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| Previous work (SMR numbers etc) | Geophysical survey (Walford 2015, 15/71) | | |
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| PROJECT LOCATION | | | |
| County | Northamptonshire | | |
| Site address (including postcode) | B576, Rothwell, NN14 6JQ | | |
| Study area (sq.m or ha) | 31ha | | |
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Abstract

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1 INTRODUCTION

MOLA Northampton was commissioned by CgMs Consulting, on behalf of their clients, to carry out pre-determination archaeological trial trenching on a proposed development site on land north of Rothwell, Northamptonshire (NGR SP 80635 81587; Fig 1). The work was carried out in accordance with *The National Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

The scope of works was outlined and detailed in an approved Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (MOLA 2015).

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Location, topography and geology

Rothwell is a market town in Northamptonshire. It is located around 5.5km to the north-west of Kettering and c2.5km south-east of Desborough. The development site is located on the north side of Rothwell, and 100m to east of the A6. It is bounded by hedges and lies on agricultural land. The site is situated at c130-135m above Ordnance Datum.

The geology of the development area is dominated by Boulder Clay, overlying lower and middle Jurassic strata. There is an outcrop of the ferruginous Northampton Sand in the east of the area and a more extensive outcrop of the same stratum occurs immediately beyond the survey area to the north (BGS 2015).

2.2 Historical and archaeological background

No known archaeological sites, finds or cropmarks of pre-medieval date were known from immediately within the survey area. However, some ridge and furrow was known to survive in the eastern half of the area, and it was recorded that a group of post-medieval buildings, known as the East Lodge, once stood at SP 8154 8186 (NMR record no. SP88SW.77). The first edition Ordnance Survey map shows that the land comprised agricultural fields in the last quarter of the 19th century. A track leading to a

field barn is shown as existing in the western half of the survey area and a small part of the area overlaps with the former site of Rothwell Wood.

Archaeological material has previously been found during quarrying in the vicinity of Rothwell Wood, slightly outside the survey area. The county Historic Environment Record (HER) lists finds of Bronze Age, Roman and Saxon date from near SP 802 817 (Shaw and Sharman 1992, 5) and the Archaeological Data Service has a record of several Saxon interments in the same general area (ADS 2015). More precise detail on these finds is not presently available.

Northamptonshire Archaeology had previously investigated the route of the A6 Rothwell and Desborough Bypass, which runs approximately 100m west of the development area. Geophysical survey located a pair of ditched enclosures at SP 799 816 which were shown by excavation to be of Iron Age date (Mudd and Hindmarch 2001, Mudd 2002).

Geophysical survey carried out in 2006 and 2015 identified anomalies indicating the presence of an extensive settlement complex of possibly Iron Age or Roman date in the northern part of the site with other possible enclosures, boundaries and ring ditches to the east and south of this main area (Walford 2007 and 2015). Post-medieval agricultural remains, including a barn, a trackway and several field boundaries have also been identified in the survey. Medieval or later ridge and furrow was detected in many areas and an area of former quarrying was noted.

3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 Objectives

The general aims of the archaeological evaluation were to determine the location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains liable to be threatened by the proposed development. Specifically, the work aimed to:

- establish the date, nature and extent of activity or occupation on the development site;
- recover artefacts to assist in the development of type series within the region, and to;
- recover palaeo-environmental remains to determine local environmental conditions.

Specific research objectives were drawn from national and regional research frameworks documents. The following research objectives have the potential to be addressed by the site (Cooper 2006; Knight *et al* 2012):

- The increasing enclosure of settlements during the middle Iron Age and to what extent the process of enclosure may have varied regionally;
- The development of Iron Age field and boundary systems;
- How Romano-British field and boundary systems related to earlier systems of land allotment, and how these boundary networks developed over time;
- Charting the process of agricultural intensification and expansion, and the development of field systems.

3.2 Methodology

Seventy-seven trenches, each 50m long, were set out with a Leica Viva Global Positioning System and excavated under constant archaeological supervision by a 13 ton 360° tracked mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. The

trenches were positioned to target both the linear and discrete anomalies identified in the geophysical survey (Walford 2015) as well as to provide a thorough and accurate sample of the whole area (Fig 2).

Topsoil and subsoil were removed sequentially and stored in separate stockpiles adjacent to each trench. The spoil heaps and features were scanned with a metal detector to ensure maximum finds retrieval.

Cleaning of exposed surfaces, hand excavation and recording was carried out in accordance with the methodology set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation (MOLA 2015) and in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (CIfA 2014a) and *Code of Conduct* (2014b).

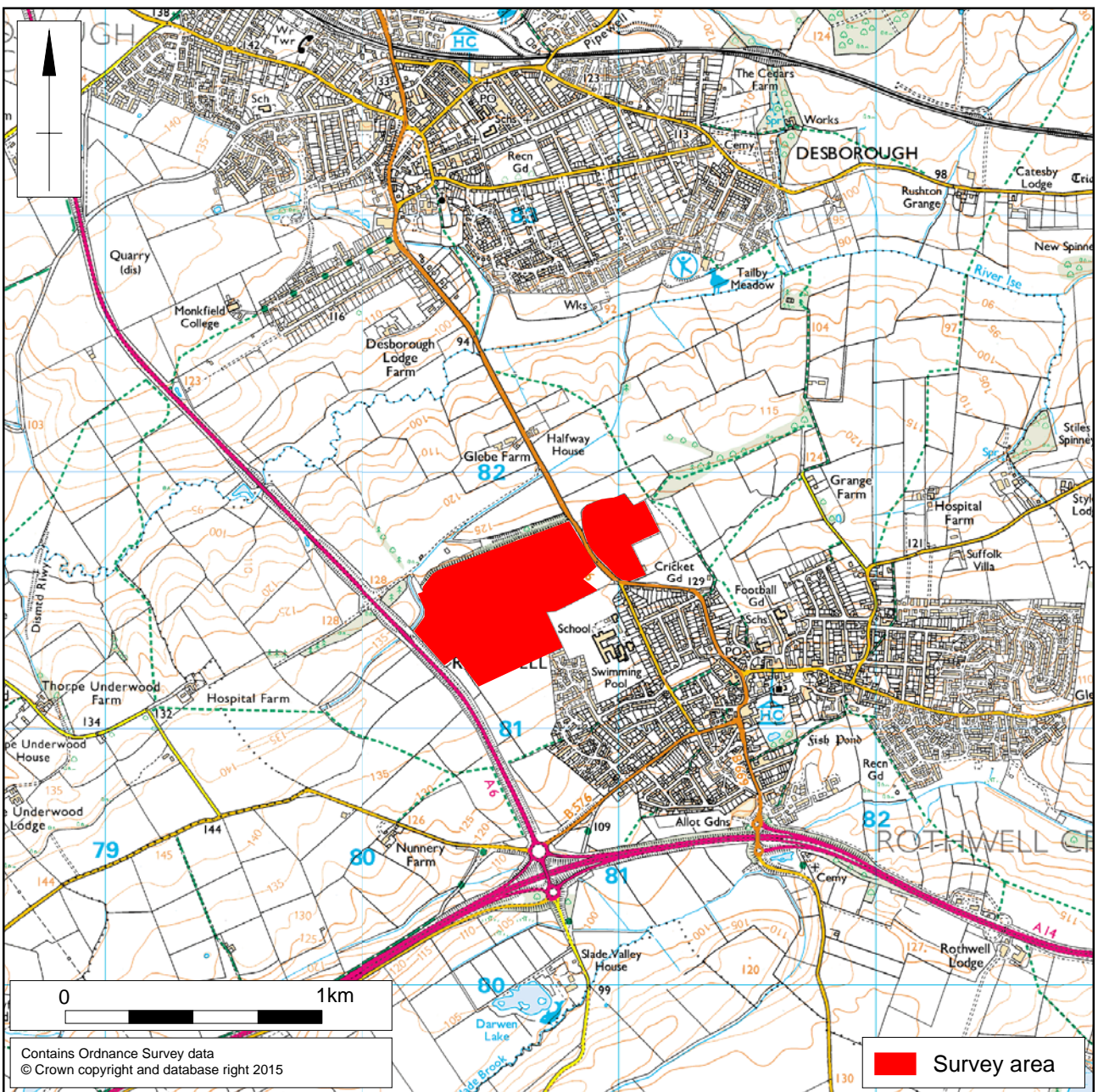
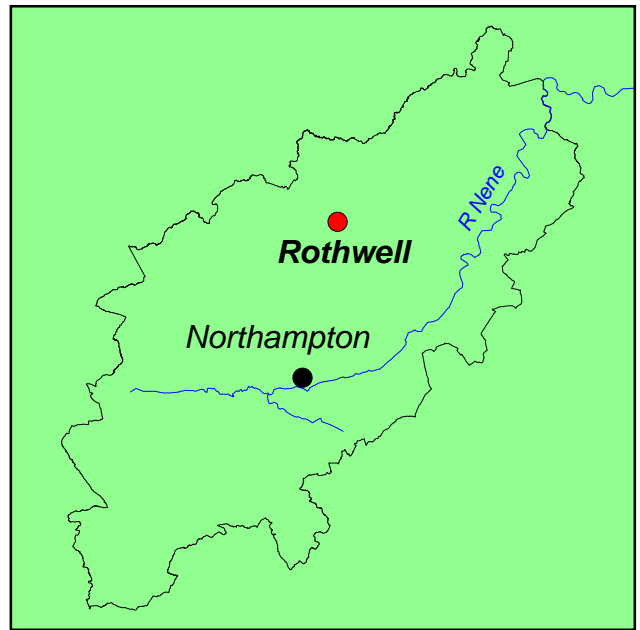
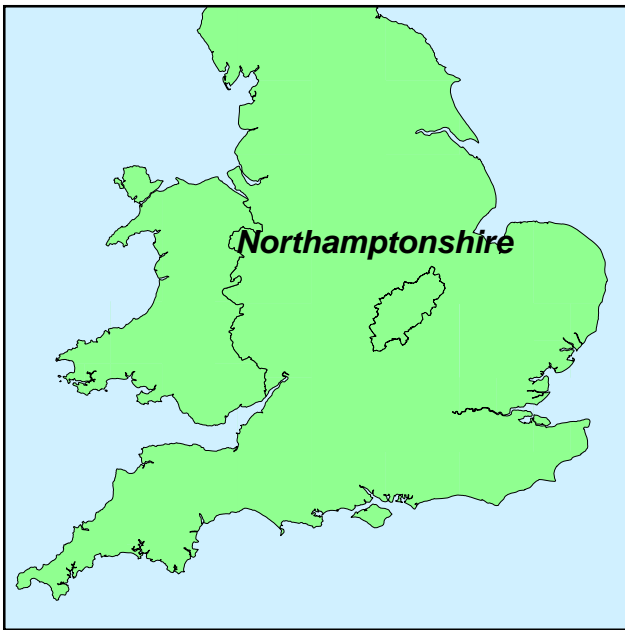
Following the completion of the work the trenches were backfilled and lightly compacted with the excavated material.

The character, composition and general depositional sequence of the site stratification was recorded on *pro-forma* sheets, with a unique context number being allocated to each distinct deposit and feature. Recording followed standard fieldwork procedures (MOLA 2014).

Artefacts and ecofacts was collected by hand and retained, receiving appropriate care prior to removal from site, in line with procedures outlined in *First Aid for Finds* (Watkinson and Neal 2001). Unstratified animal bones and modern material was not collected.

A fully cross-referenced archive of the results of all elements of the evaluation will be compiled in accordance with the guidelines of Historic England's procedural document, *Management of Research Projects in the Historical Environment (MoRPHE)* (HE 2015).

A fully integrated archive of the fieldwork results will be compiled in a manner compatible with regional (NARC 2014), and national guidelines (Walker 1990; Brown 2011; MGC 1992; and CIfA 2014c).



Scale 1:25,000 (A4)

Site location Fig 1

4 THE EXCAVATED EVIDENCE

4.1 General stratigraphy

The natural geology was broadly consistent in its composition and depth across site, comprising firm light white-brown silty clay with frequent chalk fragments and flecks throughout. The natural was encountered between 0.30m and 0.70m below the ground surface.

A subsoil layer was also relatively consistent, comprising firm mid brown silty clay between 0.20m and 0.30m thick. This was overlain by a dark brown silt or silty clay topsoil between 0.15m and 0.30m thick (Fig 3). All features cut the natural and were overlain by the subsoil, unless otherwise stated.

The archaeological features identified were dated to the late Iron Age and Roman periods (Fig 2). In nearly all cases, the archaeology was shown to correspond accurately with the results of the geophysical survey plot, and targeted blank areas contained no archaeological features. Features contained no finds unless otherwise stated.



Sample section, Trench 74, looking south east Fig 3

4.2 The Iron Age Settlement

Late Iron Age features accounted for the majority of the archaeology in the north-west part of site. Features of this date comprised the partial enclosure to the north, Enclosure 1; the sub-rectangular main enclosure, Enclosure 2; and the boundary ditch and small triangular enclosure and associated surrounding ditches (Fig 4). Within Enclosure 2 was a circular enclosure (3) within which was Ring Ditch 1. The pottery indicates that this area was in use from the 1st century BC into the early 1st century AD. A second isolated ring ditch (2) was present to the south. To the west of these enclosures was a boundary ditch associated with a group of small polygonal enclosures; Enclosure Group 4, and a ring ditch (3).

To the south and the east of Enclosure 2, a series of ditches probably represent a series of further enclosures, observed in Trenches 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45, (Enclosure Group 5), although these are less well defined on the geophysical survey. Associated with these is a further ring ditch; Ring Ditch 4 in Trench 41.

Features are referred to by cut numbers only except in special circumstances; a full list of contexts including fill descriptions is included in Appendix 1.

Enclosure 1

Two ditches were identified in Trenches 34 and 35, of an enclosure partially visible on the northern edge of the site. Ditch [3405] was 1.62m wide, with a V-shaped profile 0.60m deep (Fig 5, S.55). Ditch [3509] was 1.05m wide and 0.43m deep, and had concave sides and base. The fills of both contained Late Pre-Roman Iron Age pottery, and [3509] also contained animal bone.

Enclosure 2

This was the largest enclosure, measuring c130m east-west by c87m north-south. The northern arm was located by Trenches 34 and 35, and the southern arm by Trenches 29 and 50, with the overall plan defined by the geophysical survey. The ditches were shown to be between 1.50m to 4.5m wide, with a U-shaped profile 0.60m to 1.02m deep (Fig 5, S.54 and S.57). Pottery from the fills of ditches [2917] and [3507] was dated to the Iron Age and Late Pre-Roman Iron Age respectively; ditches [3507] and [5006] also contained animal bone.

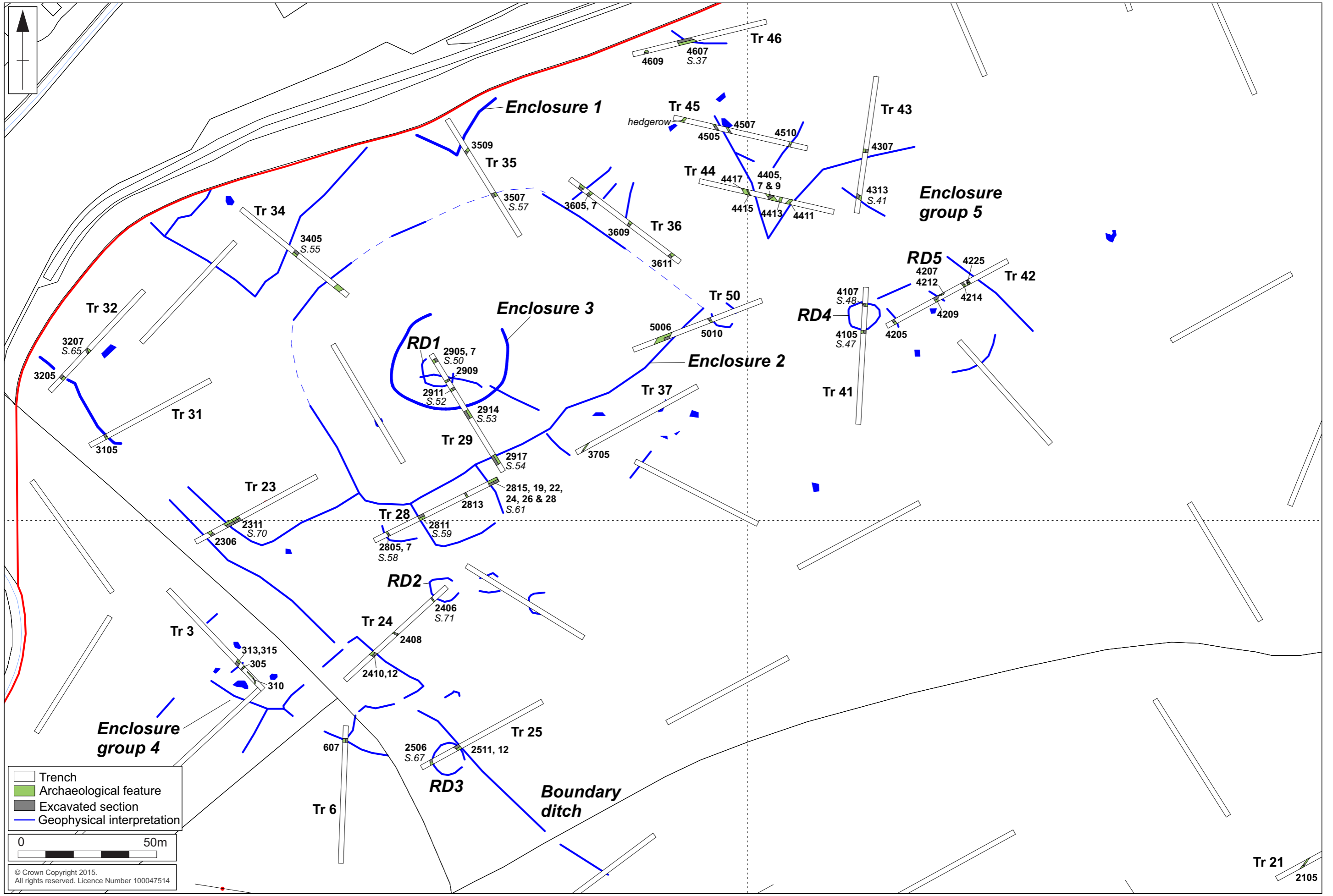
A small annexe to the south was defined by three ditches seen in Trench 28; [2805], [2811] and [2820]. Ditch [2811] was 3.00m wide by 1.6m deep, with tapering sides and a flat base (Fig 5, S.59). Ditch [2820] was 1.60m wide with a V-shaped profile 1.20m deep, with multiple smaller recuts between 0.45m-0.90m wide and 0.35m-0.50m deep ([2822], [2824], [2826], [2827], [2828]; Fig 5, S.61). Late Iron Age pottery and animal bone was retrieved from the fills of both ditches. Ditch [2805] lay to the west, aligned south-east by north-west, 2.1m wide by 0.50m deep. It cut through gully [2807] (Fig 6, S.58).

