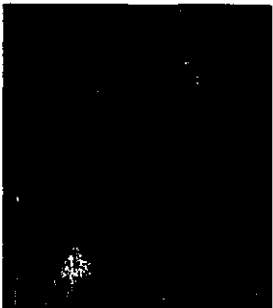


Wessex  
Archæology



8409 NW 152, 153, 154, 301 1994.032

ASHTON  
Cotswold Community School, Somerford Keynes,  
Wiltshire and Gloucestershire

EVENT  
894

Archaeological Evaluation

Report No. 37744

June 1994

**Prepared on behalf of:**

Properties Services Department,  
Wiltshire County Council,  
County Hall,  
Trowbridge,  
Wiltshire.  
BA14 8JA

*The Trust for Wessex Archaeology Ltd is a Registered Charity number 287786*

*© copyright The Trust for Wessex Archaeology Ltd 1994, all rights reserved*

## CONTENTS

1. Introduction.....	1
2. Geological and Topographical Background.....	1
3. Archaeological Background .....	1
4. Methodology .....	2
5. Results .....	2
5.1. General .....	2
5.2. Late Bronze Age .....	3
5.3. Romano-British.....	4
5.4. Post-Medieval .....	4
5.5. Undated .....	4
6. Finds.....	5
6.2. Methodology.....	5
6.2. Ceramic Building Material.....	5
6.3. Fired Clay .....	5
6.4. Worked Flint.....	5
6.5. Pottery .....	6
6.6. Slag.....	7
6.7. Iron Objects .....	7
6.8. Worked Stone .....	7
7. Environmental.....	7
8. Discussion.....	8
8.2. High Potential .....	8
8.3. Moderate Potential .....	8
8.4. Low Potential.....	8
8.5. Conclusions.....	9
9. Archive .....	9
10. References.....	10

## SUMMARY

An archaeological evaluation was carried out on land to the north of Cotswold Community School, Somerford Keynes (SU 03300 96200), which lies across the Wiltshire and Gloucestershire county boundary. The evaluation was commissioned and financed by Wiltshire County Council Property Services Department, in advance of proposed sand and gravel extraction. The evaluation was carried out by Wessex Archaeology in May and June 1994.

The evaluation revealed numerous archaeological features, predominantly ditches, pits and post-holes, with dating evidence suggesting both late Bronze Age and Romano-British activity. Although recorded across the entire area, these features were generally concentrated within the northern and central southern part of the site. Many of the linear features were already recorded as cropmarks, complemented by an earlier evaluation (Parry 1988) which examined only the northern half of the proposed extraction area. This confirmed the presence of a nucleated Romano-British settlement within the proposed extraction area, subsequently avoided during this evaluation. The remains of extensive medieval and post-medieval 'ridge and furrow' were found cutting the natural subsoil, particularly within the western portion of the evaluation area.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The archaeological evaluation was commissioned and financed by Wiltshire County Council Property Services Department. The assistance of the Property Services Department, particularly Sarah O'Reilly and Richard Lander, is gratefully acknowledged. Wessex Archaeology would also like to acknowledge the co-operation shown by Cotswold Community School during the project, in particular Pat Hancock and the tenant farmer, David Cooper. The project specifications and fieldwork monitoring were provided by Roy Canham and Jan Wills, County Archaeological Officers for Wiltshire and Gloucestershire respectively.

The project was managed for Wessex Archaeology by Caron Newman and Jonathan Nowell, with the fieldwork carried out by Andrew Crockett, assisted by Rod Brook, Jez Fry and Joe Whelan. This report was compiled by Andrew Crockett with finds analysis provided by Lorraine Mephram, environmental analysis undertaken by Sarah Wyles and Michael J Allen, and illustrations by Linda Coleman and Liz James.

**Cotswold Community School, Somerford Keynes,  
Wiltshire and Gloucestershire  
Archaeological Evaluation**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

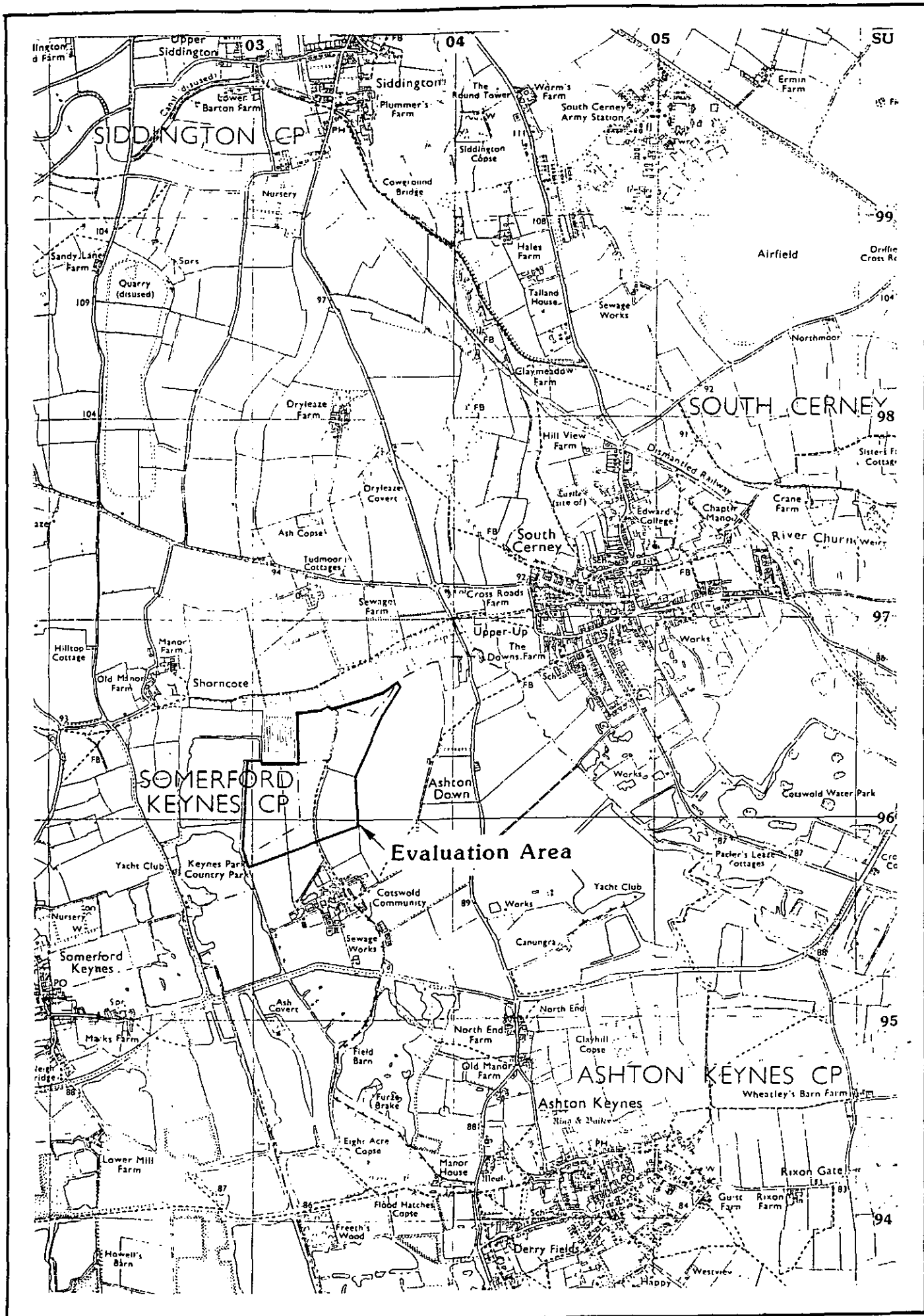
- 1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by the Property Services Department of Wiltshire County Council to carry out an archaeological evaluation on land within the grounds of Cotswold Community School (centred on SU 03300 96200). The evaluation was in response to proposed sand and gravel extraction, and aimed to assess the archaeological resource without repeating earlier work in the area (Parry 1988).
- 1.2 The archaeological specifications for the project were issued by Roy Canham, the County Archaeological Officer for Wiltshire. The specifications had also been commented upon and approved by Jan Wills, County Archaeological Officer for Gloucestershire.

