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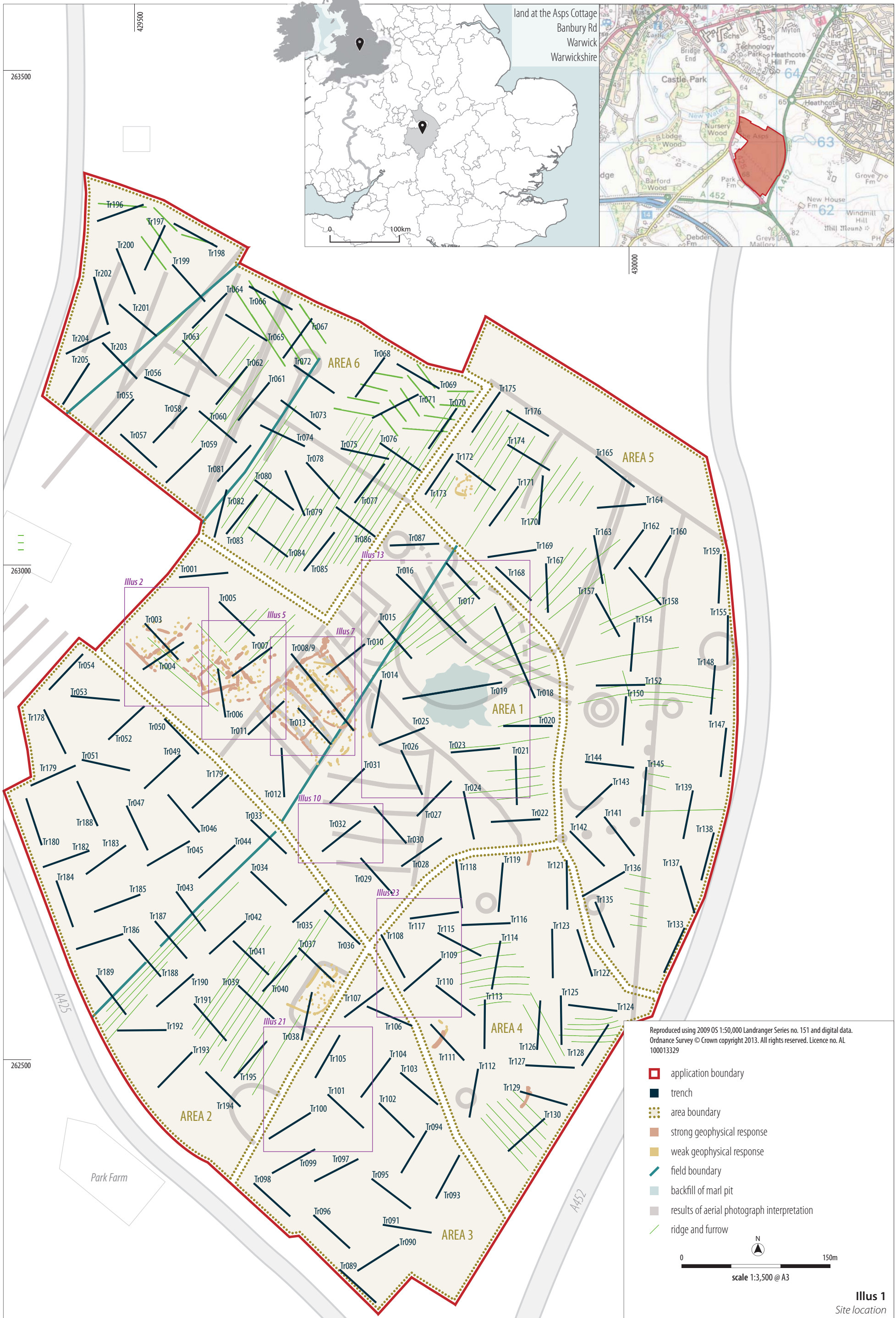
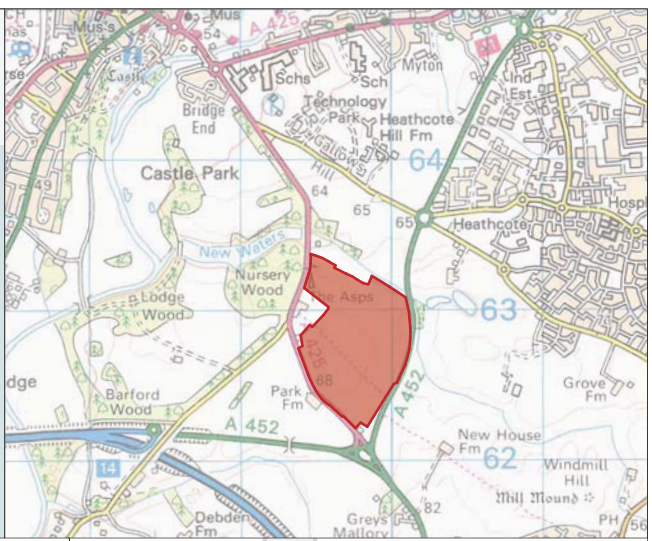
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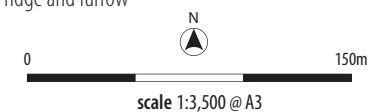


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- application boundary
- trench
- area boundary
- strong geophysical response
- weak geophysical response
- field boundary
- backfill of marl pit
- results of aerial photograph interpretation
- ridge and furrow



Illus 1
Site location

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Archaeological Evaluation

Headland Archaeology undertook an archaeological evaluation to determine the archaeological potential of farmland adjacent to The Asps, Warwick. A geophysical survey had previously been undertaken on the site and had identified a number of rectilinear enclosures in the west of the site. Trenches were excavated to identify the nature of these features and determine the potential of the remainder of the site. Excavation determined that the geological anomalies represented ditched enclosures of the 12th–13th centuries. Associated pits and potential structural features suggest that the site may be the location for 'Naspis' or 'Naspes', a medieval settlement recorded in documentary sources. A limited amount of prehistoric material was also recovered from the site. An undated cremation burial was identified but left in situ.

1 INTRODUCTION

Headland Archaeology was commissioned by The Environmental Dimension Partnership, on behalf of Barwood Development Securities Ltd. (the client), to undertake an archaeological evaluation on an area of land at The Asps, Warwick, Warwickshire.

The client intends to submit a planning application for a residential development on the site. The evaluation will provide further information about the archaeological resource, to enable appropriate decisions to be reached regarding the planning submission.

A geophysical survey was undertaken on site (Harrison 2013) prior to the trial trenching. The survey identified a complex of geophysical anomalies to the east of The Asps, suggesting the presence of archaeological features. These anomalies were targeted by trial trenches during the investigation.

Fieldwork took place between September and October 2013.

1.1 Site description

The site is located to the immediate east of Warwick Castle Park (NGR 429660, 262904) and currently comprises grazed and cropped fields.

It is bordered by Banbury Road (A452) running along the western side, Europa Way (A452) to the east, and to the south there is a large roundabout on the junction of these two roads. The northern edge is defined by the Tach Brook.

The underlying solid geology within the site comprises mudstone and sedimentary bedrock of the Mercia Mudstone Group, formed during the Triassic period, 206–248 million years ago (British Geological Survey website; <http://www.bgs.ac.uk>).

The superficial deposits recorded for the site comprise patches of glaciofluvial sands and gravels of Quaternary date and a localised area of head deposits in the SW corner of the site.

To aid the reporting and interpretation of results the site has been split into six areas determined by existing field boundaries (**Illus 1**).

1.2 Archaeological background

No invasive archaeological work has previously been undertaken within the development area. An archaeological and cultural heritage assessment of the site was produced by EDP (Vallender 2013) which identified designated heritage assets and scheduled monuments within the wider study area.

1.2.1 Prehistoric

Flint scatters from the Mesolithic period have been spotted during field walking (MWA9283 and MWA2172) and a Neolithic scatter (MWA5991) has been attributed to The Asps farm but is more likely to come from Lower Heathcote Farm some 5m to the north-west. Further flint flakes have been picked up in Castle Park (MWA9839). A possible henge monument (MWA718) was excavated to the south during construction of the M40 motorway, and is thought to span in date from the late Neolithic to the early Bronze Age. A settlement (MWA4688) and a ring ditch (MWA5558) were also discovered dating from this period. A Neolithic Cursus (MWA719) with associated enclosure (MWA5559) were found 5m to the south of the site, but were excavated and quarried out in the 1970s. Bronze Age and Iron Age settlement evidence has been found in the area surrounding The Asps including a number of small settlements (MWA4692, MWA700 and MWA6202), but as yet no archaeological evidence has been produced from the development site.

1.2.2 Romano-British and early medieval

Very little evidence from these periods has been found in the area surrounding The Asps. A number of coins from the Roman period (MWA709, MWA9837, MWA10102, MWA10151, MWA4059, MWA4063 and MWA4076) and two early medieval brooches (MWA4072 and MWA9903) have been found by metal detectorists.

1.2.3 Medieval

The proposed development area has been identified as the possible location of a Deserted Medieval Village (DMV) (MWA734), known as 'Napses' or 'Naspis', based on documentary evidence, place name evidence and crop marks visible on aerial photographs. The name of Napses is known from documentary sources from 1195 when it was described as a hamlet and by 1316 records note the settlement contained four houses. By the mid-18th century it was recorded that the settlement was '*anciently more populous*'. Evidence recovered during a watching brief for a sewer (MWA8252) suggested a DMV to the west of the development inside Castle Park. Further DMV's have been recorded at Myton (MWA1981) and Heathcote (MWA4614).

Warwick itself was a significant market town and Bridge End, a suburb of the town, would have been to the north of the Castle Park. To the west is the site of the medieval church of St Helena (thought to have burnt down in 1590) which is considered to have had associations with the Knights Templar. Medieval find spots have been recorded in the area of The Asps but have been attributed to 'chance losses' from travellers along the route ways to the north and west rather than being reflective of buried archaeological features (Vallander 2013).

1.2.4 Castle Park

The most noteworthy of the nearby heritage assets is Warwick Castle Park which lies to the immediate west of the proposed development site and 25m south of Warwick. The park covers an area of 280ha, of which 23ha are gardens and pleasure grounds, and is directly connected to Warwick Castle. Castle Park was originally called Temple Park and was created as a deer park adjacent to the Castle, with its focus on the site of the former medieval church of St Helena on Temple Hill (Vallander 2013). By 1745 the park had encompassed surrounding agricultural land and in 1749 landscaping work advised by Lancelot Brown commenced with the removal of earlier formal gardens and the removal of at least two known settlements, High Ladsome and the medieval suburb of Bridge End, to facilitate the redevelopments. Banbury Road itself (now the A452) was diverted 4m to the east between 1782 and 1787, and new carriageways and drives were created throughout the park, evidence of which may be seen today in the trees which once graced the avenues surrounding the routes.

2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the evaluation were:

- to provide sufficient evidence for confident prediction of the impact of the proposed development by establishing the extent, nature and importance of any heritage assets within the affected area (following the National Planning Policy Framework);

- to describe the significance of heritage assets potentially affected by the development, allowing the planning authority to make an informed assessment of any potential impacts on the historic environment in line with Paragraph 128 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Any evidence retrieved during the works will be analysed in light of the objectives contained in the Archaeological Research Framework for the West Midlands.

