay patches. | | | | not established | 0.45m |

| Trench 31 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.8m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02660/45259 (N end) | | NGR TL 02659/45209 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area where archaeological deposits may be sealed by masking deposits. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3100 | Topsoil | Mid grey brown, loose with occasional stones | | | | 0.35m | |
| 3101 | Subsoil / alluvial deposit | Mid orange sandy clay | | | | 0.55m | 0.35m |
| 3102 | Natural | Orange sandy clay with occasional patches of green and grey clay | | | | not established | 0.75m |

| Trench 32 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 1.13m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02554/45110 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02575/45064 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area where archaeological deposits may be sealed by masking deposits. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3200 | Topsoil | Dark grey silty clay | | | | 0.40m | |
| 3201 | Subsoil | Mid brown clay to silt clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.73m | 0.20m |
| 3202 | Natural | Orange grey silty clay with diffuse dark patches and gravel lenses. Becomes cleaner and lighter to the SE | | | | not established | 1.13m |

| Trench 33 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 40.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.58m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02660/45099 (N end) | | NGR TL 02659/45049 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate geophysical anomalies. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3300 | Topsoil | Dark grey silty clay | | | | 0.32m | |
| 3301 | Subsoil | Mid brown clay silt | | | | 0.26m | 0.32 |
| 3302 | Natural | Light red brown sandy clay with gravel patches | | | | not established | 0.58m |
| 3303 | Natural | Sandy gravels | | | | not established | 0.58m |

| Trench 34 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.40m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02620/44970 (N end) | | NGR TL 02620/44940 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area where archaeological deposits may be sealed by masking deposits. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3400 | Topsoil | Dark grey silty clay. Contained flint blade (**ra 17**) | | | | 0.40m | |
| 3401 | Natural | Mixed blue grey and light brown clays with occasional small stones | | | | not established | 0.40m |

| Trench 35 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.55m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02400/45349 (N end) | | NGR TL 02399/45299 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate area not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3500 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones | | | | 0.32m | |
| 3501 | Subsoil | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones | | | | 0.20m | 0.32m |
| 3502 | Natural | Fine gravel with stones and a sandy clay matrix | | | | not established | 0.52m |
| 3503 | **Pit/ Natural feature** | Oval, gradually sloping east side, west side unknown. Flat bottomed c.2. 3m x 1.6m x 0.30m | | | | 0.30m | 0.63m |
| 3505 | Primary pit/ natural feature fill | Mid yellow orange sandy clay with frequent stones. Some animal interference. Primary fill of [3503] | | | | 0.25m | 0.63m |
| 3504 | Secondary pit/ natural feature fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Secondary fill of [3503] | | | | 0.30m | 0.63m |
| 3506 | **Ditch** | Linear cut running NE SW. Shallow uneven cut, steeper on NW than SE c. 2.3m x 2.73m x 0.30m | | | | 0.30m | 0.52m |
| 3507 | Ditch fill | Grey brown silty clay. Few stones and some charcoal flecking. Contained animal bone. Fill of [3506] | | | | 0.30m | 0.52m |

| Trench 36 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.70m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02200/45399 (W end) | | NGR TL 02249/45399 (E end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate areas not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3600 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.18m | |
| 3601 | Alluvium | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones | | | | 0.38m | 0.18m |
| 3602 | Natural | Clean gravels with a mix of blue clay and silty gravels | | | | not established | 0.56m |
| 3603 | **Ditch** | Regular ditch cut with a flat base c. 1.14m x 2.0m x 0.41m, running NE-SW and turning towards SE. | | | | 0.41m | 0.5m |
| 3605 | Primary ditch fill | Mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional stones. Primary fill of [3603] | | | | 0.07m | 0.50m |
| 3604 | Secondary ditch fill | Compact light grey brown silty clay with few stones. Secondary fill of [3603] | | | | 0.41m | 0.51m |
| 3606 | **Pit** | Smooth NW slope to an uneven base c. 1.9m x 1m x 0.27m | | | | 0.27m | 0.50m |
| 3607 | Primary pit fill | Compact light grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Primary fill of [3606] | | | | 0.12m | 0.50m |
| 3609 | Primary pit fill | Compact light grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Similar to (3607) separated my land drain and animal disturbance. Primary fill of [3606]. Contained pottery | | | | 0.27m | 0.50m |
| 3608 | Secondary pit fill | Dark brown purple silty clay with few stones. Secondary fill of [3606] | | | | 0.17m | 0.50m |
| 3610 | **Ditch** | Shallow, narrow, concave cut c. 2.00m x 0.56m x 0.08m | | | | 0.08m | 0.50m |
| 3611 | Ditch fill | Compact light grey brown silty clay with no stones. Fill of [3610] | | | | 0.08m | 0.50m |
| 3612 | **Pit** | Edge of feature partially uncovered c.0.3m from trench edge | | | | unexcavated | 0.51m |
| 3613 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey silty clay. Fill of [3612] | | | | unexcavated | 0.51m |
| 3614 | **Ditch** | Linear feature running NE-SW c. 1.4m x 2.0m | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3615 | Ditch fill | Light grey brown silty clay with occasional stones. Fill of [3614] | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |

| Trench 37 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.70m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02350/45429 (WNW) | | | NGR TL 02396/45448 (ENE) | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate geophysical anomalies. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3700 | Topsoil | Loose mid brown silty clay loam with occasional small stones | | | | 0.32m | |
| 3701 | Subsoil | Light grey brown sandy silt clay with moderate to frequent small stones | | | | 0.3m | 0.32m |
| 3702 | **Grave** | Linear cut aligned NW -SE steep sides and a flat base c. 1.4m x 0.55m x 0.32m | | | | 0.32m | 0.30m |
| 3704 | Inhumation | Skeleton in good condition. Plough truncation/ damage to skull and right humerous. Feet and hands possibly lost to plough. Burial was supine and extended. Left hand under pot and right arm on pelvis. Right leg crossing left leg; head raised. Fill of [3702] | | | | n/a | 0.40m |
| 3703 | Grave fill | Loose silty sand with moderate small and medium stones. Contained pottery, fired clay, and unidentified iron object (**ra 1**). Fill of [3702]. Sample Nos. 1 (pelvis), 2 (skull), and 3 (control) | | | | 0.32m | 0.30m |
| 3705 | **Grave (?)** | Sub oval partially exposed cut c. 0.8m x 0.6m | | | | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 3706 | Grave (?) fill | Loose silty sand with moderate small and medium stones similar to (3703). Fill of [3705] | | | | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 3707 | **Ditch** | NNW to SSE aligned linear cut with steep concave sides and a shallow concave base c. 2.20m x 1.65m x 0.44m | | | | 0.44m | 0.31m |
| 3708 | Primary ditch fill | Light grey brown clay silt with frequent small stones. Primary fill of [3707] | | | | 0.09m | 0.36m |
| 3709 | Primary ditch fill | Light grey brown clay silt with frequent small stones similar to (3708). Primary fill of [3707] | | | | 0.13m | 0.3m |
| 3710 | Secondary ditch fill | Dark grey clay silt with moderate small stones. Secondary fill of [3707] | | | | 0.44m | 0.31m |
| 3711 | **Field drain** | N-S orientated c. 3.4m x 0.5m x 0.9m | | | | 0.9m | 0.31m |
| 3712 | Field drain fill | Backfill of field drain | | | | 0.9m | 0.31m |
| 3713 | Natural | Mid red brown silty clay with gravel, stones, and clay pockets | | | | n/a | 0.58m |
| 3714 | **Ditch** | NW to SE aligned linear cut c. 2.4m x 0.7m | | | | unexcavated | 0.3m |
| 3715 | Ditch fill | Light grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones. Fill of [3714] | | | | unexcavated | 0.3m |
| 3716 | **Gully** | N-S aligned a-symmetrical V shaped cut with a concave base c. 2.9m x 0.45m x 0.17m | | | | 0.17m | 0.31m |
| 3717 | Gully fill | Light grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones similar to (3715). Fill of [3716] | | | | 0.17m | 0.31m |
| 3718 | **Ditch** | NNW to SSE aligned linear cut c. 2.20m x 1.10m | | | | unexcavated | 0.35m |
| 3719 | Primary ditch fill | Light brown clay silt with moderate small stones. Primary fill of [3718] | | | | unexcavated | 0.35m |
| 3720 | Secondary ditch fill | Blue black clay silt , frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small stones. Contained pottery and animal bone. Secondary fill of [3718] | | | | unexcavated | 0.35m |
| 3721 | **Pit** | Sub circular cut c. 0.40m x 0.70m | | | | unexcavated | 0.36m |
| 3722 | Pit fill | Blue black clay silt; frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small stones similar to (3720). Fill of [3721] | | | | unexcavated | 0.36m |
| 3723 | **Pit** | Sub circular cut c. 0.7m x 0.4m | | | | unexcavated | 0.36m |
| 3724 | Pit fill | Blue black clay silt; frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small stones similar to (3720). Fill of [3723] | | | | unexcavated | 0.36m |
| 3725 | **Beam slot** | NW to SE aligned squared U shaped cut with near vertical sides and a flat base c. 2.5m x 0.17m x 0.13m. **Parallel to [3733]** | | | | 0.13m | 0.36m |
| 3726 | Beam slot fill | Light grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones similar to (3717). Fill of [3725] | | | | 0.13m | 0.36m |
| 3727 | **Ditch** | NNW to SSE aligned linear cut similar to [3718] c. 2m x 3.3m | | | | unexcavated | 0.37m |
| 3728 | Primary ditch fill | Light brown clay silt with moderate small stones similar to (3719). Primary fill of [3727] | | | | unexcavated | 0.37m |
| 3729 | Secondary ditch fill | Blue black clay silt, frequent charcoal flecks and frequent small stones. Secondary fill of [3727] | | | | unexcavated | 0.37m |
| 3730 | **Ditch** | Linear cut similar to [3718] c. 2m x 1.9m | | | | unexcavated | 0.37m |
| 3731 | Primary ditch fill | Light brown clay silt with moderate small stones similar to (3719). Contained pottery. Primary fill of [3730] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3732 | Secondary ditch fill | Blue black clay silt, frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small stones similar to (3720). Contained pottery and animal bone. Secondary fill of [3732] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |

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| 3733 | **Beam slot** | NE-SW aligned beamslot c. 2.7m x 0.2m. Parallel to [3725] | unexcavated | 0.41m |
| 3734 | Beam slot fill | Light grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones similar to (3715). Fill of [3733] | unexcavated | 0.41m |
| 3735 | **Ditch** | NNW to SSE aligned linear cut with concave sides and an irregular flat base c. 2m x 2.4m x 0.34m | 0.34m | 0.48m |
| 3736 | Primary ditch fill | Mixed bands of grey brown and sandy clay silts and redeposited natural. Primary fill of [3735] | 0.34m | 0.48m |
| 3737 | Ditch fill | Mixed grey brown sandy clay silty matrix supported gravel. Secondary fill of [3735] | 0.24m | 0.68m |
| 3738 | Upper ditch Fill | Blue black clay silt with moderate small stones, frequent charcoal flecks and occasional daub flecks. Contained pottery and CBM. Tertiary fill of [3735] | 0.1m | 0.58m |
| 3739 | **Pit** | Sub oval pit with gradual to steep concave sides and a flat sloping base c. 1.2m x 1.1m x 0.24m | 0.24m | 0.58m |
| 3740 | Primary pit fill | Mixed grey brown sandy clay silty matrix supported gravel similar to (3737). Primary fill of [3739] | 0.14m | 0.68m |
| 3741 | Secondary pit fill | Mixed deposit of material derived from (3788) and grey silt. Silting in depression left by backfilled pit. Secondary fill of [3739] | 0.11m | 0.58m |
| 3742 | **Ditch** | Linear cut similar to (3718) c. 2m x 4m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 3743 | Primary ditch fill | Light brown clay silt with moderate small stones similar to (3719). Primary fill of [3742]. Contained unidentified iron object (ra 3) | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 3744 | Secondary ditch fill | Blue black clay silt, frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small stones similar to (3720). Contained pottery and CBM. Secondary fill of [3742] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 3745 | Secondary ditch fill | Blue black clay silt , frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small stones similar to (3720). Contained pottery. Secondary fill of [3742] | unexcavated | 0.45m |

| **Trench 38** | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 98.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02312/45502 (SW end) | | NGR TL 02387/45565 (NE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate areas not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |

| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3800 | Topsoil | Dark brown loam | 0.30m | |
| 3801 | Subsoil | Brown clay sand | 0.20m | 0.30m |
| 3802 | Natural | Yellow orange sandy gravel with lenses of clay | not established | 0.50m |
| 3803 | **Ditch** | Discreet linear feature c. 0.70m x 0.50m x 0.20m | 0.20m | 0.30m |
| 3805 | Primary Ditch fill | Mid grey brown sandy clay. Primary fill of [3803] | 0.1m | 0.30m |
| 3804 | Secondary Ditch fill | Dark brown silty clay. Secondary fill of [3803]. Contained pottery and animal bone | 0.15m | 0.30m |
| 3827 | **Ditch** | Linear feature truncated by [3825] c. 0.40m x 0.70m x 0.14m | 0.14m | 0.15m |
| 3826 | Ditch fill | Light grey brown clay silt. Fill of [3827] | 0.14m | 0.15m |
| 3825 | **Ditch re-cut** | Broad linear feature truncated by [3812], truncating [3827] c. 0.40m x 1.95m x 0.40m. First re-cut of ditch [3827] | 0.40m | 0.15m |
| 3820 | Primary Ditch fill | Sandy silty gravel. Primary fill of [3825] | 0.02m | 0.45m |
| 3824 | Primary Ditch fill | Black silt comparable to (3822). Primary fill of [3825] | 0.09m | 0.43m |
| 3823 | Ditch fill | Brown Fe stained silt. Secondary fill of [3825] | 0.06m | 0.45m |
| 3822 | Ditch fill | Black silt. Tertiary fill of [3825] | 0.07m | 0.40m |
| 3821 | Ditch fill | Stony brown silt. Quarternary fill of [3825] | 0.10m | 0.35m |
| 3819 | Ditch fill | Black stoney silt. Fifth fill of [3825] | 0.10m | 0.30m |
| 3818 | Ditch fill | Very gravelly dark brown silt. Contained pottery. Fifth fill of [3825] | 0.20m | 0.27m |
| 3817 | Ditch fill | Light brown clay sand similar to (3813). Sixth fill of [3825] | 0.06m | 0.27m |
| 3814 | Ditch fill | Light brown clay sand similar to (3813). Sixth fill of [3825] | 0.15m | 0.15m |
| 3816 | Ditch fill | Light brown clay sand similar to (3813). Seventh fill of [3825] | 0.20m | 0.16m |
| 3815 | Ditch fill | Light brown clay sand similar to (3813). Eighth fill of [3825] | 0.15m | 0.14m |
| 3813 | Upper Ditch fill | Light brown clay sand. Contained pottery and animal bone. Ninth fill of [3825] | 0.17m | 0.14m |
| 3812 | **Ditch re-cut** | Curvilinear feature truncating [3825] c. 0.4m x 1.3m x 0.4m. Second re-cut of [3827]. | 0.4m | 0.17m |
| 3811 | Primary ditch fill | Brown silty gravel. Primary fill of [3812] | 0.05m | 0.52m |
| 3810 | Ditch fill | Dark organic looking brown silt similar to (3808). Secondary fill of [3812] | 0.1m | 0.35m |

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| 3809 | Ditch fill | Dirty brown clay silt similar to (3807). Tertiary fill of [3812] | 0.1m | 0.27m |
| 3808 | Ditch fill | Dark organic looking brown silt. Quarternary fill of [3812] | 0.1m | 0.46m |
| 3807 | Ditch fill | Dirty brown clay silt. Bioturbation (rodental) void running through it. Fifth fill of [3812]. Contained pottery | 0.2m | 0.2m |
| 3806 | Upper ditch fill | Brown silt with occasional small stones. Sixth fill of [3812] | 0.1m | 0.17m |
| 3852 | **Pit** | Semi circular unexcavated feature projecting form side of trench c. 3.1m x 1.2m | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3853 | Pit fill | Fill of [3852] numbered in post ex | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3839 | **Ditch** | Curvilinear feature, at its terminal truncated by [3829] c. 0.60m x 0.70m x 0.16m | 0.16m | 0.30m |
| 3838 | Ditch fill | Silty gravel. Fill of [3839] | 0.16m | 0.30m |
| 3837 | **Gully** | Curvilinear feature, at its terminal truncated by [3833] and [3835] c. 0.20m x 0.20m x 0.24m | 0.24m | 0.13m |
| 3836 | Gully fill | Brown silty gravel. Fill of [3837] | 0.24m | 0.13m |
| 3835 | **Post hole** | Ovoid feature truncated by [3829], Truncates [3837] c. 0.20 x 0.50 m x 0.15m | 0.15m | 0.18m |
| 3834 | Post hole fill | Brown silty gravel. Fill of [3835] | 0.15m | 0.18m |
| 3833 | **Gully** | Curvilinear feature truncated by [3829], truncating [3835] and [3837] c. 0.40m x 0.15m x 0.19m | 0.19m | 0.14m |
| 3832 | Primary gully fill | Brown silty gravel. Primary fill of [3833] | 0.17m | 0.15m |
| 3831 | Gully fill | Black charcoal rich clay silt. Secondary fill of [3833] | 0.25m | 0.15m |
| 3830 | Upper gully fill | Greenish grey clay gravel silt. Tertiary fill of [3833] | 0.17m | 0.14m |
| 3829 | **Gully** | Narrow parallel - sided linear feature within discreet circular feature in base c. 0.30m x 0.30m x 0.12m | 0.12m | 0.13m |
| 3828 | Gully fill | Black clay silt. Fill of [3829] | 0.12m | 0.13m |
| 3841 | **Post pipe** | Circular feature in the base of [3829] c. 0.25 x 0.25m x 0.15m | 0.15m | 0.13m |
| 3840 | Post pipe fill | Dark brown silty gravel. Fill of [3841] | 0.15m | 0.13m |
| 3843 | **Ditch** | Linear feature c. 1.20m x 1.10m | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3842 | Ditch fill | Black silty clay. Contained pottery. Fill of [3843] | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3845 | **Gully** | Linear feature at its termination c. 1.00m x 0.40m | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3844 | Gully fill | Black clay silt. Contained pottery. Fill of [3845] | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3847 | **Ditch** | Broad linear feature c. 2.20m x 2.10m | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3846 | Ditch fill | Dark brown clay silt with frequent stones. Fill of [3847] | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3849 | **Ditch** | Broad linear feature c. 2.20m x 3.00m. | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3848 | Ditch fill | Dark brown clay silt with frequent stones. Fill of [3849] | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3851 | **Post hole** | Discreet circular feature. 0.70m x 0.50m | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3850 | Post hole fill | Grey brown silt. Fill of [3851] | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3854 | **Furrow** | General number for furrows | unexcavated | 0.13m |
| 3855 | Furrow fill | Light brown silty clay, firm. with occasional small stones. | unexcavated | 0.13m |

| Trench 39 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 82.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.80m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02371/45522 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02434/45470 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate geophysical anomalies and extended as part of the contingency to define limit the limit of archaeological remains. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 3900 | Topsoil | A dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. Contained iron brooch pin (**ra 2**) | | | | 0.4m | |
| 3901 | Alluvium | A mid red brown sandy clay silt with occasional small stones | | | | 0.4m | 0.2m |
| 3902 | Natural | Clean gravels with a mix of blue clay and silty gravels | | | | not established | 0.8m |
| 3903 | **Post hole** | Shallow oval pit, concave with smooth sides c. 0.30m x 0.41m x 0.13m | | | | 0.13m | 0.34m |
| 3904 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones. Fill of [3903] | | | | 0.13m | 0.34m |
| 3905 | **Ditch** | Linear ditch cut with stepped sides. Uneven bottom with post hole like cut in ditch bottom c. 1.1m x 2.20m x 0.50m | | | | 0.50m | 0.45m |
| 3906 | Ditch fill | Dark grey brown clay silt with stones and charcoal flecking. Contained pottery, animal bone and CBM. Fill of [3905] | | | | 0.50m | 0.45m |
| 3907 | **Ditch re-cut** | Re-cut of [3905] smooth sides with a concave base c. 0.63m 2.20m x 0.24m | | | | 0.24m | 0.67m |
| 3908 | Ditch fill | Mid grey brown clay silt with occasional small stones. Fill of [3907] | | | | 0.24m | 0.67m |
| 3909 | **Post hole** | Vertical cut in bottom of ditch [3905], less vertical on SE side than NW c. 0.25m x 0.39m x 0.20m | | | | 0.20m | 0.80m |
| 3910 | Post hole fill | Very dark brown grey clay silt with frequent small stones. Fill of [3909]. Contained pottery | | | | 0.20m | 0.80m |
| 3911 | **Pit** | Irregular shaped pit partially uncovered by the trench, shallow with an uneven base c. 1.9m x 1.0m x 0.18m | | | | 0.18m | 0.60m |
| 3913 | Primary pit fill | Mid brown orange silty clay with occasional small stones, frequent small stones at the natural/fill interface. Primary fill of [3911] | | | | 0.11m | 0.60m |
| 3912 | Secondary pit fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with occasional large stones and frequent small stones at the natural/fill interface. Secondary fill of [3911] | | | | 0.18m | 0.60m |
| 3914 | **Pit** | Oval pit c. 0.60m x 0.80m | | | | unexcavated | 0.70m |
| 3915 | Pit fill | Light grey brown mottled clay silt. Fill of [3914] | | | | unexcavated | 0.64m |
| 3916 | **Pit** | Irregular pit c. 1.4m x 1.4m | | | | unexcavated | 0.67m |
| 3917 | Pit fill | Dark grey brown clay silt. Fill of [3916] | | | | unexcavated | 0.67m |
| 3918 | **Pit** | Irregular pit c. 4.1m x 0.60m | | | | unexcavated | 0.29m |
| 3919 | Pit fill | Dark grey brown clay silt, similar to (3917 and (3912). Fill of [3918]. Contained pottery and animal bone | | | | unexcavated | 0.29m |
| 3920 | **Ditch** | Sharp break on NW side of ditch smooth on SE with flat base. Cuts subsoil (3901) c. 2.20m x 0.5m | | | | 0.50m | 0.20m |
| 3921 | Ditch fill | Dark red brown silty clay with few stones, only surviving in section. Fill of [3920] | | | | 0.50m | 0.20m |
| 3922 | **Pit** | Irregular shaped pit, thinner on west side than east. Cut by [3928] c. 3.1m x 2.1m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3923 | Pit fill | Dark red brown silty clay with few stones. Fill of [3922] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3924 | **Post hole** | Circular post hole like pit c. 0.9m x 0.6m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3925 | Post hole fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3924] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3926 | **Pit** | Oval pit c. 2.1m x 0.70m x 0.40m | | | | 0.40m | 0.40m |
| 3927 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3926] | | | | 0.40m | 0.40m |
| 3928 | **Pit** | Circular pit c. 1.1m x 0.70m x 0.17m | | | | 0.17m | 0.40m |
| 3929 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3928] | | | | 0.17m | 0.40m |
| 3930 | **Pit** | Circular pit c. 0.80m x 0.60m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3931 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3930] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3932 | **Pit** | Circular pit c. 0.60 x 0.70m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3933 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3932] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3934 | **Pit** | Circular pit c. 0.7m x 0.7m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3935 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3934] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3936 | **Pit** | Circular pit c. 0.70m x 0.60m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3937 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3936] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3938 | **Pit** | Circular pit c. 1.2m x 0.70m x 0.08m | | | | 0.08m | 0.40m |
| 3939 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3938]. Contained animal bone | | | | 0.08m | 0.40m |
| 3940 | **Pit** | Circular pit c. 0.50m x 0.40m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |

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| 3941 | Pit fill | Light orange brown silty clay with frequent small stones. Fill of [3940] | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3942 | **Gully** | Gully butt-end c. 1.1m x 0.40m | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3943 | Gully fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3942] | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3944 | **Gully** | Linear feature running NE-SW c. 2.0m x 0.30m | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3945 | Gully fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3944] | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3946 | **Gully** | Gully related to [3944]. c. 1.0m x 0.20m | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3947 | Gully fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3946] | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3948 | **Pit** | Roughly oval pit c. 1.8m x 1.0m | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3949 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3948] | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3950 | **Ditch** | Linear feature running NE-SW, slightly wider on SW c. 1.4m x 2.20m | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3951 | Ditch fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3950]. Contained animal bone | unexcavated | 0.60m |
| 3952 | **Pit** | Small pit c. 0.6m x 0.4m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3953 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3952] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3954 | **Pit** | Small pit c. 0.7m x 0.5m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3955 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3954] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3956 | **Post hole** | Small oval feature, likely post hole c. 0.45m x 0.20m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3957 | Post hole fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3956] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3958 | **Pit** | Pit partially uncovered by trench. Oval in shape c. 0.80m (from edge) x 1.60m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3959 | Pit fill | Dark brown - grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3958] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3960 | **Post hole** | Oval feature, probably post hole c. 0.80m x 0.45m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3961 | Post hole fill | Light brown orange silty clay with frequent stones. Fill of [3960] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3962 | **Pit** | Large pit, similar to [3958]. Partially uncovered by trench c. 1.40m (from trench edge) x 2.50m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3963 | Pit fill | Light brown orange silty clay with frequent stones. Fill of [3962] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3964 | **Post hole** | Small oval feature, probably post hole c. 0.90m x 0.40m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3965 | Post hole fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3964] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3966 | **Ditch** | Linear feature running NE to SW c. 2.20m x 1.90m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3967 | Ditch | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3966]. Contained pottery. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3968 | **Ditch** | Linear feature running NE to SW. Narrower on SW end than on NW c. 2.20m x 0.60m-0.90m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3969 | Ditch fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3968] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3970 | **Pit** | Pit partially uncovered by trench c. 1.30m x 0.90m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3971 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3970] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3972 | **Pit** | Pit partially uncovered by trench c. 1.10m x 1.70m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3973 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3972] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3974 | **Pit** | Pit partially uncovered by trench c. 1.60m x 0.70m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3975 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3974] | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3976 | **Pit** | Pit partially uncovered by trench c. 1.50m x 2.20m x 0.23m | 0.23m | 0.50m |
| 3977 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3976] | 0.23m | 0.50m |
| 3978 | **Furrow** | Linear feature with further linear offshoots on the NW side c. 2.10m x 5.50-10.00m. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3979 | Furrow fill | Mid brown orange silty clay with few stones. | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 3980 | **Post hole** | Small circular feature, probably post hole c. 0.50m x 0.60m. | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 3981 | Post hole fill | Dark brown grey clay silt with occasional stones. Fill of [3980] | unexcavated | 0.40m |

| Trench 40 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 48.40m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.60m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02500/45549 (N end) | | NGR TL 02500/45501 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate areas not subject to artefact collection. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4001 | Topsoil | Black loam | | | | 0.20m | |
| 4002 | Subsoil | Brown clay sand. | | | | 0.40m | 0.20m |
| 4003 | Natural | Fe-brown sandy gravel with lens of grey clay. | | | | not established | 0.60m |
| 4005 | **Post hole** | Cut of small ovoid feature. Truncates [4009] c. 0.40m x 0.50m. | | | | 0.22m | 0.65m |
| 4004 | Post hole fill | Grey brown clay silt, only fill of [4005] | | | | 0.22m | 0.65m |
| 4009 | **Pit** | Circular feature with undercut edges. Truncated by [4005] c. 0.52m x 0.70m x 0.32m | | | | 0.32m | 0.83m |
| 4008 | Primary pit fill | Black clay silt. Primary fill of circular feature [4009]. | | | | 0.80m min | 0.99m |
| 4007 | Pit fill | Black clay silt. Secondary fill of pit [4009]. | | | | 0.20m | 0.79m |
| 4006 | Upper pit fill | Black clay silt with lens of yellow clay. Upper (tertiary) fill of pit [4009] | | | | 0.12m | 0.65m |
| 4011 | **Natural feature** | Curvilinear feature, probably natural c. 2.00m x 1.00m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.54m |
| 4010 | Fill of natural feature | Brown clay silt | | | | unexcavated | 0.54m |

| Trench 41 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02311/45603 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02344/45566 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate geophysical anomalies. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4100 | Topsoil | Mid grey brown loose sandy clay. | | | | 0.30m | |
| 4101 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional smaller stones. Compact. | | | | 0.20m | 0.30m |
| 4102 | Natural | Light orange brown sandy gravel with occasional patches of grey green and orange clay. | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 4103 | Layer | Mid brown sandy clay with occasional small round stones. Possibly delineated by cut and therefore possibly a fill, rather than a spread. Plastic. Interpreted as spread on top of (4104). Contained pottery. | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4115 | Layer | Mid orange brown sandy clay with frequent small stones. Cut by continuation of gully [4106]. Cut by ditch [4105]. May be fill. Delineated by cut (see plan). Provisionally interpreted as layer. Contained pottery and animal bone | | | | 1.00m | 0.50m |
| 4105 | **Ditch** | Cut of ditch c. 7.0m x 2.20m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 4104 | Ditch fill | Mid dark brown sandy silt, with inclusions of small to medium stones. Contained pottery. Fill of ditch [4105] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 4106 | **Ditch** | Linear, parallel sides. Running roughly SE to NW c. 0.50m x 2.20m x 0.30m. Filled by (4107). Cut by [4109], and [4105]. Cuts (4115). | | | | 0.30m | 0.45m |
| 4107 | Ditch fill | Light medium sandy clay. Plastic. Frequent inclusions of small stones Contained pottery. Fill of [4106] | | | | 0.30m | 0.45m |
| 4108 | **Ditch** | Cut of large ditch. straight, linear and parallel sided. Sharp. Smooth possible re-cut with 45 degree slope. Concave base c. 2m x 2.20m x 0.80m. | | | | 0.80m | 0.41m |
| 4110 | Primary ditch fill | Dark brown black silty clay. Frequent inclusions of small medium stones. Primary fill of ditch [4108]. | | | | 0.24m | 0.72m |
| 4109 | Secondary ditch fill | Mid orange brown silty clay. Friable. Occasional inclusions of small stones. Secondary fill of ditch [4108]. Contained pottery. | | | | 0.58m | 0.39m |

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| 4111 | **Gully** | Linear, parallel sides. Running SE to NW c. 2.20m x 0.35m x 0.70m Filled by (4112). Same cut as [4106]. | 0.70m | 0.50m |
| 4112 | Gully fill | Mid light orange brown sandy clay with frequent inclusions of small stones. Very gravelly. No finds. Fill of ditch [4111]. | 0.06m | 0.50m |
| 4113 | **Furrow** | Straight, linear edge, running NW to SE. Only one edge visible. Brief excavation with mattock and trowel showed to be very shallow c. 16.00m x 0.50m x 0.04m | 0.03-0.04m | 0.50m |
| 4114 | Furrow fill | Mid orange brown loose silty clay with occasional small stones. | 0.03 - 0.04m | 0.50m |

| **Trench 42** | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02370/45626 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02400/45586 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate geophysical anomalies. | | | | | |

| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
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| 4200 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | 0.3m | |
| 4201 | Subsoil | Grey brown to dark grey brown silty clay with occasional to moderate small stones. Contained pottery and iron nails | 0.35m | 0.2m |
| 4203 | Natural | Light yellow grey brown clay gravel | not established | 0.4m |
| 4204 | **Pit** | Sub rectangular cut c. 2.4m x 1.0m | unexcavated | 0.4m |
| 4205 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4204] | unexcavated | 0.4m |
| 4206 | **Pit** | Irregular sub oval cut c. 2.1m x 1.0m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4207 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Contained pottery. Fill of [4206] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4208 | **Pit** | Sub rectangular cut c. 2.8m x 0.4m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4209 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4208] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4210 | **Post hole** | Sub circular cut c. 0.5m x 0.4m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4211 | Post hole fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4210] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4212 | **Post hole** | Sub circular cut c. 0.3m x 0.2m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4213 | Post hole fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4212] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4214 | **Pit** | Sub rectangular cut c. 1.4m x 1.2m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4215 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Contained pottery. Fill of [4214] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4216 | **Pit** | Irregular shaped cut. c. 5.2m x 0.6m Possible two or more intercutting features | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4217 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4216] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4218 | **Pit** | Circular cut c. 0.6m x 0.6m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4219 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4218] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4220 | **Post hole** | Sub oval cut c. 0.5m x 0.3m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4221 | Post hole fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4220] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4222 | **Pit** | Sub rectangular/sub square cut only partially exposed in trench c. 0.4m x 0.6m | unexcavated | 0.6m |
| 4223 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Contained pottery. Fill of [4222] | unexcavated | 0.6m |
| 4224 | **Ditch** | NE-SW linear cut c. 2.0m x 3.4m Part excavated. | Part excavated | 0.6m |
| 4225 | Ditch fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Contains on SW edge, flat limestone fragments and tile fragments forming a rough surface, dipping into ditch. Contained pottery, iron slag, iron nails and animal bone. Fill of [4224] | Part excavated | 0.6m |
| 4226 | Ditch fill | Duplicate number for (4225). Contained pottery, iron nails, CBM, and quern fragment (ra 5). Fill of [4224] | Part excavated | 0.6m |
| 4227 | **Pit** | Sub oval cut c. 1.9m x 0.5m | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 4228 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4227] | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 4229 | **Ditch** | NW to SE aligned linear cut. NW and SE ends curving towards W and S respectively c. 16.6m x 2.0m | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4231 | Primary | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal | unexcavated | 0.45m |

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| | ditch fill | flecks. Contained pottery, iron nails, ferrous slag/hearth bowl and unidentified iron objects (ra 6 and 7). Primary fill of [4229] | | |
| 4230 | Secondary ditch fill | Grey brown silty clay with moderate small stones. Contained pottery. Secondary fill of [4229] | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4232 | **Pit** | Sub oval cut c. 1.1m x 0.4m | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 4233 | Pit fill | Grey clay with frequent small stones. Contained pottery. Fill of [4232] | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 4234 | **Ditch** | WNW-ESE aligned linear cut c. 2.1m x 3.0m | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 4235 | Ditch fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4234] | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 4236 | **Pit** | Sub rectangular cut c. 1.9m x 1.0m | unexcavated | 0.4m |
| 4237 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4236] | unexcavated | 0.4m |
| 4238 | **Pit** | Sub square pit with steep concave sides and a flattish concave base c. 0.62m x 0.62m x 0.22m | 0.22m | 0.4m |
| 4239 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4238] | 0.22m | 0.4m |
| 4240 | **Pit** | Sub oval cut with shallow concave sides and an irregular base c. 1.32 x 0.4m x 0.2m | 0.2m | 0.6m |
| 4241 | Pit fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4240] | 0.2m | 0.6m |
| 4242 | **Gully** | NW - SE aligned linear cut with steep concave sides. Base not seen, only in section c. 6.0m x 0.2m x 0.2m | 0.2m | 0.4m |
| 4243 | Gully fill | Mid brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [4242] | 0.2m | 0.4m |
| 4244 | **Post hole** | Oval cut, steep concave to vertical sides and a flat base c. 0.49m x 0.2m x 0.12m | 0.12 | 0.6m |
| 4245 | Post hole fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4244] | 0.12 | 0.6m |
| 4246 | **Pit** | Sub rectangular cut with steep near vertical to steep concave sides and a flat base c. 2.9m x 0.5m x 0.5m. One of several intercutting pits. | 0.5m | 0.4m |
| 4247 | Primary pit fill | Light grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones and redeposited natural. Primary fill of [4246] | 0.22m | 0.76m |
| 4248 | Secondary pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Secondary fill of [4246] | 0.36m | 0.4m |
| 4258 | **Pit** | Sub oval cut with gradual concave sides c. 0.5m x 0.2m x 0.2m | 0.2m | 0.36m |
| 4259 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4258] | 0.2m | 0.36m |
| 4249 | **Pit** | Sub oval cut with near vertical to steep concave sides and a concave base c. 0.44m x 0.18m x 0.34m. One of several intercutting pits. | 0.34m | 0.44m |
| 4250 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4249] | 0.34m | 0.44m |
| 4251 | **Pit** | Sub oval cut with steep concave sides and a concave base c. 0.44m x 0.14m x 0.38m. One of several intercutting pits. | 0.38m | 0.44m |
| 4252 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [4251] | 0.38m | 0.44m |
| 4253 | **Pit** | Sub rectangular cut with steep concave sides and a flat base c. 2.22m x 1.4m x 0.5m. One of several intercutting pits. | 0.5m | 0.44m |
| 4254 | Primary pit fill | Black silty clay supporting fine gravel. Primary fill of [4253] | 0.04m | 0.94m |
| 4255 | Pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Secondary fill of [4253] | 0.12m | 0.82m |
| 4256 | Pit fill | Light grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones and redeposited natural. Tertiary fill of [4253] | 0.06m | 0.76m |
| 4257 | Upper pit fill | Dark grey humic silty clay with occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Quarternary fill of [4253] | 0.32m | 0.44m |

| Trench 43 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 49.30m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02338/45619 (SW end) | | NGR TL 02375/45653 (NE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate geophysical anomalies. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4300 | Topsoil | Dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.35m | |
| 4301 | Subsoil | Light, orange brown layer with significant gravel inclusions | | | | 0.27m | 0.16m |
| 4329 | Natural | Mid red brown sandy clay with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey brown. Large fine gravel, with sandy clay matrix and white to grey clay patches. | | | | not established | 0.51m |
| 4316 | **Ditch** | Linear feature Wide cut with stepped sides. Upper slope gentle, lower slope c.45 degrees. Flat bottomed c. 2.70m x 2.20m x 0.45m. | | | | 0.45m | 0.35m |
| 4315 | **Ditch fill** | Light mid brown silty clay with occasional gravel inclusions. Fill of feature [4316] | | | | 0.45m | 0.35m |
| 4306 | **Ditch re-cut** | Gently sloping cut through subsoil. Cuts ditch fill (4315) c. 2.20m x 1.20m x 0.40m. Re-cut of [4316] | | | | 0.40m | 0.25m |
| 4305 | Ditch fill | Grey brown silty clay with red brown flecks. Fill of ditch re-cut [4306] | | | | 0.40m | 0.25m |
| 4314 | **Ditch** | Linear feature with 45 degree sides and flat bottom. Running NW to SE c. 1.00m x 2.20m x 0.50m | | | | 0.50m | 0.40m |
| 4313 | Ditch fill | Mid dark brown silty clay with few inclusions. Fill of feature [4314] | | | | 0.50m | 0.40m |
| 4308 | **Ditch** | Linear feature with steeply sloping sides and flat bottom. Truncates cuts [4316] and [4314] c. 1.20m wide x 2.20m x 0.45m. | | | | 0.45m | 0.45m |
| 4307 | Ditch fill | Mid to dark brown silty clay with few inclusions. Fill of ditch [4308].Contained fired clay and pottery. | | | | 0.45m | 0.45m |
| 4312 | **Ditch** | Linear feature running NW to SE. Cut of ditch with gently sloping sides and concave base c. 1.85m x 2.20m x 0.45m wide. | | | | 0.45m | 0.60m |
| 4311 | Ditch fill | Yellow brown silty clay with few inclusions. Fill of [4312] | | | | 0.40m | 0.45m |
| 4310 | **Ditch re-cut** | Linear feature running NW to SE. Ditch re-cut with 45 degree sides and concave base c. 1.50m x 2.20m x 0.45m. Cuts earlier fill (4311). Re-cut of [4312] | | | | 0.45m | 0.55m |
| 4309 | Ditch fill | Mid brown silty clay with few inclusions. Fill of re-cut ditch [4310] | | | | 0.45m | 0.55m |
| 4318 | **Ditch** | Linear, parallel sided feature, possibly a ditch, running NW to SE c. 2.75m x 2.20m | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4317 | Ditch fill | Mid brown silty clay with occasional gravel inclusions. Fill of feature [4318] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4320 | **Ditch** | Double sided cut (sides not parallel), running roughly NW to SE c. 4.00m x 2.20m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4319 | Ditch fill | Dark brown silty clay with occasional gravel inclusions. Fill of feature [4320] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4322 | **Post hole** | Sub circular cut with steeply sloping sides, going down almost to a point c. 0.50m x 0.25m x 0.25m | | | | 0.25m | 0.45m |
| 4321 | Post hole fill | Dark brown orange silty clay with gravel and significant charcoal inclusions. Fill of [4322] | | | | 0.25m | 0.45m |
| 4324 | **Ditch** | Double sided feature running NW to SE, narrowing slightly on NW side c. 1.50m x 2.20m | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4323 | Ditch fill | Mid brown orange silty clay with few gravel inclusions. Fairly loose. Fill of ditch [4324] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4326 | **Pit** | Oval cut with stepped sides. Upper side steeply shelving, almost vertical, going into gentle slope on lower NE side c. 1.00m x 0.60m x 0.55m | | | | 0.55m | 0.45m |
| 4325 | Pit fill | Grey brown silty clay with significant charcoal inclusions and gravel towards the edges. Contained animal bone and pottery. Fill of [4326] | | | | 0.55m | 0.45m |
| 4328 | **Ditch** | One edge of cut exposed by trench, passing across SW corner of trench c. 1.20m x 2.20m | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4327 | Ditch fill | Dark brown black silty clay with significant evidence for charcoal and burning. Fill of ditch [4328] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4304 | **Field drain** | Linear cut of modern field drain. Cuts ditches [4314] and [4310] c. 2.20m x 0.43m x 0.67m | | | | 0.67m | 0.27m |
| 4303 | Primary field drain fill | Drainage pipe. Primary fill of field drain [4304] | | | | 0.08m | 0.86m |

| Trench 44 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 49.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0. 50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02385/45634 (W end) | | NGR TL 02434/45634 (E end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4400 | Topsoil | A dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.30m | |
| 4401 | Subsoil | Light, orange brown layer with significant gravel inclusions | | | | 0.20m | 0.30m |
| 4425 | Natural | A light yellow grey brown clay gravel | | | | not established | 0.50m |
| 4402 | **Ditch** | Ditch cut running SE-NW c. 2.8m x 2.3m | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4403 | Ditch fill | Medium brown silty clay with gravel concentrations. Fill of [4402] | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4404 | **Gully** | Parallel cut running SE-NW across trench c. 3.0m x 0.40m | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4405 | Gully fill | Light brown yellow silty clay with high gravel content. Fill of [4404] | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4406 | **Ditch** | Cut of ditch butt-end c. 1.5m x 1.0m x 0.32m | | | | 0.32m | 0.50m |
| 4407 | Ditch fill | Medium brown silty clay with few gravel inclusions. Fill of [4406] | | | | 0.32m | 0.50m |
| 4408 | **Ditch** | Wide cut running parallel with ditches [4404] and [4402] c. 3.6m x 4.8m | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4409 | Ditch fill | Dark brown silty clay with much gravel. Fill of [4408] | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4410 | **Gully** | Rectilinear cut, cutting fill (4409) running in NW-NE direction across trench c. 2.7m x 0.40m | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4411 | Gully fill | Dark brown black silty clay with much gravel. Contained pottery. Fill of [4410] | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4412 | **Post hole** | Sub - circular cut with shallow bowl shaped profile c. 0.6m x 0.5m x 0.2m | | | | 0.20m | 0.50m |
| 4413 | Post hole fill | Brown grey silty clay with some gravel. Contained pottery and CBM. Fill of [4412] | | | | 0.20m | 0.50m |
| 4414 | **Post hole** | Sub-circular cut with V shaped profile c. 0.55m x 0.5m x 0.2m | | | | 0.20m | 0.50m |
| 4415 | Post hole fill | Light brown yellow silty clay with some gravel. Fill of [4414] | | | | 0.20m | 0.50m |
| 4416 | **Pit** | Part of cut for feature c. 1.5m x 0.50m x 0.23m | | | | 0.23m | 0.40m |
| 4417 | Pit fill | Dark brown black silty clay. Contained pottery. Fill of [4416] | | | | 0.23m | 0.40m |
| 4418 | **Pit** | Bowl shaped shallow cut c. 1.0m x 0.90m x 0.25m | | | | 0.25m | 0.40m |
| 4420 | Primary pit fill | Yellow brown sandy gravel. Primary fill of [4418] | | | | 0.07m | 0.40m |
| 4419 | Secondary pit fill | Dark brown grey silty clay. Secondary fill of [4418] | | | | 0.18m | 0.40m |
| 4421 | **Post hole** | Shallow roughly circular V shaped cut c. 0.30m x 0.22m x 0.13m | | | | 0.13m | 0.30m |
| 4422 | Post hole fill | Light brown silty clay with gravel inclusions. Fill of [4421] | | | | 0.13m | 0.30m |
| 4423 | **Ditch** | Parallel cut with bowl shaped profile c. 5.0m x 0.65m x 0.18m | | | | 0.18m | 0.30m |
| 4424 | Ditch fill | Light brown silty clay with few inclusions. Contained pottery and fired clay. Fill of [4423] | | | | 0.18m | 0.30m |