A ditch extended to the south-west of Enclosure 2 [2311]. The ditch from this extension ran parallel to the main ditch of Enclosure 2 before turning north-west (Fig 6, S.70). The fill contained Iron Age pottery.

Enclosure 3 and Ring Ditch 1

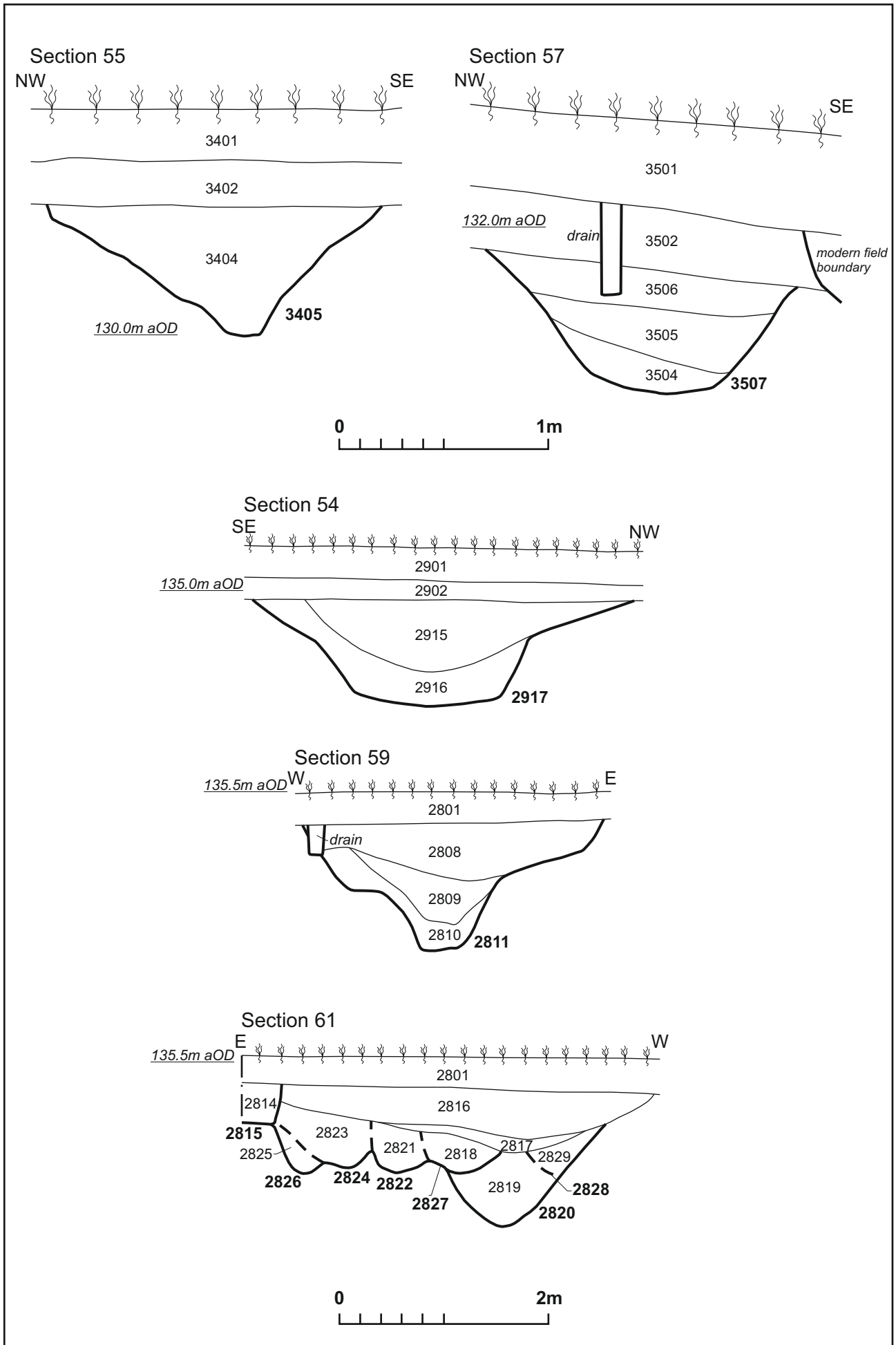
The straight-sided enclosure ditch seen in Trench 29 was 3.30m wide by at least 1.30m deep [2914] (Fig 7, S.53). The fills contained late Iron Age pottery including storage jars, decorated sherds and a channel-rim jar (Fig 12: 5-8) and animal bone.

Ring Ditch 1 was 0.62m-0.95m wide by 0.47m-0.52m deep, and had straight sides and a flat base ([2905], [2911]; Fig 7, S.50, S.52). The fills contained Iron Age pottery including scored ware jar fragments, one of which had a perforated base (Fig 12: 2-4) and animal bone. A sample from the fill of [2911] (Sample 6) produced charred cereal grain and weed seeds.



Scale 1:1250 (A3)

The Iron Age settlement Fig 4



Scale 1:25 & 1:50

Sections of Iron Age Enclosures 1 and 2 Fig 5

Ring Ditch 2

Trench 24 contained one side of a curvilinear ditch, identified from the geophysical survey plot as a probable roundhouse (Fig 8, S.71). Ditch [2406] had a V-shaped profile with a concave base, 0.40m wide by 0.40m deep. The fill contained late Iron Age pottery and animal bone.

Boundary ditch

Several adjacent linear ditches, aligned south-east by north-west, were observed on the geophysical survey on the south-west edge of the site, lying parallel to the main Enclosure 2. Assuming that these sections were all parts of a single boundary ditch, the total length was approximately 270m. Sections of the ditch were excavated in Trenches 23, 25, 31 and 32 and was between 0.60m to 1.43m wide and 0.31m to 0.87m deep. No finds were recovered from the ditch sections, but its relationship to other Iron Age features, such as the parallel ditch [2311], suggests it may be of a similar date.

Enclosure Group 4

Associated with the boundary ditch were a series of polygonal ditched enclosures seen in Trenches 3, 6 and 24. Three parallel ditches in Trench 3 were aligned south-west by north-east, with U-shaped profiles and flat bases, measuring between 0.64m-0.90m wide and 0.17m-0.39m deep [0305] [0313] and [0315]. The fill of ditch [0313] contained Late Pre-Roman Iron Age pottery and animal bone. Immediately to the south of this group was curvilinear ditch [0310], which was aligned north-west by south-east before curving south-west, and measured 0.40m-0.60m wide and 0.20m deep.

Ditch [0607] within Trench 6 was 1.45m wide by 0.46m deep, and aligned east-west. Its upper fill (0606) contained late Iron Age pottery. Trench 24 contained two intercutting parallel ditches of a small enclosure, [2410] and [2412], aligned south-east to north-west, 0.60m to 1.00m wide by 0.40m deep.

Ring Ditch 3

Trench 25 contained two curvilinear ditches forming a ring ditch. The ditches, [2506] and [2511], were 0.65m-0.85m wide by 0.26m-0.30m deep (Fig 8, S.67). The fills of both ditches contained late Iron Age pottery including combed scored ware from [2506] (Fig 12: 1). The fill of ditch [2511] also contained animal bone.

Enclosure Group 5

This enclosure group comprised a large area to the east and south of Enclosure 2. The geophysical survey showed several clusters of linear, parallel ditch features, from which sections were excavated in several trenches.

Trench 36 was excavated just outside the eastern arm of Enclosure 2. There were four straight-sided parallel ditches, aligned north-east by south-west, between 0.56-1.35m wide and 0.40m-0.56m deep. The fills of ditches [3605] and [3609] contained Late Pre-Roman Iron Age pottery and animal bone.

To the east of the Enclosure 2 boundary ditch in Trench 50, [5006] was ditch [5010], aligned south-east by north-west, with a V-shaped profile and flat base, 1.30m wide by 1.00m deep. Late Iron Age pottery and animal bone was present in the fill. A sample from the fill (Sample 7) produced charred cereal grain and weed seeds. On the geophysical survey this appears to be part of a ring ditch, but there was no evidence for this in the trench.

Trenches 43-45 sampled several ditches seeming to form a triangular enclosure east of Enclosure 2. Trench 43 contained two ditches. Ditch [4307] to the north was aligned east-west with a U-shaped profile, 1.30m wide by 0.50m deep. The southern ditch [4313] was aligned south-east by north-west, 1.57m wide by 0.77m deep (Fig 6, S.41). Late Iron Age pottery and animal bone was retrieved from the fills of both ditches, and a possible quern fragment was retrieved from the fill of ditch [4307]. Trench 44 contained seven ditches, four of which continued into the surrounding trenches and

therefore were unexcavated. Intercutting ditches [4405], [4407] and [4409] were aligned north-west by south-east, and 0.55m-1.07m wide by 0.20m-0.41m deep.

To the north of the group, Trench 45 contained three ditches. [4505] and [4507] formed part of the western arm of the triangular enclosure, and were aligned north-west by south-east, measuring between 0.72-0.84m wide and 0.23-0.40m deep. At the eastern end of the trench, ditch [4510] was aligned north-east by south-west, 0.77m wide by 0.34m deep. The fills of ditches [4505] and [4510] contained Late Pre-Roman Iron Age pottery, including a storage jar (Fig 12: 9). The fill of ditch [4505] also contained animal bone.

To the north of the triangular enclosure, ditch [4607] was aligned south-east by north-west, 3.80m wide by 1.80m deep, and contained animal bone, with a concentration of horse bones in fill (4606) (Fig 12, S.37).

To the south of the triangular enclosure, Trench 42 contained a cluster of six small parallel intercutting ditches: [4214], [4216], [4218], [4220], [4223] and [4225], aligned south-east by north-west. They measured between 0.25-1.00m wide by 0.18-0.41m deep. There was no pottery recovered from the ditches, but the fill of ditch [4223] contained animal bone. At the south end of the trench, ditch [4205] was aligned south-east by north-west, and measured 0.62m wide by 0.39m deep. Ditch [4209] to the north was 1.02m wide by 0.36m deep, aligned north-south.

Other additional ditch may fall into Enclosure Group 5; ditch [3705] lay to the south of Enclosure 2 within Trench 37. It was aligned north-east by south-west and was 0.75m wide by 0.12m deep.

Ring Ditches 4 and 5

Trench 41 contained two curvilinear ditches from the arms of a ring ditch: [4105], [4107]; Ring Ditch 4. These had a U-shaped profile, and were between 0.83-1.53m wide by 0.50m deep (Fig 8, S.47-48). Late Iron Age pottery was present in the fill of ditch [4107].

As well as the features mentioned above, Trench 42 also contained a shallow curvilinear ditch suggestive of a ring ditch: [4207] / [4212], Ring Ditch 5, which does not appear to correlate with the geophysical survey plot. The ditches had a U-shaped profile with a flat base, between 0.53-1.00m wide by 0.19m deep. The fill of [4207] contained late Iron Age pottery and animal bone. A sample from the fill (Sample 5) produced charred cereal grain and weed seeds.

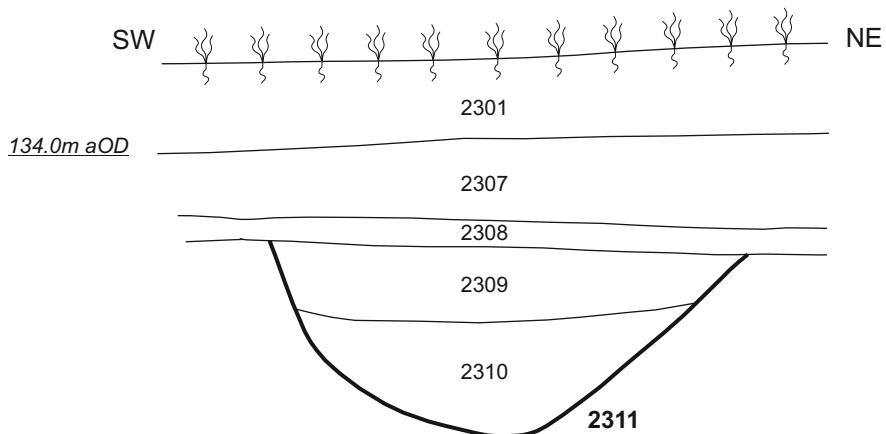
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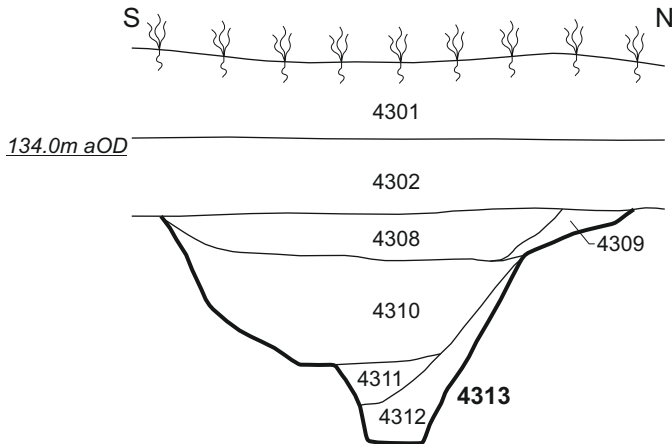
A probable pit was located in Trench 28 [2815], although it was not fully visible. It was 0.40m deep, with a width greater than 0.40m (Fig 5, S.61). It contained no datable material.

Trench 46 contained a shallow, uneven pit, 1.50m wide by 0.30m deep [4609]. It contained no datable material.

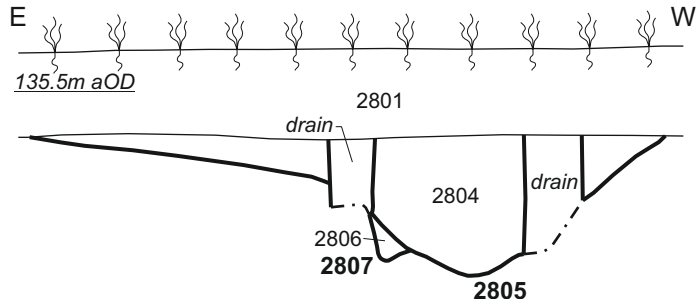
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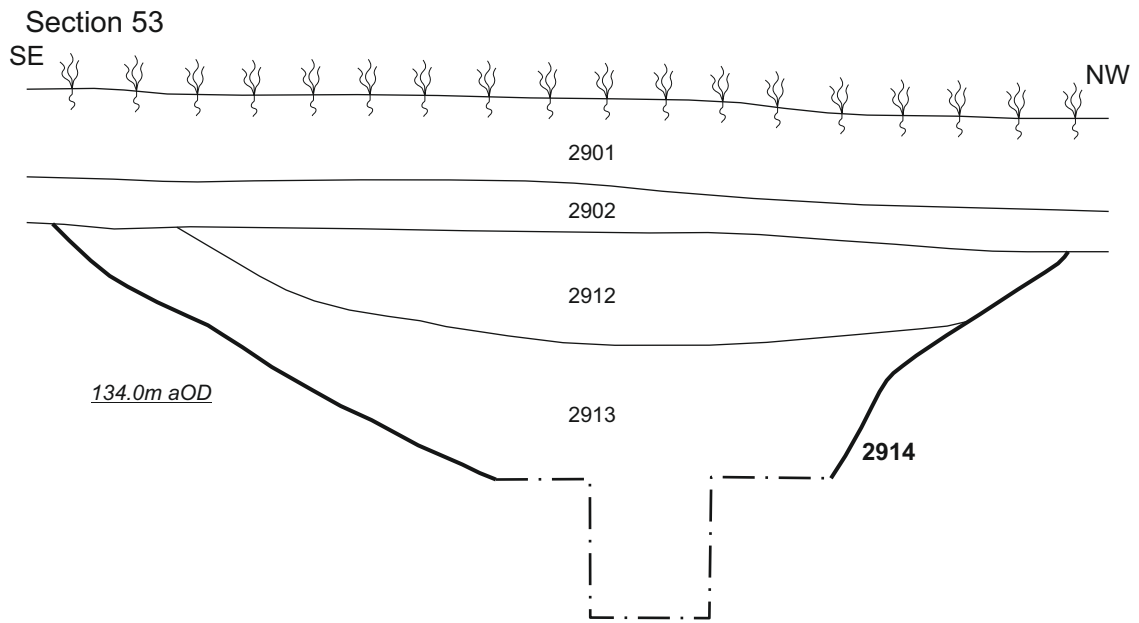
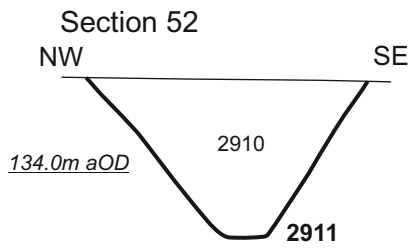
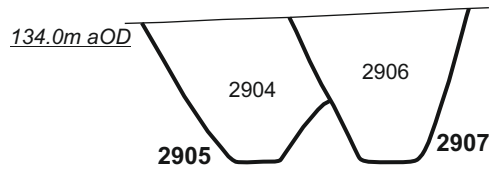
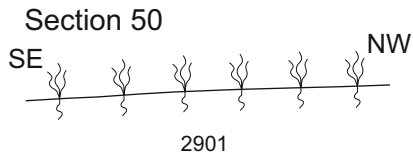


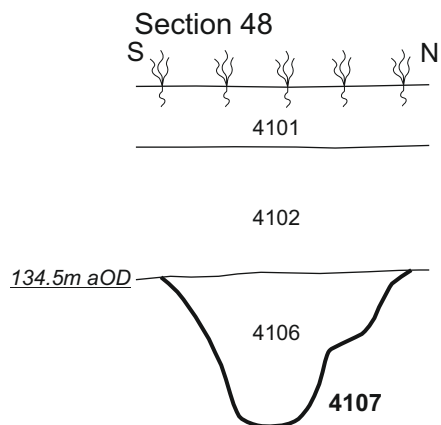
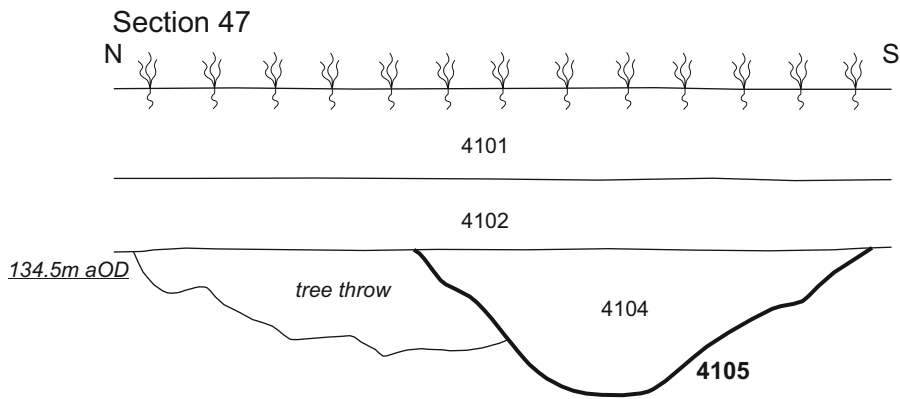
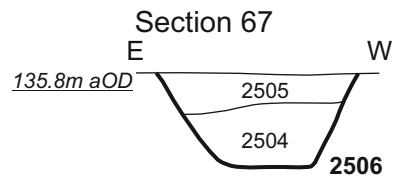
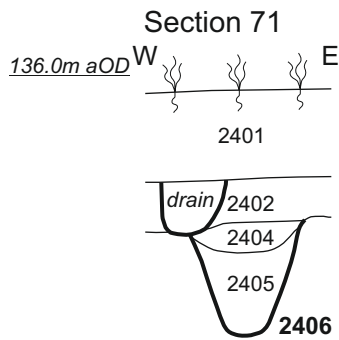
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4.3 The Roman Settlement

In the eastern part of the site a number of features were dated to the 1st-2nd centuries AD. These comprise an enclosure (Enclosure 6) containing pits, together with a number of outlying ditches (Fig 9).

