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#### Abstract

This report presents the results of an archaeological excavation undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on a proposed residential development on the southern outskirts of Forres, Morayshire. The works, undertaken prior to a residential development, followed on from previous phases of archaeological evaluation and excavation undertaken within a 34 ha land parcel situated on rough pasture centred at NGR: NJ 03085720.

The evaluation of 2010 identified features across the entire site (Area of roundabout, Areas A, B, C, D, E and F ). This comprised linear ditches, pits and postholes. Artefactual material recovered included Grooved Ware pottery, coarse stone, flint and later prehistoric ceramics.

A subsequent phase of archaeological works was required based on the results of this evaluation. The 2013 Phase 1 excavation comprised the complete excavation of a series of features identified specifically within Areas A, B and F.

The excavation identified the remains of a series of truncated prehistoric structures including three ringditch roundhouses, post-ring structures and isolated pits. Artefactual evidence was recovered in the form of prehistoric ceramic, coarse stone and chipped stone assemblages.

Two previous phases of excavation within the general area (Cook 2008, 2010) identified further evidence for prehistoric activity in the area. The results will be subject to post-excavation analyses and published together.


## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Development Background

1.1.1 A programme of archaeological works was required by Springfield Properties PLC in respect to a proposed housing development at the R3 site, on the southern side of Forres, Moray (centred NGR: NJ 0308 5720, Figure 1). The planned development consists of an extensive greenfield site covering approximately 34 ha. The site lies within the administrative area of Moray Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Service (ACAS). A programme of archaeological works was required in keeping with the policies outlined in Scottish Planning Policy (Scottish Government 2010) and PAN 2/2011 (Scottish Government 2011)) in order to record the extent and significance of any archaeological remains which may be present within the development area.

### 1.2 Archaeological Background

1.2.1 Forres is present on maps from as early as the mid $17^{\text {th }}$ century when it appears on Gordon's map of this date and Balnageith to the north-west of the proposed development site appears on Roy's military survey of 1747 to 1755 . Ordnance Survey maps from the mid $19^{\text {th }}$ century through to the early 1990s indicate that the fields proposed for development were not subject to any development during this time.
1.2.2 The Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland records two cropmark sites lying within the development boundaries, NMRS NJ05NW 72 and NJ05NW 116, both named 'Balnaferry' See Figure 2). The southernmost of these two sites, NMRS NJ05NW 72, is described as cropmark of a ring-ditch though given its size it may represent a small enclosure or palisade. The other site lies a few hundred metres north and is described as a thin oval enclosure of substantial size. Both cropmarks were visible in photographs from 1976 and 1982 though continued ploughing in the intervening years may have further truncated these potential archaeological features.
1.2.3 The Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Service, ACAS has two other sites registered within their Sites and Monuments Record that fall within the extents of the development area (Figure 2). These sites, NJ05NW0081 and NJ05NW0083, are both listed as 'Knockomie.' Site NJ05NW0081 consists of simple circular enclosure noted from photographs taken in 1994. Site NJ05NW0083 is more complicated with the thin trace of a possible subsquare or rectilinear enclosure, linear marks that may represent earlier field boundaries or trackways and a number of small dark 'blobs' which may represent pits. At the eastern end of the field lie cropmark reflecting a possible souterrain and a suggestion of a circular enclosure. As with the cropmarks described above there has been a number of years of continued ploughing since the photographs were taken, so again some degree of attrition to these sites must be anticipated.
1.2.4 Immediately to the west of the A940 within metres of the western edge of the development area, evaluation and excavation works in 2007 and 2008 on the 'Grantown Road R2 site' unearthed later prehistoric settlement features comprising a souterrain, a ring-ditch, two four poster structures, a circular structure and two furnaces (Figure 2). Artefacts recovered from the excavation include a Neolithic ceramic vessel, two whetstones, fragments of two rotary querns, a saddle quern, two pieces of worked bone and a huge amount of slag type material (Cook, 2008).
1.2.5 In 2010, an archaeological evaluation was undertaken prior to a residential development across the proposed development area, a greenfield site on the southern outskirts of Forres, Moray.

The works consisted of a $10 \%$ sample evaluation ( $34,000 \mathrm{~m} 2$ ) of a c. 34 ha land parcel. The proposed development contained a series of cropmark sites identified from aerial photographs (NMRS No. NJ05NW 72 and NJ05NW 116). The trenching distribution was therefore both specific to the known sites and subject to random placement. The evaluation identified features across the entire site. This comprised linear ditches pits and post-holes. Artefactual material recovered included Grooved Ware, coarse stone, flint and later prehistoric ceramics. A secondary phase of archaeological works was required on part of the development sire based on the results of the evaluation. The excavation phase ran concurrently with the latter phases of the evaluation. The archaeological excavation comprised the complete excavation of a series of features identified underlying the area of a proposed roundabout and access road situated alongside the Grantown Road (A490).
1.2.6 In the immediate vicinity of the development area lie a few later sites: Balnaferry House, NMRS NJ05NW 116 with associated cottages and farm adjacent to the north-west corner of the site. Off the A940 in south-west corner of the site there are the gateposts leading to the Grade B-Listed Knockomie House, NMRS NJ05NW 276.

## 2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the excavation were:
i) to uncover fully any archaeological remains which may exist within land take of Areas A, B and F;
ii) to record through drawn, written, and photographic record the archaeological features present within the identified archaeologically sensitive areas;
iii) to recover artefacts and samples that will enable the characterisation of the archaeological sediments present;
iv) to advise and implement an appropriate programme of post-excavation analyses and publication.

## 3 METHOD

3.1 The excavation was achieved through the excavation of three square/rectangular areas using two tracked $360^{\circ}$ excavators equipped with a 2 m wide ditching buckets (Figure 2).
3.2 Excavation was undertaken in shallow units/spits until the first significant archaeological horizon or natural drift geology was reached. All machine excavation was supervised by an experienced field archaeologist. All potentially significant archaeological features were cleaned and defined prior to sample excavation to determine their significance.

## 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The excavation was completed between $28^{\text {th }}$ January and $22^{\text {nd }}$ February 2013. The weather conditions during the excavation were poor, with heavy snow, gale force storms and heavy rain; overall archaeological visibility was good. In total three areas were stripped of topsoil (Areas A, B \& C; Figure 1) and all the features excavated. Although the features were assigned numbers during the evaluation phase (Cook 2010) they were all re-assigned new numbers during the excavation and it is these numbers that are referred to in the current Data Structure Report. The various data gathered from the excavation are presented as a series of appendices:

Appendix 1: photographic register;
Appendix 2 the excavation contexts register;
Appendix 3 the excavation small finds register;
Appendix 4 the excavation samples register;
Appendix 5 the excavation drawings register;
Appendix 6 reproduces the 'Discovery \& Excavation in Scotland' entry.

### 4.2 Area A (Figure 2)

4.2.1 The stripping of Area A revealed a total of 30 truncated archaeological features. These were divided into five disparate groupings with several additional isolated features. No strong structural evidence was recognised, with the exception of the curvilinear feature [502] within Group 4, which represents the truncated remains of a ring-ditch roundhouse. It is likely that the majority of the features excavated within the area represent the truncated remains of prehistoric activity, perhaps rubbish pits and possible structures.
4.2.2. Feature Group 1 [510,512, 514,516 \& 524]

These shallow features were located at the south-eastern corner of the area. Pits [510, 512 \& 514] were roughly circular in plan and ranged from 0.50 m to 0.85 m in diameter. Depths ranged from only 0.16 m to 0.22 m . Pit [510] contained numerous fire-cracked stones and fragments of hazel nut shell. To the immediate east of these features lay the larger, more irregular sub-circular pits [516 \& 524]. These features measured 2.15 m to 1.1 m in plan and had and had maximum depths of 0.35 m and 0.55 m respectively.
4.2.3 Feature Group 2 [518,527, 529,531 \& 535]

A small group of circular and elongated features was located along the eastern boundary of the area. Features [518 \& 535] were truncated postholes 0.40 m in diameter, with depths of 0.28 m and 0.10 m . Feature [529] was most probably a further posthole which had been heavily disturbed by ploughing. Two curvilinear features [527 \& 531] measuring 1.9 m and 2.5 m in length were also recorded within this grouping. Both had been truncated by burrows and ploughing with depths ranging from 0.14 m to 0.28 m . The features had relatively flat bases and are possibly the remains of a fence-line.
4.2.4 Feature Group 3 [520, 522 \& 524]