| Trench 45 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | **Length** | 25.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.65m | |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | NGR TL 02461/45694 (NW end) | | | NGR TL 02477/45674 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4500 | Topsoil | A dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.50m | |
| 4501 | Subsoil | Light, orange brown layer with significant gravel inclusions | | | | 0.30m | 0.30m |
| 4513 | Natural | Yellow orange clean gravels with occasional blue clay patches | | | | | 0.50m |
| 4502 | **Ditch** | Shallow bowl shaped cut running NE-SW across SE edge of trench c. 2.20m x 0.90m x 0.21m | | | | 0.21m | 0.56m |
| 4503 | Ditch fill | Dark brown silty clay with occasional small pebbles and charcoal flecks. Contained pottery. Fill of [4502] | | | | 0.21m | 0.56m |
| 4504 | **Ditch** | Roughly V shaped cut running NE-SW c. 2.20m x 1.15m x 0.46m | | | | 0.46m | 0.40m |
| 4505 | Ditch fill | Light brown silty clay soil with occasional pebbles. Contained animal bone. Fill of [4504] | | | | 0.46m | 0.40m |
| 4506 | **Gully** | Partially surviving cut of V shaped ditch running NE-SW c. 2.20m x 0.40m x 0.35m | | | | 0.35m | 0.50m |
| 4507 | Gully fill | Brown grey silty clay soil with gravel inclusions and occasional charcoal flecks. Cut by [4508]. Fill of [4506] | | | | 0.35m | 0.50m |
| 4511 | **Ditch** | Dish shaped cut of ditch, flat bottomed. Cut away on SE by ditch [4508] c. 2.10m x 2.12m x 0.59m | | | | 0.59m | 0.50m |
| 4512 | Primary ditch fill | Dark brown silty clay with occasional sand inclusions and charcoal flecks. Primary fill of [4511] | | | | 0.30m | 0.75m |
| 4514 | Ditch fill | Sloping deposit of brown yellow gravel and sand. Secondary fill of [4511] | | | | 0.20m | 0.85m |
| 4516 | Ditch fill | Light brown silty clay fill with occasional gravel. Tertiary fill of [4511] | | | | 0.40m | 0.65m |
| 4517 | Upper Ditch fill | Light brown soil with significant inclusions of sand and gravel. Quarternary fill of [4511] | | | | 0.27m | 0.42m |
| 4508 | **Ditch** | Cut of irregular shaped ditch. Cuts (4507), (4517) and (4516) c. 2.20m x 1.33m x 0.50m | | | | 0.50m | 0.45m |
| 4509 | Primary ditch fill | Light brown silty clay soil with occasional sand and gravel inclusions. Primary fill of [4508] | | | | 0.18m | 0.75m |
| 4510 | Secondary ditch fill | Yellow brown silty clay soil with occasional gravel inclusions. Secondary fill of [4508] | | | | 0.31m | 0.50m |
| 4535 | **Gully** | Wide shallow bowl shaped ditch cut running SW-NE across trench. c. 2.20m x 2.90m x 0.31m | | | | 0.31m | 0.78m |
| 4532 | Gully fill | Dark brown grey silty clay with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of [4535] | | | | 0.31m | 0.42m |
| 4523 | **Ditch** | Ditch cut on SE side of modern drainage ditch [4519]. Sloping sides with flat base c. 2.10m x 0.85m x 0.40m | | | | 0.40m | 0.46m |
| 4533 | Primary ditch fill | Dark brown silty clay with small amounts of yellow sand. Primary fill of [4523] | | | | 0.11m | 0.70m |
| 4527 | Secondary ditch fill | Yellow brown silty clay. Few inclusions. Secondary fill of [4523] | | | | 0.36m | 0.42m |
| 4529 | **Ditch re-cut** | Cut of ditch running SW-NE c. 2.20m x 0.90m x 0.28m. Re-cut of ditch [4535] | | | | 0.28m | 0.52m |
| 4531 | Primary ditch fill | Orange sand with some gravel. Primary fill of [4529] | | | | 0.16m | 0.57m |
| 4528 | Secondary ditch fill | Yellow brown silty clay with some gravel. Secondary fill of [4529]. Contained copper alloy waste (**ra 4**) | | | | 0.28m | 0.52m |
| 4530 | **Ditch** | Sloping cut forming NW edge of ditch. Cut by [4519] c. 2.20m x 0.85m x 0.55m | | | | 0.55m | 0.42m |
| 4534 | Primary ditch fill | Dark brown silty clay with small amounts of yellow sand. Primary fill of [4530] | | | | 0.25m | 0.70m |
| 4526 | Ditch fill | Yellow brown silty clay. Few inclusions. Secondary fill of [4530] | | | | 0.09m | 0.62m |
| 4525 | Upper ditch fill | Yellow orange sandy gravel. Tertiary fill of [4530] | | | | 0.30m | 0.43m |
| 4524 | **Ditch** | Sloping cut running NE-SW cross trench c. 2.20m x 1.11m x 0.34m | | | | 0.34m | 0.40m |
| 4521 | Ditch fill | Light brown grey silty clay. Fill of [4524] | | | | 0.34m | 0.40m |
| 4519 | **Land drain** | Almost vertical parallel sided cut running NE - SW c. 2.20m x 0.20m x 0.44m | | | | 0.44m | 0.38m |
| 4522 | Drainage Pipe | Modern drainage pipe | | | | 0.15m | 0.68m |
| 4518 | Land drain fill | Coarse pebble fill | | | | 0.44m | 0.38m |

| Trench 46 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.46m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02555/45727 (NE end) | | NGR TL 02525/45687 (SW end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate cropmarks visible on aerial photographs. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4600 | Topsoil | Mid grey brown silty clay. Loose with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.28m | |
| 4601 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown sandy clay. Compact with frequent small and medium stones. | | | | 0.18m | 0.32m |
| 4621 | Natural | Mid red brown sandy clay with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey brown. Large fine gravel with sandy clay matrix and white - grey clay patches. | | | | not established | 0.60m |
| 4602 | **Gully** | Linear, NE to SW with steep sides to double concave base c. 2.20m x 0.20m x 0.45m | | | | 0.45m | 0.28m |
| 4603 | Primary gully fill | Mid brown silty clay with occasional medium stones. Loose. Primary fill of gully [4602] | | | | 0.21m | 0.54m |
| 4604 | Gully fill | Mid brown silty clay, compact with frequent small stones. Secondary fill of gully [4602] | | | | 0.11m | 0.46m |
| 4605 | Upper gully fill | Mid brown silty clay. Loose with occasional small and medium stones. Tertiary fill of double gully [4602] | | | | 0.39m | 0.28m |
| 4620 | **Layer** | Mid red brown silty clay, firm with occasional small stones. Interface between topsoil and feature c. 2.38m wide. | | | | 0.16m | 0.28m |
| 4606 | **Furrow** | Linear SE to NW. Gradually sloping sides to rounded base c. 1.47m x 2.20m x 0.29m | | | | 0.29m | 0.28m |
| 4607 | Primary furrow fill | Mid brown silty clay. Loose, with occasional small stones. Lower fill of furrow. | | | | 0.15m | 0.33m |
| 4608 | Secondary furrow fill | Mid red brown silty clay. Loose, with occasional small stones. Upper fill of furrow. | | | | 0.14m | 0.29m |
| 4609 | **Furrow** | Linear feature running SE to NW. c. 2.20m x 0.50m | | | | unexcavated | 0.28m |
| 4610 | Primary furrow fill | Mid brown silty clay, loose with occasional small stones. | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4611 | Secondary furrow fill | Mid red brown silty clay with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.15m | 0.29m |
| 4612 | **Furrow** | Linear, NW to SE, gradual sloping sides to rounded base c. 2.20m x 1.10m x 0.27m. | | | | 0.27m | 0.29m |
| 4613 | Primary furrow fill | Mid brown silty clay, loose with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.12m | 0.29m |
| 4614 | Secondary furrow fill | Mid red brown silty clay with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.15m | 0.31m |
| 4615 | **Ditch** | Linear, NW to SE, gradually sloping to flat base. Shallow ditch or deep furrow c. 2.50m x 2.10 x 0.43m. | | | | 0.43m | 0.28m |
| 4616 | Primary ditch fill | Mid brown silty clay, loose with occasional small stones. Primary fill of [4615] | | | | 0.23m | 0.44m |
| 4617 | Secondary Ditch fill | Mid red brown silty clay, loose with occasional small stones. Secondary fill of [4615] | | | | 0.20m | 0.28m |
| 4618 | **Ditch** | Linear, NW to SE. c. 2.20m x 1.30m | | | | unexcavated | 0.28m |
| 4619 | Ditch fill | Mid brown silty clay, loose. Fill of [4618] | | | | unexcavated | 0.28m |

| Trench 47 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02439/45800 (N end) | | NGR TL 02439/45750 (S end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | To investigate areas not subject to detailed geophysical survey. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4700 | Topsoil | Mid grey brown silty clay, loose, with occasional small to medium stones. | | | | 0.30m | |
| 4701 | Subsoil | Mid red brown silty clay, loose, with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.22m | 0.30m |
| 4722 | Natural | Mid red brown sandy clay silt with moderate to frequent stones, occasionally grey brown. Large fine gravel with sandy clay matrix and white/grey clay patches. | | | | not established | 0.60m |
| 4706 | **Ditch** | Linear, SW to NE aligned cut with steeply sloping sides to flat base c. 2.10m x 6.00m x 0.83m. | | | | 0.83m | 0.50m |
| 4712 | Primary Ditch fill | Mid orange sandy clay, compact, with frequent small to medium stones. Primary fill of [4706] | | | | 0.13m | 0.50m |
| 4711 | Ditch fill | Mid orange grey sandy clay, firm, with occasional small and medium stones. Secondary fill of [4706] | | | | 0.20m | 1.16m |
| 4710 | Ditch fill | Light grey silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones. Tertiary fill of [4706]. Contained pottery. | | | | 0.20m | 0.94m |
| 4709 | Ditch fill | Light orange grey sandy clay, firm, with occasional small stones. Quarternary fill of [4706] | | | | 0.18m | 0.72m |
| 4708 | Ditch fill | Mid grey silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones. Fifth fill of ditch [4706] | | | | 0.41m | 0.62m |
| 4707 | Upper Ditch fill | Dark grey silty clay, firm. Sixth fill of [4706] | | | | 0.19m | 0.50m |
| 4713 | **Ditch** | Linear, NW to SE aligned cut with steeply sloping sides to concave base c. 3.10m x 1.10m x 0.35m. | | | | 0.35m | 0.50m |
| 4714 | Ditch fill | Mid brown silty clay with moderate medium stones. Fill of [4713] | | | | 0.35m | 0.50m |
| 4717 | **Pit or hearth** | Curvilinear, NE to SW aligned cut, with steep sides to concave base c. 2.50m x 0.75m x 0.25m. | | | | 0.25m | 0.50m |
| 4718 | Pit or hearth Primary fill | Mid grey brown silty clay, loose, with occasional flecks of charcoal. Primary fill of [4717] | | | | 0.16m | 0.58m |
| 4719 | Pit or hearth Secondary fill | Light grey with occasional charcoal flecks and burnt stones. Evidence for *in - situ* burning. Secondary fill of [4717]. Contained fired clay. | | | | 0.08m | 0.50m |
| 4704 | **Furrow** | Linear, NW to SE aligned cut, with gradually sloping sides to flat base c. 2.70m x 0.22m x 0.25m. | | | | 0.25m | 0.50m |
| 4705 | Furrow fill | Mid brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.25m | 0.50m |
| 4715 | **Furrow** | Linear, NW to SE aligned cut c. 2.80m x 2.30m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4716 | Furrow fill | Mid brown silty clay, firm, with occasional small stones. | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4720 | **Furrow** | Linear, NW to SE aligned cut, with gradually sloping sides to flat base c. 2.50m x 2.10m. | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4721 | Furrow fill | Mid brown silty clay, firm. | | | | unexcavated | 0.50m |
| 4702 | **Field Drain** | c. 2.10m x 0.42m x 0.69m. | | | | 0.69m | 0.28m |
| 4703 | Field Drain fill | Fill of [4702]. | | | | 0.69m | 0.28m |

| Trench 48 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.58m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02371/45392 (SW end) | | NGR TL 02411/45407 (NE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | Contingency trench - To define southern extent of archaeological remains. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4800 | Topsoil | Loose, mid brown silty clay with occasional small and medium stones | | | | 0.32m | |
| 4801 | Subsoil | Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.18m | 0.32m |
| 4802 | **Furrow** | Linear feature running NW-SE c. 2.0m x 2.20m | | | | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 4803 | Furrow fill | Firm, mid orange sandy clay with occasional small stones | | | | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 4804 | **Post hole** | Ovoid cut c. 0.80m x 0.35m | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4805 | Post hole fill | Firm, dark grey silty clay. Fill of [4804] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4806 | **Furrow** | Linear feature running NW-SE c. 2.6m x 2.20m | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4807 | Furrow fill | Firm, mid orange sandy clay with occasional small and medium stones | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4808 | **Pit** | Circular feature partially uncovered c. 0.4m x 0.35m | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4809 | Pit fill | Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay. Fill of [4808] | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4810 | **Pit** | Oval, partially uncovered by trench c. 0.6m x 0.55m | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 4811 | Pit fill | Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay. Fill of [4810] | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 4812 | **Pit** | Oval, partially uncovered by trench c. 1.0m x 1.2m | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 4813 | Pit fill | Mid orange brown firm sandy clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [4812] | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 4814 | **Furrow** | Linear feature NW-SE c. 2.7m x 2.5m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4815 | Furrow fill | Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small and medium stones | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4816 | **Pit** | Oval c. 0.8m x 0.5m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4817 | Pit fill | Firm, mid grey brown silty clay. Fill of [4816] | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4818 | **Pit** | Sub circular pit possibly related to [4822] c. 3.0m x 1.4m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4819 | Pit fill | Loose, mid brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [4818] | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4820 | **Furrow** | Linear feature running NW-SE c. 1.9m x 2.10 | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 4821 | Furrow fill | Firm, mid orange brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4822 | **Pit** | Sub circular pit, cut by furrow c. 1.4m x 2.10m | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4823 | Pit fill | Loose, mid brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [4822] | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4824 | **Ditch** | Linear feature running NW-SE c. 0.6m x 2.20m | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4825 | Ditch fill | Loose, mid brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [4824] | | | | unexcavated | 0.46m |
| 4826 | **Pit** | Circular feature c. 5.2m x 2.10m x 0.31 | | | | 0.31m | 0.46m |
| 4827 | Pit fill | Loose, mid brown silty clay with occasional small stones. Fill of [4826] | | | | 0.31m | 0.46m |
| 4828 | **Pit** | Sub circular pit c. 3.4m x 2.7m | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4829 | Pit fill | Loose, mid brown silty clay with occasional stones. Fill of [4828] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |

| Trench 49 | | | | | | | |
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| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 50.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02251/45475 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02286/45439 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | Contingency trench - to define southwestern extent of archaeological remains. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 4900 | Topsoil | Loose, mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small stones | | | | 0.35m | |
| 4901 | Subsoil | Mid orange brown sandy clay, firm with frequent small stones | | | | 0.15m | 0.35m |
| 4902 | **Furrow** | Linear feature running NW-SE c. 4.0m x 2.5m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4903 | Furrow fill | Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small stones | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4904 | **Pit** | Sub circular feature partially uncovered by trench c. 0.7m x 0.3m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4905 | Pit fill | Firm, mid grey silty clay. Fill of [4904] | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4906 | **Pit** | Sub - circular feature c. 0.5m x 1.0m | | | | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 4907 | Pit fill | Firm, mid grey brown silty clay with moderate charcoal. Fill of [4906] | | | | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 4908 | **Ditch** | Linear feature running NW-SE c. 1.4m x 2.9m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4909 | Ditch fill | Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay with moderate medium stones. Fill of [4908] | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4910 | **Gully** | Linear feature running N-S c. 2.20m x 0.42m | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4911 | Gully fill | Loose, mid brown silty clay with moderate medium stones. Fill of [4910] | | | | unexcavated | 0.45m |
| 4912 | **Pit** | Sub circular feature partially uncovered by trench c. 1.4m x 0.5m | | | | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 4913 | Pit fill | Firm, mid orange brown silty sand with occasional small stones. Fill of [4912] | | | | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 4914 | **Pit or hearth** | Circular feature c. 0.5m x 0.63m | | | | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 4915 | Pit or hearth fill | Loose, dark grey brown silty clay with frequent charcoal flecks and moderate medium stones. Fill of [4914] | | | | unexcavated | 0.49m |
| 4916 | **Furrow** | Linear feature running NW-SE c. 2.7m x 2.0m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4917 | Furrow fill | Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay with moderate medium stones | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4918 | **Ditch** | Linear feature running N-S c. 2.0m x 0.7m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4919 | Ditch fill | Firm, mid orange brown sandy clay with moderate medium and small stones. Fill of [4918] | | | | unexcavated | 0.47m |
| 4920 | **Gully** | Linear feature running NE-SW c. 2.20m x 0.35m | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |
| 4921 | Gully fill | Loose, mid orange brown silty clay with moderate medium stones. Fill of [4920] | | | | unexcavated | 0.48m |

| Trench 50 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 57.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.50m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02911/45856 (NE end) | | NGR TL 02868/45822 (SW end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | Contingency trench - To define the northeastern extent of archaeological remains. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 5000 | Topsoil | A dark grey clay silt with occasional small stones. | | | | 0.25m | |
| 5001 | Subsoil | Light orange brown layer with significant gravel inclusions | | | | 0.25m | 0.23m |
| 5012 | Natural | Light yellow grey brown clay gravel | | | | not established | 0.5m |
| 5003 | **Post hole** | Roughly circular cut with steeply sloping sides and a flat bottom c. 0.3m x 0.35m x 0.18m | | | | 0.18m | 0.5m |
| 5002 | Post hole fill | Light brown grey silty clay. Fill of [5003] | | | | 0.18m | 0.5m |
| 5005 | **Post hole** | Roughly circular cut with 45 degree sides, cut away on N side by later post hole [5003] c. 0.5m x 0.4m x 0.21m | | | | 0.21m | 0.5m |
| 5004 | Post hole fill | Brown grey silty clay with occasional charcoal. Fill of [5005] | | | | 0.21m | 0.5m |
| 5007 | **Post hole** | Shallow sub circular cut with bowl shaped profile c. 0.40m x 0.33m x 0.10m | | | | 0.10m | 0.5m |
| 5006 | Post hole fill | Light brown grey silty clay. Fill of [5007] | | | | 0.10m | 0.5m |
| 5009 | **Post hole** | Roughly circular cut with steeply sloping sides and a wide flat bottom c. 0.5m x 0.40m 0.22m | | | | 0.22m | 0.5m |
| 5008 | Post hole fill | Grey brown silty clay. Fill of [5009] | | | | 0.22m | 0.5m |
| 5010 | **Furrow** | General number | | | | unexcavated | 0.5m |
| 5011 | Furrow fill | General number | | | | unexcavated | 0.5m |

| Trench 51 | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Max Dimensions** | | **Length** | 30.00m | **Width** | 2.20m | **Max Depth** | 0.55m |
| **OS Co-ordinates** | | NGR TL 02710/45896 (NW end) | | NGR TL 02731/45874 (SE end) | | | |
| **Reason For Trench** | | Contingency trench - to define the northwestern extent of activity indicated in trench 10. | | | | | |
| **Context** | **Type** | **Description** | | | | **Max Depth** | **Depth (BGL)** |
| 5100 | Topsoil | Dark brown loam | | | | 0.25m | |
| 5101 | Subsoil | Brown clay sand | | | | 0.30m | 0.25m |
| 5102 | Natural | Sandy gravel, with lenses of grey clay | | | | not established | 0.55 |
| 5103 | **Post hole** | Small circular cut situated towards the SE end of the trench, cut away by a large furrow c.0.3m x 0.4m | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 5104 | Post hole fill | Dark grey brown silty clay with small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [5103] | | | | unexcavated | 0.40m |
| 5105 | **Pit** | Ovoid feature cut by land drain and furrow c. 2.00m x 0.7m surviving | | | | unexcavated | 0.55m |
| 5106 | Pit fill | Mid grey brown silty clay with small stones and charcoal flecks. Fill of [5105] | | | | unexcavated | 0.55m |
| 5107 | **Furrow** | Linear feature c. 13.5m x 0.7m | | | | unexcavated | 0.55m |
| 5108 | Furrow fill | General number | | | | unexcavated | 0.55m |
| 5109 | **Furrow** | Linear feature c. 13.0m x 1.70m | | | | unexcavated | 0.55m |
| 5110 | Furrow fill | General number | | | | unexcavated | 0.55m |

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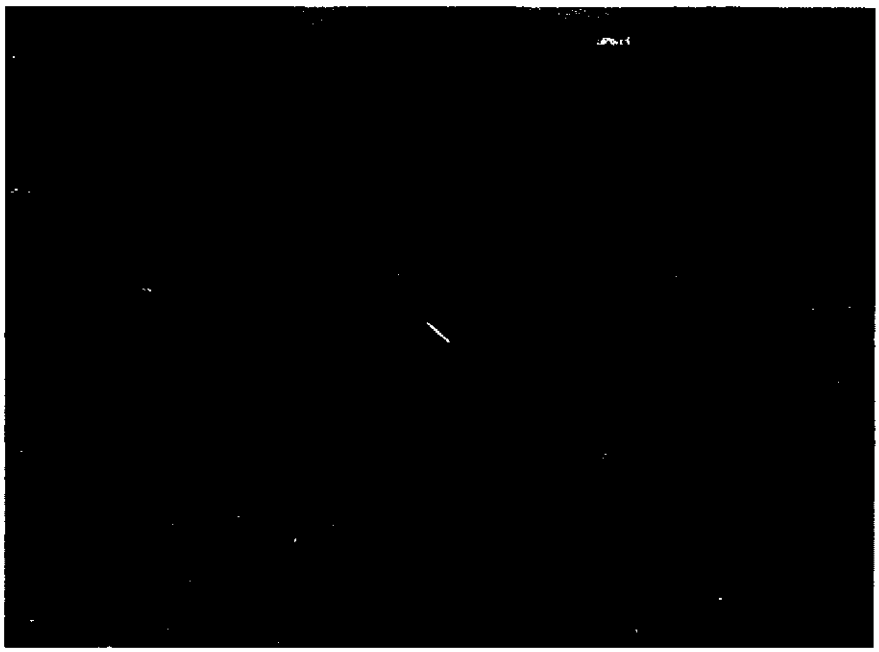
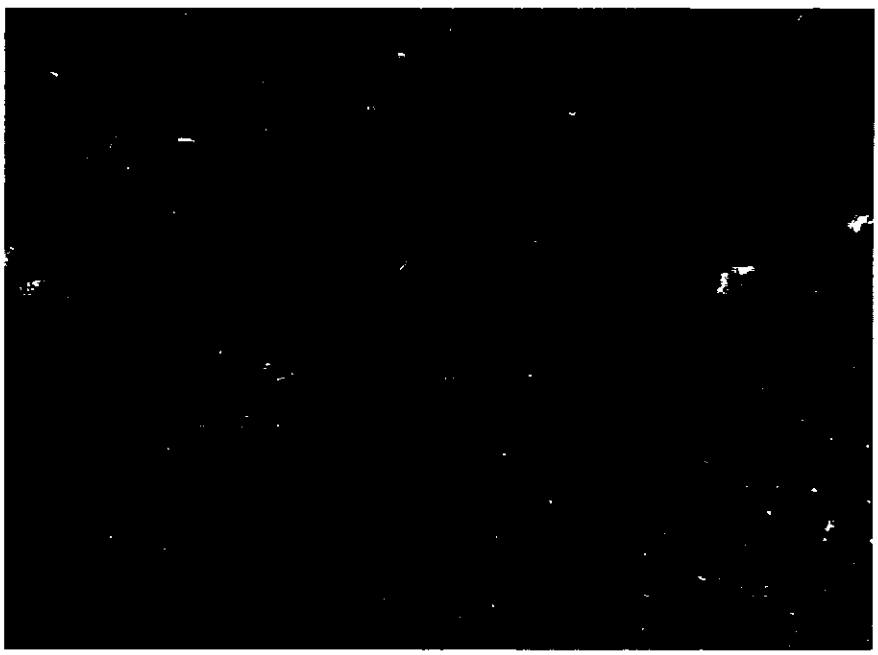


Photo 1: Intercutting boundary ditches located in trench 13, Area V.



