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## ABSTRACT

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An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group prior to a proposed residential development on Moncur Road, Inchture, Perth & Kinross.

The evaluation consisted of 1359 m<sup>2</sup> of trenching across the development area. The topsoil across site was a mid brown clay loam overlying a mainly red sand, with areas of yellowish brown sandy clay to the SW edge. This edge of the site contained two stone walls running parallel to each other with modern fence posts inserted in the top that may represent a former road or avenue now removed by the modern A90.

The trenches containing the red sand and gravel subsoil revealed an abundance of archaeological features that are suggestive of prehistoric activity. The majority of the features were linear and curvilinear ditches that varied in width and orientation. Several pits or post holes were also revealed, two of which were noted for containing an abundance of burnt bone fragments.

It is probable that further archaeological work will be required within the development area if the archaeological features uncovered by the evaluation will be impacted by the proposed development. The scope of any further work will be determined by Perth & Kinross Council, who are advised on archaeological matters by the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was required by Oliver & Robb Architects prior to a proposed residential development on Moncur Road, Inchtute, Perth & Kinross. The scope of the works was determined by Perth & Kinross Council as advised on archaeological matters by the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT). The works were conducted according to the terms of a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2017), approved on behalf of Perth & Kinross Council by PKHT and in accordance with *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government 2014) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning And Archaeology* (Scottish Government 2011).

## 1.2 Site Location

- 1.2.1 The development area at Moncur Road, Inchtute, Perth is located at the north-eastern edge of the town, with Moncur Road bordering the site to the south-east. The site consists of 3.9 ha of unmanaged scrubland bordered by mature woodland. The site is bounded by the A90 to the north, and playing fields and a tree lined avenue to the south west (NGR: NO 28280 29161; Figure 1).

## 1.3 Historical Background

- 1.3.1 The site is located to the immediate north of the Inchtute conservation area boundary. Inchtute is a linear settlement developed along the Perth-Dundee Road as an estate village to Rossie Priory (Perth & Kinross Council 2015). Cartographic sources show a road from Inchtute to Baledgarno running through the development area but structures are located within the development area throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries (OS 1867). Though no sites of archaeological interest are known to exist within the site boundary, a number of heritage sites are in close proximity.
- 1.3.2 The site is bounded to the north and south by several Scheduled Ancient Monuments. Across the A90 lie enclosures which may be the remains of timber long houses (NO22NE 9). These Indistinct crop-marks have revealed a complex series of features which may be the remains of at least one rectangular timber building. The principal feature that can be distinguished measures about 23m by 8m, but there are traces of what are either small enclosures or fragments of other buildings clustered around it.
- 1.3.3 To the immediate north-west lies another Scheduled Monument comprising of a curving crop-mark of what is probably a souterrain. This measures approximately 12m across the horns, and lies on a gentle slope 700m NE of New Mains farm-steading. Other less distinct markings lie immediately to the east and south.
- 1.3.4 To the south-east of the development area aerial photography has revealed a series of ditched features (NO22NE 26). The principal cluster of features appears to represent a series of interlocking ditched enclosures covering an area of about 1ha. These are probably boundary ditches associated with the village of Inchtute, which is noted by Easson as first coming on record in the 13th century, but there is also a small ring-ditch within one of the enclosures (NO 2823 2883). The ring-ditch measures 6m in diameter.
- 1.3.5 In addition to the enclosures there are traces of what may be three rectangular buildings in the field to the SE. One, some 20m NE of the steading (NO 2836 2872), is a rectangular outline, measuring about 12m by 7m over all, but the other two, a further 60m to the E, are solid rectangular marks, each presumably indicating the presence of a sunken floor. The two structures are set at right angles to one another, the larger measuring 7m by 5m, and the smaller at least 4m by 3m.
- 1.3.6 In 2007 an archaeological watching brief (NO 282 287) was undertaken on the site of a new housing development at Mains of Inchtute, Moncur Road, Inchtute. The site lay to the northwest of the

farmhouse of Mains of Inchtute and comprised the south eastern portion of a field previously evaluated by SUAT as Field 1. The evaluation had exposed several pits and postholes of possible prehistoric date. During the watching brief, two additional postholes and three linear features were exposed that might have been associated with the remains encountered during the evaluation. Moreover, a complex of drainage and cultivation features was exposed, with a single sherd of pottery indicating a possible medieval origin.

- 1.3.7 To the north of the proposed development area lies the remains of Moncur Castle (NO22NE 2). The house stands within the policies of Rossie Priory and was occupied between 1540-1700. In the early 15th century Moncur was in the hands of a branch of the Kinnaird family; it became the family seat in the 16th century, but the house itself was abandoned, following a fire, in the early 18th century.

## 2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of the archaeological evaluation were:
- i) to determine and assess the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any buried archaeological remains within the proposed development area through evaluation trenching;
  - ii) to advise and implement an appropriate form of mitigation, such as excavation, post-excavation analyses and publication, given the infeasibility of preserving the archaeological material *in situ*, should significant archaeological remains be encountered.

## 3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The evaluation consisted of 18 trenches of varying length and alignment, equating to 1359 m<sup>2</sup> of linear trench (Figure 2). The total amount of trenching is less than the initial required amount of 1950 m<sup>2</sup> due to the amount of mature trees surrounding the site along the southern and north eastern edges, as well as the presence of a BT cable along the northern edge that required a 10 m safety buffer.
- 3.2 The trenches were excavated using a 14 tonne tracked excavator equipped with bladed ditching bucket, and operating under the constant supervision of an experienced field archaeologist. Each trench was recorded using AOC *pro forma* trench record sheets, photographed, and any potential features investigated further to assess their character and date.



