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Location:	Land south of Norwich Road, Wymondham, Norfolk
District:	South Norfolk
Planning Ref.:	Pre application
Grid Ref.:	TG 1282 0271
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Summary

An archaeological evaluation was conducted by NPS Archaeology on behalf of Persimmon Homes Ltd (Anglia Region) in June 2011 ahead of an application for planning permission to develop the site for residential purposes. A total of 86 trial trenches were excavated; eighteen of the trenches produced archaeological features and deposits - a range of discrete and linear features - however the vast majority of the features and deposits were undatable due to the lack of artefacts and limited stratigraphic information.

The site's location offered the opportunity to study landscape development of a former common with potential common-edge settlement on the boulder clay plateau (a broad upland spanning the north to south watershed in this area).

Ten unstratified worked flints of Early Neolithic date were recovered. Although these flints came from an unstratified topsoil context they contribute to the understanding of the location and nature of prehistoric activity of the area surrounding Wymondham in South Norfolk.

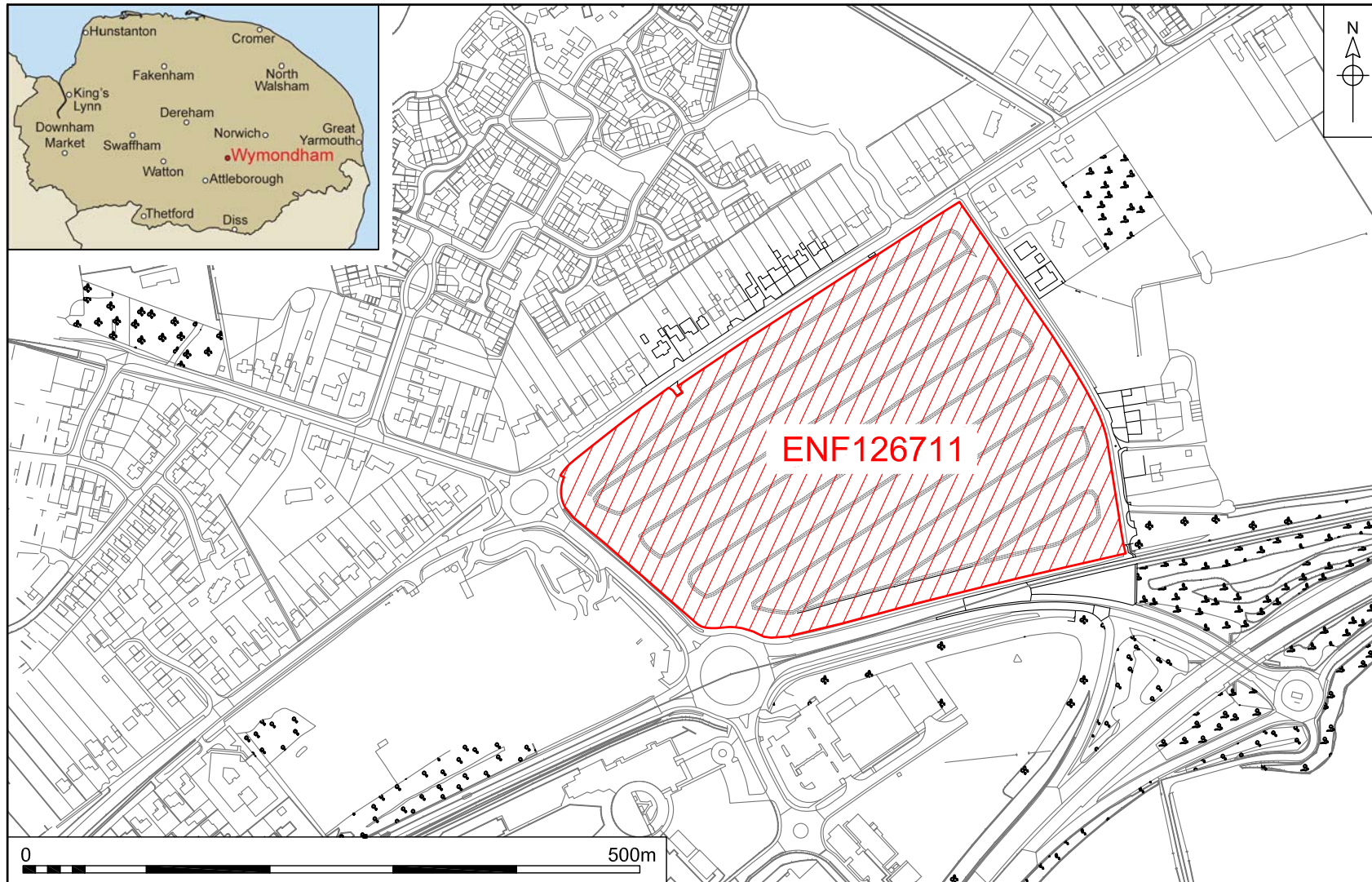
Three potential fire-pits were excavated; although the use or function of these pits remains unclear, important parallels can be drawn from other excavated sites along the upper slopes of the Yare valley.

Although, the ditches examined were on the whole undated, similarities of ditch alignment can be drawn from an excavated site to the north of the site which may indicate a pre-medieval landscape. This evidence would also add to the understanding of the reorganisation of a post-Roman rural landscape into larger open fields.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

A proposal to construct new houses and access routes on land south of Norwich Road in the south Norfolk town of Wymondham (Fig. 1) by Persimmon Homes Ltd (Anglia Region) resulted in Norfolk Historic Environment Service stipulating that a programme of archaeological works be undertaken prior to submission of the formal application for planning permission in accordance with the guidelines set out in *Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment* (Department for Communities and Local Government 2010).

NPS Archaeology were commissioned by Persimmon Homes Ltd (Anglia Region) to undertake an archaeological evaluation of the site in order to assess the likely



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Figure 1. Site location. Scale 1:5000

impact upon any surviving archaeological deposits and therefore allow an informed decision to be made regarding possible mitigation strategies.

The proposed development consists of new housing and associated roads which cover an area of approximately 9.6ha. At present the proposed development area covers one arable field which lies between the B1172 and B1135 and is bounded by mature trees, hedges and ditches

The evaluation was conducted in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation prepared by NPS Archaeology (Ref. NAU/NP/BAU2757) for undertaking a scheme of archaeological works to support the proposals through to a planning application.

This work was commissioned and funded by Persimmon Homes Ltd (Anglia Region).

The site archive is currently held by NPS Archaeology and on completion of the project will be deposited with the Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service (NMAS), following the relevant policies on archiving standards.

2.0 GEOLOGY AND TOPOGRAPHY

The underlying geology is one of boulder clay (Geological Survey of Great Britain (England and Wales), Sheet 161, 1:50,000 series, Norwich). The site's specific natural substratum observed consisted of firm orange clay sand with gravelly and chalk flecked patches, also present was sand and gravel (Gailey 2007). The topsoil was mid brown clayey loam which had an average depth ranging between 0.30m to 0.40m.

The site was located on a gentle rising slope from north-west to south-east from roughly 45m OD to 47m OD. It had been used for arable farming until relatively recently.

3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Archaeological and Historical Background to the site has recently been appraised in the Archaeological and Historical Background section in the evaluation report for land north of Norwich Road, Wymondham, Norfolk (Crawley 2011) and is replicated here.

Prehistoric to Roman

Numerous prehistoric worked flints have been found around the area of the development which appear to be dominated by flints of Neolithic and Bronze Age date. To the north-west of the site, a number of Neolithic and Bronze Age flint scrapers and flakes were found in 1979 (NHER 18264). Also to the north of the site a Neolithic flint axehead and core were found during fieldwalking in 1986 (NHER 22754). In the same general area fieldwalking in 1985 recovered other worked flints (NHERs 21587 and 21587). NHER 21589 also to the north of the site, records the position of a Neolithic scraper. Further fieldwalking in 1986 recovered worked flints of a general prehistoric date (NHER 22870). Just to the west of the site evidence of a Neolithic or Bronze Age flint working site (NHER 33779) and other multi-period finds was found where the Police headquarters has been constructed. Metal detecting to the east of the proposed development site in 2005 found a Late Bronze Age tanged punch. A flint hammer stone was found

whilst field-walking and recorded as NHER 22752 and what has been described as a Bronze Age chisel has been recorded as NHER 29286. Fieldwalking in advance of the development of this area recovered a concentration of prehistoric pot boilers and worked flints. An evaluation which followed in 1995 located a small pit (NHER 30872) containing burnt flint, charcoal and sherds of Middle Bronze Age pottery. In the same general area field walking and metal detecting in 1993 and 1996 also recovered prehistoric pot boilers (NHER 30068).

Arguably the most relevant record to the current project is NHER 19725 which consists of a linear cropmark observed on aerial photographs, thought to represent a Roman Road interpreted as running between the Roman settlements of *Venta Icenorum* (at Caistor St Edmund) and Watton where the feature joins a second Roman road. The road has been traced along field and parish boundaries and Roman pottery has been found along its route. To the east of the site metal detecting in 1993 recovered a 2nd-century Roman coin (NHER 30070) and in 2005 to the east another coin was unearthed (NHER 43109). To the south of the site two Roman pottery sherds were also found (NHER 28410)

Several other Roman finds have been found around the area including Roman brooches at NHERs 15765, 31300, and 31270; Roman coins at NHERs 30069 and 33080; Roman greyware sherds and a Roman pestle fragment at NHER 36988.

Saxon to Medieval

For the immediate vicinity of the site there seems to be less activity in the Saxon to medieval periods. To the north of the current site a sherd of unglazed 13th century pot was found whilst fieldwalking in 1985 (NHER 21588). Other medieval sherds (including one sherd Westerwald stoneware) were found at NHER 18264 in 1982.

In the same general area NHER 31269 records metal detector finds in 1993. They included a late medieval circular buckle, medieval bronze strap-end buckle, lead disc incised with radiating lines and with one pierced hole near the edge and one in the centre, a cut farthing of Henry III and a penny of Edward I/II. Five brooches were also present. Medieval pot sherds (NHER 22827) were found to the south of the site closer to the A11 bypass. Around the same general area four medieval coins, a Nuremburg jetton, a medieval lead pot mend, a medieval box, an annular brooch, a medieval ring, a vessel and two strap fittings were recorded as NHER 31270 (along with finds of other periods). The adjacent field to the south-west of the site was fieldwalked in 1986 and metal detected in 2006, where a medieval potsherd, thimble and a strap end were found (NHER 22752). To the east of the site also situated along Norwich Common Road, NHER 29286 records the finding of a medieval spur fragment. Medieval coins and metal objects (NHER 33081) were unearthed to the west of the site along with other post-medieval finds. Also to the west, medieval coins and metal objects were found (NHER 33080). To the north-west of the site metal detecting in 1996 revealed a Late Saxon cheek piece, four sherds of medieval pottery, two early post-medieval buckles and medieval coins including one of Henry I along with 15th and 16th Century belt mounts (NHER 36988).

Post-medieval to Modern

There have been many post-medieval finds found in the vicinity of the site, though few have little bearing on the interpretation of the area. To the south, metal

detecting in 1992 recovered a post-medieval lead cloth seal (NHER 29287). To the east NHER 9451 records the tree known as Kett's Oak reputed to be the tree where Robert Kett addressed rebels in 1549. Ordnance Survey maps suggest that the tree was in fact where rebels had been hanged. The original 'Kett's Oak of Reformation' was shown to be near the site of St Leonards Priory on Gas Hill in Norwich. Legend states that it was so large that its roots reach to Norwich in one direction and Wymondham on the other.

Cartographic work has also suggested that a post-medieval windmill was located on the south side of the Norwich Common Road. A map of 1797 shows a windmill standing in the middle of Wymondham Common. A sherd of post-medieval glazed red earthenware was recovered from the stripped surface of the by-pass (the new A11) (NHERs 22826 and 22825).

Several historic buildings lay along the line of Norwich Common Road, though only a few lay close to the site and are relevant. Along the road to the east, a 19th-century brick farmhouse was recorded as NHER 40319 and a detailed building survey was carried out during demolition in 2004. The farmhouse is thought to have dated from 1806 and during demolition no evidence was observed to suggest that it had encased an earlier structure. In the same general area, NHER 9455 records the position of Downham Grove House. The house dates to the 17th or 18th century and had an 18th-century south-east façade. There is a Gothic extension of 1840 and the house sits near a rectangular water-filled feature. The house is thought to have originally been a late medieval moated farmstead or manorial complex. To the west of the site, post-medieval coins and metal objects (NHER 33080) were found.

A World War Two aircraft crash site is recorded as NHER 33779 on the site of the new police headquarters to the west of the development. NHER 30872 to the south of the site also records the position of the crash site of a German aircraft during World War Two.

4.0 METHODOLOGY

The objective of this evaluation was to determine as far as reasonably possible the presence or absence, location, nature, extent, date, quality, condition and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits within the development area.

The Brief required that a 5% sample of the development area of 9.6ha be investigated to assess the archaeological potential of the site and establish whether archaeological features and deposits, if present, would be able to be preserved *in situ*. The excavated sample amounted to 86 trenches each measuring 30m by 2.20m (Fig. 2).

Machine excavation was carried out with a hydraulic 360° excavator using a toothless ditching bucket under constant archaeological supervision. All machining was carried in 100mm to 150mm spits until archaeological significant deposits or natural soil horizons were encountered.

Spoil, exposed surfaces and features were scanned with a metal-detector. All metal-detected and hand-collected finds, other than those which were obviously modern, were retained for inspection.

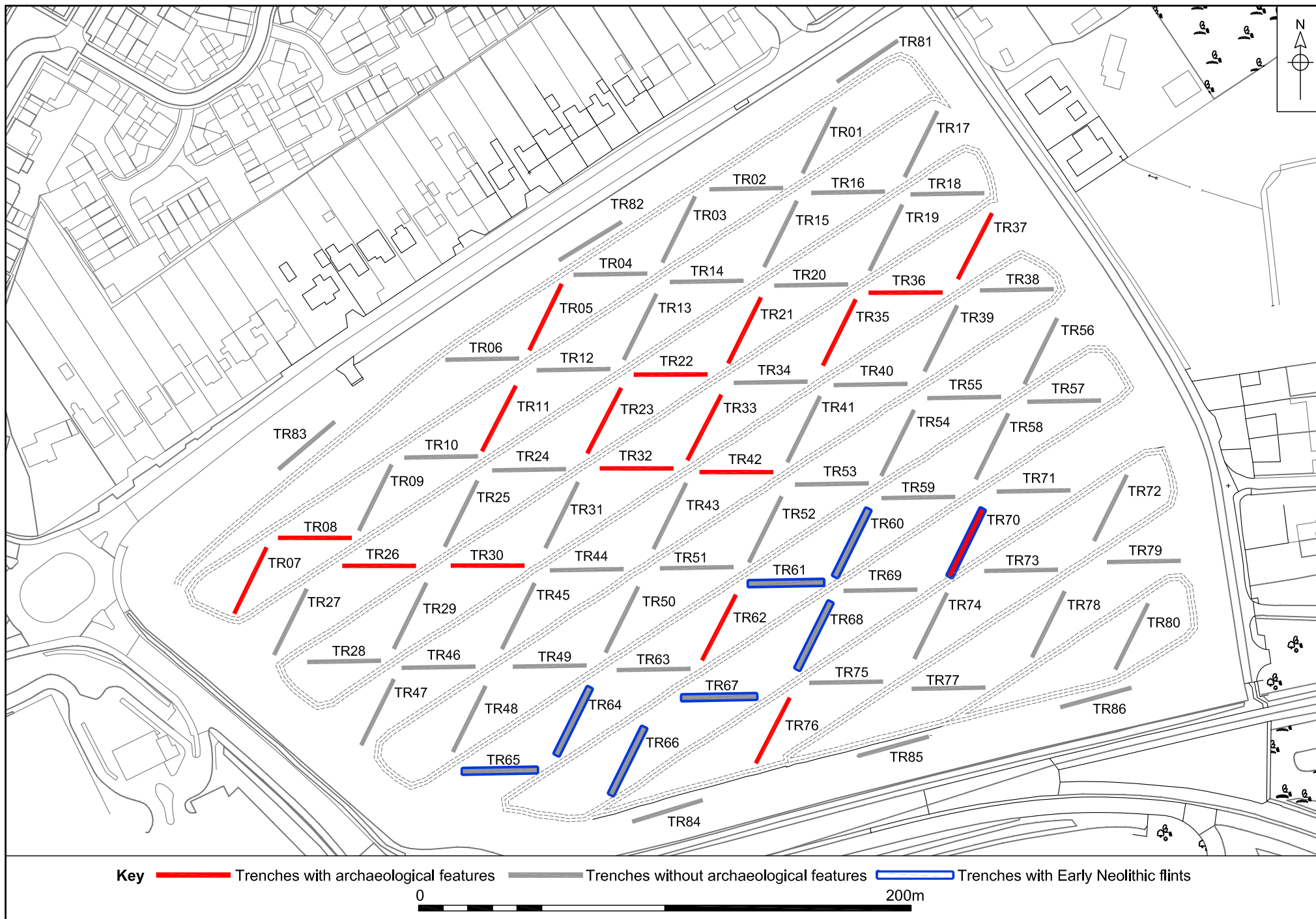


Figure 2. Location of trenches. Scale 1:2000

A total of six environmental samples were taken from contexts [29], [32], [35], [36], [39] and [49] (Samples <1>-<6> respectively) for plant macrofossil analysis.

All archaeological features and deposits were recorded using NPS Archaeology pro forma. Trench locations, plans and sections were recorded at appropriate scales. Monochrome and digital photographs were taken of all relevant features and deposits where appropriate.


All trenches were located using a Leica GPS9000 surveying system with temporary benchmarks being positioned at the ends of the trench. The temporary benchmarks ranged between 45.35m OD to 47.44m OD.


The site conditions were good, with the work taking place in fine weather.

5.0 RESULTS


Archaeological features, deposits and naturally-formed features were recorded in eighteen of the trenches (Trenches 5, 7, 8, 11, 21, 22, 23, 26, 30, 32, 33, 35-37, 42, 62, 70 and 76). The modern plough soil was on average between 0.30m to 0.40m deep and was a dark brown clayey loam with variable flint gravel. No subsoil was present throughout the field. Because of the very shallow topsoil, truncation of the archaeological features and deposit was evident and plough scars were seen in several of the trenches.


Results are tabulated below in Trench number order.

Trench 1							
 <p>Trench 1, looking south-west</p>			Fig. 2				
			Location				
			Orientation		North-east – south-west		
			North-east End		TG 12885.891, 02847.363		
			South west End		TG 12872.602, 02820.426		
			Dimensions				
			Length		30m		
			Width		2.2m		
			Average Depth		0.32m		
			Levels				
North-east End Top		46.666m OD					
South-west End Top		46.711m OD					
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL			
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.32m	0–0.32m			
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.32m			
60	Unstratified finds	Two struck flint recovered from the spoil	-	-			
Discussion							
<p>This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits.</p> <p>Recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting (60) were two struck flints dated to the Early Neolithic period. The struck flint comprised of a double side end scraper and a side scraper. The double side end scraper had abrupt retouch around both lateral edges and the distal end of the blade-like uncorticated flake and the side scraper had abrupt retouch to one lateral edge of a blade-like tertiary flake.</p>							


Trench 2				
 <p>Trench 2, looking west</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12864.776, 02814.542	
		West End	TG 12834.771, 02814.011	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.35m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.667m OD			
West End Top	46.298m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m
61	Unstratified finds	Struck flint and lead	-	-
Discussion				
<p>This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits.</p> <p>Severe plough scars seen throughout the trench suggesting heavy truncation by modern ploughing.</p> <p>Two unstratified finds (flint and lead) [61] were recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting of this trench. The struck flint has been dated to the Early Neolithic period and comprised a small blade-like debitage flake and possibly represent trimming or mis-hits from blade cores. The fragment of lead was undiagnostic.</p>				

Trench 3

 <p>Trench 3, looking south-west</p>					Fig. 2	
					Location	
					Orientation	North-east – south-west
					North-east End	TG 12828.964, 02811.200
					South-west End	TG 12815.664, 02784.299
					Dimensions	
					Length	30m
					Width	2.2m
					Average Depth	0.40m
					Levels	
North-east End Top	46.266m OD					
South-west End Top	46.388 m OD					
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL		
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.40m	0–0.40m		
2	Natural	Sand and gravel with patches of chalky till	-	0.40m		
Discussion						
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.						