**2. GEOLOGICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The proposed extraction area to be evaluated covered *c.* 37 ha, and is located within the grounds of Cotswold Community School (Figure 1), 200 m to the south. The site lies across the county boundary between Wiltshire and Gloucestershire, which also marks the parish boundary between Ashton Keynes and Somerford Keynes.
- 2.2. Land use at the time of the evaluation was predominantly arable, consisting of unripened wheat and oilseed rape. There was also a small area of 'set-aside' in the north-east corner of the evaluation area. The evaluation was carried out over an eight day period from May and June 1994.
- 2.3. The land within the proposed extraction area is fairly flat, at a height of *c.* 92 m aOD, with the ground surface rising slightly to the east, coinciding with the foot of Ashton Down, a knoll rising to a height of 105 m aOD. The drift geology for the area consists of alluvially-derived river gravel, overlying Jurassic Oxford Clay (OS Geological Map Sheet 252; 1:63,360).

**3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. Prior to 1988 the archaeological significance of the site was defined by an extensive set of cropmarks identified and plotted within the evaluation area (Figure 2). These cropmarks appeared to represent a series of rectilinear enclosures and associated trackways, with one particular concentration representing a possible Romano-British settlement (Gloucs. SMR no. 3121). In addition, a probable prehistoric ring ditch was indicated in the western portion of the proposed extraction area (Gloucs. SMR no. 3111).
- 3.2. In 1983 a field-walking project recovered a scatter of Romano-British pottery from the area of the possible settlement. In 1988 a machine trench evaluation of this area (Parry 1988) confirmed that the concentration of cropmarks was a



Wessex Archaeology, Portway House, South Portway Estate,  
Old Sarum, Salisbury, Wilts. SP4 6EB

Reproduced from the Ordnance Survey's 1:25,000 (scale) map of 1982 (year)  
with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. © Crown Copyright.

Fig.1: Site location

small Romano-British nucleated settlement (Figure 2), consisting of a series of adjacent small enclosures, surrounded by a network of larger field enclosure ditches.

- 3.3. To the north and north-west of the current evaluation area a late Bronze Age settlement was excavated in 1992 (Wessex Archaeology 1992). Several post-built roundhouses were recorded along with a circular gully structure and several other circular and rectilinear structures. There was also a group of very large pits, closely associated with the occupation areas. Along with an important ceramic assemblage, the finds from the site provided evidence for metalworking, textile production and crop processing.

#### 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation comprised the excavation of 37 trenches. The brief defined that each trench was to measure 50 m x 2 m, representing a 1% sample of the total area (Figure 2). The position of each trench was also defined by the brief. However, the original dimensions of trenches 11, 21, 26, 30 and 31 were altered in the field because of the location of existing boundaries, not indicated on the original trench location plan provided by Wiltshire County Council. All alterations are noted under the appropriate trench summaries below (Appendix 1).

- 4.2. The trenches were excavated under constant archaeological supervision by machine using a toothless grading bucket, either to the surface of undisturbed natural deposits or to the surface at which archaeological deposits could be identified, whichever was encountered first.

- 4.3. Health and Safety requirements stipulated that no trench could be excavated below 1.2m depth without adequate shoring or section battering to current Health and Safety standards.

- 4.4. Each trench was surveyed using a theodolite, to ensure that they were accurately placed to examine specific cropmarks, as defined in the brief.

- 4.5. All trenches were cleaned by hand where appropriate, and all trench recording was carried out a standard in accordance with Wiltshire County Council Guidelines (see Acquisition and Presentation Standards of Archaeological Data, Archaeology Section Wiltshire County Council 1992 - draft), using Wessex Archaeology's standard *pro forma* recording system.

#### 5. RESULTS (Figure 2)

##### 5.1. General

- 5.1.1. The topsoil across the proposed extraction area was generally between 0.25 m and 0.3 m deep, consisting of slightly clayey loam with occasional limestone gravel inclusions. For the majority of the trenches, the topsoil directly overlay very pale brown and yellow river gravel.

- 5.1.2. Subsoil was generally restricted to the western, eastern and northern edges of the area. On the western edge it comprised up to 0.25 m of silty clay loam, and probably represents a ploughsoil headland. This was encountered in



trenches 1, 3, 8, 15 and 22, petering out along a line c. 30 m into the proposed extraction area.

- 5.1.3. Subsoil along the eastern edge consisted of two layers of slightly silty clay, a yellowish brown layer overlying a grey layer. Although possibly the remains of old ploughsoil, the presence of Ashton Down hill immediately to the east suggests that some, if not all of this material is colluvially derived. At their deepest, the two layers represent 0.6 m of material, with one or both of the layers recorded in trenches 13, 14, 20, 21, 28, 32, 36 and 37.
- 5.1.4. The remaining area of subsoil was restricted to the north-eastern end of trench 34, consisting of four discrete deposits ranging from silty loam to silty clay, to a maximum depth of 0.6 m. The proximity of the junction of two drains suggests that this material may be alluvial.
- 5.1.5. Elsewhere within the proposed extraction area isolated patches of subsoil were encountered, generally up to 0.1 m in depth, and were seldom present along the entire length of a trench. These lenses invariably appeared to be alluvially derived, often found in association with former or extant ditches.

## 5.2. Late Bronze Age

- 5.2.1. A total of six features produced late Bronze Age pottery, coupled with a single sherd recovered from the topsoil in trench 14.

subsoil  
sample

- ✓ 1. Pit 605 (trench 6) was a subcircular feature with steep sides and a flat base, 0.7 m in diameter and 0.25 m deep. The fill, also sampled for environmental purposes (sample no. 607), contained a large quantity of burnt limestone pieces.

ec

- ✓ 2. Ditch 703 (trench 7) was a south-east - north-west aligned steep-sided feature, 0.3 m wide and 0.2 m deep. The fill of this small feature produced c. 85% of all late Bronze Age pottery recovered during the evaluation, and was sampled for environmental purposes (Sample no. 712).

ec

- ✓ 3. Ditch 710 (trench 7) was a curved feature 0.5 m wide, possibly forming the north side of a subcircular feature also represented by Ditch 706. Ditch 710 was unexcavated, and the finds were recovered from the surface of its (upper) fill.

ec

- ✓ 4. Ditch 3003 (trench 30) was a relatively shallow feature, 4.5 m wide and 0.35 m deep. It was located immediately to the west of, and parallel to, the existing drain which forms part of the boundary between Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

ec

- ✓ 5. Ditch 3412 (trench 34) was a north - south aligned U-shaped feature, 2.6 m wide and 0.5 m deep, which cut through an earlier east - west aligned ditch (3411).

ec

- ✓ 6. Ditch 3706 (trench 37) was a shallow-sided feature, 4.5m wide and 0.35m deep, which followed the line of the boundary between Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. This feature was dated by pottery recovered from its primary fill.

