

An archaeological resistance survey

Land at Bradninch Cricket Club, Bradninch, Exeter, Devon

Centred on NGR (E/N): 300000,103600 (point)

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1 Survey description and summary

1.1 Survey

Type: resistance

Date: 19 and 20 October 2017

Area: 0.81ha

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1.2 Clients

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1.3 Location

Site: Land at Bradninch Cricket Club

Town: Bradninch
District: Mid Devon
County: Devon
Nearest Postcode: EX5 4ND

NGR: ST 00000 03600 (point) NGR (E/N): 300000,103600 (point)

1.4 Archive

OASIS number: substrat1-303683

Archive: At the time of writing, the archive of this survey will be held by

Substrata. Depending on local authority policy, an archive of the unprocessed data may be deposited with the Archaeological Data

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1.5 Introduction

This report presents the results of an archaeological earth resistance survey at the above site. It has been prepared for AC Archaeology Ltd as part of a Bradninch community research project. The survey area location is shown in Figure 1.

The area covering the current cricket and its immediate surroundings was an American army temporary camp constructed prior to the D-Day invasion of Normandy in World War 2. The camp was subsequently used as a POW camp for German soldiers (Devon County Council Historic Environment Entry MDV80418, summarised in Section 6 below). This survey was designed to help assess the state of beneath-ground preservation of the camp and contribute to the understanding of its history.

The survey was conducted around the edges of the cricket pitch as shown in Figure 2. The survey area included some of the military huts and infrastructure recorded on an aerial photograph (Royal Airforce, 1946).

1.6 Summary

The resistance responses across the survey area were sufficient to be able to differentiate between anomalies representing possible archaeological features and background resistance responses.

Forty-six resistance anomaly groups were mapped as representing possible archaeological deposits or features. One group is likely to represent a former field boundary recorded on the 1839 Bradninch tithe map but not on later Ordnance Survey historic maps. Fifteen of the groups appear to be associated with structures and paths of the former army camp recorded on an RAF aerial photograph taken in 1946. A further eleven groups are probably associated with the below-surface remains of the camp but cannot be characterised further. Six groups may be associated with the camp but other origins, such as ploughing disturbance or separate archaeological deposits, cannot be ruled out. Three groups do not appear to relate to

structures associated with the army camp and may have different archaeological origins. A cluster of ten anomaly groups have a north-south or east-west orientation which does not correspond with any of the army camp structures visible on the 1946 aerial photograph. It is possible that these anomaly groups relate to land drainage or an archaeological structure not recorded on the 1946 image.

2 Survey aims and objectives

2.1 Aims

To establish the presence or absence, extent and character of any archaeological features and deposits within the survey area.

2.2 Survey objectives

- 1. Complete a earth resistance survey across agreed parts of the survey area.
- 2. Identify any resistance anomalies that may be related to archaeological deposits, structures or artefacts.
- 3. Within the limits of the techniques and dataset, archaeologically characterise any such anomalies or patterns of anomalies.
- 4. Accurately record the location of the identified anomalies.
- 5. Produce a report based on the survey that is sufficiently detailed to inform any subsequent development on the survey area about the location and possible archaeological character of the recorded anomalies.

3 Methodology

The work was undertaken in accordance with the survey methodology statement (Dean, 2017).

The survey grid location information and grid plan were recorded as part of the project in a suitable GIS system (Table 3).

Data processing was undertaken using appropriate software (Table 3), with all anomalies being digitised and geo-referenced. The final report (this document) includes a graphical and textual account of the techniques undertaken, the data obtained and an archaeological interpretation of that data and conclusions about any likely archaeology.

4 Standards

The standards used to complete this survey are defined by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014a) and Historic England (2010). The codes of approved practice that were followed are those of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014b) and Archaeology Data Service (undated).

5 Site description

5.1 Landscape and land use

The survey area surrounded the cricket pitch as shown in Figure 2. The topography of the site is relatively flat and lies at approximately 80m AOD.

5.2 Geology

The bedrock across the site comprises breccia of the Permian Cadbury Breccia Formation. Generically these rocks are brown to reddish-brown unbedded to very roughly bedded breccia, consisting of angular to subrounded pebbles and cobbles of Culm Sandstone in a very poorly sorted gritty, clayey, sandy, silt. The clasts are mainly locally derived Culm Sandstone generally not exceeding 0.3m diameter; other clasts include vein quartz, chert and fossiliferous sandstone of Pilton Beds type (British Geological Survey, undated).

The superficial deposits for the site are not recorded in the source used (ibid).

6 Archaeological background

6.1 Historic landscape characterisation

'Modern enclosures'

Modern enclosures that have been created by adapting earlier fields of probable post-medieval date. These are likely to have been 'Barton Fields' which are relatively large, regular enclosures which are likely to have been laid out between C15th-C18th. Some curving boundaries may be following earlier divisions in the pre-existing medieval fields (Devon County Council, undated a).