Enclosure 6

The Roman activity was focussed at the eastern end of the site, and in the fields beyond the Desborough Road (B576). An irregular enclosure identified by the geophysical survey was confirmed by trial trenching. The enclosure ditch seen in Trenches 76 and 77, [7610], [7706] and [7709], was 0.94-2.05m wide by 0.46-0.79m deep, U-shaped to the south and east, but becoming more steeply sided to the west, where [7709] cut through an earlier, steeply V-shaped gully cut on the same alignment [7713] (Fig 10, S.1, S.3 and S.8). Pottery from the fills dated to the mid-1st century AD. Other finds included animal bone, brick and tile fragments.

Within the enclosure three sub-circular pits were exposed, all of which had ash- and charcoal-rich fills containing mid-1st century AD Roman pottery and animal bone. Pit [7605] had gently curving sides with a broad base, 1.60m wide 0.40m deep (Fig 11, S.6). Pit [7719] had a similar profile, 1.53m wide by 0.89m deep (Fig 11, S.5). The upper fill consisted of a distinct dumped layer of ironstone not local to the area (7716). Samples from fills (7715) and (7718) produced charred cereal grain and weed seeds (Samples 3-4). Pit [7714] was steep sided with a flat base, 1.98m wide by 0.41m deep (Fig 11, S.4).

An additional rectangular enclosure may have been situated in the north-east corner of the site, sampled in Trenches 68 and 69. Ditch [6806] was V-shaped with eroded upper edges, aligned north-west by south-east. It was 1.28m wide by 0.53m deep (Fig 10, S.10). Ditch [6908] was aligned north-east by south-west, U-shaped with a flat base 1.90m wide by 0.60m deep. It was recut as [6905], which was shallower with a V-shaped profile 0.90m wide by 0.20m deep. All three ditches contained Roman pottery of 1st-century AD date, and animal bone. It is possible that these ditches form a further enclosure partly lying outside the boundaries of the site, although the geophysical survey is not conclusive.

4.4 Undated features

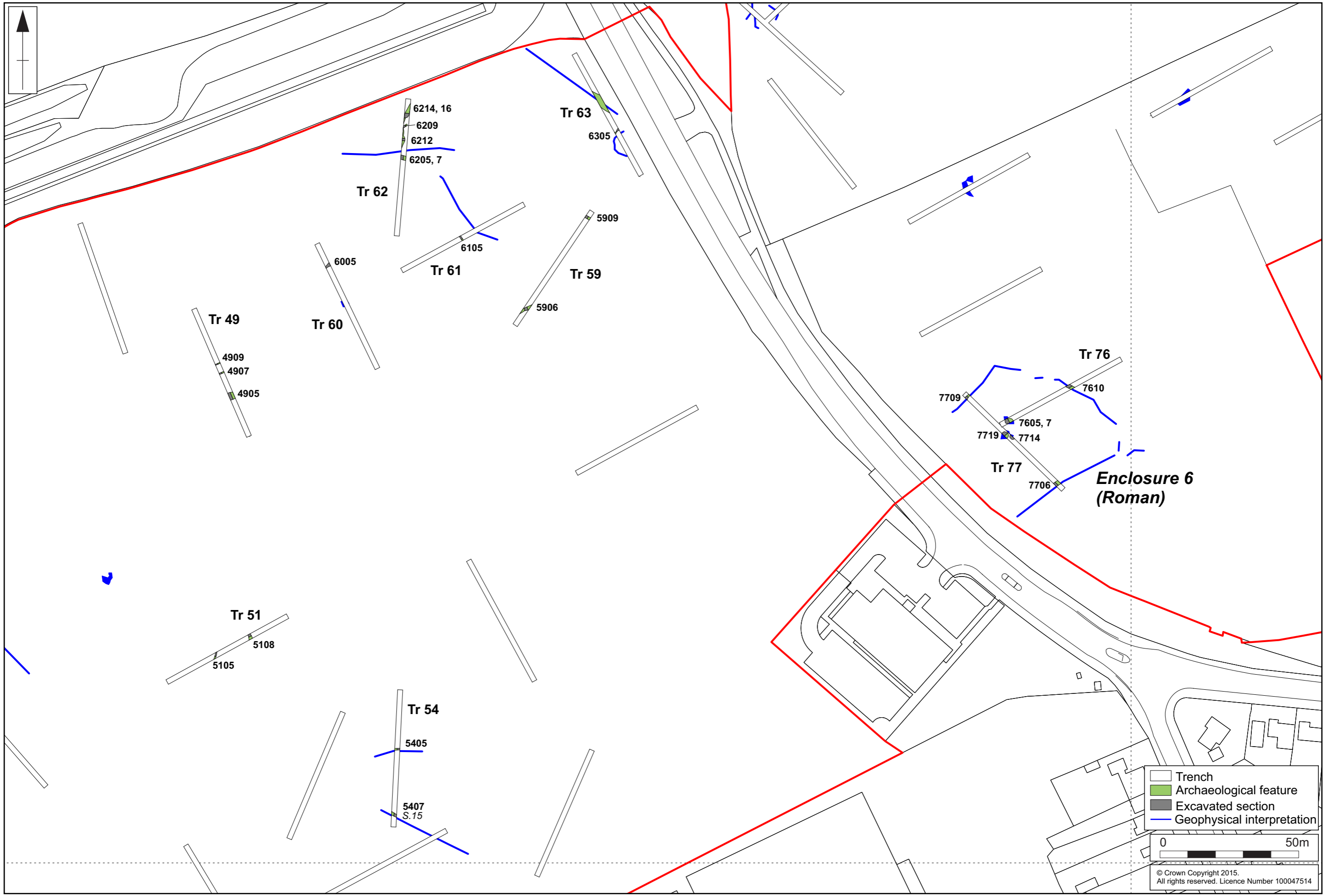
A number of other undated features were found across the site, primarily in the north and east of the main field. Trench 49 contained three parallel ditches not detected on the geophysical survey. These were all aligned east-west. Ditch [4905] was 1.98m wide by 0.5m deep; ditches [4907] and [4909] were 0.75m and 0.68m wide respectively, and both 0.25m deep.

In Trench 51, ditch [5105] was aligned north-east by south-west, and was 0.59m wide by 0.22m deep. It too was not observed on the geophysical survey. Also present within this trench was a recent field boundary.

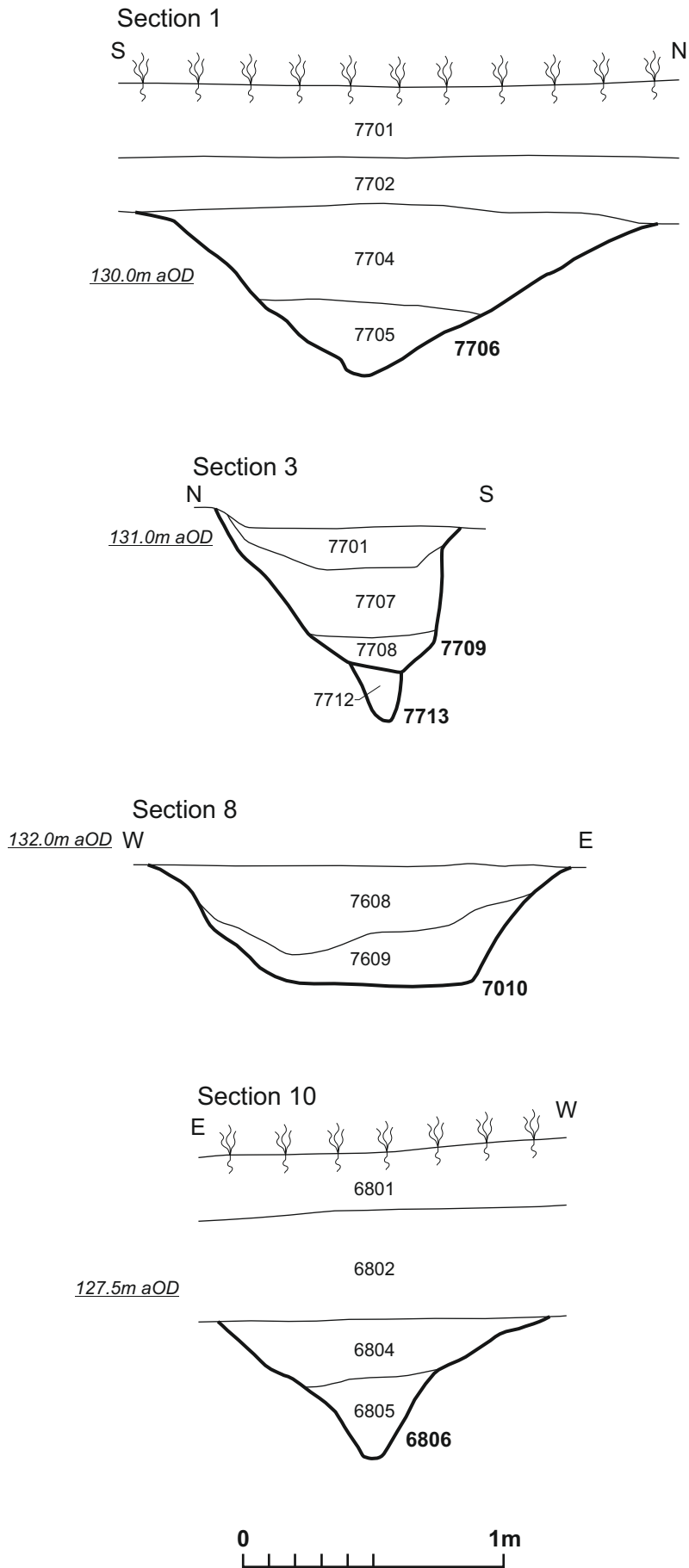
Ditches in Trench 54 both corresponded with anomalies in the geophysical survey, and both were possibly natural features due to their shallow depth and irregularity. Ditch [5405] was aligned east-west, and measured 0.78m wide and 0.25m deep. Ditch [5407] was aligned north-west to south-east, and was 1.9m wide and 0.3m deep (Fig 12, S.15).

In Trench 59, ditch [5906] was aligned east-west, 1.11m wide by 0.58m deep. Ditch [5909] was aligned north-west by south-east, and was 1.00m wide by 0.42m deep; the fill included a flint scraper of Neolithic to /early Bronze Age date.

Ditch [6005] within Trench 60 was aligned north-east by south-west, measuring 0.59m wide by 0.17m deep. This did not appear on the geophysical plot.

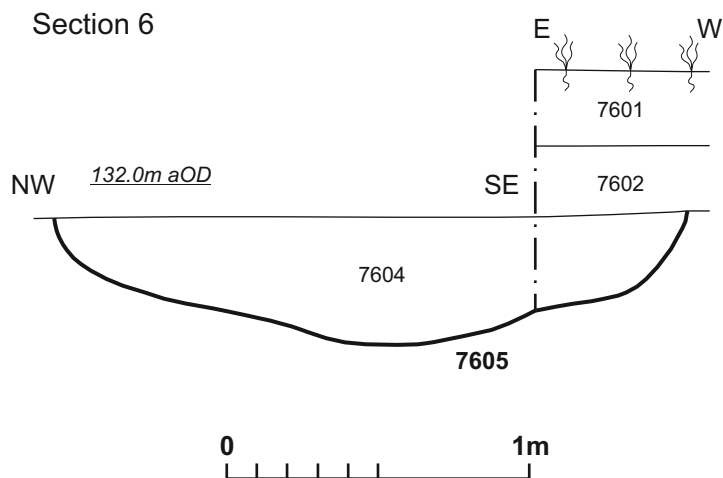
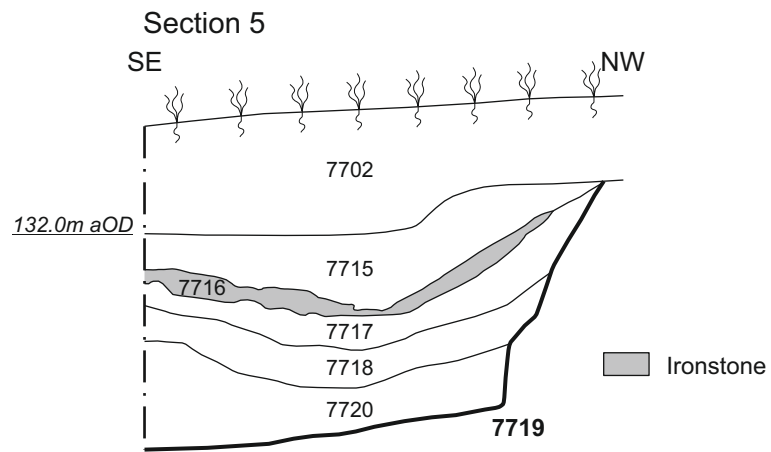
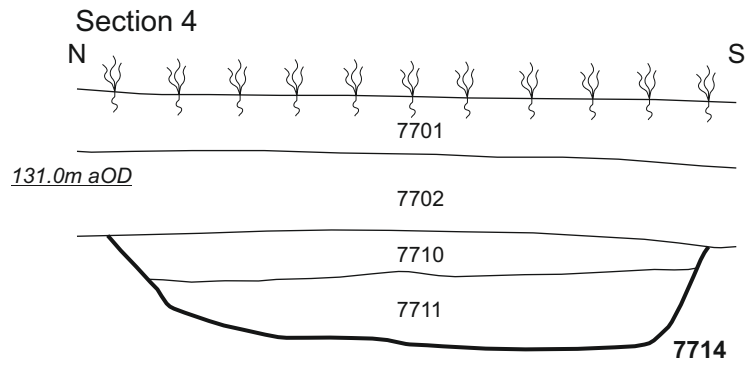


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Scale 1:25

Sections of early Roman enclosure ditches Fig 10

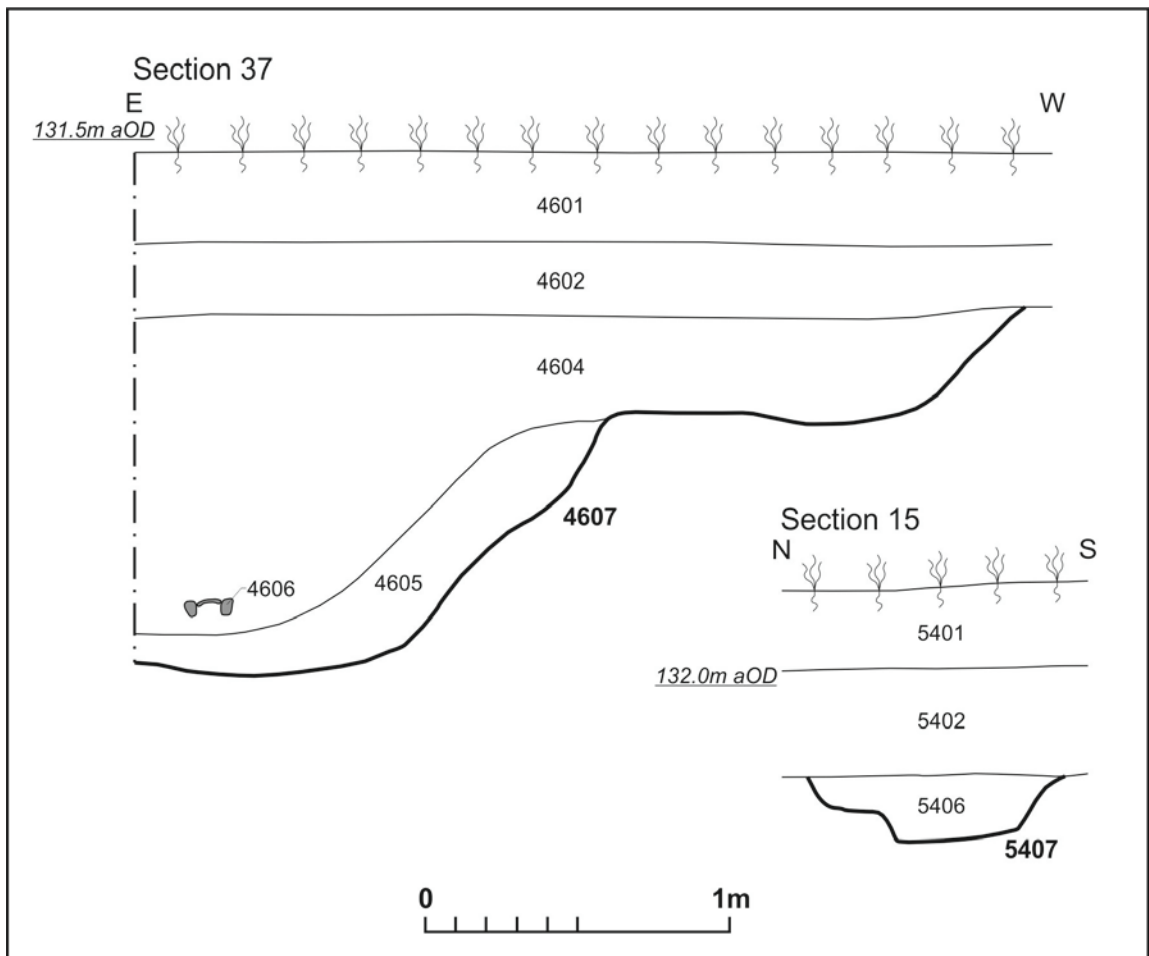


Ditch [6105] within Trench 61 was aligned north-south, 0.60m wide by 0.16m deep. The geophysical survey suggests it may be a long curvilinear ditch.