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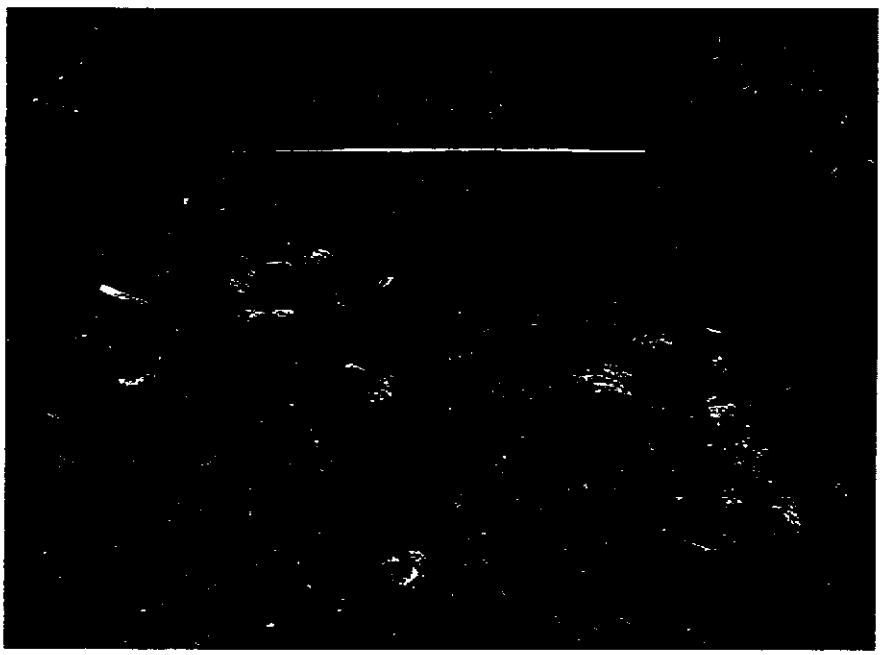

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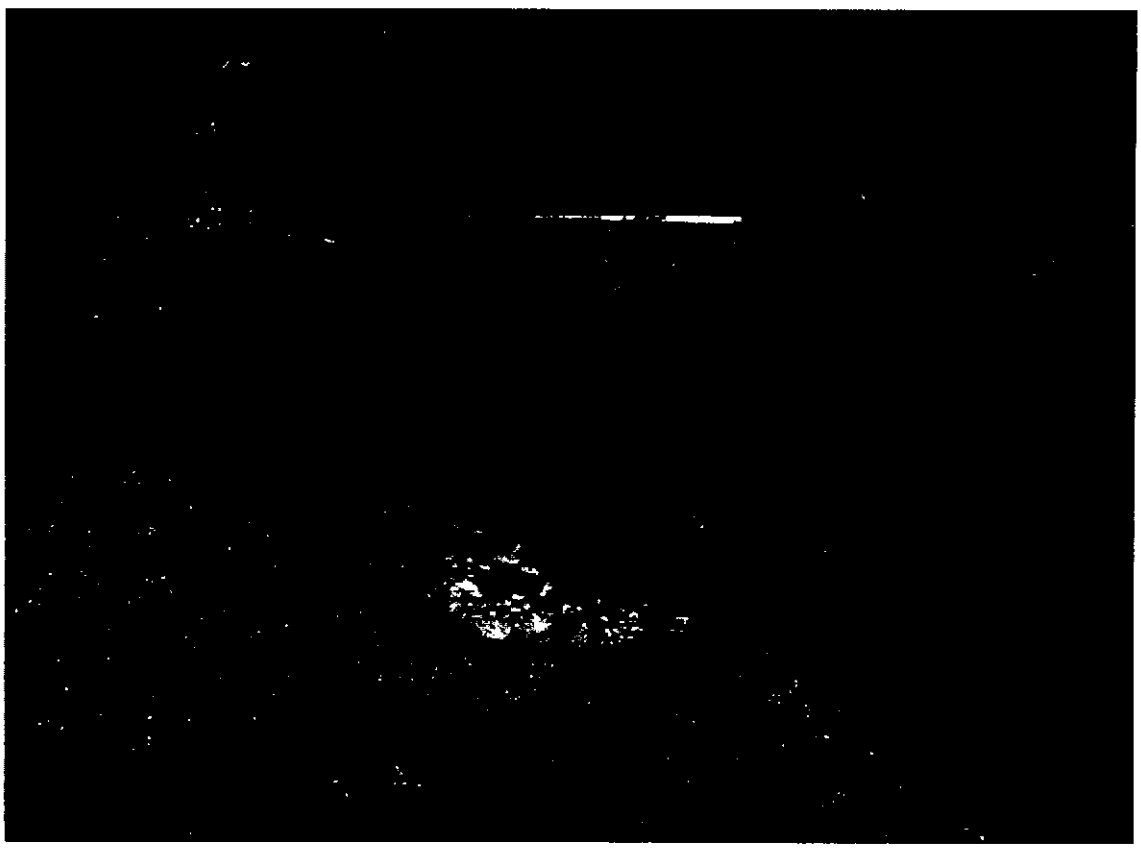

Photo 4: Intercutting pits [4253, 4246, 4249] at the south end of trench 42, Area X.

Photo 5: Skeleton (3704) (with grave goods) in grave cut [3702]. Located at the southwestern end of trench 37, Area XI.

# FIGURES

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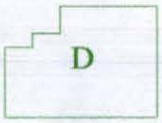


Geophysical survey area

Geophysical survey interpretation:-archaeology

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Geophysical survey interpretation:-natural feature

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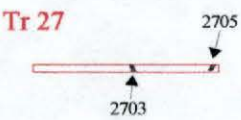
Geophysical survey interpretation:-ferrous signal

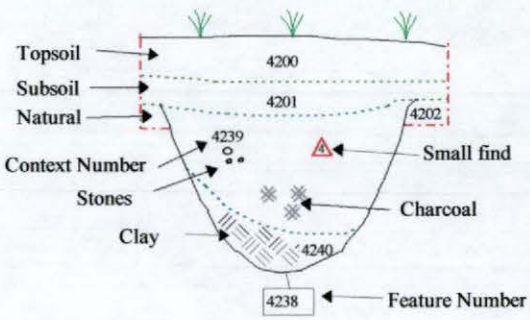
Aerial photography interpretation:-archaeology

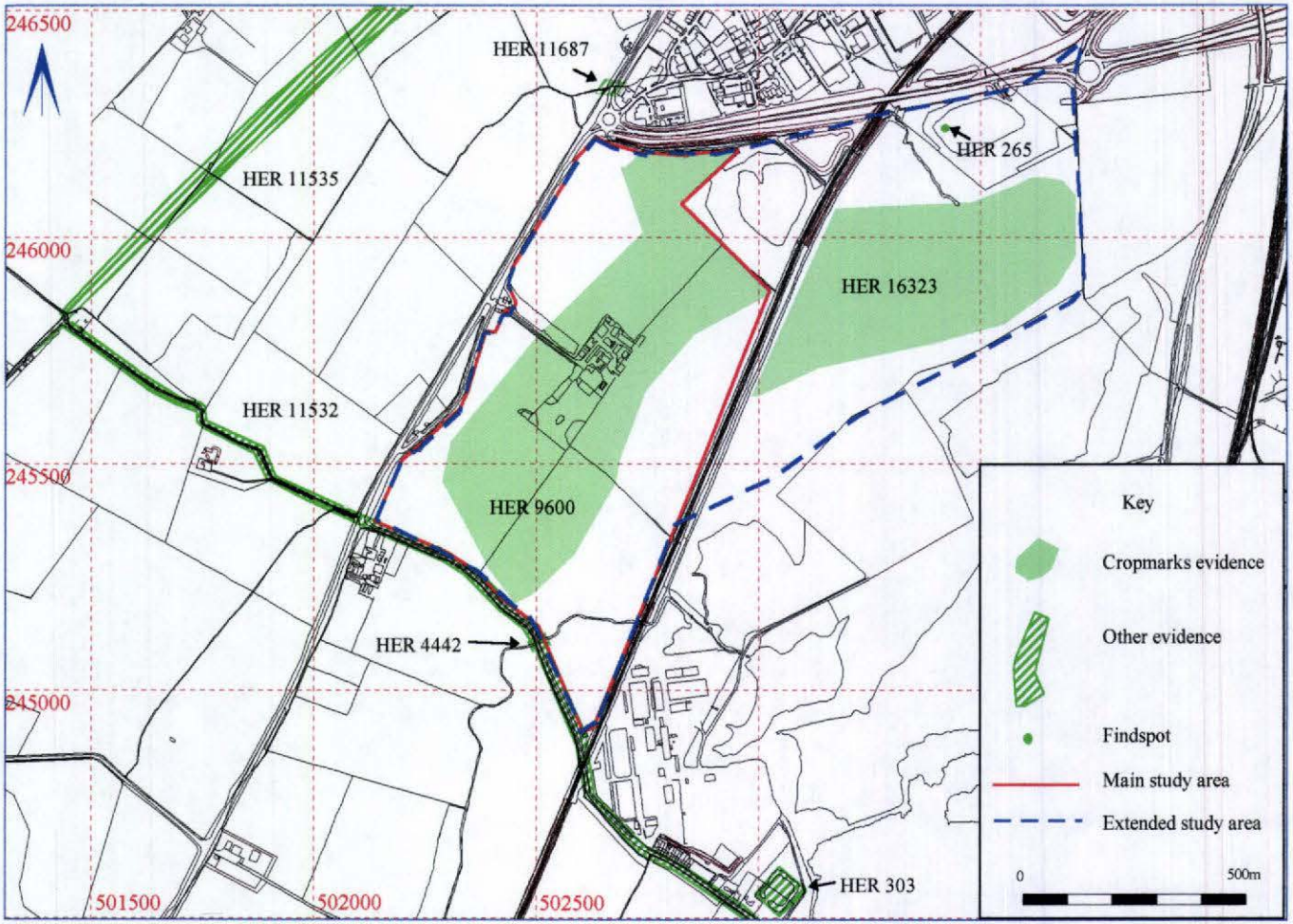
Aerial photography interpretation:-modern




Trial trench with archaeological features

## Key to Section Drawings



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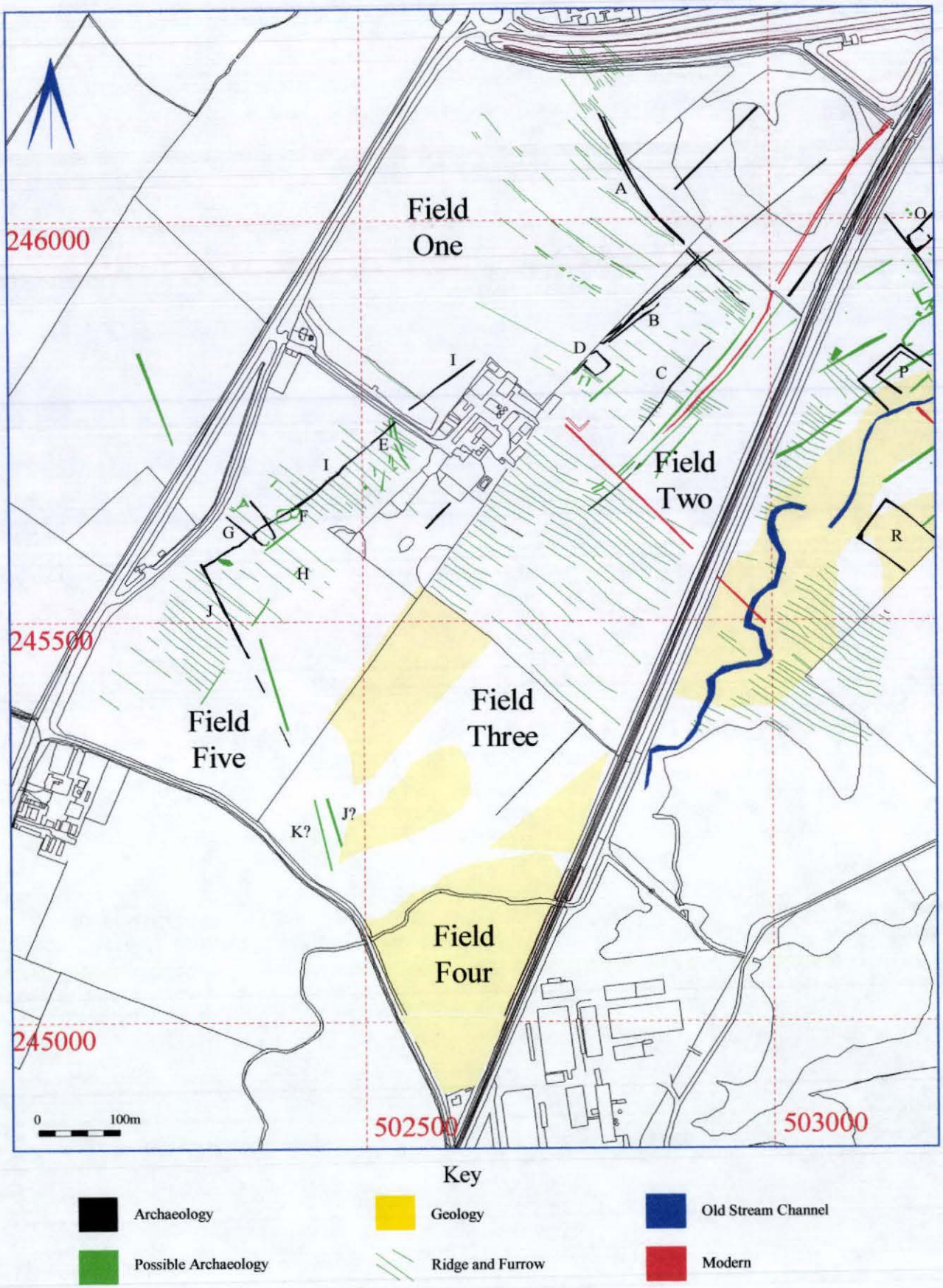


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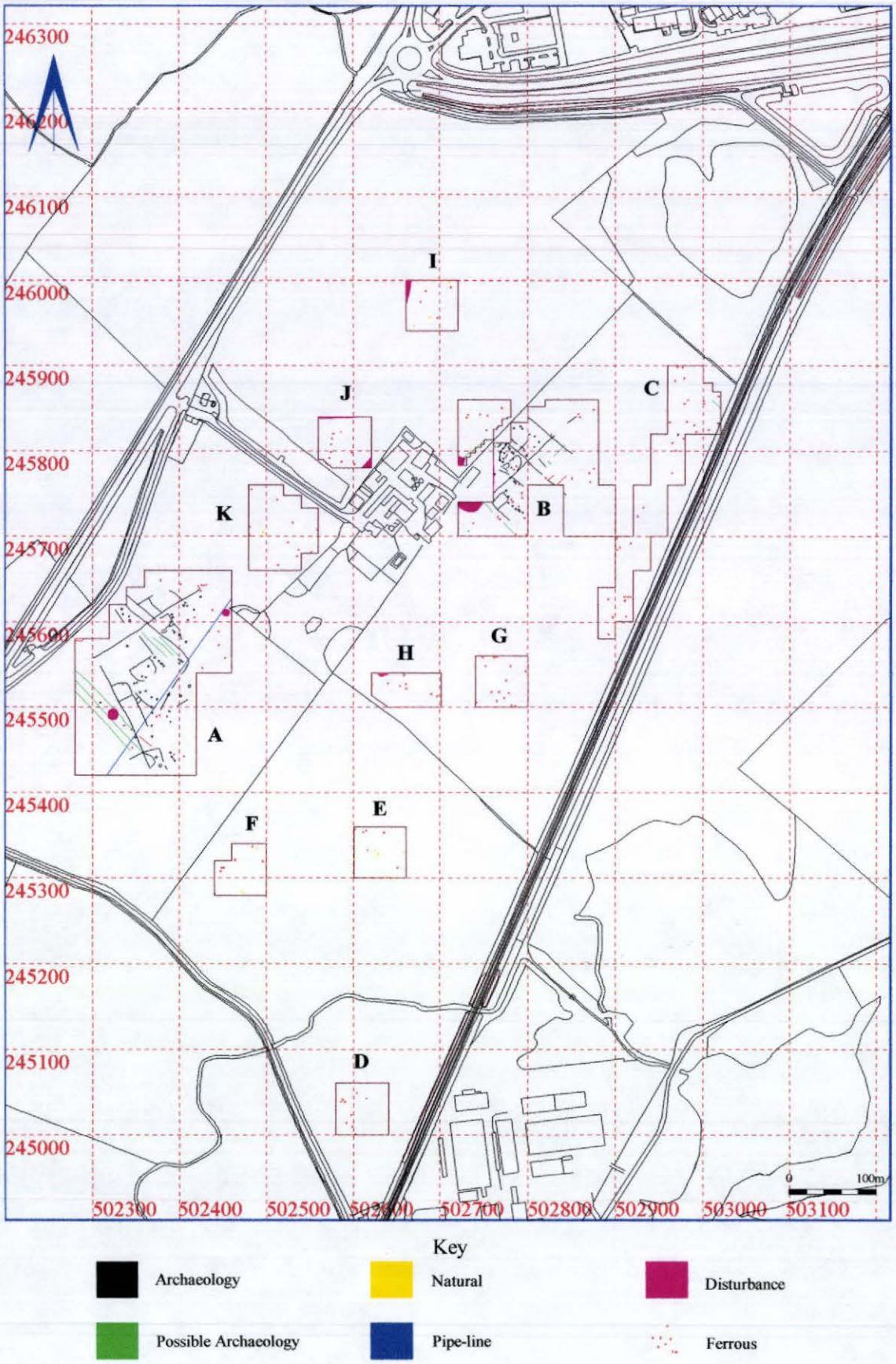



Figure 3; Geophysical interpretation plan


Figure 4; Trial trench locations showing detailed geophysical survey areas

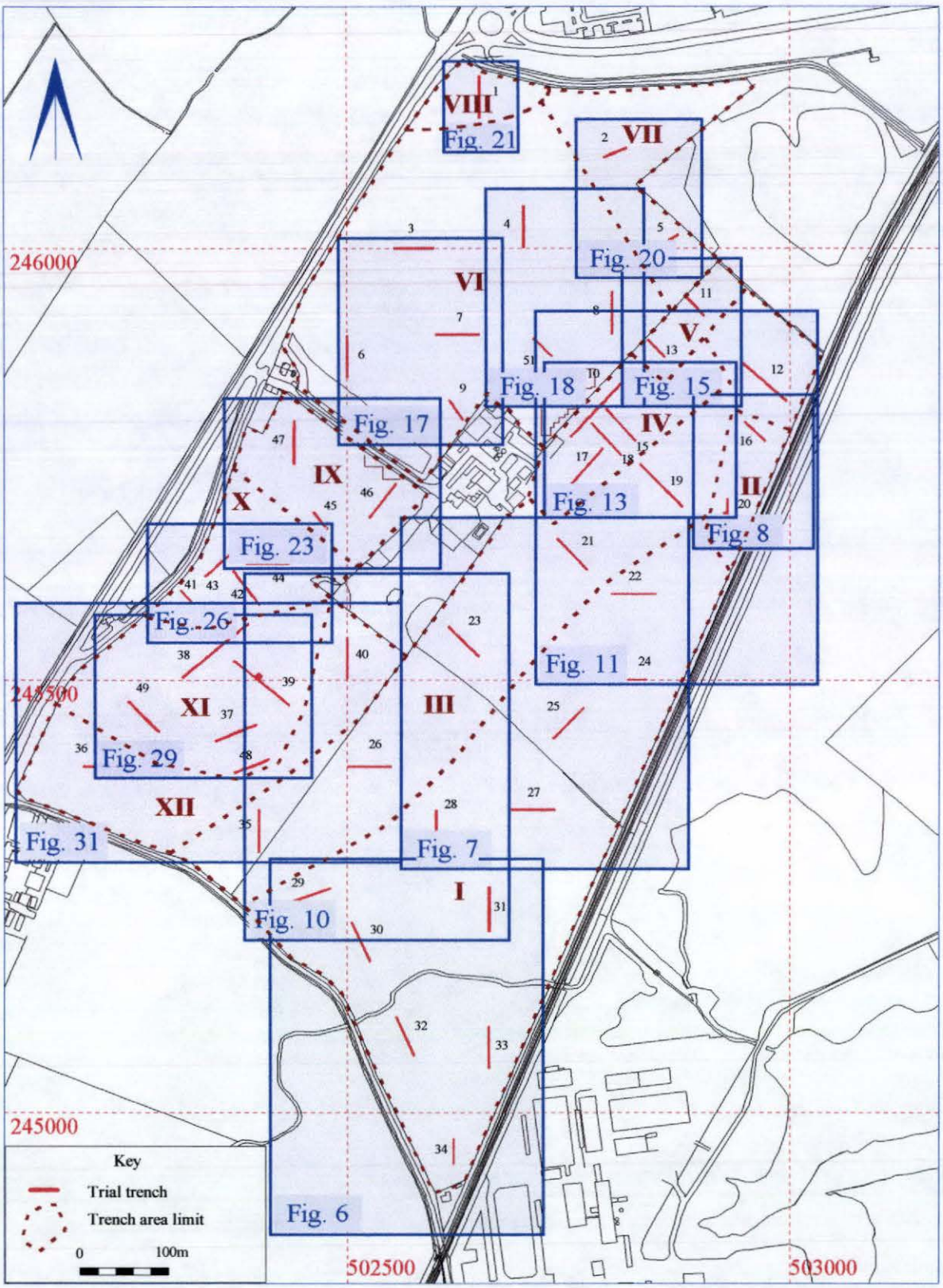
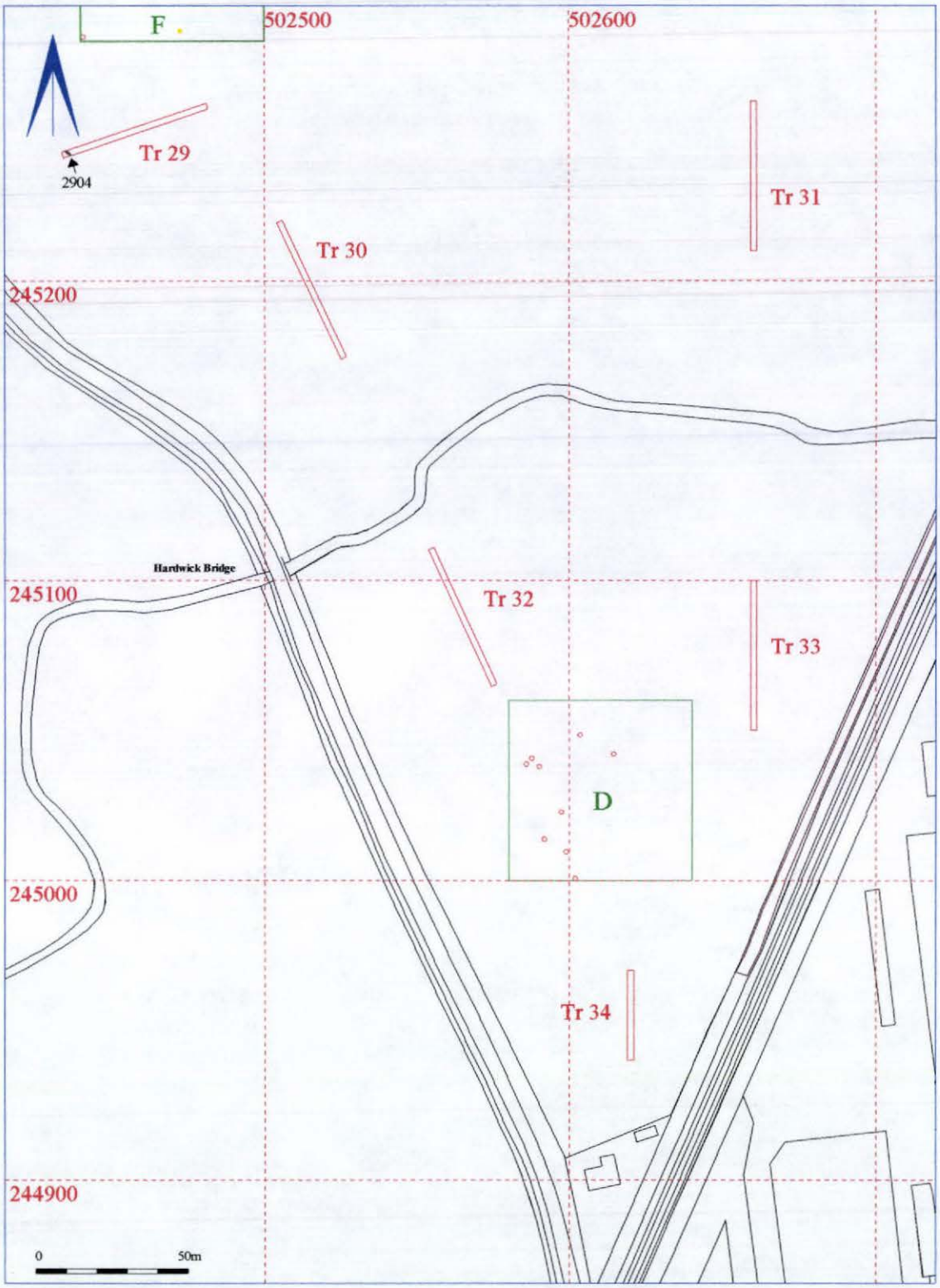