5.2.2 A potential ring ditch, noted on the plot of cropmarks, was to be investigated by trench 16. However, no evidence of archaeological activity was revealed in the trench. Replotting of an air photograph, supplied by the County Archaeological Officer for Gloucestershire, showed that the ring ditch was probably located c. 50 m further south.

### 5.3. Romano-British

5.3.1. A total of five features produced Romano-British finds. In addition, an example of box flue tile was recovered from subsoil in trench 21.

1. Ditch 1405 (trench 14) was a north-south aligned, shallow, rounded feature, 1.4 m wide and 0.2 m deep, and produced a piece of Romano-British tile.
2. Ditch 2702 (trench 27) was a north - south aligned, U-shaped feature, 2.9 m wide and 0.58 m deep, with Romano-British pottery recovered from its secondary and tertiary fills.
3. Ditch 2713 (trench 27) was a 'V'-shaped feature aligned east - west, 1.2 m wide and 0.7 m deep. Romano-British pottery was recovered in association with an iron object (object no. 2721). This feature does not appear to bear any relation to recorded cropmarks in the area.
4. Ditch 2808 (trench 28) was aligned north-north-east - south-south-west, 1.7 m wide and 0.32 m deep, with pottery recovered from its primary and secondary fills.
5. Ditch 3405 (trench 34) was aligned north - south, 1.5 m wide and 0.4 m deep. This ditch cut through Ditch 3407, an earlier east - west aligned feature.

5.3.2. A single piece of Romano-British tile was recovered from the fill of a furrow in trench 29. This was 2.6 m wide and 0.15 m deep and aligned east - west.

### 5.4. Post-Medieval

5.4.1. A total of three features contained post-medieval pottery, together with sherds recovered from topsoil in trenches 17 and 27.

1. Ditch 604 (trench 6) was aligned north - south, 1.9 m wide and 0.4 m deep, and had cut through the west edge of Ditch 603, a similarly aligned feature.
2. Ditch 1306 (trench 13), aligned south-west - north-east, was 1.8 m wide and only 0.15 m deep.
3. Ditch 2603 (trench 26), 1.5 m wide and 0.15 m deep, ran approximately parallel to the modern field boundary to the south.

### 5.5. Undated

5.5.1. A further 99 other features were identified, examined and recorded. Summarised details can be found in Appendix 1. These undated features can be subdivided into six groups.

1. Nine large ditches (1.5 m and greater in width). These were located in trenches 18, 21, 25, 28, 32 (two), 34, 35 and 36.
2. Twenty-five small ditches (between 0.5 m and 1.5 m in width). These were located in trenches 5 (two), 6 (two), 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 20, 24 (three), 26, 27 (three), 30, 31 (two), 32, 34 (two) and 37.
3. Eleven pits (i.e. 0.6 m and greater in diameter), located in trenches 7, 8 (three), 24, 28 (three) and 30 (three).
4. Sixteen structural features (post-holes, slots etc.), located in trenches 8 (two), 25 (three), 27 (two), 28, 29 (two), 31, 32 (two) and 33 (three). Of these, the group of three post-holes in trench 33 (Group no. 3318) appear to form a curving line, which can be extrapolated into a circle of c. 5 - 6m diameter.
5. Thirty-six furrows (medieval or later) specifically numbered and recorded, together with numerous other examples marked on plan but not otherwise recorded. The recorded examples are in trenches 1, 2, 4 (four), 6 (four), 15, 16 (five), 22, 23 (two), 24 (two), 25 (two), 27 (three), 29 (five), 33 (four) and 34.
6. A shallow hearth or fire pit was recorded in trench 13, but its stratigraphic relationship identified it as a modern feature.

## 6. FINDS

### 6.2. Methodology

- 6.1.1. All finds were retained following the fieldwork, and subsequently cleaned, marked where appropriate, and quantified both by number and weight for each material type within each context. This information is summarised in Table 1, which presents the quantities of finds recovered by context and feature.
- 6.1.2. The finds were scanned to ascertain the nature, date range and condition of the material assemblage. This information is discussed by material type below.

### 6.2. Ceramic Building Material

- 6.2.1. Of the four pieces of ceramic building material recovered, three are of Romano-British date; one of which has the scoring characteristic of box flue tiles on one face. These three pieces came from trenches 14, 21 and 29, and all are likely to have been redeposited. The remaining piece, from Ditch 3706, is probably post-medieval.

### 6.3. Fired Clay

- 6.3.1. The small quantity of fired clay recovered consists entirely of small, featureless fragments of uncertain date and origin.

### 6.4. Worked Flint

- 6.4.1. One waste flake came from the topsoil in trench 27.

**Table 1: Finds totals by context/feature**

Trench No	Feature/ Layer No	Fill No	Animal Bone		CBM		Fired Clay		Prehist. Pottery		R-B Pottery		Post-med Pottery		Other finds
			No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
6	604	609											1	6g	
	605	606							1	14g					
7	703	702	6	17g			3	10g	126	409g					
	710	711							8	18g					
13	1306	1307					1	14g					7	100g	1 iron object
14	1400	-							1	3g					
	1401	-	17	57g											
	1405	1404			1	111g									
17	1700	-										1	6g		
21	2101	-			1	164g									
25	2500	-													1 whetstone
	2504	2505	16	200g											
26	2603	2602											1	8g	
27	2700	-	1	165g			1	2g					1	3g	1 flint flake
	2702	2703	18	430g							2	146g			
		2718	5	122g							1	144g			
	2713	2714	5	23g			2	3g			3	6g			1 slag 1 iron object
28	2808	2809									5	154g			
		2811									2	76g			
29	2904	2903			1	63g									
30	3003	3007							8	18g					
32	3202	-	1	41g											
34	3405	3406	6	21g							1	1g			
	3412	3414							12	22g					
	3417	3418			1	3g									
37	3706	3710	8	16g					1	1g					
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>78</b>	<b>970g</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>341g</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29g</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>585g</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>307g</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23g</b>	

### 6.5. Pottery

- 6.5.1. The majority of the pottery is of late Bronze Age date, with a small quantity of Romano-British and post-medieval material also present.
- 6.5.2. The prehistoric pottery consists of plain body sherds tempered either with shell or with Oolitic Limestone. In many cases the calcareous tempering material has leached out, leaving abraded, corky-textured sherds with common voids. Despite the absence of diagnostic sherds, this material can be identified as late Bronze Age on the basis of comparisons with other sites in the area, e.g. Shorncote, where similar fabrics have been identified (Morris forthcoming). Both the shelly and the Oolitic fabrics could have been made using locally available resources. Prehistoric pottery came from trenches 6, 7 and 14 in the extreme south of the survey area, and trenches 30 and 37 in the north-east corner.
- 6.5.3. A small quantity of Romano-British material was present. This consists mostly of coarsewares, including greywares, oxidised sandy wares, and grog-tempered wares, probably from a variety of sources. The only diagnostic sherd is a rim from a large storage jar of early Roman type (1st/2nd century AD). There was also one sherd from an amphora of Dressel 20 type, the most

common amphora type found in Britain in the Roman period, originating from the southern Spanish province of Baetica. As might be expected, the Romano-British pottery was concentrated in the northern half of the survey area around the known Romano-British farmstead.