This small grouping was comprised of three circular pit/post-hole features ranging from 0.55 m to 0.79 m in plan and 0.23 m in depth. All three had been truncated by burrowing and ploughing.
4.2.5 Feature Group 4 [502, 504, 506 \& 508] Structure 1 (Figure 3)

This grouping contained the remains of a probable curvilinear ring-ditch feature [502] with two associated post-holes [506 \& 508] and a truncated pit [504]. The probable ring-ditch was 2.8 m in length with a width of 1.4 m . The feature was relatively shallow ( 0.28 m ) with moderately sloping sides and a flat base. The feature was cut on its south-western edge by an oval, shallow pit [504]. A large piece of slag was identified within this fill.
4.2.6 Feature Group 5 [543, 545, 547, 549, 551 \& 553]

This set of features consists of six truncated pits/post-holes ranging from 0.38 m to 0.80 m in diameter and 0.24 m to 0.32 m in depth. The features may represent the truncated remains of a prehistoric structure.
4.2.7 Isolated Features [537, 539, 541 \& 556]

Four isolated pits and post-holes were also recorded within the area. With the exception of the large irregular pit [537] the features were circular in plan with diameters ranging from 0.30 m to 0.60 m . Depths ranged from 0.10 m to 0.30 m .


Plate 1 Feature Group 4 Ring-ditch Structure 1 from south-east

### 4.3. $\quad$ Area B (Figure 2)

4.3.1 Fifty-eight archaeological features were investigated within Area B. These included the remains of a ring-ditch with an associated partial internal post-ring (Feature Group 6 Structure 2). With the exception of Feature Group 7 the remainder of the features can be classified as isolated pits and post-holes. As with Area A the features appeared to be heavily truncated by modern ploughing.
4.3.2 Feature Group $6[686,688,690,692,694,696,698,704,706,708,710,712,714,716,718$, $722,724,726,728,730,732,736,739,741,743,749,751,753,755 \& 780$ ] Structure 2 (Figure 3)

The majority of these features occur as pits and post-holes and are located to the immediate north of the ring-ditch feature [728]. Several of the larger pits in this group [686, 688, 690, 730 \& 732] provided small finds in the form of prehistoric ceramics (McLaren pers comm.). The ringditch feature [728] itself was curvilinear in shape with a length of 6.00 m and a maximum width of 1.30 m . The feature had shallow terminals measuring 0.20 m in depth and a deeper central portion measuring 0.50 m . The ring-ditch was filled with medium brown sandy silt which contained a deposit of large sub-rounded stones within the centre of the ditch. A Hammerstone (SF 8) and saddle-quern (SF 7) were recovered from the fill.
4.3.3 A partial arc of four truncated post-holes [696, 708, $710 \& 712$ ] was located within the inner curve of the ring-ditch. These ranged from 0.32 m to 0.40 m in diameter and from 0.14 m to 0.22 m in depth. It is probable that these features form the remains of an inner post-ring associated with a large roundhouse structure. The ring-ditch feature [728] would be external to this inner ring within the structure and probably formed through the process of erosion. Two post-holes [716 \& 718] and a large circular pit [714] were situated to the immediate south of the post-ring and can be explained as associated structural features within the roundhouse.


Plate 2 Feature Group 6 Structure 2 south facing section through ring-ditch
4.3.4 Feature Group 7 [765, 793, 767, 791, 769 \& 795]

A linear group of five post-holes were arranged in an east-west alignment. These features possibly represent the remains of a fence-line. A further post-hole [795] was located immediately to the south and is possibly associated.
4.3.5 Feature Group 8 [781, 783, 789 \& 797]

A small group of four pits and post-holes were recorded within the south-eastern corner of Area B. The pit [789] contained several body sherds of decorated prehistoric ceramics (SF 14 \& 15). This ceramics has been provisionally identified as Neolithic Carinated bowl (McLaren pers comm.)
4.3.6 Isolated Features [700, 702,720, 734,743, 745, 747,757,759, 761,763,773, 775,777, 779, 785, 787, 799, 801 \& 803]
Twenty isolated pits and post-holes were spread across the remainder of Area $B$. The majority of these features were relatively large pit features over a metre in diameter. Most appeared heavily truncated with depths ranging from 0.13 m to 0.36 m . Several examples such as pit [777] contained dark brown organic silts containing fire-cracked stone and charcoal fragments. No further artefacts were recovered from these features.

### 4.4 Area F (Figure 2)

4.4.1 A series of 64 features were identified within Area F. These were largely concentrated within three feature groupings $(9,10 \& 11)$. Within these broad groupings the truncated remains of a further ring-ditch and three post-ring structures ( $3,4 \& 5$ ) were tentatively recognised.
4.4.2 Feature Group $9[558,560,562,564,566,568,570,572,574,576,578,580,582,594,596$, $598,600,602,604,606,610,612,614,618,620,622,624 \& 652]$ (Structure 3) (Figure 3) This large group of features contained numerous substantial pits surrounding a partial post-ring structure with associated ring-ditch (Structure 3). The post-ring was 2.5 m in diameter and consisted of eight truncated post-holes [570,572,574,576,578,582,598 \& 604]. The postholes ranged from 0.20 m to 0.28 m in diameter and from 0.11 m to 0.19 m in depth. The postholes were spaced at one metre intervals. Post-hole [604] was cut by the shallow ring-ditch [602]. This feature was 2.07 m in length, 1.10 m in width and 0.12 m in depth.
4.4.3 Feature Group 10 [584, 586, 588, 590, 608, 610, 626, 632, 634, 642 \& 644] (Structure 4) (Figure 3)
Structure 4 consisted of a partial arc of post-holes [584, 586, $588 \& 590$ ] which appeared to be associated with the probable midden spread [608]. The post-holes were 0.30 m to 0.50 m in diameter and 0.10 m to 0.18 m in depth. The midden spread was three metres in length and one metre in width. It had weak, gently sloping sides and an irregular base. The spread was dark brown organic silt with numerous charcoal fragments. The spread was 0.28 m in depth
and was itself cut by the truncated pit [610]. Various prehistoric ceramics including a decorated rim (SF 1) were recovered from the spread, with at least two fragments of Neolithic Impressed Ware (McLaren pers comm.). Several large stone filled pits [626, 642, 634 \& 644] were located to the immediate west of the spread.


Plate 3 Midden spread [608] and pit [610] west facing section
4.4.4 Feature Group 11 [654, 656, 658, 662, 664, 666, 668, 674, 674, 676, 678, 680 \& 682] (Structure 5) (Figure 3)

This group of features consisted of a tight spread of truncated post-holes with several larger pit features. Four of the features $[654,658,684 \& 674]$ formed a partial arc. It is possible that these form part of an internal post-ring for a roundhouse structure. The post-holes [656, 668, 666, 678, 680, 682 \& 662] were located within the arc and may represent the remains of internal divisions or other structural elements. The pit [676] contained a saddle-quern (SF 5), a side/endscraper (SF 6) and numerous sherds of prehistoric pottery (SF 4). This varied assemblage of artefacts may illustrate some form of structured deposition as the quern and scraper appeared relatively fresh.
4.4.5 Isolated Features [636, 630, 628 \& 660]

Four isolated pit features were recorded within Area F. No dating evidence and no function was identified.
5.1 Despite the considerable truncation visible in all three excavated areas, the recorded features survived enough to provide several identifiable ground plans. The features identified include three probable ring-ditch roundhouses (Structures 1, 2 and 3) and two post-ring structures (Structures 4 and 5). In addition, a series of isolated pits comprising a combination of rubbish disposal pits, storage pits and possible cooking pits were identified.
5.2 Artefactually, the excavation was relatively rich, especially in comparison to the structures excavated during the 2008 and 2010 phases of work. The nature of the artefacts probably suggests a wider chronological range to the prehistoric occupation of the site comprising material diagnostic to the Early Neolithic through to the Iron Age. In addition to finds of coarse and chipped stone, at least three forms of prehistoric ceramic were recovered including decorated rim and body sherds from Impressed Ware and Carinated Bowls. Three of the five structures contained diagnostic material, with Structure 2 containing material suggestive of the Iron Age, while Structures 4 and 5 contained material dating to the Neolithic. The discovery of the latter two structures is hugely significant, providing rare evidence for possible Neolithic domestic settlement.
5.3 Generally the excavation of 2013 has revealed evidence for the wider spatial and chronological occupation of the site. The stratigraphic evidence remained poor with little physical evidence of phasing within the excavated features. However, the evidence does confirm that substantial if truncated occupation does occur across the site. While the final chronology and subsequent use of the site must await a programme of absolute dating, the feature types and artefacts recovered during the 2013 excavation offers some indication that prehistoric activity on site can be pushed back to the Early Neolithic.