6.2 Summary of archaeological background

The cricket ground is located where an American army temporary camp was constructed prior to the D-Day invasion of Normandy in World War 2. The camp was subsequently used as a POW camp for German soldiers. The Devon County Council Historic Environment Record (HER) entry for the site (HER ref. MDV 80418) describes that a military camp of Second World War date was visible on aerial photographs of 1946 as a series of Nissen Hut type structures and a smaller number of larger buildings arranged around the perimeter of a trapezoidal shaped field to the south-west of Kensham Avenue, Bradninch. The huts are connected by a number of tracks or footpaths. A larger structure in the northwest corner of the camp and a second larger structure between the body of the camp and the road probably have housed communal facilities, such as the mess and washhouse. Two open rectangular spaces on the north and northeast sides of the camp, closest to the road, might have been used for exercise. All structures have since been removed and no traces are visible.

Other recorded archaeology nearby includes a possible prehistoric ditch recorded during a trench evaluation immediately to the north (MDV 102417), while a curvilinear ditched enclosure of probable prehistoric to Roman date is visible on aerial photographs as a cropmark on the south-east facing slopes overlooking the Culm valley, approximately 600m to the southwest (MDV 39865).

7 Results, discussion and conclusions

7.1 Scope and definitions

This survey was designed to record resistance anomalies. A resistance anomaly is a local variation in the electrical resistance of a soil and is related to its porosity, permeability, saturation, and chemical nature of entrapped fluids (Heimmer and De Vore, 1995:30), all of which can be altered by past human activities. Higher concentrations of ions allow electrical current to pass more easily through the soil, creating a lower electrical resistance.

The terms 'archaeological deposit', 'structure' and 'feature' refer to any artefacts, material deposits or disturbance of natural deposits thought to be the result of human activity, excluding recent land maintenance and farming.

Resistance anomalies cannot be regarded as physical archaeological deposits, structures or features and the dimensions of the anomalies shown do not represent the dimensions of any associated archaeology. The anomalies express resistance properties of sub-surface deposits and bedrock that, as appropriate, can be interpreted as representing archaeological deposits and features.

The analysis presented below identifies and characterises anomalies and anomaly groups that may relate to archaeological deposits, structures and features.

The reader is referred to Section 8.

7.2 Results

Figure 2 shows the interpretation of the survey data. It includes the anomaly groups identified as possibly relating to archaeological deposits along with their identifying numbers. Table 1 is an extract of the detailed analysis of the survey data sourced from the attribute tables of the GIS project provided in the project archive. Figure 8 shows the interpretation of the survey data over an approximately georeferenced aerial photograph of the camp taken in 1946.

Figures 2 and Table 1 comprise the analysis of the survey data.

Figures 3 and 4 are plots of processed data as specified in Tables 3 and 4. Figures 5 to 7 are plots of the unprocessed data along with its metadata.

7.3 Discussion

7.3.1 General points

Discussion scope

Not all anomalies or anomaly groups identified in Table 1 are necessarily discussed below. All identified anomaly groups are recorded in the GIS project held the survey archive.

Data collection

The survey was conducted around the edges of the cricket pitch as shown in Figure 2. The survey area included some of the ground shown as being associated with the military huts recorded on an aerial photograph Royal Airforce, 1946).

Anomaly characterisation and mapping

There are a number of anomaly groups that could be interpreted as relating to large postholes or pits although most will have natural origins. Anomalies of this sort are only mapped as potential archaeology if they are clustered in groups or otherwise form recognisable patterns.

Anomalies thought to relate to natural features and modern man-made objects such as manholes, water management equipment, drains, cables and other services were only mapped where they comprised significant resistance responses across the dataset that needed clarification.

Data trends

Some of the parallel, linear trends visible in the data are likely to represent ploughing disturbance or similar cultivation traces of unknown periods. These are plotted in Figure 2.

7.3.2 Data relating to historic maps and other records

Resistance anomaly group **r23** coincides with and is likely to represent a former field boundary recorded on the 1839 Bradninch tithe map (Devon County Council, undated b) but not on later Ordnance Survey historic maps.

The anomaly groups recorded as 'likely' in Figure 2 and Table 1 correspond to features recorded on an aerial photograph taken in 1946 (Royal Airforce, 1946) and shown in Figure 8. Groups **r1**, **r6**, **r13**, **r14**, **r16**, **r19** and **r27**, and possibly **r26**, **r28**, **r42**, **r43** and **r45**, are most likely to represent the remains of former paths that crisscrossed the camp. Groups **r11**, **r27** and **r30** are most likely to be associated with former huts.

Groups r4, r5, r17, r20, r21, r22, r24, r25, r29, r31 and r44 are more likely than not associated with the camp paths, structures and infrastructure but have a less certain relationship than those anomalies listed above.

7.3.3 Data with no previous archaeological provenance

Resistance anomaly groups r2 and r3 may relate to a footpath associated with the army camp but may equally well relate to an earlier archaeological deposit.