6.5.4. Post-medieval material comprised sherds of glazed redwares, from topsoil contexts and also from Ditches 604 and 2603.

#### 6.6. Slag

6.6.1. One piece of iron working slag was recovered from Ditch 2713 in trench 27. Associated pottery would suggest a Romano-British date.

#### 6.7. Iron Objects

6.7.1. Two iron objects were recovered: a nail from Ditch 1306, and a boot cleat from Ditch 2713. Associated pottery would suggest a Romano-British date for the boot cleat, and a post-medieval date for the nail.

#### 6.8. Worked Stone

6.8.1. One small rectangular-sectioned whetstone fragment, of unknown date, came from the topsoil in trench 25.

### 7. ENVIRONMENTAL

7.1. Two bulk samples were taken from sealed contexts in a pit and a gully and were processed by standard flotation methods (Wessex Archaeology Guidelines) with the flot retained on a 0.5 mm mesh aperture sieve and the residues on a 1 mm aperture sieve. The coarse residue (>5.6 mm was sorted, weighed and discarded). The flots of both samples were scanned under a x10 - x30 stereo-binocular microscope. The presence of grain, weed seeds, chaff and charcoal are semi-quantitatively presented in Table 2. Unburnt seeds are recorded as an indicator of potential contamination and mixing.

**Table 2: Plant Macrofossil Assessment**

Sample	Feature	context	sample size	flot size ml	Flot					Residue
					grain	chaff	unburnt seeds	burnt seeds	charcoal >5.6mm	charcoal >5.6mm
607	pit 605	606	10 litres	30	C	-	C	C	B	-
712	gully 703	702	5 litres	40	C	-	-	C	A	-

KEY: A = >10 items, B = 10 - 5 items, C = <5 items, - = nil recorded

7.2. Both samples, which were taken from prehistoric features, contained grain and weed seeds despite the small (5 litres ) size of sample 712 from the gully. Charcoal was present in good quantities in the flots of both.

7.3. The quantity of samples, and the relatively few cereal grains and other plant macrofossils recovered, limits the potential for detailed and meaningful analysis. Nevertheless it does indicate that the site contains the potential to providing environmental evidence, and the presence of grain and weed seeds may enable the determination of the farming economy; i.e. time of cultivation

and soil type cultivated which may indicate whether the cereal remains recovered were farmed locally or bought in as processed grain. The charcoal is identifiable.

## **8. DISCUSSION**

8.1. The evaluation produced evidence of both late Bronze Age and Romano-British activity, within definable areas. The archaeological evidence has been assessed according to potential.

### **8.2. High Potential**

8.2.1. The Romano-British nucleated farmstead, evaluated in 1988 (Parry 1988) and its associated field system. This has already been identified as a virtually unique example of its kind in the area (Leech 1977, 31). Other Romano-British features were found in trenches 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 33 and 34, which had been placed around the known area of Romano-British settlement in order to better define the limits of the site.

8.2.2. The probable ring ditch marked on aerial photographs as a cropmark. Although no evidence for this feature was found within the evaluation trenches, it is almost certainly a definite feature, and probably lies some 50 m further south of the position of the plotted cropmark.

8.2.3. A concentration of features, including a possible small ring ditch was found in trench 7. They contained substantial quantities of late Bronze Age pottery.

8.2.4. A concentration of undated structural features within trench 8. They were overlain by 0.25 m of relict ploughsoil which may protect other shallow and ephemeral features

### **8.3. Moderate Potential**

8.3.1. A number of probable ditches were identified in the central southern part of the evaluation area (trenches 5, 6, 10 and 17), many of which are not recorded as cropmarks.

8.3.2. The greatest density of linear features were contained within the north-east section of the area, many of which have been interpreted as trackways. One (ditch 3706 in trench 36), which lies along the line county boundary, contained late Bronze Age pottery. Other trenches which revealed evidence for ditches and other linear features include trenches 28, 30, 31, 32, 34 35 and 37.

### **8.4. Low Potential**

8.4.1. The south-east section of the evaluation area was criss-crossed by shallow drainage features, which are possibly relict natural water channels.

8.4.2. The south-west corner of the area, including trenches 1, 2, 3 and 4, was heavily disturbed by ridge and furrow cultivation.

## 8.5. Conclusions

8.5.1. The evaluation has revealed several areas of potential archaeological interest, in addition to the previously known and evaluated Romano-British farmstead in the north-west corner (Parry 1988). However, the sample size of 1%, coupled with the random trench distribution, and limitations caused by existing boundaries and water courses, left some blank areas, for example between trenches 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25, trenches 4, 5, 9, 10 and 17, and trenches 28, 30, 31, 32, 35 and 36. The possibility of significant archaeological remains within these areas cannot be discounted, as evaluations elsewhere, such as at Rixon Gate, Ashton Keynes (Wessex Archaeology 1992) have shown.

## 9. ARCHIVE

9.1. The site archive, including the finds, is currently held at the offices of Wessex Archaeology in Salisbury, under the site code W708. It is hoped that the complete archive will be deposited in with either Cirencester Museum or Thamesdown Museum.

The archive currently comprises the following:

Component	Format	No. of Pages
Client Report	A4	30
Day Book	A5	1
Trial Trench Records	A4	37
Context Sheets	A4	366
Graphic Register	A4	9
Drawing Sheets	A4	95
Level Book	A5	1
Photographic Records	A4	27
Context Finds Records	A4	32
Spot Dating and Scanning Records	A4	18
Object Records	A4	1
Environmental Sample Records	A4	6
Black and White Contact Print Sheets	35mm	13
Colour Slides	35mm	456

In addition, a single large cardboard box of finds is also included in the site archive.

## 10. REFERENCES

- Barclay, A and Glass, H, forthcoming, *Excavations of Neolithic and Bronze Age ring ditches, Shorncote Quarry, Somerford Keynes, Gloucestershire*
- Hearne, C M and Heaton, M J, forthcoming, *Excavations at a Late Bronze Age Settlement in the Upper Thames Valley at Shorncote Quarry, near Cirencester, 1992*
- Leech, R, 1977, The Upper Thames Valley in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire: An archaeological survey of the river gravels, *CRAAGS 4*
- Parry, C, 1988, *An Archaeological Evaluation of a Romano-British Settlement (Glos SMR 3121, Wilts SMR SU09NW612) near Shorncote, Gloucestershire*, unpublished client report



## Appendix 1: Trench Record Summaries

m aOD	=	Metres above Ordnance Datum
Occ.	=	Occasional
Sl.	=	Slightly
Mod.	=	Moderate
Freq.	=	Frequent
n/e	=	Not excavated

Archaeological feature numbers in **bold**

Recorded features subsequently identified as natural during investigation are not listed, full details can be found in the site archive.