Trench 4				
 <p style="text-align: center;">Trench 4, looking east</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12809.592, 02779.831
			West End	TG 12779.589, 02779.303
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Average Depth	0.38m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.433m OD			
West End Top	46.506m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.38m	0-0.38m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel		0.38m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 5

 <p>Trench 5, looking north-east</p>	Figs 2 and 3	
	Location	
	Orientation	North-east – south-west
	North-east End	TG 12774.727, 02775.738
	South-west End	TG 12761.455, 02748.833
	Dimensions	
	Length	30m
	Width	2.2m
	Depth	0.30m
	Levels	
North-east End Top	46.510m OD	
South west End Top	46.324m OD	

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.30m
15	?Post hole	Circular in plan	0.05m	0.30m-0.35m
16	Fill of [15]	Mid brown clayey sand	0.05m	0.30m-0.35m
17	Pit/tree hole	Sub-circular pit or tree hole	0.08m	0.30m-0.38m
18	Fill of [17]	Mid brown clayey sand	0.08m	0.30m-0.38m
19	Pit/tree hole	Irregular pit or tree hole	0.40m	0.30m-0.70m
20	Fill of [19]	Mid greyish brown sandy clay	0.40m	0.30m-0.70m
21	?Post hole	Circular in plan	0.18m	0.30m-0.48m
22	Fill of [21]	Dark greyish brown sandy clay	0.18m	0.30m-0.48m
62	Unstratified finds	Lead cloth seal	-	-

Discussion

Trench 5

A total of four undated features ([15], [17], [19] and [21]) were excavated however it should be noted that the topsoil horizon in this trench was very shallow and truncation by modern ploughing was very apparent.

The two potential post-holes [15] and [21] were located in the north-western and south-eastern ends of the trench.

?Post-hole [21] was the more convincing of the two measuring 0.18m in depth.

Post-hole [15] was very shallow measuring 0.05m deep and was located to the east of feature [17].

Feature [17] was partially excavated and has been tentatively interpreted as a pit or tree hole with the latter interpretation being the most likely.

To the north-west of features [15] and [17] was amorphous feature [19]; as with [17] this feature is also likely to represent a tree hole as opposed to a deliberately dug feature. On excavation it was shown to have irregular edges and was 0.40m deep.

One lead cloth seal [62] dating to the post-medieval period [62] was recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting of this trench.

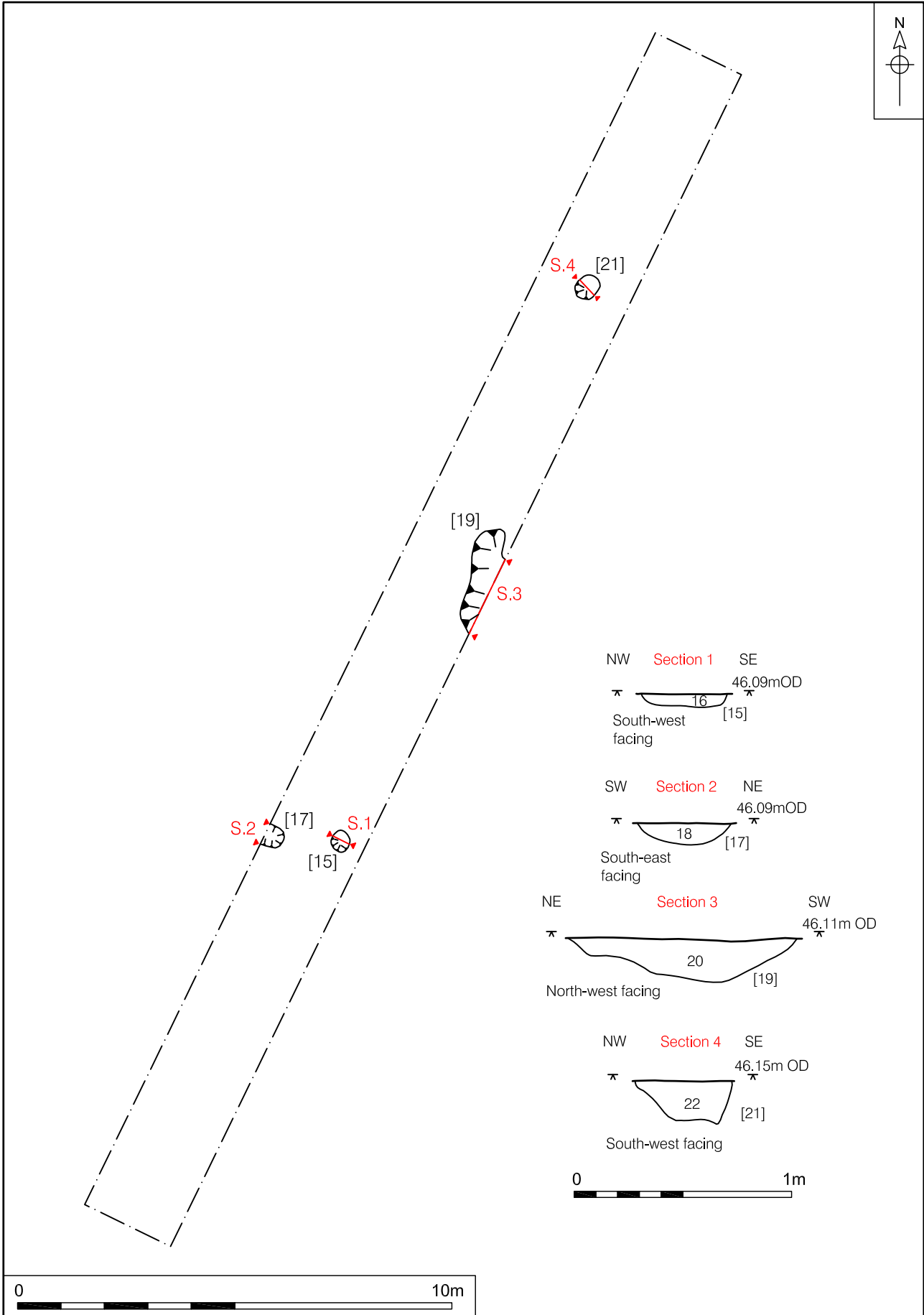




Figure 3. Trench 5, plan and sections. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 6				
 <p>Trench 6, looking west</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12757.554, 02745.374
			West End	TG 12727.557, 02744.845
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.30m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.358m OD			
West End Top	46.253m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30	0-0.30m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel		0.30m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds				

Trench 7				
 <p>Trench 7, looking north-east</p>			Figs 2 and 4	
			Location	
			Orientation	North-east – south-west
			North-east End	TG 12655.158, 02668.796
			South-west End	TG 12641.857, 02641.870
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.35m
			Levels	
North-east End Top	45.466m OD			
South west End Top	45.35m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange/yellow clay with patches of chalky till	-	0.35m
3	?Post hole/pit	Sub-circular in plan	0.13m	0.35m-0.48m
4	Fill of [03]	Brownish grey clay	0.13m	0.35m-0.48m
5	Ditch	East to west aligned	0.16m	0.35m-0.51m
6	Fill of [06]	Mid brown orange clayey sand	0.16m	0.35m-0.51m
7	Ditch	East to west aligned	0.05m	0.35m-0.40m
8	Fill of [07]	Mid brown orange sandy clay	0.05m	0.35m-0.40m
9	Pit	Sub-circular in plan	0.07m	0.35m-0.42m
10	Fill of [09]	Mid brown orange clayey sand	0.07m	0.35m-0.42m
73	Ditch	North-west to south-east aligned	0.13m	0.35m-0.48m
74	Fill of [73]	Mid brown orange clayey sand	0.13m	0.35m-0.48m
Discussion				

Trench 7

A total of five undated sub-surface features were excavated within this trench; three ditches ([5], [7] and [73]), one post-hole/pit [3] and one pit [9].

Ditches [5] and [7] were parallel to each other sharing a similar east-west alignment. Their fills, [6] and [8] also has comparable composition - mid brown orange clayey sand, and are likely to be contemporary with each other.

To the south of ditch [5] was ditch [73] and although on a different alignment it is possible that it is contemporary with ditches [5] and [7].

Between ditches [5] and [73] was possible post-hole/pit [3]. It was sub-circular measuring 0.4m wide, with a depth of 0.13m.

Towards the northern end of the trench and adjacent to ditch [7] was pit [9]. It was circular in plan with a diameter of 1.60m and was just 0.07m deep. The depth of this feature may demonstrate that truncation by modern ploughing had taken place in this part of the field. One fragment of iron was recovered from fill [10] during metal detecting of the features within this trench.

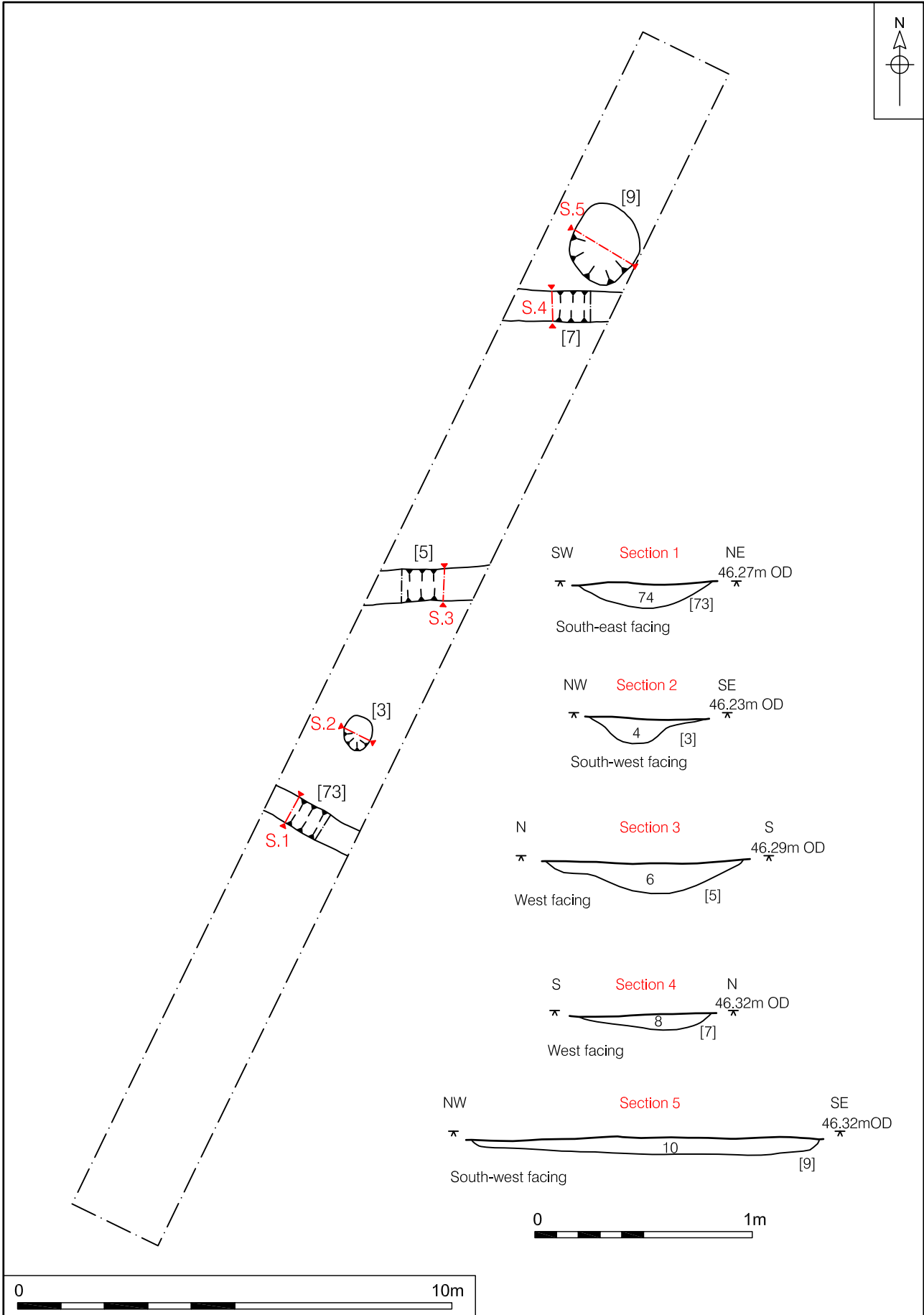


Figure 4. Trench 7, plan and sections. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 8



Trench 8, looking east

Figs 2 and 5

Location

Orientation	East - west
East End	TG 12689.514, 02672.921
West End	TG 12659.512, 02672.414

Dimensions

Length	30m
Width	2.2m
Depth	0.32m

Levels

East End Top	45.619m OD
West End Top	45.518m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.32m	0–0.32m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.32m
11	Pit/natural depression	Irregular feature with indeterminate edges.	0.15m	0.32m-0.47m
12	Fill of [11]	Mid brown sandy clay	0.15m	0.32m-0.47m
63	Unstratified find	Copper alloy coin	-	-

Discussion

One feature was recorded in Trench 8.

Feature [11] was irregular in shape and measured at least 2.2m in length with a linear appearance on its northern side and a bulbous form to the south. This feature was shallow with an uneven base and a variable fill of sandy clay [12] which occasional undercut the natural sand and gravels. Two fragments of undiagnostic iron were recovered from this feature.

One illegible copper alloy coin [63] probably dating to the post-medieval period was recovered from the spoil during metal detecting.

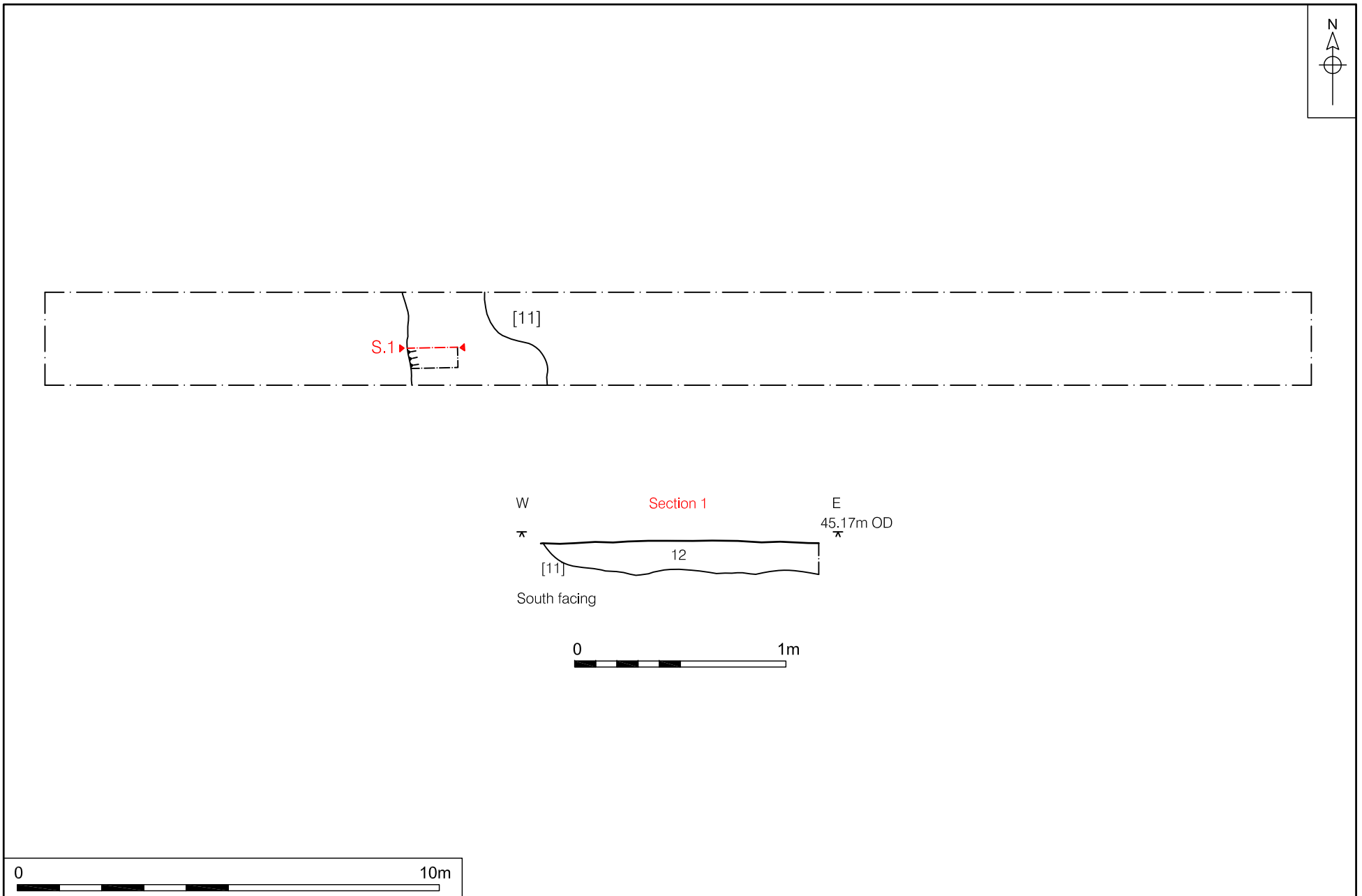





Figure 5. Trench 8, plan and sections. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 9

 <p>Trench 9, looking north-east</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12705.784, 02702.369		
					South-west End		TG 12692.469, 02675.480		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.35m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		46.011m OD							
South-west End Top		45.656m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m					
2	Natural	Sand and gravel with occasional clayey chalky till	-	0.35m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds									

Trench 10				
 <p>Trench 10, looking east</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12740.853, 02705.670
			West End	TG 12710.863, 02705.151
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.35m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.155m OD			
West End Top	46.043m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeology features, deposits and finds				

Trench 11				
 <p>Trench 11, looking north-east</p>		Figs 2 and 6		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – South-west	
		North-east End	TG 12755.929, 02734.647	
		South-west End	TG 12742.662, 02707.736	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Average Depth	0.25m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	46.287m OD			
South-west End Top	46.144m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.25m	0–0.25m
2	Natural	Clayey sand and gravel	-	0.25m
23	Pit/natural depression	Sub-circular in plan	0.07m	0.25m- 0.32m
24	Fill of [23]	Orangey brown sandy clay	0.07m	0.25m- 0.32m
64	Unstratified finds	Two struck flints	-	-
Discussion				
<p>One feature [23] was recorded in Trench 11.</p> <p>Undated feature [23] was located in the central part of the trench. It measured 0.80m by 0.60m and was 0.07m deep. It is likely that this feature, like many of those recorded, has been severely truncated and it is difficult to be certain whether it was deliberately dug or was an infilled natural depression.</p> <p>Two struck flints dating to the Early Neolithic period [64] were recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting of this trench. The struck flints comprised of blade-like un-corticated flakes which may represent trimming or mis-hits from blade cores.</p>				