## 6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1. This DSR report is both preliminary and provisional, with many issues raised by the excavation data still to be addressed. In ascertaining a fuller knowledge of the excavation results, a postexcavation research design will be prepared for approval by the planning authority's archaeological advisor. This will describe all necessary and appropriate assessment processes and consequent post-excavation analyses together with publication proposals for the final report.
6.2 This report will integrate the stratigraphic, contextual and descriptive data from the excavation with specialist post-excavation analyses covering dating, palaeoenvironmental and economic issues. These will then be included with the findings from the previous phases of work culminating in an article fit for academic publication.

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Section 2: Appendices

## APPENDIX 1: Photographic Register

## Digital Film 1 Area A

| Frame | Trench | Description | From |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 |  | Registration shot |  |
| 31 | 502-9 | Section of pit | SE |
| 32 | 502-3 | Close up of section [502-3] | S |
| 33 | 504-9 | Close up of section [502-9] | E |
| 34-35 | 520 | South-west facing section | SW |
| 36 | 522 | South facing section | S |
| 37 | 524 | South-east facing section | SE |
| 38 | 510 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 39 | 510 | Plan of pit | NW |
| 40 | 512 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 41 | 512 | Plan of pit | NW |
| 42 | 514 | North facing section of pit | N |
| 43 | 514 | Plan of pit | N |
| 44 | $\begin{gathered} 510-512- \\ 514 \end{gathered}$ | Plan of pits | W |
| 45 | 516 | North-east facing section of pit | NE |
| 46 | 516 | Plan of pit | NE |
| 47 | 516 | South-west facing section of pit | SW |
| 48 | 516 | Plan of pit | SW |
| 49 | 516 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 50 | 518 | West facing section of pit | W |
| 51 | 518 | Plan of pit | W |
| 52 | 526 | North-east/south-east facing section of pit | E |
| 53 | 526 | North-west/south-west facing section of pit | W |
| 54 | 529 | South facing section of pit | S |
| 55 | 529 | Plan of pit | S |
| 56 | 527 | East facing section of pit | E |
| 57 | 527 | Plan of pit | E |
| 58 | 529 | Slot A south facing section | N |
| 59 | 529 | Slot B north facing section | N |
| 60 | 535 | North-east facing section of post-hole | NE |
| 61 | 537 | North-east facing section of pit | NE |


| 62 | 541 | Plan of feature | NE |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 63 | 543 | Plan of feature | S |
| 64 | 545 | Plan of feature | S |
| 65 | 547 | Plan of feature | S |
| 66 | 549 | Plan of feature | S |
| 67 | 539 | South facing section of pit | S |
| 68 | 556 | North facing section of pit | N |
| 69 | 551 | South-west facing section of pit | SW |
| 70 | 553 | South-west facing section of pit | SW |

## Digital Film 2 Area F

| Frame | Trench | Description | From |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 71 | 562 | Working shot | SW |
| 72 | 558 | East facing section of pit | E |
| 73 | 560 | East facing section of pit | E |
| 74 | 566 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 75 | 562 | South-west facing section of pit | SW |
| 76 | 568 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 77 | 572 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 78 | 570 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 79 | 574 | North facing section of pit | N |
| 80 | 576 | North facing section of pit | N |
| 81 | 578 | North facing section of pit | N |
| 82 | 580 | South facing section of pit | S |
| 83 | 582 | North facing section of pit | N |
| 84 | 584 | East facing section of pit | E |
| 85 | 586 | South facing section of pit | S |
| 86 | 588 | South facing section of pit | S |
| 87 | 590 | North facing section of pit | N |
| 88 | 592 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 89 | 594 | East facing section of pit | E |
| 90 | 596 | East facing section of pit | E |
| 91 | 598 | North-west facing section of pit | NW |
| 92 | 600 | East facing section of pit | E |
| 93 | 602 | South-east facing section | SE |
| 94 | 604 | South-west facing section | SW |
| 95 | 606 | East facing section of pit | E |
| 96 | 608 | West facing section through midden | W |
| 97 | 608 | West facing section through midden | W |
| 98 | 608 | Plan of pit | N |
| 99 | 610 | West facing section of pit | W |


| 100 | 610 | Plan of pit | W |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | 614 | South-west facing section | SW |
| 102 | 612 | East facing section of post-hole | E |
| 103 | 616 | East facing section of post-hole | E |
| 104 | 618 | North-east facing section | NE |
| 105 | 620 | North-east facing section | NE |
| 106 | 622 | East facing section | NW |
| 107 | 624 | Plan of pit | E |
| 108 | 626 | North facing section of pit | N |
| 109 | 626 | East facing section | N |
| 110 | 628 | North-east facing section | E |
| 111 | 632 | East facing section | NE |
| 112 | 630 | East facing section | E |
| 113 | 634 | Working shot | NE |
| 114 | 634 | South-west facing section | SW |
| 115 | 638 | South-east facing section | SE |
| 116 | 640 | North-east facing section | NE |
| 117 | 637 | East facing section | E |
| 118 | 642 | North-west facing section | NW |
| 119 | 644 | West facing section | W |
| 120 | 646 | South facing section | S |
| 121 | 652 | East facing section | E |
| 122 | 658 | North facing section | N |
| 123 | 656 | North-west facing section | NW |
| 124 | 654 | West facing section | W |
| 125 | 648 | East facing section | E |
| 126 | 650 | East facing section | E |
| 127 | 660 | East facing section | E |
| 128 | 662 | South-east facing section | SE |
| 129 | 664 | South facing section | S |
| 130 | 666 | South facing section | S |
| 131 | 668 | South facing section | S |
| 132 | 670 | North-west facing section | NW |
| 133 | 672 | North-east facing section | NE |
| 134 | 674 | East facing section | E |
| 135 | 676 | East facing section | E |
| 136 | 678/680 | North-west facing section | NW |
| 137 | 682 | North-west facing section | NW |
| 138 | 684 | West facing section | W |


| Frame | Trench | Description | From |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 139 | 686 | South-west facing section | SW |
| 140 | 688 | West facing section | W |
| 141 | 688 | Plan of pit | W |
| 142 | 690 | West facing section | W |
| 143 | 690 | Plan of pit | W |
| 144 | 692 | South facing section | S |
| 145 | 694 | East facing section | E |
| 146 | 696 | South facing section | S |
| 147 | 698 | South facing section | S |
| 148 | 700 | West facing section | W |
| 149 | 702 | East facing section | E |
| 150 | 706 | South facing section | S |
| 151 | 708 | West facing section | W |
| 152 | 710 | West facing section | W |
| 153 | 712 | West facing section | W |
| 154 | 714 | East facing section | E |
| 155 | 714 | East facing section | E |
| 156 | 716 | East facing section | E |
| 157 | 718 | East facing section | E |
| 158 | 720 | South facing section | S |
| 159 | 722 | South facing section | S |
| 160 | 724 | South facing section | S |
| 161 | 726 | South facing section | S |
| 162 | 728 | Section 1 | S |
| 163 | 728 | Section 1 | NW |
| 164 | 728 | Section 1 | SE |
| 165 | 728 | Section 1 | W |
| 166 | 735 | East facing section | E |
| 167 | 736 | South-east facing section | SE |
| 168 | 739 | North-east facing section | NE |
| 169 | 741 | South facing section | S |
| 170 | 730 | South facing section | S |
| 171 | 732 | South facing section | S |
| 172 | 743 | South facing section | S |
| 173 | 745 | East facing section | E |
| 174 | 747 | West facing section | W |
| 175 | 759 | West facing section | W |
| 176 | 749/751 | North facing section | N |
| 177 | 753/755 | North facing section | N |
| 178 | 757 | North facing section | N |
| 179 | 759 | North facing section | N |


| 180 | 761 | North facing section | N |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 181 | 765 | North facing section | W |
| 182 | 767 | North facing section | NW |
| 183 | 769 | North facing section | W |
| 184 | 771 | North facing section | E |
| 185 | $773 / 775$ | North facing section | SE |
| 186 | 777 | North facing section | SE |
| 187 | 779 | North facing section | N |
| 188 | 781 | North facing section | N |
| 189 | 783 | North facing section | N |
| 190 | 785 | North facing section | N |
| 191 | 787 | North facing section | N |
| 192 | 789 | North facing section | N |
| 193 | 797 | North facing section | N |
| 194 | 799 | North facing section | N |
| 195 | 801 | North facing section | N |
| 196 | 903 | North facing section | N |