Trench 1	SU 03002 95817 - SU 02972 95857 (92.02 - 92.19 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 1 (Wilts/Gloucs)
Context no	Description	Depth (m)
100	Topsoil - Loose brown silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.30
101	Subsoil - Dark brown silty clay with mod. limestone gravel.	0.38
<b>103</b>	Furrow - N/S aligned shallow feature, 0.7m wide, filled with 104 (dark brown silty clay with mod. limestone gravel).	0.10
102	Natural - Yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

Trench 2	SU 03086 95818 - SU 03108 95863 (91.70 - 91.76 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 1 (Wilts)
Context no	Description	Depth (m)
200	Topsoil - Dark greyish brown silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.28
201	Subsoil - Reddish brown silty clay with occ. limestone gravel.	0.08
<b>203</b>	Furrow - SE/NW aligned very shallow feature, 3m wide, filled with 204 (orangey red silty clay loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.10
202	Natural - Yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

Trench 3	SU 03031 95915 - SU 03021 95965 (92.13 - 92.46 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 1 (Gloucs)
Context no	Description	Depth (m)
300	Topsoil - Mid brown silty loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.25
301	Subsoil - Yellowish brown clay loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.15
302	Natural - Yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

Trench 4		Plot 1 (Gloucs)
SU 03084 95911 - SU 03106 95955 (92.15 - 92.11 m aOD)		
Dimensions: 50m x 2m		
Context no	Description	Depth (m)
400	Topsoil - Mid brown silty loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.20
401	Subsoil - Yellowish brown clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.15
403	Furrow - SE/NW aligned very shallow feature. 2.6m wide, filled with 404 (yellowish brown silt with freq. limestone gravel).	0.10
405	Furrow - SE/NW aligned very shallow feature. 1.5m wide, filled with 406 (yellowish brown silt with freq. limestone gravel).	0.10
407	Furrow - SE/NW aligned feature. 1.3m wide, filled with 408 (dark brown silty clay with mod. limestone gravel).	n/e
409	Furrow - SE/NW aligned feature. 0.6m wide, filled with 410 (dark brown silty clay with mod. limestone gravel).	n/e
402	Natural - Pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

✓  
No finds

Trench 5		Plot 2 (Wilts)
SU 03188 95930 - SU 03230 95957 (91.91 - 91.81 m aOD)		
Dimensions: 50m x 2m		
Context no	Description	Depth (m)
500	Topsoil - Mid brown slightly clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel and frequent root material.	0.31
502	Ditch - N/S aligned shallow feature. 1.3m wide, filled with 504 (yellowish brown sl. clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.10
503	Ditch - N/S aligned shallow feature. 1.2m wide, filled with 505 (yellowish brown sl. clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.08
501	Natural - Pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

PREHIST  
POTTERY  
(BA)  
Su09NW  
152

Trench 6		Plot 2 (Wilts)
SU 03256 95903 - SU 03304 95901 (91.57 - 91.43 m aOD)		
Dimensions: 50m x 2m		
Context no	Description	Depth (m)
600	Topsoil - Brown coarse sandy clay loam with occ. limestone gravel and root material.	0.35
601	Subsoil - Light brown sandy clay loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.10
603	Ditch - N/S aligned steep sided feature, at least 0.9m wide, filled with 608 (yellowish brown silt with occ. limestone gravel). This feature was cut by ditch 604.	0.50
604	Ditch - N/S aligned fairly shallow feature, 1.9m wide, filled with 609 (brownish orange silty clay with freq. limestone gravel) and 610 (orangey brown clay loam). This feature cuts ditch 603.	0.40
605	Pit - Subcircular feature, 0.7m diameter, filled with 606 (grey sandy clay with freq. burnt limestone pieces). Sample 607 was taken from fill 606.	0.25

611	Ditch - N/S aligned 'V'-shaped feature, 0.8m wide, filled with 612 (brown silty clay loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.30
613	Furrow - N/S aligned very shallow feature, 2.4m wide, filled with 614 (brown silty clay loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.10
616	Furrow - N/S aligned feature, 1.6m wide, filled with 615 (greyish brown silty loam).	n/e
617	Furrow - N/S aligned feature, 3m wide, filled with 618 (brown silty loam).	n/e
619/612	Furrow - N/S aligned feature, 3m wide, filled with 620/622 (pale brown silt with very occ. limestone gravel). Recorded as two separate narrower features, but representing the truncated remains of one furrow.	n/e
602	Natural - Pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

BA Pot  
ANBO  
SU09NW  
152

<b>Trench 7</b>	SU 03404 95918 - SU 03400 95970 (91.51 - 91.63 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 3 (Wilts)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
700	Topsoil - Dark brown silty loam with very occ. limestone gravel.	0.25
703	Ditch - SE/NW aligned steep sided feature, 0.3m wide, filled with 702 (dark brown silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel). Sample 712 taken from fill 702.	0.20
704	Pit - Ovular steep sided feature, 1m x 0.5m, filled with 705 (brown silty clay loam).	0.15
706	Ditch - E/W aligned sl. curved (concave side to N) feature, 0.6m wide, filled with 707 (grey coarse clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel).	0.15
710	Ditch - E/W aligned sl. curved (concave side to S) feature, 0.5m wide, filled with 711 (brown silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel and pieces).	n/e
701	Natural - Mottled pale brown and yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

X

<b>Trench 8</b>	SU 02976 96014 - SU 02973 96063 (92.69 - 92.97 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 1 (Gloucs)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
800	Topsoil - Sl. clayey loam with freq. root material and occ. limestone gravel.	0.25
801	Subsoil - Dark yellowish brown sl. clayey loam with rare limestone gravel.	0.25
803	Pit - Oval feature, 2.2m x 1m, filled with 804 (dark brown clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.29
805	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.3m in diameter, filled with 806 (dark brown clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.26

807	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.3m in diameter, filled with 808 (dark brown clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel).	n/e
809	Pit - Sl. elliptical feature, 0.6m x 0.55m, filled with 810 (dark brown clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel).	0.14
811	Pit/Ditch - E/W aligned feature, 0.8m wide, filled with 812 (light brown clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel). This appeared to represent the western terminal of a linear feature.	n/e
813	Pit - Elliptical feature, 1.4m x 0.52m, filled with 814 (dark brown humic loam).	0.21
802	Natural - Pale yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 9</b>	<b>SU 03043 96013 - SU 03071 96055 (92.42 - 92.52 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 1</b> <b>(Gloucs)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
900	Topsoil - Dark brown loose silty loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.35
901	Subsoil - Dark brownish red silty clay loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.05
903	Ditch - E/W aligned shallow feature, 0.7m wide, filled with 904 (brown silty loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.13
902	Natural - Pale yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 10</b>	<b>SU 03217 96004 - SU 03254 96039 (92.45 - 92.50 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 2</b> <b>(Gloucs/Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1000	Topsoil - Mid brown slightly clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.30
1001	Subsoil - Reddish brown sandy loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.20
1003	Ditch - E/W aligned very shallow feature, 1.2m wide, filled with 1004 (light to mid brown sandy loam with very frequent limestone gravel).	0.08
1002	Natural - Very light yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 11</b>	<b>SU 03310 96011 - SU 03345 96022 (91.81 - 91.62 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 34m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 3</b> <b>(Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1100	Topsoil - Dark brown loose silty loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.35
1101	Subsoil - Greyish brown clayey loam with fairly mod. limestone gravel.	0.05
1102	Natural - Mottled pale yellow and grey limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 12</b>	SU 03375 95995 - SU 03430 95993 (91.64 - 91.64 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	<b>Plot 3</b> (Wilts)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1200	Topsoil - Mid brown clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.30
1201	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 13</b>	SU 03435 96016 - SU 03414 96063 (91.72 - 91.74 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	<b>Plot 3</b> (Wilts)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1300	Topsoil - Mid brown clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.20
1304	Hearth - Circular very shallow feature. 1.5m in diameter, filled with 1305 (mottled black/ red heat-affected clay and charcoal). This feature was cut from the surface of subsoil 1301.	0.05
1301	Subsoil - Yellowish brown silty clay with occ. limestone gravel.	0.15
1302	Subsoil - Dark grey clay with rare limestone gravel.	0.08
1306	Ditch - SW/NE aligned shallow feature. 1.8m wide, filled with 1307 (light yellowish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel).	0.15
1303	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