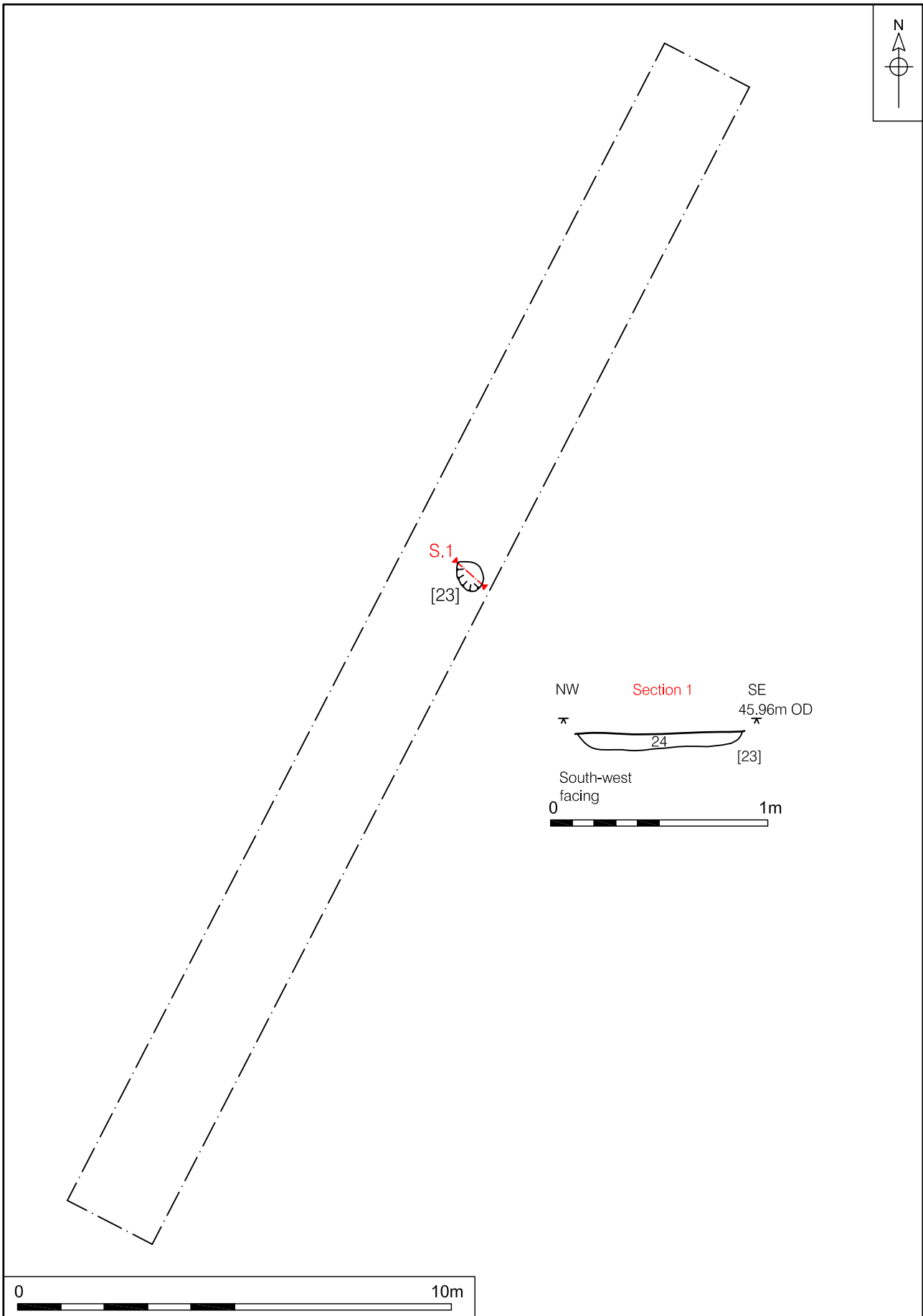






Figure 6. Trench 11, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 12				
 <p>Trench 12, looking east</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12794.605, 02741.095	
		West End	TG 12764.610, 02740.588	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.30m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.437m OD			
West End Top	46.341m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.30m
65	Unstratified find	One struck flint	-	-
Discussion				
<p>This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits.</p> <p>One struck flint [65] dating to the Early Neolithic period was recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting of this trench. The struck flint comprised of a blade-like bladelet or chip which may be an indication of trimming or mis-hit from a blade core.</p>				

Trench 13				
 <p>Trench 13, looking north-east</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 12813.316, 02771.664	
		South-west End	TG 12800.006, 02744.752	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.30m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	46.494m OD			
South-west End Top	46.469m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.30m
66	Unstratified finds	Struck flint, animal bone and copper alloy object	-	-
Discussion				
<p>This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits.</p> <p>Recovered during the metal detecting of this trench was a struck flint [66]. It was a side scraper dating to the Early Neolithic period and had abrupt retouch to one lateral edge of a blade-like tertiary flake. Also recovered (and sharing the same finds number [66]) were ten undiagnostic fragments of animal bone and a modern copper alloy drill cup.</p>				

Trench 14				
 <p>Trench 14, looking east</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12848.717, 02776.922
			West End	TG 12818.707, 02776.367
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Average Depth	0.35m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.315m OD			
West End Top	46.431m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds				

Trench 15				
 <p>Trench 15, looking north-east</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 12870.317, 02809.326	
		South west End	TG 12857.064, 02782.447	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.40m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	46.736m OD			
South west End Top	46.426m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.40m	0–0.40m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.40m
67	Unstratified finds	Struck flint and copper alloy object	-	-
Discussion				
<p>This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits. Severe plough scars were seen throughout the trench.</p> <p>A single struck flint [67] dating to the Early Neolithic period was recovered during the metal detecting of this trench. The struck flint comprised of a blade-like bladelet or chip which may indicate <i>in situ</i> knapping of a blade core. Also recovered during the metal detecting of this trench was a small fragment of a post-medieval crota bell also numbered [67].</p>				

Trench 16



Trench 16, looking west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	East - west
East End	TG 12906.103, 02813.094
West End	TG 12876.098, 02812.534

Dimensions

Length	30m
Width	2.2m
Depth	0.40m

Levels


East End Top	47.017m OD
West End Top	46.786m OD


Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.40m	0–0.40m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.40m
68	Unstratified find	Struck flint	-	-

Discussion


This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits.


One platform rejuvenation flake [68] dating to the Early Neolithic period was recovered during the metal detecting of this trench. The blade-like tertiary flake had blade-like dorsal scars that represent the maintenance of a blade core.


Trench 17					
 <p>Trench 17, looking north-east</p>		Fig. 2			
		Location			
		Orientation	North-east – south-west		
		North-east End	TG 12927.381, 02845.830		
		South west End	TG 12914.057, 02818.935		
		Dimensions			
		Length	30m		
		Width	2.2m		
		Average Depth	0.35m		
		Levels			
North-east End Top	47.078m OD				
South west End Top	47.165m OD				
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL	
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m	
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m	
69	Unstratified find	Copper alloy coin	-	-	
Discussion					
<p>This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits.</p> <p>One illegible copper alloy coin [69] was recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting of this trench.</p>					

Trench 18					
 <p>Trench 18, looking</p>		Fig. 2			
		Location			
		Orientation	East - west		
		East End	TG 12946.402, 02812.489		
		West End	TG 12916.408, 02811.951		
		Dimensions			
		Length	30m		
		Width	2.2m		
		Depth	0.35m		
		Levels			
East End Top	46.985m OD				
West End Top	47.123m OD				
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL	
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m	
2	Natural	Orange sand	-	0.35m	
Discussion					
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.					

Trench 19

 <p>Trench 19, looking north-east</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12913.107, 02807.807		
					South-west End		TG 12899.782, 02780.929		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.30m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		47.068m OD							
South west End Top		46.875m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Yellow clay with chalk flecks	-	0.30m					
70	Unstratified find	Struck flint	-	-					
Discussion									
<p>This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits.</p> <p>One blade-like uncorticated flake [70] dating to the Early Neolithic period was recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting of this trench.</p>									

Trench 20				
 <p>Trench 20, looking east</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12891.088, 02775.445	
		West End	TG 12861.098, 02774.930	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.40m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.720m OD			
West End Top	46.434m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.40	0–0.40m
2	Natural		-	0.40m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 21				
 <p style="text-align: center;">Trench 21, looking north-east</p>		Figs 2 and 7		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 12855.709, 02770.181	
		South-west End	TG 12842.401, 02743.306	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.35m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	46.378m OD			
South west End Top	46.257m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Yellow clay with chalk flecks	-	0.35m
52	Ditch	East – west aligned	0.20m	0.35m– 0.55m
53	Fill of ditch	Pale brown silty sand	0.20m	0.35m– 0.55m
Discussion				
<p>One feature was recorded in Trench 21</p> <p>An east–west aligned ditch [52] was located in the central part of the trench. Although the ditch measured 4.8m wide it was very shallow (0.20m deep) and contained leached fill [53] consisting of pale brown silty sand. The location of this ditch was situated in an area where three other trenches (Trenches 35, 36 and 37) produced ditches on similar alignments with similar widths although their depths varied from 0.20m to 1.20m.</p>				

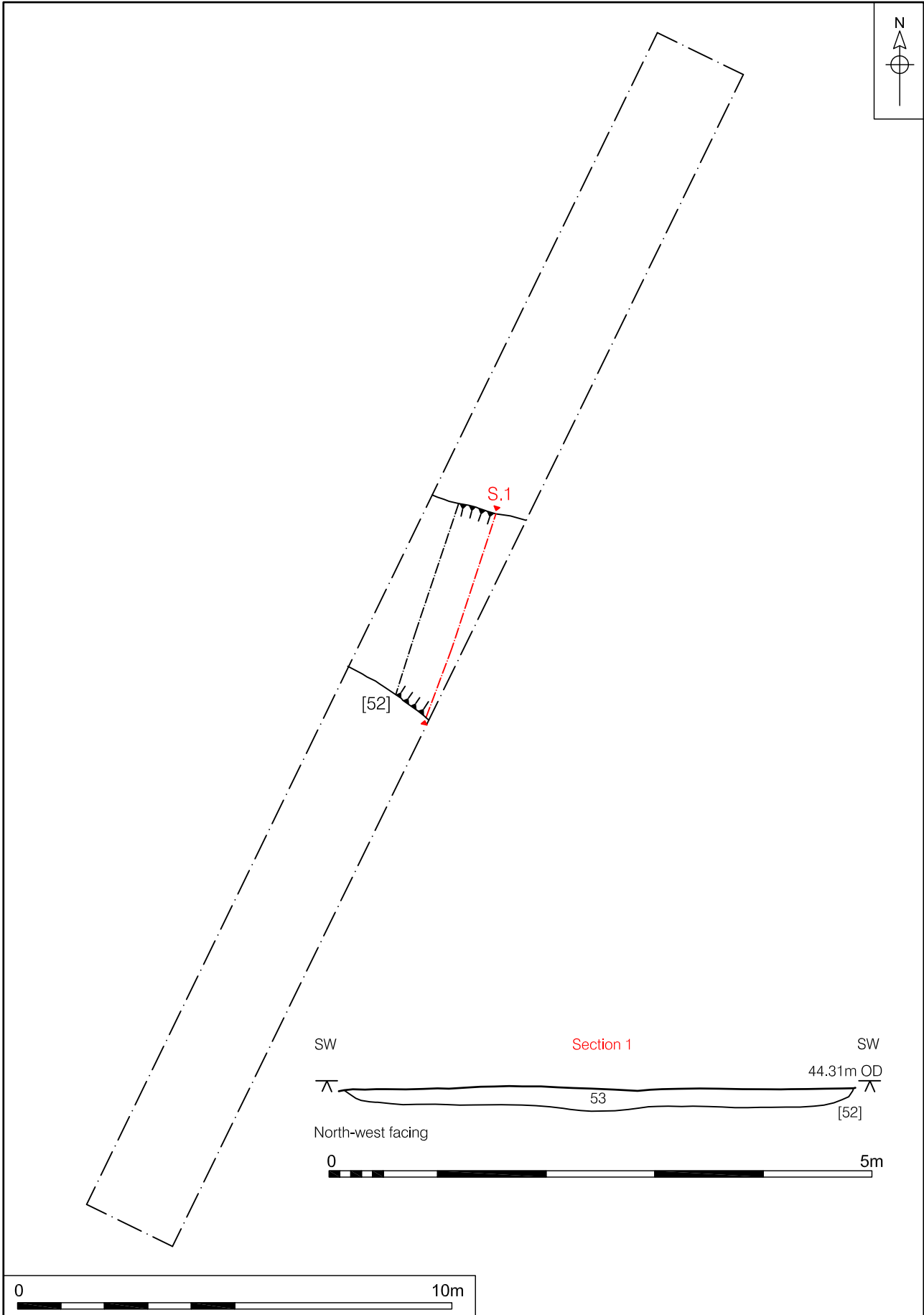



Figure 7. Trench 21, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:50

Trench 22				
 <p>Trench 22, looking east</p>			Figs 2 and 8	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12834.080, 02738.933
			West End	TG 12804.050, 02738.397
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Average Depth	0.30m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.291m OD			
West End Top	46.419m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with chalky till	-	0.30m
25	Ditch	South-west – north-east aligned	0.12m	0.30m– 0.42m
26	Fill of [25]	Mixed pale grey silty sand with patches of yellow silty sand	0.12m	0.30m– 0.42m
27	?Natural feature	Amorphous feature with indeterminate edges	0.15m	0.30m– 0.42m
28	Fill of [27]	Pale grey silty sand	0.15m	0.30m– 0.42m
Discussion				
<p>Two possible features were recorded in Trench 22.</p> <p>Probable ditch [25] was located at the eastern end of the trench. It was aligned approximately north–south, measured at least 1m in length and was 1m wide. Although it was likely to be about 12m deep this could not be proven because the edges and the fill of this feature were disturbed by, and could not be distinguished from, probable natural feature [27].</p> <p>Amorphous feature [27] was located in the northern and eastern side of probable ditch [25]. It was not possible to define the edges of feature [27] which at times appeared to be undercut. It is reasonable to assume that the line of ditch [25] has been altered by a natural occurrence such as a tree root or tree hole or animal burrowing recorded as [27] and which continued beyond the edge of excavation.</p>				

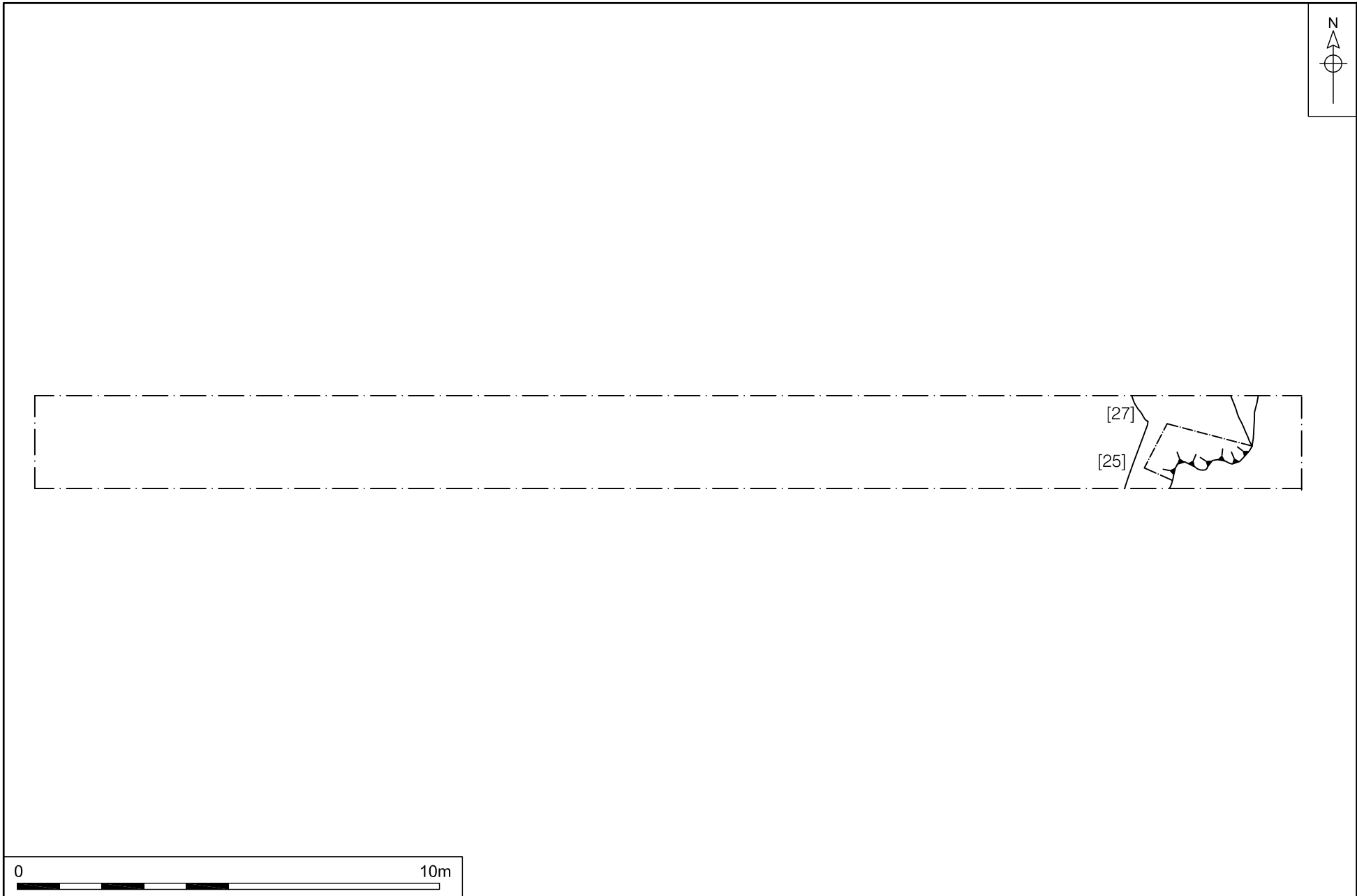



Figure 8. Trench 22, plan. Scale 1:125

Trench 23				
 <p>Trench 23, looking north-east</p>		Figs 2 and 9; Plate 1		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 12798.701, 02733.680	
		South-west End	TG 12785.401, 02706.813	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.35m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	46.444m OD			
South-west End Top	46.281m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Clayey sand and gravel		0.35m
31	Ditch	East–west aligned	1.10m	0.35m– 1.43m
32	Fill of [31]	Mid orange clay	0.42m	0.35m– 0.77m
33	Fill of [31]	Mid brown clay	1.10m	0.35m– 1.43m
Discussion				

Trench 23

Trench 23 contained one feature, ditch [31].

Ditch [31] was subtle in appearance due to similarities between deposit [33] (its fill) and the surrounding natural. It appeared to be linear, was orientated roughly north-west to south-east and measured 1.10m deep by 2.65m wide. Two deposits were identified within this ditch. The predominant fill [33] consisted of very firm mid brown clay with deposit [32] being located at the south-western edge of the feature and likely to represent natural infilling. The width and depth of the ditch indicate that this feature was reasonably substantial however no evidence for the feature was seen in adjacent trenches to the north-west or south-east which might suggest that it was a localised feature. Its profile suggests that it could be of prehistoric date.

Environmental Sample <2> from deposit [32] produced black porous and tarry residues, charcoal, small mammal/amphibian bones and a small fragment of cereal grain.



