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**An Archaeological Evaluation
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Cheddar**

within Scheduled Ancient Monument No. 29673

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Summary

The buildings and grounds of Kings of Wessex school lie within an area designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Plans to erect a new permanent classroom on the southern edge of the school prompted English Heritage and Somerset County Council to request that archaeological evaluation trenches should be opened within the footprint of the proposed new building. Because of the area's scheduled status, the trenches were only opened as far as the surface of the upper archaeological horizon and no further investigations were permitted.

Three trenches with a total length of 75metres were cut. These exposed a number of ditches and gullies, occupation spreads, pits and post-holes. Finds recovered from the machining and surface cleaning were mostly of the Romano-British period but also included medieval, late-Saxon and, possibly, some Iron Age pottery. Metal detecting located three copper alloy coins of the 3rd and 4th centuries, lead waste and a musket ball.

The various orientations of the ditches and gullies suggest that several occupation phases were present, not all necessarily of the Roman period.

1.0 Introduction

The recent scheduling of the school and its grounds requires that all construction or earth moving projects within the scheduled area require Scheduled Monument Consent and the approval of English Heritage. In 1999, an archaeological watching brief carried out during surface stripping prior to the construction of a new classroom block, now known as 'Block K', resulted in the recording of an aisled barn of the Romano-British period (RAB/6/99 on figure 1). As a consequence of this discovery Block K was constructed on a raised pad to protect the archaeological horizon below.

The new building is to stand immediately to the west of Block K and is contiguous with it; its position is shown on figure 2.

2.0 Archaeological and Historical Background

The archaeological and historical background to the site was covered by the authors in their two recent reports on the 1999 and 2000 watching briefs. The finds and features recorded in those projects, taken in conjunction with those from the other 1999 watching briefs by R. A. Broomhead and Wessex Archaeology, plus discoveries from the 1980's and 1990's by AC Archaeology, The Oxford Archaeology Unit and R. A. Broomhead, have emphasised the wide spread of Romano-British material stretching from the church in the east to the area of the new Leisure Complex to the west of the school. In addition, an archaeological evaluation at Cheddar Old Showground, north of Bath Road and immediately north-west of the school, also recovered some Romano-British material including a large ditch from which a radiocarbon¹⁴ assessment centring on about AD500 was obtained. This impressive range of Romano-British material, taken in conjunction with the national importance of the Saxon and Medieval royal halls recorded below the school by Philip Rahtz in the 1960's, resulted in the scheduling of the school grounds.

Because all of the school grounds have now been included within the scheduled area, and as a consequence of which any further detailed archaeological investigations within the school area are now unlikely to occur, a new report containing a full review of all the archaeological projects which have taken place at the school, including those of the 1960's, would probably be a worthwhile project.

3.0 The Archaeological Evaluation - Methods

3.1 The evaluation took place between Monday September 4th and Monday September 11th. The site was backfilled on Tuesday 12th September 2000.

3.2 C. and N. Hollinrake, Consultant Archaeologists, were commissioned to undertake the archaeological works by Ms. Debbie Ford of Somerset Property Services, and their appointment was approved by Mr. Rob Isles of English Heritage.

The archaeological works were carried out by Charles and Nancy Hollinrake, assisted by Keith Faxon, Bruce Eaton and Arthur Hollinrake. The excavating machine was provided by Gerald Doble of Compton Dundon and operated by Roy Greuter.

3.3 Because pupils returned to the school for the autumn term during the week that the archaeological works took place, Herras Fencing was erected around the trench. This was arranged by Gerald Doble and erected by the site crew.

3.4 The plan of the evaluation trenches was set out in a brief by Mr. R. A. Croft, Field Archaeologist for Somerset County Council. The plan was slightly modified by the position of a gas main which runs from the north-west corner of Block K towards the north-west.

3.5 The trenches were opened by an excavating machine using a 6ft ditching bucket. Trench 1, on the east, was opened first from north to the south, followed by Trench 2 from east to west and then Trench 3.

3.6 The machine removed material under archaeological supervision. Between 0.3metres and 0.4metres of topsoil and cultivation soil was removed down to either a buried occupation deposit or to deposits of natural clays or gravels through which artificial features had been cut.

3.7 The exposed surfaces and the trench sides were then hand cleaned. Surface finds were bagged and numbered and their position noted. On the trench plans, figures 5 through to 8, the cleaning bags have been marked by 'C' numbers and comprise C1 to C38. The finds have been marked with those numbers and with the **Somerset County Council Accession number: 62/1999**, the same accession number used for the 1999 and 2000 watching briefs. To avoid any confusion with finds from those projects, sherds from this evaluation have also been marked by the **site code: CKW00**. The full finds list is contained in the Finds Table. A metal detector operated by Keith Faxon was used on the surface of the trenches and on the spoil heaps and the position of those finds is shown on the site plan by 'D' numbers, D1 to D6. After cleaning had been completed, the metal detector picked up signals from inside the trenches, none of these were investigated, however, and their position has been marked on the surface of the trenches by blank, white, plastic tags which will be preserved below the terram and sand which now protects that archaeological horizon.

3.8 The trenches were then planned at a scale of 1:20 and selected sections were drawn at a scale of 1:10. Context numbers were assigned to all archaeological features and deposits and to natural geological deposits. Levels were taken throughout, the Ordnance Survey benchmark used is situated on the north side of the tower of the parish church which has a value of 10.41 metres above Ordnance Datum. Temporary benchmarks were established on manhole covers situated to the north and north-east of the trenches.

3.9 The evaluation was also recorded photographically using colour slides, black and white and colour prints. The project was monitored by Mr. R. A. Croft for Somerset County Council and by Mr. Rob Isles for English Heritage.

4.0 The Archaeological Evaluation - Results

4.1 The turf and topsoil was removed by machine followed by a mid-brown sandy cultivated soil which contained few finds. Both these deposits were assigned a single context number, [101]. Below [101] was a discontinuous deposit of loose, small stones and gravels, context [102], which contained small fragments of broken and abraded pottery, including post-medieval sherds, and fragments of animal bone, and which has been interpreted as a worm-sorted layer resulting from ploughing and cultivation. [102] was generally removed by the machine so that archaeological deposits and features below it could be exposed and planned. Most of the unstratified finds from trenches 1 to 3 which were recovered during the machining originated from context [102].

In the trench descriptions below, all interpretation as to date and function are necessarily tentative due to the lack of investigation.

4.2 Trench 1 see figure 5

4.2.1 Trench 1 was oriented NNE-SSW and was approximately 12metres long. In the northern part of the trench the base comprised dirty, natural gravels in clay, context [103]. Cut through the gravels were a number of artificial features including a probable pit, [112], by the junction with trench 2. [112] appears to be later than other features and deposits around it.

4.2.2 In the northern part of the trench was fill [106] and a number of probable post-holes. On the section shown on figure 9, contexts [106] and [110] appear to have been cut through the stony layer [102] and this might indicate that they, and possibly the other adjacent post-holes [107] to [109], are post-Roman in origin, possibly Dark Age or Saxon.

4.2.3 The approximate orientation of features in Trench 1 appears to be either SW to NE or, at ninety degrees to that, SE to NW.

4.3 Trench 2 see figures 5, 6 and 7.

4.3.1 Trench 2 was slightly over 45metres long and oriented east-west. Figures 5, 6 and 7 show the trench plan divided into east, central and west segments.

4.3.2 Natural deposits in trench 2 were either natural gravels in a matrix of yellow sandy clay or brown clay or deposits of a sandy orange clay, and these are listed in the Context Table.

4.3.3 Post-medieval and modern features included service trenches or land drains, contexts [223], [233] and [239], and the remnants of the base of the demolished 19th century railway embankment at the western end of the trench, context [201]. Figure 10 shows the section at the west end of trench 2. The dump material forming the base of the old embankment, [201], is clearly defined and nearer to the eastern end of that section, the height from which service trench [233] was cut can also be seen.

4.3.4 The trench plans show a number of ditch or gully features with varying alignments. Some are approximately SW-NE or SE-NW: contexts [210], [228]; [232] and [235]. Other features are aligned approximately N-S: contexts [217], [221], [224] and [226]. Of these, context [217] appears to represent a large ditch ca.5metres wide. The other features are assumed to be boundary ditches or gullies or drainage ditches and some probably represent more than one feature.

4.4 Trench 3 see figure 8

4.4.1 Trench 4 was oriented north-south and was ca.15metres long. The only natural deposit recorded in this trench were stony gravels [303] and sandy clay [313].

4.4.2 Modern or post-medieval contexts are probably represented by the service trench [304], the same feature as [233], and possibly by post-holes [309] and [307]. Both of these had soft silty fills and [309] still contained fragments of a wooden post.