Trench 62 contained four ditches and two pits, of which only [6205] corresponded with the single linear feature seen on the geophysical survey. This ditch and [6207], [6209], and [6216] generally had curving sides and broad flat bases, being rather irregular in plan, and measuring between 0.30-1.04m wide and 0.10-0.31m deep.

The two shallow pits were again irregular in plan, measuring between 0.90-1.60m wide and 0.30-0.40m deep, with a U-shaped profile. The fills were clean and homogeneous, and no archaeological artefacts were present.

Trench 63 contained a furrow and one ditch [6305]. The ditch was aligned east-west, 1.20m wide by 0.40m deep.



Scale 1:25

Sections of undated features Fig 12

4.5 Ridge and furrow

The geophysical survey had also identified anomalies indicative of ridge and furrow cultivation, and this was confirmed by the trenching in particular areas of site. The remnant furrows were aligned north-west to south-east, although they were generally too shallow to cut into the natural and only visible in section.

5 THE FINDS

5.1 Worked flint by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray

An end scraper was recorded as a residual find from an undated ditch [5909]. The raw material was mid grey-brown flint with a thin, smooth light brown cortex. It was of local origin. The condition of the scraper was good, but there were occasional nicks to the edges from post-depositional processes.

The implement was manufactured on a flake, 32mm long and 30mm wide, through abrupt removals on the distal end and semi-abrupt removals on one lateral edge.

The technological characteristics of the end scraper suggest a broad Neolithic to late Neolithic/early Bronze Age date.

5.2 The Iron Age pottery by Andy Chapman

There are a total of 200 sherds, weighing 3.44kg, from 31 contexts. The assemblage has a high average sherd weight of 17.2g. Even the jars containing dense shell, Fabric 1, are generally well preserved, with an average sherd weight of 17.9g, as there had been little leaching of the shell content, and this average is even higher than the average weight for the typically thinner-walled sherds containing moderate to sparse finer shell, Fabric 2, at 15.4g per sherd. The overall average weight is also maintained by the high average sherd weight of 18.8g for the wheel-finished vessels containing either sandy or containing grog, Fabric 3, from the early 1st century AD.

The assemblage is very consistent in form, indicating that there was a limited period of activity spanning the 1st century BC and the early 1st century AD, when some wheel-finished vessels appeared. The assemblage is closely comparable to the pottery from a nearby enclosure system at Harrington Road, Rothwell, which was subject to evaluation in December 2014 (Chapman in Chinnock 2015).

Fabrics

Fabric 1; Coarse shell. Typically comprises thick-walled sherds containing dense large pieces of shell. 69 sherds (34.5%), weighing 1234g (35.9%), average sherd weight 17.9g.

Fabric 2: Moderate to fine shell. Vessels containing moderate to sparse small pieces of shell, typically thinner-walled with smoothed to burnished surfaces. 98 sherds (49.0%), weighing 1512g (43.9%), average sherd weight 15.4g.

Fabric 3: Grog and sandy wares. A limited number of vessels, all of forms dating to the early 1st century AD, containing either grog or in sandy fabrics. 35 sherds (17.5%), weighing 658g (19.1%), average sherd weight 18.8g

Scored ware

Scored ware was common within this assemblage, appearing in 12 of the 31 context groups and forming 11.5% of the assemblage by sherd (23) and 25.1% by weight (863g), with a very high average sherd weight of 37.5g (over twice the site average). The majority of these sherds showed erratic but bold scoring at variable angles to the vertical, but in three instances, as listed below, there were sherds showing a denser latticework of combed scoring, a feature that seems to occur no earlier than the 1st century BC.

Late Iron Age (1st century BC)

The fill (0806) of ditch [0807] contained sherds from a single globular bowl in a grey-black fabric, with voids from leached fine shell, and a smoothed surface, typical of the late Iron Age. From the fill (2505) of ditch [2506] there is a sherd of combed scored

ware, also indicating a late Iron Age date (Fig 13.1). There are further sherds of combed scored ware from ditch [2805] and ditch [4307].

The fill (2910) of ditch [2911] contains sherds from a thick-walled scored ware jar, with the scoring running down to a flat base, 100mm diameter, with four small holes drilled through the base (Fig 13.2). The rim is upright and flat-topped, above a pronounced shoulder (Fig 13.3).

The largest group comprises over 1kg of pottery from the fill (4206) of ditch [4207], which includes large parts of three vessels. There is a bowl, dark grey throughout, with a shallow concave neck and an upright, flat-topped rim, 140mm diameter (Fig 13.4). Around part of the circumference only, there are diagonal fingernail impressions along the top of the rim. There is also the flat base, 110mm diameter, and bodysherds from a medium-sized jar, grey throughout. The body sherds show broad but shallow vertical grooves, finger-width. There is also a base from a globular jar in a fabric containing grog, with a brown outer surface.

Late Pre-Roman Iron Age (early to mid-1st century AD)

The fill (0312) of ditch [0313], only contained two sherds, but both are rim sherds of forms characteristic of the early 1st century AD. The fill (2913) of ditch [2914] contained a small group of vessels that can also be dated to the early 1st century AD. There is a thick-walled storage jar with a heavy rounded rim in a fabric containing grog (Fig 13.5), and another thick-walled jar with a row of fingertip impressions (Fig 13.6), a small channel-rimmed jar, with diagonal incisions on the rim, in a shelly fabric (Fig 13.7), and a vessel in a black shelly fabric with diagonal incisions on the rim and shallow triangular hollows on the neck (Fig 13.8).

The fill (4508) of ditch [4510] contained the rim and neck from a thick-walled jar, 12mm thick, with a concave neck and a flat-topped rim, in a fabric containing grog, which can be dated to the early decades of the first century BC (Fig 13.9).

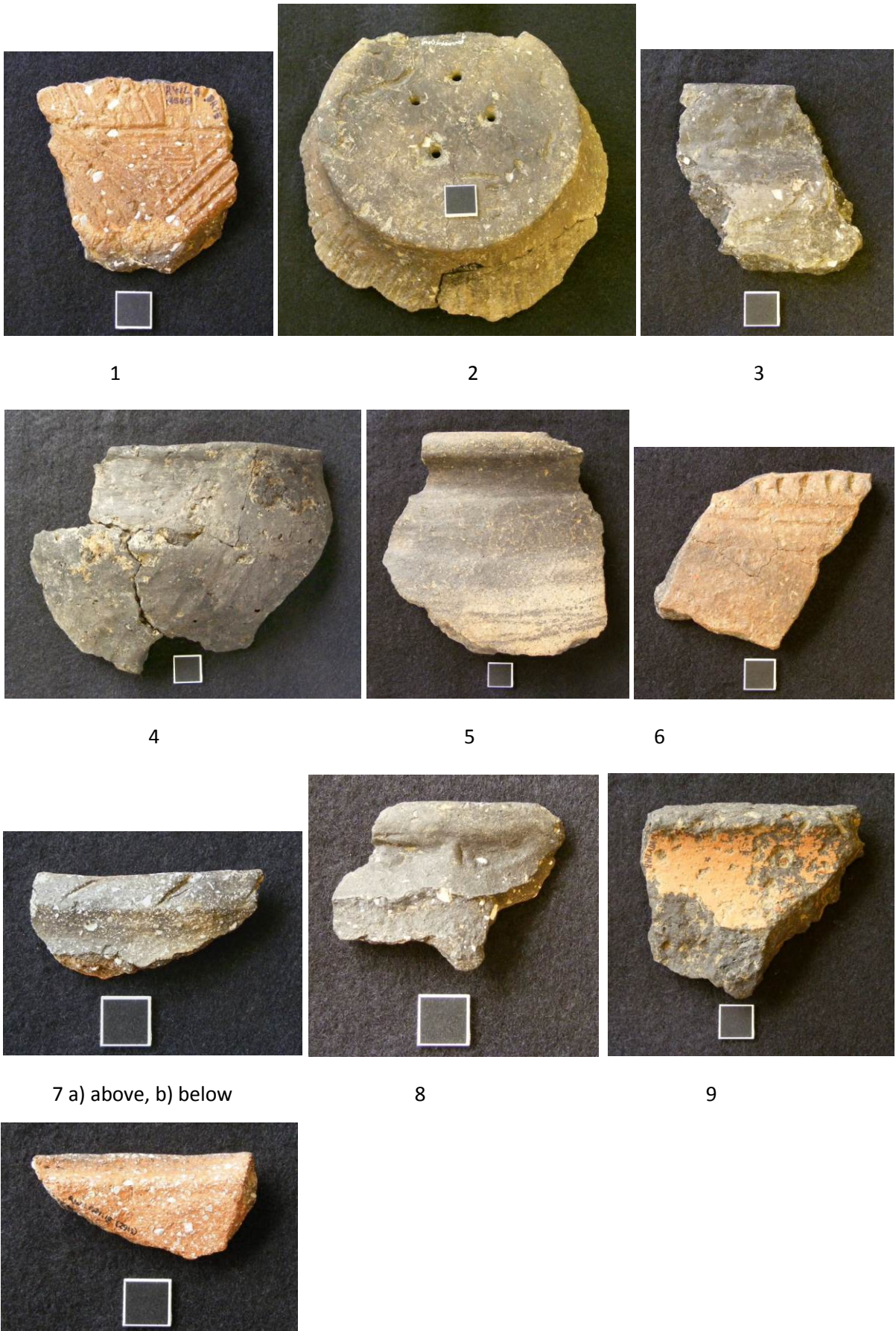
Catalogue of illustrated pottery (Fig 12):

Late Iron Age (1st century BC)

- 1 Combed scored ware from ditch [2506], late Iron Age
- 2 Scored ware jar with a perforated base, from ditch [2911]
- 3 Scored ware jar with a perforated base, from ditch [2911]
- 4 Rim of a small bowl from ditch [4207]

Late Pre-Roman Iron Age (early to mid-1st century AD)

- 5 Rim and upper body of thick-walled storage jar from ditch [2914]
- 6 Body of thick-walled jar with row of fingertip impressions, from ditch [2914]
- 7 Channel-rim jar with diagonal incisions on the rim, from ditch [2914]
a) external; b) internal
- 8 Rim with triangular hollows on the neck, from ditch [2914]
- 9 Rim and neck of thick-walled storage jar from ditch [4510]



Illustrated late Iron Age pottery (1-9) (Scale 10mm) Fig 13

Table 1: Quantification of Iron Age pottery by context

| Fill | Cut | Sherds | Weight (g) | Date |
|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| 0311 | ditch 0313 | 8 | 129 | IA |
| 0312 | ditch 0313 | 2 | 48 | LPRIA |
| 0606 | ditch 0607 | 6 | 43 | LIA |
| 2310 | ditch 2311 | 2 | 32 | LIA |
| 2405 | ditch 2406 | 1 | 4 | IA |
| 2505 | ditch 2506 | 2 | 56 | LIA |
| 2509 | ditch 2511 | 1 | 11 | LIA |
| 2510 | ditch 2511 | 1 | 11 | LIA |
| 2804 | ditch 2805 | 3 | 50 | LIA |
| 2808 | ditch 2811 | 6 | 79 | LIA |
| 2809 | ditch 2811 | 1 | 46 | LIA |
| 2810 | ditch 2811 | 2 | 140 | LIA |
| 2818 | ditch 2820 | 1 | 38 | LIA |
| 2908 | ditch 2909 | 3 | 98 | LIA |
| 2910 | ditch 2911 | 17 | 485 | IA |
| 2913 | ditch 2914 | 24 | 525 | LPRIA |
| 2916 | ditch 2917 | 2 | 41 | IA |
| 3404 | ditch 3405 | 6 | 33 | LPRIA |
| 3505 | ditch 3507 | 2 | 31 | LPRIA |
| 3508 | ditch 3509 | 3 | 8 | LPRIA |
| 3604 | ditch 3605 | 5 | 48 | LIA |
| 3608 | ditch 3609 | 6 | 38 | LPRIA |
| 4106 | pit 4107 | 4 | 14 | LIA |
| 4206 | ditch 4207 | 50 | 1124 | LIA |
| 4304 | ditch 4307 | 1 | 18 | LIA |
| 4305 | ditch 4307 | 1 | 5 | LIA |
| 4308 | ditch 4313 | 7 | 34 | LIA |
| 4310 | ditch 4313 | 20 | 86 | IA |
| 4504 | ditch 4505 | 1 | 2 | LPRIA |
| 4508 | ditch 4510 | 7 | 80 | LPRIA |
| 5007 | ditch 5010 | 5 | 85 | LIA |
| Total | | 200 | 3442 | |
| Ave (g) | | | 17.2 | |

Key:

IA: Iron Age, lacking diagnostic sherds

LIA: Late Iron Age (1st century BC)

LPRIA: Late Pre-Roman Iron Age (early to mid-1st century AD)

5.3 The Roman pottery by Rob Perrin

Introduction

An assemblage of some 439 sherds weighing over 6kg and with an estimated vessel equivalent (EVE) based on rims of 3.76 was recovered from four of the 76 evaluation trenches, located in the north-eastern part of the evaluation area. The features containing pottery comprise ditches forming an enclosure and pits within the enclosure (Trenches 76 and 77), together with other outlying ditches (Trenches 68 and 69). Trench 77 contains the most pottery (Table 2).

Table 2: Roman pottery quantification by trench

| Trench | Sherds | Weight (g) | Rim EVE |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 68 | 66 | 546 | 0.45 |
| 69 | 9 | 97 | 0.05 |
| 76 | 93 | 1588 | 0.92 |
| 77 | 271 | 3894 | 2.34 |
| Total | 439 | 6125 | 3.76 |

Two pits (7605, 7719) within the enclosure and deposits within one of the enclosure ditches (7709) contain significant amounts (Table 3).

Table 3: Roman pottery quantification by feature

| Feature | Sherds | Weight (g) | Rim EVE |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Ditch 6806 | 66 | 546 | 0.45 |
| Ditch 6905 | 7 | 54 | - |
| Ditch 6908 | 2 | 43 | 0.05 |
| Pit 7605 | 57 | 1393 | 0.92 |
| Ditch 7607 | 35 | 105 | - |
| Ditch 7610 | 1 | 90 | - |
| Ditch 7706 | 16 | 137 | 0.32 |
| Ditch 7709 | 110 | 962 | 0.42 |
| Pit 7714 | 35 | 435 | 0.16 |
| Ditch 7712 | 3 | 55 | - |
| Pit 7719 | 107 | 2305 | 1.44 |
| Total | 439 | 6125 | 3.76 |

Fabrics, forms and sources

The two principal wares present are grog-tempered and shell-gritted (Table 4). The grey, red-brown and cream wares are all quartz-sand gritted. The two other fabrics present comprise one with quartz-sand gritted together with some possible grog and another which is fairly soft, has an open texture and may have had shell inclusions which have leached out due to soil conditions. The grog-tempered and shell-gritted wares vary in colour from oxidised buff, red-yellow and red-brown through to reduced grey, grey-brown and dark grey. The grey wares also vary from light grey to grey-brown and dark grey.

Table 4: Roman pottery fabric types

| Fabric | Sherds | Weight (g) | Rim EVE |
|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Vesicular | 14 | 80 | 0.5 |
| Shell | 169 | 2053 | 0.6 |
| Grog | 174 | 2830 | 1.68 |
| Grog and shell | 6 | 166 | |
| Some grog? | 1 | 15 | 0.12 |
| Grey | 71 | 958 | 0.86 |
| Red-brown | 1 | 18 | |
| Cream | 3 | 5 | |
| Total | 439 | 6125 | 3.76 |

Grog-tempered and shell-gritted wares form almost all the pottery by weight in Pit 7719, three-quarters of Ditch 7709 and two-thirds of Pit 7605. Grey wares account for the rest in Pit 7719 and most of the rest in Ditch 7709 and Pit 7605 (Table 5).

A minimum number of 36 vessels were identified, based mainly on rims; most are jars (Table 6). Twenty-two are from the three main deposits (Table 7).

The two jars in the vesicular fabric and another two each in grog-tempered and shell-gritted wares are lid-seated; the two shell-gritted jars are neckless and globular. All bar one of the other jars in all the fabrics have curved, everted or bead rims. One of the shell-gritted jars is of large storage-type and one in grog-tempered ware is also large. All of the jar or bowl rims are beaded. Grooved, bifurcated rims occur on a grey ware bowl and a grog-tempered jar and the latter has a narrow neck and a cordon at the junction of neck and shoulder. Two of the three grog-tempered ware bowls have bead rims and the other an everted rim. The grey dish has a plain rim and an internal ledge or cordon at the junction of its wall and base and the grey jar or beaker has an everted rim; the other jar or beaker is a pedestal base in dark grey grog-tempered ware.