Groups **r7**, **r8**, **r9** and **r10** lie outwith the area of structures shown the 1946 aerial photograph (Figure 8) but have a similar orientation to those more likely to be associated with the camp and may relate to the camp or cultivation traces or, indeed, have a different archaeological origin.

Groups r12, r15 and r18 do not appear to relate to structures associated with the army camp and may have different archaeological origins.

Groups **r32 to r41** have a north-south or east-west orientation which does not correspond with any of the army camp structures visible on the 1946 aerial photograph (Figure 8). It is possible that these anomaly groups relate to land drainage or a structure not recorded on the 1946 image.

7.4 Conclusions

The resistance responses across the survey area were sufficient to be able to differentiate between anomalies representing possible archaeological features and background resistance responses.

Forty-six resistance anomaly groups were mapped as representing possible archaeological deposits or features. One group (r23) is likely to represent a former field boundary recorded on the 1839 Bradninch tithe map but not on later Ordnance Survey historic maps. Fifteen of the groups appear to be associated with structures (r11, r27 and r30) and paths (r1, r6, r13, r14, r16, r19 and r27, and possibly r26, r28, r42, r43 and r45) of the former army camp recorded on an RAF aerial photograph taken in 1946. A further eleven groups are probably associated with the below-surface remains of the camp but cannot be characterised further (r4, r5, r17, r20, r21, r22, r24, r25, r29, r31 and r44). Six groups (r2, r3, r7, r8, r9, r10 and r46) may be associated with the camp but other origins, such as ploughing disturbance or separate archaeological deposits, cannot be ruled out. Three groups (r12, r15 and r18) do not appear to relate to structures associated with the army camp and may have different archaeological origins. A cluster of ten anomaly groups (r32 to r41) have a north-south or east-west orientation which does not correspond with any of the army camp structures visible on the 1946 aerial photograph. It is possible that these anomaly groups relate to land drainage or an archaeological structure not recorded on the 1946 image.

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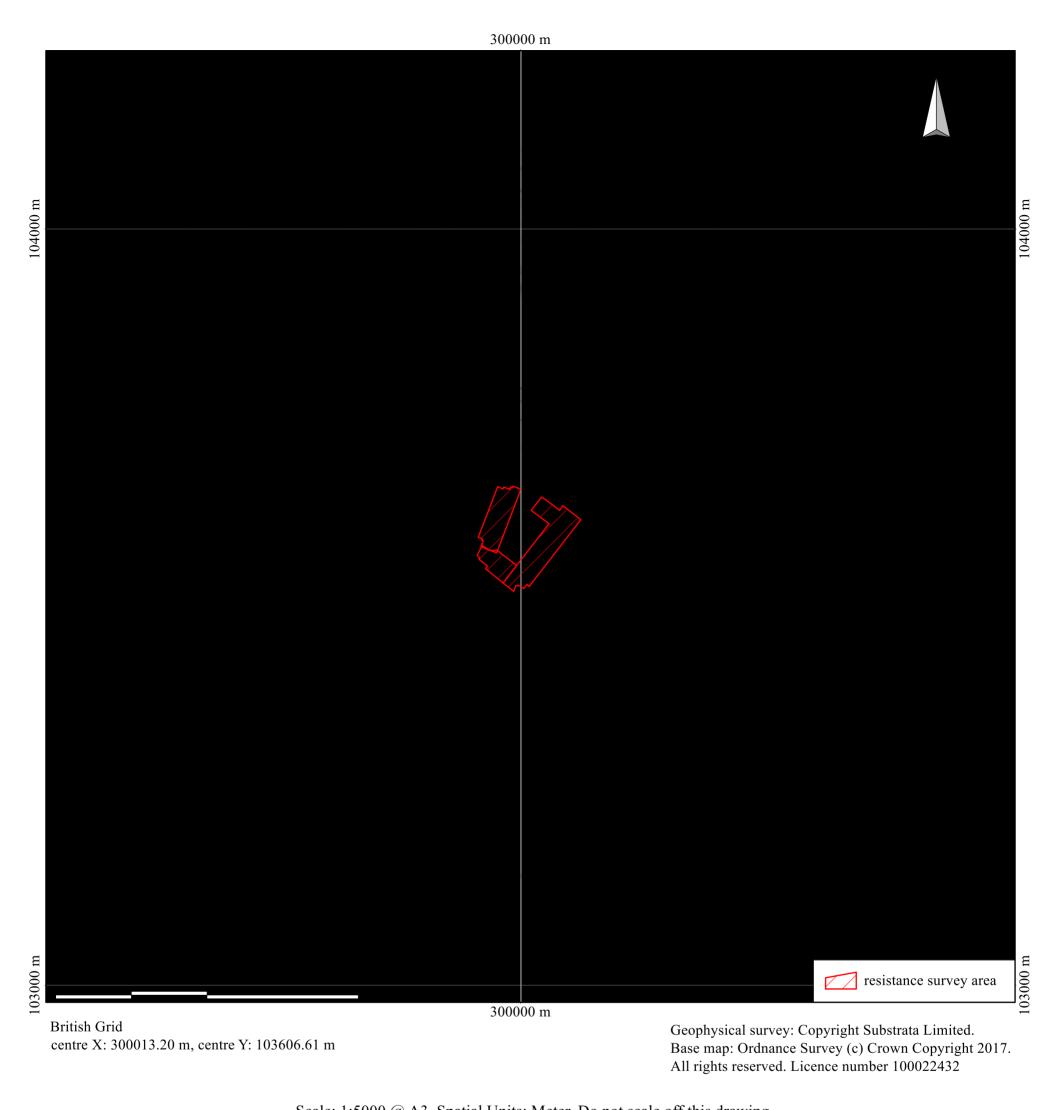
Royal Air Force (1946) RAF/CPE/UK/1823 RS, RAF/CPE/UK/1995 RS 4043-4044 04-NOV-1946 (Aerial Photograph)