The resulting archive (finds and records) will be organised and deposited with The Warwickshire Museum to facilitate access for future research and interpretation for public benefit.

3 METHOD

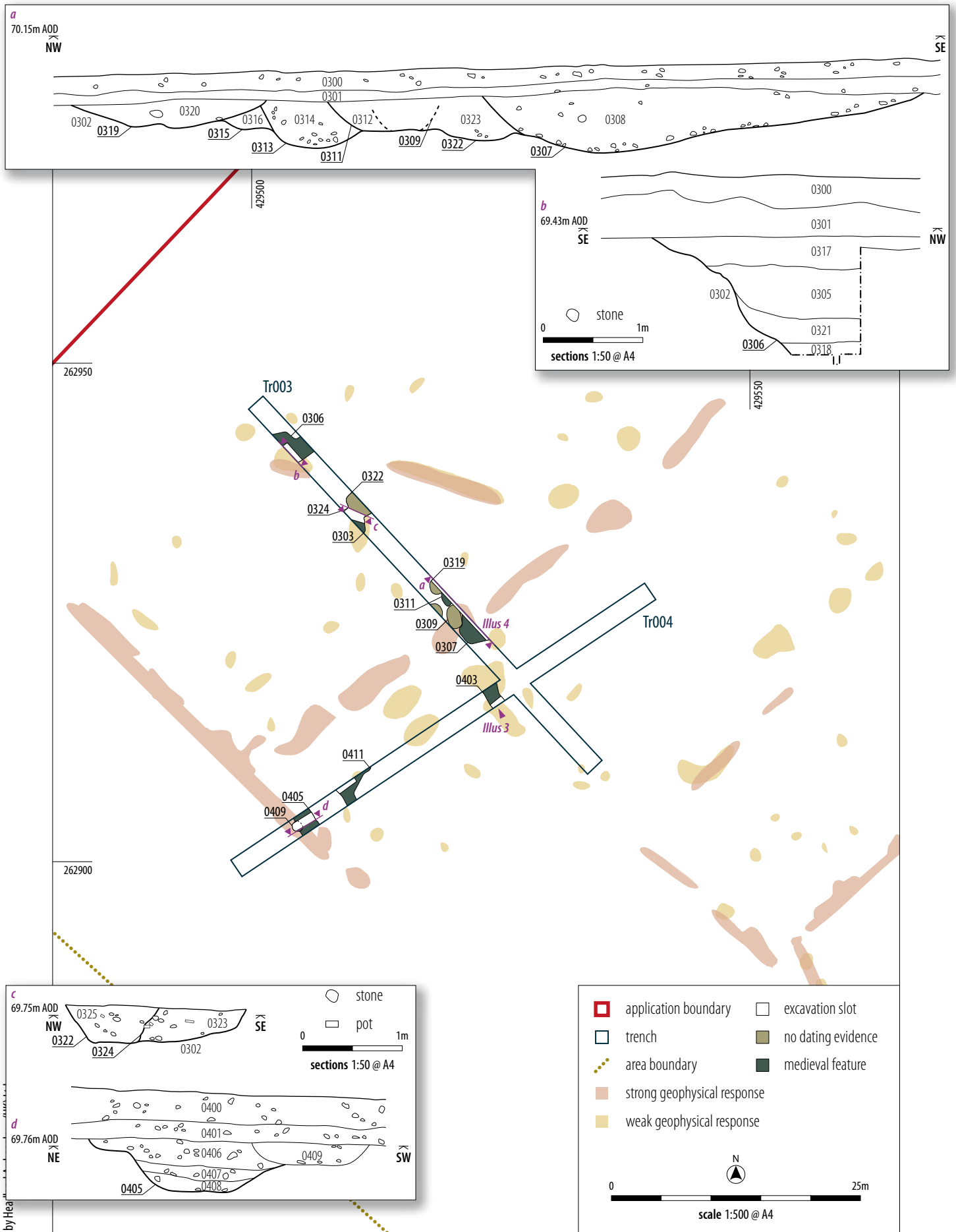
A written scheme of investigation outlining the proposed methodology for the archaeological works was produced by Headland Archaeology (Kimber 2013). This document and the proposed layout of archaeological trenches were agreed with the Archaeological Advisor to Warwickshire County Council prior to the commencement of fieldwork.

A total of 188 evaluation trenches were excavated (184 measuring 5m x 2m, 4 measuring 1m x 2m). A limited number of trenches were targeted upon potential features identified from the results of the geophysical survey (predominantly in Area 1). The majority of trenches were non-targeted and were positioned to achieve maximum coverage of the proposed development area.

All trenches were excavated by a 30 tonne tracked excavator equipped with a 2m wide ditching bucket under constant archaeological supervision. Overburden was removed and machine excavation terminated at the uppermost significant archaeological horizon or when geological deposits were encountered. On completion of machine excavation, all faces of the trench that required examination or recording were cleaned using appropriate hand tools. The stratigraphic sequence was recorded in full in each of the trenches, even where no archaeological deposits were identified. The excavation of archaeological deposits and features was undertaken by hand to a sufficient degree to satisfy the objectives of the evaluation. In a variation to the proposed methodology, excavated slots through linear features typically measured 0.6m in width rather than the proposed 1m; this was necessary due to extremely compacted nature of the deposits and the difficulties of excavating them using hand tools. Discrete features were half sectioned.

All trenches were planned using a Trimble differential GPS system. The site plan was accurately linked to the National Grid and heights to mAOD. Where significant archaeological features were encountered, section drawings were produced at an appropriate scale.

All recording followed the IfA Standards and Guidance for conducting archaeological evaluations. All contexts and environmental samples were given unique numbers. All recording was undertaken on pro forma record cards. Colour transparencies and B/W print photographs were taken on 35mm film. Digital photographs on a 7.2mp camera were taken for illustrative purposes but will not form part of the site archive.



Illus 2

Plan of Trench 003 and 004



Illus 3

North-west facing section through linear [0403]



Illus 4

South-west facing section through pit [0307]

The progress of the fieldwork was monitored by the Archaeological Advisor to Warwickshire County Council.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Area 1

A total of 31 trenches were excavated in Area 1 (Illus 1). Trenches in the west of the area were targeted upon potential enclosures identified through geophysical survey.

At the time of excavation the area was in use as pasture land. Topsoil across the area was generally consistent, comprising of a dark brown silty sand varying between 0.15m and 0.3m in depth. This overlay a subsoil, varying between 0.1m–0.3m in depth, comprising of a medium brown silty sand. The geological deposits in this part of the site comprised of a yellow/brown silty sand and gravel, with bands of reddish brown sand and gravel, and patches of red/brown clay.

4.1.1 Trenches targeting geophysical anomalies in west of area

Trench 3

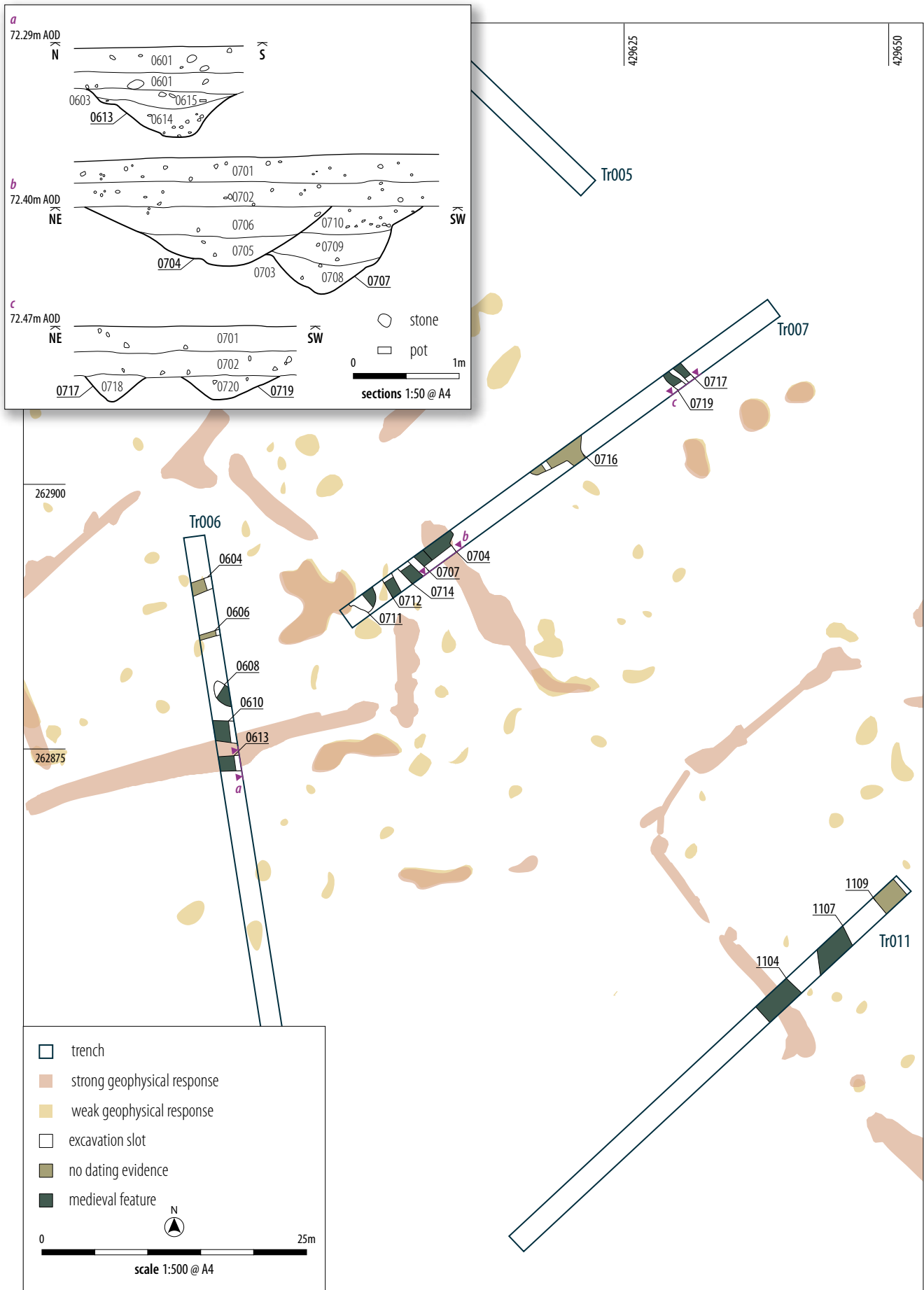
The features identified in Trench 003 (Illus 2) broadly correlated with the position of anomalies identified by the geophysical survey. Feature [0306], located at the north-west of the trench, measured 3.9m in length (NW-SE) and spanned the full width of the trench. The feature was hand excavated to a depth of 1.2m, before a hand auger was used to establish the full depth of the feature (1.3m). Four fills were identified [0305, 0317, 0318 & 0321] which appeared to represent episodes of silting, eventually resulting in the closure of the feature. Pottery recovered from deposit [0305] has been dated to the 12th– early 13th century. Due to the limited excavation area it was not possible to ascertain whether the feature was discrete or linear in form. The geophysical survey results suggest that the feature is discrete, but excavation failed to establish with certainty the nature of the feature.