Table 5: Roman pottery fabric types by feature

| Feature | Pit 7605 | | | Ditch 7709 | | | Pit 7719 | | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Sherd | Wgt (g) | Rim EVE | Sherd | Wgt (g) | Rim EVE | Sherd | Wgt (g) | Rim EVE |
| Vesicular | 11 | 65 | 0.46 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Shell | 2 | 22 | - | 83 | 531 | - | 39 | 1244 | 0.51 |
| Grog | 24 | 904 | 0.19 | 15 | 197 | 0.13 | 58 | 871 | 0.93 |
| Grog & shell | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 166 | - |
| Grey | 17 | 397 | 0.27 | 11 | 216 | 0.29 | 4 | 24 | - |
| Red-brown | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.18 | - | - | - |
| Cream | 3 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 57 | 1393 | 0.92 | 110 | 962 | 0.42 | 107 | 2305 | 1.44 |

Table 6: Roman pottery vessel forms

| Fabric / Vessel type | J | J/B | B | D | J/BKR | Total |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Vesicular | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Shell | 8 | 1 | - | - | - | 9 |
| Grog | 10 | 2 | 3 | - | 1 | 16 |
| Some grog? | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Grey | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Total | 24 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 36 |

Key

J-Jar; J/B-Jar/Bowl; B-Bowl; D-Dish; J/BKR- Jar/Beaker

Table 7: Roman pottery vessel forms by feature

| Feature Fabric/Vessel type | Pit 7605 | | | Ditch 7709 | | | | Pit 7719 | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | J | B | D | J | J/B | B | D | J | J/B |
| Vesicular | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Shell | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | 1 |
| Grog | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 2 |
| Grog and shell | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Grey | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 6 | 3 |

Key

J-Jar; J/BJ-Jar; J/B-Jar/Bowl; B-Bowl; D-Dish

The shell-gritted storage jar has a band of impressed finger notches running horizontally just above the vessel shoulder and a grey ware jar has horizontal cordons at intervals down the vessel wall. One of the shell-gritted lid-seated jars may have had diagonal slashes along its rim and another shell-gritted jar has faint traces of two grooves on the inside of its rim. One of the grog-tempered bowls is burnished and has a corrugated profile (Fig 14) and another is wide with a high shoulder just below its rim. Neck cordons are present on three of the jars or bowls – one grey, one with some possible grog and one grog-tempered. The other grog-tempered jar or bowl has grooves at the junction of neck and shoulder, while the shell-gritted jar or bowl has a shoulder cordon. These latter two vessels both have carinated profiles, and all the jars or bowls have long necks; the grey ware vessel is quite large and has a zone of rouletted decoration below the neck cordons (Fig 15). One of the grey ware jars has traces of a white slip and some grey ware body sherds also appear to have been slipped; another grey ware sherd has thin horizontal bands of narrow grooves. Horizontal rilling or grooving occurs on some of the grog-tempered and shell-gritted body sherds and one grog-tempered sherd has a zone of burnished lattice below a horizontal cordon.

The grog-tempered and shell-gritted wares were almost certainly produced locally. The nearest known kiln sites of Roman date are located between five and 10 kilometres to the east in, and to the north of, Kettering at Rushton, Geddington and Weekley (Swan 1984, Map 14). It is uncertain what pottery was produced at Rushton and Geddington, but Weekley kiln products included oxidised wares, shell-gritted wares and 'belgic' – style pottery (Swan 1984, mf 521, 542, 545-9).

Date

The vesicular ware may be the earliest pottery, perhaps dating to the late Iron Age. The neckless globular shell-gritted jars are also types which were more common in pre-Roman contexts but survived either in use or production. The vessels with corrugated or carinated profiles, some with long necks and decorated with cordons, the plain-rimmed dish with an internal ledge or cordon and the jar or beaker with a pedestal base are characteristic of so-called 'belgic' types, which also span the pre- and post-Conquest periods. The grey and cream wares are more likely to be post-Conquest, probably dating to the mid to late 1st century. Overall, the assemblage would fit a date spanning the second and third quarters of the 1st century. The small amount of grey ware in Pit 7719 may indicate that it was infilled earlier than Pits 7605 and 7714.

Assemblage characteristics

Apart from the vesicular ware, the pottery is generally in good condition. The assemblage has a limited range of both fabrics, with no regionally-traded pottery or imports of continental origin, and vessel forms, with no specialised types such as amphora, flagons, or mortaria. The 'belgic' vessels could qualify as a type of fine ware in the absence of regionally-traded or imported pottery, however, so the activity suggested by this assemblage would appear to have been more than basic utilitarian or agricultural.

Potential

The assemblage is of definite local and perhaps regional significance.

Illustrated pottery

Burnished bowl with corrugated profile, from pit 7715 / 7719 (Scale 50mm) Fig 14



Greyware jar/bowl, carinated with rouletted decoration below the neck cordon, from ditch 7708 / 7709 (Scale 50mm) Fig 15

5.4 The querns by Andy Chapman

From the fill (4305) of ditch [4307], there is a block of quartzite sandstone that may be part of an Iron Age rotary quern. Part of a curving outer surface survives, and the stone is 400mm thick with a curving inner surface that appears to be part of a broad and deep hopper. All the edges are both damaged and eroded, leaving the interpretation probable but unconfirmed.

From the fill (7608) of ditch [7610] there is a fragment from the circumference (15%) of a small, flat-topped rotary quern of Roman date. The stone is 350mm in diameter and 50mm thick at the circumference with a deeply concave grinding surface, so that the stone is only 15mm thick towards the central aperture, which does not survive. The stone is cream coloured with fine grey flecks and sparsely scattered small grey mineral inclusions 1-3mm in diameter, possibly Spilsby Sandstone from the Lincolnshire Wolds.

5.5 Ceramic building material by Pat Chapman

Fired clay

One large piece and three small fragments, together weigh 82g. The large irregular-shaped piece, weighing 50g, from fill (7718) of pit [7719], is made of hard fine silty sand with orange and brown-buff surfaces and dark brown below and an inclusion of burnt flint 10mm long. Two similar, but very small fragments come from fill (7604) of pit [7605]. A softer, siltier fragment comes from fill (2808) of ditch [2811]. There is a very hard rounded fragment, overfired to a cindery texture, weighing 23g, from fill (7710) of pit [7714]. These are the scarce scattered debris of domestic activity involving fire and heat.

Tile

A tile bodysherd, weighing 43g, comes from fill (5007) of ditch [5010]. It is 25mm thick and made with hard fine red-brown clay. There is the remnant of a groove along one edge, which might tentatively indicate that it comes from a Roman *tegula* roof tile.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

5.4 The animal bone by Adam Reid

A total of 3.25kg of animal bone was hand collected from 38 different contexts during the course of excavation and a further 0.30kg of material was collected through wet-sieving. This material was assessed to determine the level of preservation, the taxa present and to inform on the potential for further work.

All material was washed prior to analysis. Identifiable bones were noted, and were examined for signs of butchery and the state of epiphyseal fusion. Identifications took place with the aid of the MOLA Northampton reference collection and Hillson (1992) and France (2009) were also consulted. Specimens that could not be positively identified were attributed, where possible, to categories including Large Mammal (Cattle, Horse), Medium Mammal (Sheep/Goat, Pig, Large Dog), and Small Mammal (Small Dog, Cat, Rabbit). The English Heritage Guidelines for Best Practice for Animal Bones and Archaeology (2014) were followed, where possible.

Identification and quantification

The highly fragmented nature of the assemblage made identification difficult, but positive identification to genus level was possible for 94 (14%) of the hand collected specimens. This number increased slightly to 108 specimens after analysis of the wet-sieved material was completed. The results of the identifications are presented below (Tables 8 and 9).

The assemblage is dominated by sheep/goat and cattle specimens, which comprised 49% and 34% of positive identifications respectively. All 13 horse specimens were recovered from the fill of undated ditch [4607] and identifications were made exclusively from loose teeth. It is very likely that only one horse specimen was present. No bird, fish or microfaunal remains were noted.

Preservation and taphonomy

The general state of preservation of the material was good, aside from the high degree of fragmentation. No evidence of carnivore gnawing was noted but much of the material demonstrated evidence of weathering and surface abrasion, which would suggest that some specimens may have remained exposed, or partially exposed, for some time prior to burial.

Butchery marks were noted on a total of 11 specimens from six different contexts: (2810), (2910), (4604), (6805), (6907) and (7604). All occurred on large or medium mammal specimens and took the form of small cut or chop marks, the exception being a cattle metacarpal from context (4604), which appears to have been cleaved in order to split the bone along its proximal axis.

Discussion

The assemblage is dominated by domestic taxa and provides little indication of specialised activity. The high occurrence of cattle and sheep/goat specimens does not seem unusual given the late Iron Age date suggested for most of the features by pottery evidence, and is comparable to the assemblage produced by the evaluation work at Harrington Road (Reid in Chinnock 2015).

Table 8: Animal bone taxa present

| Fill/cut type | Cattle Bos | Sheep/goat Ovica prid | Pig Sus | Horse Equus | Dog Canid | Small Mam | Med Mam | Large Mam | Indet | Total |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|
| 0311/0313 ditch | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 2405/2406 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 2509/2511 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| 2510/2511 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | - | 5 |
| 2804/2805 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | - | - | 9 |
| 2808/2811 ditch | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | 9 | 2 | - | 15 |
| 2809/2811 ditch | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| 2810/2811 ditch | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3 |
| 2816/2820 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 2910/2911 ditch | 2 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | 5 | 19 |
| 2913/2914 ditch | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | 6 |
| 3505/3507 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | 4 |
| 3508/3509 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 3608/3609 ditch | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 4206/4207 ditch | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 11 | 1 | 10 | 26 |
| 4221/4223 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 3 |
| 4304/4307 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 4305/4307 ditch | 1 | 5 | - | - | - | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 22 |
| 4308/4313 ditch | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 9 | 5 | 19 |
| 4310/4313 ditch | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 4 |
| 4504/4505 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 4604/4607 ditch | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| 4605/4607 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 6 | 3 | 11 |
| 4606/4607 ditch | - | - | - | 13 | - | - | 8 | 9 | - | 30 |
| 5004/5006 ditch | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| 5007/5010 ditch | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| 6804/6806 ditch | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | 10 | 27 |
| 6805/6806 ditch | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 5 | 30 | 42 |
| 6907/6908 ditch | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 17 | 29 | 50 |
| 7604/7605 ditch | 3 | 4 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | 27 | 7 | 72 | 118 |

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|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 7608/7610 ditch | 2 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 8 | 5 | 21 |
| 7704/7706 ditch | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3 | 6 |
| 7707/7709 ditch | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| 7708/7709 ditch | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | 7 | - | 19 |
| 7710/7714 pit | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 5 |
| 7711/7714 pit | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 11 | 6 | - | 20 |
| 7715/7719 pit | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 14 | 3 | 3 | 21 |
| 7718/7719 pit | 8 | 4 | - | - | - | 6 | 26 | 36 | 47 | 127 |
| Total | 36 | 41 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 13 | 167 | 163 | 234 | 671 |

Table 9: Animal bone taxa present, recovered from wet sieving

| Fill/cut type | Cattle Bos | Sheep/goat Ovicaprid | Dog Canid | Small Mam | Med Mam | Large Mam | Indet | Total |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2910/2911 ditch | 1 | 5 | - | 1 | 8 | - | 216 | 231 |
| 4206/4207 ditch | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 47 | 48 |
| 5007/5010 ditch | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 16 | 16 |
| 7710/7714 pit | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | 1 | 68 | 76 |
| 7711/7714 pit | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | 49 | 54 |
| 7715/7719 pit | - | 2 | - | 2 | 14 | 1 | 114 | 119 |
| 7718/7719 pit | - | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | 50 | 159 |
| Total | 1 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 3 | 560 | 603 |

6.2 Plant macrofossils by Val Fryer

Introduction and method statement

Samples for the retrieval of the plant macrofossil assemblages were taken from a ditch and two roundhouse gullies of Iron Age date (samples 5, 6 and 7) and from four pits of Roman date (samples 1 – 4).

The samples were bulk floated by MOLAN and the flots were collected in a 300 micron mesh sieve. The dried flots were scanned under a binocular microscope at magnifications up to x 16 and the plant macrofossils and other remains noted are listed in Table 10. Nomenclature within the table follows Stace (2010). All plant remains were charred. Modern roots, seeds, fungal sclerotia and arthropod remains were also recorded.

Results

Cereal grains/chaff and seeds of common weeds and wetland plants are present at a low to moderate density within all seven assemblages. Preservation is variable; some grains and seeds are well preserved, but most macrofossils are highly comminuted. The reason for this is currently unknown, but it could be a result of mechanical damage caused by the intermittent drying and re-wetting of the soil horizon into which the features were dug.

Barley (*Hordeum* sp.) and wheat (*Triticum* sp.) grains are recorded along with a number of cereals which are too poorly preserved for close identification. Wheat occurs most frequently, with the majority of the grains being of an elongated 'drop' form typical of spelt (*T. spelta*). Spelt glume bases are also recorded within all but one assemblage. Other cereal chaff is scarce, but the assemblages from pit [7719] include a fragment of oat (*Avena* sp.) awn (sample 3) and a single barley rachis node (sample 4).

Weed seeds are generally scarce, with most of those recorded occurring within the assemblage from sample 3. All are of common segetal weeds, with taxa noted including brome (*Bromus* sp.), small legumes (*Fabaceae*), goosegrass (*Galium aparine*), ribwort plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), knotgrass (*Polygonum aviculare*), dock (*Rumex* sp.), charlock (*Sinapis* sp.) and chickweed (*Stellaria media*). Wetland plant macrofossils, including nutlets of sedge (*Carex* sp.) and spike-rush (*Eleocharis* sp.) and seeds of blinks (*Montia fontana*), are present within the assemblages from pit [7719]. Two very small fragments of possible hazel (*Corylus avellana*) nutshell and a single elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*) seed are also recorded. Comminuted charcoal/charred wood fragments are present at a moderate to high density within all seven assemblages along with small pieces of charred root or stem, but other plant remains occur infrequently.

Small pieces of black porous and tarry material are present at a low density within all but two of the assemblages studied. Although most are thought to be residues of the combustion of organic remains at very high temperatures, others are distinctly hard a brittle, possibly suggesting that they are bi-products of the combustion of coal, small pieces of which are also recorded. Small fragments of bone, many of which are burnt/calined, are also present along with small pellets of burnt or fired clay. Ferrous globules are recorded within the assemblages from samples 2 (pit fill 7711) and 3.

Table 10: Plant macrofossils

| Sample No. | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Context No. | 4206 | 2910 | 5007 | 7710 | 7711 | 7715 | 7718 |
| Feature No. | 4207 | 2911 | 5010 | 7714 | 7714 | 7719 | 7719 |
| Feature type | RHG | RHG | Ditch | Pit | Pit | Pit | Pit |
| Date | IA | IA | IA | Rom. | Rom. | Rom. | Rom. |
| Trench No. | 42 | 29 | 50 | 77 | 77 | 77 | 77 |
| Cereals | | | | | | | |
| <i>Avena</i> sp. (awn frag.) | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| <i>Hordeum</i> sp. (grains) | - | - | - | - | - | x | X |
| (rachis node) | - | - | - | - | - | - | X |
| <i>Triticum</i> sp. (grains) | x | x | xx | X | - | X | X |
| (glume bases) | x | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (spikelet bases) | x | - | - | - | - | x | x |
| (rachis internodes) | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| <i>T. spelta</i> L. (glume bases) | x | x | xx | - | x | x | x |
| Cereal indet. (grains) | x | - | x | xx | x | - | x |
| Herbs | | | | | | | |
| <i>Atriplex</i> sp. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| <i>Bromus</i> sp. | - | - | x | - | - | xcf | xcf |
| <i>Chenopodium album</i> L. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| Chenopodiaceae indet. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| Fabaceae indet. | x | - | - | x | - | x | x |

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| Sample No. | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|------|------|-------|--------|------|------|------|
| Context No. | 4206 | 2910 | 5007 | 7710 | 7711 | 7715 | 7718 |
| Feature No. | 4207 | 2911 | 5010 | 7714 | 7714 | 7719 | 7719 |
| Feature type | RHG | RHG | Ditch | Pit | Pit | Pit | Pit |
| Date | IA | IA | IA | Rom. | Rom. | Rom. | Rom. |
| Trench No. | 42 | 29 | 50 | 77 | 77 | 77 | 77 |
| Cereals | | | | | | | |
| <i>Fallopia convolvulus</i> (L.)A.Love | - | - | - | - | - | xcf | - |
| <i>Galium aparine</i> L. | - | - | - | - | x | - | - |
| <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| Small Poaceae indet. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| <i>Polygonum aviculare</i> L. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| Polygonaceae indet. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| <i>Rumex</i> sp. | - | - | - | x | - | - | - |
| <i>Sinapis</i> sp. | - | - | - | - | - | - | x |
| <i>Stellaria media</i> (L.)Vill | x | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wetland plants | | | | | | | |
| <i>Carex</i> sp. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| <i>Eleocharis</i> sp. | - | - | - | - | - | x | - |
| <i>Juncus</i> sp. | - | - | - | - | - | - | xcf |
| <i>Montia fontana</i> L. | - | - | - | - | - | x | x |
| Tree/shrub macrofossils | | | | | | | |
| <i>Corylus avellana</i> L. | - | - | xcf | - | - | xcf | - |
| <i>Sambucus nigra</i> L. | - | - | - | x | - | - | - |
| Other plant macrofossils | | | | | | | |
| Charcoal <2mm | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxxx | xxx | xxxx | xxx |
| Charcoal >2mm | xx | xxxx | xxx | xxx | x | xxxx | xxx |
| Charcoal >5mm | xx | xx | xxx | x | x | x | x |
| Charcoal >10mm | - | x | x | x | - | - | - |
| Charred root/stem | - | x | x | x | x | xxx | x |
| Indet. culm node | x | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Indet. seeds | - | - | - | x | - | x | x |
| Indet. tuber | - | - | - | - | x | - | - |
| Other remains | | | | | | | |
| Black porous 'cokey' material | x | - | - | x | x | x | x |
| Black tarry material | - | - | - | - | - | - | x |
| Bone | x xb | x xb | | xx xxb | x xb | x xb | x xb |
| Burnt/fired clay | xx | x | xx | x | x | xx | x |
| Burnt stone | - | - | - | - | - | x | x |
| Ferrous globules | - | - | - | - | x | x | - |
| Small coal frags. | x | x | - | x | x | x | - |
| Small mammal/amphibian bones | - | x | - | - | - | - | x |
| Vitreous material | - | - | - | x | - | - | - |
| Sample volume (litres) | | | | | | | |
| Volume of flot (litres) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | <0.1 |
| % flot sorted | 100% | 100% | 100% | 50% | 50% | 50% | 100% |

Key to Table

x = 1 – 10 specimens xx = 11 – 50 specimens xxx = 51 – 100 specimens xxxx = 100+ specimens
cf = compare b = burnt

RHG = round house gully IA = Iron Age Rom = Roman

Conclusions and recommendations for further work

In summary, the assemblages are generally quite limited in composition, with much of the material being highly comminuted. Accurate interpretation of the features is, therefore, extremely difficult. However, it would appear most likely that the two assemblages from the Iron Age roundhouse gullies (samples 5 and 6) are derived from a very low density of domestic hearth waste including cereals, which were possibly spilled during culinary preparation, and chaff, which may have been used as tinder or kindling. Similar material is also present within the fill of ditch [5010] (sample 7), although it is presumed that in this instance, it is either derived from scattered detritus or a small, discrete deposit of refuse which was placed within the ditch fill. The assemblages from the Roman pit fills (samples 1 – 4) are essentially the same as those from the earlier features, although in most instances, a slightly higher density of material is recorded. The assemblage from pit [7719] (sample 3) almost certainly contains a low density of charred cereal processing detritus, possibly indicating that some agricultural activity was occurring within the near vicinity. However, it should be noted that processing waste was also commonly used as fuel within both domestic and light industrial contexts. Environmental indicators are scarce, but the presence of wetland plant macrofossils within two of the Roman pit assemblages may suggest that some areas of marginal, damp grassland were coming into cultivation for the first time. It is generally assumed that such agricultural expansion was made possible by the introduction of a larger and much improved plough at the beginning of the Roman period.