## APPENDIX 2: Excavation Context Register

## Area A

| Context | Type | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 500 | All | Topsoil |
| 501 | All | Subsoil |
| 502 | Cut | Linear cut feature with moderately sloping sides and flat base. Dimensions; $1.40 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{S})$ by 2.80 m (EW). Depth 0.28 m . Filled by (503). Pit. Cut by pit [504] in SW corner. |
| 503 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with gravel inclusions >10\%. Contains slag. Fill of [502] |
| 504 | Cut | Oval cut feature with steeply sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $1.20 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{S})$ by 0.80 m (EW). Depth 0.18 m . Filled by (505). Pit. Cuts pit [502] in SW corner. |
| 505 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with gravel inclusions $>10 \%$. Fill of [504]. |
| 506 | Cut | Oval cut feature with moderately sloping sides and gently rounded base. Dimensions; $1.10 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{S})$ by 0.50 m (E-W). Depth 0.24 m . Filled by (507). Pit. |
| 507 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with gravel inclusions >20\%. Fill of [506] |
| 508 | Cut | Small circular cut feature with moderately sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.35 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (509). Post-hole. |
| 509 | Fill | Dark brown organic sandy silt with gravel inclusions $>10 \%$. Fill of [508]. |
| 510 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping sides and rounded irregular base. Dimensions; 0.80 m in diameter. Depth 0.22 m. Filled by (511). Pit. |
| 511 | Fill | Dark brown organic sandy silt with gravel inclusions $>10 \%$.Fill of [510]. Contains numerous fire-cracked stones. Some hazel nut shell fragments present. |
| 512 | Cut | Circular yet irregular cut feature with moderately sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.85 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (513). Truncated pit. |
| 513 | Fill | Grey brown sandy silt with gravel inclusions $>10 \%$. Fill of [512]. |
| 514 | Cut | Small circular cut feature with moderately sloping sides and rounded irregular base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.16 m . Filled by (515). Truncated pit. |
| 515 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with <10 \% gravel inclusions. Fill of [514]. |
| 516 | Cut | Sub-circular cut feature. Shallow with moderately sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $1.55 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $1.1 \mathrm{~m}(E / W)$. Depth 0.30 m . Filled by (517). Pit disturbed by animal burrows and ploughing. |


| 517 | Fill | Mixed disturbed fill of medium grey sandy silt with gravel inclusions <20\%.Fill of [516]. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 518 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.28 m . Filled by (517). Post-hole |
| 519 | Fill | Dark grey sandy silt with gravel inclusions <15\%.Fill of [518]. |
| 520 | Cut | Sub-circular cut feature with moderately sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.55 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{S})$ by 0.45 m (E-W). Depth 0.23 m . Filled by (521). Pit. |
| 521 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with gravel inclusions <20\%.Fill of [520]. Occasional charcoal fragments. |
| 522 | Cut | Sub-circular cut feature. Shallow with steep sides and flat base. Dimensions; $0.79 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.74 m (E/W). Depth 0.23 m . Filled by (523). |
| 523 | Fill | Dark grey brown coarse sandy silt. Fill of [522] |
| 524 | Cut | Oval cut feature. Shallow with steep sides and rounded base. Feature has a broad step along the NE edge. Dimensions; $2.15 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{NE} / \mathrm{SW})$ by $1.37 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{SE} / \mathrm{NW})$. Depth 0.55 m . Large post-hole with insertion step. Filled by (533) \& (534). |
| 525 | Void | Void |
| 526 | Void | Void |
| 527 | Cut | Large elongated cut feature. Narrow with steep irregular sides and base. Dimensions; $1.90 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.37 m (E/W). Depth 0.28 m . Disturbed pit affected by ploughing and stone drags. Filled by (528). |
| 528 | Fill | Mixed medium brown sandy clay with gravel and stone inclusions $>10 \%$. Fill of [528] |
| 529 | Cut | Circular cut feature irregular in plan with steeply sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.35 m . Filled by (517). Pit affected by ploughing. |
| 530 | Fill | Mixed medium brown sandy clay with gravel and stone inclusions >10\%. Fill of [529] |
| 531 | Cut | Curvilinear cut feature with moderately sloping sides and flat base. Two 0.50 m wide slots (A\&B) excavated through the feature. Dimensions; $2.50 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.60 m (Slot A), 0.90 m (Slot B) m Depth 0.14 m (Slot A), 0.24 m (Slot B). Slot A truncated by animal burrow. Pit. Filled by (532) |
| 532 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt very stony with $>20 \%$ gravel inclusions. Animal burrow has disturbed fill in Slot A. Fill of [531] |
| 533 | Fill | Pale brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [524]. Overlies (534) |
| 534 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Lower fill of [524]. Underlies (533) |
| 535 | Cut | Circular cut feature with gently sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.10 m . Filled by (536). Truncated post-hole. |
| 536 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [535]. |
| 537 | Cut | Oval cut feature. Shallow with gently sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $1.45 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.08 m (E/W). Depth 0.31 m. Pit. Filled by (538) |
| 538 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [537]. |
| 539 | Cut | Circular cut feature with gently sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.60 m in diameter. Depth 0.10 m . Filled by (536). Truncated pit/post-hole. |
| 540 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [539] |
| 541 | Cut | Circular cut feature with gently sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.60 m in diameter. Depth 0.19 m. Filled by (542). Truncated pit/post-hole. |
| 542 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Contains small charcoal fragments. Fill of [539] |
| 543 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.80 m in diameter. Depth 0.31 m. Filled by (544). Truncated pit/post-hole. |
| 544 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [543]. |
| 545 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.80 m in diameter. Depth 0.32 m . Filled by (546). Truncated pit/post-hole. |
| 546 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [545] |
| 547 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.70 m in diameter. Depth 0.26 m . Filled by (548). Truncated pit/post-hole. |
| 548 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [547] |
| 549 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.38 m in diameter. Depth 0.28 m . Filled by (550). Truncated pit/post-hole. |
| 550 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [549] |
| 551 | Cut | Sub-circular cut feature. Shallow with steep sides and flat base. Dimensions; $0.72 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.87 m (E/W). Depth 0.24 m. Pit. Filled by (552). |
| 552 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Contains small charcoal fragments. Fill of [551] |
| 553 | Cut | Sub-circular cut feature. Shallow with steep sides and flat base. Dimensions; $0.68 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.78 m (E/W). Depth 0.30 m . Pit. Filled by (554) \& (555). |


| 554 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with $>10 \%$ gravel inclusions. Depth 0.30 m . Lower fill of [553] |
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| 555 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with $>10 \%$ gravel inclusions. Depth 0.30 m. Contains small charcoal fragments. <br> Upper fill of [553] |
| 556 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. <br> Depth 0.30 m. Filled by (557). Truncated post-hole. |
| 557 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt with $>20 \%$ gravel inclusions. Fill of [556] |