Plate 1. Trench 23, ditch [31], looking east

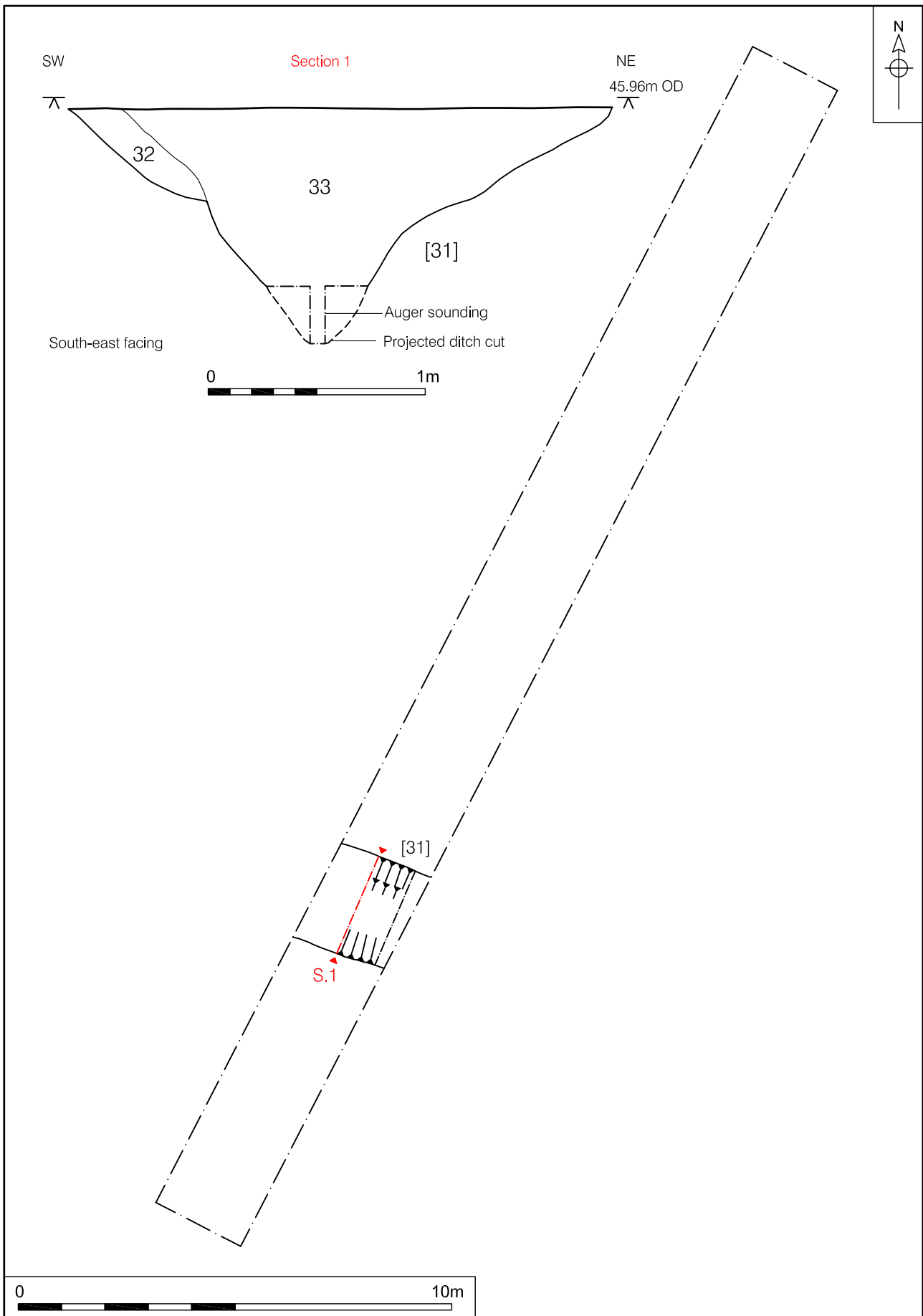





Figure 9. Trench 23, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 24

 <p>Trench 24, looking east</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12776.565, 02700.491	
		West End	TG 12746.598, 02699.946	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Average Depth	0.35m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.274m OD			
West End Top	46.122m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m
71	Unstratified find	Copper alloy object	-	-
Discussion				
<p>This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits.</p> <p>One copper alloy hinged object [71] possibly dating to the post-medieval period was recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting of this trench.</p>				

Trench 25

 <p>Trench 25, looking south-west</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12740.646, 02695.835		
					South-west End		TG 12727.305, 02668.958		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Average Depth		0.30m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		46.072m OD							
South-west End Top		45.835m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Orange clay with chalk flecks	-	0.30m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 26				
 <p>Trench 26, looking west</p>		Figs 2 and 10		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12715.705, 02661.679	
		West End	TG 12685.715, 02661.125	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.40m	
		Levels		
East End Top	45.711m OD			
West End Top	45.553m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.40	0–0.40m
2	Natural	Yellowish brown clay with chalk flecks	-	0.40m
13	Ditch	North – south aligned	0.32m	0.40m– 0.72m
14	Fill of [13]	Mid orange brown clay	0.32m	0.40m– 0.72m
72	Unstratified find	Copper alloy coin	-	-
Discussion				
<p>Trench 26 contained one linear feature.</p> <p>Undated ditch [13] was located in the western half of the trench. It was aligned north-south and measured at least 2.2m long by 1.85m wide by 0.32m deep. The excavated portion of the ditch demonstrated that it had a flat base with sloping edges.</p> <p>One illegible copper alloy coin [72] possible dating to the post-medieval period was recovered from the spoil during the metal detecting of this trench.</p>				

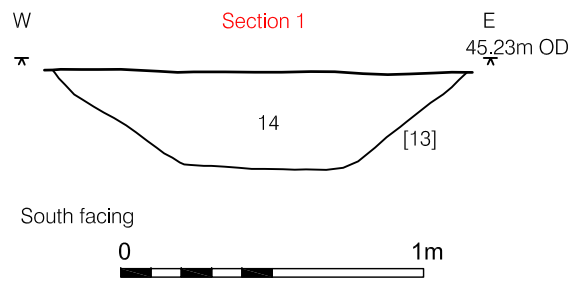
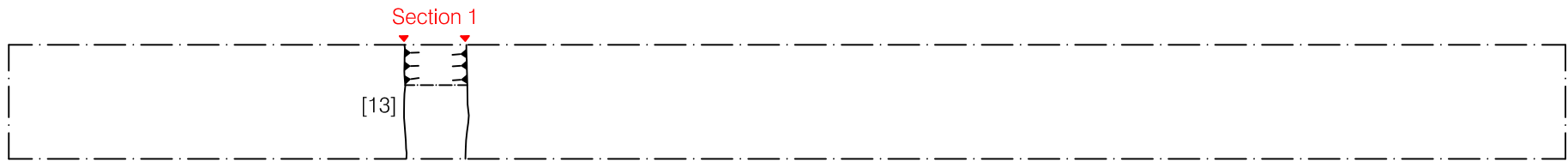






Figure 10. Trench 26, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 27

 <p>Trench 27, looking north-east</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12671.330, 02651.950		
					South-west End		TG 12658.014, 02625.061		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.30m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		45.420m OD							
South-west End Top		45.456m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Sand and gravel with chalky till	-	0.30m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits or finds.									

Trench 28				
 <p>Trench 28, looking east</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12701.487, 02622.738
			West End	TG 12671.481, 02622.252
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.30m
			Levels	
East End Top	45.772m OD			
West End Top	45.512m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30	0-0.30
2	Natural	Sand and gravel with occasional clay patches	-	0.30m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 29				
 <p>Trench 29, looking north-east</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 12719.948, 02654.417	
		South-west End	TG 12706.610, 02627.530	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.35m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	45.696m OD			
South-west End Top	45.805m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Yellow clay		0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features and deposits				

Trench 30				
 <p>Trench 30, looking west</p>			Figs 2 and 11	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12760.003, 02661.835
			West End	TG 12729.982, 02661.305
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.35m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.061m OD			
West End Top	45.792m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Clay and gravels	-	0.35m
38	Burnt pit	Circular pit	0.15m	0.35m– 0.50m
39	Fill of [38]	Mid to dark greyish black silty sand	0.15m	0.35m– 0.50m
Discussion				
<p>Trench 30 contained one small circular feature.</p> <p>Although feature [38] was partially obscured by the edge of excavation it was determined to be circular in shape with a flat base and filled with charcoal rich dark greyish black silty sand. Environmental Sample <5> from deposit [39] produced coal, a high frequency of charcoal and burnt/fired clay. Much of the charcoal recovered had a distinct flaked appearance possibly indicative of very high temperatures of combustion. The results from the environmental sample demonstrate that this pit is comparable to pits found during the excavations at the Cringleford Park and Ride site (NHER 39823), just south of Norwich.</p>				

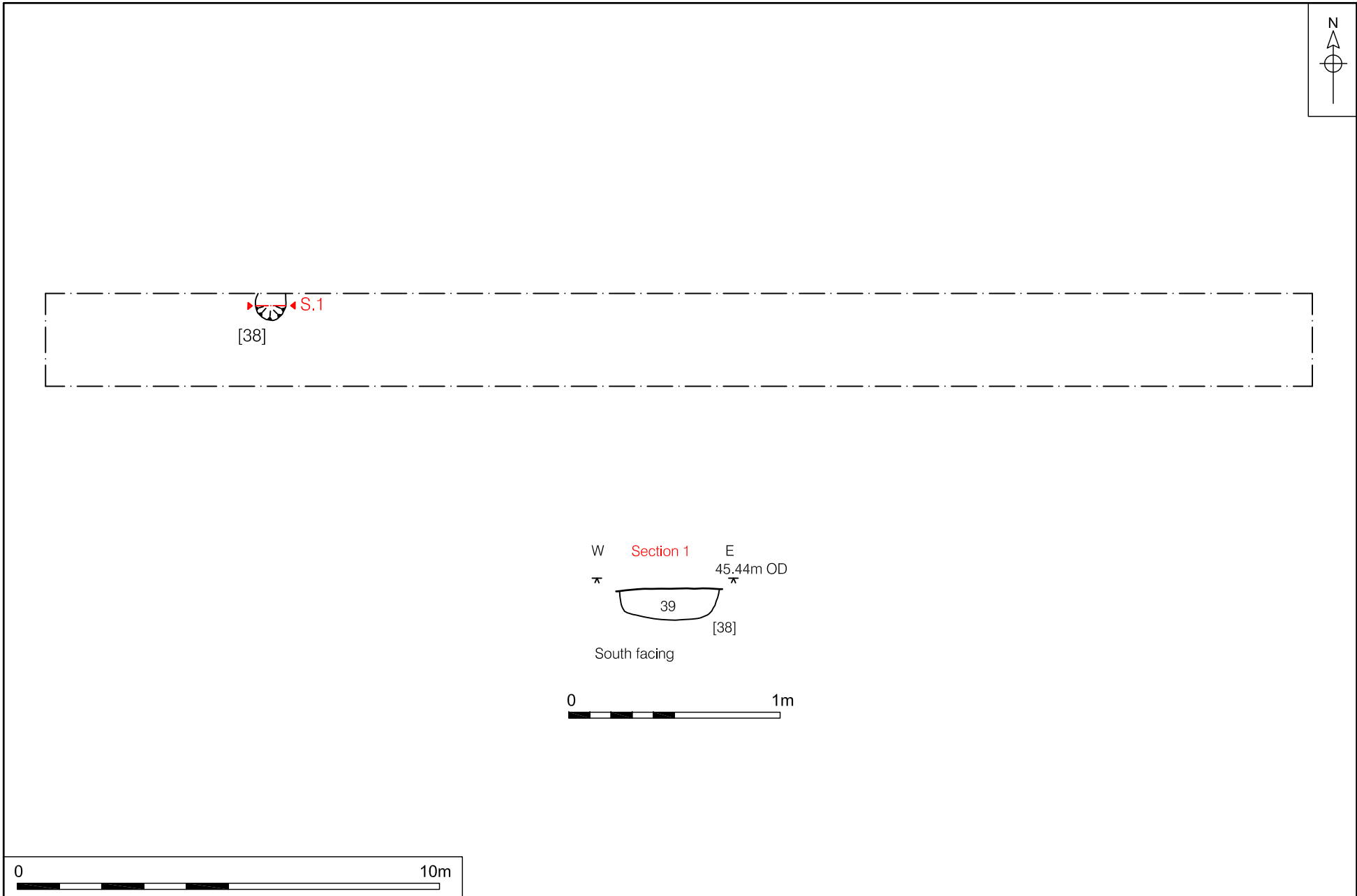


Figure 11. Trench 30, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 31



Trench 31, looking south-west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	North-east – south-west
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North-east End	TG 12781.474, 02695.298
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South-west End	TG 12768.195, 02668.409
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Dimensions

Length	30m
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Width	2.2m
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Depth	0.30m
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Levels


North-east End Top	46.333m OD
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South-west End Top	46.123m OD
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Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Yellow clay with gravels and chalk flecks	-	0.30m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 32				
 <p style="text-align: center;">Trench 32, looking west</p>		Figs 2 and 12		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12820.202, 02700.923	
		West End	TG 12790.184, 02700.398	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.32m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.359m OD			
West End Top	46.350m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.32m	0–0.32m
2	Natural	Orange clay	-	0.32m
50	Pit	Circular in plan	0.10m	0.32m– 0.42m
51	Fill of [50]	Dark greyish black silty sand	0.10m	0.32m– 0.42m
Discussion				
<p>Trench 32 contained one feature at its eastern end.</p> <p>Pit [50] was partially obscured by the edge of excavation however the excavated portion demonstrated that it had a flat base with gradually sloping sides. Four pieces of fired clay were recovered from fill [51].</p> <p>This pit is very similar to pits observed in Trenches 30 and 76.</p>				

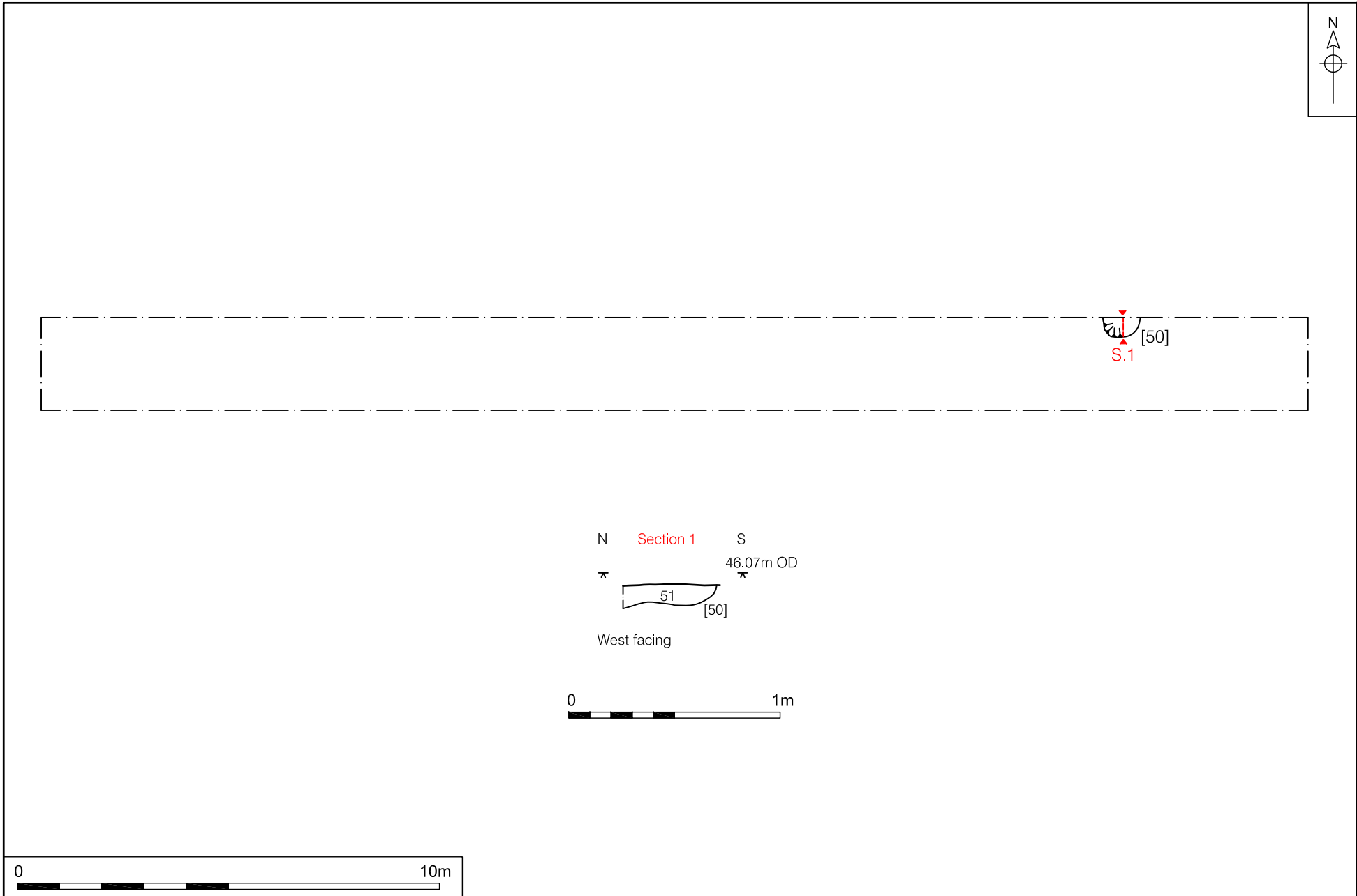



Figure 12. Trench 32, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 33

 <p>Trench 33, looking south-west</p>					Figs 2 and 13; Plate 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12839.239, 02730.740		
					South-west End		TG 12825.947, 02703.875		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.30m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		46.432m OD							
South-west End Top		46.434m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Yellowish brown clay	-	0.30m					
40	Ditch	North-west to South-east aligned	0.67m	0.30m– 0.97m					
41	Primary fill of [40]	Mid brown sandy silty clay	0.25m	0.72m– 0.97m					
46	Fill of [40]	Yellowish brown sandy clayey silt	0.42m	0.30m– 0.72m					
Discussion									

Trench 33

One linear feature was observed in Trench 33.

Undated ditch [40] was located in the northern part of the trench and was orientated north-west - south-east. It measured at least 2.2m long by 1.75m wide by 0.67m deep and contained two deposits ([41] and [46]). There is the possibility that this ditch is part of the same ditch that was recorded in Trench 42 (albeit on a slightly different alignment). Three pieces of ceramic material were recovered from deposits [41] and [46] which are likely to be fragments of a field drain and a ridge tile.