Figure 5; Trial trench locations showing trench areas (I to XII) with detailed figure coverage

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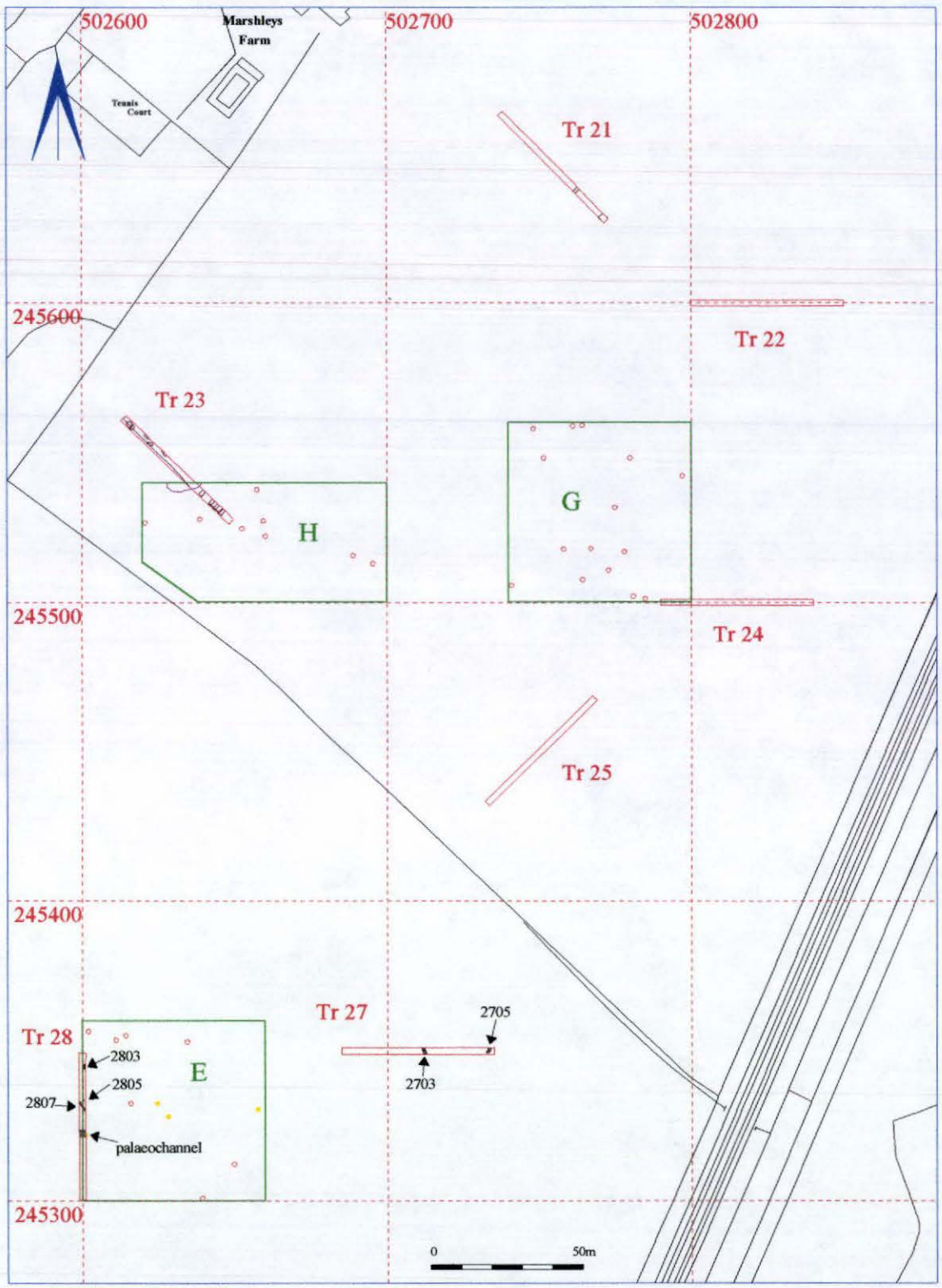


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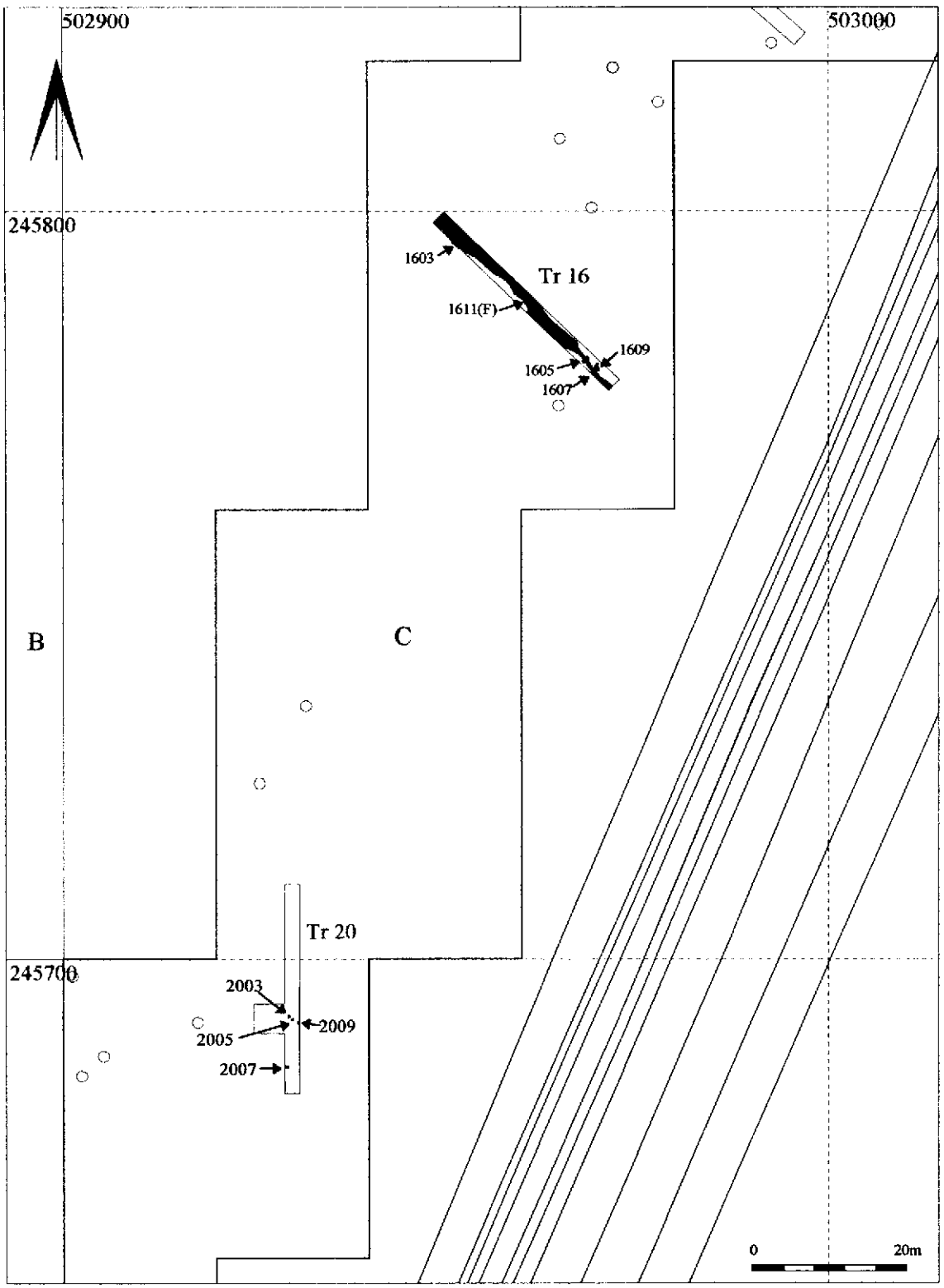


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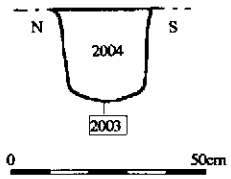


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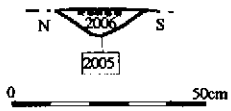


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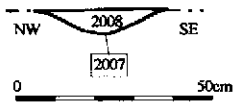


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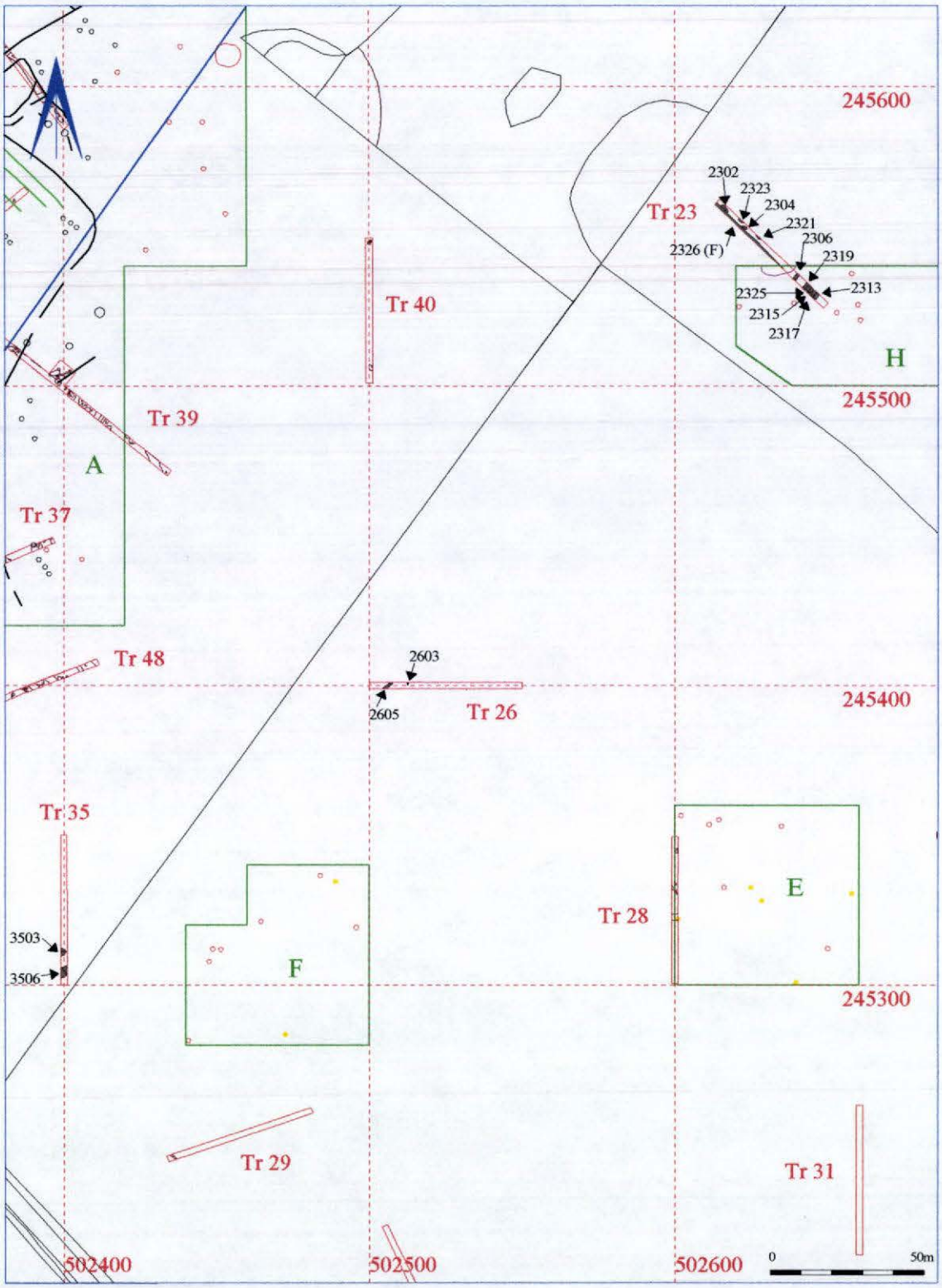
Figure 9; Area II, Sections 84, 85, and 86

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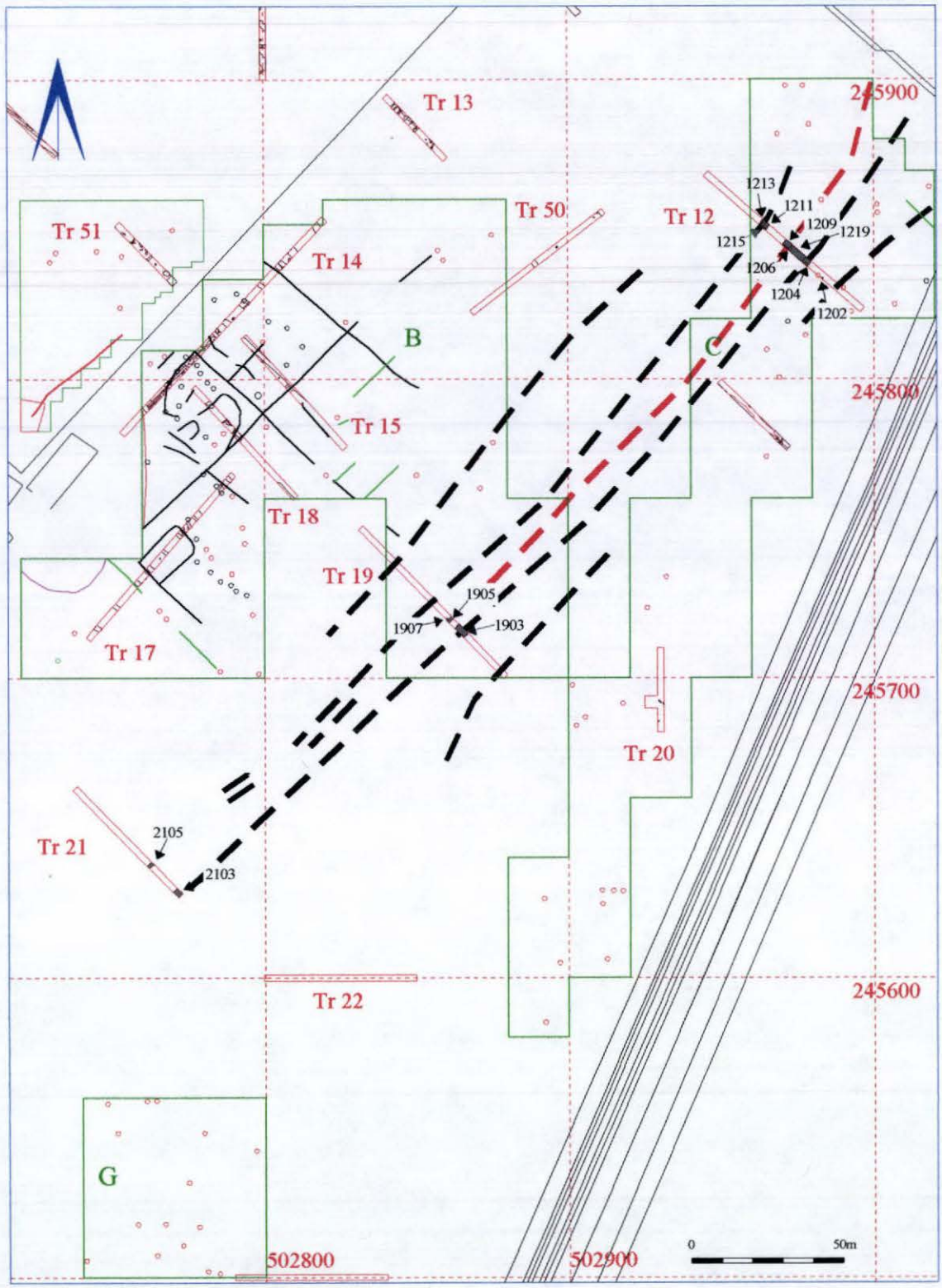


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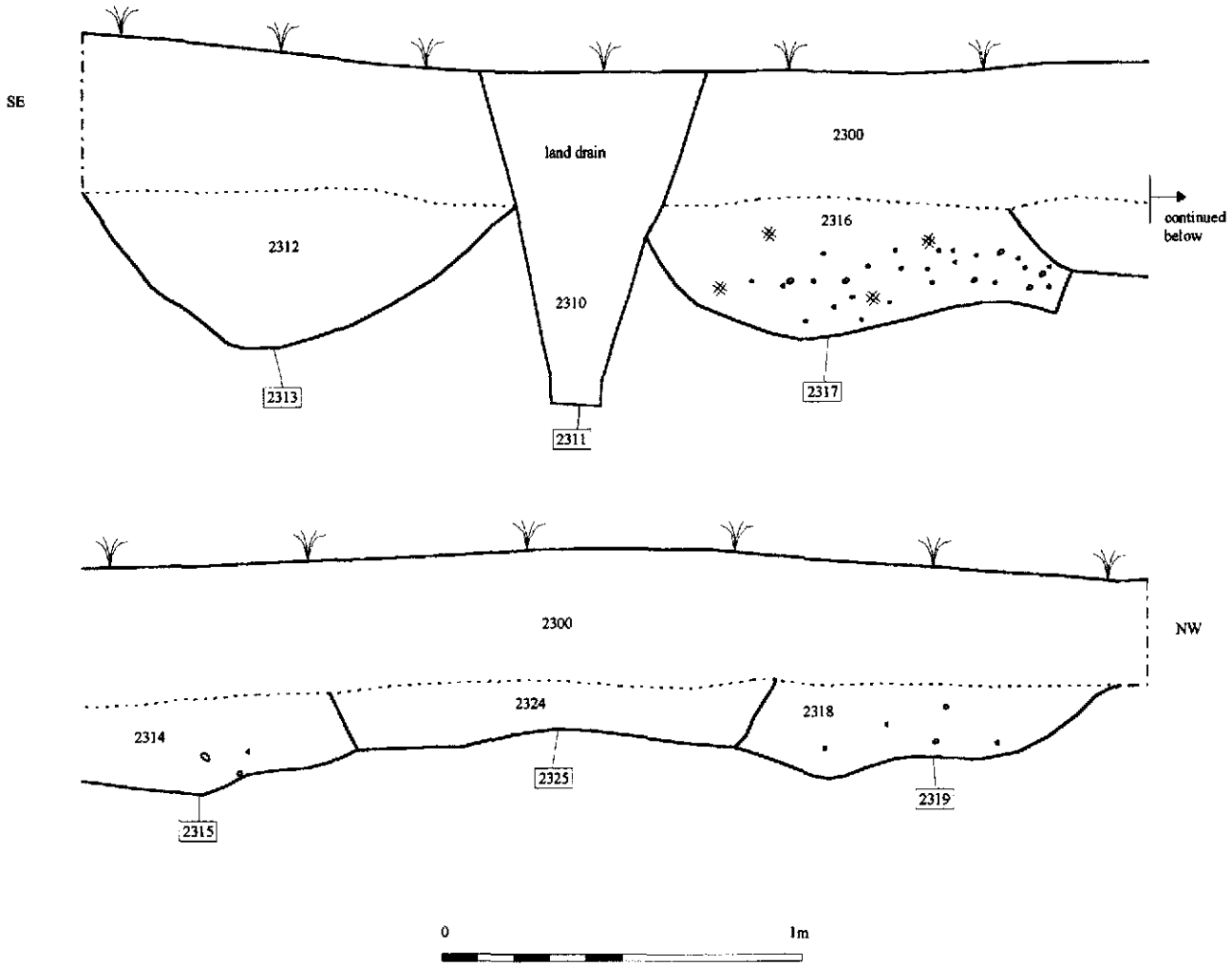


