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| Site status | None |  |
| Previous work | None |  |
| CurrentLanduse | Quarry |  |
| Future work | Yes, full report |  |
| Monumenttype/ period | Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age, ?early Roman |  |
| Significant finds | Neo/BA pottery, Iron Age pottery, other finds including an unusual Conquest period brooch as well as a Roman coin and a human burial. |  |
| PROJECT LOCATION |  |  |
| County | Peterborough Unitary Authority |  |
| Site address | Tarmac Quarry, Maxey, PE6 9EE |  |
| Study area (sq.m or ha) | 6.2ha |  |
| OS Easting \& Northing | TF 137071 (approximate centre) |  |
| Height OD | 8.7m -9.8m aOD |  |
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## Assessment report


#### Abstract

Excavation to the south of Maxey Cut, in advance of gravel extraction by Tarmac, has revealed an extensive prehistoric and Roman landscape. The excavation of the southern half of the western extension to the quarry has enabled the examination of a further 6.2ha of this landscape.

Fragmentary palaeochannels were uncovered with some cut by earlier prehistoric and later features. More than a dozen undated springs were also uncovered. At least five pits and possibly up to seven contained pottery which dated to the Neolithic and Bronze Age. A diminution in the occurrence of early prehistoric activity recorded elsewhere, perhaps reflecting the increasing distance from the ceremonial landscapes to the north and south both located on higher ground. Boundary ditches from an Iron Age settlement recorded in 2007/8 to the north continued into the present site including a large sub-rectangular enclosure as well as a possible drove way from the east. The burial of an undated human male, with his head removed and peri-mortem injury to his ribs, was found in the field system. Eighty-nine pits and 18 scattered postholes were undated. Few charred plant remains were recovered which, together with evidence for some henbane and nettles from a sample, may suggest this had been mostly a pastoral landscape.


## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background.

Northamptonshire Archaeology (now MOLA Northampton) has carried out extensive excavation on behalf of Tarmac at Maxey, Peterborough (Fig 1, TF 137071 approximate centre) commencing with evaluation in 1998 and subsequent open area excavations since 2000 (Meadows 2006; Meadows 2008; Meadows 2009).

This report deals with the second half of the area known as Maxey Quarry western extension (Fig 2). It covers the area directly to the south of the 2007-8 excavations (Meadows 2009) comprising about 6.2 ha . The excavations took place intermittently over a three year period. Work started in September 2012 with two phases in 2013 between June to July and October to November and then a final stage in 2014 over May to November. It is the intention that the work recording the south-western extension will all be published along with the earlier work (from 1998-2014) within the quarry to form a single full synthetic report.

The quarry lies in an area of renowned archaeological significance, which was first recognised in the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments (RCHM 1960) document ' $A$ matter of time', and is reflected by the number of excavations and observations that have been carried out over the last 40 years in the area north of the Maxey Cut. This work culminated in the excavation of a causewayed enclosure by Francis Pryor in the early 1980s (Pryor 1998).

The landscape north of the Maxey Cut is densely occupied with large ceremonial and funerary monuments including two cursus monuments, several henges, and barrow cemeteries, in addition to the causewayed enclosure. In the past the majority of
archaeological excavations were confined to the monuments themselves and very little examination of their environs took place.

A further quarry application to the south of the 2012-2014 excavation area has led to the examination of part of a similar monumental landscape. Recent excavations here have uncovered many prehistoric monuments (pers. comm lan Meadows). The opportunity that the present quarry provides is a unique chance to explore the hinterland of a major monument complex using modern techniques. The provision by Tarmac of funding for the excavation through PPG 16 has allowed the recovery of an unrivalled assemblage of material of Neolithic and early-middle Bronze Age date. This project therefore has given archaeology a rare opportunity and a unique insight into the environs of ceremonial and funerary landscapes including the more marginal area around them.

### 1.2 Objectives.

The objective of the archaeological recording action at Maxey Quarry was to preserve by record the archaeological hinterland of the monument complex to the north of Maxey Cut. The original project design had the following archaeological objectives:-

- Define the environmental history of this part of the Welland by environmental sampling
- Explore the interaction of people and monuments with the changing course(s) of the watercourses
- Examine the environs of the causewayed enclosure and provide a context for the monuments to the north
- Study the paleochannels for potential ritual usage of water features and to better understand their position in the broader landscape
- Examine the evidence for later prehistoric land management and the apparent discontinuity of land use
- Examine the Romano-British and medieval landscape to provide a context for the evolution into the historic period.


### 1.3 Methodology

The strategy adopted throughout the project has been one of strip and record, at each stage an archaeologist has directly supervised all soil movement. This process ensured the clean machining down to good archaeological levels for planning and excavation. The exposed surface was manually planned on permatrace at a scale usually of 1:100. This generated a total of 24 plans in this phase of working. The individual phase site grids were linked to fixed reference points and were tied in by either EDM survey or GPS to ensure the accurate integration of each phase of evidence. The plans were then digitised to generate an overall site plan with data split into several layers, pits, tree holes, ditches, springs and palaeochannels. This data was manually checked to ensure the correct identification of each feature in each layer.


In addition to the levels taken on individual features during excavation, a separate 5 m grid of spot heights was surveyed across almost the entire exposed surface using GPS technology. It was felt necessary to carry out this type of survey as the scraped surface revealed a range of slight topographic variations, low ridges and hollows in the gravel which probably reflected the original pre-alluvial ground surface and it may have influenced the location and type of activity.

### 1.4 The site archive

The site archive uses the prefix MQ followed by the year (MQ12; MQ13; MQ14). The site archive of the south-western extension to date comprises the following:

2012 archive (MQ12):
85 individual context records
3 plans
37 sections were drawn
3 environmental bulk samples of various sizes
46 colour slides
46 black and white photographs
43 digital photos
1 small box of pottery ( 1 bag )
2013 archive (MQ13):
357 individual context records
17 plans
111 sections were drawn
3 environmental bulk samples
104 black and white photos
178 digital photos
1 box containing pottery and animal bone
1 box containing human remains
2014 archive (MQ14):
199 individual context records
4 plans
60 sections drawn
1 environmental bulk sample
55 black and white photographs
56 digital photos
3 small finds
1 box containing pottery, animal bone and a single flint piece




## 2 SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS

### 2.1 Introduction

The present stage of work largely contained two broad phases of activity (Periods 1 and 2), together with a palaeochannel system. Period 1 consisted of isolated pits of certain or probable Neolithic to Bronze Age date. Most of the 98 pits uncovered in the excavations probably dated to Period 1, but only a few were dated by artefacts. Period 2 comprised part of an Iron Age field system, which were also sparsely dated (Figs 2-5). A context inventory of the features including artefacts recovered is recorded as Appendix 1.

Very little pottery or other finds were found in the features indicating that these features were not close to an occupation area and this area was probably marginal suggesting it would have been damp especially during the winter months.

### 2.2 Palaeochannels

Palaeochannels were revealed in all three excavation years, but especially in the western and central areas in 2012 and 2013 and were generally aligned in a north to south direction (Fig 2). Some of the channels could be traced from the previous excavations to the north and north-east. The number and density of palaeochannels present were on the whole fewer than the areas to the north. The channels contained no artefacts, although some were cut through by pits (including one [3338] containing probable Neolithic or Bronze Age pottery) and by the late Iron Age ditch field system. Most, if not all the palaeochannels in the excavation area, are therefore likely to have been Mesolithic and Neolithic in date. It was thought that some channels to the north in previous excavations had been shadowed by Roman ditches and may have dated to that period (Meadows 2009).

The channels were all very shallow surviving from a few tens of millimetres to about 0.30 m deep. The precise sequence of palaeochannel activity across the study area could not readily be disentangled owing to the homogeneity of their fills. This suggested that the flow may have decreased at that time, perhaps as a result of larger scale water flow management schemes of which some of the channel flanking ditches previously observed at Maxey may be part. The area could have been prone to seasonal flooding.

### 2.3 Springs

More than a dozen springs were recorded in the western and central part of the excavation area and were reflected by areas of calcareous tufa type deposits (Fig 2). These were mostly between 10 m and 20 m in diameter and were sub-circular in appearance. These springs were located away from the palaeochannels and these two water features types were seemingly not related.

### 2.4 Pits

Ninety-eight pits were found over the three years but the density varied with most located in the centre and centre-western area (Figs 2-5). Virtually no pits were found in the far western and the eastern parts which make up a third of the site by area. Indeed the vast majority of the pits were located around the palaeochannels and not in the area where the later Iron Age and Roman ditched features (enclosure and trackway) were dug at the far eastern extent of the site. This may suggest that the pits were deliberately dug near to, and sometimes within, the backfills of the former channels. In contrast the lack of pits within and near the enclosure and trackway at the eastern extent was also probably significant suggesting that such features were not needed in this location.

The 98 pits [3010, 3012, 3014, 3016, 3024, 3026, 3028, 3042, 3044, 3046, 3051, 3054, 3059, 3061, 3063, 3065, 3067, 3069, 3074, 3076, 3080, 3083 and 3085, 3090, 3092, 3094, 3102, 3104, 3108, 3116, 3120, 3124, 3132, 3136, 3145, 3148, 3150, 3160, 3163, $3166,3173,3181,3184,3193,3200,3203,3210,3246,3328,3330,3332,3334,3338$, 3344, 3348, 3351, 3354, 3366, 3368, 3378, 3383, 3385, 3387, 3389, 3391, 3394, 3408, 3416, 3419, 3433, 3435, 3439, 3453, 3457, 3459, 3461, 3463, 3465, 3467, 3469, 3473, $3475,3482,3488,3490,3492,3499,3504,3520,3533,3535,3538,3563,3590,3595$, 3611 and 3626] were also not in groups, although pairs occurred. It is possible that the shallow character of many of the small pits may have allowed others to have been lost through cultivation in the same way that the tree throws may have been obliterated in this part of the site. It was noticeable that the majority of pits (seventy) were only up to 0.3 m deep and twenty-eight between 0.31 m and 0.96 m deep. Seven of these twentyeight were more than 0.5 m deep.

It is uncertain at what level the contemporary water table level had been. The lack of organic deposits recovered may be due to a fall subsequently in the water level. Palaeochannels were found to be shallow deposits suggesting that the water table may have been high, especially during the winter months. It is therefore possible that some of the pits, even the relatively shallow ones, could have been wells.

## Period 1: Neolithic to Bronze Age pits

At least five pits and up to seven contained possible Neolithic/Bronze Age pottery [?3063, 3160, 3338, 3453, 3457, 3594 and ?3611]. Six of these pits were located in the area of the palaeochannels and one to the east. It is noticeable that five of the pits containing pottery were of moderate or large size (see below) with the two 'small' pits being 0.27 m and 0.3 m deep respectively. Most of the 98 pits were located in and around the palaeochannel areas and these are likely to date to the Neolithic and Bronze Age periods. No pit in this area contained definite Iron Age pottery.

The earliest dated pit [3453] was located next to two palaeochannels (Fig 5). The pit was 0.9 m in diameter and 0.53 m deep and had parts of one or two middle or late Neolithic vessels in lower fill $(3452 ; 145 \mathrm{~g})$ as well as three cattle bones. It is possible the upper deposit (3450) was contaminated as there was a sherd and crumbs (35g) of possible Iron Age pottery and in this deposit three cattle bones were also found (see Gordon, Section 4.2, Table 4). An environmental sample from this upper fill produced a few unidentified charred cereal grains, some herbs and tree/shrub macrofossils (see Fryer, Section 5, Table 8). In addition 100 small burnt and calcined animal bone fragments recovered from the sample may have been used as a form of waste management or fuel on site (see Gordon, Section 4.2).

Less than 50 m to the north of pit [3453] lay a late Neolithic pit [3457]. It was just to the south of a palaeochannel and was of a similar size to [3453] at 0.92m diameter and 0.48 m deep. It produced part of a single late Neolithic vessel (180g). A late Neolithic pit [3584] was found at the far eastern extent in an area away from the palaeochannels (Fig 5). This pit was 2.12 m in diameter and 0.96 m deep and was the largest and deepest of the 98 pits found. Pit [3584] had 174 g of late Neolithic pottery and these derived from three backfill deposits. In addition there was a small collection of animal bone with six cattle, a pig and 10 g of burnt bone (Table 4).

Two pits [3160 and 3338] contained pottery which is likely to date to the Neolithic or Bronze Age. Pit [3160] was 0.64 in diameter and 0.42 m deep and was cut into a much larger pit [3173] (Fig 4). It contained one sherd of probable Neolithic/Bronze Age pottery (see Chapman, Section 3.2). This pit also had a good collection of animal bone with 20 hand collected bones (cattle and a partial pig skeleton) from two deposits (see Gordon, Section 4.2 including Table 4).

Pit [3338] cut the western edge of a former palaeochannel (Fig 4). It was 0.66 m in diameter and 0.27 m deep and contained two small sherds of probable Neolithic/Bronze Age pottery (see Chapman, Section 3.2).

Two pits [3063 and 3611] were not closely dated. The former was sub-rounded, 0.6 m in diameter and 0.3 m deep and cut a palaeochannel (Fig 3). The pit contained a very small quantity of pottery dating sometime between the early Bronze Age and middle Iron Age. An environmental sample from the pit only produced charcoal pieces in moderate quantities (see Fryer, Section 5, Table 7). Pit [3611] was at the far eastern extent in an area away from the palaeochannels (Fig 5). It was 1.55 m in diameter and 0.7 m deep and contained pottery either Bronze Age or Late Iron Age in date

## Iron Age pits (Period 2)

It is likely that few of the 98 pits dated to the Iron Age. Two pits [3595 and 3611] were within the large ditched enclosure may be late Iron Age in date. Pit [3611] also had a cattle bone (Table 4). Pit [3595] was 1.28 m in diameter and 0.38 m deep had a sherd probably dating to the late Iron Age while the latter dated to either Bronze Age or late Iron Age (see above). A further six undated pits [3535, 3538, 3563, 3590 and 3626] were found within this enclosure.

## Undated pits

Eighty-nine pits were undated and on the whole contained no other artefacts. Two exceptions were pits [3334 and 3166]. The former had 18 animal bone fragments which comprised cattle and a dog whilst the latter had six cattle, three sheep/goat, two pig and a possible chicken bone (Table 4). Environmental samples from pits [3046 and 3354] only produced a few charcoal flecks and small mammal/amphibian bones (see Fryer, Section 5).