Post-Mod  
Pot

Iron  
object

<b>Trench 14</b>	SU 03472 96010 - SU 03520 95997 (91.70 - 92.21 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	<b>Plot 3</b> (Wilts)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1400	Topsoil - Mid to dark brown sl. clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel and mod. root material.	0.28
1401	Subsoil - Light brown silty clay with very occ. limestone gravel.	0.38
1402	Subsoil - Mid to dark grey sl. silty clay with very rare limestone gravel.	0.20
1405	Ditch - N/S aligned feature. 1.4m wide, filled with 1404 (mid grey sl. silty clay with rare limestone gravel).	0.20
1407	Ditch - N/S aligned feature. 0.7m wide, filled with 1406 (mid grey sl. silty clay with rare limestone gravel).	0.10
1403	Natural - Light brownish yellow limestone gravel, tending to light grey towards NW.	n/e

BA  
Pot

SW09NW  
152

<b>Trench 15</b>	SU 02967 96121 - SU 03004 96148 (93.07 - 92.74 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	<b>Plot 1</b> (Gloucs)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1500	Topsoil - Dark brown silty loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.30
1501	Subsoil - Reddish brown silty clay loam with very occ. limestone gravel.	0.25

1503	Furrow - N/S aligned very shallow feature, 1.2m wide, filled with 1504 (light brown silty clay loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.05
1502	Natural - Pale yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 16</b>	<b>SU 03127 96129 - SU 03083 96151 (92.71 - 92.64 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 1</b> <b>(Gloucs)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1600	Topsoil - Mid brown silty loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.30
1602	Furrow - N/S aligned very shallow feature, 1.3m wide and filled with 1603 (yellowish brown silt with profuse limestone gravel).	0.05
1604	Furrow - N/S aligned feature, 1.3m wide and filled with 1605 (yellowish brown silt with profuse limestone gravel).	n/e
1606	Furrow - N/S aligned very shallow feature, 0.9m wide and filled with 1607 (yellowish brown silt with profuse limestone gravel).	0.07
1608	Furrow - N/S aligned feature, 0.6m wide and filled with 1609 (yellowish brown silt with profuse limestone gravel).	n/e
1610	Furrow - N/S aligned very shallow feature, 1.7m wide and filled with 1611 (yellowish brown silty clay with freq. limestone gravel).	0.05
1601	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

*lost MOD*

<b>Trench 17</b>	<b>SU 03200 96105 - SU 03168 96141 (92.87 - 92.79 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 2</b> <b>(Gloucs)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1700	Topsoil - Dark brown sl. clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.28
1704	Subsoil - Reddish brown sandy loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.16
1702	Ditch - N/S aligned shallow feature, 1m wide, filled with 1703 (reddish brown sl. clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.11
1701	Natural - Pale yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 18</b>	<b>SU 03335 96091 - SU 03359 96140 (91.81 - 91.98 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 3</b> <b>(Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1800	Topsoil - Mid brown clay loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.30
1801	Subsoil - Brownish grey clay with freq. limestone gravel.	0.10
1803	Ditch - ESE/WNW aligned feature, 2.4m wide, filled with 1805 (dark grey clay with very occ. limestone pieces and occ. limestone gravel) and 1804 (light yellowish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel).	0.70
1802	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 19</b>	<b>SU 03406 96128 - SU 03402 96179 (91.83 - 92.02 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 3</b> <b>(Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
1900	Topsoil - Mid brown sl. clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.30
1901	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 20</b>	<b>SU 03444 96130 - SU 03483 96163 (91.88 - 92.00 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 3</b> <b>(Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2000	Topsoil - Mid greyish brown clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel and very occ. root material.	0.30
2001	Subsoil - Light brown with orange mottle silty clay.	0.14
2002	Subsoil - Blue grey clay (intermittent layer also recorded as the fill of 2004)	0.17
2004	Ditch - SE/NW aligned feature. 0.9m wide. filled with 2002 (see above)	0.26
2003	Natural - Pale yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 21</b>	<b>SU 03518 96171 - SU 03499 96200 (92.24 - 92.03 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 33m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 3</b> <b>(Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2100	Topsoil - Dark brown clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel and mod. root material.	0.26
2101	Subsoil - Light yellowish brown sl. silty clay with very occ. limestone gravel.	0.20
2102	Subsoil - Dark grey sl. silty clay with very occ. limestone gravel and rare limestone pieces.	0.10
2105	Ditch - SW/NE aligned feature. 1.5m wide, filled with 2104 (as subsoil 2102) and 2106 (light brown sl. silty clay with very rare limestone gravel).	0.12
2103	Natural - Yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

UNDATED  
CERAMIC  
BUILDING  
MATERIAL

<b>Trench 22</b>	<b>SU 02970 96248 - SU 03016 96237 (93.39 - 92.92 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 1</b> <b>(Gloucs)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2200	Topsoil - Dark brown sl. clayey loam with freq. root material and mod. limestone gravel.	0.24
2201	Subsoil - Yellowish brown clayey loam with occ. root material and freq. limestone gravel.	0.23

2203	Furrow - N/S aligned very shallow feature, 2.1m wide, filled with 2204 (dark brown clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.18
2202	Natural - Pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 23</b>	<b>SU 03077 96213 - SU 03047 96254 (92.79 - 92.93 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 1</b> <b>(Gloucs)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2300	Topsoil - Mid brown silty loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.30
2302	Furrow - N/S aligned very shallow feature, 2.3m wide, filled with 2303 (yellowish brown silt with profuse limestone gravel).	0.10
2308	Furrow - N/S aligned feature, 2m wide, filled with 2309 (yellowish brown silt with profuse limestone gravel).	n/e
2301	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 24</b>	<b>SU 03180 96224 - SU 03230 96217 (93.00 - 92.90 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 2</b> <b>(Gloucs/Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2400	Topsoil - Mid brown friable sl. clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel and profuse root material.	0.27
2404	Ditch - N/S aligned fairly shallow feature, 0.9m wide, filled with 2403 (mid brown loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.07
2406	Furrow - N/S aligned very shallow feature, 1.7m wide, filled with 2405 (mid brown loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.05
2410	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 1.2m wide, filled with 1209 (brown clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.30
2412	Pit - Circular feature, 1m diameter, filled with 2411 (brown clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel).	0.25
2414	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 0.9m wide, filled with 2413 (brown sl. clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.15
2416	Furrow - E/W aligned very shallow feature, at least 2m wide, filled with 2415 (reddish brown loam freq. limestone gravel).	0.10
2401	Natural - Pale yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 25</b>	<b>SU 03299 96240 - SU 03263 96207 (92.71 - 92.75 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 2</b> <b>(Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2500	Topsoil - Brown slightly clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.30
2502	Furrow - E/W aligned very shallow feature, 2.3m wide, filled with 2503 (brown loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.15
2504	Ditch - NNW/SSE aligned feature, 2m wide, filled with 2505 (brown clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.50