Three intercutting pits [0303, 0322 & 0324] were identified approximately six metres to the south-east of feature [0306]. Varying in depth between 0.28m and 0.4m the features were filled with a compact silty sand deposit. Pottery dated to the 12th– early 13th century was recovered from the fill of feature [0303].

A further concentration of intercutting pits was present approximately eight metres to the south-east of feature [0303]. The geophysical survey results suggested the presence of a broad intermittent linear feature at this location, however excavation revealed the presence of intercutting discrete features [0307, 0309, 0311 and 0319] occupying the full width of the trench. The features, varying in depth between 0.23m and 0.6m, all contained a similar fill comprising of a compact dark brown silty sand. The fill of feature [0307] (Illus 4) contained pottery dated to the 12th century.

Trench 004

Linear feature [0403] (Illus 3) was present on a north-west to south-east alignment within Trench 004. The feature was filled with a firm,



Illus 5

Plan of Trench 006 and 007



Illus 6

Trench 7 – linear features [0704] and [0707]; looking south

dark brown silty sand [0404] containing pottery dated to the 12th–early 13th centuries.

Deposit [0411] appeared to represent the backfilling of a tree bole or an undulation in the geological horizon. A single piece of pottery dated to the 12th–early 13th centuries was recovered.

Feature [0405] was located within an area of strong geophysical response at the southwest of Trench 004. Excavation revealed an apparent ditch feature on a north-west to south-east alignment. The ditch was 0.52m in depth and contained three fills [0406, 0407 & 0408]. A discrete deposit within the top of the feature [0409] is believed to relate to tree root disturbance. Pottery recovered from the upper fill [0406] has been dated to the 12th century.

Trench 006

Two linear features [0610 & 0613] identified within the trench (**Illus 5**) correlate with the location of a strong response identified during geophysical survey. The ditches measuring 2.07m and 1.38m in width respectively, each contained two fills. Pottery dated to the 12th–13th centuries was recovered from both features. Immediately

to the north of ditch [0610] was a pit feature [0608] measuring 0.49m in depth, containing pottery of the same date.

Two further linear features in the north of Trench 006 contained no dateable material. Linear [0604] was 0.18m in depth and linear [0606] was 0.24m deep. Both features were on an approximately east-west orientation and may represent plough furrows.

Trench 007

Four further shallow linear features [0712, 0714, 0717, and 0719] were identified within Trench 007 (**Illus 5**). The features, which all contained pottery dated to the 12th–13th centuries, were similar in form to features [0604 & 0606] but were orientated on a differing alignment. Two shallow spreads [0711 & 0716] of material were present within the trench. Charcoal flecking and pottery dated to the 12th–13th century was observed within deposit [0711].

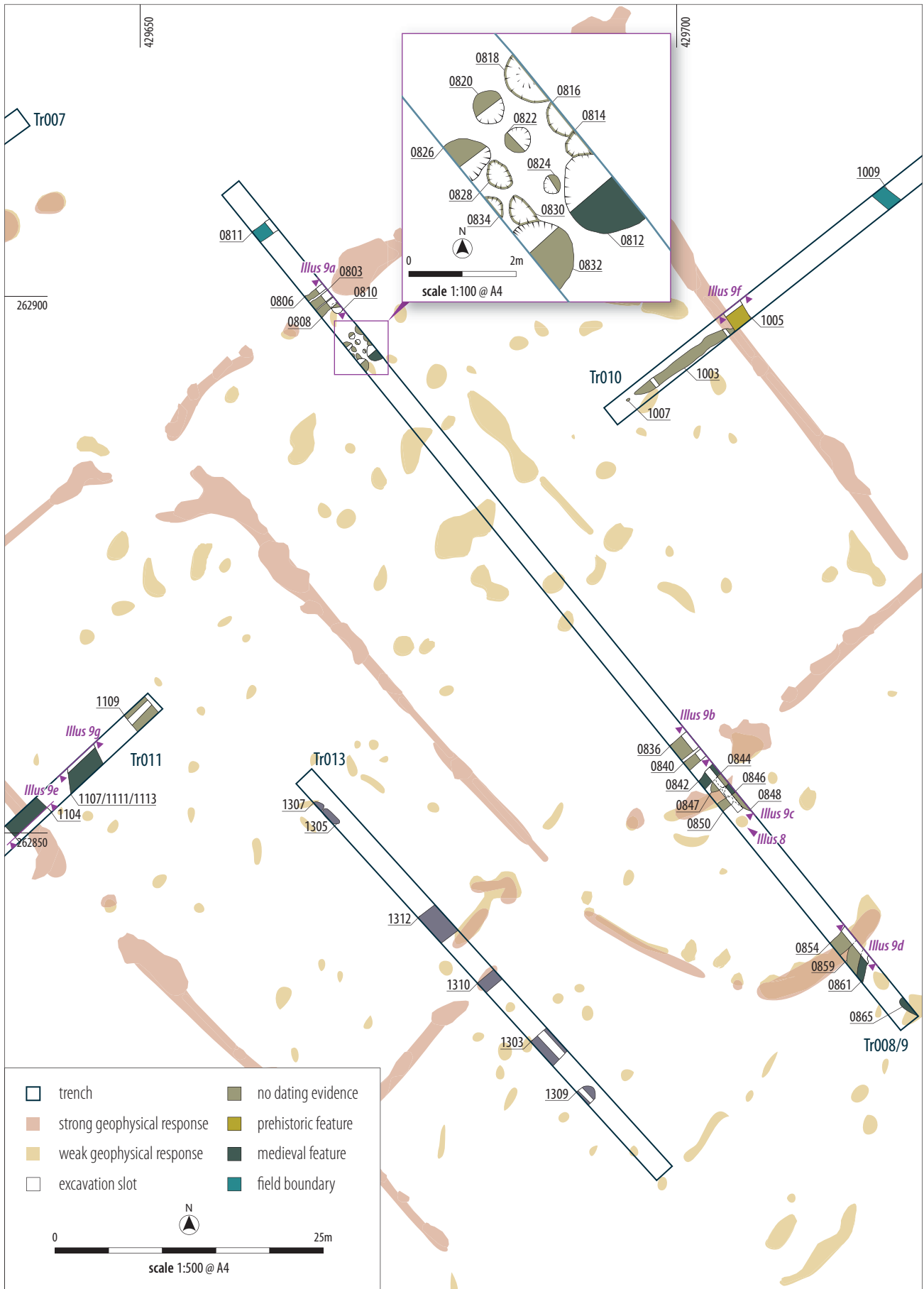
Corresponding with the location of a strong geophysical response, features [0704 & 0707] represented two intercutting ditches (**Illus 6**). Orientated on a north-west to south-east alignment, ditch [0707] had an almost vertical break of slope before terminating at a rounded v-shaped base at a depth of 0.82m. Three fills [0708, 0709 & 0710] were evident, each containing a small amount of charcoal and pottery dated to the 12th–mid 13th centuries. The north-eastern edge of [0707] had subsequently been truncated by feature [0704], a broader (2.33m), shallower (0.56m) ditch containing two fills [0705 & 0706] also dated through pottery to the 12th–mid 13th centuries.

Trench 008/9

Trench 008/9 was 1m in length and was positioned to target the centre of what appeared on the geophysical survey to be a rectilinear enclosure (**Illus 7 & 9**).

In the north-west of the trench at the location identified as a possible enclosure ditch by the geophysical survey, a broad (3.9m), shallow (0.3–0.4m) ditch [0806/0808] was identified, which appeared to have been subsequently re-cut by a narrower (2m) ditch [0803] at a later date. A circular feature [0810], 0.19m in depth truncated the south-eastern edge of ditch [0808]. No dating evidence was recovered from these features.

Towards the southeast of the trench in the location identified as the south-eastern edge of the potential enclosure, a complex of intercutting features was identified (**Illus 8**). Ditch feature [0840] was similar in form to ditch [0806/0808], and had also subsequently been re-cut by a narrower, deeper ditch [0836/0838].



Illus 7

Plan of Trench 008/9, 010, 011 and 013



Illus 8

Trench 008/9 ditches [0850, 0842, 0840 and 0836]; facing north-west

The dark brown silty sand fill [0866] of the feature contained charcoal flecks but no dating evidence.

On the interior of the postulated enclosure, a concentration of discrete, circular features was identified [0812, 0814, 0816, 0818, 0820, 0822, 0824, 0826, 0828, 830, 0832 & 0834]. Features [0812 & 0832] measured approximately 1.65m in diameter, however considering the undulating nature of their bases they may represent a number of intercutting pits filled with a homogenous deposit. The remaining features measured 0.6m diameter on average and were between 0.18m and 0.35m in depth. Pottery recovered from the fill of feature [0812] was dated to the 12th– early 13th centuries.

A linear feature [0811] located at the north-western end of the trench contained a piece of modern brick. The feature aligns with an extant field boundary to the north-east.

Trench 010

The north-eastern boundary ditch of the postulated enclosure was identified within Trench 010 (**Illus 7 & 9**). Linear [1005] measured 1.37m in width and had a relatively steep break of slope terminating in a flat base at a depth of 0.64m. The fill [1004] consisted of a loosely compacted dark grey silt with occasional charcoal flecking. Pottery recovered from the feature dated to the late Bronze Age or Iron Age.

Immediately to the southeast of ditch [0840] was a further complex of features spanning the full width of the trench. Feature [0842] appeared to represent a further ditch on a north-east to south-west alignment. Three fills were identified [0843, 0851 & 0852=0853]. Assessment of the pottery has spot-dated the feature to the 11th century, however a sherd recovered from deposit [0851] may potentially be of Iron Age or marly-middle Saxon date, and a sherd from deposit [0853] could not be positively identified.

A linear feature [0848] on a north-west to south-east orientation potentially intersects with ditch [0842], and a further linear feature [0850] appears to terminate within the confines of the trench, to the southeast of linear [0842]. The relationship between the linear features is unclear due to the presence of what may be further ditch termini or pit features [0844 & 0846] at the point of potential intersection. Pottery recovered from feature [0846] was dated to the 12th century.

Further linear features were identified at the south-eastern extent of Trench 008/9. Ditch [0854] on a north-east to south-west alignment truncates an earlier ditch [0859] which is orientated approximately north-south. The fill of [0859] contained pottery dated to the 12th century.