Appendix 1 Figures

General Guidance

The anomalies represented in the survey plots provided in this appendix are resistance anomalies. The apparent size of such anomalies and anomaly patterns are unlikely to correspond exactly with the dimensions of any associated archaeological features.

A rough rule for interpreting resistance anomalies is that if an x-y trace is drawn of the resistance over an anomaly, then the width of an anomaly at half its maximum height is equal to the width of the buried feature. Caution must be applied when using this rule as it depends on the anomalies being clearly identifiable and distinct from adjacent anomalies and it should be noted that the relationship between change in resistance response and depth is not linear (Gaffney and Gater, 2003: 112).



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Figure 1: location map

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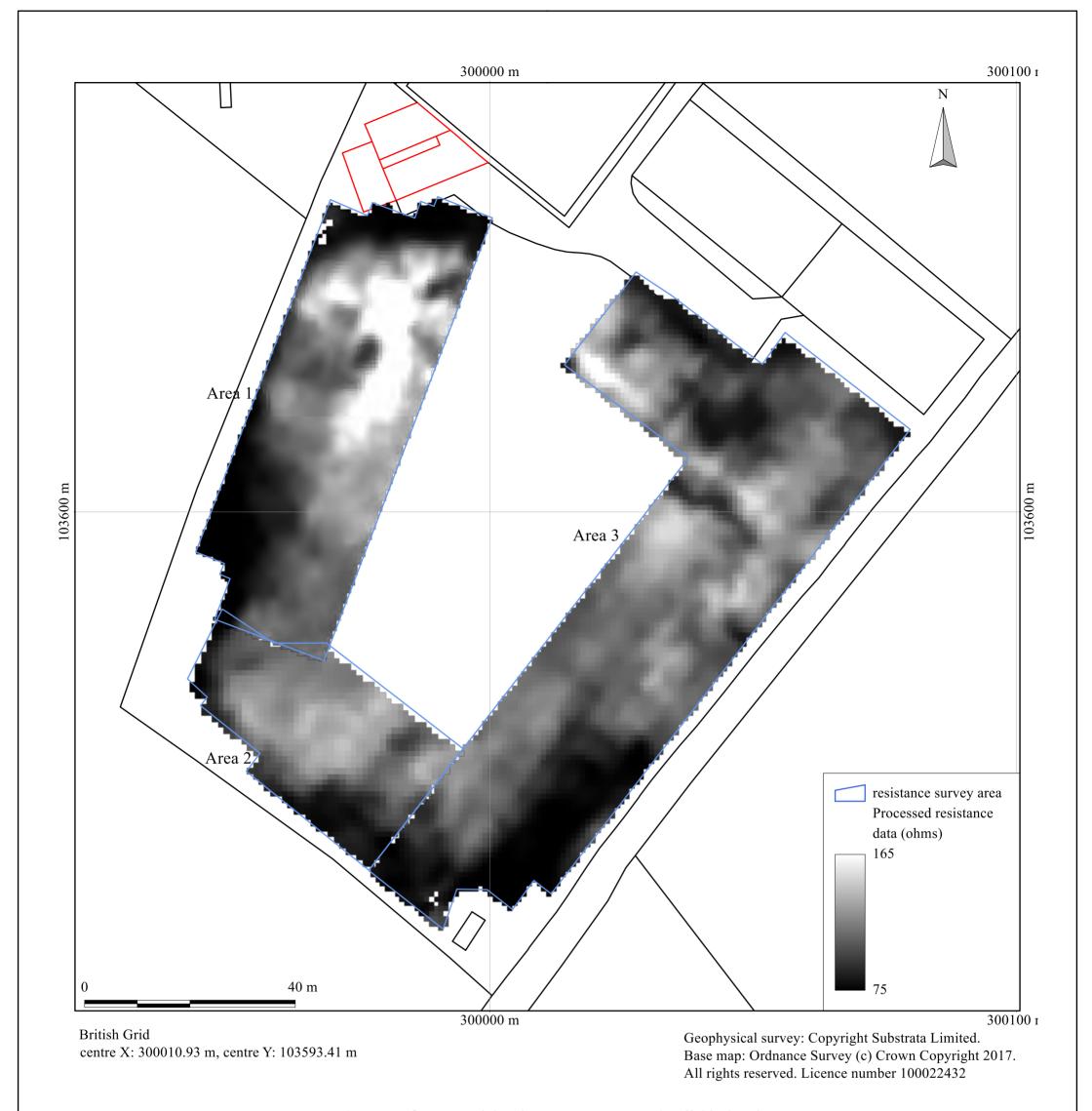
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Figure 2: survey interpretation