## 4 RESULTS

### 4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 All archaeological works were conducted on the 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Weather conditions were fair throughout the course of the work conducted and archaeological visibility was good. The various data gathered from the evaluation are presented as a series of appendices:

Appendix 1: Evaluation trench descriptions  
Appendix 2: Context Register  
Appendix 3: Photographic Register;  
Appendix 4: Drawing Register  
Appendix 5: Samples Register  
Appendix 6: Finds Register  
Appendix 7: '*Discovery and Excavation in Scotland*' entry

- 4.1.2 The topsoil throughout the development area was a mid brown clay loam that measured between 0.4 m and 0.85 m in depth. This overlay a red sand and gravel with pale yellowish brown clay to the south western half of the site. Within this area of clay some furrows were recorded aligned N-S and measuring up to 2.3 m in width. Ceramic tile drains were also noticed throughout the majority of the trenches excavated, sitting within the base of the topsoil and mainly aligned north to south. Trenches 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 14 were clear of any archaeological features.

### 4.2 Trench 2, 3 & 10

- 4.2.1 Trenches 2 and 3 revealed the remains of two parallel stone walls [201] and [301], consisting of granite or whinstone and mortared with sand and lime, with a modern metal post and wire fence visible in places above the topsoil (Plate 1). The wall measured 0.4 m wide and appears to have been buried by re-deposited subsoil between the walls. The line of these walls corresponds with a tree lined avenue to the south west of the site.
- 4.2.2 Trench 3 also contained a ditch [301] that was aligned NW-SE measuring 0.75 m wide by 0.07 m deep, filled by a sterile mid brown silty sand deposit. A similarly sized ditch [1001] revealed in Trench 10 may be contemporary with this feature due to the similarly sterile fill and shallow nature of the ditch.

### 4.3 Trench 4, 8, 12 & 13

- 4.3.1 These four trenches contained a cluster of linear, curvilinear and pit features that are likely to be contemporary with each other, and probably relate to earlier activity on the site (Figure 2 & 3). The features in this area consist of fourteen ditches [401], [403], [405], [409], [411], [413], [803], [805], [1205], [1207], [1211], [1213], [1215], and [1303]; six pit features [407], [801], [1201], [1203], [1209], and [1301]; and one possible wall remnant [415].
- 4.3.2 The ditches measure between 0.3 m and 1 m in width and are filled by mid to dark brown silty sand with rare to occasional charcoal inclusions. Ditches [401], [1205], [1207] and [1213] contained dark greyish brown silty sand and higher concentrations of charcoal and it is possible that ditch [1213] is a series of interconnecting pits given the bulbous nature of the edges (Plate 2). From the excavated sample the depths vary from 0.07 m to 0.17 m (Figure 4).
- 4.3.3 The pit features vary in shape and range from 0.3 m to 1 m in diameter. Pits [1201] and [1203] may form part of a structural feature with the amorphous shape of [1203] possibly indicating several smaller features covered by a similar deposit (Plate 3).



#### 4.4 Trench 15-18

- 4.4.1 Another cluster of features is situated approximately 20 m to the north east of Trench 4 and consists of similar linear, curvilinear and pit features, that are likely to be contemporary. The features consist of fifteen ditches [1501], [1503], [1601], [1603], [1605], [1609], [1611], [1613], [1615], [1617], [1619], [1621], [1703], [1801], and [1803]; six small pit or post holes [1607], [1701], [1707], [1709], and [1711]; and one large pit [1705].
- 4.4.2 The ditches vary in diameter from 0.3 m to 1.4 m and up to 0.19 m in depth. The shape of ditch [1503] and the tight curve of ditch [1803] are indicative of possible structures within the cluster (Plate 4). Further structural elements may also be present in the small pit or post hole features within Trench 16 and 17, although the presence of burnt bone in [1707] and [1709] is more suggestive of non-structural pit features (Plate 5).
- 4.4.3 Finally, the large pit [1705] measured 1.5 m in width and contained an abundance of angular stone fragments within the fill. It was also seen to cut the edge of ditch [1703], indicating more than one phase of activity within the site.



Plate 1: General view of wall [201]





Plate 2: General view of ditch [1213]



Plate 3: General view of pit [1201] and [1203]





Plate 4: General view of ditch [1503]



Plate 5: General view of pits/post holes [1707], [1709] and [1711]

## 5 DISCUSSION

- 5.1 It is clear that significant archaeology survives within the development area. From the location of the features it is possible to interpret the linear features [302] and [1001] as being later in date and related to later post medieval field boundaries or agricultural activity. Not only are they isolated from the main clusters, they are also in close proximity to the rig and furrow remnants revealed within the site. Furthermore, the lack of evidence for furrows further to the north east also indicates a potential change in land use in this area. These ditches may also relate to the same period as the walls [201] and [301] that lined the former road from Inchtute to Baledgarno (Figure 5).
- 5.2 The two clusters of features occupying the north eastern half of the site suggest that a possible continuation of the features known to exist to the north-west and south-east of the development area and represent settlement evidence of probable late prehistoric date.

## 6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The archaeological evaluation of the development area at Moncur Road has been successful in locating previously unknown archaeological features of probable late prehistoric date. It is possible that further archaeological works in the form of an area strip and excavation will be necessary if the archaeology cannot be preserved in situ by the development works.
- 6.2 The scope of any further work will be determined by Perth & Kinross Council, who are advised on archaeological matters by Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust.