## Area F

| Context | Type | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 558 | Cut | Small elongated oval cut with shallow gently sloping sides and irregular flat base. Dimensions; 1.20 m (N/S) by $0.60 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.10 m . Truncated pit. Filled by (559). |
| 559 | Fill | Compact red brown sandy silt. |
| 560 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.40 m . Filled by (561). Post-hole. |
| 561 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt with $>10 \%$ gravel inclusions. Contains several large sub-rounded packing stones. Fill of [560] |
| 562 | Cut | Large oval cut feature. Shallow with moderately sloping sides and flat base. Dimensions; $2.20 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.13 m (E/W). Depth 0.27 m. Pit. Cut by [564]. Filled by (563). |
| 563 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt with $>10 \%$ gravel inclusions. Contains several large sub-rounded stones within middle. Fill of [562] |
| 564 | Cut | Small oval cut feature. Shallow with moderately sloping sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.82 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.57 \mathrm{~m}(E / W)$. Depth 0.18 m . Pit. Cuts [563]. Filled by (565). |
| 565 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [564] |
| 566 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 1.02 m in diameter. Depth 0.35 m. Filled by (567). Pit. |
| 567 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [566] |
| 568 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.95 m in diameter. Depth 0.09 m . Filled by (569). Pit. |
| 569 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [568] |
| 570 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.23 m in diameter. Depth 0.11 m. Filled by (569). Truncated post-hole. |
| 571 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [570] |
| 572 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.28 m in diameter. Depth 0.15 m . Filled by (573). Truncated post-hole. |
| 573 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [572] |
| 574 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.20 m in diameter. Depth 0.15 m . Filled by (575). Truncated post-hole. |
| 575 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [574] |
| 576 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with steep sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.26 m in diameter. Depth 0.19 m . Filled by (577). Truncated post-hole. |
| 577 | Fill | Grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [576] |
| 578 | Cut | Circular very shallow cut feature with slightly sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.20 m in diameter. Depth 0.04 m . Filled by (579). Truncated post-hole. |
| 579 | Fill | Grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [578] |
| 580 | Cut | Circular very shallow cut feature with slightly sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.24 m in diameter. Depth 0.08 m. Filled by (581). Truncated post-hole. |
| 581 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [580] |


| 582 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with slightly sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.14 m. Filled by (583). Truncated post-hole. |
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| 583 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [582] |
| 584 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with slightly sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.10 m . Filled by (585). Truncated pit/post-hole. Possibly associated with features [586], [588] \& [590] |
| 585 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [582] |
| 586 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with slightly sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.18 m. Filled by (585). Truncated pit/post-hole. Possibly associated with features [584], [588] \& [590] |
| 587 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [582] |
| 588 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with slightly sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.10 m . Filled by (589). Truncated pit/post-hole. Possibly associated with features [584], [586] \& [590] |
| 589 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [588] |
| 590 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with slightly sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.10 m. Filled by (591). Truncated pit/post-hole. Possibly associated with features [584], [586] \& [588] |
| 591 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with inclusions of sandy clay. < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [590] |
| 592 | Cut | Circular shallow cut feature with slightly sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.26 m in diameter. Depth 0.12 m. Filled by (593). Truncated post-hole. |
| 593 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with inclusions of sandy clay. < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [592] |
| 594 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.60 m in diameter. Depth 0.40 m. Filled by (595). Truncated post-hole. |
| 595 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains occasional charcoal fragments and two large packing stones. Fill of [594] |
| 596 | Cut | Oval cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.90 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.00 m (E/W). Depth 0.24 m. Pit. Filled by (597). |
| 597 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <5\% gravel inclusions and occasional fire-cracked stone. Fill of [596] |
| 598 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.33 m in diameter. Depth 0.11 m. Filled by (599). Truncated post-hole. |
| 599 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt. Fill of [598] |
| 600 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 1.00 m in diameter. Depth 0.25 m. Filled by (601). Truncated pit. |
| 601 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <5\% gravel inclusions and occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [600] |
| 602 | Cut | Irregular curvilinear pit with gently sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; $2.07 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.10 m (E/W). Depth 0.12 m . Probable ring-ditch. Cuts post-hole [604]. Possibly associated with post-holes [604], [598], [572], [570], [582] \& [580]. Cut Filled by (603). |
| 603 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <5\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [602] |
| 604 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.24 m in diameter. Depth 0.12 m . Filled by (605). Truncated post-hole. Cut by [603]. Possibly associated with post-holes [604], [598], [572], [570], [582] \& [580]. |
| 605 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <5\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [604] |
| 606 | Cut | Oval cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.40 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.30 m (E/W). Depth 0.17 m. Pit. Filled by (607). |


| 607 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt. Fill of [606] |
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| 608 | Cut | Irregular curvilinear cut with weakly sloping irregular concave sides and flat irregular base. Dimensions; $3.03 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $1.04 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.28 m . Probable midden spread. Filled by (609). |
| 609 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions and occasional charcoal fragments. Contains Neolithic ceramic sherds.Fill of [608] |
| 610 | Cut | Irregular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.10 m . Filled by (611). Truncated pit. Heavily Bioturbated by animal burrowing. |
| 611 | Fill | Mixed grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions and occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [610] |
| 612 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.35 m in diameter. Depth 0.27 m . Filled by (613). Post-hole. |
| 613 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [612] |
| 614 | Cut | Linear cut with gently sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; $3.10 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $1.05 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.14 m . Erosional hollow. Cut Filled by (615). |
| 615 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains charcoal fragments. Fill of [614] |
| 616 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.26 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (617). Post-hole. |
| 617 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains several packing stones. Fill of [616] |
| 618 | Cut | Circular cut feature with gently sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.75 m in diameter. Depth 0.11 m. Filled by (619). Pit |
| 619 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [618] |
| 620 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.52 m in diameter. Depth 0.18 m . Filled by (621). Pit |
| 621 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [620] |
| 622 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $1.21 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.91 m (E/W). Depth 0.32 m . Pit. Filled by (623). |
| 623 | Fill | Very dark brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains occasional charcoal fragments Fill of [622] |
| 624 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.67 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.76 m (E/W). Depth 0.08 m . Pit. Filled by (625). |
| 625 | Fill | Light grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [624] |
| 626 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 1.15 m in diameter. Depth 0.40 m . Filled by (627). Pit |
| 627 | Fill | Mixed grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [626] |
| 628 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.60 m in diameter. Depth 0.30 m . Filled by (629). Pit |
| 629 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [628] |
| 630 | Cut | Large circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 1.10 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m. Filled by (631). Stone filled Pit/Fire-pit. |
| 631 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >50\% fire-cracked stone. Contains charcoal fragments. Fill of [630] |
| 632 | Cut | Circular cut feature with gently sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.28 m in diameter. Depth 0.09 m . Filled by (631). Truncated pit/post-hole |
| 633 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [632] |
| 634 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $1.40 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.80 m (E/W). Depth 0.08 m . Pit. Filled by (635). |


| 635 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [634] |
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| 636 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.80 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.70 $\mathrm{m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.23 m . Pit. Filled by (635). |
| 637 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with $>10 \%$ fire-cracked stone and $>40 \%$ burnt organic material. Fill of [636]. Contains SF 2 (quartz flakes). |
| 638 | Cut | Irregular sub-circular cut with gently sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.88 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.71 m (E/W). Depth 0.23 m . Fire-Pit or possible hearth. Filled by (639). |
| 639 | Fill | Very dark brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains numerous charcoal pieces. Fill of [638] |
| 640 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.29 m in diameter. Depth 0.18 m . Filled by (641). Truncated pit/post-hole |
| 641 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [640] |
| 642 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; $0.71 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.41 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.14 m . Pit. Filled by (643). |
| 643 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [642] |
| 644 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.33 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.45 m (E/W). Depth 0.26 m . Pit. Filled by (645). |
| 645 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [644] |
| 646 | Cut | Circular cut feature with gently sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.15 m . Filled by (647). Truncated pit/post-hole |
| 647 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [646] |
| 648 | Cut | Oval cut with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.65 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.50 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.25 m . Pit. Filled by (649). |
| 649 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [648] |
| 650 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.60 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.70 m (E/W). Depth 0.45 m . Pit. Filled by (651). |
| 651 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with $>25 \%$ fire-cracked stone. Contains charcoal fragments and burnt bone. Fill of [650] |
| 652 | Cut | Irregular sub-circular cut with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.95 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.15 m (E/W). Depth 0.26 m . Possible modern pit. Filled by (653). |
| 653 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [652] |
| 654 | Cut | Circular cut feature with gently sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.58 m in diameter. Depth 0.08 m . Filled by (655). Truncated pit. |
| 655 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [654] |
| 656 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.31 m in diameter. Depth 0.21 m . Filled by (657). Truncated post-hole. |
| 657 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [656] |
| 658 | Cut | Oval cut with gently sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.37 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.28 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.12 m . Pit. Filled by (659). |
| 659 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [658] |
| 660 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.15 m . Filled by (661). Truncated pit. |
| 661 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [662] |
| 662 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.29 m in diameter. Depth 0.15 m . Filled by (663). Truncated post-hole. |