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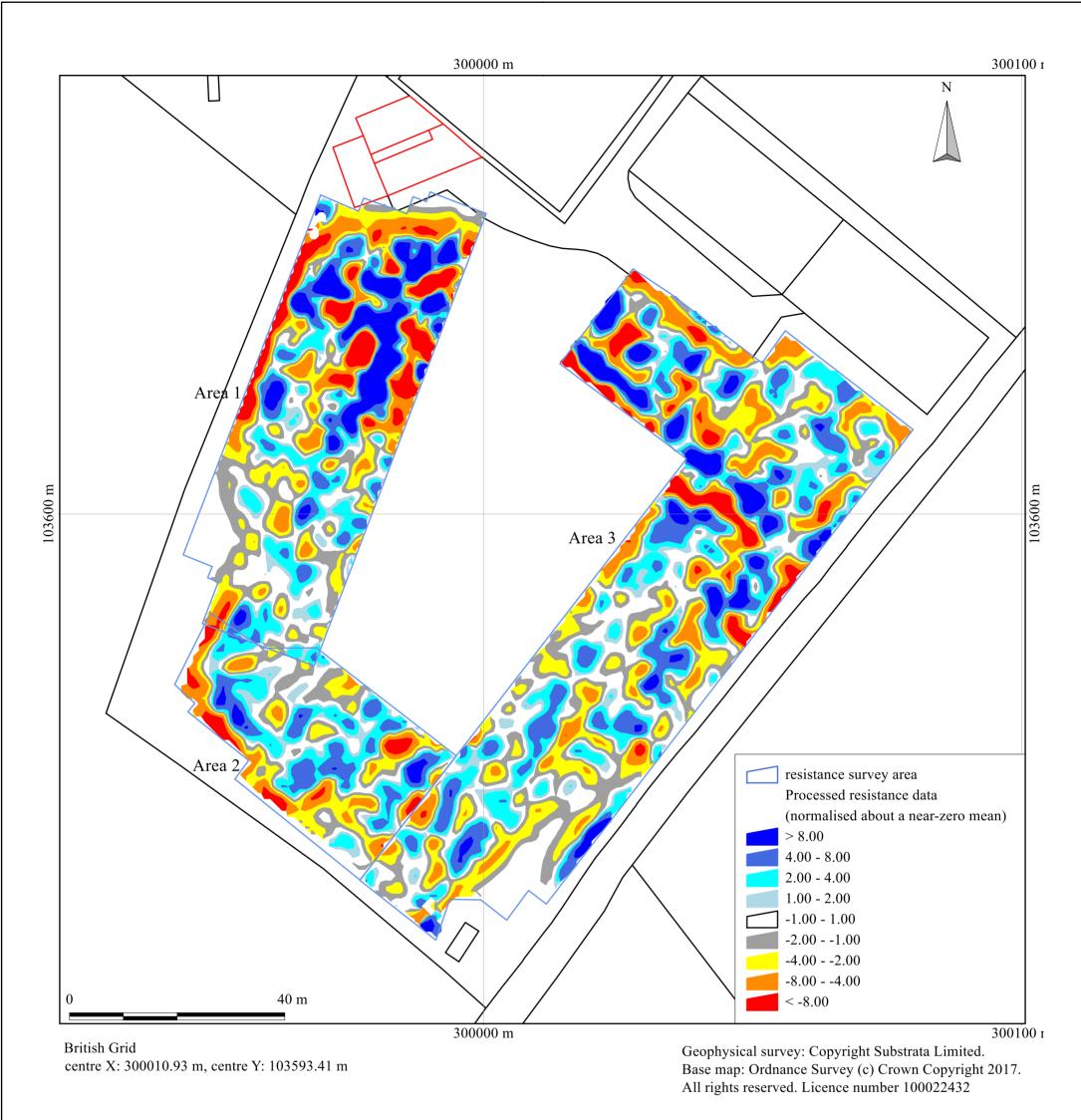
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Figure 3: shade plot of processed resistance data