### 2.5 Late Iron Age ditches, an enclosure and a possible trackway (Period 2)

All the main ditches recorded in the 2012-14 excavations were continuation of ditches recorded in previous excavations to the north and east. The area to the north had both a farmstead and part of its extensive field system. In the 2012-14 excavation area there was at least two sub- phases of the field system, but for the most part these could not be divided with accuracy. The Iron Age features varied within the excavation area. There were only fragmentary north to south and east to west ditches at the far western extent of the site. In the middle of the excavation area there were a series of linear ditches aligned north-south forming different phases of boundaries. In the eastern area there was an enclosure, field systems and a track way on the eastern side. Across the whole area extremely few artefacts were found in these ditches with the vast majority undated. The lack of any features containing Roman artefacts suggest that most of field system did not continue into the Roman period. Two sterile undated ditches [3484 and $3633 / 3636$ ] aligned north to south within the eastern extent of the site had been tentatively dated as Roman in date when they had been examined previously to the north (Meadows 2008).

## Period 2a

## Enclosure

A large enclosure c 80 m by 70 m in size was situated at the eastern extent of the site. Its northern end having been previously excavated in 2006/7 (Fig 5; Meadows 2009). The enclosure was polygonal in shape, although its south-eastern arm was segmented [3560/3557/3530/3524/3600/3604/3616/3618]. This segmentation was in an area where the only part of the enclosure ditch had been recut on its internal side [3597/3606/3623]. The enclosure ditch was typically between 0.95 m to 1.2 m wide and 0.4 m to 0.6 m deep.

The exception was in the area where it was segmented and the ditch here was mostly between 0.85 m and 0.9 m wide and 0.2 m to 0.4 m deep. The recut areas were even more variable at between 0.35 m to 1.15 m wide and 0.15 m to 0.6 m deep. Degraded wooden stakes were found in the entranceway butt ends (3556) and (3558) perhaps indicating a possible entrance gate or revetment fence on the side of the enclosure ditch. Probable Iron Age pottery was found in one excavated section [3600] and also from a recut [3623]. Animal bone was slightly more common and found in four excavation slots [3560, 3616, 3618 and 3623]. The bone comprised nine cattle and four sheep/goat fragments (Table 4). There were no structural remains within the enclosure and sparse pits were the only internal features.

## Field system

Possibly related to the enclosure was a field system. A north to south ditch [3633] lay 23 m to the east of the enclosure. A recut of this ditch [3636] on its western side turned and was aligned north-east to south-west $c$ six metres to the south of the enclosure and was roughly parallel to the enclosure at this point. More than 50 m to the south-west and west two separate north-south ditches [ 3484 and 3514] were probably part of this earlier phase. The latter was cut by an 'L' shaped undated ditch fragment [3506/3516] which may also date to this sub- phase. Other contemporary ditches are likely to include [3639] at the far eastern extent (Fig 5) and at least one/some of a mass of north to south boundary ditches in the centre of the excavation area (Fig 4). The lack of dating evidence and their complexity means for this assessment no attempt has been made to separate them into Period 2a or 2b.

## Period 2b

The enclosure probably went out of use in the late Iron Age. It was overlain by what was likely part of a large field defined by an undated ditch on at least three of its sides [3449/3497/3568/3573/3577/3571/3547/3541. This ditch was aligned east to west for 120 m before turning southwards for $c 65 \mathrm{~m}$ where there was a break 7 m long. It recontinued for 15 m then turned in a south-west direction for 35 m before ending. The ditch was variable in size surviving between 0.25 and 0.47 m deep except at the entranceway where it was up to 0.98 m deep.

Parallel to ditch segment 3541 and some 25 m to the south was a trackway aligned north-east to south-west. This was defined by two undated parallel ditches [3566 and 3629] some 7 m apart and was recorded within the present excavation for 100 m . It was also excavated in previous work where it continued to the east (Fig 2). At the far northeastern part of the excavation there was an east to west ditch fragment [3642].

Three ditches [3471, 3509/3512 and 3518] at the southern extent of the excavation are likely to date to this sub-phase (Fig 5). Ditch [3471] contained late Iron Age pottery. A curvilinear ditch [3509/3512] and ditch [3518] were both undated. Some 100 m to the north of ditch [3471] an east to west aligned ditch [3446] has been dated by stratigraphic relationship.

The mass of north to south ditches in the middle of the area were difficult to disentangle (Fig 4). They consist of:
A) Ditch [3153/3156/3176/3187/3190/3195/3198].
B) Ditch $3271 / 3276$.
C) Ditch 3290/3269/3254].
D) Ditch [3278/3258].
E) Ditch $3280 / 3273$.
F) Ditch 3443.
G) Ditch $3288 / 3286$.
H) Ditch 3295 .
I) Ditch 3298.
J) Ditch 3306/3284/3264/3250/3238/3218.
K) Ditch 3304/3262/3252/3242/3236/3216.
L) Ditch 3207/3214/3222.
M) Ditch 3244.
N) Ditch 3230/3226.
O) Ditch 3232 .
P) Ditch 3224.
Q) Ditch 3256 .
R) Ditch 3220 .

Ditch [3308/3312/3316/3322], aligned north-west to south-east, lay directly to the east of the north-south mass of ditches. Ditch [3320] butted up to this ditch and went perpendicular from it. Fragmentary ditch [3370] may have been a continuation from [3320].

There are short fragmentary undated ditches seen across the western and central areas [3004], [3006/3008], [3018], [3020/3022 and possibly 3078], [3030/3032], [3034/3036], [3038/3040], [3078], [3100], [3114], [3141], [3292], [3362/3366], [3376], [3381], [3318], [3324], [3357/3359], [3373], [3397], [3399/3401], [3406], [3410], [3413], [3443]

Single extremely small pottery sherds were recovered from ditches [3207 and 3406] with the former undatable and the latter possibly Iron Age in date. An environmental sample from this deposit only contained charcoal. A cattle and a horse bone came from ditch [3262]. An environmental sample from ditch slot [3250; J above], produced a moderate collection of dry land herbs species, some wetland plants and molluscs indicating damp, grassland habitat (see Fryer, Section 5).

### 2.6 Postholes

Undated postholes [3072, 3096, 3110, 3112, 3128, 3134, 3139, 3143, 3228, 3310, 3314, $3403,3421,3423,3425,3429,3431$ and 3437] were recorded across the site, in no concentration. None seemed to form any pattern or structure.

### 2.7 Human burial

An undated human burial (3340), in a grave [3341] aligned east-west, was of a man aged between 26 and 35 years (Fig 8). The grave was within the mass of ditches in the centre of the excavation area and located between palaeochannels (Fig 4). It is possible that ditch [3266] respected the burial by curving around to the east. The burial was unusual with evidence that the head seems to have been removed before burial. There seems not to be enough room for a head in the burial suggesting it had been removed before the remainder of the body placed inside the grave (Fig 8). The body survived relatively well; it had been laid on its right side facing north with the higher left side (e.g. pelvis and legs) present and the backbone was lower in the grave. The lack of the head is therefore significant. In addition there was a peri-mortem injury to the ribs (see Chinnock, Section 4.1; Figs 9 and 10).

Although the date of the burial is unknown, the ditch which respected it was Iron Age in date. The burial was well away from Roman remains (located to the north-east (Meadows 2009). This may suggest an Iron Age date, although inhumation burials of this period are not common in the East Midland area.

### 2.8 Tree throws

Whilst large numbers of tree throws could be seen in the previous archaeological work in the quarry there were far fewer in the present excavation areas [3106, 3126, 3130 and several unexcavated]. This reduction in number might reflect the greater degree of agricultural intrusion into the underlying archaeological levels, truncating or obliterating them.

### 2.9 Hollow

A single undated hollow [3056] was recorded.

## 3 <br> THE FINDS

### 3.1 Worked flint by Andy Chapman

A single piece of worked flint, a cortical flake, was recovered from fill (3464) of pit [3465].

### 3.2 The prehistoric pottery by Andy Chapman

A small collection of Neolithic to Iron Age pottery was recovered weighing 797g.

## Neolithic pottery

Pits [3453], [3457] and [3584], see below, have produced small assemblages of pottery containing sherds with either incised or impressed twisted cord decoration, and two sherds have applied linear strips. The decoration and forms indicate the presence of Grooved ware in pits [3457] and [3584] and Mortlake ware in pit [3453], suggesting a date at the beginning of the Late Neolithic, shortly after 3000BC.

The fill (3452) of pit [3453] produced an assemblage weighing 145 g from one or more vessels in a fabric containing dense crushed shell, with a dark grey core and inner surface and with the outer surfaces varying from pale brown to red and dark grey. The two largest body sherds have rows of impressed twisted cord decoration, heavily abraded, and another sherd comes from a shoulder below a deeply concave neck, which is decorated with a row a twisted cord impressions. The deeply concave neck suggests that this was probably a Mortlake bowl of the Peterborough ware tradition, which would date to the Middle to Late Neolithic. The fabrics are so similar that it is suggest that pit [3453] and [3457], see below, were probably contemporary.

The fill (3456) of pit [3457] produced an assemblage weighing 180 g comes from a single vessel in a fabric containing dense crushed shell, with a dark grey core and inner surface and a pale brown external surface. The sherds are plain apart from a single exception, which has a remnant of a horizontal applied strip. This suggests that the vessel is Grooved ware of the late Neolithic. This context also produced a deer bone (Table 4).


Pottery from pit [3453] with abraded impressed cord decoration (Scale 10mm)
The final fill (3578) of pit [3584] produced a small assemblage weighing 85 g , comprising mainly small sherds. One of these small sherds appears to have a remnant of a narrow applied strip. In addition, there are three larger sherds, one is plain another is decorated
with two rows of incised line decoration and the third has an incised line decoration forming a herringbone pattern. One sherd contains dense crushed shell. The style of decoration and the possible applied strip would suggest that this is also a grooved ware assemblage. Small fragments of burnt bone, weighing 10 g , had been included with the pottery. A lower fill (3580) of this pit produced 15 g of pottery, including a carinated body sherd with a row of vertical incisions above the carination. The primary fill (3583) of pit [3584] contains a large body/rim sherd (74g) in a fabric containing shell and angular pieces of flint, with mottled grey-brown surfaces. The rim is sharply everted, hooked, and on the body there is a vertical line of paired crescent moon-shaped incisions. These may have been made with a fingertip but if so, they are so small that it must have been the finger of a child.


Decorated pottery from the primary and final fills of pit [3584] (Scale 10mm) Fig 7

## Other pottery groups

A further eleven contexts have produced small groups of pottery generally weighing 3 g to 35 g , but with a single group, largely from a base, weighing 140 g (Table 1). These small groups comprise largely plain body where it is difficult to propose a date other than on the basis of fabric and general appearance.

There is a single decorated sherd, from pit [3595], with a row of deeply impressed dots, which seems more appropriate for a Late Iron Age vessel with curvilinear-style decoration along the lines of Hunsbury bowls, but this could be of an earlier date. The largest group is from an irregular flat base in a fabric containing sand and grog, which could be appropriate in both the Bronze Age and the Late Iron Age.

Table 1: Quantification for the smaller pottery groups

| Fill/cut | type | Sherds | Weight <br> $(\mathrm{g})$ | Comments |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $3062 / 3063$ | pit | $1+$ crumbs | 25 | ?Crushed shell + grog Early Bronze <br> Age/Middle Iron Age |
| $3157 / 3160$ | pit | 1 | 30 | Plain body sherd, thick Neo/BA? <br> $3204 / 3207$ |
| ditch | 1 | 5 | Shelly body sherd, thin, smooth |  |
| $3335 / 3338$ | pit | 2 | 10 | Flint inclusions, Neo/Bronze Age? |
| $3404 / 3406$ | ditch | 1 | 3 | Sandy fabric, Iron Age? |
| $3450 / 3453$ | pit | $1+$ crumbs | 35 | Sandy fabric, Iron Age? |
| $3470 / 3471$ | gully |  | 20 | Shell \& granite, chamfered rim, Late Iron |
|  |  |  |  | Age |
| $3591 / 3595$ | pit | 1 | 5 | Shelly, incised dot dec'n, Late Iron Age? |
| $3599 / 3600$ | ditch | 2 | 20 | Leached shell, Iron Age? |
| $3610 / 3611$ | pit | 25 | 140 | Sandy \& grog, base BA or LIA |
| $3620 / 3623$ | ditch | 3 | 20 | Dense shell, Iron Age? |

From the fill (3062) of pit [3063], there is a small collection of sherds and crumbs from one or two fragmented sherds, weighing 25 g . The soft fabric may have contained crushed shell, but if so this has leached, although there are small inclusions of grog. The core is grey-black and the surfaces are brown. This material provides little diagnostic scope, and it could date to anywhere between the early Bronze Age and middle Iron Age.

The only pattern within the assemblage is that of the five groups from ditches and gullies, four are considered to be probably Iron Age and the fifth comprises a small sherd weighing only 5 g . It would appear, therefore, that the ditch systems are likely to date to the Iron Age, and perhaps specifically the Late Iron Age. In contrast, the pits are far more likely to be Neolithic to Bronze Age in date, but on the assemblage available it is also possible that some pits may date to the Iron Age. Any finer dating would depend on other finds and aspects such as pit morphology and grouping.

### 3.4 Other finds by Steve Critchley and Nina Crummy <br> Coin by Steve Critchley

An unstratified sestertius (17.9g) of the 2nd century AD was found (SF 2; U/S). It is corroded and worn but has some raised edges.

## Brooch by Nina Crummy

A copper-alloy repaired Rearhook brooch (SF3; U/S), originally fitted with a spring held in place by a rearward-facing hook, it was adapted to take a hinged pin, which is now detached along with part of the metal used in the repair. Length 40.5 mm , width along the side-wings 30.5 mm . Date-range c. AD 40-60/5 (Mackreth 2011, 60).

The bow is a single curve with thick rounded section, tapering to a blunt toe. Running down the bow from head to toe is a band of angled grooves or knurling flanked by slight side channels. The decoration has been worn down by use at the centre of the curve, the point at which the brooch would be handled most when being fixed in position or removed. The small catchplate is solid. The side-wings are semicircular and were originally ornamented with grooves and mouldings. The terminal on the right wing (viewed from the front) is missing, and that wing is 2 mm shorter than that on the left. The surviving terminal ( 2 mm wide) on the left wing is in the form of a bead-and-reel with the central bead crossed by angled grooves to match those on the bow. The features
described above can all be found on Rearhooks (Mackreth 2011, pls 38-40), and that is certainly the group to which SF 3 belongs, but its spring and pin, and the rearward-facing hook holding the spring in position, are missing. The way in which the brooch was adapted to take a hinged pin after the spring broke is unusual, although not unique.

There are examples of brooches with new catchplates or footknobs brazed on to replace worn or broken ones, both comparatively easily effected repairs, and broken or lost pins could also be replaced, not always in the same metal (Case 1958, 141, fig. 44, E; Crummy forthcoming). Repairing a broken spring could sometimes be done by securing the new coils by a wire or rivet passed through a hole drilled in one or both of the sidewings (ibid.; Butcher 2001, 53, fig. 22, 93). A sprung pin could also be replaced by fitting a hinged pin fixed onto a rod that was then soldered onto the hollow back of the sidewings, as was done for a Rearhook brooch from Ashill, Norfolk (Norwich Castle Museum, 2.179.950), while a Polden Hill brooch from Winchester has the rod fitted within a cylinder of copper-alloy sheet brazed onto the crossbar and so left free to rotate within it (Winchester Museum, from Kingdon's Workshop, St George's Street).