As none of the assemblages contain a sufficient density of material for quantification (i.e. 100+ specimens), no further analysis is recommended. However, a summary of this assessment should be included within any publication of data from the site.

7 DISCUSSION

The evaluation confirmed the veracity of the geophysical survey, identifying and recording a series of archaeological features that corresponded well with the geophysical anomalies. The presence of ridge and furrow systems and modern field boundary ditches was also established.

Previous archaeological investigations in the Rothwell area revealed a similar pattern of large uninhabited areas with isolated pockets of archaeological activity. Of particular similarity is the 1st century BC to the 1st century AD late Iron Age enclosure on land north of Harrington Road (Chinnock 2015), c600m to the south. A large sub-square enclosure was exposed with complex internal features including smaller sub-square and sub-circular enclosures. An Iron Age pit and gully were recorded in an evaluation near Wales Street, c800m south-east (Soden 1996). A geophysical survey on land south of Harrington Road recorded a potential prehistoric sub-rectangular enclosure (Butler 2009). The evaluation and subsequent excavation on the nearby A6 bypass c2km north-west exposed yet another mid – late Iron Age enclosure (Priest 2003). Overall the evidence suggests this site represents one part of dispersed Iron Age settlements in the vicinity which continued into the Roman period with the enclosure to the east of site and flourished in the Middle Ages where Rothwell market town dominated the then smaller settlement of Kettering.

Late Iron Age occupation appears to represent a fairly short-lived period of activity from the late 1st century BC into the early 1st century AD, although some evidence of recutting was apparent, implying that at least some of the enclosures were maintained.

The enclosures were positioned on the highest point in the area with the ground sloping gently away in all directions, particularly to the south and east. Moreover the placement of the known modern field barn and its associated track is of no coincidence directly over the circular enclosures, utilising the landscapes natural topography.

It is likely that these features formed a small farmstead comprising stock and domestic enclosures, centred around a substantial polygonal enclosure within which was a smaller circular enclosure containing a ring ditch. It may be noteworthy that this was the only one of the ring ditches to be situated within an enclosure.

Isolated undated features were present particularly across the central area of site, and were mostly small ditches and gullies. The fills of which were often not dissimilar from the Iron Age activity to the west and some may represent outlying drainage and boundaries away from the main settlement area, accounting for the lack of finds.

The Roman settlement to the east comprises a small enclosure, within which pits containing domestic refuse were situated. The pottery evidence suggests an origin in the late Iron Age (early 1st century AD) and continuing into the late 1st century AD. The outlying Roman ditches at the north-east edge of site may suggest further associated activity beyond the site boundary of similar 1st-century date.

Furrows relating to the ridge and furrow cultivation system were observed in areas across the evaluation area, as indicated by the geophysical survey, along with modern field boundary ditches. The consistent south-east to north-west alignment of the furrows indicates that during the medieval and probably post-medieval period, the land was part of an open-field system.

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APPENDIX 1: TABLE OF CONTEXTS

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height aOD | Depth & height of natural aOD |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| 01 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480242, 281514 | 130.57m aOD | 0.45m 130.12m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 0101 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.35m thick | - |
| 0102 | Subsoil | Mid brown firm silty clay, rare chalk frags / flecks | 0.35m thick | - |
| 0103 | Natural | Light whitish-brown firm silty clay, frequent chalk frags, infrequent stones | 0.70m+ | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 02 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480272, 281469 | 130.59m aOD | 0.60m 129.99 m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 0201 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 0202 | Subsoil | Mid brown firm silty clay, rare chalk frags / flecks | 0.20m thick | - |
| 0203 | Natural | Light whitish-brown firm silty clay, frequent chalk frags, infrequent stones | 0.45m+ | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 03 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480291, 281475 | 133.42m aOD | 0.40m 133.02 m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 0301 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.20m thick | - |
| 0302 | Subsoil | Mid brown firm silty clay, rare chalk frags / flecks | 0.20m thick | - |
| 0303 | Natural | Light whitish-brown firm silty clay, frequent chalk frags, infrequent stones | 0.40m+ | - |
| 0304 | Fill of [0305] | Firm mid greyish-brown / light | 0.13m thick | |

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|------|----------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| | | grey-yellow silty clay | | |
| 0305 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW aligned, concave sides, flat base | 0.64m wide x 0.17m deep | - |
| 0306 | Fill of [0305] | Friable mid to dark brown silt, rare charcoal flecks / stones | 0.06m thick | |
| 0307 | Fill of [0308] | Firm blue-grey with orange mottling silty clay, occasional stones | 0.20m thick | |
| 0308 | Ditch | Curvilinear N-S aligned, gently concave sides, flat base | 0.60m wide x 0.20m deep | - |
| 0309 | Fill of [0310] | Firm blue-grey with orange mottling silty clay, occasional stones | 0.20m thick | |
| 0310 | Ditch | Curvilinear N-S aligned, gently concave sides, flat base | 0.60m wide x 0.20m deep | - |
| 0311 | Fill of [0313] | Friable dark black-brown-grey with orange flecked silty clay | 0.27m thick | |
| 0312 | Fill of [0313] | Firm mid orange-grey silty clay | 0.17m thick | |
| 0313 | Ditch | Linear SE-NW aligned, steep sided U-shaped, flat base | 0.90m wide x 0.39m deep | - |
| 0314 | Fill of [0315] | Firm mid brown-grey silty clay | 0.26m thick | |
| 0315 | Ditch | Linear SE-NW aligned, U-shaped, flat base | 0.69m wide x 0.26m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 04 | 50m, 1.8m & SE-NW | 480325, 281440 | 136.1m aOD | 0.45m 135.65 m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 0401 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 0402 | Subsoil | Mid brownish-yellow silty clay, rare small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 0403 | Natural | Brownish yellow / light grey clay, rare small sub rounded stones | 0.60m+ | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 05 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480270, 281398 | 135.19m aOD | 0.40m 134.79 m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 0501 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |

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|------|---------|--|-------------|---|
| 0502 | Subsoil | Mid brownish-yellow silty clay, rare small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 0503 | Natural | Brownish yellow / light grey clay, rare small sub rounded stones | 0.45m+ | - |
| 0504 | Ditch | Linear, NNW-SSE, unexcavated | 1.00m wide | |
| 0505 | Ditch | Linear, NNW-SSE, unexcavated | 1.00m wide | |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 06 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480355, 281425 | 136.27m aOD | 0.70m 135.57 m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 0601 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 0602 | Subsoil | Mid brownish-yellow silty clay, rare small stones | 0.40m thick | - |
| 0603 | Natural | Brownish yellow / light grey clay, rare small sub rounded stones | 0.70m+ | - |
| 0604 | Fill of [0605] | Mid brown silty loam | 0.13m thick | - |
| 0605 | Ditch | Linear, NNW-SSE, concave edges, flat base | 0.53m wide x 0.13m deep | |
| 0606 | Fill of [0607] | | | Pottery |
| 0607 | Ditch | | | |

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| 07 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480283, 281307 | 137.67m aOD | 0.60m 137.07 m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 0701 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.10m thick | - |
| 0702 | Subsoil | Mid brownish-yellow silty clay, rare small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 0703 | Natural | Brownish yellow / light grey clay, rare small sub rounded stones | 0.30m+ | - |
| 0704 | Fill of [0705] | Mid brown-yellow clay, occasional small stones | 0.15m thick | - |
| 0705 | Ditch | Linear, NNW-SSE, steep sides, flat base | 0.70m wide x 0.15m deep | |

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| 08 | 50m, 1.8m & E-W | 480300, 281368 | 136.96m aOD | 0.50m 136.46 m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 0801 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.20m thick | - |
| 0802 | Subsoil | Mid brownish-yellow silty clay, rare small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 0803 | Natural | Brownish yellow / light grey clay, rare small sub rounded stones | 0.40m+ | - |
| 0804 | Fill of [0805] | Mid brown-yellow silty clay | 0.45m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 0805 | Ditch | Linear, NNW-SSE, V profile, concave base | 1.80m wide x 0.45m depp | |
| 0806 | Fill of [0807] | Mid brown-yellow silty clay | 0.45m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 0807 | Ditch | Linear, NNW-SSE, U profile, concave base | 1.40m wide x 0.45m deep | |

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| 09 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480368, 281328 | 137.02m aOD | 0.60m 136.42 m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 0901 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.26m thick | - |
| 0902 | Subsoil | Mid brownish-yellow silty clay, rare small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 0903 | Natural | Brownish yellow / light grey clay, rare small sub rounded stones | 0.56m+ | - |
| 0904 | Fill of [0905] | Mid brownish-yellow clay | 0.30m thick | Pottery |
| 0905 | Ditch | Linear, NW-SE, concave sides, undulating base | 2.70m wide x 0.30m deep | |
| 0906 | Fill of [0907] | Mid brown-grey-orange clay, occasional small stones | 0.30m thick | Animal bone |
| 0907 | Ditch | Linear, NNW-SSE, steep sides, irregular base | 1.20m wide x 0.30m deep | |

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| 10 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480425, 281313 | 136.74m aOD | 0.70m 136.04 m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 1001 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.15m thick | - |
| 1002 | Subsoil | Mid brownish-yellow silty clay, rare small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 1003 | Natural | Brownish yellow / light grey clay, rare small sub rounded stones | 0.40m+ | - |

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| 11 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480466, 281386 | 135.88m aOD | 0.60m 135.28 m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 1101 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 1102 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 1103 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.55m+ | - |

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| 12 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480509, 281368 | 135.67m aOD | 0.50m 135.17m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 1201 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 1202 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 1203 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.45m+ | - |

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| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 13 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480517, 281309 | 136.30m aOD | 0.60m 135.7m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 1301 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.40m thick | - |
| 1302 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 1303 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.60m+ | - |

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| 14 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480482, 281230 | 137.10m aOD | 0.55m 136.55 m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 1401 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 1402 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 1403 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.40m+ | - |

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| 15 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480578, 281241 | 136.56m aOD | 0.50m 136.06m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 1501 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 1502 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 1503 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.50m+ | - |
| 1504 | Fill of [1505] | Firm mid brown silty clay, rare chalk frags / flecks | 0.25m thick | |
| 1505 | Ditch | Linear, NE-SW, steep concave sides, flat base | 0.70m wide x 0.25m deep | - |

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| 16 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480596, 281387 | 134.95m aOD | 0.70m 135.25m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 1601 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 1602 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.35m thick | - |
| 1603 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.65m+ | - |

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| 17 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480544, 281336 | 135.87m aOD | 0.60m 135.27m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 1701 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 1702 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.35m thick | - |
| 1703 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.65m+ | - |

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| 18 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480661, 281312 | 135.70m aOD | 0.40m 135.3m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 1801 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 1802 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 1803 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.50m+ | - |

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| 19 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480646, 281435 | 133.94m aOD | 0.60m 133.34m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 1901 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 1902 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 1903 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.50m+ | - |

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| 20 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480636, 281370 | 135.05m aOD | 0.70m 134.35m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 2001 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2002 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 2003 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.50m+ | - |

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| 21 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480734, 281394 | 134.15m aOD | 0.45m 133.7m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 2101 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2102 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 2103 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.50m+ | - |
| 2104 | Fill of [2105] | Firm mid brown silty clay, rare charcoal flecks / chalk frags | 0.20m thick | |
| 2105 | Ditch | Linear, NE-SW, steep concave sides, concave base | 0.50m wide x 0.20m deep | - |

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| 22 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480722, 281362 | 134.76m aOD | 0.45m 134.31m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 2201 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 2202 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.15m thick | - |
| 2203 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.40m + | - |

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| 23 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480344, 281516 | 134.93m aOD | 0.55m 134.38m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 2301 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 2302 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2303 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.55m + | - |
| 2304 | Fill of [2306] | Mid to dark silty clay, occasional small flint / chalk fragments | 0.61m thick | |
| 2305 | Fill of [2306] | Dark grey silty clay, occasional small flint / chalk fragments | 0.35m thick | |
| 2306 | Ditch | Linear, E-W, straight sided V-shape profile, curved base | 1.43m wide x 0.87m deep | - |
| 2307 | Layer | Colluvium mid to dark brown silty clay, occasional small flint / chalk fragments | 0.30m thick | |
| 2308 | Layer | Colluvium mid to dark brown mottled orange silty clay, frequent iron stone / pebbles | 0.10m thick | |
| 2309 | Fill of [2311] | Mid to dark brown silty clay, occasional small flint / chalk fragments | 0.25m thick | |
| 2310 | Fill of [2311] | Dark grey silty clay, occasional flint / gravels | 0.38m thick | |
| 2311 | Ditch | Linear, NE-SW, straight sides, curved base | 1.59m wide x 0.63m deep | - |

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| 24 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480391, 281476 | 135.98m aOD | 0.50m 135.48m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 2401 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stones / flint | 0.20m thick | - |
| 2402 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk flecks / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2403 | Natural | Light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk fragments / flecks throughout, rare patches reddish-brown silty clay natural | 0.50m + | - |
| 2404 | Fill of [2406] | Blackish-grey silty clay, occasional medium to large iron stone fragments | 0.10m thick | - |
| 2405 | Fill of [2406] | Mid brown silty clay, moderate chalk / flint fragments | 0.30m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2406 | Ditch | Linear, N-S, V-shaped, gentle concave base | 0.40m wide x 0.40m deep | - |
| 2407 | Fill of [2408] | Mid brown silty clay, moderate chalk fragments, occasional stones / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2408 | Ditch | Linear, SE-NW, gently curving sides, flat base | 0.80m wide x 0.30m deep | - |
| 2409 | Fill of [2410] | Mid brown silty clay, moderate chalk fragments, occasional stones / flint | 0.40m thick | - |
| 2410 | Ditch | Linear, SE-NW, V-shaped profile, flat base | 1.00m wide x 0.40m deep | - |
| 2411 | Fill of [2411] | Mid brown silty clay, moderate chalk fragments, occasional stones / flint | 0.40m thick | - |
| 2412 | Ditch | Linear, SE-NW, V-shaped profile, flat narrow base | 0.60m wide x 0.40m deep | - |

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| 25 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480426, 281434 | 136.06m aOD | 0.50m 135.56m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 2501 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stones / flint | 0.25m thick | - |

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| 2502 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk flecks / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 2503 | Natural | Light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk fragments / flecks throughout, rare patches reddish-brown silty clay natural | 0.50m + | - |
| 2504 | Fill of [2506] | Light yellowish-brown silty clay, infrequent chalk flecks / fragments / stones | 0.22m thick | - |
| 2505 | Fill of [2506] | Mid greyish-brown silty clay, rare stones | 0.16m thick | Pottery |
| 2506 | Ditch | Curvilinear, N-S, steep sides, flat base | 0.65m wide x 0.30m deep | - |
| 2507 | Fill of [2512] | Mid greyish-brown silty clay, infrequent chalk flecks | 0.12m thick | - |
| 2508 | Fill of [2512] | Light yellowish-brown silty clay, frequent chalk flecks | 0.10m thick | - |
| 2509 | Fill of [2511] | Light greyish-yellow-brown silty clay, frequent chalk flecks | 0.14m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2510 | Fill of [2511] | Mid greyish-brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / charcoal flecks | 0.45m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2511 | Ditch | Curvilinear, N-S, concave sides and base | 0.85m wide x 0.26m deep | - |
| 2512 | Ditch | Linear, NW-SE, steep straight sides, flat base | 1.30m wide x 0.59m deep | - |

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| 26 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480514, 281450 | 135.28m aOD | 0.55m 134.73m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 2601 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2602 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 2603 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.55m + | - |

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| 27 | 50m, 1.8m & E-W | 480398, 281483 | 135.94m aOD | 0.55m 135.39m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 2701 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 2702 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2703 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.55m + | - |