Plate 2. Trench 33, ditch [40], looking north

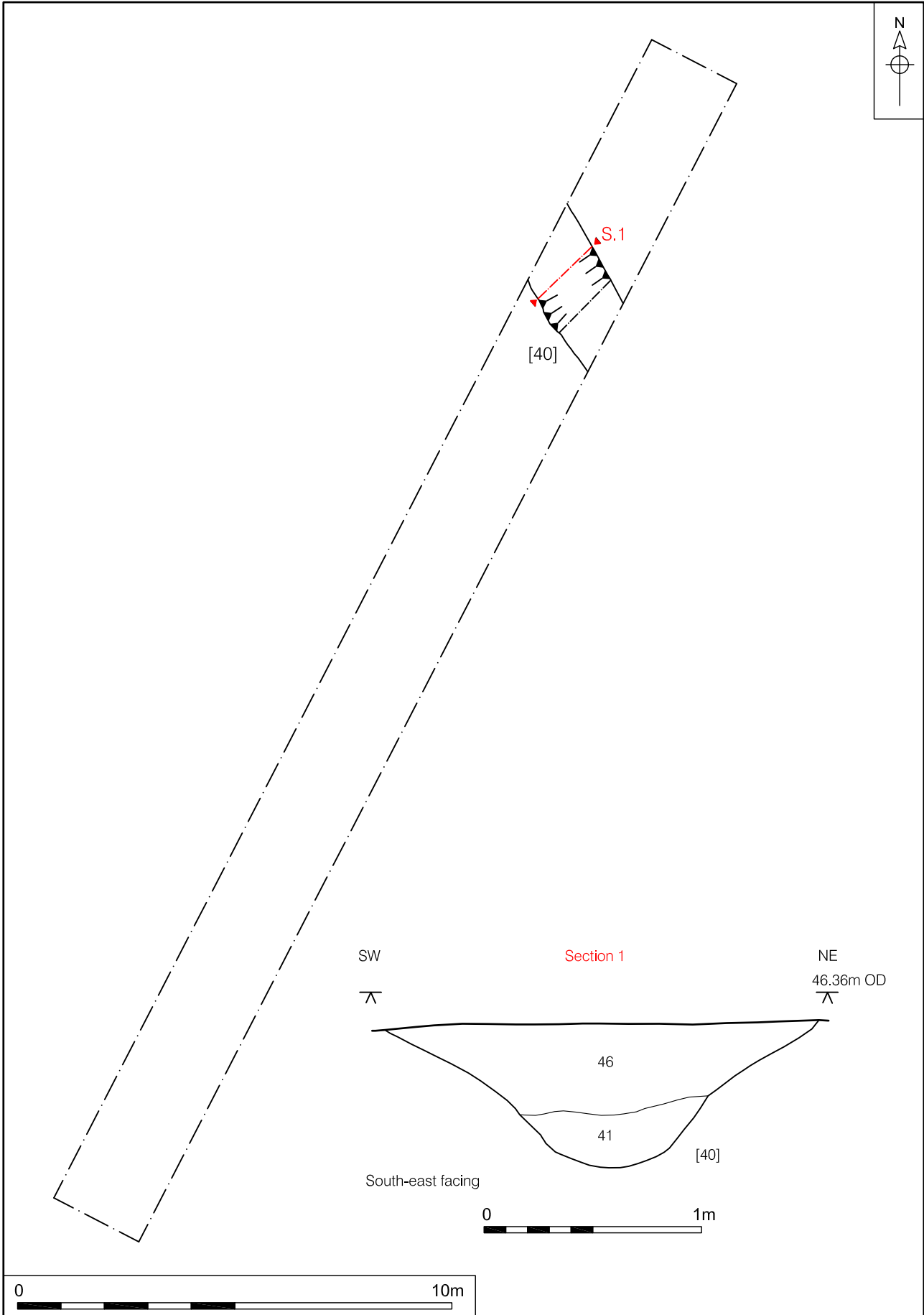




Figure 13. Trench 33, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 34				
 <p>Trench 34, looking west</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12874.643, 02735.989
			West End	TG 12844.665, 02735.495
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.35m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.589m OD			
West End Top	46.407m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay	-	0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 35				
 <p>Trench 35, looking south-west</p>		Figs 2 and 14		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 12894.173, 02769.348	
		South-west End	TG 12880.873, 02742.470	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.32m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	46.665m OD			
South-west End Top	46.621m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.32m	0–0.32m
2	Natural	Yellowish brown clay	-	0.32m
47	Ditch	East – west aligned	1.25m	0.32m– 1.57m
48	Fill of [47]	Orangey brown clay	0.23m	0.32m– 0.55m
49	Primary fill of [47]	Mid brown clay	1.25m	0.32m– 1.57m
Discussion				
<p>Trench 35 contains one linear feature.</p> <p>Ditch [47] was substantial in appearance however the edges were difficult to determine due to similarities between deposit [49] (its major fill) and the surrounding natural [2]. It was aligned roughly east-west and measured at least 2.2m long by 3.45 wide and was 1.25m deep. The excavated portion of the feature demonstrated that it contained two deposits ([48] and [49]). The predominant fill [49] consisted of very firm mid brown clay with deposit [48] being located on its northern side and likely to be natural infilling. Environmental Sample <6> which was taken from deposit [49] only produced evidence of charcoal.</p> <p>The width and depth of the ditch is comparable with the ditches recorded in Trenches 36 and 37. Although it is feasible that they represent the same feature, their alignments do not really match. It is suggested that these ditches may be contemporary with each other and that a terminal point for the ditches may lie to the east of Trench 35.</p>				

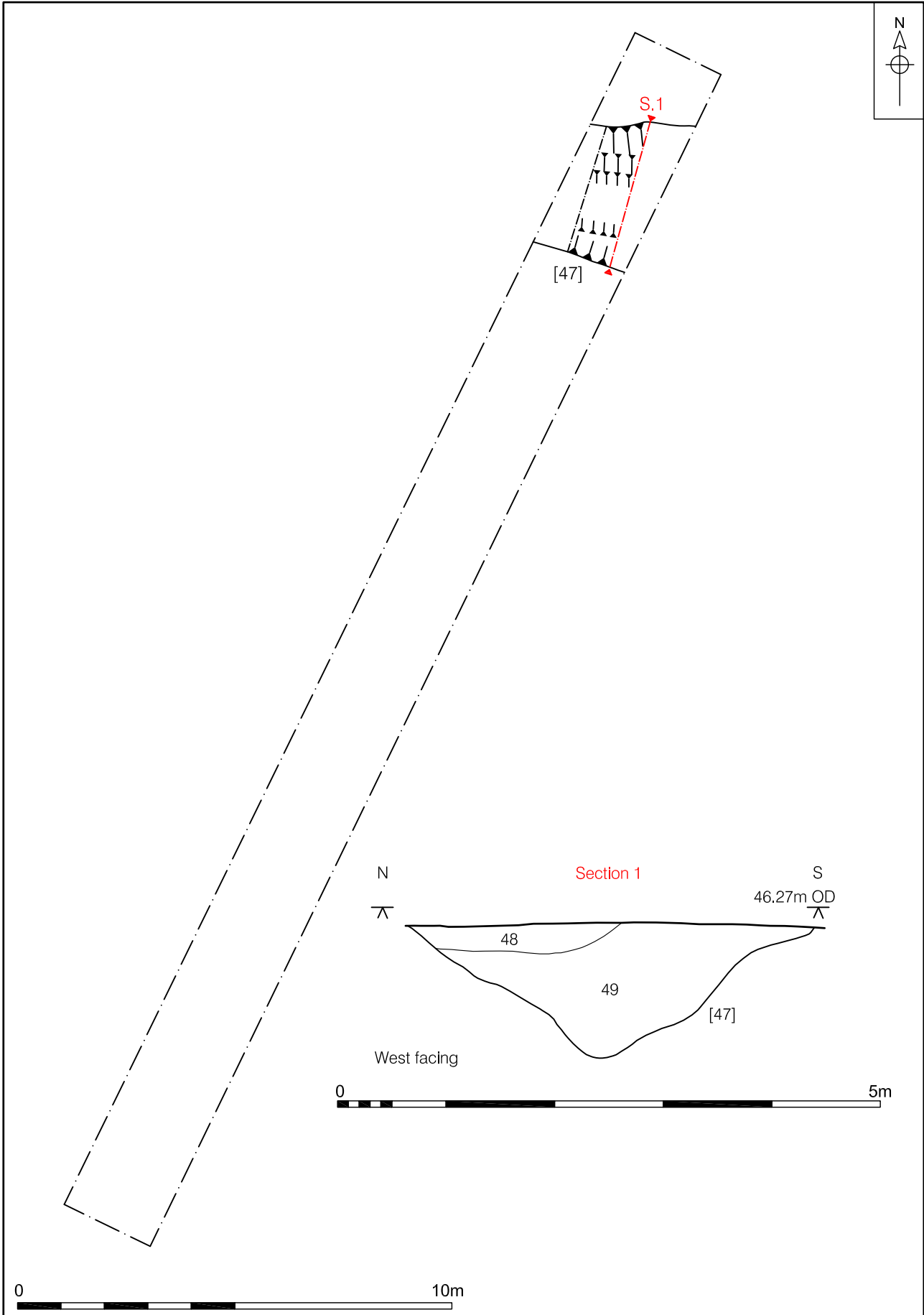



Figure 14. Trench 35, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:50

Trench 36				
 <p style="text-align: center;">Trench 36, looking west</p>			Figs 2 and 15	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12929.487, 02772.175
			West End	TG 12899.462, 02771.628
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.35m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.862m OD			
West End Top	46.710m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with chalk flecks	-	0.35m
54	Ditch	North-east – south-west aligned	0.44m	0.35m– 0.79m
55	Fill of [54]	Mid orange brown silty sand	0.44m	0.35m– 0.79m
56	?Natural disturbance	Irregular in plan	0.10m	0.79m– 0.89m
57	Fill of [56]	Dark brown clayey sand	0.10m	0.79m– 0.89m
Discussion				
<p>Trench 36 contained one linear feature and one ?natural feature.</p> <p>North-east - south-west ditch [54] was located in the western half of the trench. The ditch was substantial measuring about 4m wide by 0.44m deep. Excavation revealed that the ditch may have truncated deep disturbance [56] which may have been of natural origin. It seems likely that ditch [54] is the same ditch as that recorded as [34] in Trench 37.</p>				

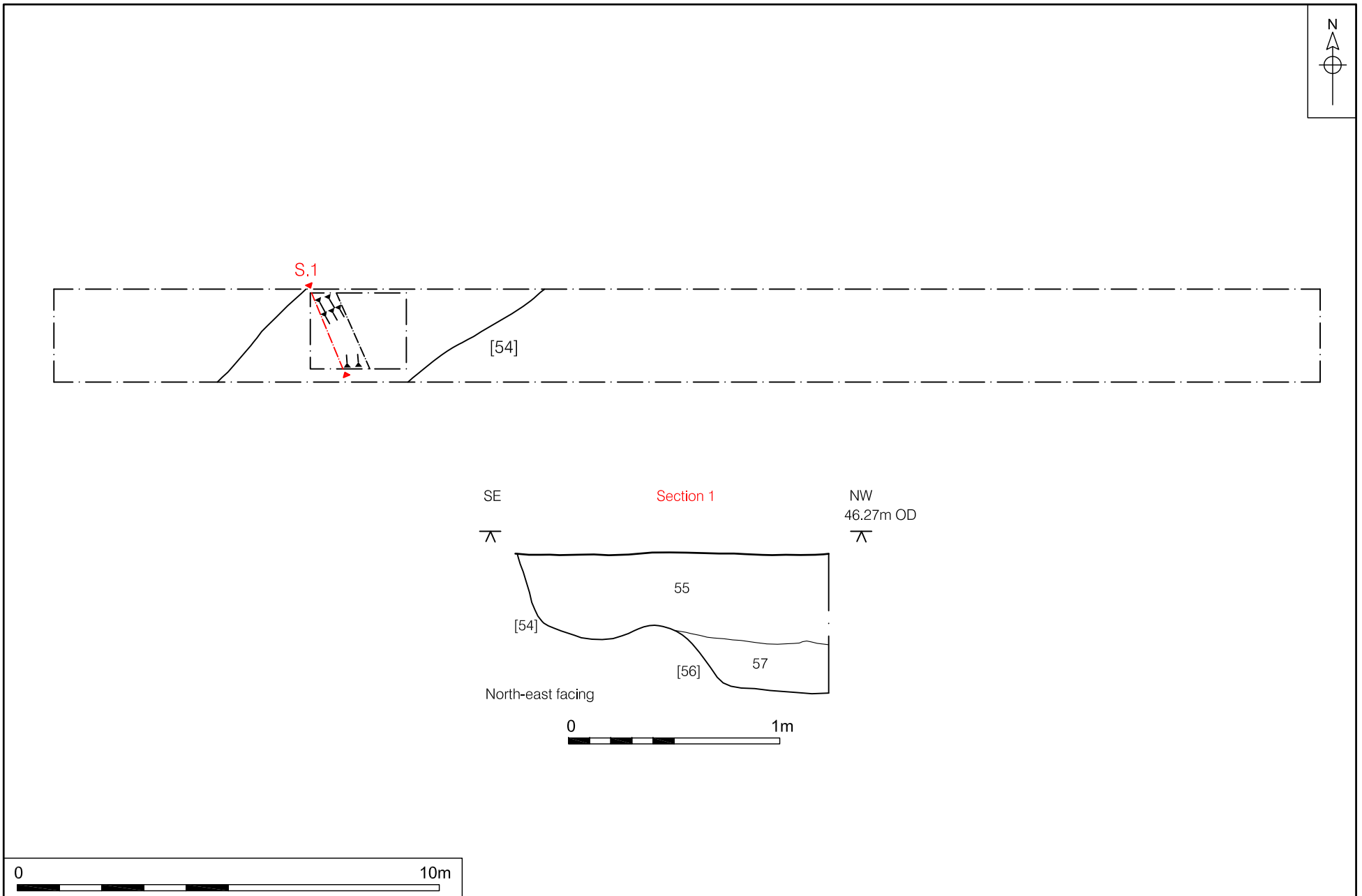



Figure 15. Trench 36, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 37							
 <p>Trench 37, looking south-west</p>			Figs 2 and 16, Plate 3				
			Location				
			Orientation	North-east – south-west			
			North-east End	TG 12949.480, 02804.378			
			South-west End	TG 12936.154, 02777.476			
			Dimensions				
			Length	30m			
			Width	2.2m			
			Depth	0.45m			
			Levels				
North-east End Top	46.909m OD						
South-west End Top	46.846m OD						
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL			
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.45m	0–0.45m			
2	Natural	Orange clay with frequent chalk flecks	-	0.45m			
34	Ditch	North-east – South-west aligned	1.05m	0.45m– 1.50m			
35	Primary fill of [34]	Mid greyish brown sandy clay	1.05m	0.45m– 1.50m			
36	Fill of [34]	Mid orange brown clayey sand	0.46m	0.59m– 1.05m			
37	Fill of [34]	Mid greyish brown clayey sand	0.14m	0.45m– 0.59m			
Discussion							

Trench 37

Trench 37 contained one linear feature.

North-east - south-west aligned ditch [34] was located in the central part of the trench. The ditch crossed the trench and was 2.80m wide by 1.05m deep and contained three deposits ([35], [36] and [37]). The excavated portion of the ditch shows a profile which may indicate a series of re-cuts however they have been interpreted as separate episodes of silting or in filling. The primary fill [35] was 1m deep and consisted of mid greyish brown silty clay. Environmental Sample <3> was taken from [35] which produced black porous and tarry residues, coal fragments and charcoal. Above [35] was deposit [36] which consisted of mid orange brown clayey sand. Two fragments of plain roof tile which are likely to be of post-medieval date were recovered from [36], however as one tile had reduced surfaces a late medieval date should be considered. Environmental Sample <4> from fill [36] produced black porous and tarry residues, coal fragments, charcoal, bone and a small oat fragment. The upper fill [37] measured 0.18m deep and consisted of mid grey brown clayey sand.



Plate 3. Trench 37, ditch [34], looking south-west

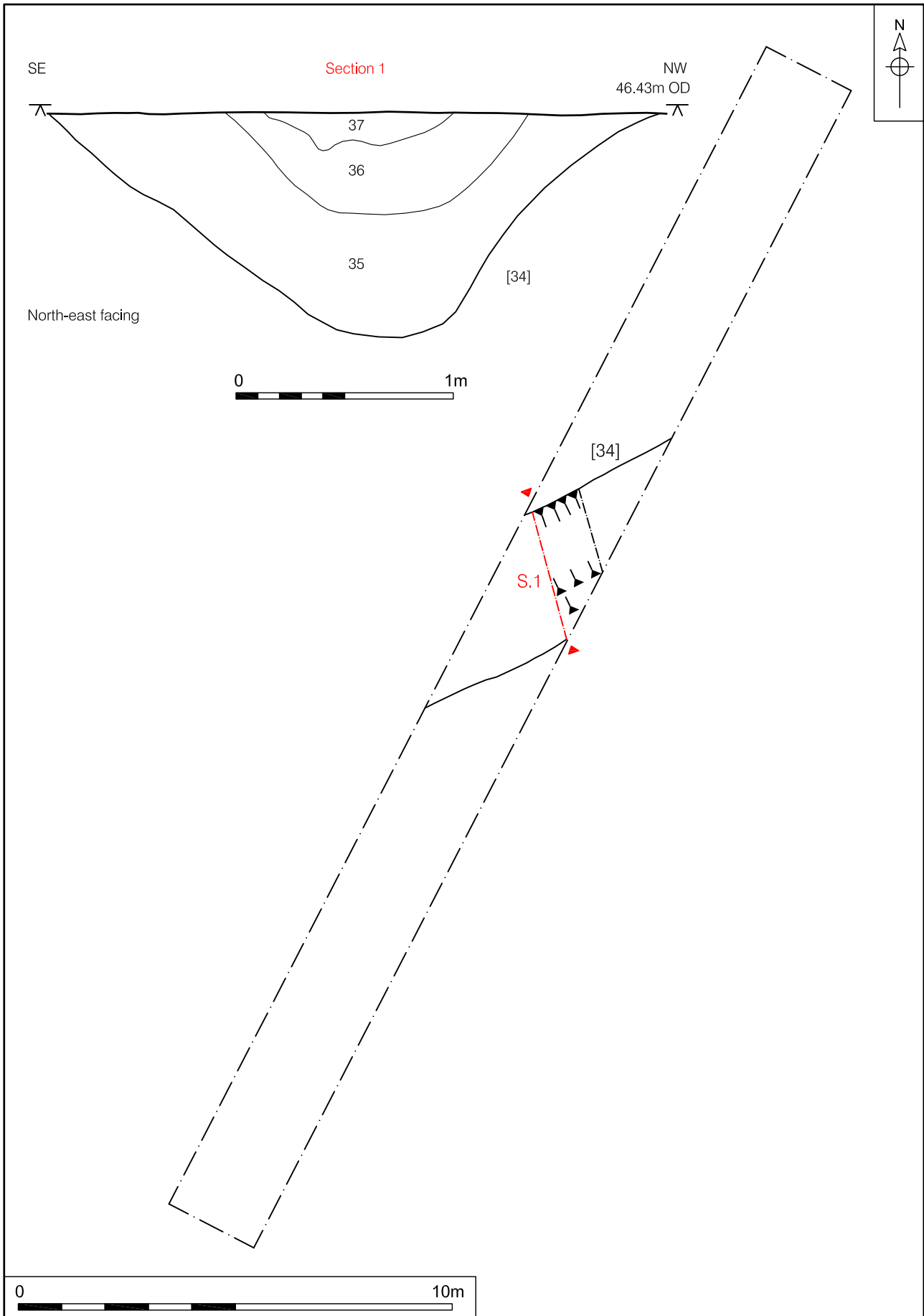





Figure 16. Trench 37, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 38


 <p>Trench 38, looking west</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12974.602, 02773.503	
		West End	TG 12944.589, 02773.009	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.30m	
		Levels		
East End Top	47.013m OD			
West End Top	46.918m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with patches of sand and gravel	-	0.30m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				


Trench 39				
 <p>Trench 39, looking north-east</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 12935.401, 02766.914	
		South-west End	TG 12922.077, 02740.038	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.35m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	46.840m OD			
South-west End Top	46.795m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 40

 <p>Trench 40, looking east</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		East - west		
					East End		TG 12915.220, 02735.101		
					West End		TG 12885.198, 02734.570		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.35m		
					Levels				
East End Top		46.756m OD							
West End Top		46.631m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m					
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 41