4.4.3 At the north end of the trench was an alignment of three small post-holes oriented N-S, contexts [314] to [316].

4.4.4 A possible ditch fill is represented by context [312] which shares the same alignment as [228]. [228] appears to be contiguous with fill [308] and [308] is contiguous with probable ditch fill [306]. It is possible that [312], [228], [306] and [308] form three sides of a rectangular ditched feature, possibly also with post-holes [229] to [231]. The edges of [312] and [306] are partly obscured by stony clay deposits [305] and [311], these contexts probably equating with stones [102].

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Little more can be said about the various features and deposits recorded in the trench. It is obvious that this area contains many surviving archaeological features and deposits. The variety of ditch orientation suggests that there are different occupation phases, not all of Romano-British date.

5.2 Enough late-Saxon and early medieval pottery sherds were recovered to assume that settlement of those periods occurred on in the immediate vicinity of the evaluation trench and possibly contexts [106] and the adjacent post-holes might be of that date.

5.3 A few possible prehistoric sherds were also recovered. These might be of the later-Iron Age period and one sherd of greyware was of a bead rim which probably dates it to the 1st century BC or the 1st century AD.

5.4 Although no obvious Romano-British structures were recognised, the amount of pottery and other finds taken in conjunction with the pits, postholes and ditches does indicate settlement within this area.

5.5 The archaeological horizon appears to begin between 9.40metres and 9.30metres above Ordnance Datum. Figures 3 and 4 show the levels in Trench 1 and the eastern end of Trench 2 and the height of existing buildings adjacent to the evaluation trench. The deposits in Trench 2 are relatively level and this section, figure 4, will suffice for the whole trench.

The report on the 1999 watching brief immediately to the east below Block K was not available when this report was written and so levels between the two sites cannot be compared and neither have comparisons been made with other archaeological projects within the school grounds.

6.0 Backfilling

After the recording had been completed, a terram membrane was placed in the base of the trench to protect the archaeological horizon and this was then covered by approximately 5cms of sand before backfilling utilising the original spoil.

7.0 The Archive

The archive for this project and for the two earlier watching briefs, including field plans and sections and inked plans and sections, drawing lists, photographs and photograph lists and finds, will be stored at 12 Bove Town, Glastonbury, until permission has been received to place the material with the County Museum and the Somerset Records Office in Taunton.

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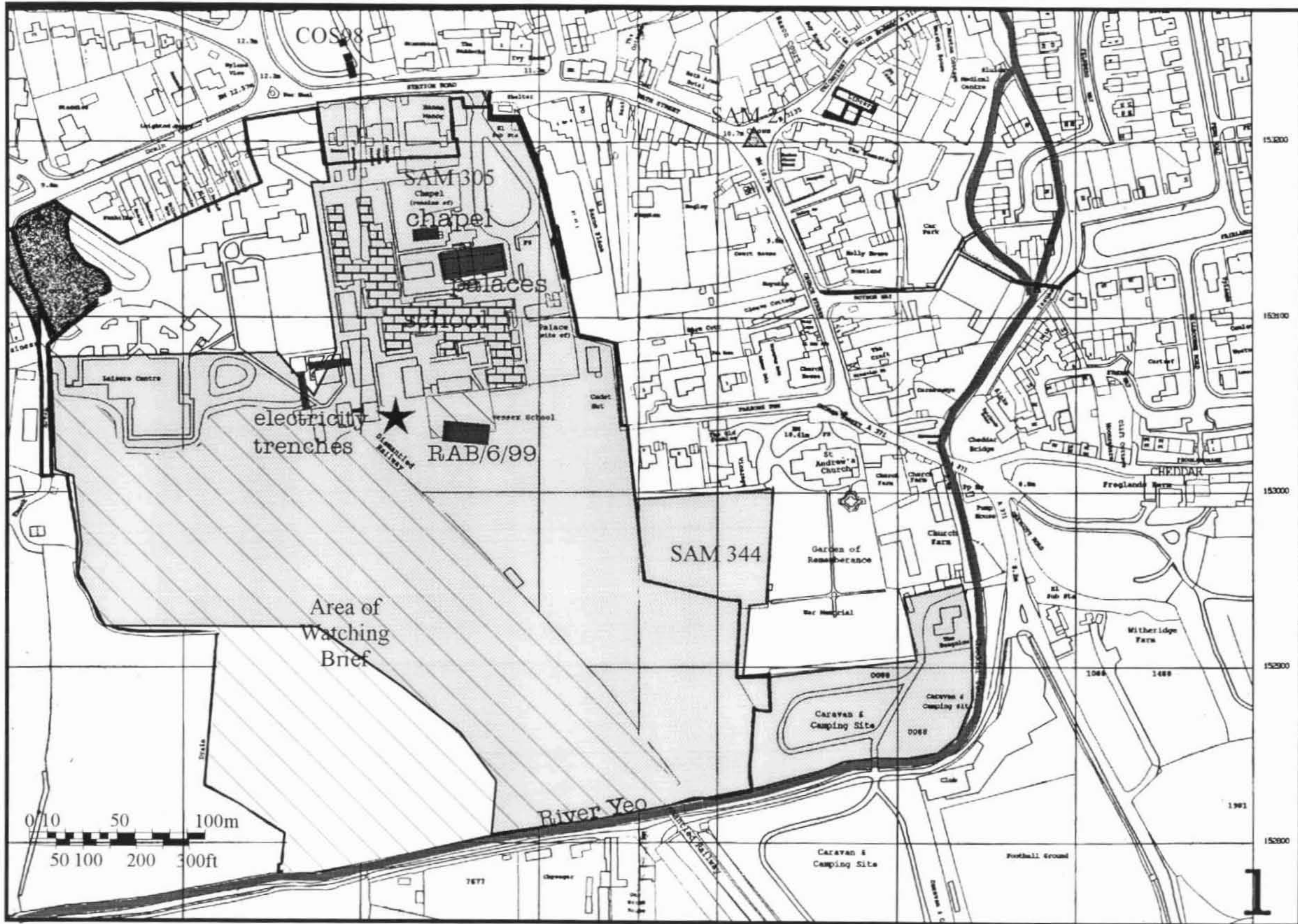
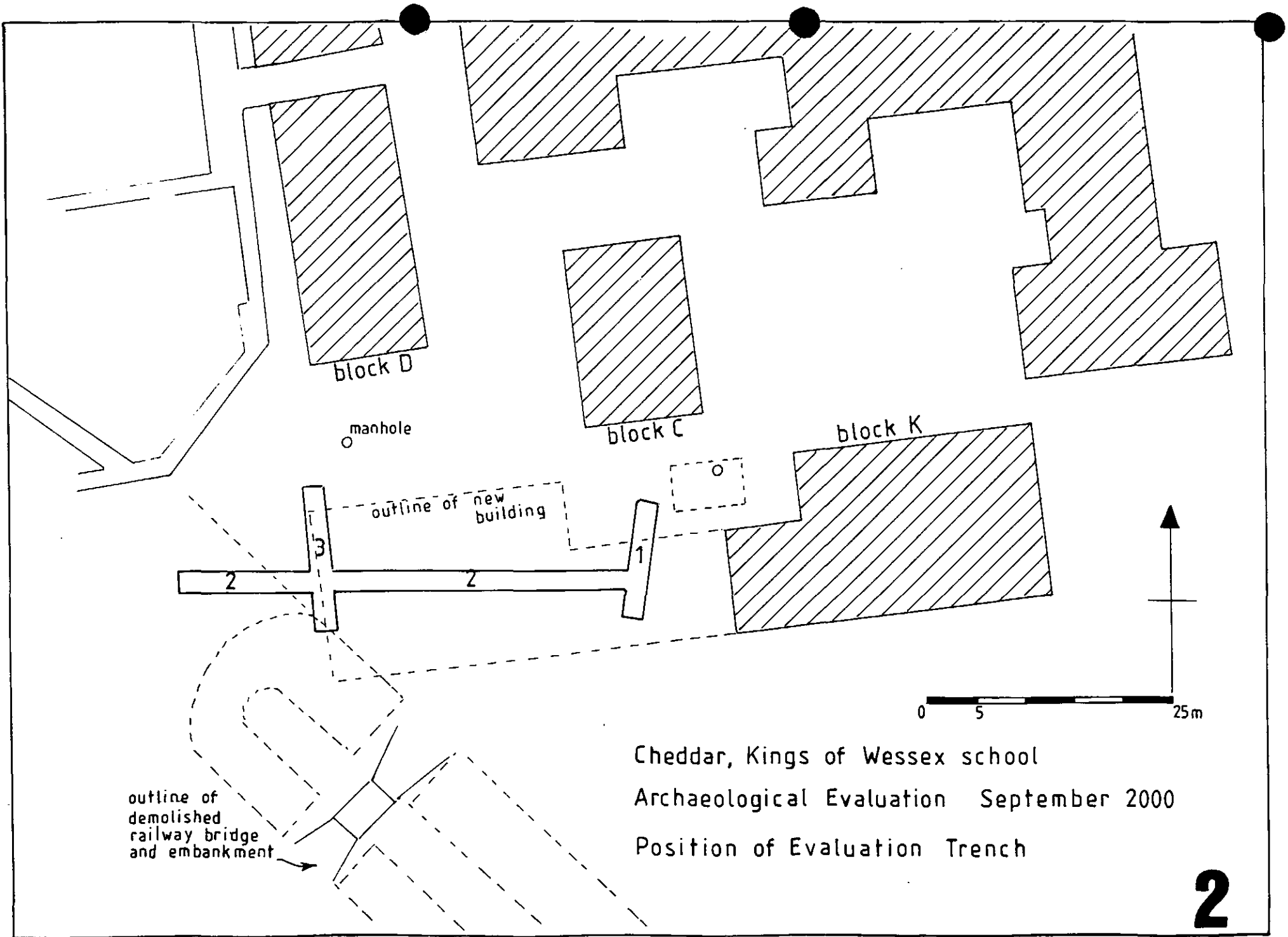