A similar, although less elegantly achieved solution has been applied to SF 3. The rearward-facing hook was removed (if it had not already broken away) and two roughlyshaped copper-alloy blocks, semi-cylindrical in section and pierced to take an axial bar, were soldered into the hollow at the back of the side-wings, with the flat face uppermost and slightly below their top line of the wings, leaving a gap between them for the replacement pin. Being inflexible, the pin was set off-centre to allow it to be fitted into the catch. The block that sat behind the wing on the right side is now missing, exposing the hollow for the axial bar. The pin is detached and part of the axial bar remains fitted within it. It is of a well-made standard form and, considering the finish of the rest of the repair, was certainly taken from another broken brooch. The exposed surfaces of the left hand block are not well-finished and its terminal is closed, again with metal that is not well-finished and that appears to cover completely the end of the axial bar.

To reinforce this repair, or possibly even as a secondary repair if the first showed signs of failing, two bands were wrapped around the side-wings. The one on the left wing is 5 mm wide and is grooved at the centre; its terminals are not well-finished and do not butt up against each other. The band on the right wing is a plain version of the ornamented astragalus mouldings seen on the side-wings of other Rearhooks (e.g. Mackreth 2011, pl. 39, 802), consisting of a concave channel between thin lipped edges; both its terminals are missing, no doubt broken off when the block behind it came away.

The brooch must have been cherished for such a solid, if not particularly well-executed, repair to have taken place, and the wear on the front of the bow is testament to its long use. It may have been cherished for personal, perhaps familial, reasons, possibly even for reasons relating to the wider community. Mending rather than replacing it may reflect the difficulty of survival in the Icenian client kingdom in the years following the Roman invasion of Britain, but set against this is the consideration that the owner of the brooch must have been able to pay the smith, whether in kind or cash, for what was quite a complicated piece of work. It is also worth considering that both the metal used for all the other elements of the repair and the replacement pin may have been supplied by the owner rather than from a collection of broken items held in store for recycling by the smith. That the smith who effected the repair was not accustomed to manufacturing or repairing brooches is evident in the finish of the blocks and the use of two different designs on the reinforcement bands.

## 4 HUMAN and ANIMAL BONES

### 4.1 Human remains by Chris Chinnock <br> Nature of Sample

Skeleton (3340) was buried within a shallow grave [3341]. The burial was aligned east to west with the feet at the west end. The individual was laid on the right side with the legs slightly flexed, the right arm by the side underneath the body and the left arm flexed at an awkward angle above the head area (Fig 8). The skull and cervical vertebrae were not present and no signs of decapitation were observed The size of the burial and position of the skeleton suggests that it is likely the individual was buried after the head had been removed and disposed of elsewhere.

The right tibia was not articulated and was placed next to the spine of the individual; the fragment of tibia is large enough for it to be unlikely to have been moved by any taphonomic process. Additionally, the broken end of the distal right femur and proximal and distal right tibia appear worn, suggesting they may have been exposed for some time prior to final deposition. The grave was too small for the burial to be lain in a supine position and it appears as if the individual was dumped or rolled into a hastily excavated grave.

## Preservation and completeness

The skeletal remains were assessed for overall bone preservation and scored on a three point scale from good to poor (Connell and Rauxloh 2007). The skeleton was highly fragmented with none of the long bones surviving as one piece. The elements displayed moderate levels of preservation with some erosion of the bone and most of the surface details clearly visible. Some root impressions, which have damaged the cortical bone, were present on several of the long bones.

Approximately $60 \%$ of the individual is represented by the surviving skeletal elements with the skull and cervical vertebrae absent. The highly fragmented nature of the burial limited the amount of osteological data available at analysis.

## Methods

All skeletal remains were recorded onto an Oracle 9i (v9.2.0) relational database following Museum of London methodology (Connell and Rauxloh 2007; Powers 2008). This provided a full catalogue of the bones and teeth present, estimates of age and sex, measurements of cranial and post-cranial elements and observations of no-metric traits.

In the absence of observable dimorphic features of the skull, sex estimates were made using observations of the pelvic morphology. Where long bones were present and sufficiently intact, stature calculations were conducted using Trotter (1970) and skeletal indices according to Brothwell (1981).

Pathological bone changes were recorded onto the database and supplemented by digital photographs when necessary. Crude prevalence rates by individual and true prevalence rates by bones or joint were calculated where appropriate. Full details of pathology locations, measurements and all other osteological data can be found in the site archive.


Skeleton (3340) in grave [3341], looking south Fig 8

## Results

## Demographic data

Demographic analysis identified one adult male individual. Despite the absence of the skull, it was possible to determine the sex of the individual from observations of pelvic morphology.

The skeleton was assigned to an osteological age category (26-35) using aging methods developed for observations of the auricular surface of the ilium (Lovejoy et al 1985). An absence of other elements used for aging skeletal remains prevented further refinement of the age assessment.

## Stature

Stature calculations were not possible due to the highly fragmentary nature of all of the long limb bones.

## Indices

Due to the highly fragmentary of the surviving bone, it was not possible to calculate any indices for this individual.

## Non-metric traits

The small sample size and partial remains prevented statistically viable calculations of prevalence rates of non-metric traits. No non-metric traits were observed in the surviving skeletal elements.

## Palaeopathology

The only observed pathological lesion on the skeleton comprised evidence for sharp force trauma on a single right rib. The affected rib has been cleanly cut into two pieces with no evidence of any healing having taken place, suggesting that this was a perimortem wound (Figs 9 and 10). Due to the highly fragmentary state of the surviving ribcage, it was not possible to see if further lesions existed on the adjacent ribs.

The patina and colour of the cut surface suggests that the break had occurred in antiquity rather than as a result of modern or excavation damage. When viewed in
section it is clear from the regularity of the break that it was inflicted by a sharp bladed instrument.


Skeleton (3340) Cut through the mid shaft of right rib (Scale 30mm)
Fig 9


Skeleton (3340) sections of rib showing cut surface (Scale 30mm)
Fig 10

## Discussion

The skeleton showed moderate levels of preservation although incomplete and fragmentary nature of the burial has impacted the amount of data that could be recovered during osteological analysis.

The presence of a peri-mortem lesion described sharp force trauma suggests that the individual had perhaps fallen victim to some form of interpersonal violence. The absence
of the skull could also be interpreted as evidence for violence; however, there are parallels to suggest that the removal of the head may have been part of the burial rite.

No pottery or other artefacts were recovered from the grave with which to accurately date the burial. Nearby archaeological features are suggestive of an Iron Age date but the level to which the grave is analogous remains unclear.

The position of the individual within the grave, the small size of the grave, the missing skull and peri-mortem injury to the ribs all raise questions about the nature of the burial and how the individual died. Despite the sharp force trauma to the rib, this piece of evidence alone is not sufficient to confirm that the individual had died as a result of interpersonal violence.

The lack of a skull and cervical vertebrae and the displacement of the right tibia are interesting clues and may suggest that the individual was exposed for some time before burial. Alternatively this may be a secondary burial with the individual having been exhumed and moved part-way through the decomposition process which would account for the missing and displaced skeletal elements.

The research agenda and strategy (Brown and Glazebrook 2000) and the revised framework for the East of England (Medlycott 2011) have identified some specific areas of research which are relevant to this project. Since the burial has not been securely dated, consideration has been given to the Iron Age and Roman periods as the most likely dates.

## Iron Age

The Maxey burial may relate to nature and development of ritual and religion, including evidence for the relationship between rituals associated with burial, and other rituals; evidence for ritual abandonment or 'closing' deposits on settlements; the importance of water and river cults; evidence for ancestor worship, such as association with, and reuse of, earlier prehistoric sites.

The burial at Maxey quarry, if dated to the Iron Age, would be a rare example of an inhumation from this period. Furthermore, the manner in which the individual was deposited along with the possibility of prolonged exposure of the body and/or secondary burial raises key questions about funerary rites associated with the people of this time. Excarnation and secondary deposition has long been a popular explanation for the question of primary funerary tradition during the Iron Age (Madgwick 2008). Whimster (1981, 177-189) dedicates Chapter 8 of his book to sacrifice and rituals of violence in the Iron Age. He uses evidence from literary and archaeological sites for such practices. The lack of the head in the Maxey Quarry may be significant as, "the removal of the head (an important symbol of individual personality)...may be equally effective methods of symbolising authority over an enemy" (Whimster 1981, 184). Whimster quotes Diodorus, "They (The Celts) cut off the heads of enemies slain in battle and attach them to the necks of their horses...." The peri-mortem injury to the ribs may therefore be seen in this context. Whimster (ibid, 186) uses archaeological evidence of sites where human skulls were displayed in prominent positions.

Single inhumations and inhumation cemeteries are recorded particularly for the later Iron Age such as those at Yarnton, Oxfordshire (Hey et al 1999) and Owslebury, Hampshire (Collis 1994). However the number of burials recorded in the archaeological record does not reflect the population level for most of the period, as indicated by the size and quantity of known settlements and hillforts (Madgwick 2008). Disarticulated human bones, often fragments of skull, are regularly recovered from pits and postholes within

Iron Age settlements (Chinnock, forthcoming). The primary funerary tradition for this period has not been identified and represents a large gap in our archaeological understanding of the period.

## Roman

Ritual and religion has been identified as a future research topic for the region with specific consideration given to a 'synthesis of Roman cemeteries and burial practice" (Medlycott 2011). If it can be proven that this individual dates to the late Roman period rather than the Iron Age, as discussed above, then it has the potential to inform the narrative of this research aim.

The burial could be described as a 'deviant' burial based on the manner in which the individual was deposited. Deviant burials with the heads removed at or around the time of death are not uncommon occurrences in a rural setting during this period such as the decapitated burials recorded during excavations in Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire (Inskip 2016).

## Saxon

A possible Saxon date for the burial cannot be ruled out. There has been activity dating to this period to the south (pers. comm lan Meadows)

## Further work

It is recommended that a sample of the skeleton be submitted for radiocarbon dating in order to satisfactorily address the impact of the find on the regional research agenda.

### 4.2 Mammal remains by Rebecca Gordon

The excavations produced a small animal bone assemblage comprising of cattle, pig, sheep/goat, horse and dog (Tables 2 and 3). The only bird present was one juvenile tibiotarsus, which possibly came from a (?)chicken. The bones were highly fragmented, which restricted basic zooarchaeological analysis. The majority of the remains came from the 2013 and 2014 excavations; only a few bone fragments were retrieved from the bulk samples taken at the 2012 excavation. The majority of the bones came from undatable features; however, the assemblage is most likely early prehistoric to late Iron Age.

Table 2: Number of hand-collected animal bone specimens

| Species | NISP |
| :--- | ---: |
| Cattle (Bos taurus) | 48 |
| Sheep/goat (Ovis/Capra) | 7 |
| Pig* (Sus scrofa) $^{\text {Equid (Equus sp.) }} 21$ |  |
| Dog (cf. Canis familaris) | 2 |
| ?Chicken (gallus gallus) | 1 |
| Unidentifiable large mammal | 1 |
| Unidentifiable medium mammal | 338 |
| Total | 159 |

[^0]Table 3: Number of bulk sampled collected animal bone specimens

| Species | NISP |
| :--- | ---: |
| Pig (Sus scrofa) | 1 |
| Unidentifiable large mammal | 81 |
| Unidentifiable medium mammal | 82 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 6 4}$ |

## Methodology

Hand-collected and sieved mammal and bird bones were recorded using an 'all fragments' method - therefore identification to element and taxon was attempted on all bones providing there were diagnostic features. Bones that could not be identified to species were recorded as large and medium mammal. As sheep and goat are morphologically similar, the term 'sheep/goat' was employed, unless it was possible to distinguish between the two species following Boessneck (1969) and Payne (1985). The animal bones were identified with the aid of the author's reference collection. All identifiable bones were sided either as left or right where possible and the primary quantitative method was NISP "the number of identified specimens per taxon".

Animals were aged using three methods: epiphyseal fusion and the eruption and subsequent wear of mandibular teeth. Five categories of epiphyseal fusion were recorded: fused (when the line of fusion between the epiphysis and metaphysis was no longer visible); fusing (when the epiphysis had partially fused to the metaphysis where the fusion line was visible); unfused epiphysis (when only the epiphysis was present); unfused metaphysis (when only the metaphysis was present without the epiphysis); and unfused metaphysis and epiphysis (when both were present and belonged to the same specimen). Mandibular wear stages were recorded using Grant (1982) and Payne (1973).

Table 4: Number of identifiable species by context (hand-collected only)

| Fill/cut | Cattle | Sheep/goat | Pig | Equid | Dog | ?Chicken | Deer | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| $3158 / 3160$ | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| $3157 / 3160$ | 2 | - | 18 | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| $3261 / 3262$ | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 |
| $3333 / 3334$ | 17 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 18 |
| $3620 / 3623$ | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| $3558 / 3560$ | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| $3580 / 3584$ | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| $3615 / 3616$ | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| $3609 / 3611$ | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| $3166 / ?$ | 6 | 3 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 12 |
| $3450 / 3453$ | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| $3578 / 3584$ | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| $3617 / 3618$ | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| $3456 / 3457$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | $1^{*}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| $3452 / 3453$ | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | $\mathbf{3}$ |

Measurements were taken following von den Driesch (1976). Gnawing, butchery and burning were recorded on all identifiable bones. Carnivore gnawing was identified using the descriptions outlined by Binford (1981: 44-49). Butchery was recorded as either 'cut' or 'chop' and its location was recorded using the codes devised by Lauwerier (1988). Burning was recorded using the three categories described in Thomas (2005): 'singed', 'burnt' or 'calcined'. Bone preservation was recorded for identifiable post-cranial elements using Harland et al. (2003).