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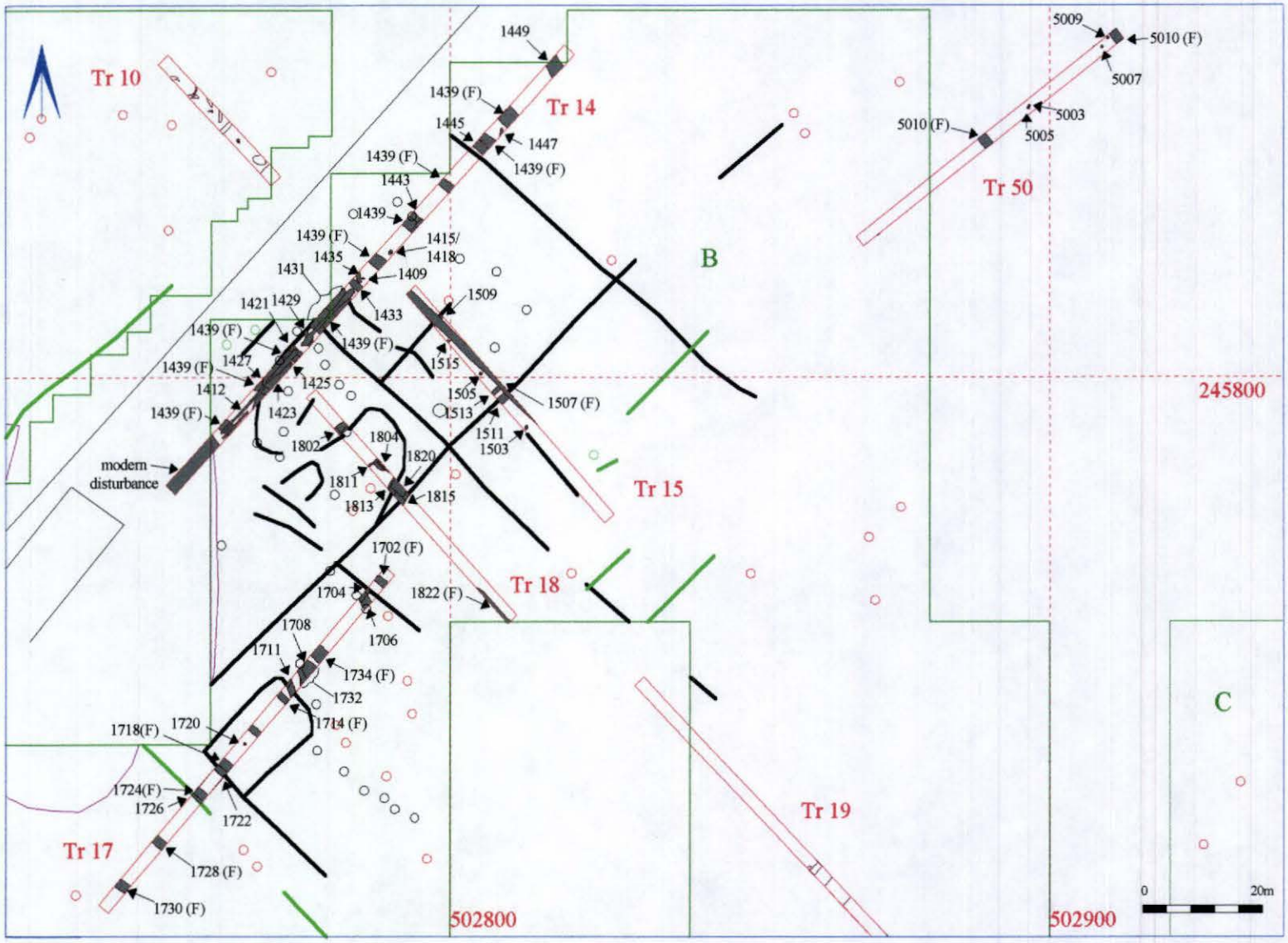


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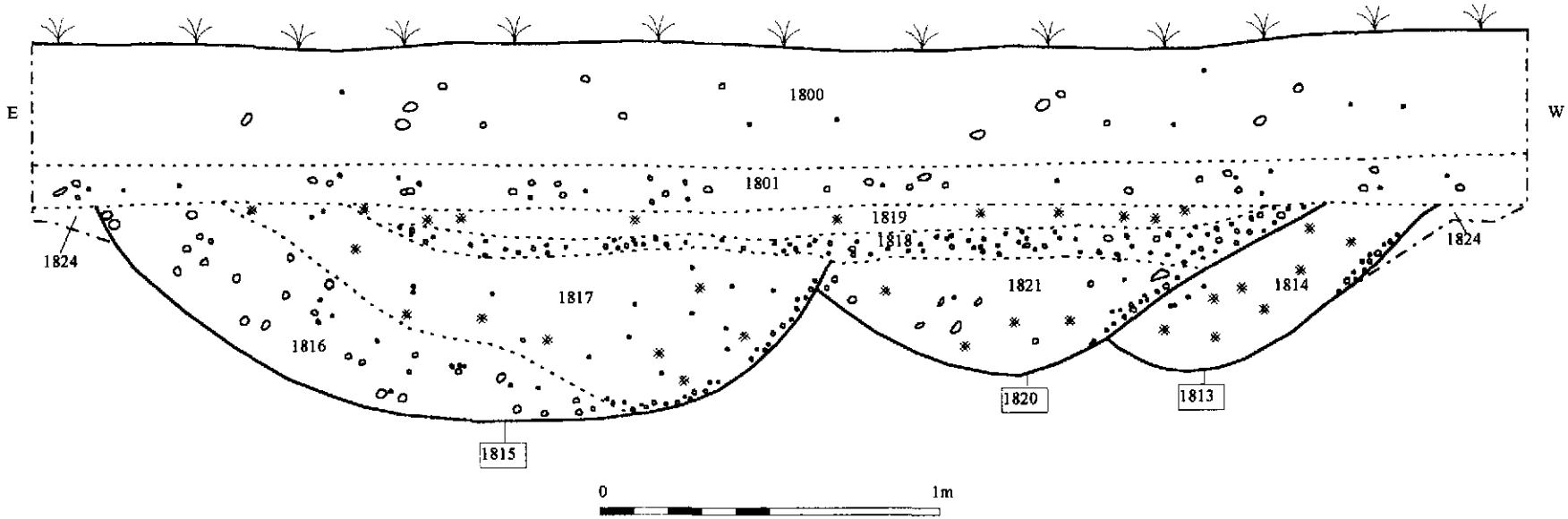


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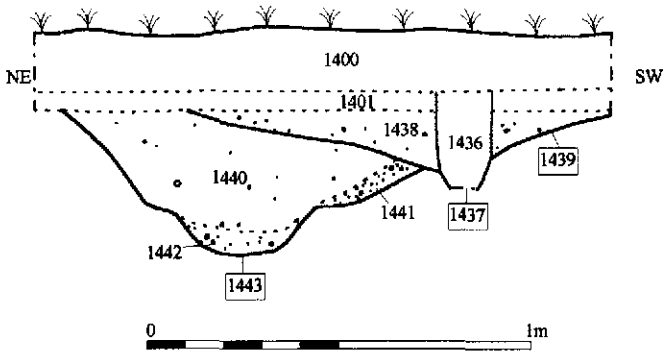


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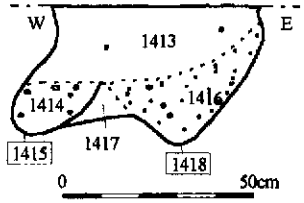


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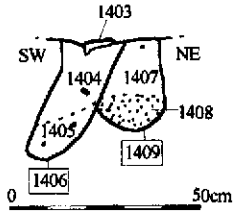


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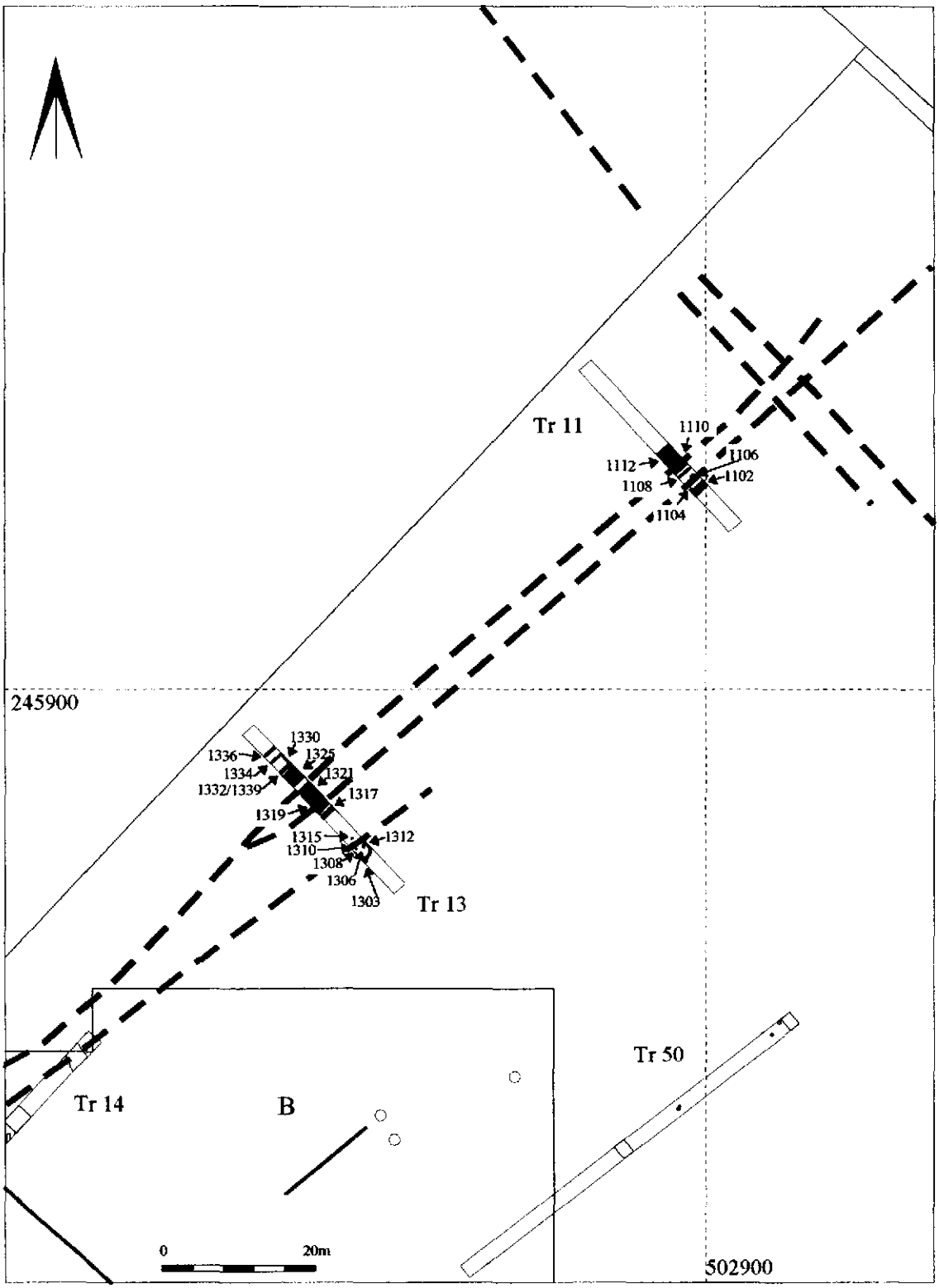


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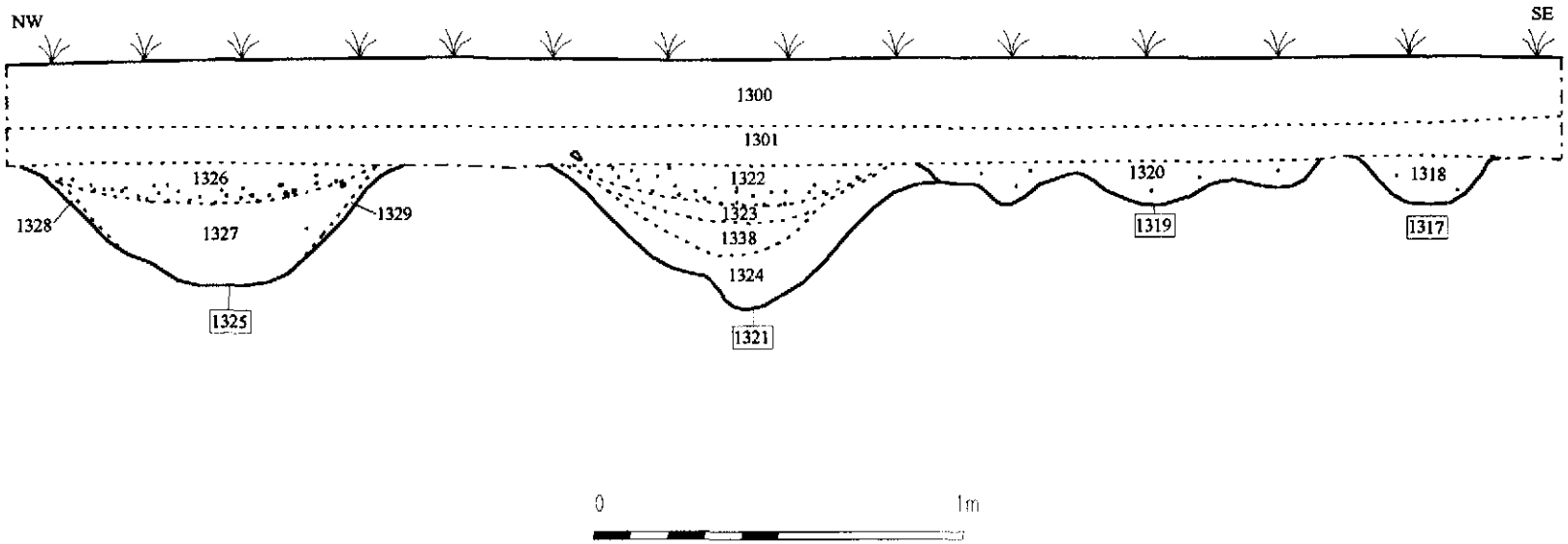


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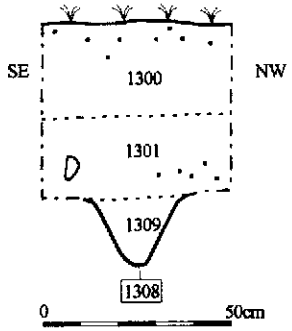


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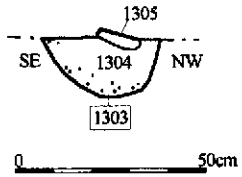


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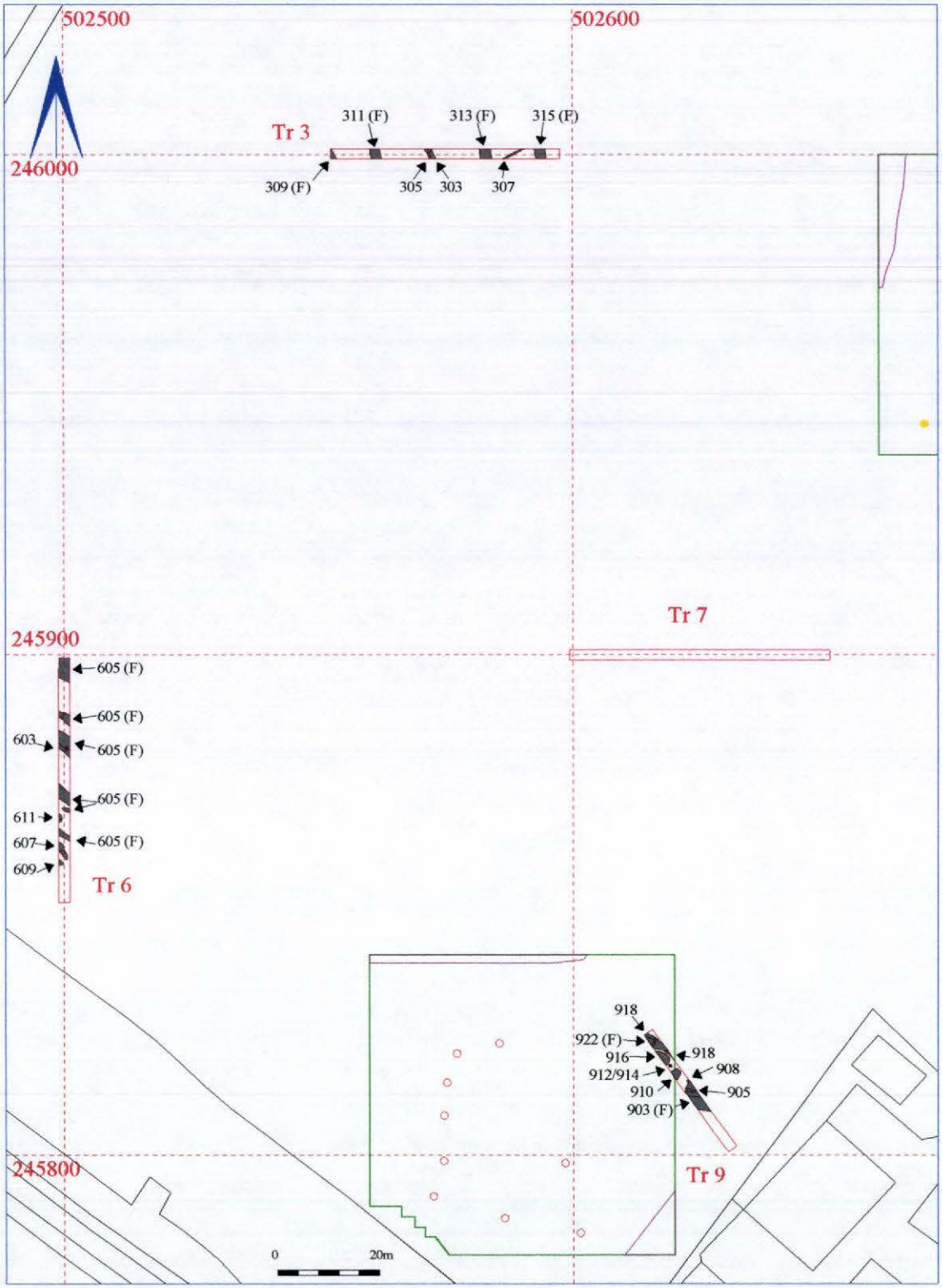


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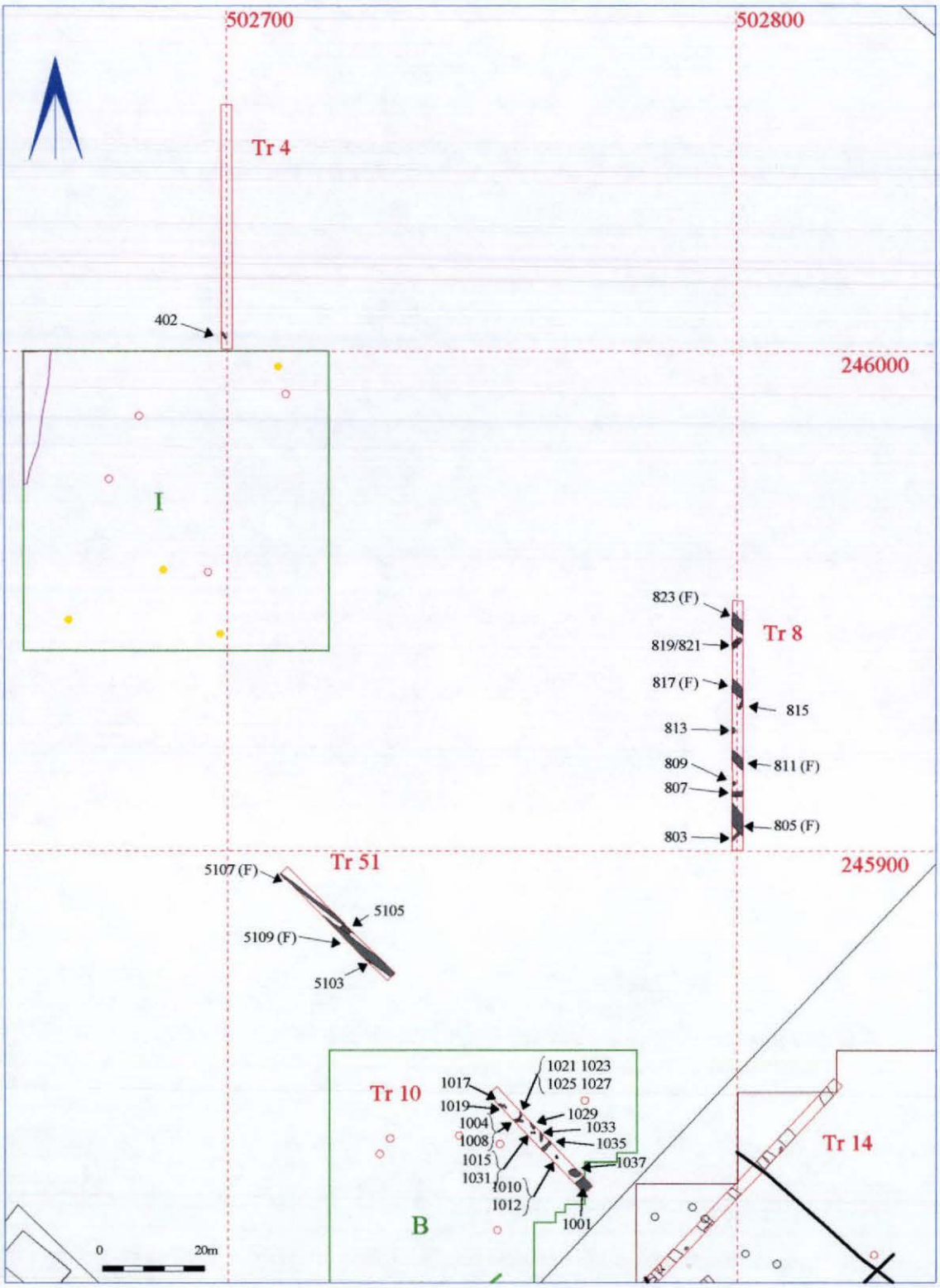


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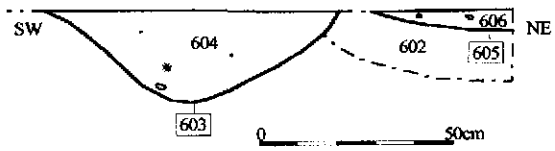