Fig. 1. Location map showing revised Scheduled Monument area (no 29673, light grey), Kings of Wessex school (brick effect), locations of former buildings (dark grey) and watching brief areas. The location of the September 2000 evaluation is shown as a star.



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Position of Evaluation Trench

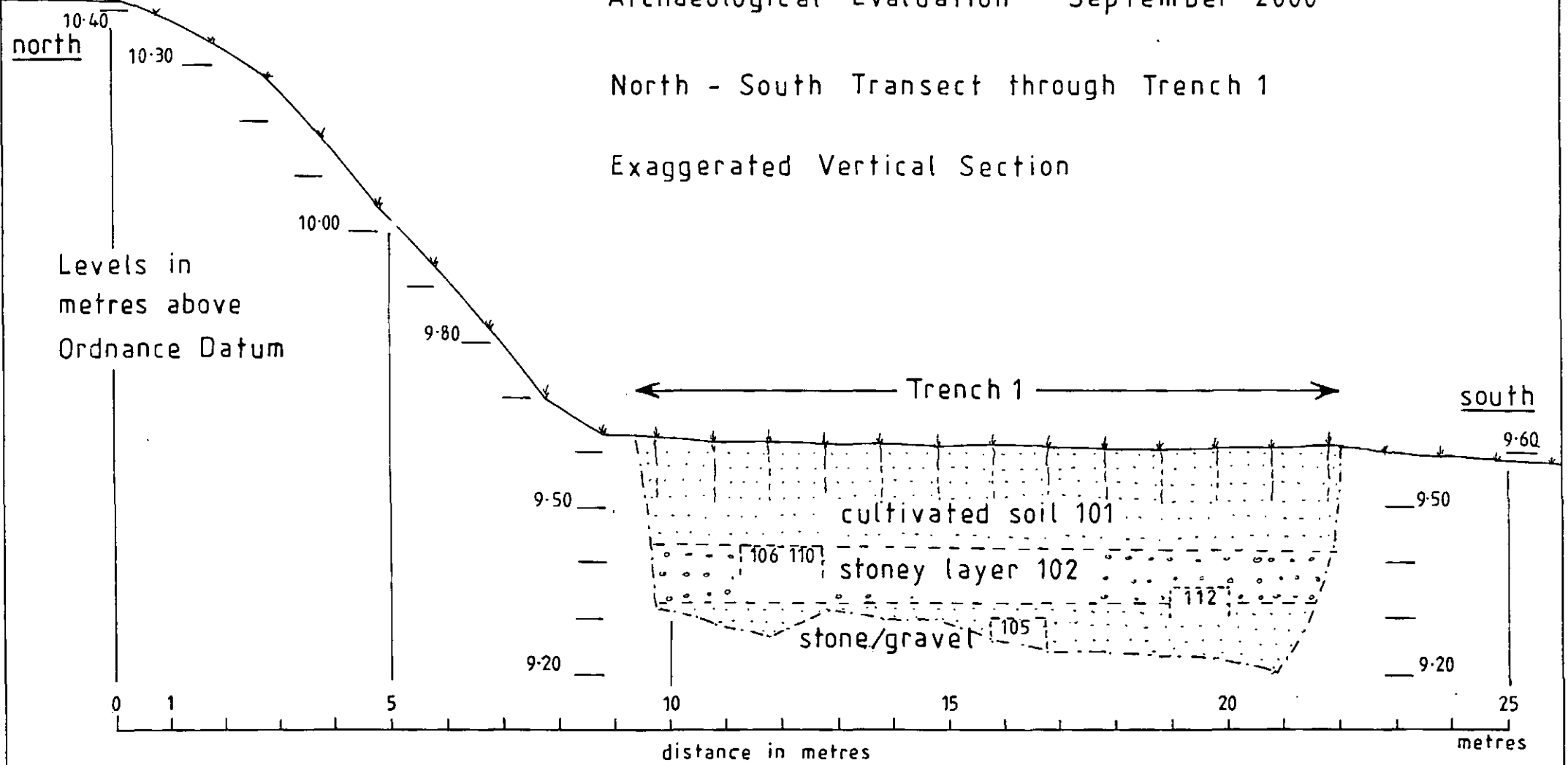
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North - South Transect through Trench 1