Table 5: Body part representation for cattle, sheep/goat and pig (hand-collected only)

| Element | Cattle | Sheep/goat | Pig |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Horncore | 4 | 1 | - |
| Skull (occipital) | - | - | 1 |
| Zygomatic | - | - | 1 |
| Mandibles with teeth | 2 | 1 | - |
| Mandibles without teeth | 3 | - | 1 |
| Hyoid | - | - | - |
| Atlas | - | - | - |
| Axis | - | - | - |
| Cervical vertebra | - | - | - |
| Thoracic vertebra | - | - | - |
| Lumber vertebra | - | - | - |
| Sacrum | - | - | - |
| Scapula | 4 | - | 2 |
| Humerus | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Radius | 3 | - | - |
| Ulna | 1 | - | - |
| Pelvis | - | - | 2 |
| Femur | 6 | - | 1 |
| Tibia | 2 | - | 1 |
| Astragalus | 1 | - | 1 |
| Calcaneum | - | - | 2 |
| Metacarpal | 1 | 1 | - |
| Metatarsal | 1 | 1 | - |
| Metapodial | - | - | - |
| 1st phalanx | 1 | - | - |
| 2nd phalanx | - | - | 13 |
| 3rd phalanx |  | - | - |
| Total |  | - | - |

## Result

The animal bones from the 2012-2014 excavations were in fair condition, although some features had better preserved bones than others (e.g. fill (3166) of pit [3164/3165]; fill (3157) of pit [3160]). The assemblage was highly fragmented, showing signs of weathering and erosion. A number of bones were brittle and friable, which has also been observed in investigations of Maxey animal bone from previous excavations (Armitage 2006, 2008, 2009). As a result, a low proportion of the remains could be speciated. Based on the total number of hand-collected fragments, only $14 \%$ of the assemblage could be identified to species and element. There was a paucity of gnawing and
butchery evidence, which was most likely attributed to the fragmented and weathered nature of the bones. One cattle radius from fill (3166) of pit [3164/3165] displayed carnivore gnawing. Butchery marks were noted on four cattle and two sheep/goat bones. Noteworthy examples of butchery included cut marks on a cattle and sheep/goat horncore, which is suggestive of skinning and a chop mark through a cattle capus femoris (femoral head) to separate the joint from the pelvis. Burning was also limited; one cattle femur had been singed and a few unidentifiable bones were burnt and/or calcined. The latter examples were found in the following fills: 3615, 3578, 3166, 3450 and 3450 . Fill (3450) of pit [3453] had over 100 small burnt and calcined fragments, which was recovered from a bulk sample. It is possible that burning was used as a form of waste management or fuel on site.

Cattle, pig and sheep/goat were the most common species (see Tables 2-4). Horse, dog and (?)chicken were represented by one or two elements. A deer antler fragment was also recorded. The antler may have been collected to be used as a raw material, although there was no evidence to suggest it had been worked. Most of the pig remains came from fill (3157) of pit [3160], which dated from the Neolithic to Bronze Age(?). The remains derived from a partial skeleton and the epiphyseal fusion data suggested the specimen was less than 12 months old. Due to the paucity of identifiable remains it precluded any detailed analysis of the body parts representation for the domesticated species (Table 4). However, the range of elements for cattle may tentatively suggest that the whole animal was present on site given that the head, forelimbs and hindlimbs were recorded. Again, the limited availability of fusion and tooth wear data prevented a basic assessment of slaughter profiles, although the data for cattle could suggest they were skeletally mature. One cattle mandible could be aged between 30 to 36 months. There was also one juvenile chicken(?) tibiotarsus.

Table 6: Animal bone measurements

| Fill/cut <br> No | Element | Taxon | GL | Bd | Bp | BT | BC | BA/Wmax | BB/Wmin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $3452 / 3453$ | P1 | Cattle | 659 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $3578 / 3584$ | MT1 | Cattle | - | 490 | - | - | - | - | - |
| $3450 / 3457$ | AS | Cattle | 752 | 476 | - | - | - | - | - |
| $3166 /$ | P1 | Cattle | 585 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $3615 / 3616$ | MT1 | Cattle | - | - | 406 | - | - | - | - |
| $3333 / 3334$ | HU | Cattle | - | 713 | - | 667 | - | - | - |
| $3157 / 3160$ | MC1 | Cattle | - | - | 655 | - | - | - | - |
| $3558 / 3560$ | HC | Cattle | - | - | - | - | 100 | 366 | 295 |
| $3166 /$ | HU | Sheep/goat | - | 276 | - | 270 | - | - | - |
| $3620 / 3623$ | MC1 | Sheep/goat | - | - | 221 | - | - | - | - |
| $3157 / 3166$ | AS | Pig | 351 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $3166 /$ | TI | Chicken | 900 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

[^1]
## Summary

The animal bone assemblage from Maxey Quarry was largely represented by cattle and pig. The occurrence of other species was inconsequential and wild mammals, birds and fish were virtually absence. There was some evidence for skinning on site and perhaps
antler working(?). As the remains were highly fragmented and brittle it prevented basic zooarchaeological analysis. Consequently, no conclusions could be drawn regarding husbandry strategies, species utilisation and industry.

## 5

THE ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE by Val Fryer

## Introduction and method statement

Samples for the retrieval of the plant macrofossil assemblages were taken from pit and ditch fills, with a total of seven being submitted for assessment.

The samples were bulk floated by MOLA Northampton and the flots were collected in a 300 micron mesh sieve. The dried flots were scanned under a binocular microscope at magnifications up to $\times 16$ and the plant macrofossils and other remains noted are listed in Tables 7-9. Nomenclature within the table follows Stace (2010). Both charred and dewatered plant remains were noted, with the latter being respectively denoted by lower case ' $c$ ' and ' $w$ ' suffixes. Modern roots, chaff, moss fronds and arthropod remains were also present within all seven assemblages.

## Results

Indeterminate fragmentary charred cereal grains are only noted within the assemblage from pit [3453] (MQ14). Seeds are scarce, with all occurring within the assemblages from ditch [3250] (MQ13) and pit [3453]. However, charred and de-watered specimens of common grassland herbs, including onion-couch (Arrhenatherum sp.), orache (Atriplex sp.), henbane (Hyoscyamus niger), dock (Rumex sp.), campion (Silene sp.) and stinging nettle (Urtica dioica), are noted along with occasional remains of wetland plants and tree/shrub macrofossils. Highly comminuted charcoal/charred wood fragments are present throughout, with larger fragments $>10 \mathrm{~mm}$ in size occurring within three assemblages. Other plant macrofossils are exceedingly scarce, as are other material types. However, the de-watered assemblage from ditch [3250] does include numerous arthropod remains along with shells of both terrestrial and marsh/freshwater slum molluscs, with the latter almost certainly suggesting that at some stage, the ditch was at least damp and probably seasonally water-filled.

## Conclusions and recommendations for further work

In summary, all seven assemblages are exceedingly small (i.e. $<0.1$ litres in volume) and generally very limited in composition. The presence of charcoal would appear to suggest that there was some limited human presence within the area, but it is impossible to link any of the remains to specific activities. The assemblage from ditch [3250] appears to be indicative of a damp, grassland habitat, with the presence of seeds of henbane and nettles possibly indicating that the area was (at least intermittently) used as pasture.

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

Table 7: 2012 Maxey Quarry environmental samples

| Sample No. | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Context No. | 3062 | 3070 | 3045 |
| Feature No. | 3063 | 3071 | 3046 |
| Feature type | Pit | Pit | Pit |
| Date | EBA/MIA |  |  |
| Charcoal <2mm | xxx | xxxx | x |
| Charcoal >2mm | x | xx | - |
| Charcoal >5mm | xxx | xx | - |
| Charcoal >10mm | x | xxx | - |
| Charred root/stem | - | - | x |
| Small mammal/amphibian bones | - | - | xpmc |
| Volume of flot (litres) | $<\mathbf{0 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{< 0 . 1}$ | $<\mathbf{0 . 1}$ |
| \% flot sorted | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

Table 8: 2013 Maxey Quarry environmental samples.

| Sample No. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Context No. | 3249 | 3404 | 3352 |
| Feature No. | 3250 | 3406 | 3354 |
| Feature type | Ditch | Ditch | Pit |
| Date | ? LIA | ?IA |  |
| Dry land herbs |  |  |  |
| Arrhenatherum sp. (tubers) | xc | - | - |
| Atriplex sp. | xw | - | - |
| Chenopodiaceae indet. | xxw | - | - |
| Hyoscyamus niger L. | xw | - | - |
| Small Poaceae indet. | xw | - | - |
| Rumex sp. | xxxw | - | - |
| Silene sp. | xw | - | - |
| Urtica dioica L. | xw | - | - |
| Wetland/aquatic plants |  |  |  |
| Eleocharis sp. | xw | - | - |
| Montia fontana L. | xw | - | - |
| Ranunculus subg. Batrachium (DC) A.Gray | xw | - | - |
| Tree/shrub macrofossils |  |  |  |
| Sambucus nigra L. | xw | - | - |
| Other plant macrofossils |  |  |  |
| Charcoal <2mm | xx | xXX | xx |
| Charcoal $>2 \mathrm{~mm}$ | x | $x$ | x |
| Charcoal $>5 \mathrm{~mm}$ | - | xxx | - |
| Charcoal >10mm | - | xX | - |
| Charred root/stem | $x$ | - | - |
| De-watered root/stem | xX | - | - |
| Indet. buds | xw | - | - |
| Indet. seeds | - | - | x |


| Sample No. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Context No. | 3249 | 3404 | 3352 |
| Feature No. | 3250 | 3406 | 3354 |
| Feature type | Ditch | Ditch | Pit |
| Date | ? LIA | ? IA |  |
| Characeae indet. | xw | - | - |
| Other remains |  |  |  |
| Small coal frags. | - | - | x |
| Small mammal/amphibian bones | X | - | xpmc |
| Vitreous material | x | x | - |
| Waterlogged arthropod remains | xxx | - | - |
| Mollusc shells |  |  |  |
| Terrestrial species |  |  |  |
| Cochlicopa sp. | x | - | - |
| Pupilla muscorum | x | - | - |
| Vallonia sp. | x | - | - |
| $V$. costata | X | - | - |
| V. excentrica | xcf | - | - |
| Trichia hispida group | X | - | - |
| Marsh/freshwater species |  |  |  |
| Anisus leucostoma | xx | - | - |
| Armiger crista | X | - | - |
| Bathyomphalus contortus | X | - | - |
| Carychium sp. | x | - | - |
| Lymnaea sp. | xxx | - | - |
| Pisidium sp. | x | - | - |
| Planorbarius corneus | xx | - | - |
| Planorbis sp. | x | - | - |
| P. planorbis | X | - | - |
| Physa fontinalis | X | - | - |
| Succinea sp. | X | - | - |
| Sample volume (litres) | - | - | - |
| Volume of flot (litres) | <0.1 | <0.1 | <0.1 |
| \% flot sorted | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |

Table 9: 2014 Maxey Quarry environmental sample

| Sample No. | 1 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Context No. | 3450 |
| Feature No. | 3453 |
| Feature type | Pit |
| Date | ?IA?Neolithic |
| Cereals |  |
| Cereal indet. (grains) | xfgc |
| Dry land herbs <br> Rumex sp. |  |
| Tree/shrub macrofossils <br> Corylus avellana L. | xcfc |
| Other plant macrofossils | xc |
| Charcoal <2mm | xx |
| Charcoal >5mm | xxx |
| Charcoal >10mm | xxx |
| Indet. culm node | x |
| Sample volume (litres) | - |
| Volume of flot (litres) | $<0.1$ |
| \% flot sorted | $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ |

## Key to Table

$\mathrm{x}=1-10$ specimens $\quad \mathrm{xx}=11-50$ specimens $\quad \mathrm{xxx}=51-100$ specimens $\quad \mathrm{xxxx}=100+$ specimens $\mathrm{c}=$ charred $\mathrm{w}=$ de-watered $\mathrm{fg}=$ fragment $\mathrm{cf}=$ compare $\mathrm{pmc}=$ possible modern contaminant EBA/MIA = Early Bronze Age - Middle Iron Age IA - Iron Age

## 6 PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS

### 6.1 The structural record

The first requirement will be for the integration of this analysis with that from previous seasons work in a single synthethic report (and subsequent publication). The stratigraphic data thus cross related can be considered in terms of larger field systems which in individual phases are hard to identify owing to a paucity of dateable material.

A small number of demonstrably early prehistoric pits need to be joined with the overall site distribution. This includes all previous work within the Maxey Quarry inorder to see if there is any chronological shift in their distribution and if this can be related to discrete monument hinterlands.

Undated pits need to be considered on spatial and morphological grounds to see if they are more likely to have been early prehistoric in date, or if they relate to the later activity that dominated this part of the site.

The character of the Iron Age settlement and its enclosures needs to be considered in terms of site evolution and evidence for possible seasonality. It is notable that the occupation is situated on slightly higher ground than had been present in the previously examined areas to the north and this factor should be considered in terms of the proposed extension to the south.

The presumably Roman co-axial field system noted by Meadows (2008) may only extend into the eastern part of the site. The limited evidence to such a date in other areas, should be considered in association with the data from the east and in light of the activities now known to the south (Holmes et al 2009).

### 6.2 The prehistoric pottery

It is recommend that the pottery be sent to Alex Gibson and reported on for the full report.

### 6.3 Flint

No further work is recommended on the single flint flake.

### 6.4 Other finds

Brooch (SF3) needs to be drawn for publication

### 6.5 Human bone

Human burial needs radiocarbon dating. No further work on the skeleton itself.

### 6.6 Animal bone

No further work is recommended except integration into full report

### 6.7 Environment samples

No further work is recommended on the environmental samples

## 7 DISCUSSION

This area of the Maxey Quarry south-western extension recording action contrasted with the areas already excavated to the north, insofar as they were further from the early prehistoric monumental landscape. The area is also on lower ground mostly between $c$ 8.7 m and 9.1 m aOD. The change in the revealed archaeological remains is readily apparent, as there are significantly fewer pits of Neolithic/Bronze Age date, leaving only an Iron Age farm field system and two possible ditches from a Roman field system.

The palaeochannel courses which cross the excavation area probably date mostly or entirely to the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. Where there was a stratigraphic relationship palaeochannels predate archaeological features within the site. Apart from during episodes of extreme flooding, the channels/ former channels were still probably a damp sticky area. These features were still seemingly important (possibly ritually so) in the early prehistoric period as most of the 98 pits and an undated burial were located in this part of the site.

The pits themselves were mostly shallow and mostly undated although a few contained relatively small quantities of middle/late Neolithic to Bronze Age artefacts and/or ecofacts. The Neolithic/Bronze Age remains need to be compared with previous excavations at Maxey Quarry which provided far more extensive features of this period. The present site can be understood as a periphery area. Possibly it should be viewed in comparison with Neolithic and Bronze Age activity on the Fen Edge, which have been well documented since Abbott and Smith (1911).

This large assemblage of earlier prehistoric material across the Maxey Quarry excavations has been well-excavated according to modern stratigraphic principles and has an excellent curation record since its excavation. This enhances the importance of the material for not only stratigraphic and spatial analysis but for modern biomolecular techniques of study such as residue analysis of both sherds and visible residues. The chronological depth of the assemblage and the excellent excavation documentation will allow spatial analysis of deposition within a long chronological framework perhaps allowing us to understand changing depositional practices and/or locales. The density of material, the various dates for the assemblage, the rarity of such well-documented assemblages in the country generally and the close proximity of the quarry site to the causewayed enclosure at Etton makes this material of national importance.