| 663 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [662] |
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| 664 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.32 m . Filled by (665). Pit. |
| 665 | Fill | Dark organic grey brown sandy silt with <20\% fire-cracked stone. Fill of [664]. Contains SF 3 (Saddle Quern) |
| 666 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.38 m in diameter. Depth 0.17 m . Filled by (667). Truncated post-hole. |
| 667 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [666] |
| 668 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.22 m in diameter. Depth 0.13 m . Filled by (669). Truncated post-hole. |
| 669 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [668] |
| 670 | Cut | Oval cut with gently sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $1.56 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.73 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.23 m . Pit. Filled by (671). |
| 671 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [670] |
| 672 | Cut | Square cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.80 m in diameter. Depth 0.45 m . Filled by (673). Pit |
| 673 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [672] |
| 674 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.60 m in diameter. Depth 0.15 m . Filled by (675). Truncated pit |
| 675 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions and occasional fire-cracked stone. Fill of [674] |
| 676 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and uneven flat base. Dimensions; $0.80 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.60 m (E/W). Depth 0.20 m . Pit. Filled by (677). Contains SF 4 (prehistoric ceramics) |
| 677 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions and <20\% fire-cracked stone. Fill of [676]. Contains SF 4 (prehistoric ceramics) |
| 678 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.25 m in diameter. Depth 0.13 m . Filled by (679). Truncated pit/post-hole |
| 679 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [678] |
| 680 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.25 m in diameter. Depth 0.18 m . Filled by (681). Truncated pit/post-hole |
| 681 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [680] |
| 682 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.28 m in diameter. Depth 0.28 m . Filled by (681). Truncated pit/post-hole |
| 683 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [682] |
| 684 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.70 m in diameter. Depth 0.40 m . Filled by (681). Pit/post-hole |
| 685 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [684] |

## Area B

| Context | Type | Description |
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| 686 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.70 m in diameter. <br> Depth 0.40 m. Filled by (681). Pit. Contains SF 6 (prehistoric ceramics) |
| 687 | Fill | Compact red brown sandy silt. Contains SF 6 (prehistoric ceramics) |
| 688 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.70 m in diameter. <br> Depth 0.30 m. Filled by (689). Pit |
| 689 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [688]. Contains numerous charcoal <br> fragments and SF ? (prehistoric pottery sherds). |
| 690 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.90 m in diameter. |


|  |  | Depth 0.30 m . Filled by (691). Pit. Indeterminate relationship with pit [704]. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 691 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <20\% large stone inclusions. Fill of [690]. Contains numerous charcoal chunks and SF ? (prehistoric pottery sherds). |
| 692 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.45 m in diameter. Depth 0.30 m . Filled by (693). Pit |
| 693 | Fill | Grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [692] |
| 694 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (695). Pit |
| 695 | Fill | Grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [694] |
| 696 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (697). Pit |
| 697 | Fill | Grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [696] |
| 698 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (699). Pit |
| 699 | Fill | Grey brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [698] |
| 700 | Cut | Rectangular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; $1.50 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.80 \mathrm{~m}(E / W)$. Depth 0.20 m . Probable modern pit. Filled by (701). |
| 701 | Fill | Grey brown sandy silt with re-deposited clay.<10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [700] |
| 702 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.50 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (703). Pit |
| 703 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [702] |
| 704 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.60 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (705). Pit. Indeterminate relationship with pit [690]. |
| 705 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with $<20 \%$ large stone inclusions. Fill of [704]. Contains numerous charcoal chunks. |
| 706 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $1.80 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.00 m (E/W). Depth 0.40 m . Pit. Filled by (707). |
| 707 | Fill | Compact grey brown sandy silt with <10\% rounded stone inclusions. Fill of [706] |
| 708 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.22 m . Filled by (709). Truncated post-hole. |
| 709 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [708] |
| 710 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.45 m in diameter. Depth 0.20 m . Filled by (711). Post-hole. |
| 711 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [710] |
| 712 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.32 m in diameter. Depth 0.14 m . Filled by (713). Truncated post-hole. |
| 713 | Fill | Dark grey brown organic burnt sandy silt. Fill of [712] |
| 714 | Cut | Large circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 1.82 m in diameter. Depth 0.75 m. Filled by (715). Pit. |
| 715 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [714] |
| 716 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; 0.44 m in diameter. Depth 0.30 m . Filled by (717). Post-hole. |
| 717 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [716] |
| 718 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.35 m . Filled by (717). Post-hole. |
| 719 | Fill | Pale brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Occasional charcoal fragments fill of [718] |
| 720 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with steeply sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.60 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.40 m (E/W). Depth 0.20 m. Pit. Filled by (721). |
| 721 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [720] |
| 722 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.14 m . Filled by (723). Post-hole. |
| 723 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [722] |
| 724 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.18 m . Filled by (725). Truncated post-hole. |
| 725 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with < 10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [724] |
| 726 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with moderately sloping concave sides and round base. Dimensions; $0.28 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.39 m (E/W). Depth 0.16 m . Pit/post-hole. Filled by (727). |


| 727 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [726] |
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| 728 |  | Large curvilinear cut feature. Steeply sloping sides with rounded base Slot 2 with more moderately sloping sides in terminus Slots $1 \& 3$. Dimensions; 6.00 m (NW/S) by 1.30 m (E/SW). Depth 0.50 m Slot $2,0.20 \mathrm{~m}$ Slot $1 \& 3$. Ring-ditch. Filled by (729). Contains Hammerstone and Saddle-quern SF ?. |
| 729 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with $<10 \%$ gravel inclusions. Contains numerous larger sub-rounded stones within the center of the feature. Fill of [728]. Contains Hammerstone and Saddle-quern SF ?. |
| 730 | Cut | Oval cut with varying sloping concave sides and irregular rounded base. Dimensions; $0.60 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.30 m (E/W). Depth 0.30 m . Pit. Filled by (731). |
| 731 | Fill | Mixed deposit of medium grey brown sandy silt and dark brown sandy silt with numerous large subrounded stones. Fill of [730]. Contains prehistoric ceramics SF ? |
| 732 | Cut | Oval cut with varying sloping concave sides and irregular flat base. Dimensions; $0.70 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.50 m (E/W). Depth 0.25 m . Pit. Filled by (733). |
| 733 | Fill | Mixed deposit of medium grey brown sandy silt and dark brown sandy silt with numerous large subrounded stones. Fill of [732]. Contains prehistoric ceramics SF ? |
| 734 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.21 m. Filled by (735). Truncated post-hole. |
| 735 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [734]. Contains charcoal fragments. |
| 736 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; $1.44 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.30 m (E/W). Depth 0.42 m . Pit. Filled by (737) \& (738). Cut by pit [739]. |
| 737 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with $<10 \%$ gravel inclusions. Fill 0.13 m in depth. Contains numerous charcoal fragments. Lower fill of [736] underlies (737). |
| 738 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill 0.29 m in depth. Upper fill of [736]. Contains occasional charcoal fragments. |
| 739 | Cut | Oval cut with gently sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $1.13 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.73 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.12 m . Pit. Filled by (740). Pit cuts [736]. |
| 740 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [739]. |
| 741 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; $0.53 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.44 m (E/W). Depth 0.24 m. Pit. Filled by (742). |
| 742 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [741]. |
| 743 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; 0.85 m in diameter. Depth 0.15 m . Filled by (744). Pit. |
| 744 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of 0.15 m . |
| 745 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.80 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.40 m (E/W). Depth 0.30 m . Pit. Filled by (740). Pit cuts [736]. |
| 746 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with numerous sub-rounded stones and occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [745]. |
| 747 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 1.03 m in diameter. Depth 0.33 m . Filled by (748). Pit. |
| 748 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [747]. |
| 749 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.16 m . Filled by (750). Post-hole. |
| 750 | Fill | Dark red brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [749]. |
| 751 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.32 m in diameter. Depth 0.13 m . Filled by (752). Post-hole. |
| 752 | Fill | Dark red brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [751]. |
| 753 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.33 m in diameter. Depth 0.26 m . Filled by (752). Post-hole. |
| 754 | Fill | Dark red brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions and several large packers. Fill of [751]. |
| 755 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.33 m in diameter. Depth 0.25 m . Filled by (756). Post-hole. |
| 756 | Fill | Dark red brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions and several large packers. Fill of [755]. |
| 757 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and irregular base. Dimensions; $1.37 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 1.10 m (E/W). Depth 0.35 m . Pit. Filled by (758). |
| 758 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [757]. |
| 759 | Cut | Oval cut with moderately sloping concave sides and flat base. Dimensions; $1.10 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $1.00 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.25 m . Pit. Filled by (760). |
| 760 | Fill | Dark red brown sandy silt with $>10 \%$ gravel inclusions and occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [761]. |