Exaggerated Vertical Section



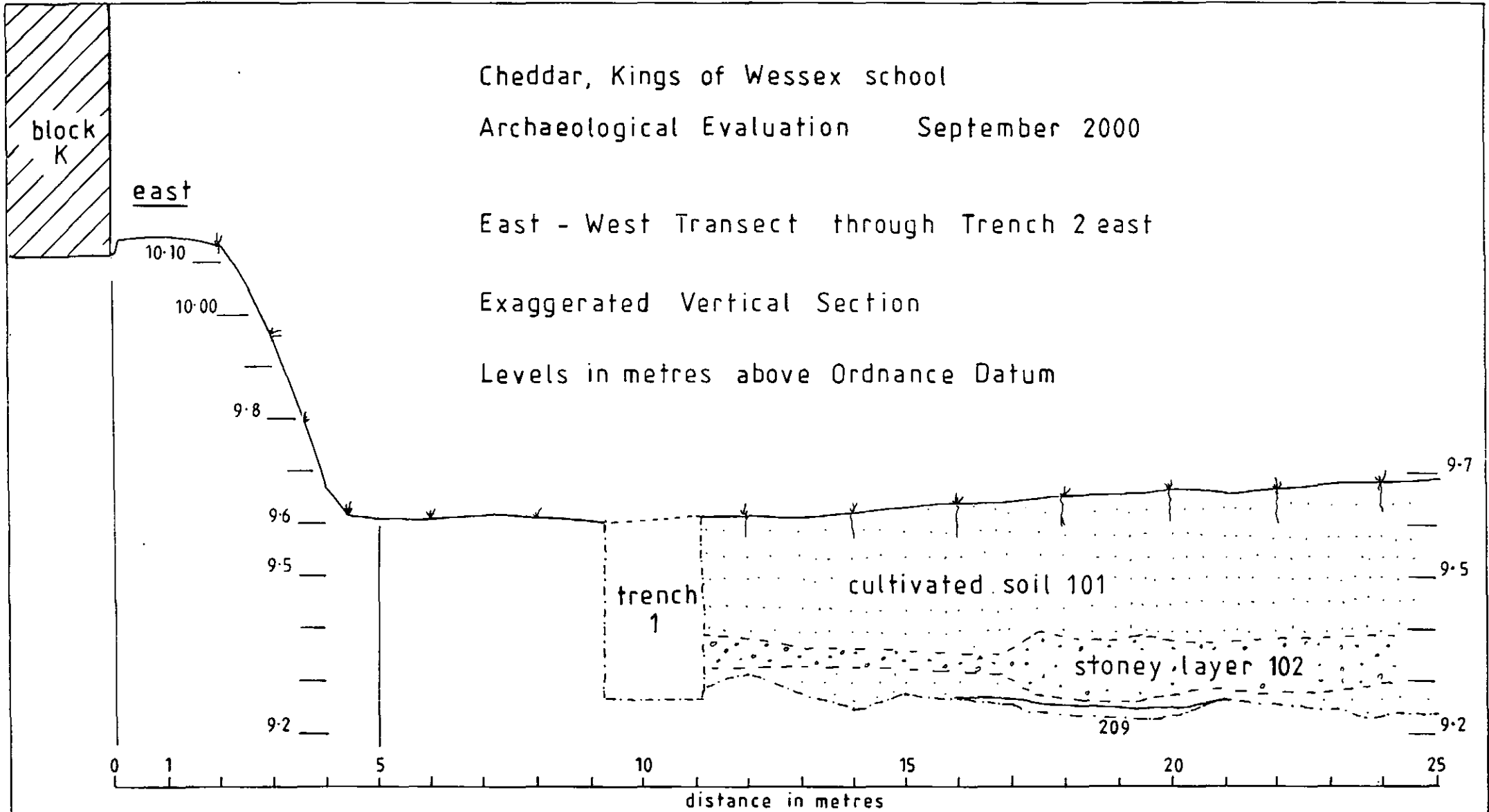
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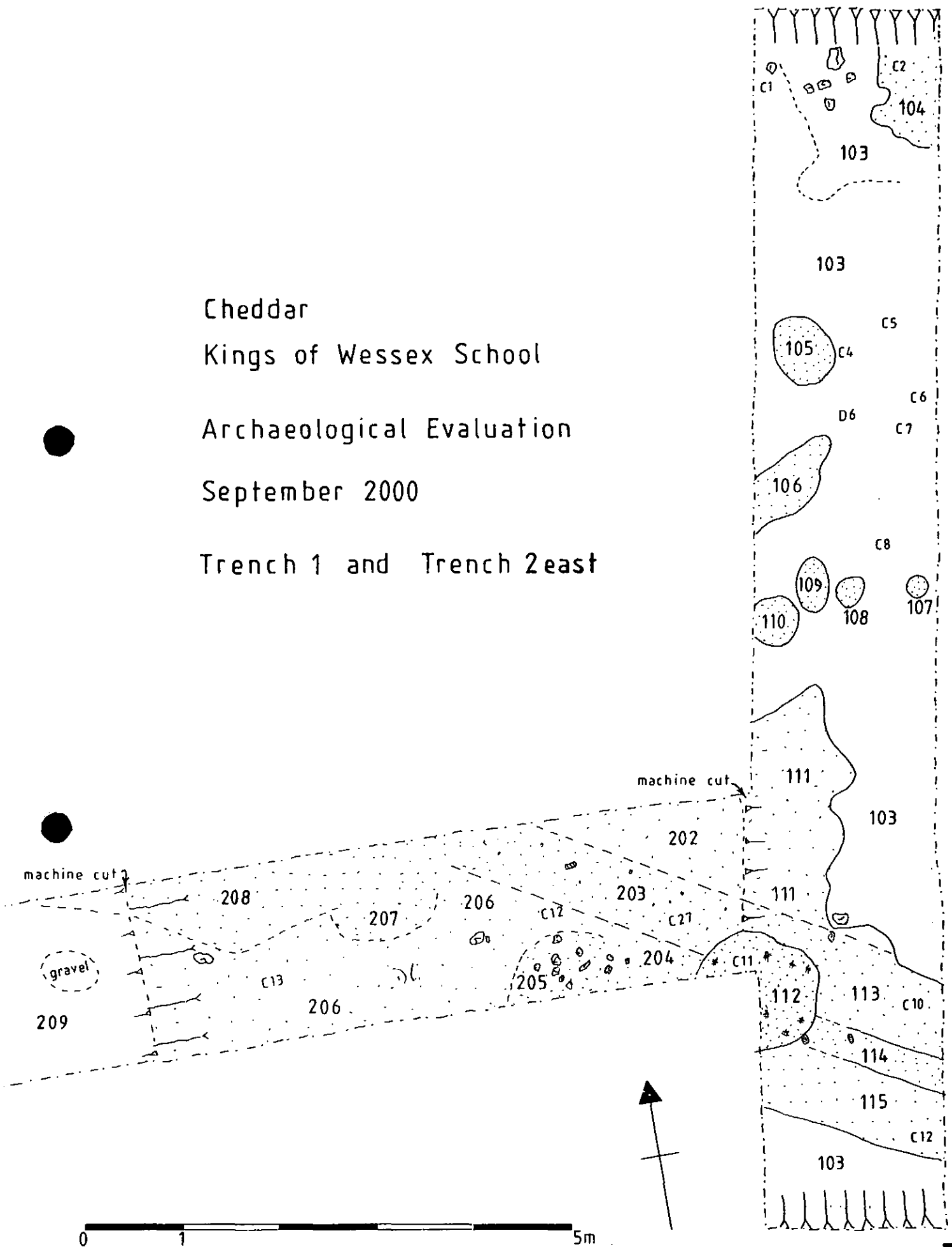
East - West Transect through Trench 2 east

Exaggerated Vertical Section

Levels in metres above Ordnance Datum



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Trench 1 and Trench 2 east



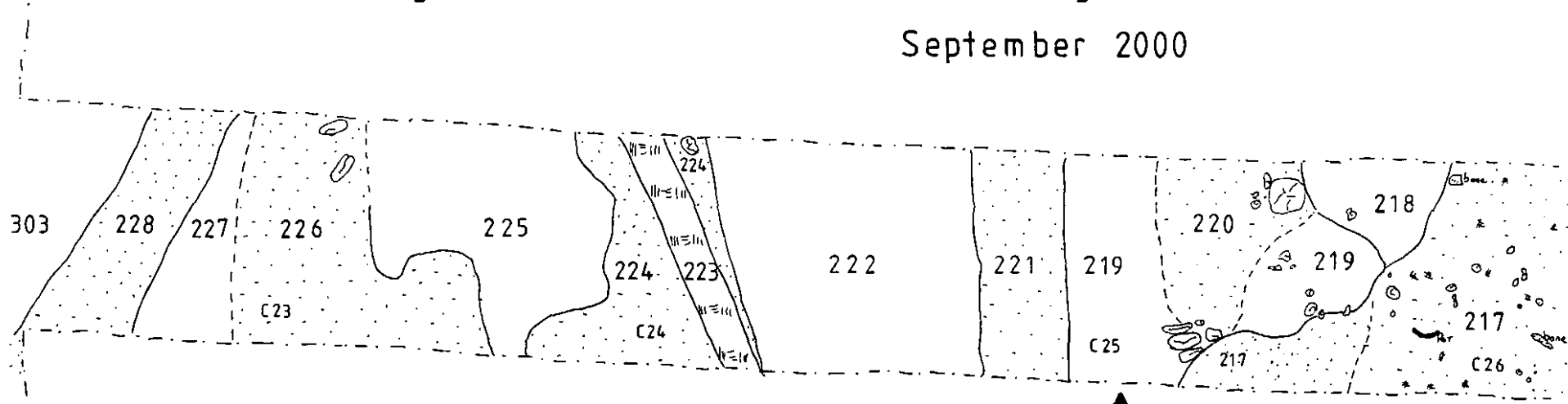
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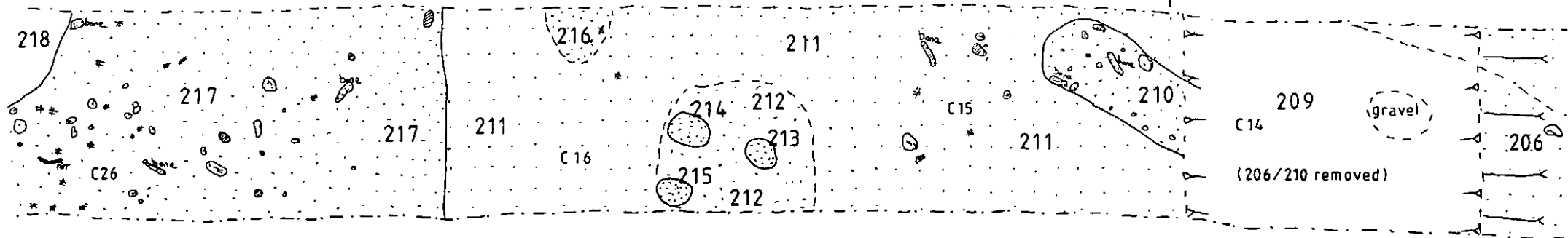
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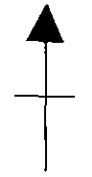
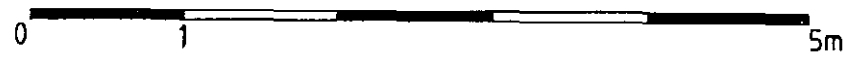
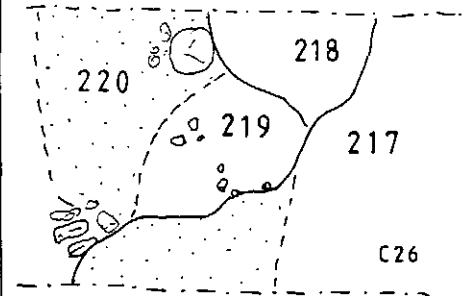
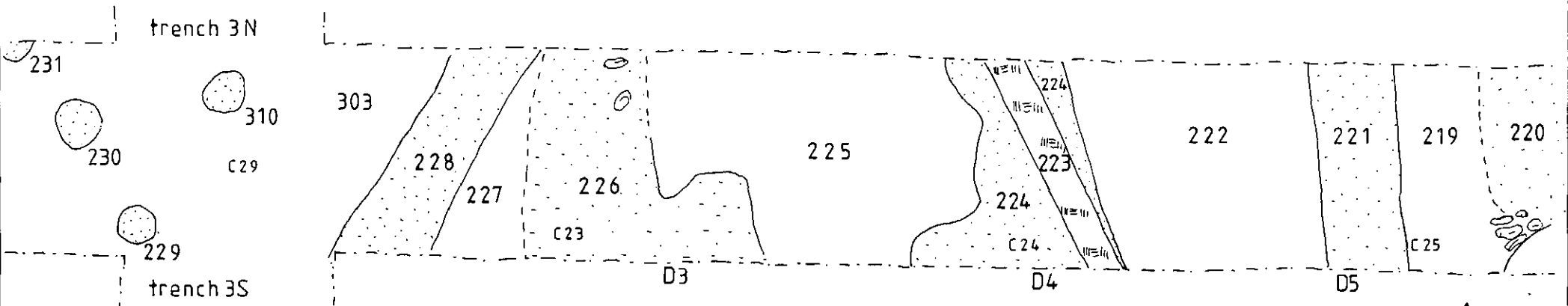
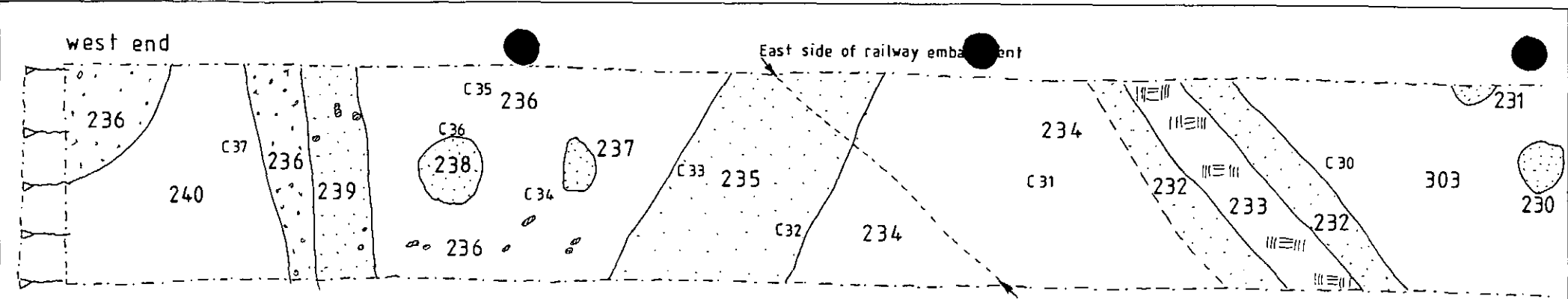
Trench 3 N