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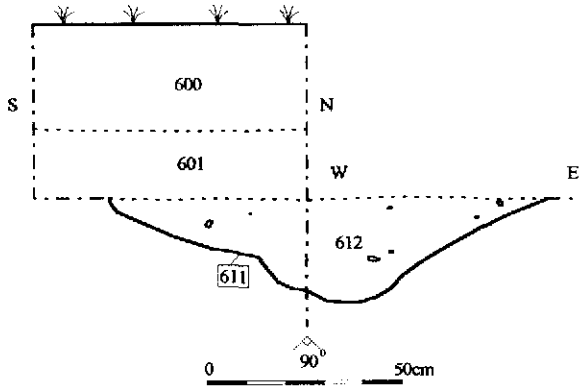


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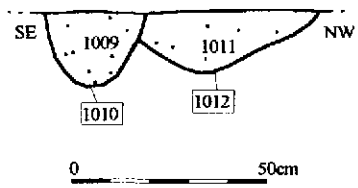


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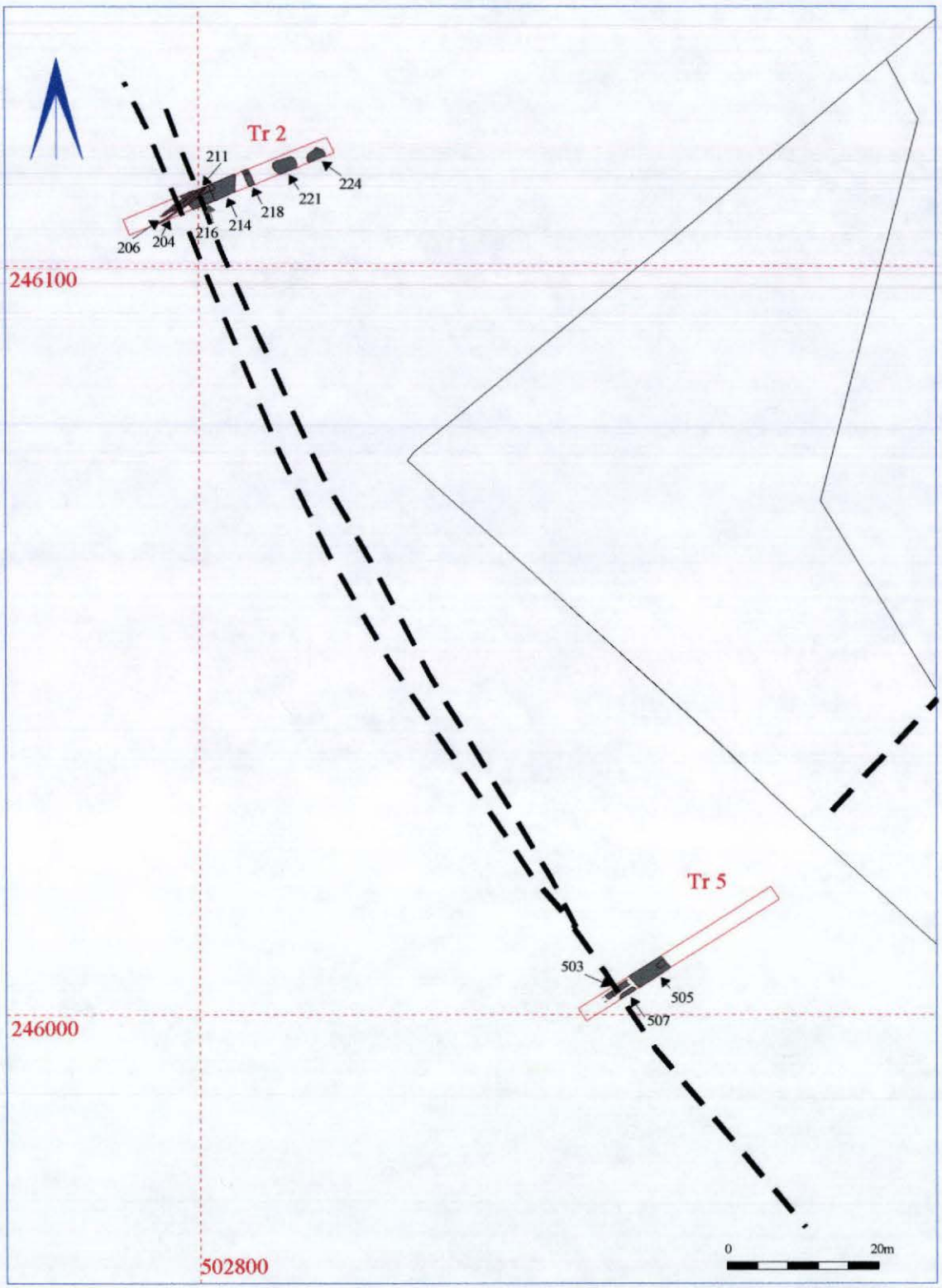


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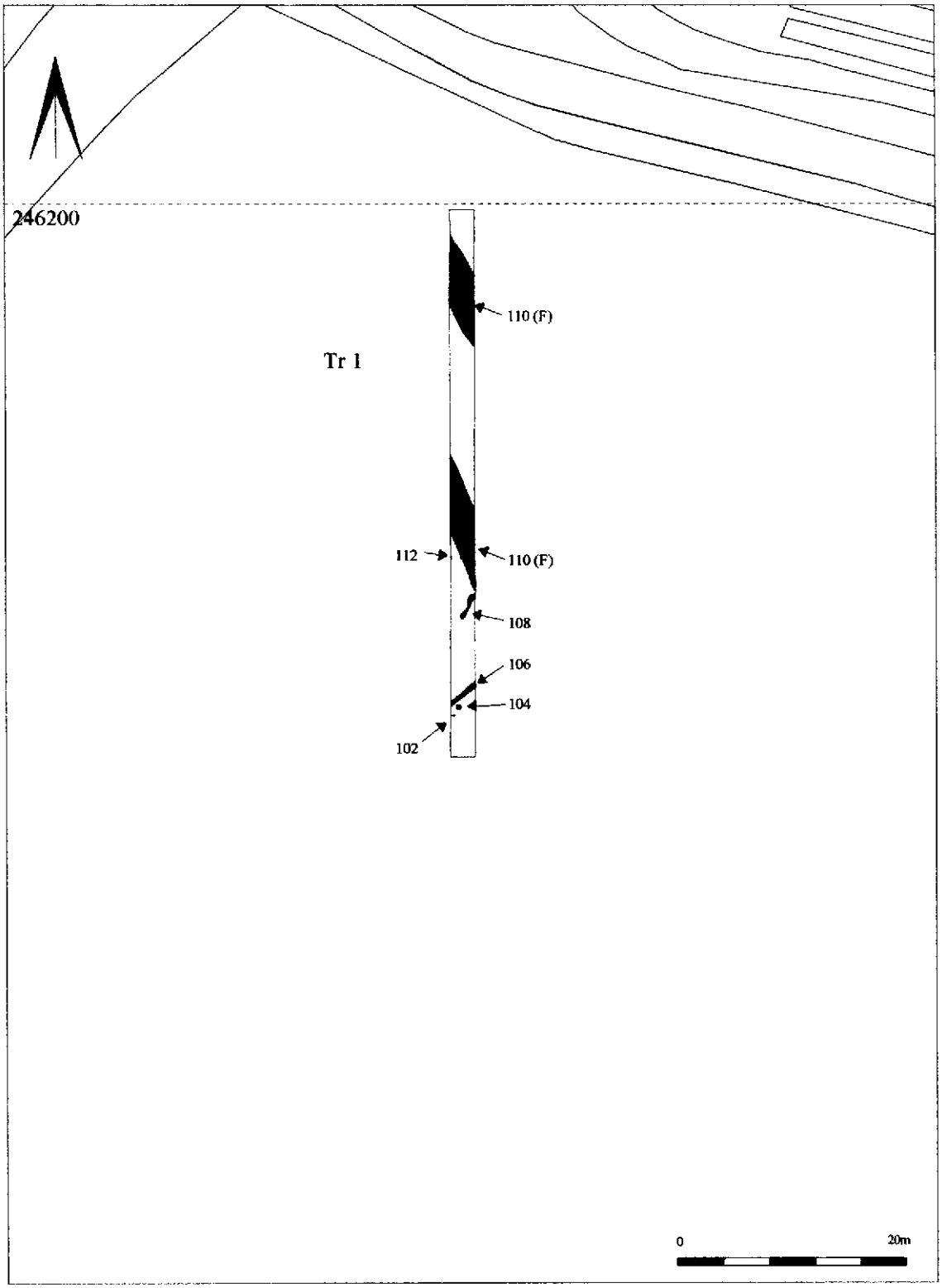


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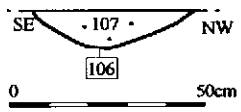


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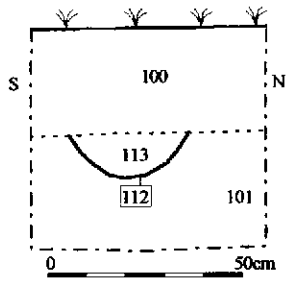


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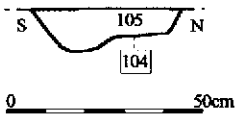


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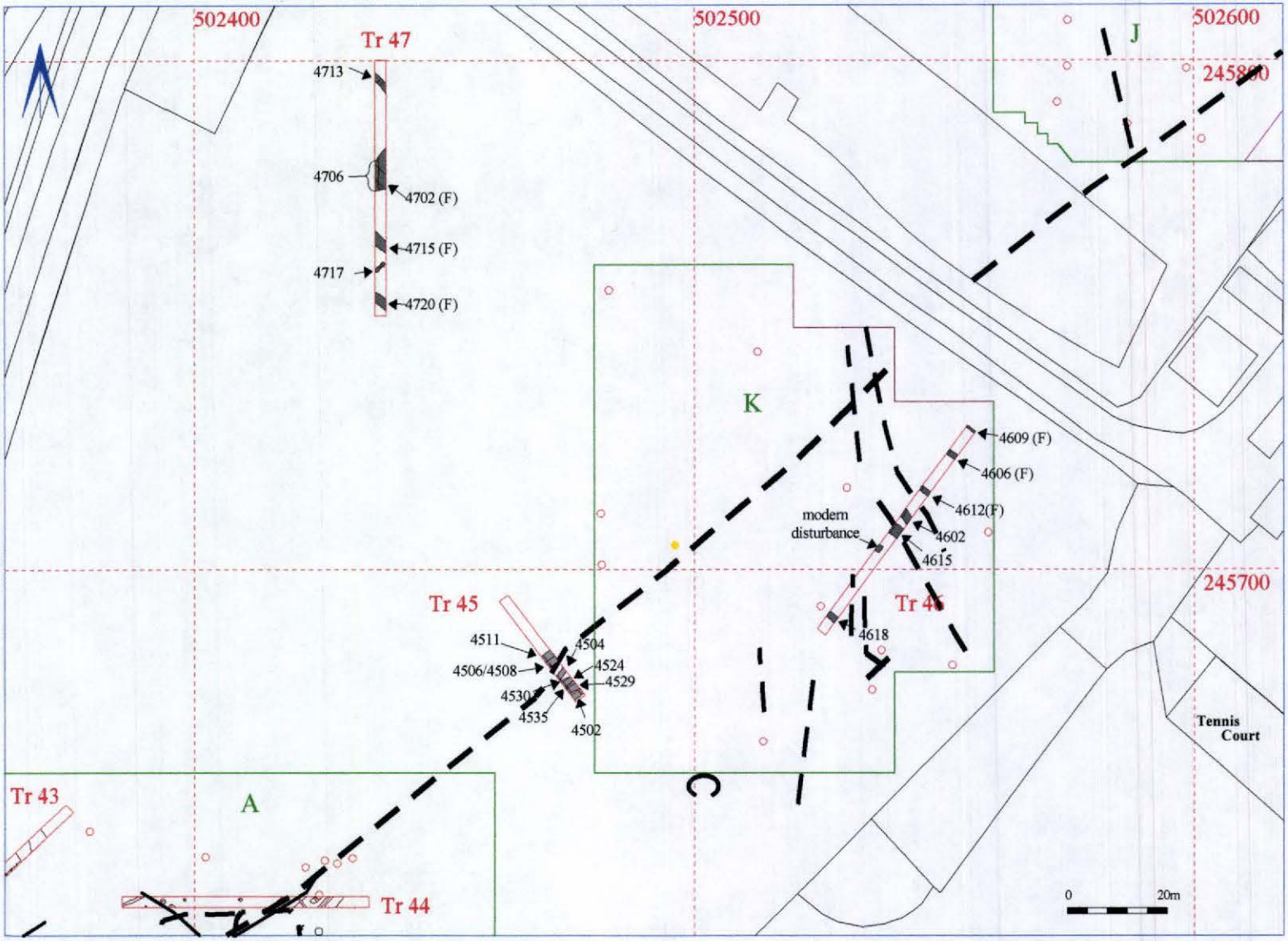


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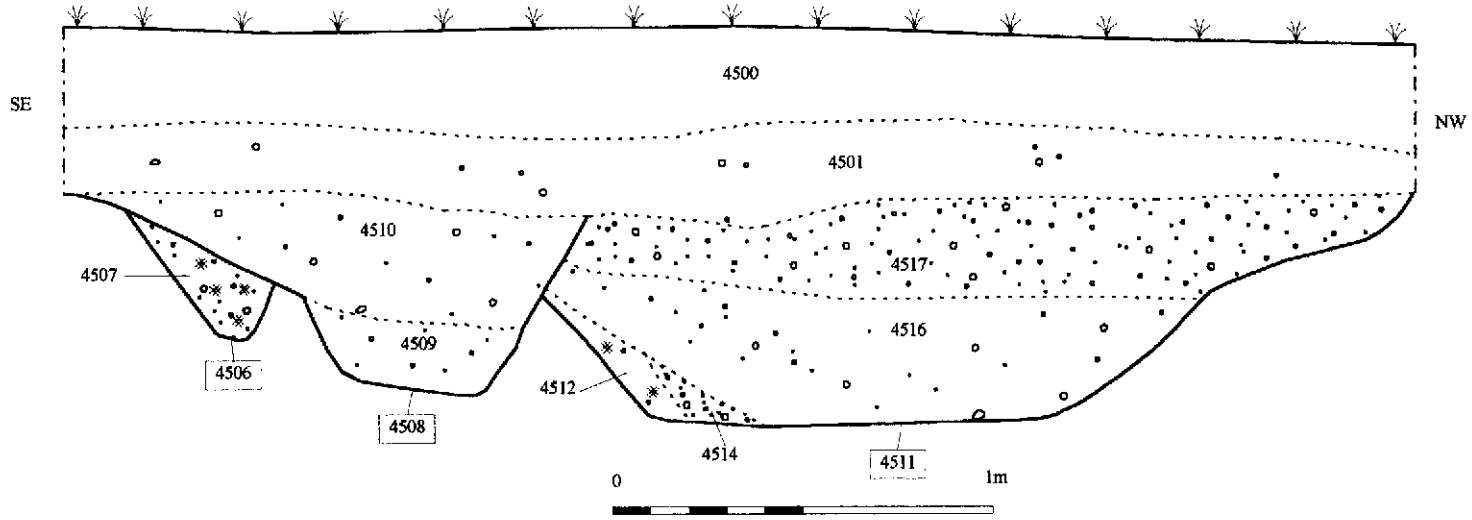


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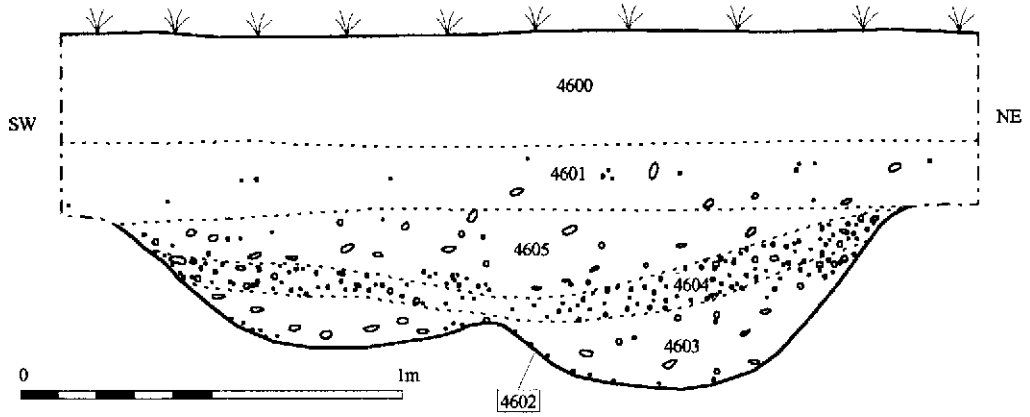


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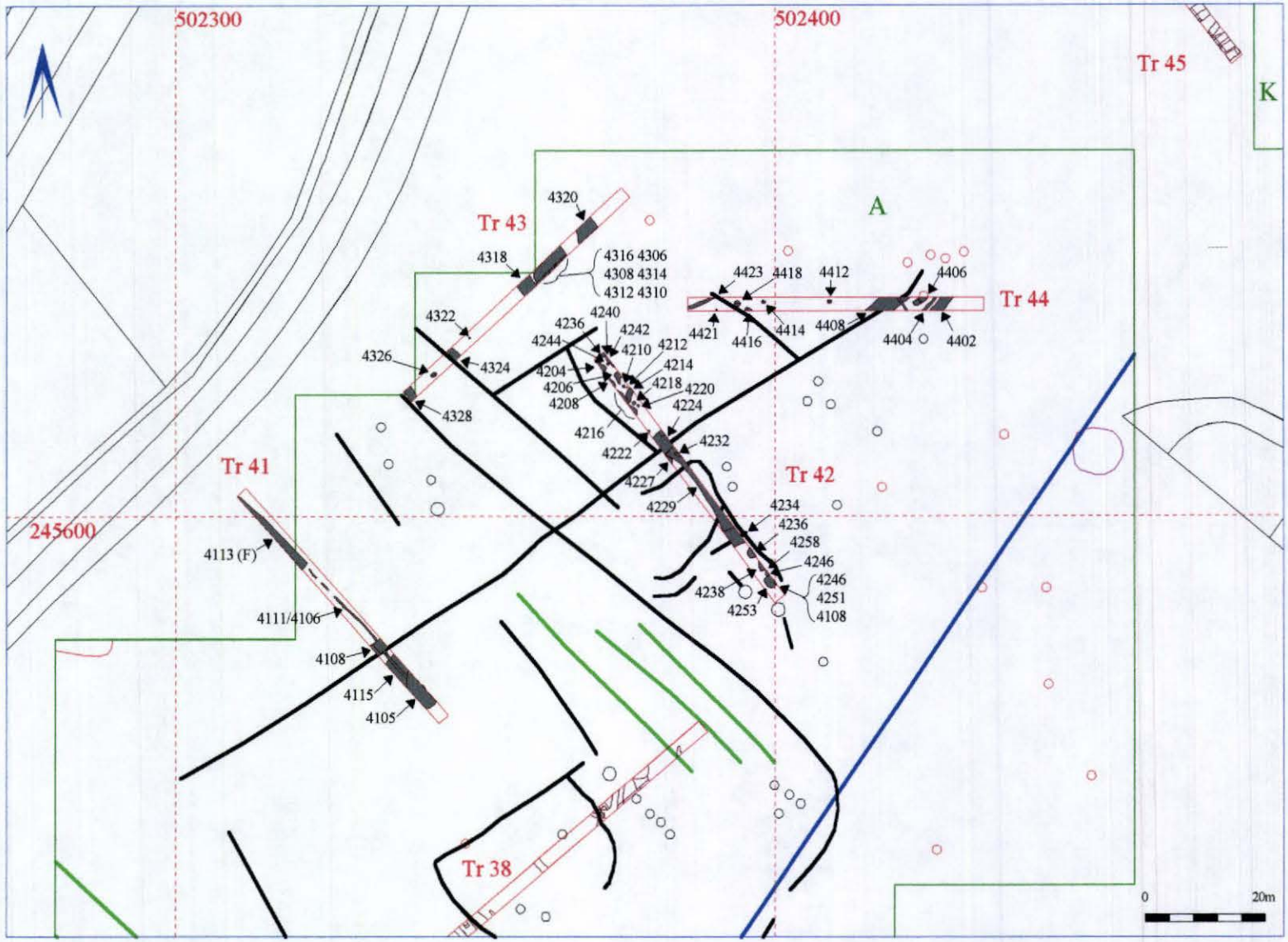
Figure 24; Area IX, sections 11 and 19

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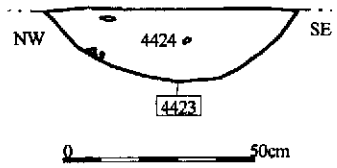


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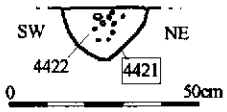


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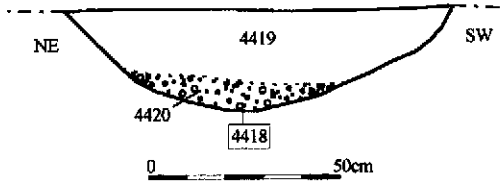


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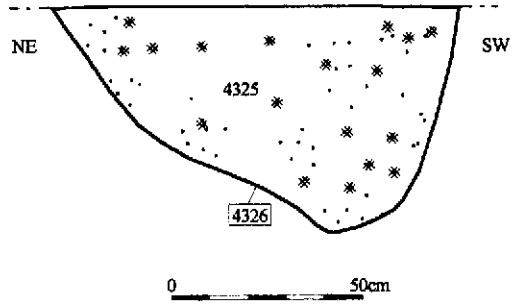