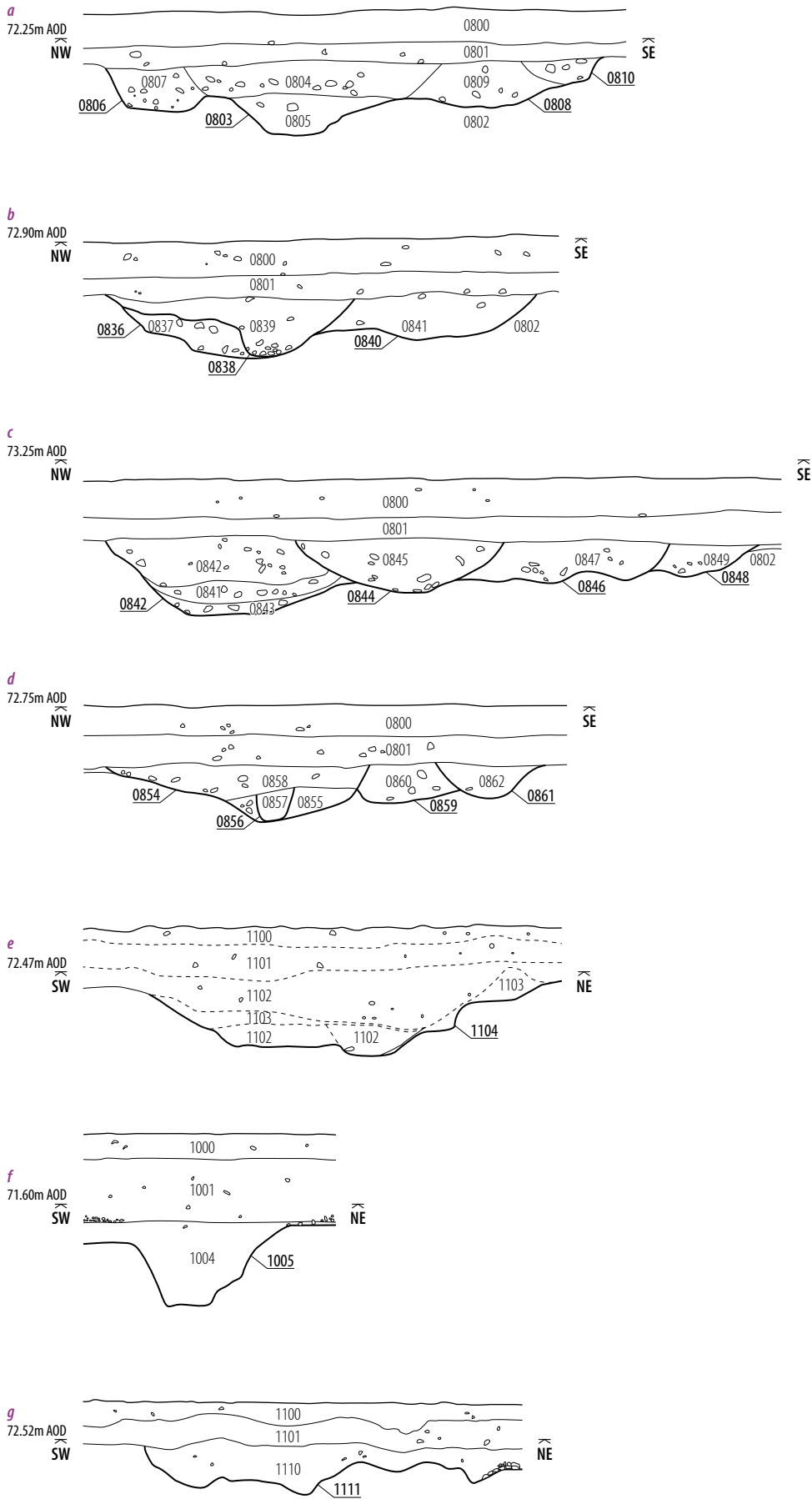
A potential ditch terminus [0865] on a north-west to south-east alignment was present at the south-eastern end of Trench 008/9.

An irregular linear feature [1003] on a north-east to south-west alignment intersected with ditch [1005]. The feature was approximately 1m wide and 0.35m in depth with a V-shaped profile. The south-western terminus of the feature was ill defined; the feature appeared to shallow and then terminate at a small pit or possible posthole [1007] containing a compact sandy clay fill [1006] with occasional charcoal inclusions.

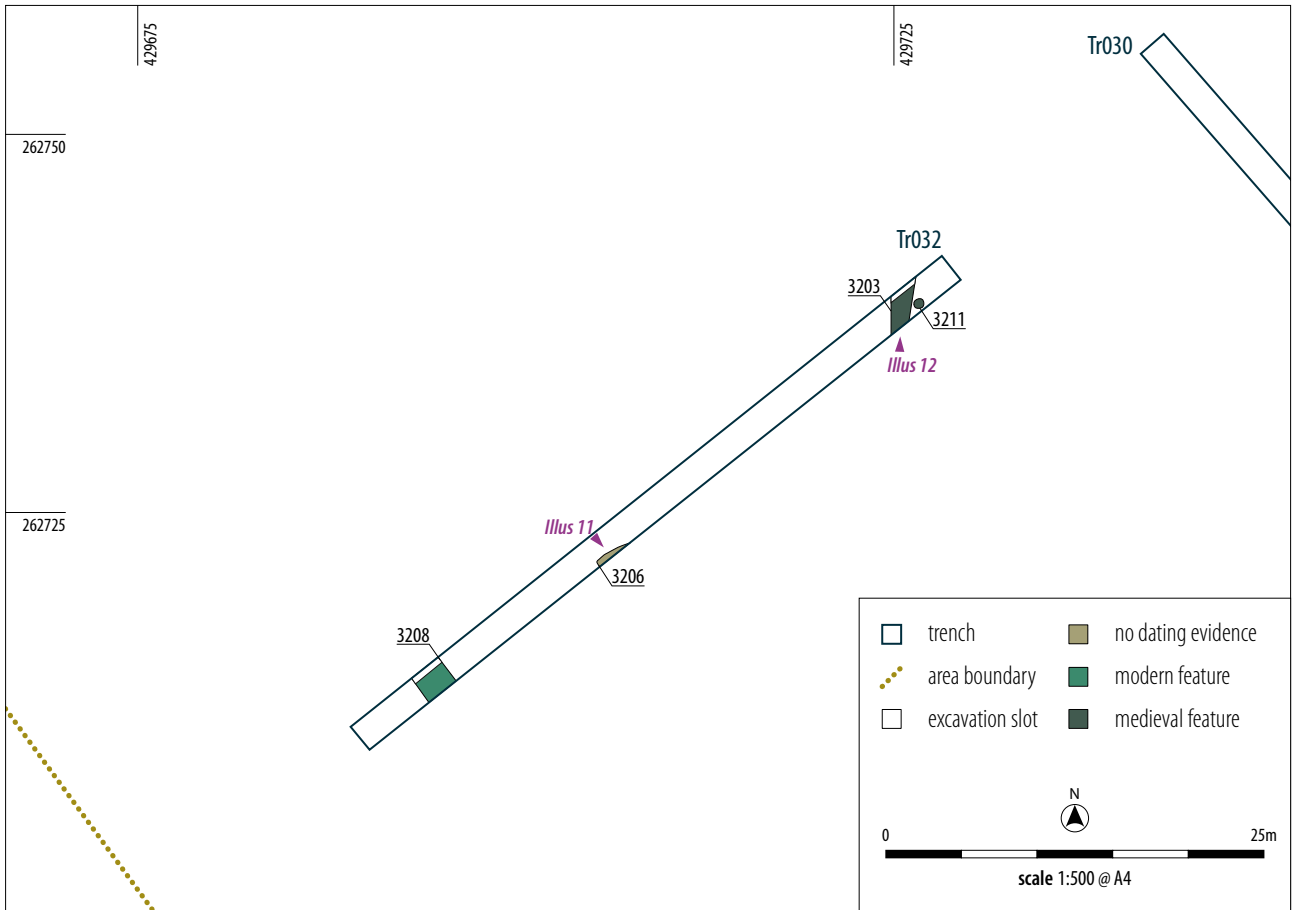
To the north-east of the enclosed area a further linear [1009] was identified. The feature aligned with an extant field boundary to the north-west. No dateable material was recovered.

Trench 011

A flat bottomed ditch [1104] measuring 2.7m in width and 0.74m in depth was identified on a north-west to south-east alignment within Trench 011 (**Illus 7 & 9**). Two fills were identified, the lower fill [1103] consisting of a compact sand similar in nature to the underlying natural, and an upper fill [1102] comprising of a loosely compacted, organic deposit with frequent charcoal inclusions suggestive of in situ burning. Pottery recovered from deposit [1102] predominantly dated to the late 12th– early 13th century, although prehistoric and possible Roman pottery was also recovered.



Illus 9
Sections through features in Trench 008/9, 010, 011 and 013



Illus 10 ▲

Plan of Trench 032



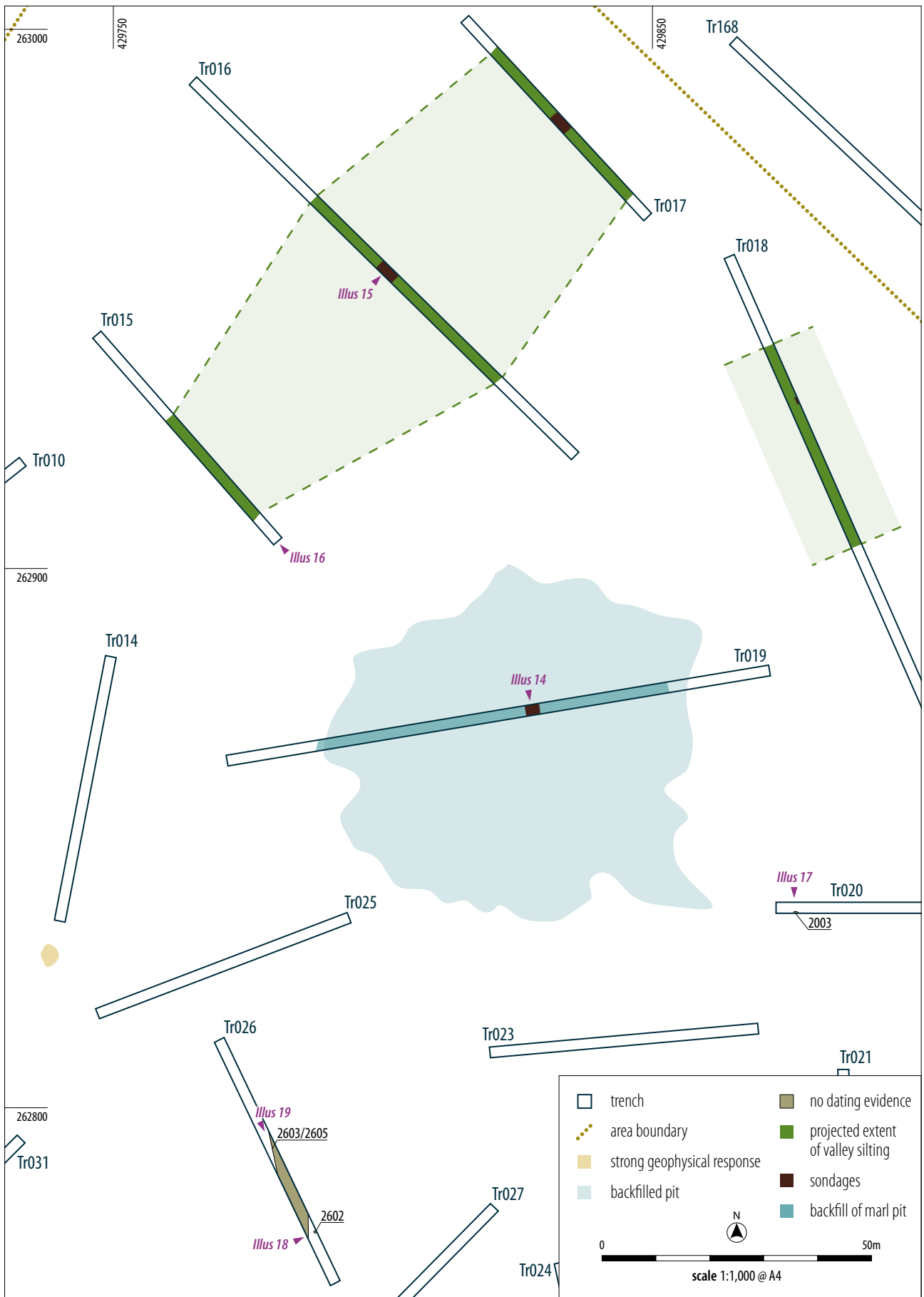
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Feature [3206]; facing south-east