## 7 REFERENCES

### 7.1 Bibliographic references

AOC 2017 *Moncur Road, Inchtute, Perth & Kinross: Archaeological Evaluation Written Scheme of Investigation*. Unpublished client report

Perth and Kinross Council 2015 *Inchtute Conservation Area Appraisal*

Scottish Government 2014 Scottish Planning Policy.

Scottish Government 2010 PAN 2/2011 Planning & Archaeology.

### 7.2 Cartographic references

1867 Ordnance Survey *Perth & Clackmannan Sheet LXXXVII.8 (Inchtute)*



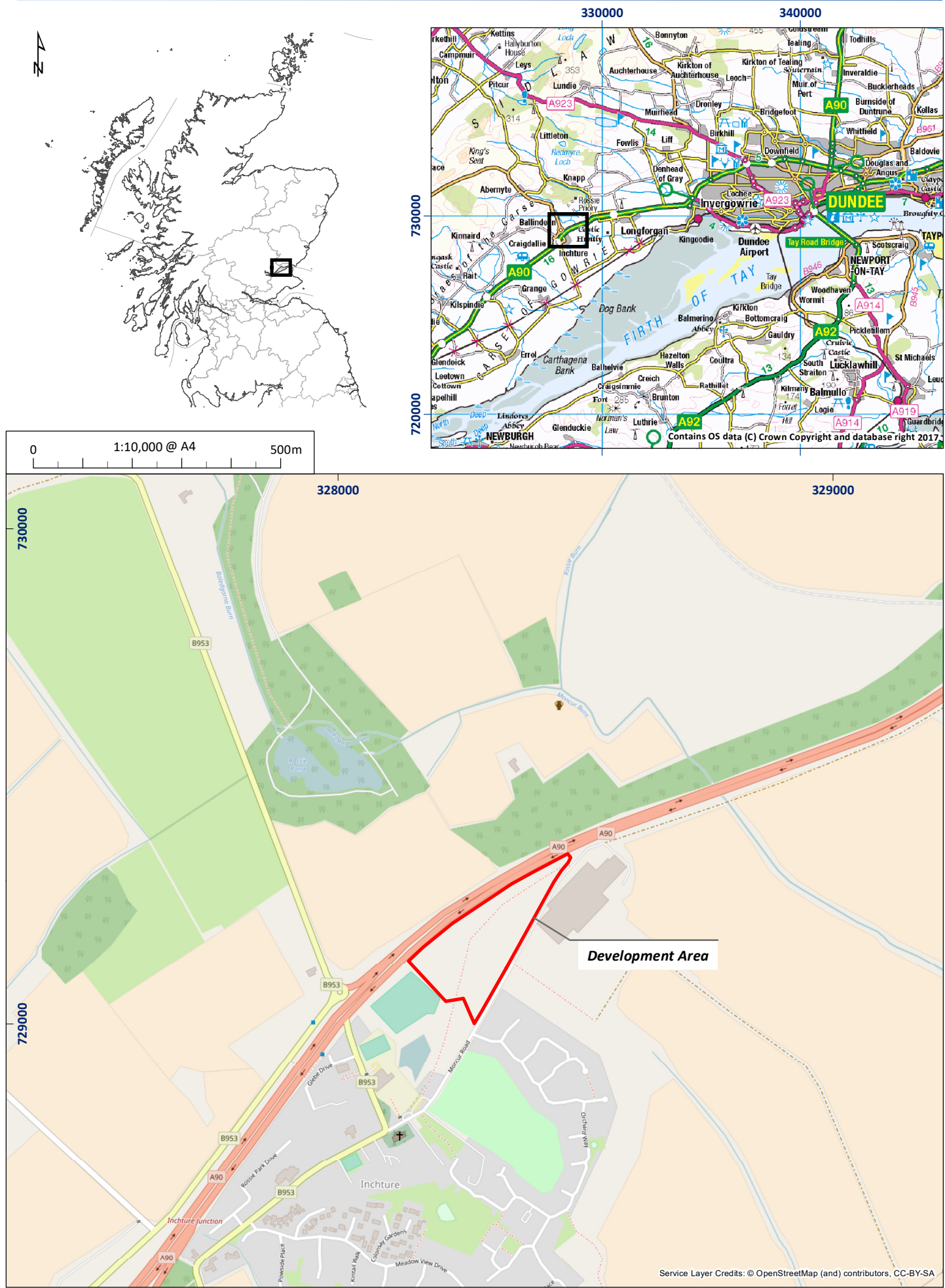




Figure 2: Evaluation trench location plan

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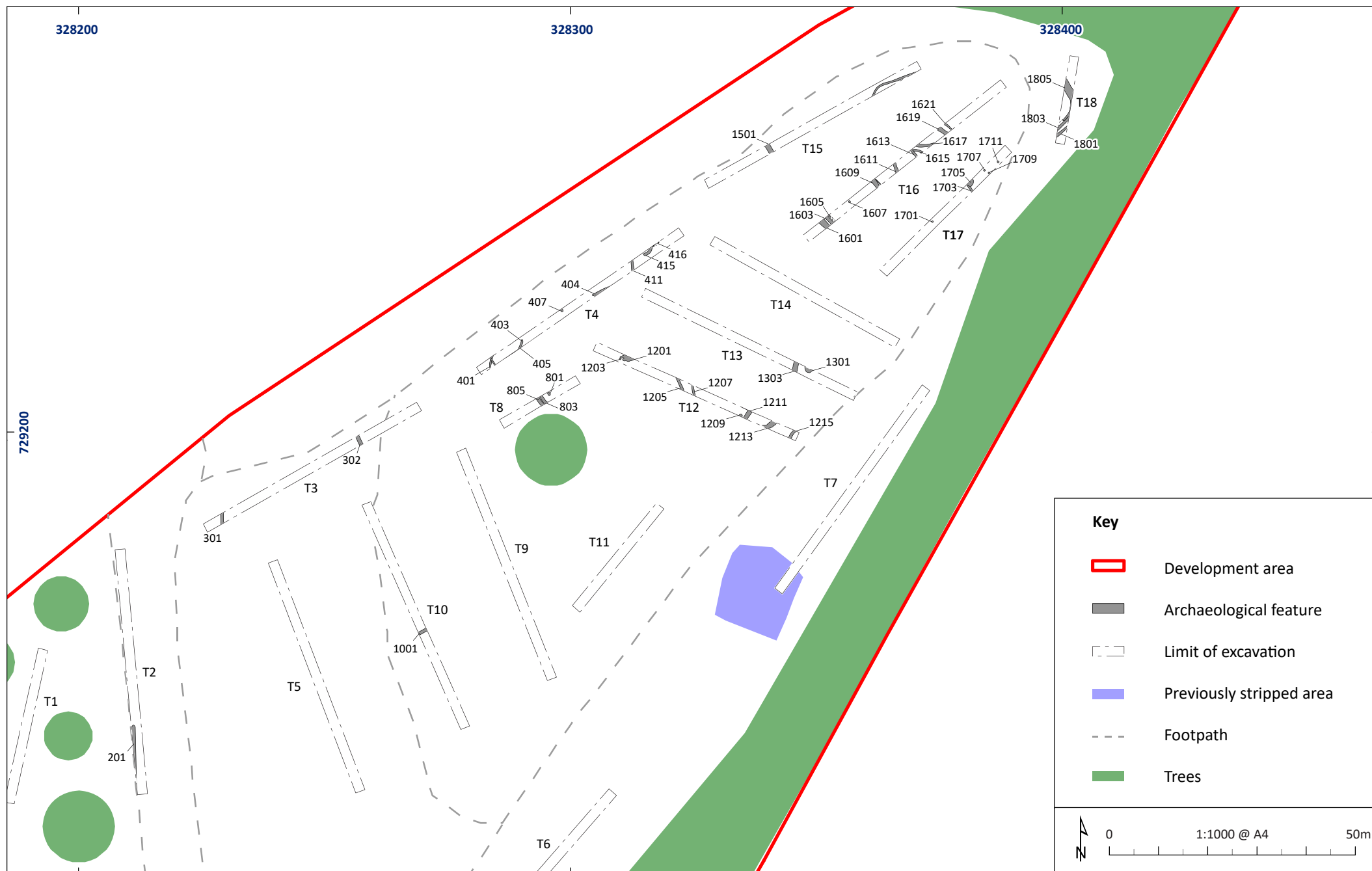
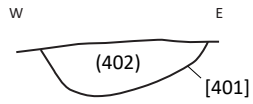