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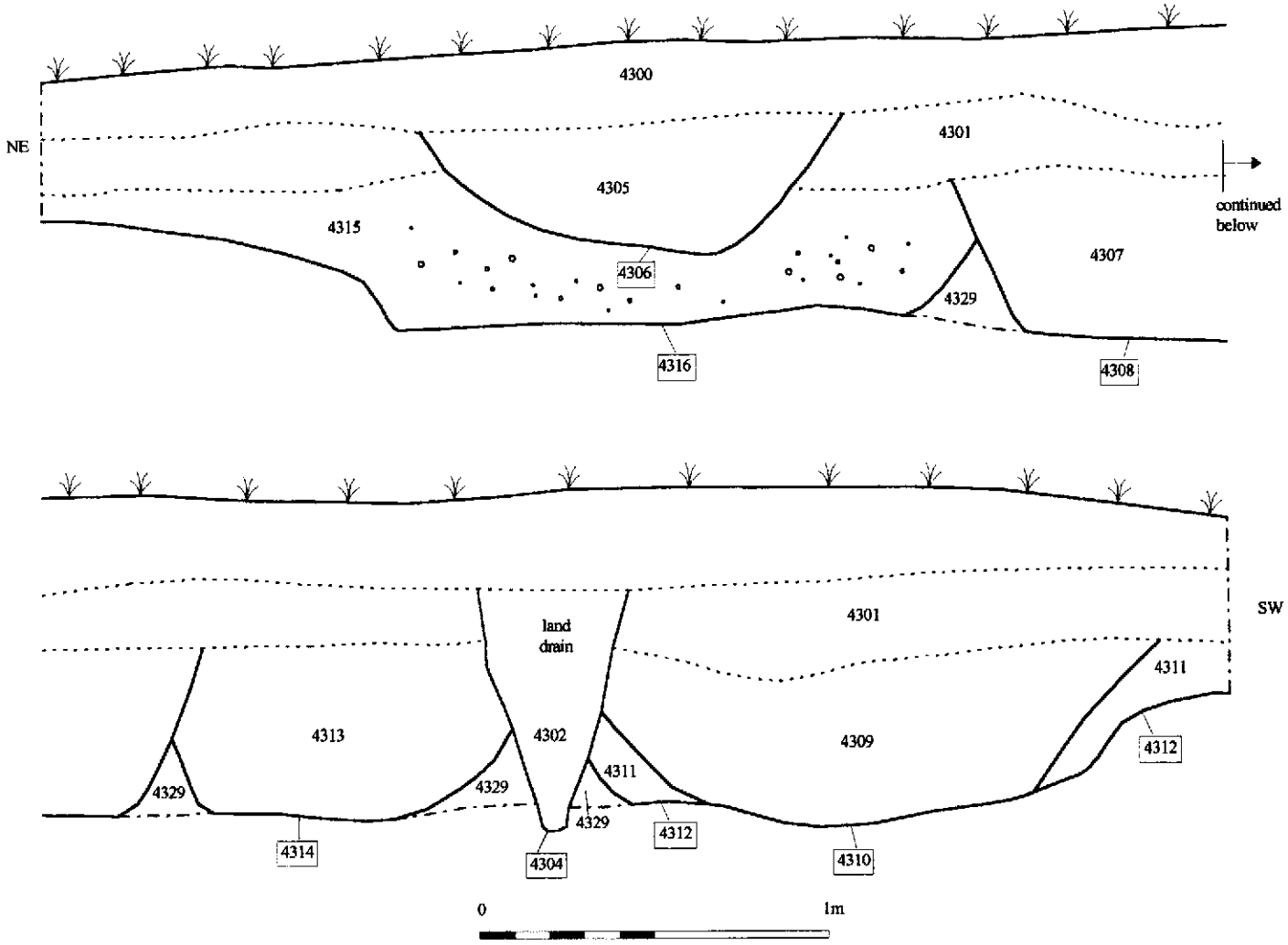
Figure 27; Area X, sections 41, 45, 46, 47, and 50

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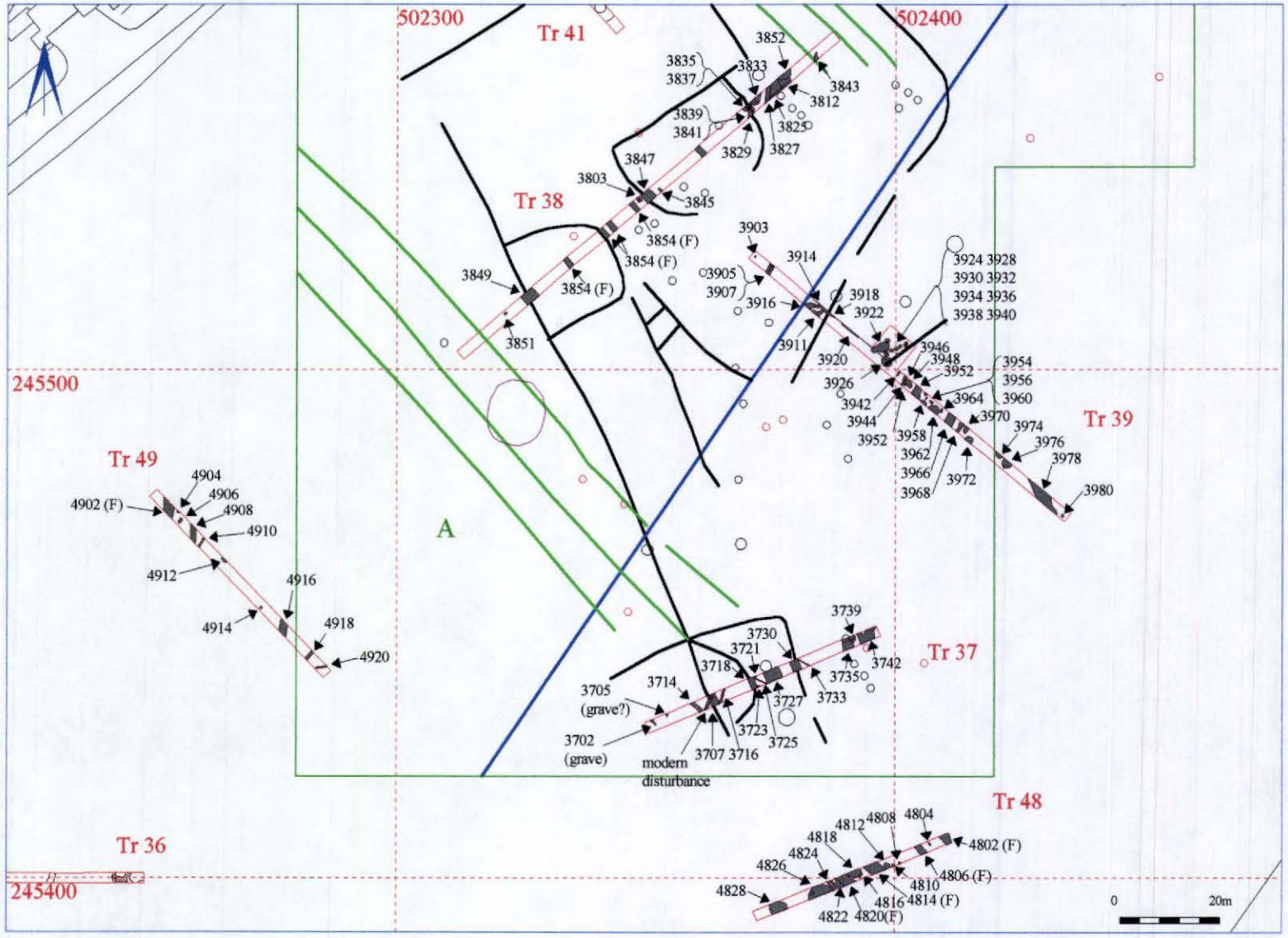


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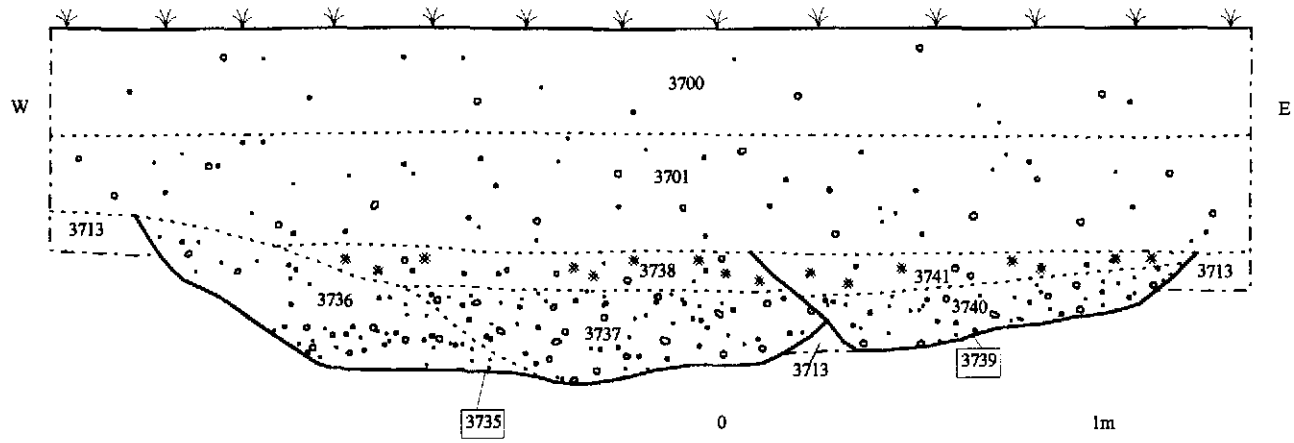


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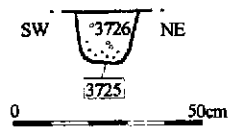


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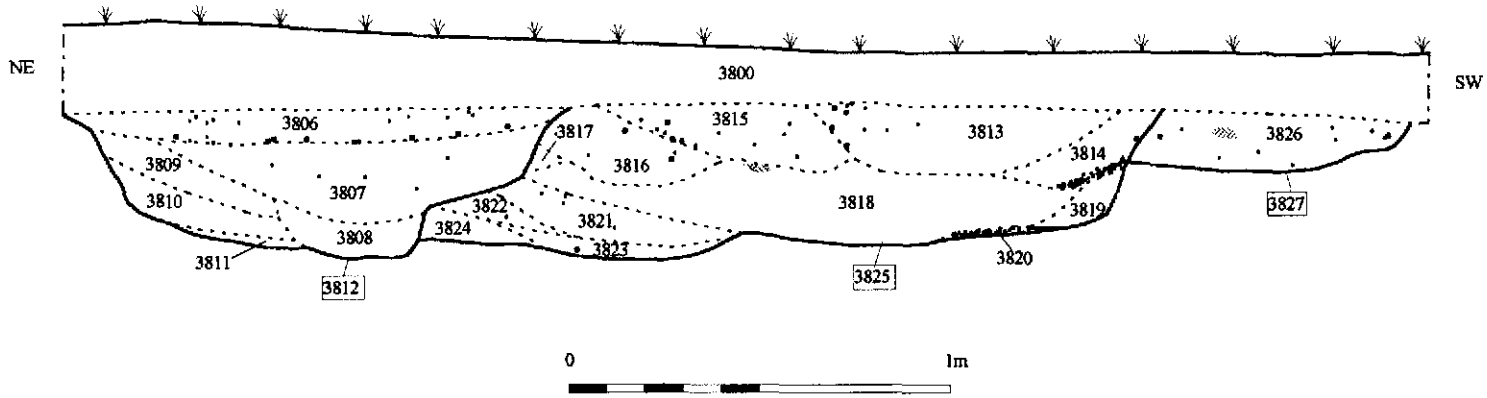


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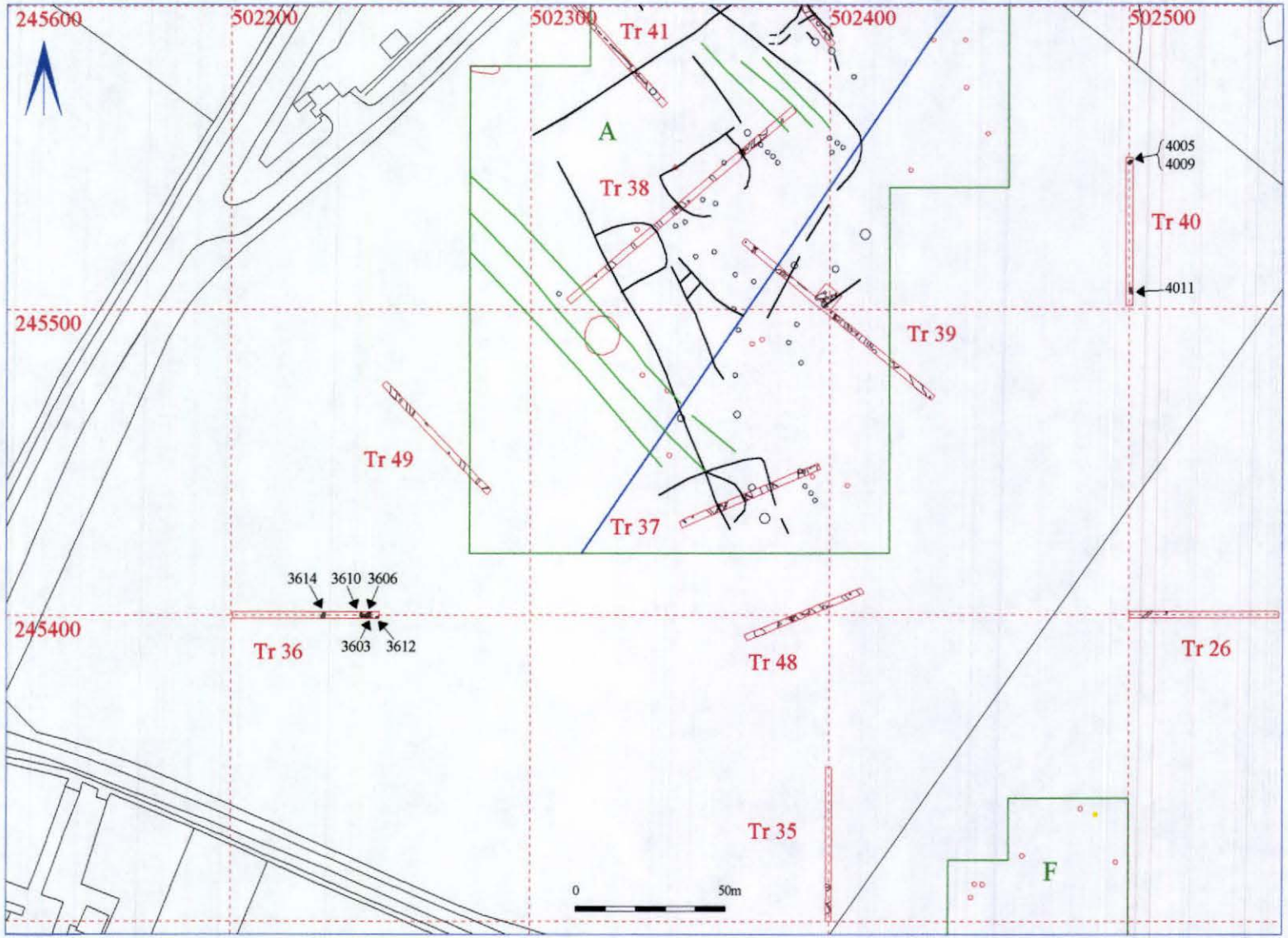
Figure 30; Area XI, sections 29, 30, and 56

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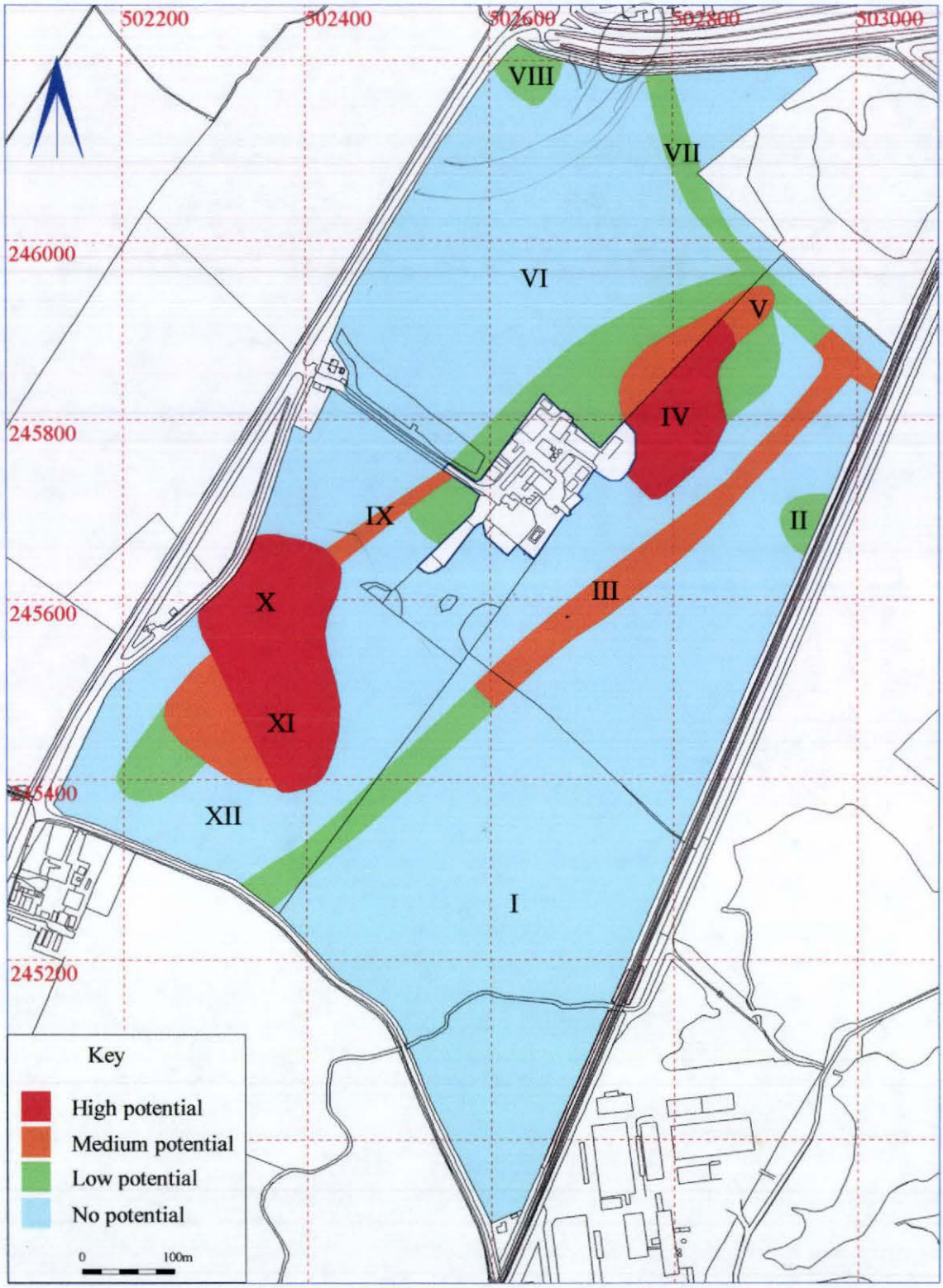
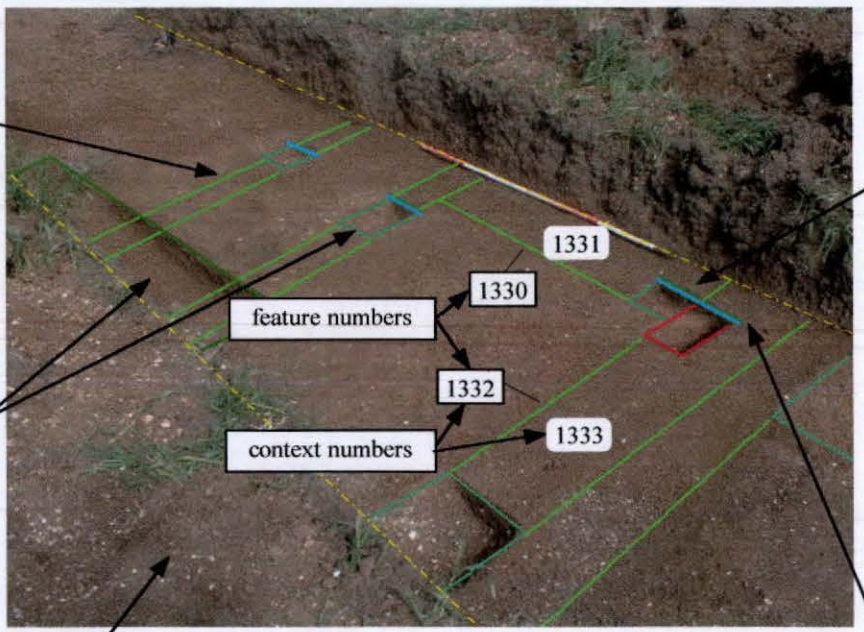



Figure 32; Areas with potential to contain archaeological data

1, FEATURE IDENTIFICATION
After machining **features** such as gullies, post-holes, pits, tree-holes and animal burrows are often visible as darker areas of soil against the lighter undisturbed **natural**.

2, EXCAVATION AND RECORDING
All features are investigated. If they are archaeological a **segment** is excavated. The nature of the deposits is studied and any artefacts in the soil are recovered.

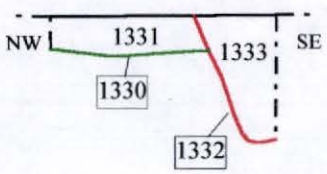



Photograph of gullies at the north-western end of trench 13

3, CONTEXT RECORDING
Descriptions and interpretations of all aspects of the identified feature (e.g. upper and lower fills, and the cut) are recorded as **contexts**. The **context number** given to the cut is also known as its **feature number**.
Written recording takes place on pro-formae sheets.

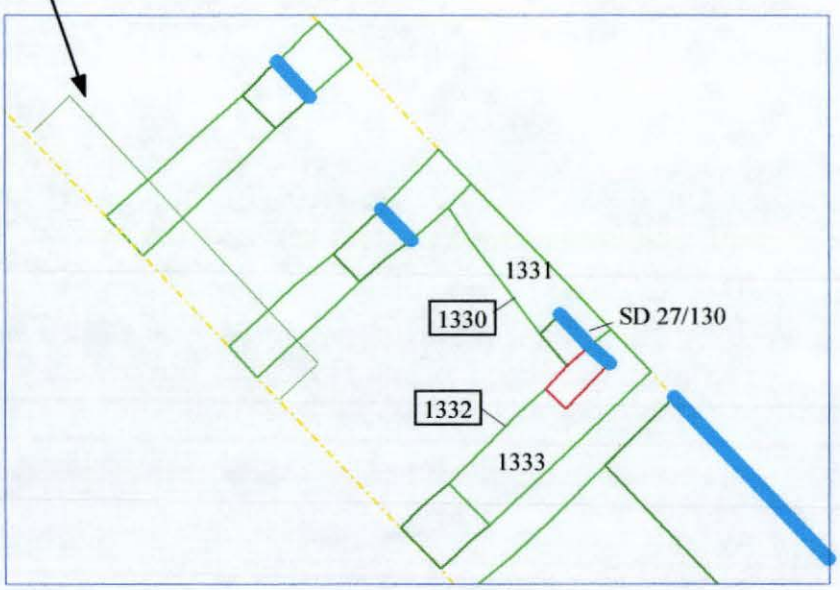
4, SECTION RECORDING
The profile of features and nature of their fills are recorded on scale drawings known as **sections**. These record the distributions of stones and other inclusions and also the relationships between features

5, PLAN RECORDING
The positions of all features are mapped on scale drawings known as **plans**. These show the spatial and stratigraphic relationships of all features, excavated or not. The relevent feature and section numbers are also shown




SD 27/130 ← section number
i.e. section drawing 130 on sheet 27

Section of excavated segment across two intercutting gullies




Plan of area of photograph

Figure 33; Brief explanation of archaeological terms and procedures