 <p>Trench 41, looking south-west</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12879.745, 02730.127		
					South-west End		TG 12866.391, 02703.247		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.35m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		46.599m OD							
South-west End Top		46.504m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m					
2	Natural	Orange clay with patches of sand and gravel	-	0.35m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 42				
 <p>Trench 42, looking west</p>		Figs 2 and 17		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12860.630, 02699.403	
		West End	TG 12830.642, 02698.891	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.35m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.504m OD			
West End Top	46.427m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with patches of sand and gravel	-	0.35m
58	Ditch	North – south aligned	0.70m	0.35m– 1.05m
59	Fill of [58]	Mottled mid brown clay	0.70m	0.35m– 1.05m
Discussion				
<p>One linear feature was present in Trench 42</p> <p>Undated ditch [58] crossed the central part of the trench. It was 1.20m wide by 0.70m deep and contained a single fill [58] which consisted of very firm mottled brown clay. Although, on a slightly different alignment this ditch may be the same ditch continuing northwards into Trenches 22 and 33, and here it was recorded as [25] and [40] respectively.</p>				

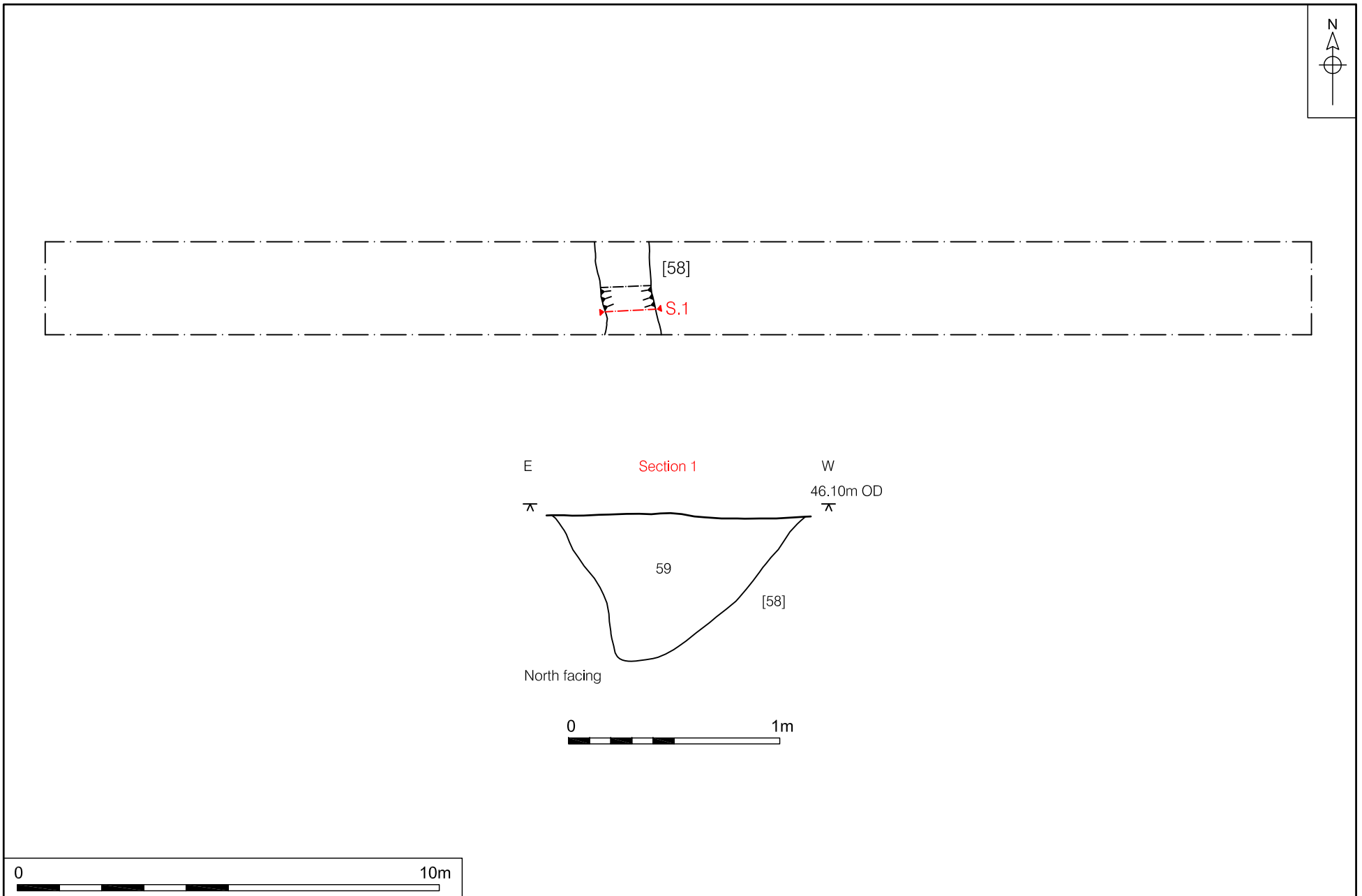


Figure 17. Trench 42, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 43



Trench 43, looking south-west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation North-east – south-west

North-east End TG 12825.389, 02694.879

South-west End TG 12812.093, 02668.002

Dimensions

Length 30m

Width 2.2m

Depth 0.30m

Levels

North-east End Top 46.399m OD


South-west End Top 46.333m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with patches of sand and gravel	-	0.30m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 44

 <p>Trench 44, looking west</p>					Fig. 2	
					Location	
					Orientation	East - west
					East End	TG 12799.965, 02659.955
					West End	TG 12770.004, 02659.431
					Dimensions	
					Length	30m
					Width	2.2m
					Depth	0.35m
					Levels	
East End Top	46.193m OD					
West End Top	46.084m OD					
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL		
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m		
2	Natural	Orange clay with patches of sand and gravel	-	0.35m		
Discussion						
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.						

Trench 45



Trench 45, looking south-west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	North-east – south-west
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North-east End	TG 12763.865, 02654.327
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South-west End	TG 12750.529, 02627.443
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Dimensions

Length	30m
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Width	2.2m
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Depth	0.35m
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Levels

North-east End Top	46.038m OD
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South-west End Top	45.928m OD
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Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with patches of sand and gravel	-	0.35m

Discussion


This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 46

 <p>Trench 46, looking west</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		East - west		
					East End		TG 12739.855, 02620.397		
					West End		TG 12709.850, 02619.835		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.30m		
					Levels				
East End Top		45.876m OD							
West End Top		45.829m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Orange clay with patches of sand and gravel	-	0.30m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 47							
 <p>Trench 47, looking south-west</p>			Fig. 2				
			Location				
			Orientation		North-east – south-west		
			North-east End		TG 12706.716, 02615.323		
			South-west End		TG 12693.437, 02588.438		
			Dimensions				
			Length		30m		
			Width		2.2m		
			Average Depth		0.25m		
			Levels				
North-east End Top		45.855m OD					
South-west End Top		45.855m OD					
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL			
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.25m	0–0.25m			
2	Natural	Orange clay with patches of sand and gravel	-	0.25m			
Discussion							
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.							

Trench 48

 <p>Trench 48, looking north-east</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation	North-east – south-west			
					North-east End	TG 12743.945, 02612.580			
					South-west End	TG 12730.623, 02585.692			
					Dimensions				
					Length	30m			
					Width	2.2m			
					Depth	0.35m			
					Levels				
North-east End Top	45.913m OD								
South-west End Top	46.045m OD								
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m					
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 49



Trench 49, looking west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation North-east – south-west

North-east End TG 12784.935,
02620.830

South-west End TG 12754.971,
02620.321

Dimensions

Length 30m

Width 2.2m

Depth 0.35m

Levels


North-east End Top 46.218m OD

South-west End Top 45.965m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel		0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 50				
 <p>Trench 50, looking south-west</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	North-east – south-west
			North-east End	TG 12805.886, 02652.869
			South-west End	TG 12792.563, 02625.977
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.35m
			Levels	
North-east End Top	46.276m OD			
South-west End Top	46.230m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel with patches of clay	-	0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 51



Trench 51, looking west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation East - west

East End TG 12844.685,
02660.761

West End TG 12814.667,
02660.202

Dimensions

Length 30m

Width 2.2m

Depth 0.35m

Levels

East End Top 46.493m OD


West End Top 46.349m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0-0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m


Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.


Trench 52


 <p>Trench 52, looking south-west</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12864.103, 02689.468		
					South-west End		TG 12850.800, 02662.572		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.30m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		46.536m OD							
South-west End Top		46.517m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.30m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									


Trench 53

 <p>Trench 53, looking west</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		East - west		
					East End		TG 12899.503, 02694.693		
					West End		TG 12869.483, 02694.209		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.30m		
					Levels				
East End Top		46.721m OD							
West End Top		46.543m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 54

 <p>Trench 54, looking north-east</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12917.884, 02724.531		
					South-west End		TG 12904.527, 02697.635		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.35m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		46.747m OD							
South-west End Top		46.675m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m					
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 55				
 <p>Trench 55, looking west</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12953.230, 02729.794
			West End	TG 12923.214, 02729.275
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.30m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.867m OD			
West End Top	46.803m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 56							
 <p>Trench 56, looking north-east</p>			Fig. 2				
			Location				
			Orientation		North-east – south-west		
			East End		TG 12975.956, 02761.791		
			West End		TG 12962.682, 02734.906		
			Dimensions				
			Length		30m		
			Width		2.2m		
			Depth		0.30m		
			Levels				
North-east End Top		47.007m OD					
South-west End Top		46.927m OD					
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL			
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m			
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m			
Discussion							
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.							

Trench 57



Trench 57, looking west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	East - west
East End	TG 12993.783, 02728.335
West End	TG 12963.804, 02727.827

Dimensions

Length	30m
Width	2.2m
Depth	0.30m

Levels


East End Top	46.859m OD
West End Top	46.908m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0-0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 58

 <p>Trench 58, looking south-west</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation	North-east – south-west			
					North-east End	TG 12956.176, 02723.164			
					South-west End	TG 12942.875, 02696.310			
					Dimensions				
					Length	30m			
					Width	2.2m			
					Depth	0.30m			
					Levels				
North-east End Top	46.910m OD								
South-west End Top	46.881m OD								
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Sand with gravelly sand	-	0.30m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 59



Trench 59, looking east

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	East - west
East End	TG 12934.582, 02689.234
West End	TG 12904.591, 02688.728

Dimensions

Length	30m
Width	2.2m
Depth	0.35m


Levels


East End Top	46.847m OD
West End Top	46.718m OD


Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 60					
 <p>Trench 60, looking north-east</p>		Fig. 2			
		Location			
		Orientation	North-east – south-west		
		North-east End	TG 12899.190, 02683.969		
		South-west End	TG 12885.896, 02657.086		
		Dimensions			
		Length	30m		
		Width	2.2m		
		Depth	0.30m		
		Levels			
North-east End Top	46.725m OD				
South-west End Top	46.631m OD				
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL	
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m	
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m	
Discussion					
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.					

Trench 61							
 <p>Trench 61, looking east</p>			Fig. 2				
			Location				
			Orientation		East-west		
			East End		TG 12880.872, 02654.527		
			West End		TG 12850.847, 02654.009		
			Dimensions				
			Length		30m		
			Width		2.2m		
			Depth		0.30m		
			Levels				
East End Top		46.624m OD					
West End Top		46.443m OD					
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL			
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30	0–0.30m			
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m			
Discussion							
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.							

Trench 62				
 <p>Trench 62, looking north-east</p>		Figs 2 and 18; Plate 4		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 12845.471, 02649.307	
		South-west End	TG 12832.181, 02622.359	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.30m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	46.426m OD			
South-west End Top	46.335m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m
44	Ditch	East – west aligned	0.80m	0.30m– 1.10m
45	Fill of [44]	Yellowish brown sandy clay	0.80m	0.30m– 1.10m
Discussion				

Trench 62

One linear feature was recorded in Trench 62.

An undated east-west aligned ditch [44] crossed the south-western half of the trench. It measured 2.35m wide by 0.80m deep and contained single ditch fill [45] consisting of yellowish brown sandy clay. Although, no finds were recovered from this ditch, the excavator recorded occasional fragments of burnt clay or daub were noted in the fill.



Plate 4. Trench 62, ditch [44], looking south-west

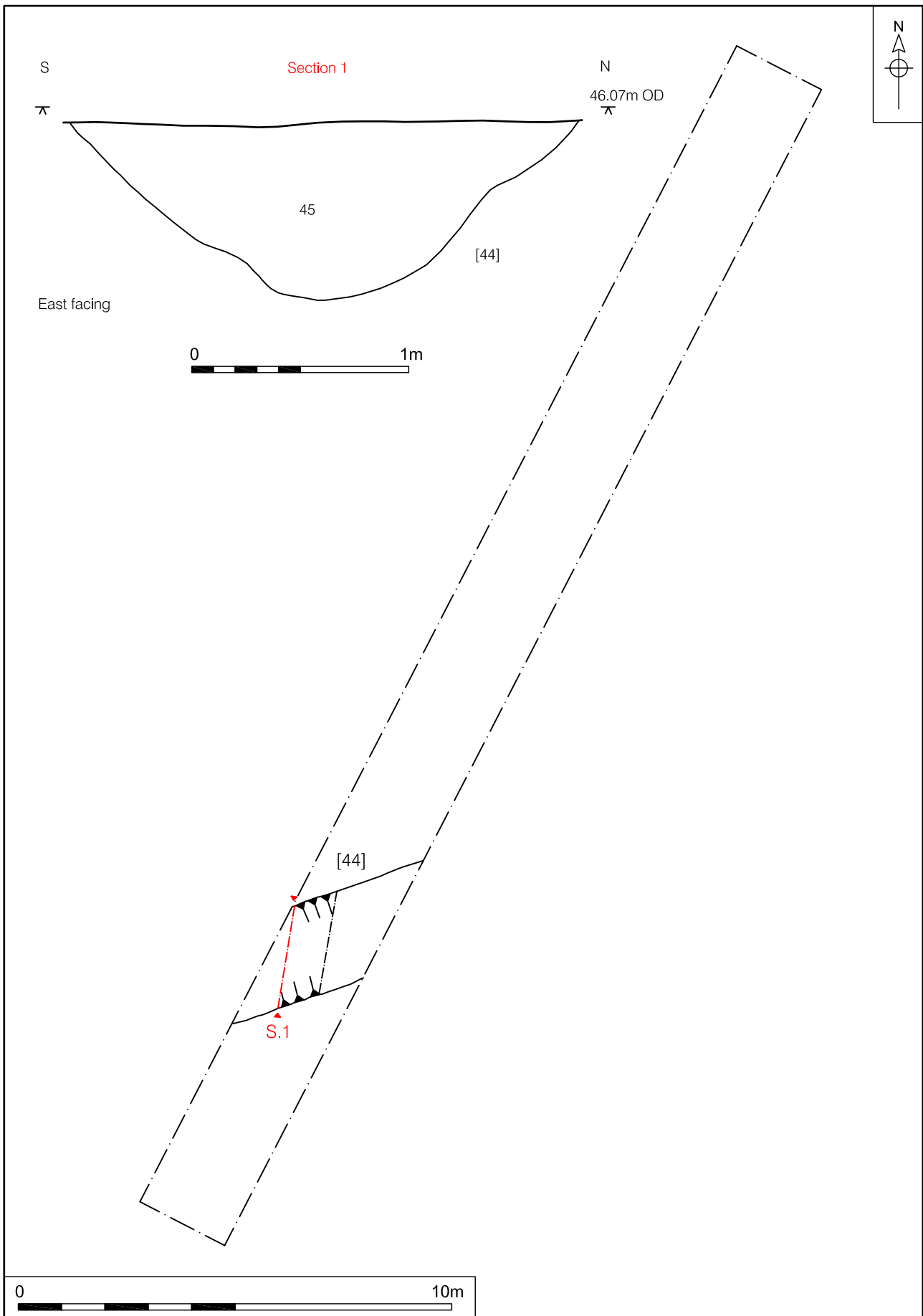



Figure 18. Trench 62, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 63							
 <p>Trench 63, looking east</p>			Fig. 2				
			Location				
			Orientation		East - west		
			East End		TG 12827.113, 02619.487		
			West End		TG 12797.129, 02618.917		
			Dimensions				
			Length		30m		
			Width		2.2m		
			Depth		0.35m		
			Levels				
East End Top		46.343m OD					
West End Top		46.263m OD					
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL			
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m			
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand and occasional patches of chalky till	-	0.35m			
Discussion							
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.							

Trench 64



Trench 64, looking south-west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	North-east – south-west
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North-east End	TG 12786.107, 02611.587
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South-west End	TG 12772.800, 02584.693
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Dimensions

Length	30m
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Width	2.2m
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Depth	0.30m
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Levels


North-east End Top	46.183m OD
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South-west End Top	46.114m OD
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Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 65				
 <p>Trench 65, looking west</p>			Fig. 2	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12764.699, 02578.392
			West End	TG 12734.696, 02577.858
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.35m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.159m OD			
West End Top	46.002m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 66



Trench 66, looking north-east

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	North-east – south-west
North-east End	TG 12808.202, 02595.472
South-west End	TG 12794.920, 02568.550

Dimensions

Length	30m
Width	2.2m
Depth	0.35m

Levels

North-east End Top	46.391m OD
South-west End Top	46.332m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 67



Trench 67, looking east

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	East-west
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East End	TG 12853.819, 02608.259
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West End	TG 12823.740, 02607.742
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Dimensions

Length	30m
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Width	2.2m
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Depth	0.35m
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Levels

East End Top	46.379m OD
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West End Top	46.295m OD
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Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m


Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 68

 <p>Trench 68, looking north-east</p>					Fig. 2				
					Location				
					Orientation	North-east – south-west			
					North-east End	TG 12883.846, 02646.376			
					South-west End	TG 12870.547, 02619.481			
					Dimensions				
					Length	30m			
					Width	2.2m			
					Depth	0.35m			
					Levels				
North-east End Top	46.621m OD								
South-west End Top	46.419m OD								
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m					
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m					
Discussion									
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.									

Trench 69


 <p>Trench 69, looking east</p>	Fig. 2	
	Location	
	Orientation	East-west
	East End	TG 12919.241, 02651.619
	West End	TG 12889.227, 02651.117
	Dimensions	
	Length	30m
	Width	2.2m
	Depth	0.30m
	Levels	
East End Top	46.709m OD	
West End Top	46.623m OD	

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 70

 <p>Trench 70, looking north-east</p>					Figs 2 and 19; Plate 5				
					Location				
					Orientation		North-east – south-west		
					North-east End		TG 12945.582, 02683.977		
					South-west End		TG 12932.344, 02657.108		
					Dimensions				
					Length		30m		
					Width		2.2m		
					Depth		0.30m		
					Levels				
North-east End Top		46.896m OD							
South-west End Top		46.832m OD							
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL					
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m					
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m					
29	Ditch	North-west - South-east aligned	0.60m	0.30m– 0.90m					
30	Fill of [29]	Mid brown sandy clay	0.60m	0.30m– 0.90m					
Discussion									

Trench 70

Trench 70 contained one linear feature.

A north-west – south-east aligned ditch [29] crossed the northern part of this trench. It measured 1.80m wide by 0.60m deep and contained single ditch fill [30] from which one sherd of micaceous fine sandy medieval coarseware jar rim was recovered.

During processing of soil Sample <1> from deposit [30], a sherd of Westerwald stoneware rim was recovered, likely to be of mid 16th-century date. Sample <1> also produced small fragments of coal, charcoal and mineralised root channels. Also recovered from [30] was a fragment of fired clay which had a large chalk inclusion, and possibly small amounts of ferrous material. The fired clay had only one surface remaining, and may have been originally part of some kind of structure.