Figure 3: Detailed plan of trenches

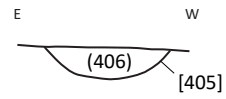
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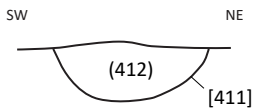
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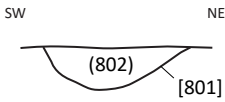
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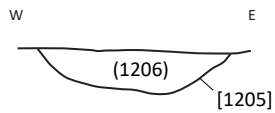
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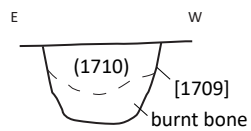
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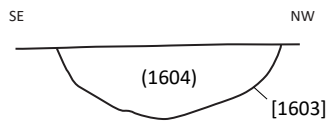
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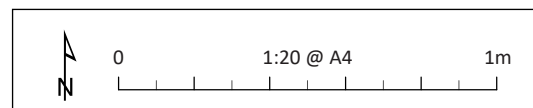
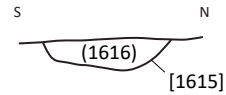
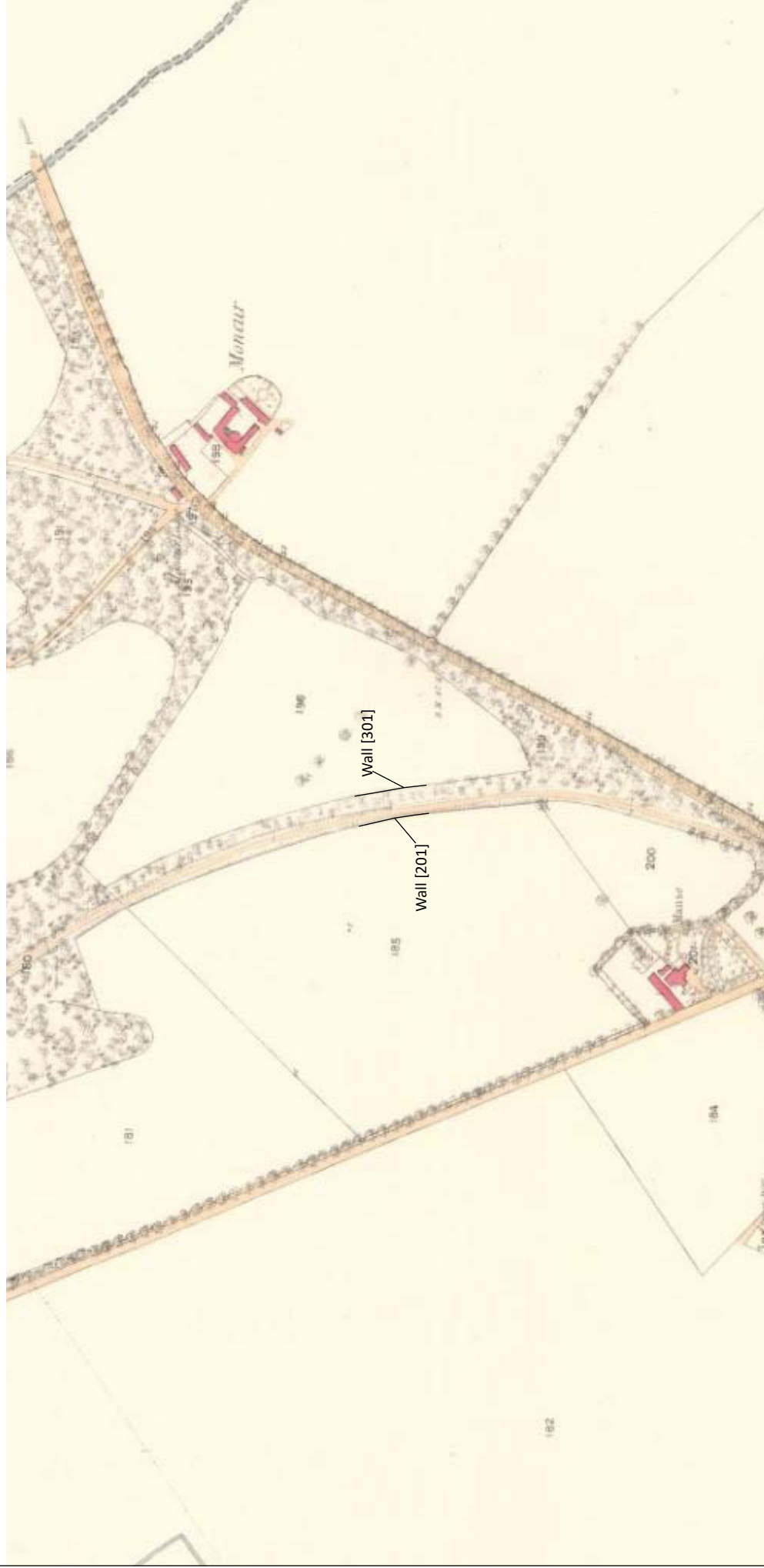