| 761 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.34 m in diameter. Depth 0.25 m . Filled by (762). Post-hole. |
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| 762 | Fill | Dark red brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions and occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [761]. |
| 763 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.29 m in diameter. Depth 0.18 m . Filled by (764). Post-hole. |
| 764 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [763]. |
| 765 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.66 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.59 m (E/W). Depth 0.18 m . Pit. Filled by (766). |
| 766 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [765]. |
| 767 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.15 m . Filled by (768). Pit/post-hole. |
| 768 | Fill | Dark brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [767]. |
| 769 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.38 m in diameter. Depth 0.22 m . Filled by (770). Pit/post-hole. |
| 770 | Fill | Medium brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Contains occasional charcoal fragments. Fill of [769]. |
| 771 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.23 m . Filled by (770). Pit/post-hole. |
| 772 | Fill | Medium red brown sandy silt with >10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [771]. |
| 773 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with gently sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.92 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.86 m (E/W). Depth 0.13 m . Pit. Filled by (774). |
| 774 | Fill | Dark brown organic sandy silt with frequent charcoal fragments. Fill of [773]. |
| 775 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with gently sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.45 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by 0.38 m (E/W). Depth 0.08 m . Pit. Filled by (776). |
| 776 | Fill | Dark brown organic sandy silt with frequent charcoal fragments. Fill of [775]. |
| 777 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with almost vertical sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $1.21 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.90 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.31 m. Pit. Filled by (778). |
| 778 | Fill | Dark brown organic coarse sandy silt with occasional charcoal fragments and sub-rounded stone. Fill of [777]. |
| 779 | Cut | Circular cut feature with shallow sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.14 m . Filled by (780). Truncated post-hole. |
| 780 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [779] |
| 781 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.30 m in diameter. Depth 0.19 m . Filled by (782). Truncated post-hole. |
| 782 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [781] |
| 783 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.40 m in diameter. Depth 0.19 m . Filled by (784). Truncated post-hole. |
| 784 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [783] |
| 785 | Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.23 m in diameter. Depth 0.14 m . Filled by (786). Truncated post-hole. |
| 786 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [785] |
| 787 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with almost vertical sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.45 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.38 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.36 m . Pit. Filled by (788). |
| 788 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [785] |
| 789 | Cut | Oval cut with steeply sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 1.62 m (N/S) by $0.90 \mathrm{~m}(E / W)$. Depth 0.38 m . Pit. Filled by (790). |
| 790 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [789]. Contains occasional charcoal and prehistoric ceramics [SF ??] |
| 791 | Cut | Circular cut feature with gently sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.56 m in diameter. Depth 0.12 m . Filled by (792). Truncated pit/post-hole. |
| 792 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [791] |
| 793 | Cut | Oval cut with very steeply sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.60 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.42 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.17 m . Pit. Filled by (794). |
| 794 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [793] |
| 795 | Cut | Sub-circular cut with gently sloping sides and rounded base. Dimensions; $0.54 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{S})$ by $0.43 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{W})$. Depth 0.09 m . Pit. Filled by (796). |
| 796 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [795] |


| 797 | Cut | Oval cut with steeply sloping sides and flattish base. Dimensions; 0.84 m (N/S) by 0.70 m (E/W). Depth <br> 0.21 m. Pit. Filled by (798). |
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| 798 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [797] |
| 799 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.70 m in diameter. <br> Depth 0.36 m. Filled by (800). Pit. |
| 800 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <20\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [799] |
| 801 | Cut | Circular cut feature with steeply sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.45 m in diameter. <br> Depth 0.25 m. Filled by (802). Pit. |
| 802 | Fill | Medium grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [801] <br> 803 |
| Cut | Circular cut feature with moderately sloping concave sides and rounded base. Dimensions; 0.80 m in <br> diameter. Depth 0.20 m. Filled by (803). Pit. |  |
| 804 | Fill | Dark grey brown sandy silt with <10\% gravel inclusions. Fill of [803] |

## APPENDIX 3: Excavation Small Finds Register

| Small Find | Context | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 01 | 609 | Prehistoric ceramics including decorated rim |
| 02 | 637 | $2 \times$ quartz flakes |
| 03 | 665 | Saddle-quern |
| 04 | 677 | Prehistoric ceramics including rim and body sherds |
| 05 | 677 | Saddle-quern |
| 06 | 677 | Side/end scraper |
| 07 | 729 | Saddle-quern |
| 08 | 729 | Hammerstone |
| 09 | 689 | Prehistoric ceramics |
| 10 | 733 | Prehistoric ceramics |
| 11 | 691 | Prehistoric rim-sherd |
| 12 | 687 | Prehistoric ceramics |
| 13 | 731 | Prehistoric ceramics |
| 14 | 790 | Prehistoric ceramics |
| 15 | 790 | Prehistoric ceramics |

## APPENDIX 4: Excavation Sample Register

| Context | Quantity (Litres) | Context | Quantity <br> (Litres) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 605 | 10 | 707 | 10 |
| 607 | 10 | 709 | 10 |
| 609 | 30 | 711 | 10 |
| 611 | 10 | 713 | 10 |
| 613 | 10 | 715 | 20 |
| 615 | 20 | 717 | 10 |
| 617 | 10 | 719 | 10 |
| 619 | 20 | 721 | 10 |
| 621 | 20 | 723 | 10 |
| 623 | 20 | 725 | 10 |
| 625 | 10 | 727 | 10 |
| 627 | 20 | 729 | 20 |
| 629 | 20 | 731 | 20 |
| 631 | 20 | 733 | 10 |
| 633 | 10 | 736 | 10 |
| 635 | 20 | 737 | 20 |
| 637 | 20 | 738 | 10 |
| 639 | 20 | 740 | 10 |
| 641 | 10 | 742 | 10 |
| 643 | 10 | 744 | 10 |
| 645 | 10 | 746 | 20 |
| 647 | 10 | 748 | 20 |
| 649 | 20 | 750 | 10 |
| 651 | 20 | 752 | 10 |
| 653 | 20 | 754 | 10 |
| 655 | 20 | 756 | 10 |
| 657 | 10 | 758 | 20 |
| 659 | 10 | 760 | 20 |
| 661 | 10 | 762 | 10 |
| 663 | 20 | 764 | 10 |
| 665 | 20 | 772 | 10 |
| 667 | 10 | 774 | 20 |
| 669 | 10 | 776 | 10 |
| 671 | 20 | 778 | 20 |
| 673 | 20 | 780 | 10 |
| 675 | 10 | 782 | 10 |
| 677 | 20 | 784 | 10 |
| 679 | 10 | 786 | 10 |
| 681 | 10 | 788 | 20 |
| 683 | 10 | 790 | 20 |
| 685 | 20 | 792 | 10 |
| 687 | 20 | 794 | 10 |
| 689 | 20 | 796 | 10 |
| 691 | 20 | 798 | 20 |
| 693 | 10 | 800 | 20 |
| 695 | 10 | 802 | 20 |
| 697 | 10 | 804 | 20 |
| 699 | 10 |  |  |
| 701 | 10 |  |  |
| 703 | 10 |  |  |
| 705 | 20 |  |  |