Trench 2 centre

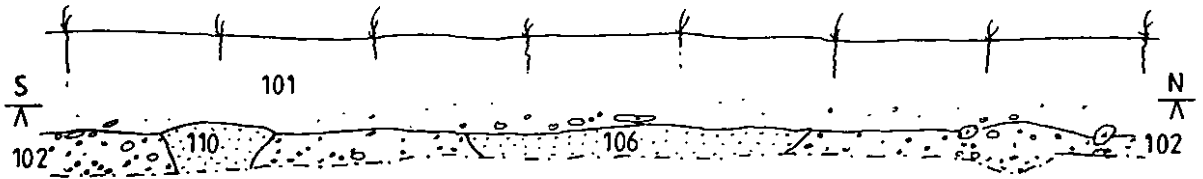


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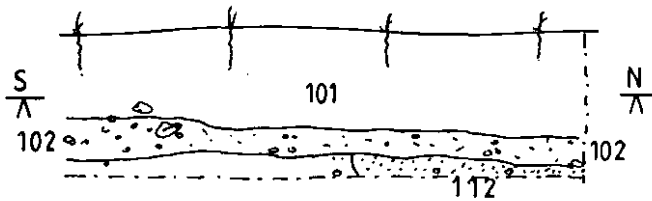


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 Trench 2 west and Trench 2 centre

Trench 1N above 106 and 110

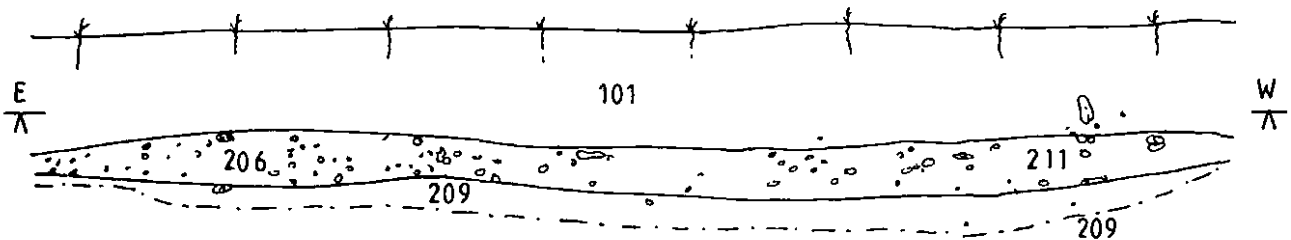
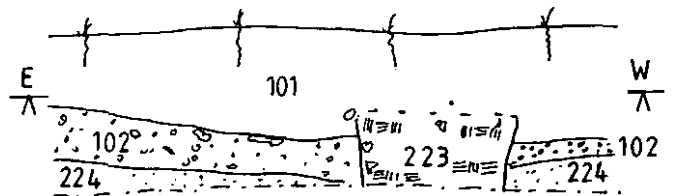


All level datums ∇ = 9.46m



Trench 1S
above pit 112

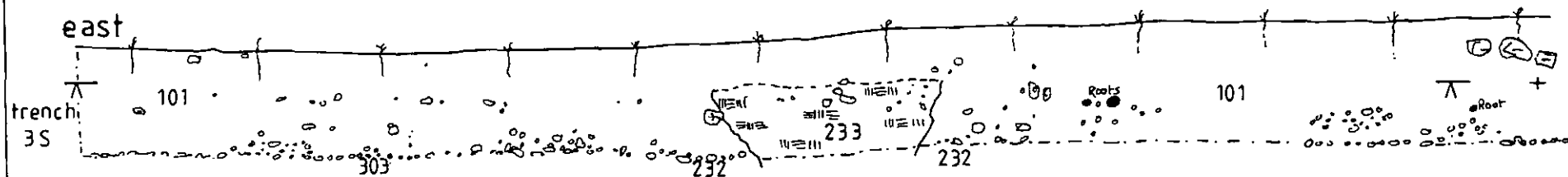
Trench 2 centre
pipe trench 223



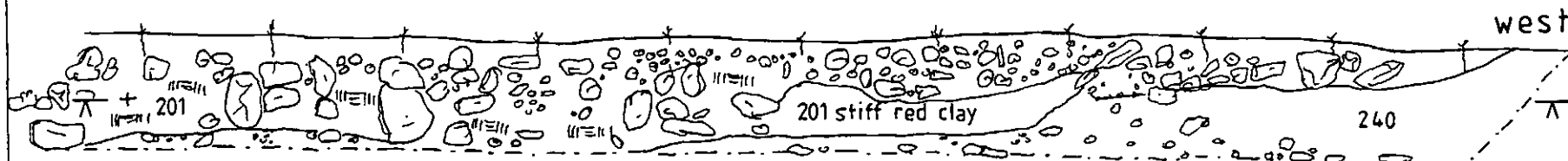
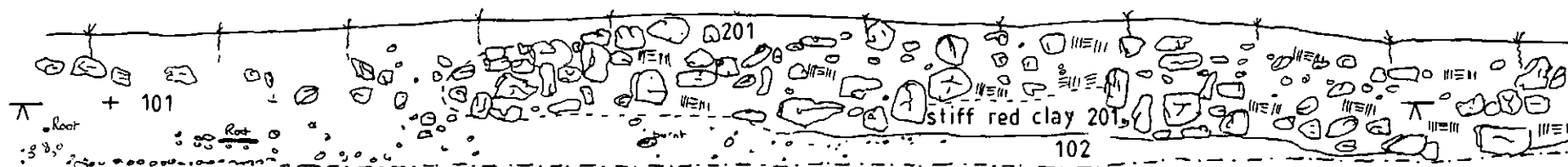
Trench 2 centre above natural clay 209