Figure 4: Section drawings of excavated features

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**Section 2: Appendices**

## Appendix 1: Evaluation Trench Descriptions

### Trench 1

<i>Dimensions</i>	35 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	63 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	NW to SE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.45 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Mid orangey brown silty clay until 4 m then red silty clay
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Furrow at 16.8 m; and 25 m aligned N-S (0.9 m wide by 0.06 m deep). Ceramic tile drain at 0 m to 3 m aligned N-S
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 2

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	NW to SE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Made ground – re-deposited red clay and dark grey clay from 0 m to 30 m – 0.65 m Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam from 0 m to 5 m then 28 m to 50 m – 0.25 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Pale yellowish brown clay (disturbed) until 26 m then red silty clay and stone
<i>Significant Features</i>	[201] – Field boundary wall
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain at 0 m to 3 m aligned N-S
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 3

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Made ground – orange sand and topsoil from 0 m to 3.7 m – 0.55 m Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.25 m to 0.62 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Pale yellowish brown clay until 5 m then red silty clay and stone until 14 m then pale yellow sandy clay until 29 m then red sand and stone
<i>Significant Features</i>	[301] – Field boundary wall [302]/[303] – possible ditch or furrow
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drain at 8.8 m to 11.5 m; 37.8 m to 40.6 m aligned N-S
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 4

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.7 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand and small gravels
<i>Significant Features</i>	[401]/[402] – Curvilinear ditch [403]/[404] – Linear ditch [405]/[406] – Curvilinear ditch [407]/[408] – Pit [409]/[410] – Linear ditch [411]/[412] – Linear ditch [413]/[414] – Curvilinear ditch [415] – possible curving line of stone
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 5

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	NW to SE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.62 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sandy clay

<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	Ceramic tile drains every 10 m apart aligned N-S
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 6**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.6 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red and orange sand and gravel until 14 m then pale yellowish brown sandy clay
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 7**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SSW to NNE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.62 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Reddish pink sand and gravel
<i>Significant Features</i>	[701] – Quarry or stripped area from 0 m to 9 m
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 8**

<i>Dimensions</i>	20 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	36 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	NE to SW
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.75 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand and gravels
<i>Significant Features</i>	[801]/[802] – Pit [803]/[804] – Linear ditch [805]/[806] – Linear ditch
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 9**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	NW to SE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.71 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand until 17 m then pale yellow sand with clay patches
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 10**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	NW to SE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.68 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand and gravel
<i>Significant Features</i>	[1001]/[1002] – Ditch or furrow
<i>Other Features</i>	Furrows at 10.8 m; 20 m; and 31.5 m aligned N-S and between 1.8 m to 2.3 m wide
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 11**

<i>Dimensions</i>	25 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	45 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	N to S

<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.68 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Pale yellow sand and red sand/stone until m then red sand
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 12**

<i>Dimensions</i>	45 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	81 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.81 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand
<i>Significant Features</i>	[1201]/[1202] – Large pit [1203]/[1204] – Small pit or post hole [1205]/[1206] – Linear ditch [1207]/[1208] – Linear ditch [1209]/[1210] – Probable pit [1211]/[1212] – Linear ditch [1213]/[1214] – Linear ditch or collection of pits [1215]/[1216] – Curvilinear ditch
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 13**