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| 28 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480410, 281515 | 135.58m aOD | 0.65m 134.93m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 2801 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.35m thick | - |
| 2802 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2803 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.65m + | - |
| 2804 | Fill of [2805] | Mid grey silty clay, mottled dark brown-orange, infrequent stones / flint / chalk fragments | 0.50m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2805 | Ditch | Linear SE-NW, moderate straight sides, flat base | 2.1m wide x 0.50m deep | - |
| 2806 | Fill of [2807] | Greyish-brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stones / flint | 0.15m thick | - |
| 2807 | Ditch | Linear, SE-NW, profile near vertical east side, disturbed by [2805] west side, rounded base | 0.15m wide x 0.15m deep | - |
| 2808 | Fill of [2811] | Light brown silty clay, occasional stones / chalk / flint fragments | 0.50m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2809 | Fill of [2811] | Greyish-black silty clay, moderate regular stones, infrequent chalk flecks | 0.40m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2810 | Fill of [2811] | Light brown mottled brown silty clay, frequent chalk fragments, infrequent iron stone | 0.40m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2811 | Ditch | Linear N-S, V-shaped profile, flat base | 3.00m wide x 1.6m deep | - |

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| 2812 | Fill of [2813] | Yellowish-brown silty clay, moderate chalk / stone fragments | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2813 | Ditch | Linear, N-S, gentle concave sides, flat base | 1.00m wide x 0.30m deep | |
| 2814 | Fill of [2815] | Orange-brown clay, rare stones | 0.40m thick | - |
| 2815 | Pit | Partially visible, near vertical sides, flat base | 0.40m wide x 0.40m deep | - |
| 2816 | Fill of [2820] | Mid brown with grey hue silty clay, infrequent stones | 0.50m thick | Animal bone |
| 2817 | Fill of [2820] | Blackish-grey silty clay, infrequent stones | 0.10m thick | - |
| 2818 | Fill of [2827] | Orange-brown silty clay, frequent chalk / stone fragments | 0.40m thick | Pottery |
| 2819 | Fill of [2820] | Mid grey mottled brown silty clay, moderate stones | 0.70m thick | - |
| 2820 | Ditch | Linear, N-S, V-shaped profile, concave base | 1.60m wide x 1.2m deep | |
| 2821 | Fill of [2822] | Orange-brown silty clay, frequent chalk / stone fragments | 0.50m thick | - |
| 2822 | Ditch | Linear, N-S, U-shaped profile, concave base | 0.50m wide x 0.50m deep | - |
| 2823 | Fill of [2824] | Orange-brown silty clay, frequent chalk / stone fragments | 0.50m thick | - |
| 2824 | Ditch | Linear, N-S, U-shaped profile, concave base | 0.90m wide x 0.50m deep | - |
| 2825 | Fill of [2826] | Orange-brown silty clay, frequent chalk / stone fragments | 0.60m thick | - |
| 2826 | Ditch | Linear, N-S, U-shaped profile, concave base | 0.45m wide x 0.35m deep | - |
| 2827 | Ditch | Linear, N-S, U-shaped profile, concave base | 0.65m wide x 0.50m deep | |
| 2828 | Ditch | Linear, N-S, V-shaped profile, concave base | 0.65m wide x 0.50m deep | |
| 2829 | Fill of [2828] | Orange-brown silty clay, frequent chalk / stone fragments | 0.50m thick | |

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| 29 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480385, 281559 | 134.38m aOD | 0.55m 133.83m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 2901 | Topsoil | Mid dark grey silty clay loam, occasional small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 2902 | Subsoil | Mid yellow-brown clay, occasional small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 2903 | Natural | Light sandy grey-yellow clay chalk | 0.55m + | - |
| 2904 | Fill of [2905] | Very dark grey-black silty clay, occasional flint / chalk fragments | 0.47m thick | - |
| 2905 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, straight sides, flat base | 0.62m wide x 0.47m deep | - |
| 2906 | Fill of [2907] | Very dark grey-black silty clay, occasional flint / chalk fragments | 0.50m thick | - |
| 2907 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, straight sides, flat base | 0.59m wide x 0.50m deep | - |
| 2908 | Fill of [2909] | Dark grey-black silty clay, occasional chalk / flint fragments | 0.28m thick | Pottery |
| 2909 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, straight sides, concave base | 0.69m wide x 0.28m deep | - |
| 2910 | Fill of [2911] | Mid very dark grey-black silty clay, occasional flint / chalk fragments | 0.52m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2911 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, straight sides, slightly concave base | 0.96m wide x 0.52m deep | - |
| 2912 | Fill of [2914] | Mid to dark grey-brown silty clay, occasional flint / chalk fragments | 0.38m thick | - |
| 2913 | Fill of [2914] | Dark grey-black silty clay, occasional flint / chalk fragments | 0.90m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 2914 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, straight sides, base not exposed due to depth | 3.30m wide x 1.30m+ deep | - |
| 2915 | Fill of [2917] | Mid to dark grey-brown silty clay, occasional flint / chalk fragments | 0.68m thick | - |
| 2916 | Fill of [2917] | Mid to dark grey silty clay, occasional flint / chalk fragments | 0.34m thick | Pottery |
| 2917 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, straight sides, flat base | 3.68m wide x 1.02m deep | - |

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| 30 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480350, 281563 | 133.53m aOD | 0.60m 132.93m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 3001 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty clay, rare stone / flint | 0.20m thick | - |
| 3002 | Subsoil | Mid brown firm silty clay, rare chalk frags / flecks | 0.25m thick | - |
| 3003 | Natural | Light whitish-brown firm silty clay, frequent chalk frags, infrequent stones | 0.45m+ | - |

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| 31 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480307, 281550 | 132.90m aOD | 0.55m 132.35m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 3101 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 3102 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 3103 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.55m + | - |
| 3104 | Fill of [3105] | Brown-grey sandy clay, rare chalk / charcoal flecks | 0.31m thick | - |
| 3105 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE , U-shaped profile, flat base | 0.99m wide x 0.31m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 32 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480282, 281583 | 130.92m aOD | 0.70m 130.22m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 3201 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 3202 | Subsoil | Dark reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 3203 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks | 0.40m + | - |

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| 3204 | Fill of [3205] | Yellow-grey-brown sandy clay, rare chalk flecks | 0.37m thick | - |
| 3205 | Ditch | Linear SW-NE , U-shaped profile, flat base | 1.26m wide x 0.37m deep | - |
| 3206 | Fill of [3207] | Dark brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / charcoal | 0.18m thick | - |
| 3207 | Pit | Circular truncated profile, flat base | 1.63m wide x 0.18m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 33 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480315, 281600 | 131.06m aOD | 0.55m 130.51m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 3301 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 3302 | Subsoil | Dark brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 3303 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.55m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 34 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480317, 281612 | 130.35m aOD | 0.60m 129.75m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 3401 | Topsoil | Dark grey-brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.35m thick | - |
| 3402 | Subsoil | Dark brown silty clay, infrequent small stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 3403 | Natural | Light grey silty clay, occasional chalk flecks / stones | 0.60m + | - |
| 3404 | Fill of [3405] | Mid orange-grey silty clay, rare chalk / stones | 0.60m thick | Pottery |
| 3405 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE , U-shaped, flat base | 1.62m wide x 0.60m deep | - |

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| 35 | 50m, 1.8m & E-W | 480391, 281644 | 130.98m aOD | 0.65m 130.33m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 3501 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 3502 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks | 0.25m thick | - |
| 3503 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments throughout | 0.55m + | - |
| 3504 | Fill of [3507] | Mixed mid greyish-brown / grey silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / frags | 0.35m thick | - |
| 3505 | Fill of [3507] | Mid reddish-brown silty clay, infrequent – rare chalk / stones | 0.53m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 3506 | Fill of [3507] | Dark greyish brown silty clay, rare chalk flecks / stones | 0.40m thick | - |
| 3507 | Ditch | NE-SW, steep concave sides, flat base | 1.50m wide x 0.60m deep | - |
| 3508 | Fill of [3509] | Mid greyish-brown silty clay, occasional chalk frags / flecks | 0.43m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 3509 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW , moderate concave sides, shallow concave base | 1.05m wide x 0.43m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 36 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480434, 281624 | 132.80m aOD | 0.55m 132.25m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 3601 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 3602 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks | 0.20m thick | - |
| 3603 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments throughout | 0.50m + | - |
| 3604 | Fill of [3605] | Dark grey-brown silty clay, occasional flint fragments | 0.48m thick | Pottery, animal bone |

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| 3605 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW , straight sides, concave base | 0.91m wide x 0.48m deep | - |
| 3606 | Fill of [3607] | Mid-dark grey-brown silty clay, occasional flint fragments | 0.56m thick | - |
| 3607 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW , straight sides, flat base | 0.56m wide x 0.56m deep | - |
| 3608 | Fill of [3609] | Dark grey silty clay, occasional small flint fragments | 0.40m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 3609 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW , straight sides, concave base | 0.63m wide x 0.40m deep | - |
| 3610 | Fill of [3611] | Mid brown-grey silty clay, occasional small flint fragments | 0.38m thick | - |
| 3611 | Ditch | Linear E-W , curved sides and base | 1.35m wide x 0.38m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 37 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480482, 281548 | 135.33m aOD | 0.55m 134.78m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 3701 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.35m thick | - |
| 3702 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks | 0.20m thick | - |
| 3703 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments throughout | 0.55m + | - |
| 3704 | Fill of [3705] | Mid orange-brown silty clay, infrequent charcoal / chalk | 0.12m thick | - |
| 3705 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW shallow U-shaped ditch, sloping base | 0.75m wide x 0.12m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 38 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480506, 281497 | 135.49m aOD | 0.60m 134.89m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 3801 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 3802 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks | 0.30m thick | - |
| 3803 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments throughout | 0.60m + | - |

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| 39 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480562, 281506 | 135.08m aOD | 0.65m 134.43m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 3901 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 3902 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks | 0.25m thick | - |
| 3903 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments throughout | 0.55m + | - |

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| 40 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480576, 281564 | 135.06m aOD | 0.60m 134.46m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 4001 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4002 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks | 0.25m thick | - |
| 4003 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments throughout | 0.55m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 41 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480542, 281586 | 134.93m aOD | 0.50m 134.43m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 4101 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 4102 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks | 0.25m thick | - |
| 4103 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments throughout | 0.30m + | - |
| 4104 | Fill of [4105] | Dark brown-grey mottled orange silty clay, rare charcoal/chalk | 0.49m thick | - |

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| 4105 | Ditch | Linear N-S, wide U shape profile, flat base | 1.52m wide x 0.49m deep | - |
| 4106 | Fill of [4107] | Brown-yellow-grey silty clay, rare sandstone fragments | 0.50m thick | Pottery |
| 4107 | Ditch | Linear N-S, U-shaped ditch steep sides, flat base | 0.83m wide x 0.50m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 42 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480593, 281593 | 134.81m aOD | 0.55m 134.26m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 4201 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 4202 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks | 0.25m thick | - |
| 4203 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments, infrequent amorphous mid brown silty clay natural | 0.50m + | - |
| 4204 | Fill of [4205] | Mid brown-grey mottled orange silty clay, rare charcoal / chalk flecks / frags | 0.39m thick | |
| 4205 | Ditch | Linear N-S , V-shaped steep sides, flat base | 0.62m wide x 0.39m deep | - |
| 4206 | Fill of [4207] | Black mottled brown sandy clay, rare chalk / burnt clay / large stones | 0.19m thick | |
| 4207 | Ditch | Linear SW-NE, U-shaped profile, flat base | 0.53m wide 0.19m deep | - |
| 4208 | Fill of [4209] | Med orangey grey silty clay, rare chalk / small stones | 0.36m thick | |
| 4209 | Ditch | Linear SW-NE, U-shaped ditch, flat base | 1.02m wide 0.36m deep | - |
| 4210 | Fill of [4212] | Orangey black mottled with dark grey sandy clay. Rare stones / chalk flecks | 0.08m thick | |
| 4211 | Fill of [4212] | Med orangey grey silty clay, rare charcoal / chalk flecks | 0.10m thick | |
| 4212 | Ditch | Linear W-E long shallow ditch, flat base | 1m wide 0.18m deep | - |
| 4213 | Fill of [4214] | Med greyish brown silty clay, rare chalk / stones | 0.24m thick | |
| 4214 | Ditch | Linear SW-NE sloping u-shaped pit, sloping base | 0.74m wide 0.24m deep | - |
| 4215 | Fill of [4216] | Med greyish brown silty clay, rare chalk flecks | 0.27m thick | |

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| 4216 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, U-shaped ditch, sloping base | 0.51m wide 0.27m deep | - |
| 4217 | Fill of [4218] | Med brownish grey silty clay, rare chalk flecks | 0.41m thick | |
| 4218 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, steep U-shaped pit, flat base | 0.33 wide 0.41 deep | - |
| 4219 | Fill of [4220] | Med greyish brown silty clay, rare chalk flecks | 0.22 thick | |
| 4220 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, side cut away by land drain, other side unclear in fill, sloping base | 0.44m wide 0.22m deep | - |
| 4221 | Fill of [4223] | Dark grey with black patches, silty clay, 10% charcoal | 0.07m thick | |
| 4222 | Fill of [4223] | Med brownish grey silty clay, 5% chalk | 0.16 thick | |
| 4223 | Ditch | Linear SW-NE U-shaped ditch, flat base | 0.55m wide 0.23m deep | - |
| 4224 | Fill of [4225] | Med brownish grey silty clay, rare chalk flecks | 0.25m thick | |
| 4225 | Ditch | Linear SW-NE U-shaped steep sided ditch, sloping base | 0.25m wide 0.20m deep | - |

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| 43 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480546, 281660 | 132.97m aOD | 0.60m 132.37m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 4301 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4302 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks, rare stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4303 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments, infrequent stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |
| 4304 | Fill of [4307] | Mid brownish, grey flecked clay loam, rare stones, frequent red manganese pockets | 0.34m thick | Pottery, bone |
| 4305 | Fill of [4307] | Light brownish, yellow flecked, silty clay, white limestone pockets 30%, stones 10% | 0.25m thick | Pottery, flint, bone |
| 4306 | Fill of [4307] | Light yellow, flecked clay loam, frequent limestone pockets | 0.28 thick | - |
| 4307 | Ditch | Linear E-W, U-shaped curving side, broad base | 1.30m wide 0.50m deep | - |
| 4308 | Fill of [4313] | Dark brownish grey streaky, loam, frequent red manganese | 0.17m thick | Pottery, bone |

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| 4309 | Fill of [4313] | Light brownish grey clay, no inclusions | 0.12 thick | - |
| 4310 | Fill of [4313] | Mid greyish, clay loam, rare stones and big granite | 0.36m thick | Pottery, flint, bone |
| 4311 | Fill of [4313] | Light yellowish grey flecked mixed clay, frequent pockets of white limestone | 0.14m thick | - |
| 4312 | Fill of [4313] | Light yellow clay, rare stones and limestone | 0.62m thick | - |
| 4313 | Ditch | Linear, W-E U-shaped, flat base | 1.57m wide 0.77m deep | - |

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| 44 | 50m, 1.8m & W-E | 480479, 281623 | 133.60m aOD | 0.65m 132.95m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 4401 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4402 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks, rare stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4403 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments, infrequent stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |
| 4404 | Fill of [4405] | Mid/dark greyish brown, silty clay, occasional flint / chalk | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4405 | Ditch | Linear, NW-SE, slightly curved sides and base | 0.68 wide 0.20 deep | - |
| 4406 | Fill of [4407] | Mid/dark brownish grey silty clay, occasional flint / chalk | 0.26m thick | - |
| 4407 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE, slightly curved sides, flat base | 1.07m wide 0.26m deep | - |
| 4408 | Fill of [4409] | Mid/dark greyish brown silty clay, occasional flint / chalk | 0.41m thick | - |
| 4409 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE, straight sides, U-shaped, curved base. | 0.55 wide 0.41 deep | - |

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| 45 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480471, 281645 | 132.52m aOD | 0.50m 132.02m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 4501 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4502 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks, rare stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4503 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments, infrequent stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |
| 4504 | Fill of [4505] | Dark grey silty clay, occasional flint / chalk | 0.40m thick | Pottery, bone |
| 4505 | Ditch | Linear, NW-SE straight sides, flat base | 0.84m wide 0.40m deep | - |
| 4506 | Fill of [4507] | Dark grey silty clay, occasional flint / chalk | 0.23m thick | - |
| 4507 | Ditch | Linear, NW-SE straight sides, slightly curved base | 0.72m wide 0.23m deep | - |
| 4508 | Fill of [4510] | Very dark grey silty clay, occasional flint / charcoal flecks | 0.14m thick | Pottery |
| 4509 | Fill of [4510] | Mid/dark greyish brown silty clay, occasional flint / chalk | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4510 | Ditch | Linear N-S straight sides, flat base | 0.77m wide 0.34m deep | - |

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| 46 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480507, 281679 | 131.70m aOD | 0.75m 130.95m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 4601 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4602 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks, rare stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4603 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments, infrequent stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |
| 4604 | Fill of [4607] | Mid orangey brown silty clay, occasional stones / chalk / flint | 1.10m thick | Bone |

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| 4605 | Fill of [4607] | Light orangey brown with chalk flecks, silty clay, frequent stones (chalks and natural flint) | 0.20m thick | Bone |
| 4607 | Ditch | Linear SE-NW, irregular sides, broad base | 3.30m wide 1.80m deep | - |
| 4608 | Fill of [4609] | Mid brown silty clay, huge stone | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4609 | Ditch | Rectangular with rounded corners, N-S, asymmetrical sides, irregular base | 1.50m wide 0.30m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 47 | 50m, 1.8m & S-N | 480565, 281705 | 131.46m aOD | 0.60m 130.86m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 4701 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4702 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks, rare stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4703 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments, infrequent stone / flint, infrequent patchy amorphous mid brown silty clay natural | 0.50m + | - |

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| 48 | 50m, 1.8m & S-N | 480621, 281730 | 131.27m aOD | 0.70m 130.57m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 4801 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4802 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks, rare stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4803 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments, infrequent stone / flint, infrequent patchy amorphous mid brown silty clay natural | 0.50m + | - |