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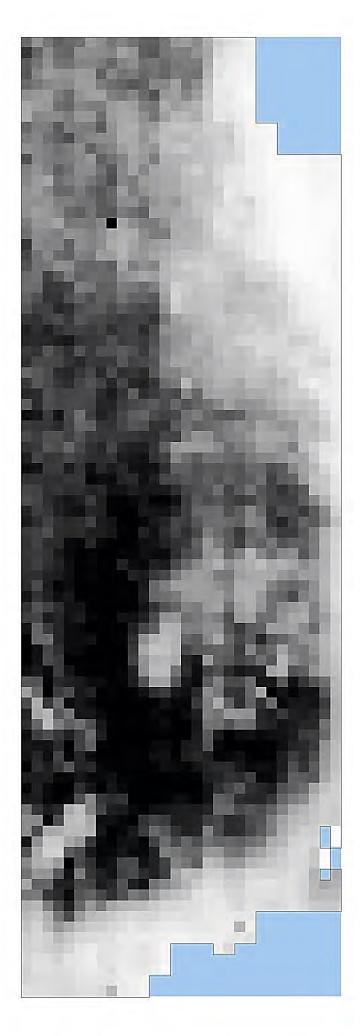
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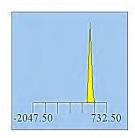
Figure 4: contour plot of processed resistance data

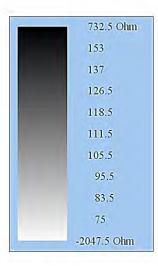
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GeoScan (Resistance)

Instrument Type: Units: Ohm Direction of 1st Traverse: 201 deg Collection Method: ZigZag

Sensors: Dummy Value: 2047.5

Dimensions Grid Size:

 $30 \, \mathrm{m} \, \mathrm{x} \, 30 \, \mathrm{m}$ X Interval: $1 \mathrm{m}$ Y Interval: 1 m

Stats

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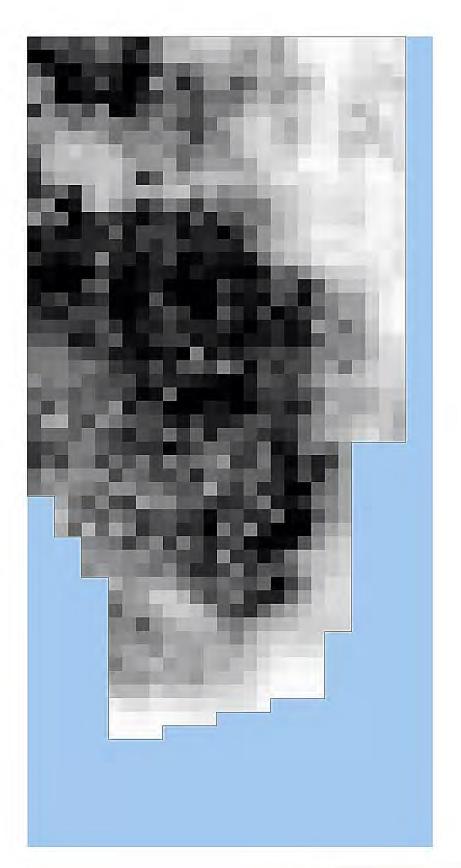
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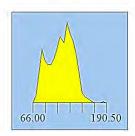
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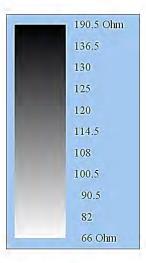
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Figure 5: shade plot of unprocessed resistance data, Area 1









Instrument Type: Units: GeoScan (Resistance)

Ohm Direction of 1st Traverse: 128 deg Collection Method: ZigZag

Sensors: Dummy Value: 2047.5

Dimensions Grid Size: $30 \text{ m} \times 30 \text{ m}$ X Interval: $1 \, \mathrm{m}$ Y Interval: 1 m

Stats 190.50 Max: 66.00 Min: Std Dev: 21.02 Mean: 112.91 115.00 Median: 0.1238 ha Surveyed Area:

PROGRAM

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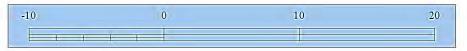
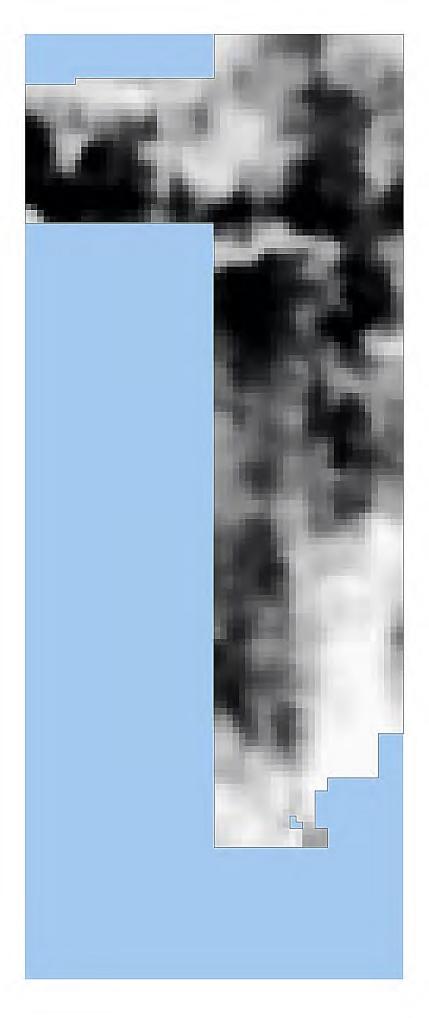
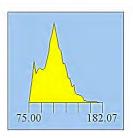
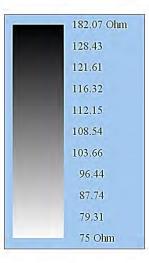