<i>Dimensions</i>	40 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	72 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.84 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand
<i>Significant Features</i>	[1301]/[1302] – Pit [1303]/[1304] – Linear ditch
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 14**

<i>Dimensions</i>	40 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	72 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.92 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 15**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.75 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand
<i>Significant Features</i>	Linear ditch [1501]/[1502] Curvilinear ditch [1503]/[1504]
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### **Trench 16**

<i>Dimensions</i>	50 m by 1.8 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	90 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	SW to NE
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.74 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Red sand
<i>Significant Features</i>	[1601]/[1602] – Linear ditch

[1603]/[1604] – Linear ditch  
 [1605]/[1606] – Linear ditch  
 [1607]/[1608] – Pit  
 [1609]/[1610] – Linear ditch  
 [1611]/[1612] – Linear ditch  
 [1613]/[1614] – Linear ditch  
 [1615]/[1616] – Linear ditch connected to [1613]  
 [1617]/[1618] – Curvilinear ditch  
 [1619]/[1620] – Linear ditch  
 [1621]/[1622] – Linear ditch  
 Ceramic tile drain at 18.4 m aligned NW-SE cutting [1609]  
 None

*Other Features*

*Finds*

#### **Trench 17**

*Dimensions*

35 m by 1.8 m

*Excavated Area*

63 m<sup>2</sup>

*Excavated Orientation*

SW to NE

*Soil make-up*

Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.72 m

*Natural Subsoil*

Mixture of red and pale yellow sands and stone until 6 m then red sand.

*Significant Features*

[1701]/[1702] – Pit or post hole  
 [1703]/[1704] – Linear ditch  
 [1705]/[1706] – Stone filled pit cutting [1703]  
 [1707]/[1708] – Pit or post hole  
 [1709]/[1710] – Pit or post hole  
 [1711]/[1712] – Pit or post hole

*Other Features*

None

*Finds*

None

#### **Trench 18**

*Dimensions*

15 m by 1.8 m

*Excavated Area*

27 m<sup>2</sup>

*Excavated Orientation*

SW to NE

*Soil make-up*

Topsoil – Mid brown clay loam – 0.6 m

*Natural Subsoil*

Red sand

*Significant Features*

[1801]/[1802] – Curvilinear ditch  
 [1803]/[1804] – Curvilinear ditch – may be same as [1801]

*Other Features*

None

*Finds*

None



## Appendix 2: Context Register

Context No.	Area	Description and Interpretation
201	T2	Granite or whinstone wall with sand and lime mortar surviving to 3/4 courses in height with steel posts in the top for a wire fence. Forms possible avenue with wall [301]. Wall is buried by re-deposited clay (See T2) <b>Field boundary wall</b>
301	T3	Granite or whinstone wall with sand and lime mortar surviving to 3/4 courses in height with steel posts in the top for a wire fence. Forms possible avenue with wall [201]. Wall is buried by re-deposited clay (See T3). Measures 0.4 m wide. <b>Field boundary wall</b>
302	T3	Linear cut with moderate to gently sloping sides measuring 0.75 m by 0.07 m. Aligned NW-SE. <b>Possible ditch feature or furrow</b>
303	T3	Mid brown silty sand with no inclusions. <b>Fill of ditch/furrow [302]</b>
401	T4	Curvilinear cut with steep sides onto a flat base aligned N-S and measuring 0.29 m by 0.1 m. Cuts the fill [404] of ditch [403]. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
402	T4	Dark greyish brown silty sand with charcoal inclusions <b>Fill of [401]</b>
403	T4	Linear cut aligned SE-NW measuring 0.38 m by 0.09 m. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
404	T4	Mid brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [403]</b>
405	T4	Curvilinear cut aligned N-S and measuring 0.34 m by 0.07 m. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
406	T4	Mid brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [405]</b>
407	T4	Oblong shaped cut protruding from NW edge of trench measuring 0.5 m (visible) by 0.4 m. <b>Possible prehistoric feature</b>
408	T4	Mid brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [407]</b>
409	T4	Linear cut aligned NE-SW measuring 4 m by 0.4 m. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
410	T4	Mid brown silty sand with charcoal inclusions. <b>Fill of [409]</b>
411	T4	Linear cut with steep sides onto a concave base aligned NNW-SSE and measuring 0.42 m by 0.17 m. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
412	T4	Mid brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [411]</b>
413	T4	Curvilinear cut aligned SW-NE and curving N measuring 3 m by 0.49 m. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
414	T4	Mid brown silty sand and reddish silty gravel <b>Fill of [413]</b>
415	T4	Line of stone noted along the NW edge of the trench from 43.9 m to 45 m. <b>Possible arc of a stone wall</b>
701	T7	Large circular depression cut through by trench 7 at the NE corner. <b>Stripped area – modern</b>
801	T8	Oblong shaped cut with steep sides onto a concave base measuring 0.7 m by 0.5 m by 0.11 m. <b>Possible prehistoric pit</b>
802	T8	Mid brown silty sand with rare charcoal inclusions <b>Fill of [801]</b>
803	T8	Linear cut aligned NW-SE and measuring 0.6 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
804	T8	Mid brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [803]</b>
805	T8	Linear cut aligned NW-SE and measuring 0.75 m wide. Parallel to [803] <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
806	T8	Mid brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [805]</b>