The site seems to have been disused from the late Bronze Age to the late Iron Age. It then became part of a field system to a farmstead located and excavated directly to the north. Limited environmental evidence and the lack of artefacts suggest the area was used for pastoral farming and comprised damp grassland. A large enclosure within the eastern extent of the site may have been used for stock collection. Although limited the present site adds greatly to the understanding of the farm itself. An undated human burial was located in the area of the former palaeochannels and possibly respected by Iron Age ditches suggest it may have been deliberately located in this location, possibly due to is dampness. This settlement seems to have been abandoned by the Roman period. The recovery of only a single unstratified early Roman coin and a poorly repaired brooch of this period suggest the present site was at the periphery of Roman use.

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APPENDIX 1: MAXEY 2012 CONTEXT INVENTORY

| Ctxt | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefac t |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3000 | Topsoil | Dark brown clay loam, small stone inclusions | 0.m thick | - |
| 3001 | Subsoil | Light brown sandy clay, occasional small stones | 0.m thick | - |
| 3002 | Natural | Orange sand and gravel | 0.m thick | - |
| 3003 | Fill of ditch [3004] | Grey-brown sandy clay, Gravel inclusions | 0.56 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3004 | Ditch | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{V}$-shaped linear | 0.56 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3005 | Fill of ditch [3005] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.64 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3006 | Ditch. Same as [3008] | E-W, U- shaped linear. Terminal end of ditch (W) | $0.64 m$ wide 0.12 m deep 16.86 m long | - |
| 3007 | Fill of ditch [3008] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 1.0 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3008 | Ditch. Same as [3006] | E-W, U-shaped linear. Terminal end of ditch (E) | 1.0 m wide 0.26 m deep 16.86 m long | - |
| 3009 | Fill of pit [3010] | Light brown sandy clay | 0.60 m diameter 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3010 | Pit | Circular, near vertical sides, flat base | 0.60 m diameter 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3011 | Fill of pit [3012] | Light grey brown sandy clay | 0.80 m diameter 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3012 | Pit | Oval, U-shaped with flat base | 0.80 m diameter 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3013 | Fill of pit [3014] | Light brown sandy clay, occasional gravel inclusions | 0.58 m diameter 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3014 | Pit | Circular, U-shaped | 0.58 m diameter 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3015 | Fill of pit [3016] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.84 m diameter 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3016 | Pit | Circular, U-shaped | 0.84 m diameter 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3017 | Fill of ditch [3018] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.70 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3018 | Ditch | N-S, U-shaped linear. Terminal end (s) | 0.70 m wide 0.24 m deep 2 m into bulk | - |
| 3019 | Fill of ditch [3020] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.56 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3020 | Ditch. Same as [3022] | E-W, U-shaped linear. Terminal end (E) | $0.56 m$ wide 0.22 m deep 16.28 m long | - |
| 3021 | Fill of ditch [3022] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.54 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3022 | Ditch. Same as [3020] | E-W, U-shaped linear. Terminal end (W) | $0.54 m$ wide 0.16 m deep 16.28 m long | - |
| 3023 | Fill of pit [3024] | Brown sandy clay, occasional charcoal flecks | 0.56 m diameter 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3024 | Pit | Circular, U-shaped | 0.56 m diameter 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3025 | Fill of pit [3026] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.58 m diameter 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3026 | Pit | Circular, U-shaped with flat base | 0.58 m diameter 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3027 | Fill of pit [3028] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.74 m diameter 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3028 | Pit | Circular, V-shaped | 0.74 m diameter 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3029 | Fill of ditch [3030] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.64 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3030 | Ditch. Same as [3032] | N-S, U-shaped linear terminal end (N) | 0.64 m wide 0.11 m deep 5.4 m long | - |
| 3031 | Fill of ditch [3032] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.57 m wide 0.27 m deep | - |
| 3032 | Ditch. Same as [3030] | N-S, U-shaped linear. Terminal end | 0.57 m wide 0.27 m deep 5.4 m long | - |


| 3033 | Fill of ditch [3034] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.69 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3034 | Ditch same as [3036] | E-W, U-shaped linear. Terminal end (W) | 0.69 m wide 0.30 m deep 12 m long | - |
| 3035 | Fill of ditch [3036] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.46 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3036 | Ditch same as [3034] | E-W, U-shaped linear. Terminal end (E) | 0.46 m wide 0.25 m deep 16 m long | - |
| 3037 | Fill of ditch [3038] | Light brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.90 m wide 0.39 m deep | - |
| 3038 | Ditch | E-W, U-shaped linear. Terminal end (W) | 0.90 m wide 0.39 m deep | - |
| 3039 | Fill of ditch [3040] | Light brown sandy clay. | 0.65 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3040 | Ditch | E-W, U-shaped linear | 0.65 m wide 0.22 m deep |  |
| 3041 | Fill of pit [3042] | Light brown sandy clay, isolated stone | 0.88 m diameter 0.20 m deep |  |
| 3042 | Pit | Circular, U-shaped | 0.88 m diameter 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3043 | Fill of pit [3044] | Light brown sandy clay, stone inclusions | $1.04 \mathrm{~m} \times 2.05 \mathrm{~m}$ wide. 0.28 m deep | - |
| 3044 | Pit | SE-NW, U-shaped oval pit | $1.04 \mathrm{~m} \times 2.05 \mathrm{~m}$ wide. 0.28 m deep | - |
| 3045 | Fill of pit [3046] | Mid-brown sandy clay, stone inclusions | 0.92 m diameter 0.62 m deep | - |
| 3046 | Pit | Oval u-shaped near vertical sided | 0.92 m diameter 0.62 m deep | - |
| 3047 | Fill of pit [3051] bottom fill | Light grey orange sandy silt, frequent small stones | 0.50 m wide 0.07 m deep | - |
| 3048 | Fill of pit [3051] secondary fill | Light grey brown sandy clay, infrequent stone | 0.58 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3049 | Fill of pit [3051] | Orange grey sandy clay, frequent stones | 0.60 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3050 | Fill of pit [3051] top fill | Light brown clay sand occasional stone | 0.90 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3051 | Pit | Circular, near vertical sides to flat base | 0.90 m wide 0.58 m deep |  |
| 3052 | Fill of pit [3054] primary fill | Light brown clay sand, frequent stone | 0.70 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3053 | Fill of pit [3054] top fill | Dark brown clay, infrequent small stone | 1.0 m wide 0.12 deep | - |
| 3054 | Pit | Oval U-shaped, moderate side slope to flat base | 1.0 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3055 | Fill of [3056] | Dark brown clay sand occasional stone/flint | 1 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3056 | Hollow | Rectangular NW-SE with flat base | 2.90 m long 1.0 m wide <br> 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3057 | Fill of [3059] primary fill fill | Light grey brown sand clay. Frequent stone | 0.50 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3058 | Fill of [3059] top fill | Dark brown sand clay. Isolated small stone, charcoal fragments | 0.35 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3059 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 0.50 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3060 | Fill of [3061] | Light brown sandy clay | 0.85 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3061 | Pit | Circular, moderate side slope, flat base | 0.85 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3062 | Fill of [3063] | Dark brown sandy clay. Small stone, charcoal fragments | 0.60 m wide 0.30 m deep | EBA/MI <br> A <br> pottery |
| 3063 | Pit | Circular, steep sides to flat base | 0.60 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3064 | Fill of [3065] | Grey brown sandy clay, gravel inclusions | 0.84 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3065 | Pit | Oval NW-SW <br> U-shaped | 0.84 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3066 | Fill of [3067] | Grey brown sand clay | 1.30 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |

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| 3067 | Pit | Oval NW-SE <br> U-shaped | 1.30 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3068 | Fill of pit [3069] | Grey brown sand clay, gravel <br> inclusions | 0.60 m diameter 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3069 | Pit | Circular U-shaped | 0.60 m diameter 0.24m deep | - |
| 3070 | Fill of [3071] upper fill | Dark brown sandy clay, charcoal <br> fragments | 0.34 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3071 | Fill of [3071] primary <br> fill | Mid-brown sandy clay, gravel <br> inclusions | 0.44 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3072 | Post-hole | Circular, U-shaped | 0.44 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3073 | Fill of [3074] | Orange brown sandy clay | 0.54 m diameter 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3074 | Pit | Circular, U-shaped | 0.54 m diameter 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3075 | Fill of [3076] | Mid-brown sandy clay, gravel <br> inclusions | 0.90 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3076 | Pit | Oval N-S, U-shaped | 0.90 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3077 | Fill of [3078] | Light brown sandy clay, occasional <br> stone | 0.50 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3078 | Gully | Rectangular east-west, U-shaped. <br> Short gully butt ending both ends | 3.0 m long 0.50 m wide <br> 0.20 m deep |  |
| 3079 | Fill of [3080] | Light brown silt clay, isolated stone | 0.78 m wide 0.23m deep | - |
| 3080 | Pit | Oval, U-shaped | 0.78 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3081 | Fill of [3083] | Grey orange clay | 0.94 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3082 | Fill of [3083] primary | Orange brown silt clay, isolated stones | 0.89 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3083 | Pit | Oval, U-shaped | - |  |
| 3084 | Fill of [3085] | Light brown sandy clay, isolated stone | 0.60 m diameter 0.38m deep | - |
| 3085 | Pit | Circular, near vertical sides to flat base | 0.60 m diameter 0.38m deep | - |

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| Ctxt | Context type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ <br> Samples |
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| 3086 | Topsoil | Dark brown clay loam | 0.30m deep | - |
| 3087 | Subsoil | Orange brown sand clay | 0.30m deep | - |
| 3088 | Natural | Sand and gravel | - | - |
| 3089 | Fill of 3090 | Mid grey orange silt sand clay | 0.84 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3090 | Pit | Circular gradual side slope to uneven base | 0.84 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3091 | Fill of 3092 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.57 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3092 | Pit | Circular steep side slope to flat base | 0.57 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3093 | Fill of 3044 | Mid brown silt sand | 1.16 m wide 0.34 m deep | - |
| 3094 | Pit | Circular steep side slope to flat base | 1.16 m wide 0.34 m deep | - |
| 3095 | Fill of 3096 | Mid grey brown sand clay | 0.48 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3096 | Pit | Elliptical steep sides to uneven base | 0.48 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3097 | Fill of 3100 | Light orange grey sand clay | 0.24 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3098 | Fill of 3100 | Mid brown orange clay sand | 0.26 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3099 | Fill of 3100 | Mid grey sand clay | 0.56 m wide 0.34 m deep | - |
| 3100 | Ditch/slot | North-south linear steep sides to flat base | 1.06 m wide 0.34 m deep | - |
| 3101 | Fill of 3102 | Dark grey brown sand clay | 0.91 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3102 | Pit | Circular gradual side slope to flat base | 0.91 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3103 | Fill of 3104 | Light brown orange sand gravel | 0.91 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3104 | Pit | Circular moderate side slope to flat base | 0.91 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3105 | Fill of 3106 | Mid grey silt sand clay | 1.72 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3106 | Tree bowl | Elliptical north-south sloping sides uneven base | 1.72 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3107 | Fill of 3108 | Mid brown grey silt sand | 0.64 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3108 | Pit | Irregular circular straight sides to flat base | 0.64 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3109 | Fill of 3110 | Dark grey brown sand clay | 0.28 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3110 | Posthole | Circular straight sides V-shape | 0.28 m wide 0.11 m deep |  |
| 3111 | Fill of 3112 | Mid yellow grey sand clay | 0.54 m wide 0.80 m deep | - |


| 3112 | Posthole | Circular sloping sides to flat base | 0.54 m wide 0.80 m deep | - |
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| 3113 | Fill of 3114 | Dark grey silt sand clay gravel | 0.68 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3114 | Ditch | NW-SE linear sloping sides to uneven base | 0.68 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3115 | Fill of 3116 | Dark grey silt clay | 0.75 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3116 | Pit | Circular sloping sides to curved base | 0.75 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3117 | Fill of 3120 | Mid orange brown silt sand | 0.75 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3118 | Fill of 3120 | Dark blue grey clay sand | 0.68 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3119 | Fill of 3120 | Mid orange sand clay | 0.28 m wide 0.06 deep | - |
| 3120 | Pit | Circular steep sides to concave base | 0.75 m wide 0.37 m deep | - |
| 3121 | Fill of 3124 | Mid orange sand clay | 0.19 m wide 0.03 m deep | - |
| 3122 | Fill of 3124 | Mid grey brown silt clay | 0.73 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3123 | Fill of 3124 | Dark grey sand clay | 0.57 m wide 0.09 m deep | - |
| 3124 | Pit | Elliptical steep sides to flat base | 0.73 m wide 0.29 m deep | - |
| 3125 | Fill of 3126 | Mid orange grey silt sand clay | 1.86 m long 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3126 | Tree bowl | Elliptical NW-SE sloping sides to undulating base | 1.86 m long 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3127 | Fill of 3128 | Mid grey brown silt sand clay | 0.40 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3128 | Posthole | Circular sloping sides to concave base | 0.40 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3129 | Fill of 3130 | Mid brown grey silt sand | 0.68 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3130 | Tree bowl cut | Irregular elliptical uneven sides and base | 0.68 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3131 | Fill of 3132 | Dark grey silt sand clay | 0.60 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3132 | Pit | Circular sloping sides to a curved base | 0.60 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3133 | Fill of 3134 | Light brown grey clay sand | 0.73 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3134 | Posthole | Circular sloping sides to flat base | 0.73 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3135 | Fill of 3136 | Dark grey silt clay | 0.78 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3136 | Pit | Elliptical sloping sides to curved base | 0.78 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3137 | Fill of 3139 | Dark grey brown silt clay | 0.24 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3138 | Fill of 3139 | Mid brown orange sand | 0.10 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3139 | Posthole | Elongated elliptical steep sides to flat base | 0.34 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3140 | Fill of 3141 | Mid brown silt sand gravel | 0.49 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3141 | Ditch/slot | East-west linear sloping sides to flat base | 0.49 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3142 | Fill of 3143 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.23 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3143 | Posthole | Circular steep sides to concave base | 0.23 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3144 | Fill of 3145 | Mid orange grey sand clay | 1.10 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3145 | Pit | Circular gradual side slope to flat base | 1.10 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3146 | Fill of 3148 | Mid brown silt clay gravel | 0.30 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3147 | Fill of 3148 | Mid grey silt clay flint stone | 0.70 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3148 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 1 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3149 | Fill of 3150 | Mid grey brown sand clay | 0.72 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3150 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 0.72 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3151 | Fill of 3153 | Mid orange brown sand clay | 0.89 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3152 | Fill of 3153 | Mid brown grey silt clay | 0.57 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3153 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides to flat base | 0.89 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3154 | Fill of 3156 | Mid brown orange silt sand clay | 0.99 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3155 | Fill of 3156 | Mid brown grey clay gravel | 0.66 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3156 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides to concave base | 0.99 m wide 0.28 m deep | - |
| 3157 | Fill of 3160 | Mid grey brown clay charcoal stone | 0.64 m wide 0.20 m deep | Neolithic/BA pottery, bone |
| 3158 | Fill of 3160 | Mid grey clay stone | 0.64 m wide 0.10 m deep | Bone |
| 3159 | Fill of 3160 | Mid grey brown sand gravel | 0.64 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3160 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base. Cut into pit [3173] | 0.64 m wide 0.42 m deep | - |
| 3161 | Fill of 3163 | Mid grey brown sand clay stone | 0.97 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3162 | Fill of 3163 | Light grey gravel silt clay | 0.08 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3163 | Pit | Oval gradual sides to flat base | 0.97 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3164 | Fill of 3166 | Mid grey brown silt sand clay | 0.79 m wide 0.17 m deep | Bone |
| 3165 | Fill of 3166 | Mid orange brown silt sand gravel | 1 m wide 0.28 m deep | - |
| 3166 | Pit | Oval steep sides to flat base | 1 m wide 0.28 m deep | - |
| 3167 | Fill of 3173 | Mid grey silt clay | 2.10 m wide 0.22 m deep | Bone, flint |
| 3168 | Fill of 3173 | Grey brown clay stone | 1.40 m wide 0.08 m deep | Bone |
| 3169 | Fill of 3173 | Mid black grey clay stone charcoal | 0.80 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |


| 3170 | Fill of 3173 | Mid brown silt clay | 0.55 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
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| 3171 | Fill of 3173 | Mid grey clay ash | 0.55 m wide 0.04 m deep | - |
| 3172 | Fill of 3173 | Mid brown silt clay gravel flint | 2.10 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3173 | Pit | Sub circular steep sides to flat base | 2.10 m wide 0.50 m deep | - |
| 3174 | Fill of 3176 | Mid orange brown silt sand clay | 0.88 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3175 | Fill of 3176 | Mid brown clay stone | 0.33 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3176 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides to flat base | 0.86 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3177 | Fill of 3181 | Mid brown clay | 0.52 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3178 | Fill of 3181 | Mid orange brown sand | 1.11 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3179 | Fill of 3181 | Light orange sand gravel deposited natural | 0.93 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3180 | Fill of 3181 | Mid brown black silt sand clay | 0.8 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3181 | Pit | Oval steep sides to concave base | 1.11 wide 0.36 m deep | - |
| 3182 | Fill of 3184 | Mid grey brown clay | 0.65 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3183 | Fill of 3184 | Mid brown silt clay | 0.4 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3184 | Pit | Oval irregular steep sides to flat base | 0.65 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3185 | Fill of 3187 | Mid brown silt clay | 1 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3186 | Fill of 3187 | Mid grey silt clay stone | 0.47 m wide 0.06 m deep | - |
| 3187 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides to flat base | 1 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3188 | Fill of 3190 | Mid grey-brown silt sand clay | 1.05 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3189 | Fill of 3190 | Mid grey black silt clay | 0.55 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3190 | Ditch | North-south linear, gradual-steep sides to concave base | 1.05 m wide 0.29 m deep | - |
| 3191 | Fill of 3193 | Mid grey brown silt sand clay | 0.93 m wide 0.27 m deep | - |
| 3192 | Fill of 3193 | Mid grey black silt clay | 0.82 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3193 | Pit | Circular/oval steep U shaped sides and concave-flat base | 0.93 m wide 0.43 m deep | - |
| 3194 |  |  |  |  |
| 3195 |  |  |  |  |
| 3196 | Fill of 3198 | Mid brown silt clay | 1.45 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3197 | Fill of 3198 | Mid grey silt clay | 1.45 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3198 | Ditch | North-south linear, U shaped sides and slightly curved base | 1.45 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3199 | Fill of 3200 | Mid brown grey silt sand clay | 0.46 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3200 | Pit | Oval V shaped sides and concave base | 0.46 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3201 | Fill of 3203 | Mid brown orange silt sand clay | 0.18 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3202 | Fill of 3203 | Mid grey black silt sand clay | 0.33 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3203 | Pit | Oval/circular V shaped sides and slightly concave base | 0.80 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3204 | Fill of 3207 | Mid grey brown silt clay | 1.18 m wide 0.30 m deep | Undatable pottery |
| 3205 | Fill of 3207 | Light brown grey silt clay | 0.68 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3206 | Fill of 3207 | Mid blue grey silt clay | 0.40 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3207 | Ditch | North-south linear, steep sides and concave base | 1.18 m wide 0.52 m deep | - |
| 3208 | Fill of 3210 | Mid grey brown silt sand gravel | 0.68 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3209 | Fill of 3210 | Light yellow brown sand gravel | 0.68 m wide 0.21 m deep | - |
| 3210 | Pit | Oval/circular steep U shaped sides with flat base | 0.78 m wide 0.21 m deep | - |
| 3211 | Fill of 3214 | Mid orange brown silt clay | 1.49 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3212 | Fill of 3214 | Light brown grey silt clay | 1.04 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3213 | Fill of 3214 | Mid grey black silt clay | 0.70 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3214 | Ditch | North-south linear steep U shaped sides concave base | 1.49 m wide 0.43 m deep | - |
| 3215 | Fill of 3216 | Mid orange brown silt sand clay | 0.18 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3216 | Ditch | North-south linear steep U shaped sides concave base | 0.18 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3217 | Fill of 3218 | Mid orange brown silt sand clay | 0.50 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3218 | Ditch | North-south linear steep U shaped sides concave base | 0.50 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3219 | Fill of 3220 | Mid brown orange silt sand clay | 0.42 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3220 | Ditch | North-south linear gradual-steep side concave base | 0.42 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3221 | Fill of 3222 | Mid brown orange silt sand clay | 0.72 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |


| 3222 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides and concave base | 0.72 m wide 0.26 m wide | - |
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| 3223 | Fill of 3224 | Mid orange brown silt sand clay | 0.45 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3224 | Ditch | North-south linear shallow sides and slight concave base | 0.45 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3225 | Fill of 3226 | Mid brown orange silt sand clay | 0.65 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3226 | Ditch | North-south linear shallow sides slight concave base | 0.65 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3227 | Fill of 3228 | Mid grey brown silt sand clay | 0.33 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3228 | Posthole | Circular steep sides slight concave base | 0.33 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3229 | Fill of 3230 | Mid grey brown sand clay | 0.55 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3230 | Ditch | North-south linear moderate sides and convex base | 0.55 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3231 | Fill of 3232 | Mid grey brown sand clay | 0.22 m wide 0.27 m deep | - |
| 3232 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides convex base. Cut by [3234] | 0.22 m wide 0.27 m deep | - |
| 3233 | Fill of 3234 | Mid grey brown clay sand | 0.50 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3234 | Gully | North-south linear, shallow sides convex base. Cuts [3232] | 0.50 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3235 | Fill of 3236 | Mid grey brown silt clay | 0.47 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3236 | Gully | North-south linear, shallow sides convex base. Cuts [3238] | 0.47 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3237 | Fill of 3238 | Mid grey brown clay silt | 0.36 m wide 0.32 m deep | - |
| 3238 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides convex base. Cut by [3236] | 0.36 m wide 0.32 m deep | - |
| 3239 | Fill of 3242 | Mid brown silt clay | 1.55 m wide 0.34 m deep | - |
| 3240 | Fill of 3242 | Dark grey silt clay | 0.60 m wide 0.09 m deep | Bone |
| 3241 | Fill of 3242 | Mid grey brown silt sand | 0.40 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3242 | Ditch | North-south linear U shaped sides slightly concave base. Cuts [3242] | 1.65 m wide 0.59 m deep | - |
| 3243 | Fill of 3244 | Mid brown silt clay | 0.25 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3244 | Gully | North-south linear U shaped sides flat base. Cut by [3242] | 0.25 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3245 | Fill of 3246 | Mid yellow brown clay silt | 1.45m dia 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3246 | Pit | Sub-circular moderate sloped sided and concave base | 1.45 m dia 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3247 | Fill of 3250 | Mid brown silt clay | 1.60 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3248 | Fill of 3250 | Mid brown grey silt clay | 0.90 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3249 | Fill of 3250 | Dark grey silt clay with red gravel patches | 0.35 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3250 | Ditch | North-south linear U shaped side and flat base | 1.65 m wide 0.70 m deep | - |
| 3251 | Fill of 3252 | Mid brown silt clay | 0.32 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3252 | Gully | North-south linear U shaped sides and curved base | 0.32 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3253 | Fill of 3254 | Mid brown silt sand and gravels | 0.52 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3254 | Ditch | North-south linear U shaped slight curved base | 0.52 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3255 | Fill of 3256 | Light grey brown silt sand clay | 0.45 m wide 0.21 m deep | - |
| 3256 | Ditch | North-south linear V shaped steep sides narrow flat base. Cuts [3258]. | 0.45 m wide 0.21 m deep | - |
| 3257 | Fill of 3258 | Mid brown grey silt sand clay | 0.71 m wide 0.13 m deep | Bone |
| 3258 | Ditch | North-south linear shallow U shaped sides concave base | 0.71 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3259 | Fill of 3262 | Mid yellow brown clay silt | 1.32 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3260 | Fill of 3262 | Mid grey brown sand clay | 1.00 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3261 | Fill of 3262 | Dark blue grey silt clay | 0.81 m wide 0.07 m deep | Bone |
| 3262 | Ditch | NW-SE linear convex sides and base. Cut by [3264] | 1.32 m wide 0.29 m deep | - |
| 3263 | Fill of 3264 | Mid yellow brown clay sand | 0.45 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3264 | Ditch | NW-SE linear steep sides convex base | 0.45 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3265 | Fill of 3266 | Mid brown silt clay | 0.60 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3266 | Ditch | North-south linear U shaped sides flat base | 0.60 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3267 | Fill of 3269 | Dark orange brown silt sand clay | 0.85 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3268 | Fill of 3269 | Mid grey black silt sand clay | 0.55 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |


| 3269 | Ditch | North-south linear U shaped gradual sides concave base | 0.85 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
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| 3270 | Fill of 3271 | Mid brown silt clay | 0.52 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3271 | Gully | North-south linear U shaped sides flat base | 0.52 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3272 | Fill of 3273 | Mid yellow brown clay silt | 0.42 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3273 | Gully | North-south linear, moderate sides convex base | 0.42 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3274 | Fill of 3276 | Mid brown grey silt sand clay | 1.21 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3275 | Fill of 3276 | Mid orange brown sand clay gravel | 0.87 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3276 | Ditch | North-south linear U shaped sides and concave base | 1.21 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3277 | Fill of 3278 | Mid brown grey silt sand clay | 0.61 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3278 | Ditch | North-south linear steep U shaped sides flat/concave base | 0.61 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3279 | Fill of 3280 | Mid brown grey silt clay | 0.50 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3280 | Ditch | North-south linear steep U shaped sides concave base | 0.50 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3281 | Fill of 3284 | Mid brown silt clay | 1.30m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3282 | Fill of 3284 | Dark grey silt clay | 0.90 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3283 | Fill of 3284 | Mid-dark brown silt clay | 0.45 m wide 0.09 m deep | - |
| 3284 | Ditch | North-south linear U shaped sides and slightly curved base | 1.30 m wide 0.49 m deep | - |
| 3285 | Fill of 3286 | Mid brown silt clay | 0.80 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3286 | Ditch | North-south linear U shaped sides and slightly curved base | 0.80 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3287 | Fill of 3288 | Mid brown grey silt clay | 0.80 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3288 | Ditch | North-south linear steep-gradual U shaped sides slight concave base. | 0.80 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3289 | Fill of 3290 | Mid grey brown orange silt sandy clay | 0.42 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3290 | Ditch | North-south linear terminus, U shaped steep sides concave base | 0.42 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3291 | Fill of 3292 | Not excavated | - | - |
| 3292 | Ditch | Not excavated. Cut by ditch [3290] | - | - |
| 3293 | Fill of 3295 | Mid brown silt sand clay | 0.79 m wide 0.37 m deep | - |
| 3294 | Fill of 3295 | Light-mid grey orange sand gravel. Possibly weathered natural | 0.50 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3295 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides slightly curved base | 0.79 m wide 0.37 m deep | - |
| 3296 | Fill of 3298 | Mid sandy brown silt sandy clay | 0.35 m wide 0.32 m deep | - |
| 3297 | Fill of 3298 | Light-mid sandy grey orange sand/gravel | 0.20 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3298 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides flat base. | 0.36 m wide 0.32 m deep | - |
| 3299 | Fill of 3304 | Mid sandy brown sand silt | 2.66 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3300 | Fill of 3304 | Mid sandy brown sand / gravel | 1.50 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3301 | Fill of 3304 | Mid sandy brown sand clay | 2.15 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3302 | Fill of 3304 | Mid-dark sandy orange/ brown sand clay | 2.00 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3303 | Fill of 3304 | Very dark grey black silt clay | 1.80 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3304 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides flat base. Cuts [3306] | 2.68 m wide 0.66 m deep | - |
| 3305 | Fill of 3306 | Mid sandy brown grey sand gravel | 0.40 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3306 | Ditch | North-south linear, steep sides, flat base | 0.40 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3307 | Fill of 3308 | Mid sandy brown, silt sand | 0.20 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3308 | Gully | NW-SE linear moderate sides slightly curved base. | 0.20 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3309 | Fill of 3310 | Mid sandy brown silt sand | 0.60 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3310 | Posthole | Irregular/sub-circular moderate sides slightly curved base | 0.60 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3311 | Fill of 3312 | Mid sandy brown, silt sand | 0.20 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3312 | Gully | NW-SE linear, moderate sides and flat base. Cut by [3314] | 0.20 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3313 | Fill of 3314 | Mid sandy brown, silt / sand | 0.40 m wide <br> 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3314 | Posthole | Oval, moderate sides slight concave base | 0.40 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3315 | Fill of 3316 | Mid sandy brown, silt sand clay | 0.42 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |


| 3316 | Gully | NW-SE linear moderate sides and flat base. Cuts [3318] | 0.42 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
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| 3317 | Fill of 3318 | Mid sandy brown, silt sand clay | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ? wide } \\ & 0.22 \mathrm{~m} \text { deep } \end{aligned}$ | - |
| 3318 | Gully | NE-SW linear moderate sides and flat base | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ? wide } \\ & 0.22 \mathrm{~m} \text { deep } \end{aligned}$ | - |
| 3319 | Fill of 3320 | Mid sandy brown, silt sand clay | 0.52 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3320 | Gully | NE-SW linear moderate sides and slightly concave base | 0.52 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3321 | Fill of 3322 | Mid sandy brown, silt sand | 0.25 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3322 | Gully | NW-SE linear shallow-moderate sides and slightly concave base | 0.25 m wide 0.08 m deep | - |
| 3323 | Fill of 3324 | Mid sandy brown, silt sand clay | 0.55 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3324 | Gully | NW-SE linear, moderate sides and flat base | 0.55 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3325 | Fill of 3328 | Mid sandy brown grey, silt sand clay | 0.50 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3326 | Fill of 3328 | Mid sandy brown orange, silt sand | 0.61 m wide 0.29 m deep | - |
| 3327 | Fill of 3328 | Dark sandy grey, sand/gravel | 0.45 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3328 | posthole | Circular, moderate sides and flat base | 0.61 m wide <br> 0.44 m deep | - |
| 3329 | Fill of 3330 | Mid sandy brown orange, silt sand | 0.70 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3330 | Pit | Circular, shallow-moderate sides slightly curved base | 0.70 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3331 | Fill of 3332 | Mid sandy brown, silt sand clay | 1.15 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3332 | Pit | Oval, shallow-moderate sides slightly uneven base. | 1.15 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3333 | Fill of 3334 | Dark grey, silt clay | 0.87 m wide 0.33 m deep | - |
| 3334 | Pit | Oval, moderate to sleep sides, slightly curved uneven base. | 0.87 m wide 0.33 m deep | - |
| 3335 | Fill of 3338 | Mid-dark brown grey, sand silt clay | 0.66 m wide 0.10 m deep | Neolithic/Bronze Age pottery |
| 3336 | Fill of 3338 | Dark grey, silt clay | 0.64 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3337 | Fill of 3338 | Light-mid brown yellow, silt sand / gravel | 0.30 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3338 | Pit | Circular, moderate sides and slightly curved base | 0.66 m wide 0.27 m deep | - |
| 3339 | Fill of 3341 | Mid brown, silt sand | 0.62 m wide 0.38 m deep | Bone |
| 3340 | Human <br> Remains - <br> Burial 1 | Laying on left side with right arm above head and right leg bent so knee joint facing backwards. Aligned E-W facing south in poor to fair condition | - | - |
| 3341 | Grave | E-W Rectangular with steep sides and slightly curved uneven base | $1.65 m$ long $0.62 m$ deep 0.38 m deep | - |
| 3342 | Fill of 3344 | Mid grey brown silt sand | 0.60 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3343 | Fill of 3344 | Mid brown silt gravelly sand | 0.55 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3344 | Pit | Circular, moderate sides and flat base | 0.70 m dia 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3345 | Fill of 3348 | Mid yellow grey brown, clay silt sand | 0.79 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3346 | Fill of 3348 | Mid mottled grey orange, silt sand | 0.80 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3347 | Fill of 3348 | Mottled dark grey orange, clay silt sand | 0.82 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3348 | Pit | Circular, moderate sides concave base. Cuts [3351] \& [3354] | 0.94 m wide 0.38 m deep | - |
| 3349 | Fill of 3351 | Mid grey orange brown, silt sand. Cut by [3348] | 0.42 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3350 | Fill of 3351 | Mid orange | 0.58 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3351 | Pit | Circular, moderate sloping sides, concave base. Cuts [3354] and cut by [3348] | 0.60 m wide 0.33 m deep | - |
| 3352 | Fill of 3354 | Dark grey black, sandy organic silt | 0.49 m wide 0.41 m deep | Sample 2 |
| 3353 | Fill of 3354 | Mid mixed orange brown and grey, silt sand | 0.40 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3354 | Pit | Circular steep sides with flat base. Cut by [3348][3351] | 0.85 m wide 0.42 m deep | - |
| 3355 | Fill of 3357 | Mid brown, sand clay | 0.69 m wide 0.28 m deep | - |
| 3356 | Fill of 3357 | Mid grey, silt clay | 0.76 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3357 | Pit | Elongated pit, N-S with moderate to steep sloped sides and flat base | 0.88 m wide 0.37 m deep | - |
| 3358 | Fill of 3359 | Mid brown, silt sand clay | 0.18 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |


| 3359 | Gully | NW-SE linear moderate sides and flat base. Cut by [3357] | 0.18 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
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| 3360 | Fill of 3362 | Mid grey brown silt sand | 0.75 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3361 | Fill of 3362 | Light grey sand stone | 0.83 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3362 | Ditch/pit | Elliptical NW-SE sloping sides to flat base | 0.87 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3363 | Fill of 3366 | Mid orange brown silt sand | 0.35 m wide 0.31 m deep | - |
| 3364 | Fill of 3366 | Mid -dark orange grey | 0.44 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3365 | Fill of 3366 | Mid orange sand gravel | 0.26 m wide 0.37 m deep | - |
| 3366 | Pit | Circular slopping sides to flat base | 0.50 m wide 0.37 m deep | - |
| 3367 | Fill of 3368 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.85 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3368 | Pit | Circular slightly curved sides to flattish base | 0.85 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3369 | Fill of 3370 | Mid orange brown sand gravel | 0.42 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3370 | Gully/slot | Short linear NE-SW steep sides to flat base | 0.42 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3371 | Fill of 3373 | Mid brown sand clay | 0.70 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3372 | Fill of 3373 | Mid orange grey sand gravel | 0.20 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3373 | Slot | Short rectangle linear straight sides to flat base | 1 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3374 | Fill of 3376 | Mid brown sand small stone | 1.30 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3375 | Fill of 3376 | Light orange grey sand gravel | 1.25 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3376 | Ditch | East-west linear slopping sides to flat base | 1.30 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3377 | Fill of 3378 | Mid orange brown occasional stone | 0.55 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3378 | Pit/tree bowl | Uneven rectangular NW-SE curved sides to uneven base | 0.55 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3379 | Fill of 3381 | Mid brown sand clay | 1.32m wide 0.25 deep | - |
| 3380 | Fill of 3381 | Mid orange grey sand gravel | 1.03 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3381 | Ditch | North-south linear straight sides to flat base. Cuts [3383] | 1.48 m wide 0.28 m deep | - |
| 3382 | Fill of 3383 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.42 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3383 | Pit | Elliptical straight sides to flat base. Cut by [3381] | 0.42 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3384 | Fill of 3385 | Mid brown silt sand occasional stone | 0.75 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3385 | Pit | Circular curved sides to rounded base | 0.75 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3386 | Fill of 3387 | Mid dark brown sand clay | 1.20 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3387 | Pit | Circular slopping sides to flat base. Cuts [3389] | 1.20 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3388 | Fill of 3389 | Mid orange brown few stones | 0.60 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3389 | Pit | Circular sloping sides to concave base. Cut by [3387] | 0.60 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3390 | Fill of 3391 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.87 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3391 | Tree bowl | Irregular circular curved sides to uneven base | 0.87 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3392 | Fill of 3394 | Mid dark drown sand clay | 0.67 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3393 | Fill of 3394 | Mid orange brown sand gravel | 0.56 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3394 | Pit | Circular straight sides to curved base | 0.67 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3395 | Fill of 3397 | Mid brown sand clay | 0.69 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3396 | Fill of 3397 | Mid orange brown sand gravel | 0.95 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3397 | Ditch | East-west linear steep sides to flat base. Butt end west end | 0.92 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3398 | Fill of 3399 | Mid orange brown silt sand | 0.63 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3399 | Gully/slot | East-west linear sloping sides to flat base. Cuts [3401] | 0.63 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3400 | Fill of 3401 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.30 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3401 | Gully/slot | East-west linear sloping sides to concave base. Cut by [3399] | 0.30 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3402 | Fill of 3403 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.40 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3403 | Posthole | Circular steep sides to concave base | 0.40 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3404 | Fill of 3406 | Mid dark brown grey sand clay | 1.04 m wide 0.20 m deep | ? Iron Age pottery |
| 3405 | Fill of 3406 | Mid brown orange sand gravel | 1.15 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3406 | Ditch | East-west linear steep sides to flat base. Butt end west end | 1.20 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3407 | Fill of 3408 | Mid brown orange silt sand | 0.65 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3408 | Pit | Circular sloping sides to flat base | 0.65 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3409 | Fill of 3410 | Mid grey brown sand clay | 0.80 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |


| 3410 | Pit | Elliptical NW-SE sloping sides to concave base | 0.80 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
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| 3411 | Fill of 3413 | Mid brown sand occasional stone | 0.51 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3412 | Fill of 3413 | Mid orange grey sand gravel | 0.35 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3413 | Gully | East-west linear steep sides V-shaped | 0.51 m wide 0.21 m deep | - |
| 3414 | Fill of 3416 | Mid brown sand clay | 0.64 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3415 | Fill of 3416 | Mid orange grey sand gravel | 0.50 m wide 0.06 m deep | - |
| 3416 | Pit | Circular steep sides flat base | 0.64 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3417 | Fill of 3419 | Mid brown sand clay | 0.67 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3418 | Fill of 3419 | Mid orange grey sand gravel | 0.65 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3419 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 0.67 m wide 0.27 m deep | - |
| 3420 | Fill of 3421 | Mid orange brown sand gravel | 0.27 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3421 | Posthole | Circular steep sides to flat base | 0.27 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3422 | Fill of 3423 | Mid orange brown silt sand | 0.26 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3423 | Posthole | Circular U-shaped | 0.26 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3424 | Fill of 3425 | Mid orange brown silt sand few stones | 0.24 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3425 | Posthole | Circular steep sides to curved base | 0.24 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3426 | Fill of 3429 | Mid dark grey sand clay | 0.55 m wide 0.09 m deep | - |
| 3427 | Fill of 3429 | Mid orange brown sand gravel | 0.51 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3428 | Fill of 3429 | Mid dark grey sand clay | 0.30 m wide 0.04 m deep | - |
| 3429 | Posthole | Circular steep side to curved base | 0.55 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3430 | Fill of 3431 | Dark grey sand clay few stones charcoal flecks | 0.38 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3431 | Posthole | Circular steep sides to concave base | 0.38 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3432 | Fill of 3433 | Mid orange brown silt sand | 0.77 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3433 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 0.77 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3434 | Fill of 3435 | Mid orange brown sand clay | 0.75 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3435 | Pit | Circular curved sides to curved base | 0.75 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3436 | Fill of 3437 | Mid grey brown sand clay | 0.45 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3437 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 0.45 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3438 | Fill of 3439 | Mid dark grey brown silt clay sand | 0.40 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3439 | Posthole | Circular sloping sides to concave base | 0.40 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3440 | Fill of 3443 | Mid brown sand clay | 0.45 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3441 | Fill of 3443 | Dark grey sand clay | 0.40 m wide 0.06 m deep | - |
| 3442 | Fill of 3443 | Mid orange brown sand gravel | 0.30 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3443 | Gully | North-south linear sloping sides to concave base | 0.45 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |

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| Ctxt | Type | Description | Dimensions | Artefacts/ <br> Samples |
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| 3444 | Fill of 3446 | Mid brown sandy silt | 0.37 m wide 0.10m deep | - |
| 3445 | Fill of 3446 | Light brown sand/gravel | 0.55 m wide 0.19m deep | - |
| 3446 | Gully | Butt end of E-W linear | 0.55 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3447 | Fill of 3449 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.30 m wide 0.36 m deep | - |
| 3448 | Fill of 3449 | Mid grey silt sand/gravel | 0.31 m wide 0.11 m deep | - |
| 3449 | Ditch | E-W linear, sloping sides to concave base | 0.36 m wide 0.47 m deep | - |
| 3450 | Fill of 3453 | Dark grey/black clay | 0.35 m wide 0.25 m deep | ?Iron Age <br> pottery/Bone |
| 3451 | Fill of 3453 | Mid yellow/brown sand gravel | 0.90 m wide 0.35 m deep | - |
| 3452 | Fill of 3453 | Mid grey silt sand/gravel | 0.66 m wide 0.18 m deep | Bone |
| 3453 | Pit | Circular pit ,straight sides to flat base | 0.90 m wide 0.53 m deep | Probably Mortlake <br> bowl, middle to <br> late Neolithic |
| 3454 | Fill of 3457 | Mid grey/brown sand | 0.50 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3455 | Fill of 3457 | Mid orange/brown silt sand | 0.92 m wide 0.35 m deep | - |
| 3456 | Fill of 3457 | Dark grey sand | 0.54 m wide 0.10 m deep | Grooved ware <br> Pottery (late <br> Neolithic) /bone |
| 3457 | Pit |  |  | - |
| 3458 | Fill of 3459 | Mid orange/brown silt sand | 0.92 m wide 0.48 m deep | - |
| 3459 | Pit | Circular with near vertical sides to flat base | 0.85 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3460 | Fill of 3461 | Mid grey/brown silt sand | 0.45 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |


| 3461 | Pit | Circular with sloping sides to concave base | 0.45 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
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| 3462 | Fill of 3463 | Mid orange/brown silt sand | 0.61 m wide 0.53 m deep | Bone |
| 3463 | Pit | Circular with steep sides to concave base | 0.61 m wide 0.53 m deep | - |
| 3464 | Fill of 3465 | Dark grey sandy clay | 1.10 m wide 0.34 m deep | Single flint flake |
| 3465 | Pit | Elliptical with sloping sides to flat base | 1.10 m wide 0.34 m deep | - |
| 3466 | Fill of 3467 | Mid orange/brown silt sand | 1.36 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3467 | Pit/tree | Rectangular with sloping sides to flat base | 1.36 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3468 | Fill of 3469 | Mid orange silt sand | 1.05 m wide 0.31 m deep | - |
| 3469 | Pit | Circular with near vertical sides to flat base | 1.05 m wide 0.31 m deep | - |
| 3470 | Fill of 3471 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.34 m wide 0.09 m deep | Late Iron Age pottery |
| 3471 | Gully | E-W linear sloping sides to flattish base | 0.34 m wide 0.09 m deep | - |
| 3472 | Fill of 3473 | Dark grey sand clay | 0.73 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3473 | Pit | Circular with sloping sides to flattish base | 0.73 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3474 | Fill of 3475 | Dark grey sand clay | 0.70 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3475 | Pit | Circular with steep sides to flat base | 0.70 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3476 | Fill of 3482 | Dark grey sand clay | 0.93 m wide 0.21 m deep | - |
| 3477 | Fill of 3482 | Dark grey clay stone | 1.20 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3478 | Fill of 3482 | Mid yellow sand clay | 0.23 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3479 | Fill of 3482 | Dark/black sand peat | 1.45 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3480 | Fill of 3482 | Mid orange sand ironpan | 0.84 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3481 | Fill of 3482 | Light grey sand/gravel/peat | 1.77 m wide 0.50 m deep | - |
| 3482 | Pit | Circular with steep sides to curved base | 177 m wide 0.84 m deep | - |
| 3483 | Fill of 3484 | Mid brown sand | 0.23 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3484 | Gully | N-S linear sloping sides to curved base | 0.23 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3485 | Fill of 3486 | Mid brown silt sand | 0.25 m wide 0.07 m deep | - |
| 3486 | Gully | E-W linear sloping sides to flattish base | 0.25 m wide 0.07 m deep | - |
| 3487 | Fill of 3488 | Dark grey sand clay | 0.40 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3488 | Pit | Circular vertical sides to flattish base | 0.40 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3489 | Fill of 3490 | Mid brown sand clay | 0.62 m wide 0.33 m deep | - |
| 3490 | Pit/butt end | E-W elliptical curved sides to curved base | 0.62 m wide 0.33 m deep | - |
| 3491 | Fill of 3492 | Mid grey/brown sand | 0.55 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3492 | Pit | Circular straight sides to flat base | 0.55 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3493 | Topsoil | Dark grey/brown loam clay | 0.27 m to 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3494 | subsoil | Mid brown sand clay | 0.10 m to 040 m deep | - |
| 3495 | Natural | Light orange/brown silt sand, stone and gravel | - | - |
| 3496 | Fill of 3497 | Mid brown sand/clay | 1 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3497 | Ditch | East-west linear, steep sides, flat base | 1 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3498 | Fill of 3499 | Mid brown sand/clay | 1 m wide 0.27 m deep | - |
| 3499 | Pit | Circular gradual sloping sides to flat base | 1 m wide 0.27 m deep | - |
| 3500 | Fill of 3504 | Orange/brown sand | 0.40 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3501 | Fill of 3504 | Mid brown sand/clay | 1.75 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3502 | Fill of 3504 | Mid grey sand/clay | 1.20 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3503 | Fill of 3504 | Mid brown sand/clay | 1.80 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3504 | Pit | Circular moderate sloping sides to flat base | 1.80 m wide 0.45 m deep | - |
| 3505 | Fill 3506 | Mid brown sand/clay | 0.45 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3506 | Ditch | East-west linear moderate sloping sides to flat base | 0.45 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3507 | Fill of 3509 | Mid grey silt clay, stone/flint | 1.45 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3508 | Fill of 3509 | Mid brown clay | 1.45 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3509 | Ditch | NE-SW linear turning east | 1.45 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3510 | Fill of 3512 | Mid grey clay | 0.55 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3511 | Fill of 3512 | Mid brown clay | 0.90 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3512 | Ditch | East-west linear, steep sides to flat base | 0.90 m wide 0.45 m deep | - |
| 3513 | Fill of 3514 | Mid brown sand/clay | 0.45 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3514 | Ditch | North-south linear moderate sides to flat base | 0.45 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3515 | Fill of 3516 | Mid brown sand/clay | 0.45 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3516 | Ditch | North- south linear butt end, moderate sides to flat base | 0.45 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3517 | Fill of 3518 | Mid brown sand/clay | 0.40 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3518 | Ditch | North-south linear gradual side slope flatish base | 0.40 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3519 | Fill of 3520 | Mid brown sand/clay | 1.40 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3520 | Pit | Oval gradual slope east side steep west side flat base | 1.40 m wide 0.17 m deep | - |
| 3521 | Fill of 3524 | Dark grey clay | 0.35 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3522 | Fill of 3524 | Light brown silt sand, stone flint | 0.10 m deep | - |


| 3523 | Fill of 3524 | Dark brown loam clay | 0.90 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
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| 3524 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides to flat base | 0.95 m wide 0.50 m deep | - |
| 3525 | Fill of 3526 | Mid brown clay loam | 0.45 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3526 | Ditch | East-west linear steep sides to convex base | 0.45 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3527 | Fill of 3530 | Light brown sand/clay | 1 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3528 | Fill of 3530 | Light grey clay | 0.90 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3529 | Fill of 3530 | Dark brown clay loam | 1.20 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3530 | Ditch | North-south linear moderate sides to flat base | 1.20 m wide 0.45 m deep | - |
| 3531 | Fill of 3533 | Light brown silt sand stone flint | 0.85 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3532 | Fill of 3533 | Mid brown clay loam | 0.70 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3533 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 0.90 m wide 0.35 m deep | - |
| 3534 | Fill of 3535 | Dark grey/brown clay loam | 0.90 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3535 | Pit | Circular moderate sides to flat base | 0.90 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3536 | Fill of 3538 | Light brown silt sand frequent stone | 0.45 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3537 | Fill of 3538 | Dark grey/brown clay loam | 0.40 m wide 0.07 m deep | - |
| 3538 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 0.45 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3539 | Fill of 3541 | Light brown sand frequent stone | 0.50 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3540 | Fill of 3541 | Light grey clay | 0.49 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3541 | Ditch | East-west linear steep sides to flat base | 0.50 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
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| 3543 | Fill of 3547 | Mid brown/orange sand/gravel | 0.40 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3544 | Fill of 3547 | Mid blue grey clay | 0.56 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3545 | Fill of 3547 | Mid brown/grey sand gravel | 0.20 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3546 | Fill of 3547 | Light grey sand gravel | 0.40 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3547 | Ditch | North-south linear butt end near vertical sides U-shaped | 0.70 m wide $0.46-0.98 \mathrm{~m}$ deep | - |
| 3548 | Fill of 3552 | Mid grey brown clay | 1 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3549 | Fill of 3552 | Blue grey silt clay | 0.73 m wide 0.12 m deep | - |
| 3550 | Fill of 3552 | Mid yellow brown sand gravel | 0.60 m wide 0.16 m deep | - |
| 3551 | Fill of 3552 | Light grey sand gravel degraded wood | 0.60 m wide 0.35 m deep | - |
| 3552 | Ditch | North-south linear V-shaped | 1.20 m wide 0.90 m deep | - |
| 3553 | Fill of 3557 | Mid grey brown sand silt | 1 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3554 | Fill of 3557 | Blue grey silt clay sand gravel | 0.40 m wide 0.29 m deep | - |
| 3555 | Fill of 3557 | Dark grey sand clay | 0.80 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3556 | Fill of 3557 | Dark grey brown clay gravel | 0.12 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3557 | Ditch | East-west linear U-shaped degraded stakes in base | 1.20 m wide 0.60 m deep | - |
| 3558 | Fill of 3560 | Mid grey blue silt clay, wood from possible stakes | 0.70 m wide 0.20 m deep | Bone |
| 3559 | Fill of 3560 | Dark grey sand clay gravel | 1.70 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3560 | Ditch | East-west linear butt end sloping sides to flat base | 1.20 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3561 | Fill of 3563 | Blue grey clay gravel | 1.10 m wide 0.23 m deep | - |
| 3562 | Fill of 3563 | Yellow grey sand gravel | 1.40 m wide 0.06 m deep | - |
| 3563 | Pit | Circular steep sides to flat base | 1.50 m wide 0.29 m deep | - |
| 3564 | Fill of 3566 | Mid brown grey clay | 0.90 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3565 | Fill of 3566 | Grey brown sand gravel | 0.90 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3566 | Ditch | East-west linear V-shaped | 0.90 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3567 | Fill of 3568 | Mid grey brown silt clay | 0.55 m wide 0.34 m deep | - |
| 3568 | Ditch | East-west linear steep sides to flat base | 0.55 m wide 0.34 m deep | - |
| 3569 | Fill of 3571 | Mid brown grey silt sand | 0.80 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3570 | Fill of 3571 | Grey clay gravel sand | 0.80 m wide 0.06 m deep | - |
| 3571 | Ditch | North-south linear gradual sides to flat base | 1 m wide 0.26 m deep | - |
| 3572 | Fill of 3573 | Mid grey brown clay | 0.52 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3573 | Ditch | North-south linear gradual side slope to flat base | 0.52 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3574 | Fill of 3568 | Blue grey silt clay gravel | 0.40 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3575 | Fill of 3577 | Mid grey brown silt clay | 0.70 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3576 | Fill of 3577 | Dark grey sand gravel | 0.90 m wide 0.13 m deep | - |
| 3577 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides to flat base | 0.85 m wide 0.38 m deep | - |
| 3578 | Fill of 3584 | Mid brown grey silt clay | 1.60 m wide 0.26 m deep | ?Grooved ware, late Neolithic pottery |
| 3579 | Fill of 3584 | Blue grey sand clay gravel | 1.80m wide 0.70 m deep | - |
| 3580 | Fill of 3584 | Dark grey black clay | 1.70 m wide 0.24 m deep | Carinated bowl pottery |
| 3581 | Fill of 3584 | Light grey sand gravel | 0.22 m wide 0.14 m deep | - |
| 3582 | Fill of 3584 | Mid orange brown sand gravel | 1.04 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3583 | Fill of 3584 | Dark black grey silt clay | 1.10 m wide 0.18 m deep | Pottery |
| 3584 | Pit | Sub circular steep sides concave base | 2.12 m wide 0.96 m deep | - |
| 3585 | Fill of 3590 | Mid grey brown gravel | 0.45 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |


| 3586 | Fill of 3590 | Mid grey brown blue sand gravel | 0.50 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
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| 3587 | Fill of 3590 | Light grey sand gravel | 0.40 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3588 | Fill of 3590 | Light blue grey silt sand | 0.30 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3589 | Fill of 3590 | Light grey sand gravel | 0.50 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3590 | Pit | Sub circular steep sides concave base | 1 m wide 0.35 m deep | - |
| 3591 | Fill of 3595 | Grey brown silt gravel | 0.70 m wide 0.12 m deep | ?Late Iron Age pottery |
| 3592 | Fill of 3595 | Mid grey orange silt sand | 0.50 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3593 | Fill of 3595 | Light blue grey sand clay | 0.50 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3594 | Fill of 3595 | Mid orange brown silt gravel | 1.12 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3595 | Pit | Sub circular gradual slope sides to flat base | 1.28 m wide 0.36 m deep | - |
| 3596 | Fill of 3597 | Light brown orange sand clay | 0.55 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3597 | Gully | North-south linear steep sides to convex base | 0.55 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3598 | Fill of 3600 | Light brown silt sand stone | 0.90 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3599 | Fill of 3600 | Mid brown loam clay | 0.75 m wide 0.10 m deep | ?Iron Age pottery |
| 3600 | Ditch | North-south linear gradual side slope flat base | 0.85 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3601 | Fill of 3604 | Orange grey silt sand gravel | 0.04 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3602 | Fill of 3604 | Grey silt clay | 0.30 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3603 | Fill of 3604 | Light brown sand clay | 0.65 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3604 | Ditch cut | North-south linear moderate side slope convex base | 0.70 m wide 0.35 m deep | - |
| 3605 | Fill of 3606 | Light brown sand clay | 0.35 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3606 | Gully | North-south linear moderate side slope flat base | 0.35 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3607 | Fill of 3611 | Mid grey silt clay | 1 m wide 0.30 m deep | - |
| 3608 | Fill of 3611 | Dark black grey silt sand clay | 0.75 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3609 | Fill of 3611 | Orange sand clay | 1.10 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3610 | Fill of 3611 | Mid brown sand clay stone | 1.50 m wide 0.30 m deep | Bronze Age or Late Iron Age pottery |
| 3611 | Pit | Circular near vertical sides to flat base | 1.55 m wide 0.70 m deep | - |
| 3612 | Fill of 3616 | Orange silt sand gravel | 0.65 m wide 0.03 m deep | - |
| 3613 | Fill of 3616 | Light grey sand clay | 0.65 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3614 | Fill of 3616 | Orange brown sand clay | 0.80 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3615 | Fill of 3616 | Light brown grey sand clay stone | 0.65 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3616 | Ditch | North-south linear moderate side slope to flat base | 0.90 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3617 | Fill of 3618 | Light grey brown silt sand clay | 0.90 m wide 0.25 m deep | Horn |
| 3618 | Ditch | East-west rectangular slot moderate side slope flat base | 0.90 m wide 0.25 m deep | - |
| 3619 | Fill of 3623 | Light orange silt sand clay | 0.90 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3620 | Fill of 3623 | Light grey silt clay sand | 0.70 m wide 0.08 m deep | ? Iron Age pottery, bone |
| 3621 | Fill of 3623 | Light brown clay sand | 0.60 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3622 | Fill of 3623 | Dark brown grey sand clay stone | 0.90 m wide 0.40 m deep | - |
| 3623 | Ditch | East-west linear slot near vertical sides flat base | 1.05 m wide 0.60 m deep | - |
| 3624 | Fill of 3626 | Light grey sand clay | 0.80 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3625 | Fill of 3626 | Light orange brown sand clay | 0.60 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3626 | Pit | Circular moderate sides to flat base | 1 m wide 0.22 m deep | - |
| 3627 | Fill of 3629 | Light grey orange silt sand stone | 0.75 m wide 0.20 m deep | - |
| 3628 | Fill of 3629 | Light brown clay | 0.70 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3629 | Ditch | East-west linear moderate south side steep north to flat base | 0.75 m wide 0.35 m deep | - |
| 3630 | Fill of 3633 | Orange silt sand gravel | 1 m wide 0.05 m deep |  |
| 3631 | Fill of 3633 | Dark grey silt clay | 0.95 m wide 0.10 m deep | - |
| 3632 | Fill of 3633 | Light brown sand clay | 0.26 m wide 0.90 m deep | - |
| 3633 | Ditch | North-south linear steep sides to flat base | 1.05 m wide 0.42 m deep | - |
| 3634 | Fill of 3636 | Orange silt sand gravel | 0.40 m wide 0.02 m deep | - |
| 3635 | Fill of 3636 | Dark grey silt clay | 0.35 m wide 0.15 m deep | - |
| 3636 | Ditch | North-south linear moderate side slope to flat base | 0.40 m wide 0.18 m deep | - |
| 3637 | Fill of 3639 | Light orange grey silt sand gravel | 1 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3638 | Fill of 3639 | Light brown silt clay | 1.15 m wide 0.24 m deep | - |
| 3639 | Ditch | North-south linear gradual side slope to flat base | 1.20 m wide 0.29 m deep | - |
| 3640 | Fill of 3642 | Light grey orange silt sand gravel | 0.65 m wide 0.05 m deep | - |
| 3641 | Fill of 3642 | Light brown sand clay | 0.65 m wide 0.19 m deep | - |
| 3642 | Ditch | East-west linear gradual side slope to flat base | 0.75 m wide 0.20 m deep |  |


[^0]:    *denotes the presence of a partial skeletons. One deer (Cervus sp.) antler fragment was also recorded but not included in the table

[^1]:    * bones measured to 0.1 mm . $\mathrm{GL}=$ greatest length; Bd (greatest) breadth of proximal end; $\mathrm{Bp}=$ (greatest) breadth of distel end; BT = (greatest) breadth of the trochlea; BA = basal circumference; $\mathrm{BA} / \mathrm{Wmax}=$ maximum basal diameter; $\mathrm{BB} / \mathrm{Wmin}=$ minimum basal diameter