Illus 12 ▶

Feature [3203]; facing north



Illus 13
Field 1 (east)



Illus 14

Trench 019 – Sondage through backfilled marl pit [1903]; looking south



Illus 15

Trench 016 – sondage through valley silting deposit [1602]; looking north-east

To the north-east of [1104] and therefore within the interior of the postulated enclosure a 2.3m wide feature spanning the width of the trench was identified [1107]. The irregular nature of the feature and the presence of 'root runs' suggest that the feature is potentially a tree throw. However, the feature corresponds to the location of a linear feature, thought to relate to agricultural practices, identified on aerial photographs (Illus 1). Pottery dated to the 12th–13th centuries was recovered from the fill [1105] along with a small amount of possibly prehistoric pottery.

A further feature spanning the full width of the evaluation trench was identified to the north-east of [1107]. Feature [1109] was 2.34m wide and 0.34m in depth with an irregular profile

suggestive of further tree root activity. The fill [1108] consisted of a loosely compacted dark brown sandy silt. No dating evidence was recovered from the feature.

Trench 013

Two ditch features [1310 & 1312] present in the centre of the trench (Illus 7) appear to be a continuation of the double ditch arrangement [0836/0842] identified in Trench 008/9. In agreement with the archaeological advisor to Warwickshire County Council it was agreed that further investigation of these features would not be necessary as evaluation of the ditches had already been undertaken in Trench 008/9.

A linear band [1303] of sandy silt and a sub-circular feature [1309] continuing beyond the south-western limits of the trench were interpreted as being of geological origin.

Features [1305] and [1307] located at the north-western extent of the trench contained a clean silty sand fill with no evidence for human activity. The features, measuring 0.44m and 0.2m in depth respectively continued beyond the limits of the trench to the south-west.

4.1.2 Isolated archaeological activity in Area 1

Trench 032

A linear feature [3203] on a north-south alignment was identified at the north-eastern end of Trench 032 (Illus 10). The ditch measuring 2.9m in width and 0.28m in depth was filled with a grey clayey sand deposit containing pottery dated to the mid 13th– early 14th centuries (Illus 12). A circular feature [3211] (measuring 0.4m in diameter) was located immediately to the east of ditch [3203] and also contained medieval pottery.

A deposit of degraded sandstone occupying a linear cut [3206] was observed to the southeast of feature [3203]. The stones showed no evidence for tool working but may represent a foundation course for a building continuing to the south (Illus 11).

A field boundary [3208] containing modern pottery was identified at the southwest of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment.

Trench 026

A 3m wide band of mid brown silty sand [2603=2605] on a north-south alignment was identified in Trench 26 (Illus 13 & 19). A hand-dug slot revealed the western edge of the feature to break at an angle of approximately 45° in profile. The base of the feature was not reached as it extended beyond the eastern edge of the evaluation trench

(excavation ceased at a depth of 0.97m). The fills [2606 & 2607] were entirely sterile. Further slots were excavated by machine in order to fully define the feature in plan.

Evidence for a cremation burial [2602] was identified immediately to the east of feature [2603=2605]. Burnt bone fragments were present within a deposit of charcoal (**Illus 18**). The feature was circular in plan, measuring 0.4m in diameter. After consultation with the archaeological advisor to Warwickshire County Council it was decided that the feature would not be excavated during the evaluation. The feature was covered with clear plastic sheeting and carefully backfilled.

Trenches 020 and 027

A pit [2003] was noted in Trench 020 measuring 0.8m wide, 0.13m deep and extending beyond the limit of the excavation (**Illus 13 & 17**). The fill [2004] was a compact white/grey sand with frequent charcoal inclusions. One piece of possibly worked flint was recovered from the fill.

A circular feature of a similar nature to the one found in Trench 020 was identified in Trench 027 (not illustrated) measuring approximately 0.3m in diameter and 0.07m in depth. The fill [2703] was a mid blue/grey sandy silt with frequent charcoal inclusions. No finds were recovered. The shallow nature of the pit suggests it may have been truncated by later agricultural practises.



Illus 16

Trench 015; looking north-west

4.1.3 Marl pit

Trench 019

Trench 019 was positioned to target a strong magnetic anomaly identified by the geophysical survey (**Illus 13**).

Excavation revealed a deposit of redeposited dark red marl [1904] containing modern material including concrete, plastic sheeting and electrical cable. The deposit which also contained lenses of redeposited topsoil and subsoil corresponded to the extents identified by geophysical survey. A sondage was excavated into the deposit to a depth of 0.8m meters (**Illus 14**). Redeposited material continued beyond this level.



Illus 17

Feature [2003]; looking south

4.1.4 Features relating to agricultural practices

Trenches 022, 029 and 030

Trench 022 produced evidence for two plough furrows [2202 & 2203] orientated east-west



Illus 18

Upper surface of cremation deposit [2602]; looking north-east



Illus 19

Ditch [2603/2605]; looking south

across the length of the trench. The furrows matched the orientation of potential ridge and furrow features identified by the geophysical survey to the north of Trench 022. No dating evidence was recovered from either feature.

A furrow [2904] was identified in Trench 029 and measured 1.8m wide. The feature was only 0.1m in depth suggesting it may have been truncated by later ploughing. The feature matched the position (if not the orientation) of a linear cropmark identified by aerial photography.

Feature [3004] was on an east-west orientation and matched the alignment and approximate position of a linear crop mark identified by aerial photography. The feature, measuring 1.73m in width and

0.33m in depth contained a loosely compacted sand fill [3003]. No dating evidence was recovered.

4.1.5 Hill wash deposits

Trenches 015, 016, 017 and 018

Trenches 015, 016 and 017 (**Illus 13**) were located at right angles to a shallow south-west to north-east orientated valley. Excavation revealed a mid brown silty sand deposit occupying the base of the valley in each trench [1502, 1602, 1702] (**Illus 15 & 16**). Sondages were excavated in Trenches 016 and 017 to establish the depth of the deposit (0.5m and 0.56m respectively).

Within Trench 018 a similar deposit was identified [1802] occupying the base of a valley. A hand excavated slot was excavated through the deposit to a depth of 0.3m. The heavily compacted nature of the deposit precluded extensive hand digging, so a hand auger was used to establish the full depth (0.7m) of the deposit. A single sherd of pottery dated to the early-mid Saxon period was recovered from the upper surface of the deposit.

4.1.6 Blank trenches

Trenches 001, 005, 012, 014, 021, 023, 024, 025, 028, 031 and 087

No evidence for human activity of archaeological significance was observed within these trenches.

4.2 Area 2

A total of 40 trenches were excavated in Area 2. At the time of excavation the area was in use as pasture land.

Topsoil across the area was generally consistent, comprised of a dark brown clayey sand c 0.2m in depth. This sealed a layer of dark brown sandy silt subsoil c 0.2m in depth. The natural geological horizon was comprised of brownish yellow silty sand with patches of stiff red clay within.

4.2.1 Boundary ditches

Trenches 033, 043, 050, 187, 188 and 189

A post-medieval field boundary ditch was observed on a north-east to south-west alignment within Trenches 033, 043 and 187-189 (**Illus 20**). The ditch was filled by mid grey brown silt with a concave profile measuring 2.5-3m in width and c 0.5m in depth.

Trench 182

A modern field boundary [18204] was identified at the western end of Trench 182.

Trench 050

A boundary ditch [5003] with a medium brown silty sand fill and a concave base was identified within Trench 050. The feature corresponds with a former field boundary indicated on historic maps of the site. Evidence for this linear was not detected during the geophysical survey.



Illus 20

Field boundary [18904]; looking north

4.2.2 Blank trenches

Trenches 034–042, 044–049, 051–054, 178–181, 183–186 and 190–195

No evidence for human activity of archaeological significance was observed within these trenches.

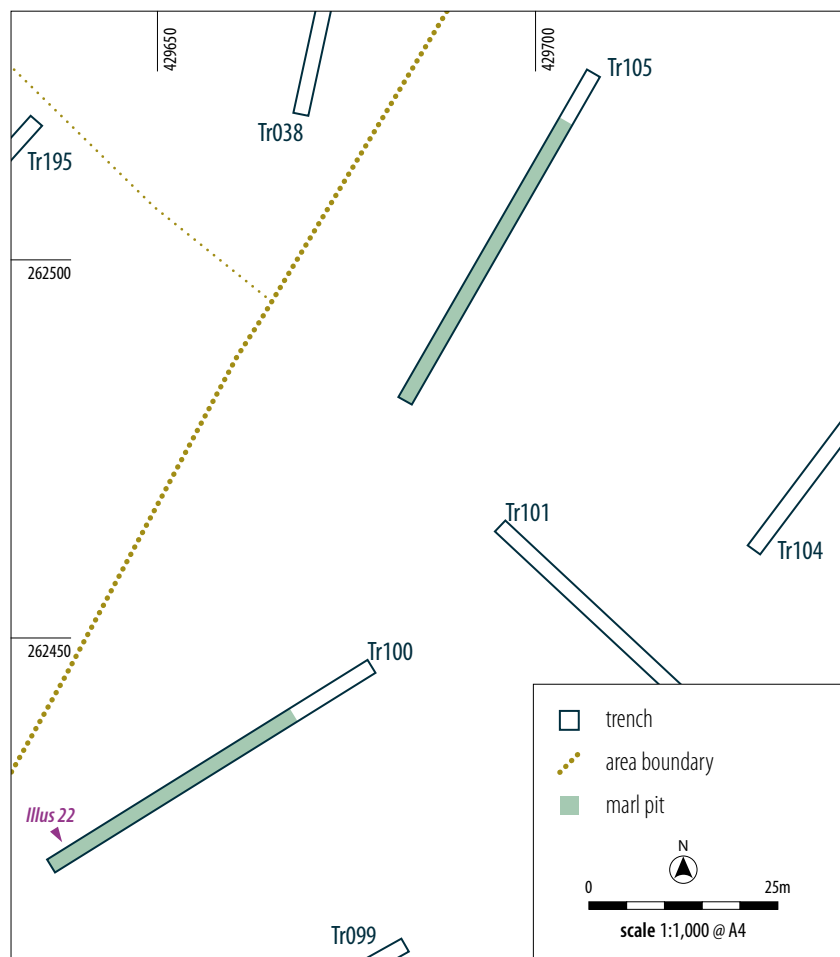
4.3 Area 3

A total of 18 trenches were excavated in Area 3. At the time of excavation the area was in use as pasture land. The topsoil was comprised of grey/brown silt c 0.25m in depth. This sealed a brown/grey silty loam subsoil c 0.33m in depth. The natural geological horizon varied between deposits of sands and gravels and deposits of stiff red clay.