Sections



All level datums ∇ = 9.46m



1 metre

Section Trench 2 West end

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|--------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| Context List | | | |
| Trench 1 | | | |
| 101 | deposit | Turf and topsoil soft dark brown 0.1 - 0.25m deep covers whole site | turf and topsoil |
| 102 | deposit | below 101 present in most of the evaluation area small stones including gravels, limestone, pebbles up to 5cms with occasional larger stones in a matrix of dark brown silty clay. Probably a worm-sorted deposit 0.1 - 0.2m thick mostly removed by machine to expose archaeological features. Contains pot and bone and slag | worm-sorted |
| 103 | deposit | Below 102. Gravels 1 - 6 cms across in a matrix of firm mid-brown clay. Dirty Top of archaeology features cut through it. | Disturbed natural |
| 104 | Feature | Below 102 Irregular patch of mid-brown clay few stones NE corner of trench 1 Mottled with orange clay | ?post-hole |
| 105 | Feature | Below 102 Patch of dark brown clay with few stones roughly oval. | ?post-hole |
| 106 | Feature | Below 102 Irregular patch of smooth mid-brown silty clay, below 102 Elongated roughly NNE-SSW few stones Frequent small charcoal flecks | ?gully |
| 107 | Feature | Below 102 Small patch of mid to dark brown clay c.20cms diameter | ?post-hole |
| 108 | Feature | Below 102 Close to 107 small, round patch of mid-brown silty clay | ?post-hole |
| 109 | Feature | Below 102 Close to 107 and 108 Oval patch of mid brown silty clay | ?post-hole |
| 110 | Feature | Below 102 by 107-109 round patch of mid to dark brown silty clay | ?post-hole |
| 111 | Feature | Below 102 Large irregular area of mid-brown clay with frequent small stones edges indistinct tiny charcoal flecks common on surface some larger stones up to 15cms. | uncertain |
| 112 | Feature fill | Below 102 Round patch of dark grey clay with frequent inclusions and grits, charcoal flecks flecks of burnt clay larger stones up to 5cms some animal bone R/B pot edges slightly unclear. Possibly the latest feature at the junction of tr1 and tr2. | ?pit |
| 113 | deposit | Below 102 Band of mid to dark brown clay crossing south end of tr1. West end emerges from 112. Few stones a few small charcoal flecks Oriented roughly ESE - WNW | uncertain ?gully |
| 114 | deposit | Below 102 Parallel to and immediately south of 113 dark brown clay in a band across the trench frequent inclusions and stones up to 5cms. some burnt material R/B pottery charcoal flecks and lumps. | uncertain ?gully |
| 115 | deposit | Below 102 parallel to and immediately south of 114 Fairly clean mid-brown clay a few small stones. | uncertain |

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| Trench 2 | | | |
|---|---------|---|--------------------------|
| All contexts are below layer 102 unless stated otherwise. | | | |
| 201 | deposit | west end Large rounded and angular cobbles and stones in a matrix of stiff and sandy red clay. Extends close to the surface | Railway Embankment |
| 202 | deposit | east end mid-brown clay with few stones occupation spread small flecks of charcoal and burnt clay are common | Occupation deposit |
| 203 | ?fill | east end narrow band of grey clay running WNW-ESE across trench 2. Appears to be contiguous with 113 although the fills look different. Larger lumps of charcoal common, small stones, some burnt, small flecks of burnt clay common. Edges indistinct. | ?gully or ?drain |
| 204 | deposit | east end dark brown clay with many inclusions including R/B pot. ?same deposit as 114? | uncertain |
| 205 | ?fill | east end sub-circular feature containing dark brown silty clay, some small stones with some larger up to 12cms. Samian on surface. | ?pit |
| 206 | deposit | east end mid-brown silty clay with frequent small pebbles. Possibly dirty and disturbed natural | uncertain ?natural |
| 207 | deposit | east end circular patch of mid to dark brown silty clay small flecks of fired clay common small stones edges indistinct | ?small pit |
| 208 | deposit | east end Irregular area of mid to dark brown silty clay fewer stnes than context 206 charcoal flecks and fired clay common edges uncertain | uncertain |
| 209 | natural | east end clean orange, sandy clay some disturbance to upper surface investigated by machine | natural sandy clay |
| 210 | deposit | east end linear feature above 209 fill of brown silty clay with stones | uncertain |
| 211 | layer | east/centre large spread of mid-brown silty clay with few inclusions; some animal bone a few stones occasional charcoal flecks and some burnt stones. | ?occupation layer |
| 212 | deposit | patch of orange and brown mottled clay and gravel. ?dirty natural | natural? or redeposited? |
| 213 | ?fill | cuts 212 grey-brown clay | ?post-hole |
| 214 | ?fill | as 213 | ? post-hole |
| 215 | ?fill | as 213 | ?post-hole |
| 216 | ?fill | cutting 211 patch of grey-brown silty clay | ? post-hole |
| 217 | fill | centre wide spread of dark grey silty clay frequent inclusions including stones up to 20cms charcoal burnt clay animal bone pottery ca. 5m wide aligned north-south | major ditch fill |
| 218 | natural | centre cut by 217 clean natural orange sandy clay | natural sandy clay |
| 219 | natural | centre cut by 217 gravels in brown and orange clay | natural gravels |
| 220 | deposit | centre irregular area of mid to dark brown silty clay within 219. Small gravels common a few burnt red 5 x larger stones up to ca.30cms with 4 stones in a group. | uncertain |

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| Trench 2 continued | | | |
|--------------------|----------|---|-------------------------------|
| 221 | fill | centre soft, dark brown silty clay few inclusions few stones in narrow linear feature aligned north-south. | ?gully or slot or drain |
| 222 | ?natural | centre cut by 221 and 224 reddish orange sandy clay a few stones | natural sandy clay |
| 223 | fill | centre narrow band of redeposited clay mottled with soft brown clay cutting through 224 high in the section drawing probably post-medieval or modern similar features to the west are 233 and 304 | ?service trench or land drain |
| 224 | fill | centre cut by 223 soft, mid-brown silty clay with few inclusions linear feature aligned N-S irregular western edge probably includes other features | ?ditch or gully |
| 225 | natural | centre cut by 224 light brown clay with gravels dirty natural | dirty natural |
| 226 | ?natural | centre light to mid-brown clay with some gravels ?disturbed natural | ?natural uncertain |
| 227 | natural | centre thin band of tightly packed gravels in brown clay indistinct edges | probably dirty natural |
| 228 | fill | centre soft mid to dark brown silty clay with many small stones a few burnt stones some burnt red filling narrow linear feature aligned NNE-SSW Same as 308 | ?gully or slot or drain |
| 229 | fill | centre dark grey-brown silty clay circular cuts 303 | post-hole |
| 230 | fill | centre dark grey-brown silty clay circular cuts 303 | post-hole |
| 231 | fill | centre dark grey-brown silty clay circular cuts 303 | post-hole |
| 232 | fill | centre/west dark brown silty clay frequent stones but less common than in 303 aligned NW-SE Cut by 233 west edge indistinct | ?ditch |
| 233 | fill | centre/west cuts through 232 same as 223 same feature as 304 modern | service trench or land drain |
| 234 | deposit | west very stony brown clay | dirty natural |
| 235 | fill | west mid-brown silty clay many stones but few than 234 linear feature aligned NNE-SSW some burnt stones | ditch fill |
| 236 | deposit | west tightly packed small stones and gravels in brown clay dirty natural | dirty natural |
| 237 | ?fill | west cuts through 236 small patch of brown clay some burnt stone | ?post-hole |
| 238 | ?fill | west cuts through 236 as 237 some burnt clay | post-hole |
| 239 | ?fill | west end cuts through 236 narrow linear feature filled with brown silty clay with orange redeposited clay mottling positive metal detector signal possibly a water pipe probably modern | modern service trench |
| 240 | deposit | west end similar to 238 but few stones appears to coincide with a break in 201 uncertain | uncertain |