## APPENDIX 5: Excavation Drawing Register

Area A Sections (Scale 1:10)

| Number | Context | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 01 | 502 | North facing section |
| 02 | $504-506$ | East facing section |
| 03 | 508 | West facing section |
| 04 | 541 | West facing section |
| 05 | 543 | South facing section |
| 06 | 545 | South facing section |
| 07 | 547 | South facing section |
| 08 | 520 | South facing section |
| 09 | 531 | South facing section Slot A |
| 10 | 531 | North facing section Slot B |
| 11 | 522 | South facing section |
| 12 | 524 | South facing section |
| 13 | 510 | North-west facing section |
| 14 | 512 | North-west facing section |
| 15 | 514 | North facing section |
| 16 | 516 | South-east facing section |
| 17 | 516 | South-west facing section |
| 18 | 516 | North-west facing section |
| 19 | 516 | North -east facing section |
| 20 | 518 | West facing section |
| 21 | 529 | South facing section |
| 22 | 527 | East facing section |
| 23 | 526 | North-west facing section |
| 24 | 526 | South-east facing section |
| 25 | 526 | South-west facing section |
| 26 | 539 | South facing section |
| 27 | 526 | North -east facing section |
| 28 | 535 | North -east facing section |
| 29 | 537 | North -east facing section |
| 30 | 553 | South facing section |
| 31 | 551 | South facing section |

## Area B Sections (Scale 1:10)

| Number | Context | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 32 | 686 | West facing section |
| 33 | 706 | South facing section |
| 34 | 714 | East facing section |
| 35 | 688 | West facing section |
| 36 | 708 | West facing section |
| 37 | 718 | East facing section |
| 38 | 710 | West facing section |
| 39 | 722 | South facing section |
| 40 | 724 | South facing section |
| 41 | 726 | South facing section |
| 42 | 801 | West facing section |
| 43 | 690 | West facing section |
| 44 | 716 | East facing section |
| 45 | 712 | West facing section |
| 46 | 728 | South facing section |
| 47 | 728 | East facing section |


| 48 | 728 | North -east facing section |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | 728 | South facing section |
| 50 | 692 | South facing section |
| 51 | 694 | East facing section |
| 52 | 735 | East facing section |
| 53 | 696 | South facing section |
| 54 | 698 | South facing section |
| 55 | 700 | West facing section |
| 56 | 720 | South facing section |
| 57 | 736 | East facing section |
| 58 | 739 | South-west facing section |
| 59 | 741 | East facing section |
| 60 | 702 | East facing section |
| 61 | 745 | South facing section |
| 62 | 757 | East facing section |
| 63 | 730 | North facing section |
| 64 | 732 | North facing section |
| 65 | 747 | South facing section |
| 66 | 763 | East facing section |
| 67 | 771 | East facing section |
| 68 | 779 | West facing section |
| 69 | 783 | East facing section |
| 70 | 781 | East facing section |
| 71 | 785 | East facing section |
| 72 | 743 | South facing section |
| 73 | 765 | West facing section |
| 74 | 767 | West facing section |
| 75 | 769 | West facing section |
| 76 | 787 | East facing section |
| 77 | 791 | East facing section |
| 78 | 749 | West facing section |
| 79 | 751 | North-west facing section |
| 80 | 753 | North-west facing section |
| 81 | 755 | West facing section |
| 82 | 759 | North-east facing section |
| 83 | 761 | East facing section |
| 84 | 773 | East facing section |
| 85 | 775 | East facing section |
| 86 | 803 | West facing section |
| 87 | 777 | East facing section |
| 88 | 795 | West facing section |
| 89 | 791 | West facing section |
| 90 | 797 | East facing section |
| 91 | 793 | North-east facing section |
| 92 | 799 | South-east facing section |


| 93 | 566 | North-west facing section |
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| 94 | 562-564 | West facing section |
| 95 | 568 | North-west facing section |
| 96 | 574 | North facing section |
| 97 | 576 | North facing section |
| 98 | 578 | North facing section |
| 99 | 580 | South facing section |
| 100 | 582 | North facing section |
| 101 | 592 | West facing section |
| 102 | 684 | East facing section |
| 103 | 570 | North-west facing section |
| 104 | 572 | North-west facing section |
| 105 | 598 | North-west facing section |
| 106 | 584 | East facing section |
| 107 | 586 | South facing section |
| 108 | 588 | South facing section |
| 109 | 590 | North facing section |
| 110 | 602 | East facing section |
| 111 | 602 | South-east facing section |
| 112 | 604 | South-west facing section |
| 113 | 618 | North-east facing section |
| 114 | 620 | North-east facing section |
| 115 | 624 | East facing section |
| 116 | 632 | North-east facing section |
| 117 | 662 | South-east facing section |
| 118 | 600 | East facing section |
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| 132 | 610 | West facing section |
| 133 | 622 | West facing section |
| 134 | 682 | West facing section |
| 135 | 678 | West facing section |
| 136 | 626 | North facing section |
| 137 | 644 | West facing section |
| 138 | 646 | East facing section |
| 139 | 634 | West facing section |
| 140 | 642 | North facing section |
| 141 | 652 | East facing section |
| 142 | 638 | South-east facing section |
| 143 | 640 | North-east facing section |
| 144 | 630 | East facing section |
| 145 | 636 | East facing section |
| 146 | 654 | West facing section |
| 147 | 656 | North-west facing section |
| 148 | 658 | North-west facing section |


| 149 | 666 | North facing section |
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| 150 | 668 | North facing section |
| 151 | 680 | North-west facing section |
| 152 | 628 | East facing section |
| 153 | 670 | East facing section |
| 154 | 648 | East facing section |
| 155 | 651 | East facing section |

Plans (Scale 1:50)

| Number | Context | Description |
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| 156 | Var | Area A 1 of 3 |
| 157 | Var | Area A 2 of 3 |
| 158 | Var | Area A 3 of 3 |
| 159 | Var | Area B 1 of 3 |
| 160 | Var | Area B 2 of 3 |
| 161 | Var | Area B 3 of 3 |
| 162 | Var | Area F 3 of 3 |
| 163 | Var | Area F 3 of 3 |
| 164 | Var | Area F 3 of 3 |

## APPENDIX 6: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

| LOCAL AUTHORITY: | Moray Council |
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| PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME: | R3 Grantown Road, Forres 2013 Phase 1 Excavation |
| PROJECT CODE: | AOC 21581 |
| PARISH: | Forres |
| NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR: | Rob Engl |
| NAME OF ORGANISATION: | AOC Archaeology Group |
| TYPE(S) OF PROJECT: | Archaeological Excavation |
| NMRS NO(S): | NMRS No. NJ05NW 72 and NJ05NW 116 |
| SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S): | Prehistoric negative features including three ring-ditch and two partial post-ring structures. |
| SIGNIFICANT FINDS: | Neolithic ceramics, coarse stone, chipped stone |
| NGR: | NMRS: NJ 03085720 |
| START DATE (this season) | $28^{\text {th }}$ January 2013 |
| END DATE (this season) | $22^{\text {nd }}$ February 2013 |
| PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES) | DES 2008, DES 2010 |
| MAIN DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields) | This report presents the results of an archaeological excavation undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on a proposed residential development on the southern outskirts of Forres, Morayshire. The works, undertaken prior to a residential development, followed on from previous phases of archaeological evaluation and excavation undertaken within a 34 ha land parcel situated on rough pasture centred at NGR: NJ 03085720. <br> The evaluation of 2008 identified features across the entire site (Area of roundabout, Areas A, B, C, D, E and F). This comprised linear ditches, pits and post-holes. Artefactual material recovered included Grooved Ware pottery, coarse stone, flint and later prehistoric ceramics. <br> A subsequent phase of archaeological works was required based on the results of this evaluation. The 2013 Phase 1 excavation comprised the complete excavation of a series of features identified specifically within Areas $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}$ and F . <br> The excavation identified the remains of a series of truncated prehistoric structures including two ring-ditch roundhouses, post-ring structures and isolated pits. Artefactual evidence was recovered in the form of prehistoric ceramic, coarse stone and chipped stone assemblages. |
| PROPOSED FUTURE WORK: | Excavation and post-excavation phases |
| CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS: | n/a |
| SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY: | Springfield Properties Ltd |
| ADDRESS OF MAIN CONTRIBUTOR: | C/o AOC Archaeology Group |
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