4.3.1 Potential marl pits

Trenches 100 and 105

Located over topographic depressions, evidence for the backfilling of large quarry like features was observed within Trenches 100 and 105 (Illus 21). Within Trench 100 a hollow containing a deposit of redeposited subsoil [10003] with inclusions of coal and modern brick fragments was identified (Illus 22). A sondage established the depth of the deposit to be 1.1m. A similar deposit [10502] was observed within Trench 105. In both cases the redeposited material appeared to have been used to partially backfill quarried areas still visible as topographic features.



Illus 21

Plan of Trench 100 and 105

4.3.2 Ridge and furrow

Trench 107

Trench 107 revealed the possible remains of a truncated north-south ridge and furrow system [10703] observed as irregular bands of material similar to subsoil. The features were c 0.12m in depth.

sand with frequent charcoal inclusions was also present. No dateable material was recovered from the feature.

A shallow pit [10704], 0.09m deep, filled by a medium brown silty

4.3.3 Blank trenches



Illus 22

Trench 100; looking south-east

recovered from the features.

Trench 116

A shallow furrow on an east-west orientation was identified [11603]. No dateable material was recovered from the feature.

Trench 117

A concentrated deposit of sub-rounded stones [11702] overlying the natural clay [11703] was investigated within Trench 117 (**Illus 23 & 25**). No evidence for the stones being intentionally deposited was found, and it seems likely that the deposit is of geological origin.

Trenches 089–099, 101–104 and 106

No evidence for human activity of archaeological significance was observed within these trenches.

4.4 Area 4

A total of 22 trenches were excavated within Area 4. The topsoil and subsoil was similar in composition to that seen in Area 2 and 3. At the time of excavation the field showed evidence for recent crop cultivation.

4.4.1 Archaeological features

Trench 108

A burnt deposit [10802] measuring c 1m in diameter and 0.25m in depth was identified at the north-western end of Trench 108 (**Illus 23 & 24**). The feature did not have a clearly defined edge and appears to represent a spread of material containing large amounts of ash and charcoal. The full extent of [10802] is unknown as it continued east beyond the limits of excavation. There were frequent ash inclusions within the deposit with three successive layers of burnt material with lenses of heat affected earth between each.

Trench 109

Feature [10904], located at the south-western end of Trench 109 (**Illus 23**) represented a possible cut for a ditch. The upper fill [10902] consisted of a compact grey/white silty clay which contained ash, burnt stone, charcoal and a small amount of pottery. The lower fill [10903] was dark brown silt which contained occasional pottery and charcoal fragments. The cut, [10904], was roughly V-shaped with gradually sloping, uneven sides.

Feature [10905] was a linear feature with a flat base and steep sides, 1.38m in width and 0.25m deep. A further linear [10907] on the same orientation as [10905], was also present. The linears were orientated on a north-west to south-east alignment and may represent the truncated remains of ridge and furrow. No datable material was

4.4.2 Blank trenches

Trenches 110–115, 118–119 and 121–130

No evidence for human activity of archaeological significance was observed within these trenches.

4.5 Area 5

A total of 35 trenches were excavated within Area 5. Topsoil consisted of a dark brown sandy clay and varied in depth between 0.2–0.35m. Subsoil consisted of a reddish brown silty clay varying in depth between 0.2–0.25m (**Illus 26**). The natural geological horizon was encountered at a depth of 0.35–0.45m and consisted of compact red clay.

No archaeological features were identified within any of the trenches in Area 5.

4.6 Area 6

A total of 42 trenches were excavated within Area 6. The topsoil and subsoil was similar in composition to that seen in Area 5. At the time of excavation the field was in use as pasture.

4.6.1 Potential archaeological features

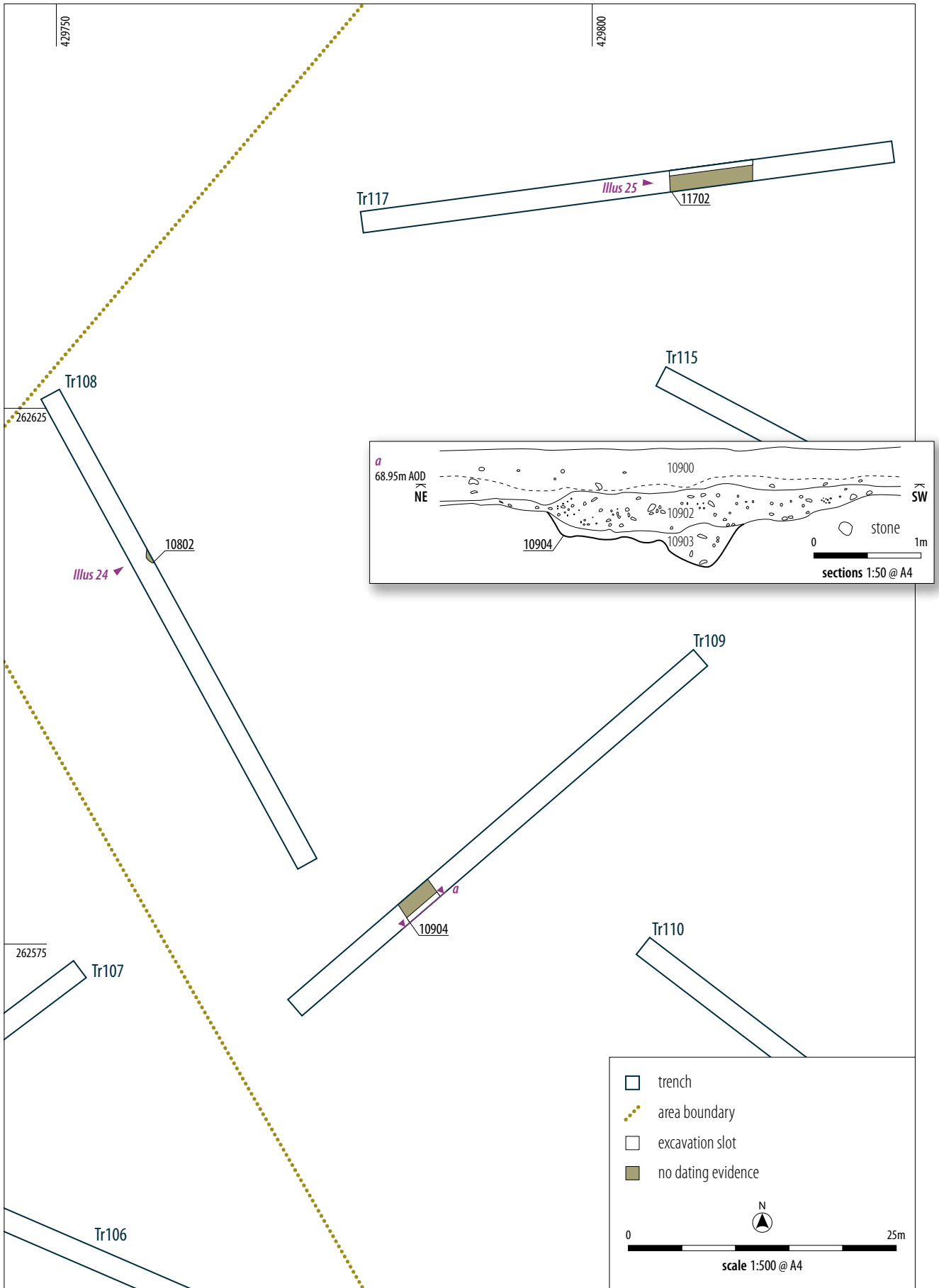
Trench 058

Feature [5803] (**Illus 28**) was circular in plan, measuring 0.4m in width and 0.1m in depth, with a rounded base. [5803] was filled by [5802] a mid yellow/grey silty sand with occasional burnt stone. No dating evidence was recovered.

Trenches 072–074

An anomaly orientated on a north-east to south-west alignment was detected on the geophysical survey and subsequently investigated within these trenches.

The linear feature [7203, 7303 & 7403] measured 0.9m in width and 0.15–0.21m in depth. The loosely compacted silty sand fill was



Illus 23

Plan of Trench 108, 109 and 117



Illus 24

Trench 108 – burnt deposit [10802]; looking north-east



Illus 25

Trench 117 – geological deposit [11702]

disturbed by root action. No dating evidence was recovered from within and the nature of the feature is unclear.

4.6.2 Former field boundaries

Trenches 199 and 203

A linear feature [19903] on a north-east to south-west orientation was identified at the southern end of Trench 199 (Illus 27). Machine excavation established that the feature (which correlates with the position of a former field boundary) measured 2.5m wide and 1.2m in depth. Machine excavation continued to a depth of 2m in an attempt to characterise the underlying natural deposits. The trench was located at the base of an undulation in the landscape where the presence of dark blue/grey clay patches in the red clay natural suggested water logging of the natural clays had taken place.

A former field boundary [20304] was also identified within Trench 203.

4.6.3 Blank trenches

Trenches 055–057, 059–071, 075–086, 196–198, 200–202 and 204–205

No evidence for human activity of archaeological significance was observed within these trenches.

5 DISCUSSION

The correlation between the geophysical survey, aerial photography interpretation and trial trenching has met with mixed success. Geophysical survey has identified entirely different features to those identified by aerial photography with very little overlap of features common to both methods. Subsequent trial trenching has succeeded in corroborating the results of both geophysical survey and aerial photography in some areas but not in others.

Within Area 1 the geophysical survey has successfully identified features subsequently excavated during the trial trenching exercise with a high degree of accuracy. Interestingly where the geophysics has failed to identify a feature, the feature has been identified on aerial photographs.

In the north-east of Area 1, aerial photography suggested the presence of a large circular feature approximately 14m in diameter, bisected

by a linear feature in excess of 2m in length. Geophysical survey identified no correlative evidence for these features. Trial trenching within Trenches 015, 016 and 018 identified silting deposits forming in the bases of two small valleys, but no evidence for the features interpreted from the aerial photographs.

Further instances of trial trenching failing to identify features interpreted from the aerial photography are present across the site. The additional failure of geophysical survey to identify the majority of these features may suggest that in the period between the aerial photographs being taken and the present investigations taking place, the features have been disturbed or entirely removed by ploughing.