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| Trench 3 | | | |
|--|---------|---|-------------------------------|
| Contexts 310 - 303 are identical to contexts 101 - 103 | | | |
| 304 | fill | south redeposited yellow-orange clay in mixed brown clay, Same feature as 233 | modern service or field drain |
| 305 | deposit | south similar to 303 stones and gravel in brown clay possibly redeposited material | ?redeposited |
| 306 | fill | south soft, dark orange-brown clayey silts with small stones contiguous with 308 and with 228 | ditch fill |
| 307 | fill | south soft dark brown silts in circular feature with large upright limestones packing cuts through 306/308 | post-hole ?modern |
| 308 | fill | south contiguous and identical to 306 contiguous with 228 | ditch fill |
| 309 | fill | centre very soft dark grey-brown silty clay with wood remains of post | modern post-hole |
| 310 | fill | centre dark brown silty clay some small stones circular feature cuts 303 | post-hole |
| 311 | deposit | north/centre dark orange-brown silty clay many small stones some large rubble blocks up to 0.4m possibly the same as 102/302 | uncertain |
| 312 | fill | north soft brown silty clay a few stones linear feature aligned SW-NE | ditch fill |
| 313 | natural | north orange sandy clay with some gravels and limestones | natural sandy clay |
| 314 | fill | north circular cuts through 303 dark brown clay | post-hole |
| 315 | fill | north as 314 | post-hole |
| 316 | fill | north as 314 | post-hole |

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| context | her | pottery | | surface | century date | building materials | | misc. + weight |
|---------|-----|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | rds | fabric + weight | | | no. | type + weight | |
| surface | | | | | | | | |
| of 204 | 1 | Rim Samian | | 13g | 1-3 | | | |
| surface | 1 | BBW | | 5g | 1-4 | | | |
| of 217 | 1 | Rim lge frag greyware | | sandy pale grey | 130g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | small greyware pale grey | | grey gritty | | | | |
| | | core orange margins | | 4g | 1-4 | | | |
| C1 | 1 | BBW orange margins | | black 4g | 1-4 | | | |
| C2 | | | | | | | | natural stone discarded |
| C3 | 1 | BBW | | black 3g | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | sml greyware pale grey | | darker grey surfaces | | | | |
| | | core small black and | | white grits | 3g | 1-4 | | |
| C4 | 1 | small BBW | | black 2g | 1-4 | | | 1 x small animal bone <1g |
| | 5 | various sml greywares | | 13g | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | small oxidised sandy | | 1g | 1-4 | | | |
| C5 | | | | | | | | 1 x small natural orange gravel |
| C6 | 1 | small BBW | | 1g | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | very small greyware | | <1g | 1-4 | | | |
| C7 | | | | | | | | 1 x natural stone discarded |
| C8 | 1 | small soft orange | | <1g | 1-4 | | | |
| C9 | 1 | Rim bead rim buff sandy | | traces of burnish | ?1BC - | 2 | grey hard sandstone prob | |
| | | fine limestone temper | | 9g | ?1AD | | frags Pennant roof tile 78g | |
| | 1 | Rim small Samian | | 3g | 1-3 | | | |
| | 1 | Rim BBW | | 20g | 1-4 | 1 | brown sandstone flat surface | |
| | 9 | small BBW | | 28g | 1-4 | | possibly worked? 109g | |
| | 1 | oxidised BBW | | 14g | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | simple Rim BBW | | ?local 17g | | | | |
| | | some limestone temper | | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | Rim greyware buff fabric | | darker grey sandy | | | | |
| | | small quartz | | 17g | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | Handle greyware | | smooth sandy 19g | 1-4 | | | |
| | 11 | greywares various types | | 76g | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | base frag oft orange small | | traces of red-brown | | | | |
| | | black grit temper Oxford | | slip 10g | 3-4 | | | |
| | 1 | pink-orange fine quartz | | possibly amphora | | | | |
| | | thick sherd | | 102g | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | base frag buff-brown | | 20g | | | | |
| | | quartz temper | | | ?12-14 | | | |
| C10 | 1 | sml reduced coarseware | | reduced 3g | ?12-14 | | | |
| C11 | 2 | small reduced | | 3g | ?1-4 | | | 2 x animal bone 39g |

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| context | her | pottery | | surface | century date} | building materials | |
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| | | frds | fabric + weight | | | no. | type + weight |
| C12 | 1 | BBW | | 7G | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | Rim greyware | grey sandy | darker grey exterior | | | |
| | | quartz temper | micaceous | | | | |
| | 2 | Base frags | same pot as | above | | | |
| | 3 | sherds | same pot as above | 54g | 1-4 | | |
| C13 | 1 | Rim greyware | sandy | 13g | 1-4 | | 6 x animal bone 18g |
| C14 | 1 | small Samian | | <1g | 1-3 | 2 | hard grey sandstones 17g |
| | 1 | Rim BBW | | 21g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | grey core pale | smooth burnished | | | |
| | | margins | | grey inner grey | | | |
| | | | | sandy outer 10g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | smooth fine | 3g | 1-4 | | |
| | 7 | greywares | various gritty | 23g | 1-4 | | |
| C15 | 2 | small BBW | | 6g | 1-4 | 3 | small fired clay |
| | 1 | small Rim grey | | dark grey 1g | 1-4 | | |
| | 2 | joining | sandy grey-brown | smooth sandy black | | | |
| | | | | horizontal incised | | 1 | smooth soft brown-grey |
| | | | | decoration 38g | 1-4 | | stone worked? Shale 3g |
| | 4 | greywares | various types | 23g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | very small | orange | <1g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | oxidised | pale buff with | | | | |
| | | | fine quartz | ?amphora 50g | 1-4 | | |
| C16 | 1 | Rim Samian | | 7g | 1-3 | 2 | fired clay 4g |
| | 1 | small frg | Rim BBW | 3g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | sandy fine quartz | 7g | 1-4 | 1 | slag 30g |
| | 2 | greywares | fine micaceous | 17g | 1-4 | | 11 x small animal bone 38g |
| | 1 | coarseware | black inner | small voids | prob | | |
| | | | brown outer limestone | 6g | 10-11 | | |
| C17 | 1 | Rim Samian | | 11g | 1-3 | | |
| | 1 | small sandy | oxidised | 2g | ?1-4 | | |
| | 1 | off-white | | 18-19 | | | |
| C18 | 1 | coarseware | reduced | | prob | | |
| | | quartz temper | | 3g | 12-14 | | |
| C19 | 1 | Rim BBW | | 16g | 1-4 | 3 | roof slate frags modern |
| | 1 | small BBW | | 1g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | Rim soft fine | pale orange | burnt 7g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | sandy small | | | | |
| | | | black grits | 25g | 1-4 | | |
| | 2 | greywares | pale grey fine | darker grey | | | |
| | | | | micaceous 8g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | buff-orange fine | buff sandy Oval | | | |
| | | | | Possibly cut for a | | | |
| | | | | pot lid 5g | 1-4 | | |
| | 2 | greyware | pale grey fine | buff surfaces 5g | 1-4 | | |
| C20 | 2 | BBW | | 18g | 1-4 | 1 | small iron nail 3g |
| | 1 | pale orange | Oxford? | 3g | ?1-4 | | 7 x animal bone 58g |
| | 1 | greyware | pale grey gritty | | | | 2 x stones 27g |
| | | | small grey-brown grits | 24g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | small buff | grey 2g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | brown outer and | grey | | ?prehist | | |
| | | inner limestone | temper | 16g | or ?med | | |