1001	T10	Linear cut aligned NNE-SSW with moderate sides onto a concave base, measuring 0.5 m by 0.07 m. <b>Ditch of unknown date or function</b>
1002	T10	Mid brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [1001]</b>
1201	T12	Amorphous shaped cut measuring 3 m by 1 m (visible). <b>Possible prehistoric feature</b>
1202	T12	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1201]</b>
1203	T12	Circular shaped cut measuring 0.3 m diameter. <b>Possible prehistoric pit or post hole</b>
1204	T12	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1203]</b>
1205	T12	Linear cut with moderate sides onto a flat base measuring 0.51 m by 0.13 m, aligned NW-SE. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1206	T12	Dark greyish brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1205]</b>
1207	T12	Linear cut measuring 0.4 m wide, aligned NW-SE. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1208	T12	Dark greyish brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1207]</b>
1209	T12	Sub-circular shaped cut measuring 0.7 m (E-W) and 0.5 m (visible N-S) and continuing to the S. <b>Possible prehistoric feature</b>
1210	T12	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1209]</b>
1211	T12	Linear cut measuring 0.85 m wide, aligned N-S. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1212	T12	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1211]</b>
1213	T12	Bulbous linear cut aligned NE-SW measuring 1.1 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1214	T12	Dark greyish brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1213]</b>
1215	T12	Curvilinear cut aligned N-S and measuring 0.55 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1216	T12	Dark greyish brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1215]</b>
1301	T13	Sub-circular shaped cut measuring 1.7 m wide by 0.8 m (visible) and continuing to the S. <b>Possible prehistoric feature</b>
1302	T13	Dark brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [1301]</b>
1303	T13	Linear cut aligned N-S measuring 1 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1304	T13	Dark brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [1303]</b>
1501	T15	Linear cut aligned NW-SE measuring 1 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1502	T15	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1501]</b>
1503	T15	Curvilinear cut measuring 10 m by 0.3 m. Aligned S to N then curves to the NE, continuing out of trench at either end. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1504	T15	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1503]</b>
1601	T16	Linear cut aligned SE-NW measuring 1.2 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1602	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1601]</b>
1603	T16	Linear cut aligned SE-NW measuring 0.7 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1604	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal.

		<b>Fill of [1603]</b>
1605	T16	Linear cut aligned SE-NW measuring 0.3 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1606	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1605]</b>
1607	T16	Circular shaped cut measuring 0.5 m diameter. <b>Possible prehistoric feature</b>
1608	T16	Reddish brown silty sand. <b>Fill of [1607]</b>
1609	T16	Curvilinear cut aligned SE-NW measuring 0.85 m wide. Cut by ceramic pipe along NE edge. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1610	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1609]</b>
1611	T16	Linear cut aligned NNW-SSE measuring 0.57 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1612	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1611]</b>
1613	T16	Linear cut aligned NW-SE measuring 0.4 m wide, connected to ditch [1615]. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1614	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1613]</b>
1615	T16	Curvilinear cut aligned approximately E-W with moderate sides onto a flat base, and measuring 0.38 m wide by 0.08 m deep. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1616	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1615]</b>
1617	T16	Curvilinear cut aligned approximately E-W measuring 0.5 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1618	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1617]</b>
1619	T16	Linear cut aligned WNW-ESE and measuring 0.75 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1620	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1619]</b>
1621	T16	Linear cut aligned WNW-ESE and measuring 0.32 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1622	T16	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1621]</b>
1701	T17	Circular shaped cut measuring 0.3 m diameter. <b>Possible prehistoric pit or post hole</b>
1702	T17	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1701]</b>
1703	T17	Linear cut aligned NW-SE measuring 0.4 m wide and appearing to be cut by pit [1705]. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1704	T17	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1703]</b>
1705	T17	Sub-circular shaped cut measuring 1.5 m by 0.9 m (visible). Cutting ditch [1703]. <b>Possible prehistoric pit</b>
1706	T17	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal, with abundant angular stone. <b>Fill of [1705]</b>
1707	T17	Circular shaped cut measuring 0.3 m diameter. <b>Possible prehistoric pit or post hole</b>
1708	T17	Dark greyish brown silty sand with charcoal and burnt bone inclusions. <b>Fill of [1707]</b>
1709	T17	Circular shaped cut with steep sides onto a flat base measuring 0.31 m diameter by 0.21 m. <b>Possible prehistoric pit or post hole</b>
1710	T17	Dark greyish brown silty sand with charcoal and burnt bone inclusions. <b>Fill of [1709]</b>
1711	T17	Circular shaped cut measuring 0.33 m diameter. <b>Possible prehistoric pit or post hole</b>
1712	T17	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal.

		<b>Fill of [1711]</b>
1801	T18	Curvilinear cut aligned SW-NE measuring 0.4 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1802	T18	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1801]</b>
1803	T18	Curvilinear cut aligned SW-NE and curving N and then NW. Measures 1 to 1.4 m wide. <b>Possible prehistoric ditch</b>
1804	T18	Dark brown silty sand and charcoal. <b>Fill of [1803]</b>