Another factor potentially affecting the correlation of survey results is the ability to accurately plot the observations on a base plan. Whilst the geophysical survey and trench positions have been accurately plotted using digital survey instruments, the plotting of data from aerial photographs is a subjective process and error may be present in the locating of features on a plan. In the case of Trench 026, where a broad linear was found to pass through the trench on a north-south alignment, there is no corresponding feature on the interpretation of the aerial photographs. However, by shifting the interpretation plot 10m to the west, the aerial photography and trenching results correlate.



Illus 26

Sample section Area 5, Trench 157; looking north-east



Illus 27

Field boundary [19903]

5.1 Prehistoric

Evidence for prehistoric activity on the site is limited. Possible prehistoric pottery was recovered from Trenches 008, 010 and 011, but in each case there is the potential for the pottery to be a variant of the medieval pottery types known from Warwickshire.

The quantities of worked lithics and potential prehistoric pottery recovered from the site are small. Whilst the presence of this material indicates that land around The Asps was in use in pre-history, there is no evidence for intensive activity on the site.

The presence of a cremation burial within Trench 026 is perhaps the strongest indication of purposeful prehistoric activity on the site, but without definitive dating evidence, the date of this feature is questionable. Without excavation and osteological assessment it is not possible to confirm whether the cremated



Illus 28

Trench 058 – pit [5803]

remains were human or animal.

A small amount of lithic debitage was found within the fill of an apparent fire pit in Trench 020, and although no dating evidence was recovered, the layered burnt deposits identified within Trench 108 may be of prehistoric origin.

The relationship between the cremation burial and the adjacent ditch feature [2603=2605] could not be ascertained within the limited excavation area. The function of the ditch is unknown, but the proximity of the ditch to the cremation burial may be of significance.

5.2 Roman

No evidence for Roman activity on the site was identified. Two sherds of potentially residual Roman pottery were recovered from deposit [1102] however the dating of the material is not certain.

5.3 Early medieval

Evidence for early medieval activity on the site was sparse and not conclusive. Sherds of pottery recovered from Trenches 006 and 008 could equally be pre- or post- conquest, however, the greater part of the pottery recovered from these trenches dated to the 12th and 13th centuries. It is likely that the limited amount of earlier material is residual.

A small sherd of pottery recovered from the valley silting deposits [1802] in Trench 018 is potentially early-middle Saxon in date. The dating of the pottery is far from conclusive and its presence within a silting deposit suggests secondary deposition.

No conclusive evidence for early medieval activity on the site was identified during the evaluation.

5.4 Medieval

The majority of the pottery recovered from the site has been dated to the 12th and 13th centuries. The rectilinear arrangement of features identified by geophysical survey in the west of Area 1 predominantly contained pottery dated to this period.

The most clearly defined rectilinear arrangement was evaluated by Trenches 008/009, 010, 011 and 013. Archaeological features within these trenches were encountered at an average depth of 0.5m. Ditches were identified in the locations identified by the geophysical survey results and formed a rectangular enclosure.

Excavated sections of the enclosure outer ditch within Trench 008/9 revealed not a single defined ditch as anticipated, but a more complex arrangement. At the north-western extent of the enclosure, two phases of ditches were identified – a broad flat bottomed ditch measuring 0.38m in depth had been re-cut by a narrower, deeper ditch (0.6m deep). At the south-western extent of the enclosure, an arrangement of features, in the location of the postulated enclosure ditch, suggests the presence of two main ditches [0840 & 0842] that have subsequently been re-cut. Both ditches appear to continue into Trench 013 [1312 & 1310].

Excavation at the north-east extent of the postulated enclosure revealed a single ditch [1005] measuring 0.64m in depth. A very small sherd of pottery recovered from the feature has been identified as being late Bronze Age or Iron Age in date, however considering the predominance of medieval pottery within the ditched enclosure as a whole, and the low level of prehistoric pottery, the likelihood that the feature has prehistoric origins is small. The prehistoric material has in all probability been disturbed from nearby features not identified during the course of the evaluation and redeposited within the ditch following disuse of the feature.

Evaluation of the interior of the enclosure did not reveal extensive evidence for occupation. The geophysical survey identified weak rectilinear responses within the central part of Trench 008/9 which may have been expected to relate to structures. A concentration of discrete features [0812–0834] was identified on the interior, but these were located to the north-west of the geophysical responses. These features may represent small pits for rubbish disposal or alternatively the truncated remains of post holes representing a number of phases of building. The lack of archaeological deposits within the central part of Trench 008/9 is surprising and may suggest that the geophysical responses related to disturbed material in the topsoil rather than in situ features. Due to the depth to which they were originally dug, enclosure ditches are more likely to survive in the archaeological record than features relating to the occupation of the site. Interpretation of aerial photographs suggests that a linear feature, likely to relate to later agricultural practices, is present along the length of the trench (**Illus 1**). It is possible that this feature has removed evidence for features on the interior of the enclosure. The possibility that the main enclosure has been used for cultivation in the later medieval or post-medieval periods has important implications for the survival of archaeological features and also gives an indication to the longevity of the site. No late medieval (15th–16th century) pottery was recovered from the site and it seems likely that the site was being cultivated from the 15th century onwards.

Further features identified within Trenches 003, 004, 006 and 007 suggest a continuation of the medieval activity into these areas. The geophysical survey results and subsequent trial trenching suggest two further rectilinear arrangements (focused on Trench 003–004 and Trench 006–007). Excavation along the line of what appeared to be a north-east to south-west ditch on geophysical survey (within Trench 003) revealed a series of intercutting pits rather than a continuous ditch. Whether the linear arrangements evaluated within these trenches are the truncated remnants of further enclosures, or medieval activity occurring outside a single main enclosure could not be determined, however the recovery of daub and hearth lining from features within Trenches 003, 006 and 007 suggests a domestic component to the activity in this area.

In all instances, the potential ditches identified by geophysical survey in the west of Area 1 do not appear to be substantial enough to have had a defensive function, and the amount of pottery recovered from the site would suggest a domestic component to the activity here. The ditches are likely to have functioned as territorial boundaries rather than physical barriers.

Medieval activity clearly continues beyond the confines of the anomalies identified by geophysical survey in the west of Area 1. Trench 032 produced one of the largest single context assemblages

of medieval pottery from the site. The nature of activity in this area is unclear. The presence of a potential stone-filled foundation cut [3206] within the southeast trench section raises the possibility of medieval occupation to the south of Trench 032.

Geophysical survey identified that ridge and furrow had survived sporadically across the site, however trial trenching identified only limited evidence for this. Shallow linear features interpreted as furrows were identified in the southern part of Area 1 (Trenches 022, 029 and 030) and the north of Areas 3 and 4 (Trenches 107 and 109). In general however, the clarity of feature identified by the geophysical survey was not present during subsequent trenching. In the case of Trench 018 where the results of the geophysical survey were known prior to trenching, a slightly irregular interface between the topsoil and subsoil was observed, but there was no conclusive evidence to support the geophysical survey results.

In the south and west of Area 1, where no evidence for ridge and furrow was identified by geophysical survey, regularly spaced linear features were identified by aerial photography. Where these features were identified by trial trenching (Trenches 011, 029 and 030), they were considered to be agricultural and likely to represent ridge and furrow.

The sporadic nature of the ridge and furrow as identified by geophysical survey suggests that large areas have been entirely ploughed out. The trenching results have established that where it does survive, the furrows are shallow and ephemeral.

5.5 Post-medieval

5.5.1 Land division

A number of field boundaries were identified during the evaluation.

Area 1

In Trench 010 feature [1009], a linear running north-west to south-east, appears on the Bishops Tachbrook 1844 Tithe Map but has been removed by the 1890 Map of The Asps Farm (Vallender 2013, EDP Plan 8 and 9). Linear feature [0811] also corresponds to the line of a field boundary present on the tithe map.

Area 2

The field boundary identified within Trenches 033, 043, 187, 188 and 189 is evident on the 1690 Map of Lands Associated with Warwick Castle and also the 1925 Ordnance Survey Map (Vallender 2013, EDP Plans 3 and 10) suggesting that its removal was a relatively recent event and it was a relic from the period of land enclosure in the 17th century.

Area 6

The field boundary running north-south through Trenches 199 and 203 is evident on the 1690 Map of Lands Associated with Warwick Castle and also the 1925 Ordnance Survey Map (Vallender 2013, EDP Plans 3 and 10).

The field boundary running north-south through Trenches 072, 073 and 074 also makes its earliest appearance on the 1690 Map of Lands Associated with Warwick Castle and is still present on the

1925 Ordnance Survey Map (Vallender 2013, EDP Plans 3 and 10), but the boundary which runs further to the east, and is still extant today, doesn't appear until the 1786 Map of Warwick Castle Park and Adjacent Land (Vallender 2013, EDP Plan 5).

5.5.2 Marl pits

The strong geophysical survey response targeted by Trench 019 corresponds to the location of a former marl pit. A conversation with Mr Brian Lewis (the landowner) revealed that the former pit was backfilled immediately prior to him buying the land in the early 1990s (Brian Lewis, pers. comm.). Excavation confirmed that an area conforming to the geophysical response was filled with rubbish including modern plastics.

Further suspected marl pits were identified in Area 3. The backfilled depressions found in Trenches 100 and 105 coincide with field names on the 1786 Map of Warwick Castle Park and Adjacent Land which give the name as '*Marlpit Close*' (Vallender 2013, EDP Plan 5). Whilst none of the marl pits are physically marked on the map, the results of the trial trenching suggest that the area was intensively quarried for marl. Alternatively the feature in Trench 105 would be in the approximate location of the pond marked on the 1690 Map of Lands Associated with Warwick Castle (Vallender 2013 EDP Plan 3). It could be that the ponds, which seem to cluster in the southern fields, were old marl pits which subsequently filled with water.

6 CONCLUSION

The evaluation has identified an area of medieval activity in the west of the site. This activity is confined to Area 1. The domestic nature of the pottery recovered from the site combined with the rectilinear arrangement of ditches identified by geophysical survey, suggest that this is the medieval '*village*' identified as '*The Asps*' in documentary sources.

Assessment of the pottery recovered from the site suggests that occupation of The Asps was focussed on the 12th century with continuing occupation in the 13th century. There is no clear evidence for occupation in the 14th century, and certainly none thereafter. The settlement therefore appears to be relatively short-lived.

Environmental samples recovered from the settlement contained charred cereal grain which may have been incorporated into the assemblage through food processing, preparation or fuel. At odds with the domestic nature of the site was the limited amount of animal bone recovered. This may suggest a low level of meat consumption within the village or that this type of material was being discarded away from the main settlement. Alternatively, the lack of bone could be a factor of preservation. The bone that was recovered was extremely fragmented and degraded suggesting that soil conditions within the site are not conducive to the preservation of organic material.

The core of the '*village*' has been fairly well defined by geophysical survey but the presence of additional features associated with medieval occupation in Trench 032 suggests the potential for further features of archaeological significance to the south of the core area identified by geophysical survey. A concentration of pit or post hole

features within Trench 008/9 confirms that activity was taking place within the enclosed area, however subsequent ploughing appears to have potentially removed evidence for more extensive activity.