Figure 6: shade plot of unprocessed resistance data, Area 2









GeoScan (Resistance)

Instrument Type: Units: Ohm Direction of 1st Traverse: 38 deg Collection Method: ZigZag

Sensors: Dummy Value:

2047.5

Dimensions Grid Size:

 $30\,\mathrm{m}\,\mathrm{x}\,30\,\mathrm{m}$

X Interval: $1 \mathrm{m}$ Y Interval: 1 m Stats

182.07 Max: 75.00 Min: Std Dev: 19.44 Mean: 107.96 109.36 Median: 0.4377 ha

Surveyed Area: PROGRAM

Name: TerraSurveyor Version: 3.0.33.6

Processes: 1 1 Base Layer



Figure 7: shade plot of unprocessed resistance data, Area 3

300000 m



British Grid centre X: 300010.93 m, centre Y: 103593.41 m

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Figure 8: survey interpretation over an approximately georeferenced aerial photograph (Royal Air Force, 1946, RAF/CPE/UK/1823 RS, RAF/CPE/UK/1995 RS 4043-4044 04-NOV-1946)

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Appendix 2 Tables

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anomaly	associated	anomaly characterisation	anomaly form	additional archaeological	comments	supporting evidence
group	anomalies	certainty & class		characterisation		
r1		likely, low	linear	former path	anomaly group coincides with a footpath recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r2		possible, low	curvilinear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace		
r3		possible, high	curvilinear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace		
r4		possible, high	linear			
r5		possible, high	linear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace	anomaly group approximately coincides with a broad linear recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r6		likely, low	disrupted linear	former path	anomaly group coincides with a footpath recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r7		possible, low	linear			
r8		possible, low	oval	surface, filled pit or natural hollow		
r9		possible, low	linear			
r10		possible, low	linear			
r11		likely, low	linear		anomaly group approximately coincides with a broad linear recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r12		possible, low	curvilinear		anomaly group has an unusual form for the dataset and may relate to a different phase of	
		,			archaeological deposition from the military camp	
r13	r14	likely, low	disrupted return	former path	anomaly group coincides with a footpath recorded on an aerial photograph	1
	r13	likely, high	disrupted return	former path	anomaly group coincides with a footpath recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r15		possible, low	linear		* · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
r16		likely, low	linear	former path	anomaly group coincides with a footpath recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r17		possible, low	linear	archaeological deposit or former field boundary ditch	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	
r18		possible, high	linear			
r19		likely, low	disrupted linear	former path	anomaly group coincides with a footpath recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r20		possible, low	linear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace	anomaly group approximately coincides with a broad linear recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r21		possible, high	linear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace	anomaly group approximately coincides with a linear recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r22		possible, low	linear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace	anomaly group approximately coincides with a linear recorded on an aerial photograph	11
r23		likely, low	linear	field boundary	anomaly group approximately coincides with a field boundary recorded on the tithe map but not	1839 Bradninch tithe map
					on later historical maps	
r24		possible, high	return			
r25		possible, high	irregular	surface, filled pit or natural hollow		
r26		possible, low	linear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace		
r27		likely, high	linear		anomaly group approximately coincides with a linear recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r28		possible, high	linear			
r29		possible, low	linear			
r30		likely, low	linear		anomaly group approximately coincides with a linear recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r31		possible, low	linear			
	r33 r34 r35 r36 r37 r38 r39 r40 r41	possible, high	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
	r32 r34 r35 r36 r37 r38 r39 r40 r41	possible, low	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
	r32 r33 r35 r36 r37 r38 r39 r40 r41	possible, low	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
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	r32 r33 r34 r35 r37 r38 r39 r40 r41	possible, high	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
	r32 r33 r34 r35 r36 r38 r39 r40 r41	possible, high	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
	r32 r33 r34 r35 r36 r37 r39 r40 r41	possible, high	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
	r32 r33 r34 r35 r36 r37 r38 r40 r41	possible, low	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
	r32 r33 r34 r35 r36 r37 r38 r39 r41	possible, low	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
	r32 r33 r34 r35 r36 r37 r38 r39 r40	possible, low	linear	foundation footings? localised field drainage?	anomaly group is part of a cluster which have a N-S or E-W orientation	
r42		possible, high	linear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace		
r43		possible, low	linear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace	anomaly group coincides with a straight edge recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r44		possible, low	linear	archaeological deposit or cultivation trace		
r45		likely, low	linear		anomaly group approximately coincides with a linear recorded on an aerial photograph	1
r46		possible, high	oval	surface, filled pit or natural hollow		