Ambo  
PM POT  
A white tone



2506	Post-hole - Subcircular feature, 0.4m diameter, filled with 2507 (brown loam with occ. limestone gravel and freq. root material).	0.10
2508	Post-hole - Subcircular feature, 0.25m diameter, filled with 2509 (brown loam with occ. limestone gravel and freq. root material).	0.10
2510	Furrow - E/W aligned very shallow feature, 2m wide, filled with 2511 (brown loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.15
2512	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.35m diameter, filled with 2513 (brown loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.08
2501	Natural - Very light brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 26</b>	<b>SU 03398 96225 - SU 03434 96258 (92.07 - 92.26 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 20.3m x 2m and 17.3m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 3/4</b> <b>(Wilts)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2600	Topsoil - Sl. greyish brown very clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.23
2601	Subsoil (Plot 4) - Light brown silty clay with very occ. limestone gravel.	0.09
2607	Subsoil (Plot 3) - Mid brown silty clay with very occ. limestone gravel.	0.20
2603	Ditch - SE/NW aligned shallow feature, 1.5m wide, filled with 2602 (greyish brown sl. silty clay with very occ. limestone gravel). This cuts ditch 2605	0.15
2605	Gully - SE/NW aligned curved feature (concave side to W), 0.7m wide, filled with 2604 (very dark grey sl. silty clay with rare limestone gravel). This is cut by ditch 2603	0.20
2607	Natural - Light greyish yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

PM  
POT

<b>Trench 27</b>	<b>SU 03304 96280 - SU 03346 96308 (93.02 - 92.77 m aOD)</b> <b>Dimensions: 50m x 2m</b>	<b>Plot 2</b> <b>(Wilts/Gloucs)</b>
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2700	Topsoil - Mid brown sl. clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel and freq. root material.	0.19
2719	Subsoil - Light brown sl. clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.15
2702	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 2.9m wide, filled with 2703 (brown clayey loam with profuse limestone gravel), 2718 (brown clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel) and 2715 (greyish brown silty clay with profuse limestone gravel).	0.58
2704	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 0.9m wide, filled with 2705 (brown sl. clayey loam with mod. limestone gravel). This is cut by Furrow 2706.	n/e
2706	Furrow - E/W aligned feature, 3m wide, filled with 2722 (light brown sl. clayey silt with freq. limestone gravel).	n/e

NOT  
WILTS

RB  
POT

AN80  
FRESH  
CLAY

A flint plate

piece of  
slag +

a- iron  
object.

2707	Ditch - E/W aligned shallow flat-bottomed feature, 0.6m wide, filled with 2708 (mid brown sl. clayey loam with profuse limestone gravel).	0.08
2709	Furrow - E/W aligned feature, 3m wide, filled with 2723 (light brown sl. clayey silt with freq. limestone gravel).	n/e
2710	Slot - E/W aligned 0.06m wide line of discoloured natural gravel, possibly caused by either organic or ferrous decay. No fill as such.	0.08
2711	Slot - E/W aligned 0.06m wide line of discoloured natural gravel, possibly caused by either organic or ferrous decay. No fill as such.	0.09
2712	Furrow - E/W aligned feature, 3m wide, filled with 2724 (light brown sl. clayey silt with freq. limestone gravel).	n/e
2713	Ditch - E/W aligned 'V'-profiled feature, 1.2m wide, filled with 2714 (brown clayey silt with mod. limestone gravel) and 2720 (greyish brown silty clayey loam with profuse limestone gravel). Object 2721 recovered from layer 2714.	0.70
2716	Gully - E/W aligned shallow flat-bottomed feature, 0.3m wide, filled with 2717 (brown clayey loam with profuse limestone gravel).	0.04
2701	Natural - Pale yellowish brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 28</b>	SU 03456 96369 - SU 03506 96355 (92.66 - 92.58 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	<b>Plot 4</b> (Wilts)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2800	Topsoil - Brown clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.20
2801	Subsoil - Yellowish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel.	0.25
2802	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 1.1m wide, filled with 2803 (grey clay with occ. limestone gravel).	0.15
2804	Pit - Circular feature, 0.6m diameter, filled with 2805 (greyish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel).	0.40
2806	Pit - Circular feature, 0.6m diameter, filled with 2807 (greyish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel).	0.30
2808	Ditch - NNE/SSW aligned feature, 1.7m wide, filled with 2809 (brown silty clay with mod. limestone gravel) and 2811 (blue grey silty clay with mod. limestone gravel).	0.32
2812	Pit - Circular feature, 0.6m diameter, filled with 2813 (greyish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel).	n/e
2814	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.4m diameter, filled with 2815 (Greyish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel).	n/e
2816	Ditch - NE/SW aligned shallow feature, 4.9m wide, filled with 2817 (yellowish brown silty clay with very rare limestone gravel).	0.26
2810	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

RB  
Pot

S409NW  
301

ADAPTED  
CBM

<b>Trench 29</b>	SU 03249 96441 - SU 03231 96489 (93.39 - 93.53 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 2 (Gloucs)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
2900	Topsoil - Brown silty loam with mod. limestone gravel and fairly mod. root material.	0.25
2901	Subsoil - Reddish brown sandy silt with profuse limestone gravel.	0.05
2904	Furrow - E/W aligned very shallow feature, 2.6m wide, filled with 2903 (reddish brown sandy silt with profuse limestone gravel).	0.15
2906	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.4m diameter, filled with 2905 (dark reddish brown very sl. sandy clayey silt with freq. limestone pieces (remnant packing ?)).	0.27
2908	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.3m diameter, filled with 2907 (sl. reddish brown clayey silt with freq. limestone gravel).	n/e
2910	Furrows - Number allocated to remaining 5 furrow marks aligned E/W across trench, filled with 2909 (as fill of Furrow 2904).	n/e
2902	Natural - Pale yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

BA  
105

SU09NW  
153

<b>Trench 30</b>	SU 03435 96424 - SU 03397 96462 (92.93 - 93.08 m aOD) Dimensions: 27.5m x 2m and 22m x 2m	Plot 2/4 (Gloucs/Wilts)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
3000	Topsoil - Brown silty clay loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.20
3001	Subsoil - Yellowish brown silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.20
3002	Subsoil - Grey clay loam with fairly occ. limestone gravel.	0.15
3003	Ditch - NE/SW aligned shallow feature, 4.5m wide, filled with 3007 (grey silty clay) and 3006 (grey clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel).	0.35
3004	Ditch - NE/SW aligned feature, 0.9m wide, filled with 3008 (grey silty clay with mod. limestone gravel).	0.28
3005	Pit - ?Subcircular feature, 1.4m x 0.5m, filled with 3009 (pale brownish grey sandy clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel). Feature only partially exposed within trench.	0.17
3011	Pit - ?Subcircular feature, 2m x 1m, filled with 3012 (dark brown silty loam).	n/e
3013	Pit - Subcircular feature, 0.8m diameter, filled with 3014 (dark brown silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel).	0.13
3010	Natural - Very pale yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 31</b>	SU 03426 96496 - SU 03472 96496 (93.27 - 93.23 m aOD) Dimensions: 45m x 2m	Plot 4 (Wilts)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
3100	Topsoil - Brown slightly clayey loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.20