Plate 5. Trench 70, ditch [28], looking south-east

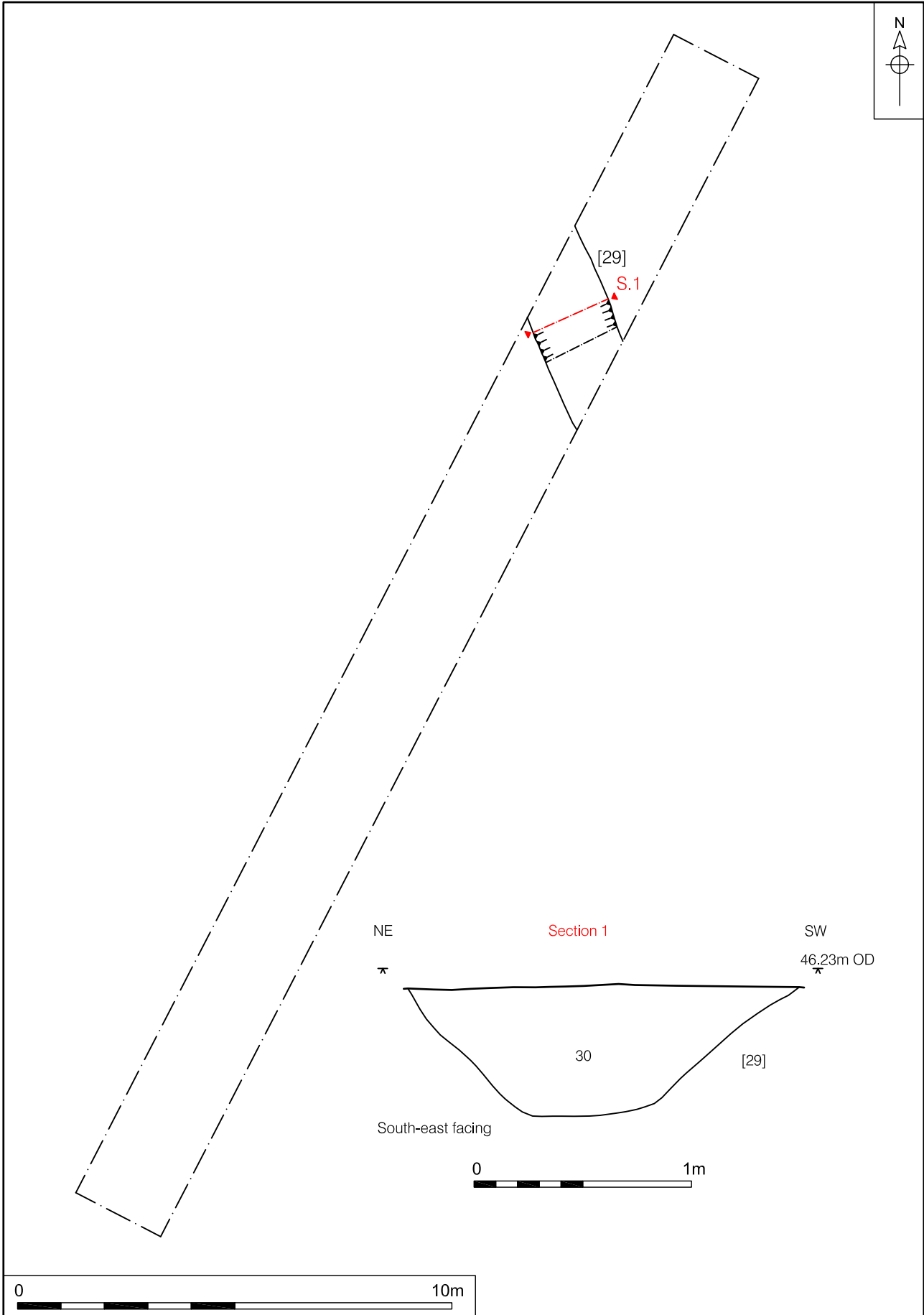


Figure 19. Trench 70, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 71



Trench 71, looking east

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	East - west
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East End	TG 12981.352, 02691.894
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West End	TG 12951.381, 02691.378
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Dimensions

Length	30m
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Width	2.2m
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Depth	0.35m
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Levels


East End Top	46.821m OD
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West End Top	46.938m OD
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Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Firm sandy clay with frequent chalk flecks and large flint nodules	-	0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 72				
 <p>Trench 72, looking south-west</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 13004.242, 02698.170	
		South-west End	TG 12990.934, 02671.294	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.30m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	47.05m OD			
South-west End Top	47.067m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 73



Trench 73, looking west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation East - west

East End TG 12976.319,
02659.699

West End TG 12946.313,
02659.166

Dimensions

Length 30m

Width 2.2m

Depth 0.30m

Levels


East End Top 47.185m OD

West End Top 47.013m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 74							
 <p>Trench 74, looking south-west</p>			Fig. 2				
			Location				
			Orientation		North-east – south-west		
			North-east End		TG 12931.297, 02650.366		
			South-west End		TG 12917.976, 02623.482		
			Dimensions				
			Length		30m		
			Width		2.2m		
			Depth		0.35m		
			Levels				
North-east End Top		46.882m OD					
South-west End Top		46.738m OD					
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL			
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m			
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m			
Discussion							
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.							

Trench 75



Trench 75, looking west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	East-west
East End	TG 12905.306, 02614.297
West End	TG 12875.318, 02613.763

Dimensions

Length	30m
Width	2.2m
Depth	0.35m

Levels


East End Top	46.711m OD
West End Top	46.551m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 76

 <p>Trench 76, looking south-west</p>	Figs 2 and 20	
	Location	
	Orientation	North-east – south-west
	North-east End	TG 12867.224, 02607.781
	South-west End	TG 12853.902, 02580.879
	Dimensions	
	Length	30m
	Width	2.2m
	Depth	0.30m
	Levels	
North-east End Top	46.509m OD	
South-west End Top	46.561m OD	

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m
42	Pit	Sub-circular in plan	0.20m	0.30m– 0.50m
43	Fill of [42]	Greyish black silty sand	0.20m	0.30m– 0.50m

Discussion

One feature was present in Trench 76.

Pit [42] was located in the south-western part of the trench and measured 1.20m long by 0.85m wide by 0.20m deep. It contained a single fill [43] consisting of greyish black silty sand with frequent charcoal and burnt clay. The feature demonstrated evidence of potential *in situ* burning as there was a pinkish hue on its edges.

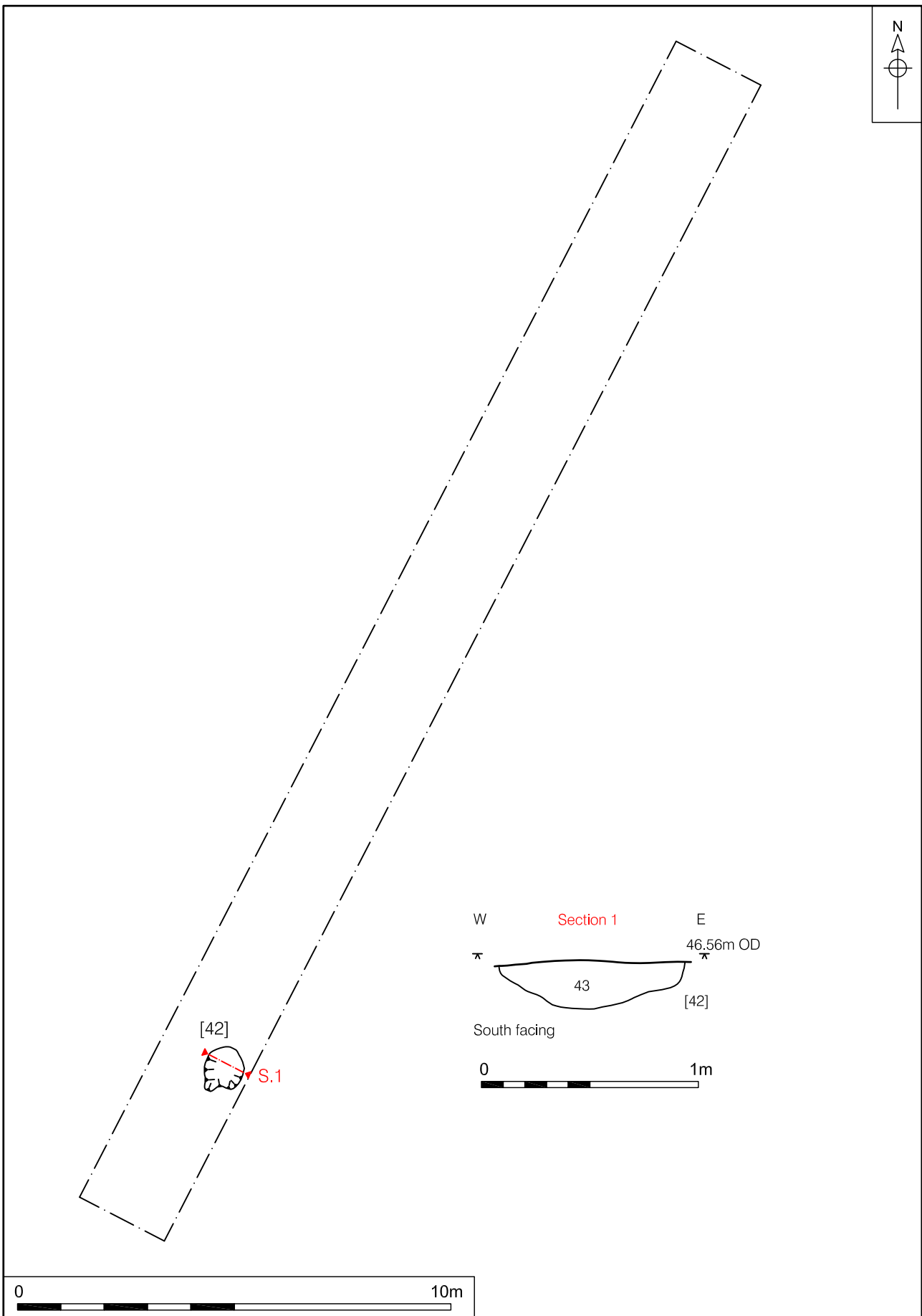


Figure 20. Trench 76, plan and section. Scale 1:125 and 1:25

Trench 77



Trench 77, looking east

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	East - west
East End	TG 12946.869, 02611.840
West End	TG 12916.879, 02611.304

Dimensions

Length	30m
Width	2.2m
Depth	0.35m

Levels

East End Top	46.913m OD
West End Top	46.815m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 78



Trench 78, looking north-east

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	North-east – south-west
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North-east End	TG 12979.040, 02650.939
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South-west End	TG 12965.750, 02624.097
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Dimensions

Length	30m
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Width	2.2m
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Depth	0.30m
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Levels

North-east End Top	47.262m OD
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South-west End Top	47.004m OD
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Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 79



Trench 79, looking east

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation	East-west
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East End	TG 13026.143, 02663.286
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West End	TG 12996.142, 02662.742
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Dimensions

Length	30m
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Width	2.2m
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Depth	0.30m
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Levels


East End Top	47.388m OD
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West End Top	47.252m OD
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Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 80				
 <p>Trench 80, looking north-east</p>		Fig 2.		
		Location		
		Orientation	North-east – south-west	
		North-east End	TG 13012.859, 02646.032	
		South-west End	TG 12999.564, 02619.157	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.30m	
		Levels		
North-east End Top	47.371m OD			
South-west End Top	47.368m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Orange clay with gravelly sand	-	0.30m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 81				
 <p>Trench 81, looking west</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	East-west	
		East End	TG 12909.548, 02873.777	
		West End	TG 12887.873, 02858.504	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.40m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.865m OD			
West End Top	46.735m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.40m	0–0.40m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel with occasional clay outcrop	-	0.40m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 82



Trench 82, looking west

Fig 2.

Location

Orientation East - west

East End TG 12798.307,
02800.584

West End TG 12774.011,
02785.393

Dimensions

Length 30m

Width 2.2m

Depth 0.40m

Levels

East End Top 46.649m OD


West End Top 46.629m OD


Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.40m	0-0.40m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel with occasional clay patches	-	0.40m


Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

Trench 83

 <p>Trench 83, looking west</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	East - west	
		East End	TG 12681.757, 02718.802	
		West End	TG 12660.015, 02700.745	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.40m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.118m OD			
West End Top	45.808m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.40m	0–0.40m
2	Natural	Clay with gravels and chalk	-	0.40m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 84				
 <p>Trench 84, looking west</p>			Fig 2.	
			Location	
			Orientation	East - west
			East End	TG 12830.872, 02565.353
			West End	TG 12806.577, 02558.378
			Dimensions	
			Length	30m
			Width	2.2m
			Depth	0.30m
			Levels	
East End Top	46.477m OD			
West End Top	46.486m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.30m	0–0.30m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel with occasional patches of clay	-	0.30m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 85				
 <p>Trench 85, looking west</p>		Fig. 2		
		Location		
		Orientation	East-west	
		East End	TG 12924.371, 02592.222	
		West End	TG 12894.361, 02583.922	
		Dimensions		
		Length	30m	
		Width	2.2m	
		Depth	0.35m	
		Levels		
East End Top	46.876m OD			
West End Top	46.694m OD			
Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel	-	0.35m
Discussion				
This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.				

Trench 86



Trench 86, looking west

Fig. 2

Location

Orientation East-west

East End TG 13003.430,
02611.315

West End TG 12978.053,
02604.031

Dimensions

Length 30m

Width 2.2m

Depth 0.35m

Levels

East End Top 47.445m OD

West End Top 47.123m OD

Context	Type	Description and Interpretation	Thickness	Depth BGL
1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty sand	0.35m	0–0.35m
2	Natural	Sand and gravel		0.35m

Discussion

This trench was devoid of archaeological features, deposits and finds.

6.0 FINDS

All finds were processed and recorded by count and weight, and an Excel spreadsheet was produced outlining broad dating. Each material has been considered separately and is included below organised by material. See Appendix 2a for a full list of all finds in context order.

6.1 Pottery

by Sue Anderson and Lucy Talbot

One sherd of pottery weighing 24g was collected from ditch fill [30]. It is a micaceous fine sandy medieval coarseware jar rim of LMU type. The form is developed and comparable with examples illustrated by Jennings in Norwich (Jennings 1981, fig. 15 no. 312) suggesting a 13th- to 14th-century date.

A single sherd of Westerwald stoneware, weighing 27g, was recovered from soil Sample <1> also taken from context [30] the fill of ditch [29]. It is the rim fragment of a chamber pot and is a pale grey fabric with light grey salt glaze and cobalt blue border. Westerwald products were produced from the mid-16th century up to the present day, but this example is likely to be of the earlier end of the range.

6.2 Ceramic Building Material

Five fragments of ceramic building material (CBM) weighing 147g were collected from three ditch fills. Table 1 shows the quantification by context.

Context	Fabric	Form	No.	Wt/g	Description	Spotdate
36	msf	RT	1	24	corner frag, reduced surfaces	?med
36	msf	RT?	1	42	thick, fully oxid, poss RID? abraded	?p-med
41	msx	FD?	1	6	curving fragment	p-med
46	msx	FD?	1	20	slightly curving	p--med
46	msf	RID?	1	55		p-med

Key: RT – plain roof tile; RID – ridge tile; FD – field drain

Table 1. Ceramic building material catalogue

The CBM was comprised of two main fabric types, a medium sandy fabric with flint inclusions (msf) and a medium sandy fabric with streaks of white clay (msx). Both are typical of post-medieval assemblages in the region, although the 'msf' pieces could be of late medieval date. The fragments included two pieces of possible field drain, two fragments of plain roof tile and a piece of ridge tile. One fragment of plain roof tile from deposit [36] had reduced surfaces and may be late medieval in date, but all other fragments were fully oxidised and probably post-medieval.

6.3 Metal Finds

by Rebecca Sillwood

A total of eleven metal objects were recovered from ten contexts, with the majority of the assemblage being unstratified metal detected finds.

Only three of the objects were from stratified deposits; a small iron nail or tack from deposit [10], the fill of pit [9], another small nail possibly a horseshoe nail from deposit [12], the fill of pit [11], and a fragment of horseshoe from the same context. The horseshoe fragment consists of part of one branch, with a rectangular nail-hole visible. The piece does not have calkins and although it is difficult to date, it could be medieval, along with the nail from the same deposit.

The remainder of the finds are relatively unstratified, being from the spoil of some of the trenches, and comprise a fragment of lead ([61], Trench 3); a post-medieval lead cloth seal ([62], Trench 5); three illegible copper alloy coins from three separate trenches ([63], Trench 8; [69], Trench 17 and [72], Trench 26); a copper alloy seed drill cup ([66], Trench 13); a small fragment of crotal bell ([67], Trench 15) and a copper alloy hinged object ([71], Trench 24).

6.4 Flint

by Andrew Peachey

6.4.1 Introduction

A total of ten fragments (70g) of struck flint was recovered (Table 2) as unstratified material collected from the subsoil during metal detecting (Appendix 3). This small assemblage is entirely comprised of implements and debitage manufactured using blade-technology typical of the earlier Neolithic period, and despite the subsoil context of the struck flint it occurs in an un-patinated, fresh condition.

Implement/Flake Type	Frequency	Weight (g)
Scrapers	3	31
Platform Rejuvenation Flake	1	31
Debitage	6	8
<i>Total</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>70</i>

Table 2: Quantification of struck flint implements and flake types

6.4.2 Methodology & Terminology

The flint was quantified by fragment count and weight (g), with all data entered into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that will be deposited as part of the archive. Flake type (see 'Dorsal cortex,' below) or implement type, patination, colour and condition were also recorded as part of this data set, along with free-text comments.

The term 'cortex' refers to the natural weathered exterior surface of a piece of flint, and the term 'patination' to the colouration of a flaked surface exposed by human or natural agency. Dorsal cortex is categorised after Andrefsky (2005, 104 & 115) with 'primary flake' referring to those with cortex covering 100% of the dorsal face; 'secondary flake' with 50-99%; 'tertiary' with 1-49% and 'un-corticated' to those with no dorsal cortex. A 'blade' is defined as an elongated flake whose length is at least twice as great as it's breadth, often exhibiting parallel dorsal flake scars (a feature that can assist in the identification of broken blades that, by definition, have an indeterminate length/breadth ratio). Terms used to describe implement and core types follow the system adopted by Healy (1988, 48-9).

6.4.3 Commentary

The assemblage was entirely comprised of very dark grey (near black) raw flint with, where extant, a thick powdery cortex. These characteristics indicate the raw flint was sourced from primary geological deposits of chalk that underlie central and west Norfolk and outcrop locally at Wymondham.

The scrapers in the assemblage comprise a double-side-end scraper (unstratified [60]) and two side scrapers (unstratified [60] and [66]). All were formed by the application of abrupt re-touch to the edges of blade-like tertiary or un-corticated flakes. Although no true blades were present in the assemblage, the remaining debitage flakes (unstratified [61], [64], [65], [67] and [70]) were all comprised of blade-like un-corticated or tertiary flakes that were typically very small, often approaching chips/bladelets, and possibly representing trimming or mis-hits from blade cores. The production of blades is confirmed by the presence of a platform rejuvenation flake (un-stratified [68]) that represents the maintenance of a blade core. This debitage flake exhibits blade-like dorsal scars and was probably struck to reduce the angle of a striking platform and to remove a vein of quartz within the core. This blade technology and core maintenance is typical of flint working in the earlier Neolithic, although it also occurred earlier in the Mesolithic. However, the scrapers in this small assemblage and absence of microliths suggest an earlier Neolithic date of manufacture.

6.5 Fired Clay

by Rebecca Sillwood

A single fragment of fired clay was recovered from [30], the fill of ditch [29], weighing 13g. The piece is pale pink in colour with large chalk inclusions, and possibly small amounts of ferrous material. The piece has only one surface remaining, and may have originally formed part of some kind of structure, although the piece is too small to be certain.