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| context | her | pottery | | century date | no. | building materials | |
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| | | rds | fabric + weight | | | surface | type + weight |
| C21 | 1 | small black | abundant | | possibly | | 2 x animal bone 14g |
| | | fine limestone | | 3g | prehist | | |
| | 5 | BBW | | 34g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | small greyware | pale | sandy 4g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | very small | oxidised | <1g | ?1-4 | | |
| | 2 | oxidised | thick | ?amphora 75g | 1-4 | | |
| | 2 | fine grey | | 3g | ?12-14 | | |
| C22 | | | | | | | 1 x clay pipe stem frag discarded |
| | | | | | | | 1 x wood frag discarded |
| C23 | 1 | very small | Samian | <1g | 1-3 | | 1 x animal bone 4g |
| | 1 | greyware | pale grey | | | | |
| | | fine quartz | temper | 11g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | light brown fab | grey gritty | | | |
| | | abundant quartz | with | 34g | | | |
| | | some limestone | | | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | Rim grey | fine grits | black 4g | 1-4 | | |
| C24 | 1 | Rim | BBW | 22g | 1-4 | 1 fired clay 6g | 2 x animal bone 18g |
| | 9 | BBW | | 48g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | small | oxidised BBW | 3g | 1-4 | 1 smooth grey stone | |
| | 1 | Rim | hard grey some fine | darker grey rim | | | |
| | | quartz | | 31g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | thick pale grey | sandy | | | |
| | | fine quartz | and grits | sandy 37g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | sandy micaceous | 7g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | sandy micaceous | buff-grey 5g | 1-4 | | |
| | 8 | greywares | small various | 15g | 1-4 | | |
| | 2 | smooth grey | with | dark grey smooth | | | |
| | | orange | margins | 2g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | small | pale grey smooth | orange | | prob | |
| | small | grits | 4G | 10-11 | | | |
| C25 | 3 | very small frags | Samian | 1g | 1-3 | 1 small iron nail 2g | 1 x small lump FLINT 6g |
| | 1 | small | reduced with | | | | pale grey |
| | | abundant | limestone | 2g | ?prehist | | |
| | 1 | Rim | abraded oxidised BBW | 29g | 1-4 | | |
| | 4 | BBW | | 18g | 1-4 | | 1 x small FLINT flake 1g |
| | 1 | Rim | pale soft orange | | | | pale grey |
| | | ? Shepton | Mallet | 3g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | Rim | small buff-grey | darker grey | | | |
| | | small | quartz | 1g | 1-4 | | 4 x small animal bone 3g |
| | 1 | sherd | as above | 3g | 1-3 | | |
| | 1 | Rim | greyware pale grey | | | | |
| | | sandy | fine quartz | 8g | 1-4 | | |
| | 11 | greywares | various types | 64g | 1-4 | | |
| 1 | small | oxidised gritty | 2g | ? | | | |
| 1 | orange | fine quartz | ?amphora 58g | 1-4 | | | |
| C26 | 2 | BBW | | 4g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | greyware | fine sandy | 5g | 1-4 | | |
| | 2 | greywares | pale grey | gritty 7g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | pale | buff-orange soft | 2g | ?1-4 | | |
| | 1 | oxidised | gritty quartz | 3g | ? | | |
| | 1 | smooth | pale grey with | patchy clear glaze | | | |
| | small | black grits | 8g | 13-14 | | | |
| C27 | 1 | small | coarseware | reduced 2g | ?12-13 | | |

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| context | her | pottery | | surface | century date | building materials no. | misc. + weight |
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| | | rds | fabric + weight | | | | |
| C28 | 1 | Rim small frag | BBW | 3g | 1-4 | | 4 x animal bone |
| | 1 | Rim small frag | BBW | 7g | 1-4 | | |
| | 5 | small frags | BBW | 7G | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | Rim greyware orange- | | grey sandy | | | |
| | | brown fabric fine white grit | | 7g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | Rim greyware pale grey | | | | | |
| | | small limestone temper | | 18g | 1-4 | | |
| | 15 | greywares small various | | 67g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | small soft orange | | 1g | ?1-4 | | |
| | 2 | grey sandy | | orange sandy with buff ?slip 6g | 1-4 | | |
| 1 | fine sandy grey | | smooth orange 6g | ?1-4 | | | |
| C29 | 1 | Rim BBW | | 13g | 1-4 | 1 small frag roof slate modern | 7 x animal bone 22g |
| | 2 | BBW | | 8g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | Rim greyware grey-buff | | smooth grey sandy | | | |
| | | | | 9g | 1-4 | | |
| | 3 | small greywares | | 7g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | reduced abundant limestone and black grits | | brown 8g | ?10-12 | | |
| 3 | small coarsewares various | | 10g | ?12-14 | | | |
| C30 | 7 | very small coarsewares | | 10g | ?1-4 | | |
| C31 | 2 | small BBW | | 7g | 1-4 | | 9 x animal bone/teeth 120g |
| | 1 | small greyware | | 3g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | small orange | | 1g | ?1-4 | | |
| | 1 | stoneware | | 4g | 18-19 | | |
| | 1 | stoneware factory | | 21g | 19-20 | | |
| C32 | 1 | reduced dark grey with fine limestone temper | | 4g | ?prehist ?10-12 | 1 small iron nail 3g | |
| | 1 | grey fine sandy | | 2g | ?12-14 | | |
| C33 | 1 | very small Samian | | <1g | 1-3 | | |
| | 3 | small greywares | | 8g | 1-4 | | |
| | 2 | small BBW | | 11g | 1-4 | | |
| C34 | 1 | small sandy | | black 1g | 1-4 | 2 iron nails 8g + 2g | |
| C35 | 5 | greywares various | | 19g | 1-4 | | 1 x animal tooth 7g |
| | 1 | pale buff sml black grits | | smooth 4g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | pale orange smooth | | surface grits 2g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | grey-brown coarseware abundant limestone | | 4g | prob 10-12 | | |
| C36 | | | | | | | 1 x iron belt buckle |
| C37 | 1 | sml frag Samian | | 1g | 1-3 | | 6 x animal bone 63g |
| | 1 | small frag Rim BBW | | 4g | 1-4 | | |
| | 4 | small frags BBW | | 7g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | very small Rim greyware | | 2g | 1-4 | | |
| | 5 | very small greywares | | 6g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | grey small quartz and limestones | | 6g | ?12-13 | | |
| | 1 | grey fine white grits | | | ?12-13 | | |
| | 1 | grey sandy | | brown inner 1g | ?12-13 | | |
| 39 | 1 | base frag BBW | | 9g | 1-4 | 1 brick/tile frag 2g ?1-4 | 4 x natural stones 46g |
| | 1 | oxidised BBW | | 4g | 1-4 | | |
| | 1 | sandy | | 2g black surface | 1-4 | | |

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| context | herds | pottery | | surface | century date | no. | building materials | | misc. + weight |
|--------------------|-------|---|--|--|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | fabric + weight | | | | | type + weight | | |
| u/s spoil | 1 | small grey inner and orange outer | | 3g | ? | 1-4 | | | 1 x small oxidised or ?stone |
| 1 u/s cleaned | 6 | BBW | | 25g | | 1-4 | | | 1 x animal tooth 2g |
| | 1 | small frag Rim grey | | dark grey 3g | | 1-4 | | | 2 x small animal bone 2g |
| | 1 | small grey orange margins | | black surfaces 2g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 8 | small greywares | | 35g | | 1-4 | | | 6 x various stones |
| | 1 | pale buff gritty | | 4g | | ? | | | |
| | 1 | soft small oxidised | | <1g | | ? | | | 1 x lead (Pb) scrap 25g |
| 2E u/s cleaned | 1 | Rim greyware Bead Rim hard sandy | | sandy 8g | | 1 BC to 1 1AD | 1 | iron nail 15g | 1 x animal bone |
| | 1 | Rim BBW | | 9g | | 1-4 | 1 | fired clay 8g | |
| | 7 | BBW | | 76g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 10 | greywares various types | | 101g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | dark grey fine white grits | | black 5g | | ?1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | grey sandy limestone orange margins | | smooth dark grey 14g | | ?late IA | | | |
| | 1 | soft orange | | 5g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | base oxidised | | yellow glaze 42g | | 18-19 | | | |
| 2W u/s cleaned | 3 | small BBW | | 8g | | 1-4 | 1 | small fired clay 4g | 1 x large lead rivet containing a fragment of a ?greyware fabric 49g |
| | 1 | oxidised BBW | | 5g cut into shape for pot lid | | 1-4 | 3 | slag frags 226g | |
| | 13 | greywares various types | | 143g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | oxidised sandy | | 6g | | ?1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | smooth grey ? Oxford 18g | | smooth orange with rouletted decoration | | 3-4 | | | |
| | 1 | soft orange small | | 3g | | ?1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | base orange | | shiny green glaze inside 27g | | 17-19 | | | |
| 2/3 u/s cleaned | 1 | small BBW | | 3g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | Rim greyware brown grey margins sandy fine grey and black grits | | grey sandy fine 68g | | 1-4 | 1 | black slag | |
| | 2 | sherds with above | | | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | greyware fine grey sandy | | darker grey 14g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | greyware grey buff sandy | | micaceous 15g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | greyware pale grey | | gritty 11g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | small dark grey some limestone | | black burnished 5g | | 1-4 | | | |
| | 1 | small grey-buff limestone temper | | 3g | | ?prehist or ?med | | | |
| | 1 | orange | | rouletted decoration below clear glaze 5g | | 13-14 | | | |

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| | | Metal Detector Finds | | | | |
| D1 | 1 | Lead (Pb) scrap 43g | | | | |
| D2 | 1 | Lead (Pb) musket ball 17g | | | | |
| D3 | 1 | Coin copper alloy 2g probably radiate Late-3rd C badly worn | | | | |
| D4 | 1 | Coin copper alloy 1g probably radiate Late 3rd C badly worn | | | | |
| D5 | 1 | Coin copper alloy 5g prob Constantius II 337-361 LRBC238? | | | | |
| D6 | 1 | Lead (Pb) scrap 11g | | | | |
| | 1 | small iron nail 4g | | | | |