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| 49 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480662, 281699 | 132.80m aOD | 0.60m 132.2m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 4901 | Topsoil | Dark brown silty loam | 0.30m thick | - |
| 4902 | Subsoil | Medium to light yellowy brown, 20% chalk | 0.20m thick | - |
| 4903 | Natural | Yellow sandy clay, 25% chalk, few patches of orange sand. | 0.50m + | - |
| 4904 | Fill of [4905] | Medium greyish brown silty clay, 5% chalk | 0.50m thick | |
| 4905 | Ditch | Linear E-W, steep northern side, steps on southern, uneven base | 1.98m wide 0.50m deep | - |
| 4906 | Fill of [4907] | Med/dark greyish brown silty clay, rare stones | 0.24 thick | |
| 4907 | Ditch | Linear E-W, U-shaped, flat base | 0.75m wide 0.24m deep | - |
| 4908 | Fill of [4909] | Med greyish brown silty clay, rare stones all sizes | 0.25m thick | |
| 4909 | Ditch | Linear E-W, U-shaped ditch, flat base | 0.66m wide 0.25m deep | - |

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| 50 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480505, 281578 | 134.93m aOD | 0.60m 134.33m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 5001 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare small stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 5002 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, infrequent chalk fragments / flecks, rare stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 5003 | Natural | Very light brownish-white silty clay, frequent chalk flecks / fragments, infrequent stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |
| 5004 | Fill of [5006] | Mid brown silty clay, occasional medium to large stones, mainly chalk and natural flint | 0.40m thick | |
| 5005 | Fill of [5006] | Dark yellowish brown with white flecks, silty clay, frequent irregular stones, mostly chalk, some natural flint | 0.40m thick | |
| 5006 | Ditch | Linear S-N gently curving, flat base | 4.50m wide, 0.80m deep | - |

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| 5007 | Fill of [5010] | Dark blackish grey with black flecks, silty clay some mixed sand, frequent charcoal, some medium stones | 0.40m | |
| 5008 | Fill of [5010] | Mid yellow-brown sandy clay with red flecks, some ironstone | 0.10m thick | |
| 5009 | Fill of [5010] | Mid brown silty clay, occasional irregular stones / charcoal | 0.70m thick | |
| 5010 | Ditch | Linear SE-NW V-shaped, flat base | 1.3m wide 1m deep | - |

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| 51 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480696, 281588 | 134.35m aOD | 0.60m 133.75m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 5101 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones /flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 5102 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone /flint | 0.20m thick | - |
| 5103 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone/ flint | 0.50m + | - |
| 5104 | Fill of [5105] | Light brown sandy clay, rare stones, 20% pockets of red manganese | 0.16m thick | - |
| 5105 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW gently curving sides, broad base | 0.59m wide 0.22m deep | - |
| 5106 | Fill of [5108] | Mid brown flecked with white limestone pockets, clay loam | 0.30m thick | Clay pipe |
| 5107 | Fill of [5108] | Light yellow clay loam, 50% white limestone pockets | 0.07m thick | - |
| 5108 | Ditch | Linear N-S,U-shaped eroded upper edges, flat base | 1.90m wide 0.37m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 52 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480659, 281506 | 133.93m aOD | 0.60m 133.33m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 5201 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5202 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5203 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |

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| 53 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480753, 281511 | 132.54m aOD | 0.60m 131.94m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 5301 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 5302 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5303 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.55m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 54 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480736, 281562 | 133.56m aOD | 0.56m 133m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 5401 | Topsoil | Mid brownish grey, some stones 10%, clay loam | 0.30m thick | - |
| 5402 | Subsoil | Light brown, some stones 5%, clay loam | 0.20m thick | - |
| 5403 | Natural | Light greyish white, 30% stones, veins of orange sands | 0.50m + | - |
| 5404 | Fill of [5405] | Light brown clay loam, rare white stones | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5405 | Gully | Linear E-W gently curving sides, broad base | 0.78m wide 0,25m deep | - |
| 5406 | Fill of [5407] | Light grey clay loam, rare stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 5407 | Ditch | Linear E-W u-shaped eroded upper edges, flat to irregular base | 1m wide 0.30m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 55 | 50m, 1.8m & S-N | 480717, 281557 | 133.77m aOD | 0.60m 133.17m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 5501 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5502 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |

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| 5503 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint, infrequent amorphous patches of light brown sandy clay | 0.50m + | - |
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| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 56 | 50m, 1.8m & S-N | 480761, 281609 | 133.83m aOD | 0.50m 133.33m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 5601 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5602 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5603 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 57 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480806, 281541 | 132.18m aOD | 0.70m 131.48m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 5701 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5702 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 5703 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 58 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480843, 281664 | 133.50m aOD | 0.50m 133m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 5801 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 5802 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.20m thick | - |
| 5803 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.50m + | - |

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| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 59 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480806, 281735 | 132.69m aOD | 0.70m 131.99m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 5901 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.40m thick | - |
| 5902 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 5903 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.70m + | - |
| 5904 | Fill of [5906] | Mid to dark greyish brown silty clay, occasional flint / chalk | 0.29m thick | - |
| 5905 | Fill of [5906] | Mid to dark silty grey clay, rare flint / chalk | 0.29 thick | - |
| 5906 | Ditch | Linear E-W straight sides, base flattened slight uneven | 1.11m wide 0.58m deep | - |
| 5907 | Fill of [5909] | Very dark grey silty clay, no inclusions | 0.17m thick | - |
| 5908 | Fill of [5909] | Mid brown silty clay, rare flint / chalk | 0.42m thick | Flint, small finds 1 |
| 5909 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE straight slightly stepped sides, flat base | 1m wide 0.42m deep | - |

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| 60 | 50m, 1.8m & N-S | 480706, 281722 | 132.50m aOD | 0.65m 131.9m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/Samples |
| 6001 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6002 | Subsoil | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6003 | Natural | Light brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone / flint | 0.60m + | - |
| 6004 | Fill of [6005] | Dark greyish brown silty clay, fleck of black, rare chalk / charcoal | 0.17m thick | - |
| 6005 | Ditch | Linear W-E, U-shaped ditch, flat and broad base | 0.59m wide 0.17m deep | - |

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| 61 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480781, 281737 | 132.58m aOD | 0.58m 132m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 6101 | Topsoil | Dark brownish grey silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6102 | Subsoil | Mid yellowish brown sandy clay, infrequent chalk / stone | 0.20m thick | - |
| 6103 | Natural | Yellow flecked with chalk, amorphous patches of orange sand | 0.50m + | - |
| 6104 | Fill of [6105] | Mid to dark brownish grey, black flecks, silty clay, rare charcoal / chalk | 0.16m thick | - |
| 6105 | Ditch | Linear N-S u-shaped, gently curving sides, base gently curved | 0.60m wide 0.16m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 62 | 50m, 1.8m & S-N | 480739, 281774 | 130.95m aOD | 0.60m 130.35m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 6201 | Topsoil | Dark blackish grey silty clay, mid amount of angular stones / natural flints | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6202 | Subsoil | Mid orangey brown silty clay, chalkstones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6203 | Natural | Mid yellow silty clay, large amount of chalk stones | 0.60m + | - |
| 6204 | Fill of [6205] | Mid brown silty clay, occasional angular stones | 0.31m thick | - |
| 6205 | Ditch | Linear E-W, U-shaped curving sides, broad base | 1.04m wide 0.31m deep | - |
| 6206 | Fill [6207] | Dark brown silty clay, small black dots, rare flecks of chalk stones | 0.27m thick | - |
| 6207 | Ditch | Linear, E-W, U-shaped, broad base | 0.55m wide 0.27m deep | - |
| 6208 | Fill of [6209] | Mid orangey brown silty clay, occasional small stones / chalk | 0.14m thick | - |
| 6209 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW gently curving sides, broad base | 0.62m wide 0.14m deep | - |

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| 6210 | Fill of [6212] | Mid greyish brown silty clay, no inclusions | 0.20m thick | - |
| 6211 | Fill of [6212] | Light to mid greyish brown, surrounded by chalk stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 6212 | Pit | Semi-circular N-S, gently curving side | 0.90m wide 0.40m deep | - |
| 6213 | Fill of [6214] | Mid brown silty clay, rare chalk / stone / natural flints | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6214 | Pit | Wide line (partially visible) N-S, gently curving sides, broad base | 1.60m wide 0.30m thick | - |
| 6215 | Fill of [6216] | Mid brown silty clay, rare small stones / chalk | 0.10m thick | - |
| 6216 | Ditch | Linear, N-S shallow U-shaped, flat base | 0.30m wide 0.10m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 63 | 50m, 1.8m & S-N | 480799, 281791 | 130.99m aOD | 0.68m 130.31m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 6301 | Topsoil | Dark greyish silty clay with sand | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6302 | Subsoil | Mid orangey brown silty clay | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6303 | Natural | Yellow silty clay with big amount of chalk stones | 0.60m + | - |
| 6304 | Fill of [6305] | Mid greyish brown silty clay, rare stones / natural flints / chalk | 0.40m thick | - |
| 6305 | Ditch | Curved line, E-W u-shaped, broad base | 1.2m wide 0.40m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 64 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480904, 281836 | 129.99m aOD | 0.60m 129.39m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 6401 | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty loam | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6402 | Subsoil | Light to medium yellowish brown clay loam, 10% chalk | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6403 | Natural | Yellow silty clay, 20% chalk, patches of brown clay | 0.60m + | - |

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| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 65 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480858, 281811 | 131.08m aOD | 0.64m 130.44m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 6501 | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty loam | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6502 | Subsoil | Light to medium yellowish brown clay loam, 10% chalk | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6503 | Natural | Yellow silty clay, 30% chalk, sizable disturbance of dark brown silty clay, patches of medium brown natural | 0.60m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 66 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480868, 281782 | 131.84m aOD | 0.56m 131.28m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 6601 | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty loam | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6602 | Subsoil | Light to medium yellowish brown clay loam, 10% chalk | 0.20m thick | - |
| 6603 | Natural | Yellow silty clay, 30% chalk, patches of orangey sand, 5% natural flint spaced sporadically | 0.50m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 67 | 50m, 1.8m & NW-SE | 480909, 281868 | 128.60m aOD | 0.68m 127.92m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 6701 | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty loam | 0.40m thick | - |
| 6702 | Subsoil | Light to medium yellowish brown clay loam, 10% chalk | 0.20m thick | - |
| 6703 | Natural | Yellow silty clay, 30% chalk, patches of amorphous medium brown occurring throughout | 0.60m + | - |

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| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 68 | 50m, 1.8m & NE-SW | 480998, 281882 | 127.63m aOD | 0.83m 126.8m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 6801 | Topsoil | Black clay loam, some stones 5% | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6802 | Subsoil | Light clay, rare stones | 0.20m thick | - |
| 6803 | Natural | Light clay yellowish grey with limestones 30-35% | 0.50m + | - |
| 6804 | Fill of [6806] | Mid brown streaky clay loam, rare flecks of red manganese | 0.25m thick | Pottery, flint, bone |
| 6805 | Fill [6806] | Mid grey, red flecks, clay, 50% red manganese pockets | 0.31m | Pottery, bone |
| 6806 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, V-shaped, eroded upper edges, flat base | 1.28m wide 0.53m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 69 | 50m, 1.8m & NNW-SSE | 481003, 281889 | 127.16m aOD | 0.70m 126.46m aOD |
| Context | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ Samples |
| 6901 | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty clay | 0.35m thick | - |
| 6902 | Subsoil | Medium brown silty clay | 0.30m thick | - |
| 6903 | Natural | | 0.65m + | - |
| 6904 | Fill of [6905] | Mid brownish grey silty clay, moderate amount of chalk, rare small stones | 0.20m | Pottery |
| 6905 | Ditch | Linear E-W shallow V-shape, concave base | 0.90m wide 0.20m deep | - |
| 6906 | Fill of [6908] | Mid brown silty clay, rare chalk / small stones | 0.30m thick | Pottery, bone |
| 6907 | Fill of [6908] | Mid brown silty clay, high frequency of chalk, rare shell / charcoal / small stones | 0.45m thick | Pottery, animal bone |
| 6908 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW, U-shaped, flat base | 1.90m wide 0.60m deep | - |

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| 70 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 481042, 281861 | 129.21m aOD | 0.65m 128.56m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 7001 | Topsoil | Dark greyish brown silty loam | 0.40m thick | - |
| 7002 | Subsoil | Light to medium yellowish brown clay loam, 10% chalk | 0.20m thick | - |
| 7003 | Natural | Yellow silty clay, 30% chalk, patches of brown clay natural, orange sandstone vein running through | 0.60m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 71 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480963, 281754 | 132.67m aOD | 0.65m 132.02m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 7101 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, occasional stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 7102 | Subsoil | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, occasional chalk / stone / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 7103 | Natural | Light yellowish brown silty clay, frequent chalk, rare flint | 0.60m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 72 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 481050, 281793 | 131.58m aOD | 0.70m 130.88m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 7201 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, occasional stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 7202 | Subsoil | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, infrequent chalk / stone | 0.30m thick | - |
| 7203 | Natural | Light yellowish brown silty clay, patchy mid reddish brown mottles with blue/grey clay. Frequent chalk | 0.55m + | - |

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| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 73 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 481095, 281783 | 131.59m aOD | 0.60m 130.99m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 7301 | Topsoil | Dark brown silty loam loose, occasional stone / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 7302 | Subsoil | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, infrequent stones / chalk | 0.20m thick | - |
| 7303 | Natural | Light yellowish brown silty clay, frequent chalk | 0.45m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 74 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 481144, 281782 | 131.10m aOD | 0.60m 130.5m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 7401 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, infrequent stones / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 7402 | Subsoil | Mid yellowish silty clay, infrequent stones / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 7403 | Natural | Light yellowish brown silty clay, frequent chalk, infrequent stones / flint, infrequent irregular patches reddish brown – grey clay natural | 0.50m + | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 75 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480967, 281714 | 132.83m aOD | 0.70m 132.13m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 7501 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, rare stones / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 7502 | Subsoil | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, occasional chalk / stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 7503 | Natural | Light yellowish brown silty clay frequent chalk, infrequent stones / chalk | 0.60m + | - |

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| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 76 | 50m, 1.8m & SW-NE | 480997, 281681 | 132.40m aOD | 0.60m 131.8m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 7601 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, occasional stones / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 7602 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, occasional flint / stones | 0.30m thick | - |
| 7603 | Natural | Light yellowish grey brown silty clay, infrequent mid orange mottled | 0.60m + | - |
| 7604 | Fill of [7605] | Dark brown/black with orange and black flecks, sandy clay, occasional stones / flints | 0.40m thick | Pottery, bone, burnt clay |
| 7605 | Pit | Semi-circular, gently curving sides, broad base | 1.60m wide 0.40m deep | - |
| 7606 | Fill of [7607] | Dark brown with black shade, sandy clay, occasional stones | 0.20m thick | Bone |
| 7607 | Ditch | Linear E-W v-shaped, concave | 1m wide 0.20m deep | - |
| 7608 | Fill of [7610] | Dark greyish brown silty clay, occasional stones / charcoal, rare flint | 0.34m thick | Pottery, bone, quern stone fragment |
| 7609 | Fill [7610] | Mid yellowish brown silty clay, rare charcoal / stones | 0.35m thick | Pottery |
| 7610 | Ditch | Linear S-N, U-shaped ditch, flat base | 1.64m wide 0.46m deep | - |

| Trench No | Length, width & alignment | NGR | Surface height | Depth & height of natural |
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| 77 | 50m, 1.8m & SE-NW | 480940, 281669 | 132.66m aOD | 0.60m 132.06m aOD |
| <i>Context</i> | <i>Context type</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Dimensions</i> | <i>Artefacts/Samples</i> |
| 7701 | Topsoil | Dark brown loose silty loam, occasional stones / flint | 0.30m thick | - |
| 7702 | Subsoil | Mid brown silty clay, occasional stones / flint | 0.25m thick | - |
| 7703 | Natural | Light yellowish brown silty clay, infrequent chalk stones, infrequent mid orange mottled rare | 0.55m + | - |
| 7704 | Fill of [7706] | Dark brown silty clay, 25% chalk | 0.38m thick | Pottery, bone |

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| 7705 | Fill of [7706] | Mid brownish grey with orange mottling, silty clay, chalk 10% | 0.28m thick | Pottery, bone |
| 7706 | Ditch | Linear E-W V-shaped, concave base | 2.05m wide 0.67m deep | - |
| 7707 | Fill of [7709] | Mid brownish grey, flecked with small limestones, silty clay | 0.38m thick | Pottery, flint, bone |
| 7708 | Fill of [7709] | Light yellowish brown clay, rare stones | 0.31m thick | Pottery, flint, bone, brick/tile |
| 7709 | Ditch | Linear, U-shaped with curving sides, curving base | 0.94m wide 0.79m deep | - |
| 7710 | Fill of [7714] | Dark brown to black silty clay, rare stones, iron stone | 0.16m thick | Pottery, bone, sample 1 |
| 7711 | Fill of [7714] | Mid brownish grey silty clay, rare stones | 0.25m thick | Pottery, bone, sample 2 |
| 7712 | Fill of [7713] | Light yellowish grey clay, flecked with manganese | 0.24m thick | Pottery |
| 7713 | Ditch | Linear W-E V-shaped, curling base | 0.19m wide 0.24m deep | - |
| 7714 | Pit | Oval N-S steep sides, flat base | 1.98m wide 0.41m deep | - |
| 7715 | Fill of [7719] | Dark blackish brown loam, rare stones | 0.26m thick | Pottery, flint, bone, sample 3 |
| 7716 | Fill of [7719] | Mid greyish red mottled, silty loam, frequent iron stone | 0.10m thick | - |
| 7717 | Fill of [7719] | Light yellowish clay loam, rare charcoal / manganese | 0.16m thick | - |
| 7718 | Fill of [7719] | Mid greyish flecked silty clay, 40% charcoal | 0.18m thick | Pottery, flint, bone, sample 4 |
| 7719 | Pit | Circular, gently curving sides, broad base | 1.53m wide 0.89m deep | - |
| 7720 | Fill of [7719] | Light greyish yellow flecked clay, rare stones, 20% manganese | 0.47m thick | - |



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