### Appendix 3: Photographic Register

Frame	Description	From	Date
1-7	General views of site	VAR	26/07/2017
8	Post ex view of T1	SE	26/07/2017
9	Post ex view of T2	SE	26/07/2017
10	Boundary wall [201] remnants	SE	26/07/2017
11	Post ex view of T3	NE	26/07/2017
12	NW facing section of ditch [302]	NW	26/07/2017
13	General view of ditch [302]	SE	26/07/2017
14	Post ex view of T4	NE	26/07/2017
15	Wall [301]	SE	26/07/2017
16-19	General view of [401] and [403]	VAR	26/07/2017
20	S facing section of [401]	S	26/07/2017
21	N facing section of [405]	N	26/07/2017
22	General view of [405]	S	26/07/2017
23-24	General view of [407]	VAR	26/07/2017
25	Post ex view of T5	SE	26/07/2017
26	Post ex view of T6	NE	26/07/2017
27	Post ex view of T7	NNE	26/07/2017
28-29	General views of [409]	VAR	26/07/2017
30	S facing section of [411]	S	26/07/2017
31	General view of [411]	N	26/07/2017
32-33	General view of [413]	VAR	26/07/2017
34	Post ex view of T8	SW	26/07/2017
35	Post ex view of T9	SE	26/07/2017
36	Post ex view of T10	SE	26/07/2017
37	Post ex view of T11	NE	26/07/2017
38	Post ex view of T12	E	26/07/2017
39	Post ex view of T13	E	26/07/2017
40	Post ex view of T14	E	26/07/2017
41	General view of [1501]	SW	26/07/2017
42	Post ex view of T15	NE	26/07/2017
43	SE facing section of [801]	SE	26/07/2017
44	General view of [801]	E	26/07/2017
45	General view of [803] and [805]	NE	26/07/2017
46-47	General view of [1503]	VAR	26/07/2017
48	General view of [1201] and [1203]	NW	26/07/2017
49	General view of [1203]	NW	26/07/2017
50	General view of [1205]	NW	26/07/2017
51	N facing section of [1205]	N	26/07/2017
52	General view of [1207]	S	26/07/2017
53	General view of [1207] and [1205]	SE	26/07/2017
54-55	General view of [1209] and [1211]	NW/SE	26/07/2017
56	General view of [1213]	NW	26/07/2017

57	General view of [1215]	NW	26/07/2017
58	Post ex view of T16	NE	27/07/2017
59	General view of trench section T17	W	27/07/2017
60	Post ex view of T17	NE	27/07/2017
61	Post ex view of T18	N	27/07/2017
62-65	General views of T18 features	VAR	27/07/2017
66	N facing section of [1709]	N	27/07/2017
67-68	General view of [1707]-[1711]	NE	27/07/2017
69-70	General view of [1703] and [1705]	VAR	27/07/2017
71	General view of [1701]	SW	27/07/2017
72-73	General view of [1601], [1603] and [1605]	SW	27/07/2017
74	NW facing section of [1603]	NW	27/07/2017
75	General view of [1607]	NW	27/07/2017
76-77	General view of [1609]	VAR	27/07/2017
78	General view of [1611]	NW	27/07/2017
79-82	General view of [1613] and [1615]	NW	27/07/2017
83	General view of [1617]	NW	27/07/2017
84	General view of [1619] and [1621]	SE	27/07/2017
85	W facing section of [1615]	W	27/07/2017

## Appendix 4: Drawing Register

Drawing No.	Details	Scale
1	Plan of Trench 4	1:50
2	S facing section of [401]	1:10
3	N facing section of [405]	1:10
4	SE facing section of [411]	1:10
5	Plan of Trench 8	1:50
6	SE facing section of [801]	1:10
7	Plan of Trench 10	1:50
8	Plan of Trench 12	1:50
9	S facing section of [1205]	1:10
10	Plan of Trench 13	1:50
11	Plan of Trench 15	1:50
12	Plan of Trench 16	1:50
13	NW facing section of [1603]	1:10
14	E facing section of [1615]	1:10
15	Plan of Trench 17	1:50
16	N facing section of [1709]	1:10
17	Plan of Trench 18	1:50

## Appendix 5: Samples Register

Context No.	No. of tubs/bags
402	1
406	1
412	1
802	1
1206	1
1604	1
1616	1
1710	1

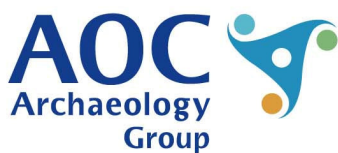
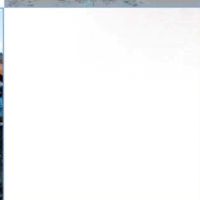
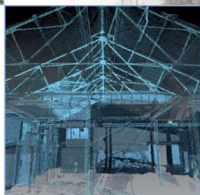
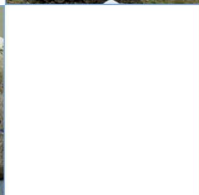
## Appendix 6: Finds Register

Finds No.	Context No.	Description
1	412	Cattle mandible

**Appendix 7: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' Report**

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Perth & Kinross Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Moncur Road, Inchtute
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	23945
<b>PARISH:</b>	Inchtute
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Kevin Paton
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	AOC Archaeology Group
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Evaluation
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR</b> (2 letters, 6 figures)	NO 28280 29161
<b>START DATE</b> (this season)	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
<b>END DATE</b> (this season)	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
<b>PREVIOUS WORK</b> (inc DES)	None
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	<p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group prior to a proposed residential development on Moncur Road, Inchtute, Perth &amp; Kinross.</p> <p>The evaluation consisted of 1359 m<sup>2</sup> of trenching across the development area. The topsoil on site was a mid brown clay loam overlying a mainly red sand, with areas of yellowish brown sandy clay to the SW edge. This edge of the site contained two stone walls running parallel to each other with modern fence posts inserted in the top that may represent a former road or avenue now removed by the modern A90.</p> <p>The trenches containing the red sand and gravel subsoil revealed an abundance of archaeological features that are suggestive of prehistoric activity. The majority of the features were linear and curvilinear ditches that varied in width and orientation. Several pits or post holes were also revealed, two of which were noted for containing an abundance of burnt bone fragments.</p>
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	Yes
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRATIONS:</b>	N/A
<b>SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:</b>	Oliver & Robb Architects
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