6.6 Animal Bone

by Rebecca Sillwood

Ten fragments of animal bone were recovered from the spoil of Trench 13 [66], but were too fragmentary to be diagnostic. Due to the fragmentary and unidentifiable nature of these pieces of bone and the fact that they were unstratified and undiagnostic they have been discarded.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

by Val Fryer

7.1 Plant macrofossils

7.1.1 Introduction and method statement

Evaluation excavations at Wymondham recorded a number of pits, ditches and other discrete features. Dating evidence was extremely sparse, but prehistoric struck flints were recorded along with pieces of medieval pottery. Samples for the evaluation of the content and preservation of the plant macrofossil assemblages were taken, and six (Samples <1> - <6>) were submitted for assessment.

The samples were processed by manual water flotation/washover and the flots were collected in a 300 micron mesh sieve. The dried flots were scanned under a binocular microscope at magnifications up to x16 and the plant macrofossils and other remains noted are listed in Appendix 4. Nomenclature within the appendix follows Stace (1997). All plant remains were charred. Modern fibrous roots, seeds, mollusc shells and fungal sclerotia were recorded within all but Sample <5>.

The non-floating residues were collected in a 1mm mesh sieve to be sorted when dry. Any artefacts/ecofacts were retained for specialist analysis.

7.1.2 Results

With the exception of Sample <5>, the assemblages are all extremely small and sparse, containing little other than a low density of charcoal/charred wood fragments. A single cereal grain, which is too fragmentary for close identification, is present within the assemblage from Sample <2> and Sample <4> contains a small fragment of oat (*Avena* sp.) awn. The latter assemblage also includes a moderate density of coal fragments along with black tarry residues, all of which are probable bi-products of the combustion of the coal. The assemblage from Sample <5>, which is much larger at approximately 0.3 litres in volume, is almost entirely composed of charcoal/charred wood fragments, many of which have a distinct flaked appearance possibly indicative of very high temperatures of combustion.

7.1.3 Conclusions and recommendations for further work

In summary, the charcoal rich assemblage from Sample <5> is possibly derived from a small, discrete deposit of hearth or oven waste, but at present it is impossible to ascertain whether one or more episodes of burning are represented. The low density of plant remains within the other assemblages possibly suggests that all are derived from either scattered or wind-dispersed refuse, which was accidentally included within the feature fills.

Although most of the current assemblages are very sparse, it is apparent that plant macrofossils are preserved within the archaeological horizon at Wymondham. Therefore, if further interventions are planned it is suggested that additional plant macrofossil samples are taken from any well-sealed and dated features recorded during excavation.

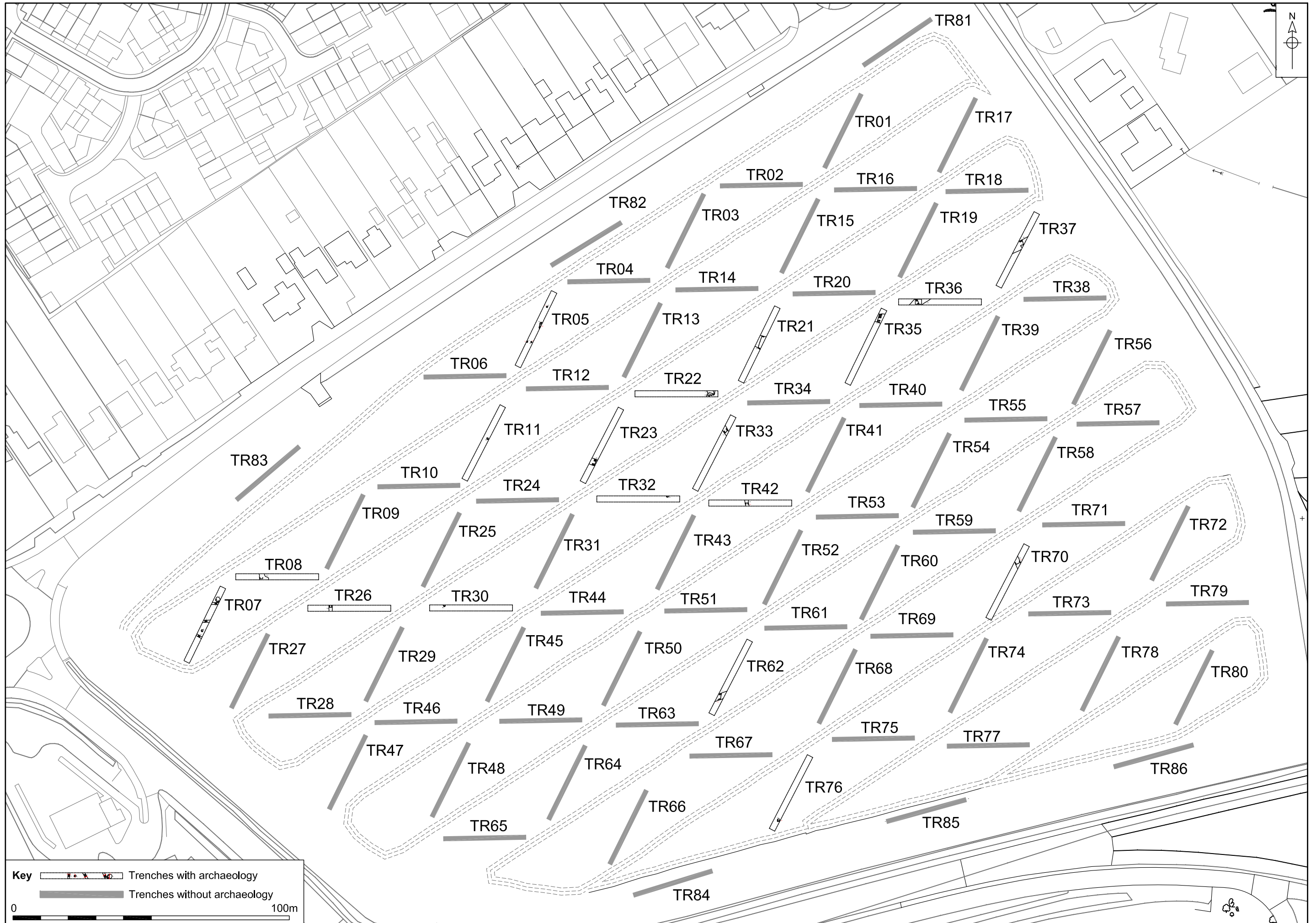


Figure 21. Archaeological features. Scale 1:1250

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8.0 DISCUSSION

Eighteen of the 86 trenches examined (Trenches 5, 7, 8, 11, 21, 22, 23, 26, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 42, 62, 70 and 76) produced archaeological and naturally-formed features. A limited number of finds were recovered from the excavated features themselves providing very little assistance in the dating of the features.

Archaeological parallels within the vicinity of the development site in Wymondham have been sought to place the results of the evaluation into a wider context of landscape characterisation and development.

The recovery of Early Neolithic flints from the topsoil is of interest. This small assemblage of ten worked flints was recovered from Trenches 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 70 and was evenly distributed across the southern part of the site (Fig. 21) at an elevation of roughly 46m OD. It is frustrating however that no finds of this date can be associated with features – Trench 70 is the only one of these trenches to contain a feature (ditch [29]) and this ditch also contained ceramic building material and a fragment of post-medieval pottery.

The distribution pattern for Mesolithic/Early Neolithic occupation is general considered to be focused along river valleys, and in this area in Breckland and along the Fen Edge (Wymer and Robins 1995). Systematic fieldwalking in the Broadland parish of Hemblington (HER 31238, Ames 1995) has demonstrated that flintwork industries existed along shallow Broadland valleys. Although valley edges were probably favoured, sites have occurred on the higher interfluvial, north - south boulder clay plateau. An Early Mesolithic site was excavated during 1986-87 at Great Melton (MLG 16753) at 35m OD and the topographical location of the site appears to be unusual for a Mesolithic site. The site at Great Melton is situated some two miles north of the proposed development site and, by coincidence, lies on the very edge of what was Great Melton Common (Wymer and Robins 1995). While the Great Melton site has been placed in the earlier Mesolithic period, evidence from the earlier Neolithic period has been recorded approximately two miles west of the proposed development site. Evaluation was undertaken in 2005 at Browick Road, Wymondham (41125 WYM) which produced earlier Neolithic pottery with a date range between 3600-3000BC from ditches, a pit and a probable water course (Ames 2005). Although not directly associated with the proposed development site it does demonstrate that activity during the prehistoric period was taking place on the boulder clay plateau.

The three small charcoal-rich pits were recorded (one each) in Trenches 30, 32 and 76 (pits [38], [50] and [42] respectively) which have clear parallels with the pits excavated at the Cringleford Park and Ride site (Ames and Watkins 2006) and at Bowthorpe, Three Score (Green 2004). Like the examples at this site, the pits recorded at Cringleford and Bowthorpe did not produce datable evidence themselves, however they were associated with Iron Age settlement evidence and it is reasonable to suggest that the pits from Wymondham may be of the same period.

Ditches were recorded in twelve trenches (Trenches 7, 21, 22, 23, 26, 33, 35, 36, 37, 42, 62 and 70) (Fig. 21) with only two (those in Trenches 37 and 70) producing dating evidence (medieval/post-medieval). Ditch fill [36] in Trench 37 produced two fragments of roof tile of medieval to early post-medieval date. Ditch fill [71] in

Trench 70 produced two sherds of pottery, one of which is of 13th- to 14th-century date and the other of mid 16th-century date.

It is not possible to create a regular pattern from the ditches even though they might be expected to represent land divisions - which may have indicated that the field was part of a deliberately planned landscape. Furthermore, due to the lack of datable deposits, finds and definitive environmental evidence, it has not been possible to determine with any certainty which period the ditches belong to.

The morphology of ditch [31] in Trench 23 is typical of the prehistoric period and could well be this date (the negative evidence possibly on this occasion reinforcing this suggestion).

It appears that the substantial ditches recorded in Trenches 35 and 37 could represent boundary ditches or could be the same ditch and share a similar alignment although they seem to be slightly offset from each other (Fig. 21). Although, it is difficult to state for certain that the ditches in Trenches 35 and 37 are of Roman date, a Roman landscape was present some two miles north-east of the proposed development site at Myrtle Road Hethersett (HER 41986) and shares some characteristics with this site. The excavation was conducted in 2005 and activity at the site was characterised by two main phases - Romano-British and Early Saxon. There were two principal boundary ditches present in the Romano-British phase aligned roughly east - west which crossed over each other (Shelley and Green 2007, Fig. 3).

The naturally-formed features in Trenches 5, 11, 22 and 36 are likely to represent tree-holes and/or undulations that have been in-filled by natural processes.

9.0 CONCLUSIONS

Despite the paucity of dating evidence in the features and the awkward alignment of the linear features, there does appear to be a prehistoric aspect to this site.

The presence of a small number of Early Neolithic worked flints in surface deposits across the south of the site in tantalising and does at least demonstrate that the survey area is located in an ancient landscape that has been subject to human activity dating back perhaps 6,000 years.

The three individual charcoal-rich pits appear to be randomly scattered across the site and form no pattern however they are similar enough in form to others recorded in the vicinity and without contra-indications it is reasonable to suggest that they could be indicative of Iron Age activity.

It has not been possible to assign dates with any certainty to the linear features that were recorded in twelve of the trenches. However ditch [31] in Trench 23 has a profile typical of substantial prehistoric ditches, especially those around funerary monuments and it is suggested that ditches [34] and [29] recorded in Trenches 37 and 70 respectively are of medieval/post-medieval date due to the limited material of this date recovered from their fills.

Recommendations for future work based upon this report will be made by Norfolk Historic Environment Service.

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Appendix 1a: Context Summary

Context	Category	Cut Type	Fill Of	Description	Period	Trench
1	Deposit			Topsoil	-	All
2	Deposit			Natural	-	All
3	Cut			Post-hole	Undated	7
4	Deposit		3	Post-hole fill	Undated	
5	Cut			Ditch	Undated	7
6	Deposit		5	Ditch fill	Undated	
7	Cut			Ditch	Undated	7
8	Deposit		7	Ditch fill	Undated	
9	Cut			Pit	Undated	7
10	Deposit		9	Pit fill	Undated	
11	Cut			Pit	Undated	8
12	Deposit		11	Pit fill	Undated	
13	Cut			Ditch	Undated	26
14	Deposit		13	Ditch fill	Undated	
15	Cut			Post-hole	Undated	5
16	Deposit		15	Post-hole fill	Undated	
17	Cut			Pit	Undated	5
18	Deposit		17	Pit fill	Undated	
19	Cut			Pit/tree hole	Undated	5
20	Deposit		19	Pit/tree hole fill	Undated	
21	Cut			Pit/tree hole	Undated	5
22	Deposit		21	Pit/tree hole fill	Undated	
23	Cut			Pit	Undated	11
24	Deposit		23	Pit fill	Undated	
25	Cut			Ditch	Undated	22
26	Deposit		25	Ditch fill	Undated	
27	Cut			Pit/tree hole	Undated	22
28	Deposit		27	Pit/tree hole fill	Undated	
29	Cut			Ditch	Medieval/post-medieval	70
30	Deposit		29	Ditch fill	Medieval/post-medieval	
31	Cut			Ditch	Undated	23
32	Deposit		31	Ditch fill	Undated	
33	Deposit		31	Ditch fill	Undated	
34	Cut			Ditch	Medieval/post-medieval	37
35	Deposit		34	Ditch fill	Medieval/post-medieval	
36	Deposit		34	Ditch fill	Medieval/post-medieval	
37	Deposit		34	Ditch fill	Medieval/post-medieval	
38	Cut			Burnt pit	?Iron Age	30
39	Deposit		38	Pit fill	?Iron Age	

Context	Category	Cut Type	Fill Of	Description	Period	Trench
40	Cut			Ditch	Undated	33
41	Deposit		40	Ditch fill	Undated	
42	Cut			Pit	?Iron Age	76
43	Deposit		42	Pit fill	?Iron Age	
44	Cut			Ditch	Undated	62
45	Deposit		44	Ditch fill	Undated	
46	Deposit		40	Ditch fill	Undated	
47	Cut			Ditch	Undated	35
48	Deposit		47	Ditch fill	Undated	
49	Deposit		47	Ditch fill	Undated	
50	Cut			Pit	?Iron Age	32
51	Deposit		50	Pit fill	?Iron Age	
52	Cut			Ditch	Undated	21
53	Deposit		52	Ditch fill	Undated	
54	Cut			Ditch	Undated	36
55	Deposit		54	Ditch fill	Undated	
56	Cut			Tree hole	Undated	36
57	Deposit		56	Tree hole fill	Undated	
58	Cut			Ditch	Undated	42
59	Deposit		58	Ditch fill	Undated	
60	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	1
61	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	3
62	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	5
63	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	8
64	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	11
65	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	12
66	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	13
67	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	15
68	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	16
69	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	17
70	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	19
71	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	24
72	U/S Finds			Metal detecting finds	Undated	26

Context	Category	Cut Type	Fill Of	Description	Period	Trench
73	Cut			Ditch	Undated	7
74	Deposit		73	Ditch fill	Undated	

Appendix 1b: OASIS Feature Summary

Period	Feature Type	Number
?Iron Age	Pit	3
Medieval/post-medieval	Ditch	2
Uncertain	Pit	4
	Ditch	10
	Post-hole	2
	Pit/tree hole	4
	Tree hole	1

Appendix 2a: Finds by Context

Context	Material	Qty	Wt	Period
10	Iron	1	3g	Unknown
12	Iron	1	45g	Unknown
12	Iron	1	3g	Unknown
30	Fired Clay	1	13g	Unknown
30	Flint – Burnt	1	10g	Unknown
30	Pottery	1	24g	Medieval
30	Pottery	1	27g	Post-medieval
36	Ceramic Building Material	2	66g	Post-medieval
41	Ceramic Building Material	1	6g	Modern
46	Ceramic Building Material	2	75g	Post-medieval
51	Fired Clay	4	9g	Unknown
60	Flint – Struck	2	26g	Early Neolithic
61	Flint – Struck	1	1g	Early Neolithic
61	Lead	1	13g	Unknown
62	Lead	1	18g	Post-medieval
63	Copper-Alloy	1	7g	Post-medieval
64	Flint – Struck	2	4g	Early Neolithic
65	Flint – Struck	1	1g	Early Neolithic
66	Animal Bone	10	27g	Unknown
66	Copper-Alloy	1	7g	Post-medieval
66	Flint – Struck	1	5g	Early Neolithic
67	Copper-Alloy	1	1g	Post-medieval
67	Flint – Struck	1	1g	Early Neolithic
68	Flint – Struck	1	31g	Early Neolithic

Context	Material	Qty	Wt	Period
69	Copper-Alloy	1	8g	Post-medieval
70	Flint – Struck	1	1g	Early Neolithic
71	Copper-Alloy	1	2g	Post-medieval
72	Copper-Alloy	1	7g	Post-medieval

Appendix 2b: OASIS Finds Summary

Period	Material	Total
Early Neolithic	Flint – Struck	10
Medieval	Pottery	1
Post-medieval	Ceramic Building Material	4
	Copper-Alloy	6
	Lead	1
Post-medieval	Pottery	1
Modern	Ceramic Building Material	1
Unknown	Animal Bone	10
	Fired Clay	5
	Flint – Burnt	1
	Iron	3
	Lead	1

Appendix 3: Flint

Context	Find/type	No.	Wgt (g)	Patinated	Retouched	Colour	Cortex	I?	L	W	D	Comment
60	Double side-end scraper	1	13	\	yes	Dark grey	\		50	25	7	abrupt retouch around both lateral edges and distal end of a blade-like uncorticated flake
60	Side Scraper	1	13	\	yes	Dark grey	thick, white	\	50	25	7	abrupt retouch to one lateral edge of a blade-like tertiary flake
61	Bladelet/Chip (<10mm)	1	1	\	\	Dark grey	\	\	\	\	\	blade-like
64	Uncorticated Flake (<40mm)	2	4	\	\	Dark grey	\	\	\	\	\	blade-like
65	Bladelet/Chip (<10mm)	1	1	\	\	Dark grey	\	\	\	\	\	blade-like
66	Side Scraper	1	5	\	yes	Dark grey	thick, white	\	40	20	5	abrupt retouch to one lateral edge of a blade-like tertiary flake
67	Bladelet/Chip (<10mm)	1	1	\	\	Dark grey	off-white	\	\	\	\	blade-like

Context	Find/type	No.	Wgt (g)	Patinated	Retouched	Colour	Cortex	I?	L	W	D	Comment
68	Platform Rejuvenation Flake	1	31	\	\	Dark grey	thick, white	\	50	30	10	Blade-like tertiary flake with blade-like dorsal scars, struck to reduce angle of striking platform and possibly remove vein of quartz in core.
70	Uncorticated Flake (<40mm)	1	1	\	\	Dark grey	\	\	\	\	\	blade-like
		10	70									

Appendix 4: Plant macrofossils

Sample No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Context No.	30	32	35	36	39	49
Feature No.	29	31	34	34	38	47
Feature type	Ditch	Ditch	Ditch	Ditch	Pit	Ditch
Plant macrofossils						
<i>Avena</i> sp. (awn frag.)				x		
Cereal indet. (grain)		x				
Charcoal <2mm	x	x	x	x	xxxx	x
Charcoal >2mm	x	x		x	xxxx	x
Charcoal >5mm					x	
Other remains						
Black porous and tarry residues		x	x	x		
Bone				xpmc		
Burnt/fired clay					x	
Mineralised root channels	x					
Small coal frags.	x		x	xx	x	
Small mammal/amphibian bones		xpmc				
Sample volume (litres)	14	16	14	15	14	14
Volume of flot (litres)	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.3	<0.1
% flot sorted	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%

Key to Table

x = 1 – 10 specimens xx = 11 – 50- specimens xxxx = 100+ specimens
 pmc = possible modern contaminant