Table 1: data analysis

^{1:} Royal Air Force, 1946, RAF/CPE/UK/1823 RS, RAF/CPE/UK/1995 RS 4043-4044 04-NOV-1946 (Aerial Photograph). SDV356902, HER MDV80418

Documents

Survey method statement: Dean (2017)

Methodology

- 1. The work was undertaken in accordance with the survey methodology statement. The geophysical survey was undertaken with reference to standard guidance provided by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014) and Archaeology Data Service/Digital Antiquity Guides (undated).
- 2. The survey grid location information and grid plan was recorded as part of the project in a suitable GIS system.
- 3. Data processing was undertaken using appropriate software, with all anomalies being digitised and geo-referenced. The final report included a graphical and textual account of the techniques undertaken, the data obtained and an archaeological interpretation of that data and conclusions about any likely archaeology.

Grid

Method of Fixing: DGPS set-out using pre-planned survey grids and Ordnance Survey coordinates.

Composition: 30m by 30m grids

Recording: Geo-referenced and recorded using digital map tiles.

DGPS used: Spectra Precision PM5V2 GPS with external antenna and survey pole and DigiTerra Explorer 7 as the survey control program.

Resistance Equipment

Instrument: Geoscan Research RM15 multi-

probe resistance meter

Configuration: twin probe

Mobile probe spacing: 0.5-metres

Resistance Data Capture

Sample Interval: 1 metre Traverse Interval: 1 metre

Data capture: automatic data logger

Traverse Method: zigzag Traverse Orientation:

area 1: GN201 area 2: GN128

area 3: GN38 and GN308

Data Processing, Analysis and Presentation Software

OCAD Professional 3

DW Consulting TerraSurveyor3

Manifold System 8 GIS

Microsoft Corp. Office Excel

Microsoft Corp. Office Publisher

Adobe Systems Inc Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro Extended

Table 2: methodology summary

SITE Instrument Type: Geoscan Research RM15 resistance data (ohms) Units: Direction of 1st Traverse: varies - see Table 2 Collection Method: ZigZag 2 @ 1.00 m spacing. Sensors:

32702 Dummy Value:

PROGRAM

TerraSurveyor Name: 3.0.33.6 Version:

Area 1

Stats

Max: 220.37 Min: 75.00 Std Dev: 30.82 116.83 Mean: 113.04 Median: 0.2507 ha Surveyed Area:

Processes: 1 Base Layer

2 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 3 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3

4 Clip from 75.00 to 230.00 Ohm

5 Low pass Gaussian filter: Window: 3 x 3

Area 2

145.54 Max: Min: 75.00 Std Dev: 19.14 Mean: 112.65 Median: 116.34 Surveyed Area: 0.1238 ha

Processes: 1 Base Layer

2 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 3 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 4 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 5 Clip from 75.00 to 230.00 Ohm

6 Low pass Gaussian filter: Window: 3 x 3

Area 3

Max: 182.07 Min: 75.00 Std Dev: 19.44 Mean: 107.96 Median: 109.36 Surveyed Area: 0.4377 ha

Processes: 1 Base Layer

2 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 3 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 4 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3

5 Clip from 75.00 to 230.00 Ohm

6 Low pass Gaussian filter: Window: 3 x 3

Table 3: processed data metadata for Figure 3

SITE

Instrument Type: Geoscan Research RM15

resistance data (ohms) normalised about a near-zero mean Units:

Direction of 1st Traverse: 270 deg Collection Method: ZigZag

2 @ 1.00 m spacing. Sensors:

32702 Dummy Value:

PROGRAM

Name: TerraSurveyor Version: 3.0.33.6

Area 1

Stats

Max: 34.51 Min: -36.04 Std Dev: 7.67 -0.43Mean: Median: -0.64Surveyed Area: 0.2507 ha

Processes: 1 Base Layer

2 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3

Clip from 75.00 to 230.00 Ohm

High pass Gaussian filter: Window: 10 x 10 6 Low pass Gaussian filter: Window: 3 x 3

Area 2

13.86 Max: Min: -14.60Std Dev: 4.69 -0.51Mean: -0.35 Median: Surveyed Area: 0.1238 ha

Processes: 1 Base Layer

2 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 3 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 4 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 5 Clip from 75.00 to 230.00 Ohm

6 High pass Gaussian filter: Window: 10 x 10 7 Low pass Gaussian filter: Window: 3 x 3

Area 3

28.15 Max: Min: -46.11 Std Dev: 5.49 Mean: -0.17Median: -0.33Surveyed Area: 0.4377 ha

Processes: 1 Base Layer

2 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 3 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3 4 Despike Threshold: 1 Window size: 3x3

5 Clip from 75.00 to 230.00 Ohm

6 High pass Gaussian filter: Window: 10 x 10 Low pass Gaussian filter: Window: 3 x 3

Table 4: processed data metadata for Figure 4