3101	Subsoil - Yellowish brown sandy loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.10
3103	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 0.6m wide, filled with 3104 (red/black heat-affected clay with freq. limestone gravel). This feature exhibited a N terminal within the trench, at which point Post-hole 3107 was recorded, cutting through the base of Ditch 3103 and sealed by fill 3104.	0.20
3105	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 0.6m wide, filled with 3106 (red/black heat-affected clay with freq. limestone gravel). This feature exhibited a S terminal within the trench.	n/e
3107	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.3m diameter, filled with 3108 (very dark brown clay with occ. limestone gravel). Cut through the base of Ditch 3103, and sealed by fill 3104.	0.10
3102	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

AN80

<b>Trench 32</b>	SU 03564 96439 - SU 03609 96457 (92.90 - 92.93 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 4 (Wilts)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
3200	Topsoil - Dark brown sl. clayey loam with profuse root material and mod. limestone gravel.	0.16
3201	Subsoil - Yellowish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel and rare root material.	0.19
3202	Subsoil - Light brown clay with very occ. limestone gravel.	0.15
3204	Ditch - NNW/SSE aligned feature, 1.6m wide, filled with 3205 (yellowish brown silty clay with profuse limestone gravel) and 3208 (blue grey silty clay with profuse limestone gravel).	0.34
3208	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.35m diameter, filled with 3209 (light brown silty clay with occ. limestone gravel).	0.15
3211	Ditch - NNW/SSE aligned feature, 0.9m wide, filled with 3212 (brown clay with profuse limestone gravel).	0.26
3213	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 1.5m wide, filled with 3214 (greyish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel).	n/e
3215	Gully/Slot - Narrow curved feature, 0.05m wide, filled with 3216 (dark brown sl. clayey limestone gravel). Forms an arc against the N edge of the trench, covering an area 2.2m x 0.8m.	0.06
3203	Natural - Pale yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 33</b>	SU 03303 96504 - SU 03335 96542 (93.46 - 93.54 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 2 (Gloucs)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
3300	Topsoil - Brown clay loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.30
3302	Furrow - E/W aligned feature, 2.1m wide, filled with 3303 (yellowish brown silt with very freq. limestone gravel).	n/e

3306	Furrow - E/W aligned very shallow feature, 1.5m wide, filled with 3307 (yellowish brown silt with very freq. limestone gravel).	0.08
3308	Furrow - E/W aligned very shallow feature, 3m wide, filled with 3309 (yellowish brown silt with very freq. limestone gravel).	0.15
3310	Furrow - E/W aligned feature, 2.6m wide, filled with 3311 (yellowish brown silt with very freq. limestone gravel).	n/e
3318	Group of 3 post-holes forming sl. curved line against S edge of the trench. Consists of Post-holes 3312, 3314 and 3316 (see below).	-
3312	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.25m diameter, filled with 3313 (yellowish brown silt with freq. limestone gravel).	0.15
3314	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.25m diameter, filled with 3315 (yellowish brown silt with freq. limestone gravel).	0.05
3316	Post-hole - Circular feature, 0.3m wide, filled with 3317 (yellowish brown silt with freq. limestone gravel).	0.15
3301	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 34</b>	SU 03376 96508 - SU 03403 96545 (93.33 - 93.41 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	Plot 2 (Gloucs)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
3400	Topsoil - Brown silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel.	0.30
3401	Subsoil - Light brown silty clay loam with mod. limestone gravel.	0.12
3402	Subsoil - Light grey silt loam with very rare limestone gravel.	0.18
3403	Subsoil - Light greyish brown silty loam with very occ. clay lenses.	0.10
3410	Subsoil - Grey silty clay.	0.20
3405	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 1.5m wide, filled with 3406 (light brown silty clay with occ. limestone gravel) and 3409 (grey sandy loam with profuse limestone gravel). This cuts ditch 3407.	0.40
3407	Ditch - E/W aligned feature, 1m wide, filled with 3408 (dark brown silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel). This is cut by ditch 3405.	0.08
3411	Ditch - E/W aligned feature, 0.9m wide, filled with 3413 (dark brown sl. clayey loam with profuse limestone gravel and occ. burnt limestone pieces). This is cut by Ditch 3412.	0.39
3412	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 2.6m wide, filled with 3414 (dark yellowish brown sl. clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel). This cuts Ditch 3411.	0.50
3415	Furrow - E/W aligned very shallow feature, 1m wide, filled with 3416 (dark brown silty loam with mod. limestone gravel).	0.10
3417	Ditch - N/S aligned feature, 2.4m wide, filled with 3418 (grey silty clay loam with occ. limestone gravel).	n/e
3404	Natural - Very pale yellow limestone gravel.	n/e

BA  
Pot

ANBO  
RB Pot

CBM

SU09NW

<b>Trench 35</b>	SU 03484 96568 - SU 03531 96584 (93.22 - 93.11 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	<b>Plot 4</b> (Gloucs)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
3500	Topsoil - Dark brown loamy clay with occ. limestone gravel and mod. root material.	0.27
3501	Subsoil - Light brown silty clay with very occ. limestone gravel.	0.15
3504	Ditch - NW/SE aligned feature, 1.8m wide, filled with 3502 (dark greyish brown very sl. silty clay with very occ. limestone gravel) and 3503 (dark grey sl. sandy silty clay with freq. limestone gravel).	0.30
3506	Natural - Sl. yellowish light grey limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 36</b>	SU 03617 96534 - SU 03591 96577 (93.05 - 93.11 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	<b>Plot 4</b> (Wilts/Gloucs)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
3600	Topsoil - Brown clayey loam with freq. limestone gravel.	0.30
3601	Subsoil - Yellowish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel.	0.20
3603	Ditch - SW/NE aligned feature, 4.7m wide, filled with 3604 (greyish brown clay with occ. limestone gravel).	0.50
3602	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

<b>Trench 37</b>	SU 03684 96612 - SU 03636 96631 (93.11 - 93.02 m aOD) Dimensions: 50m x 2m	<b>Plot 5</b> (Wilts/Gloucs)
<b>Context no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>
3700	Topsoil - Dark greyish brown silty clay with mod. limestone gravel.	0.25
3701	Subsoil - Light brown silty clay with occ. limestone gravel.	0.10
3702	Subsoil - Brown clay.	0.08
3704	Ditch - SW/NE aligned feature, 1.4m wide, filled with 3705 (light brown silty clay with occ. limestone gravel).	0.10
3706	Ditch - SW/NE aligned feature, 4.5m wide, filled with 3708 (brownish grey silty clay with occ. limestone gravel), 3709 (greyish brown silty clay with mod. limestone gravel), 3707 (grey clay with mod. limestone gravel) and 3710 (blue grey anaerobic clay).	0.70
3703	Natural - Very pale brown limestone gravel.	n/e

ANB0  
BA Pot.  
Su09NW  
154



THE TRUST FOR WESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY LIMITED  
Portway House, Old Sarum Park, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 6EB  
Telephone: Salisbury (0722) 326867 Facsimile: (0722) 337562  
(Registered Charity No. 287786)