The recovery of a small amount of potentially prehistoric pottery and lithics suggests activity pre-dating the medieval village. Prehistoric material was generally recovered from mixed assemblages, suggesting secondary deposition from disturbed areas of prehistoric activity, predominantly in the region of Trenches 010 and 011.

The presence of a cremation burial and adjacent ditch of unknown date suggest the potential for further archaeological discoveries within the vicinity of Trench 026.

Although dateable features of archaeological significance are confined to Area 1, features identified within the west of Area 4 have the potential to be of archaeological origin.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Site registers

Appendix 1.1 Trench register

Trench	Length (m)	Width (m)	Average depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	Description
001	50	2	0.3	0.3	No archaeological features present. Topsoil (0100). Average machine depth 0.3m. Mid brown silty sand. Very dry. Depth 0–0.12m. Subsoil (0101) orange with brown hue. Silty sand. Very dry & firm. Depth 0.12–0.18m. Natural (0102). Orange sands & gravels. Mica inclusions.
002	–	–	–	–	Trench not opened.
003	50	2	0.42	0.6	Excavation revealed a range of archaeological features comprising a series of inter-cutting ditches & pits. Contained pottery.
004	50	2	0.47	0.55	Excavation identified ditches relating to medieval settlement.
005	50	2	0.3	0.38	No archaeological features present.
006	50	2	0.35	0.45	Upon excavation a ditch and gully were revealed running parallel to one another in an EEN-WWS alignment. A pit containing pottery lay S of these features and two further linears interpreted as ditches. Charcoal flecks in varying amounts present in all deposits.
007	50	2	0.46	0.52	A boundary/drainage ditch aligned E-W was identified cutting an earlier ditch (possible recut of same feature). A spread containing pottery and charcoal was located at the S-W end of the trench. A further ditch runs down slope parallel with a fourth and fifth. Assorted pottery and charcoal present across all features. The edge of a second spread was present midway between ditches, extending beyond the limits of excavation
008/9	100	2	0.48	0.55	A highly complex series of archaeological features were revealed comprising eleven ditches, fifteen pits and two possible postholes. Numerous inter-cutting between features. A probable post-medieval field boundary aligned NE-SW was also identified. Trenches 008/9 consisted of a 10m trench which was pre-numbered as Trench 008/9.
010	50	2	0.55	0.77	Excavation revealed the remains of a former field boundary aligned NW-SE. A larger boundary ditch in near proximity and same alignment. Abutting this feature running down the remainder of the trench was a slightly curvilinear feature with a possible posthole at the SW end. Occasional pottery and charcoal were present.
011	50	2	0.48	0.52	Three ditch features aligned approximately NW-SE. Medieval pottery associated with features.
012	50	2	0.3	0.3	No archaeological features present.
013	50	2	0.4	0.44	Excavation revealed several features. One or two of them could be interpreted as variations in the natural. Others comprised shallow pits. Linear features were also present, one particularly suggestive of enclosure ditch.
014	50	–	0.4	0.6	Suspected field boundary revealed after excavation to be a variation in the surrounding natural.
015	50	2.1	0.3	0.36	No archaeological features present. Colluvial deposits.
016	100	2.1	0.3	1.1	No archaeological features present. Colluvial deposits.
017	50	2.1	0.4	1.1	No archaeological features present. Colluvial deposits mixed with flecks of charcoal that had naturally washed in to accumulate as part of the colluvium.
018	100	2.1	0.3	0.74	Geophysics was suggestive of ridge & furrow, however, excavation revealed no evidence for the feature. A machined sondage established further build up of colluvium.
019	100	2.1	0.3	0.8+	The excavation identified a large marl pit which is thought to be post-medieval in date. The pit has gradually refilled over time, accumulating redeposited marl and various pieces of post-medieval pottery.
020	50	2.1	0.3	0.32	An irregularly shaped charcoal filled pit measuring 0.8m x 0.28m x 0.13m was discovered. This was half sectioned and found to contain worked flint amongst the charcoal deposit. This feature continued beyond the limits of the excavation.
021	50	2	0.3	0.32	No Archaeology present. A band of natural glacially deposited gravel runs E-W approx 20–25m from the southern end of the trench.
022	50	2	0.32	0.36	Excavation revealed two furrows on an E-W alignment.
023	50	2	0.35	0.4	No archaeological features present.
024	50	2	0.32	0.38	No archaeological features present.

Trench	Length (m)	Width (m)	Average depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	Description
025	50	2	0.32	0.4	No archaeological features present.
026	50	2	0.38	0.41	The trench contained a circular cremation pit measuring 0.4m x 0.35m. Abundant charcoal was visible together with a fragment of burnt bone. It was ascertained and verified by the County Archaeologist that it was to remain unexcavated and in situ for the purposes of the evaluation. In close proximity to this cremation an extremely large ditch was discovered and partially excavated. Aligned N-S the width of this feature is greater than 3m and the depth 1m. Absence of any pottery or charcoal from the ditch.
027	50	2	0.41	0.67	A possible post hole was apparent from excavation, approximately 0.3m in diameter, 0.07m in depth, containing an organically rich fill and much charcoal.
028	50	2	0.3	0.37	No archaeological features present.
029	50	2	0.41	0.6	Excavations revealed a shallow plough furrow running NE-SW. In addition series of modern land drains on various alignments were present. These consist of silted up orange ceramic pipes, long ceased to be in use.
030	50	2	0.41	0.5	A linear feature identified as a probable field boundary running NE-SW and a plough furrow running approximately NW-SE.
031	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features present.
032	50	2	0.42	0.63	A Medieval ditch was discovered aligned N-S and possibly cut by a pit although this remains uncertain. To the E there is a probable field boundary on the same alignment. Between these two features lies the remains of a probable sandstone wall, which has probably been 'robbed out', as only a few pieces remain. This feature extended for only 0.3m into the trench, so further characterisation is difficult.
033	50	2	0.38	0.44	This trench contains a ditch for a probable field boundary probably the same boundary that appears in Trench 043. Both align with one another exactly and contain charcoal and post-medieval pottery.
034	50	2	0.38	0.42	No archaeological features present.
035	50	2	0.36	0.45	No archaeological features present.
036	50	2	0.45	0.5	No archaeological features present.
037	50	2	0.42	0.5	No archaeological features present.
038	50	2	0.36	0.44	No archaeological features present.
039	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features present.
040	50	2	0.35	0.48	No archaeological features present.
041	50	2	0.31	0.35	No archaeological features present.
042	50	2	0.36	0.4	No archaeological features present.
043	50	2	0.3	0.5	Excavations revealed a probable post-medieval field boundary or ditch. This feature is the same as found in Trench 036. It contained similar post-medieval pottery and decaying organic material, naturally occurring and brought in by animal burrowing.
044	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features present.
045	50	2	0.38	0.42	No archaeological features present.
046	50	2	0.34	0.38	No archaeological features present.
047	50	2	0.38	0.42	No archaeological features present.
048	50	2	0.34	0.38	No archaeological features present.
049	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features present.
050	50	2	0.42	0.46	Trench contained a boundary ditch running NE-SW.
051	50	2	0.4	0.43	No archaeological features present.
052	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features present.
053	50	2	0.45	0.5	No archaeological features present.
054	50	2	0.4	0.6	No archaeological features.
055	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features.

Trench	Length (m)	Width (m)	Av. depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	Description
056	50	2	0.4	0.5	A number of plough furrows were picked up in this trench.
057	50	2	0.3	0.35	No archaeological features.
058	50	2	0.5	0.5	One pit discovered containing burnt stone and carbon. No dating evidence recovered.
059	50	2	0.4	0.35	No archaeological features.
060	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features.
061	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features.
062	50	2	0.3	0.6	No archaeological features.
063	50	2	0.4	0.55	No archaeological features.
064	50	2	0.3	0.3	Two possible plough furrows in middle of trench.
065	50	2	0.3	0.4	No archaeological features.
066	50	2	0.3	0.45	No archaeological features.
067	50	2	0.25	0.25	No archaeological features.
068	50	2	0.25	0.35	No archaeological features.
069	50	2	0.25	0.4	No archaeological features.
070	50	2	0.35	0.4	No archaeological features.
071	50	2	0.3	0.35	No archaeological features.
072	50	2	0.4	0.5	Trench contained a boundary ditch running SW-NE; same ditch runs through Trench 073 and 074.
073	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features.
074	50	2	0.45	0.5	No archaeological features.
075	50	2	0.35	0.5	No archaeological features.
076	50	2	0.45	0.5	No archaeological features.
077	50	2	3.5	0.5	No archaeological features.
078	50	2	0.35	0.65	No archaeological features.
079	50	2	0.4	0.6	No archaeological features.
080	50	2	0.35	0.45	No archaeological features.
081	50	2	0.35	0.4	No archaeological features.
082	50	2	0.3	0.35	No archaeological features.
083	50	2	0.35	0.4	No archaeological features.
084	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features.
085	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features.
086	50	2	0.45	0.5	Modern pipe trench at N-E end. Excavated to +1.5m, turned up modern ceramic material.
087	50	2	0.3	0.44	No archaeological features present.
088	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features.
089	50	2	0.37	0.42	No archaeological features present.
090	50	2	0.38	0.45	No archaeological features present.
091	50	2	0.38	0.45	No archaeological features present.
092	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
093	50	2	0.35	0.4	No archaeological features present.

Trench	Length (m)	Width (m)	Average depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	Description
094	50	2	0.38	0.43	No archaeological features present.
095	50	2	0.37	0.4	No archaeological features present.
096	50	2	0.37	0.42	No archaeological features present.
097	50	2	0.36	0.42	No archaeological features present.
098	50	2	0.38	0.45	No archaeological features present.
099	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features present.
100	50	2	0.38	1.1	Here excavation has revealed evidence of a further marl pit. This is characterised by a depression in the ground surface similar in nature and adjacent to that of Trench 105.
101	50	2	0.37	0.45	No archaeological features present.
102	50	2	0.37	0.4	No archaeological features present.
103	50	2	0.43	0.4	No archaeological features present.
104	50	2	0.37	0.42	No archaeological features present.
105	50	2	0.45	1.1	The excavation identified another large marl pit which is thought to be post-medieval in date. The pit has gradually refilled over time, accumulating redeposited marl, various pieces of pottery and glass from a wide variety of dates.
106	50	2	0.28	0.37	No archaeological features present.
107	50	2	0.35	0.4	Possible remains of shallow ridge and furrow aligned E-W. In addition, a shallow pit, possibly a fire pit was also present.
108	–	–	0.3	0.41	Upon excavation an area of burning was discovered, existing as a surviving deposit of ash and charcoal. Approximately 1m in diameter, 0.25m in depth, full extent unknown as continued beyond the limits of excavation. This event appeared to have continued for some length of time due to the layers and depths of the deposit. Reason for burning unknown although highly probable that it was a fire used for cooking purposes.
109	50	2	0.42	0.46	This area of excavation revealed several bands of probable ridge and furrow aligned NW-SE, enclosed to the S of the trench by a large feature with complicated characteristics. Curvilinear in plan, with an upper fill of mixed highly compact ash, possibly containing lime or chalk, numerous pottery and fire cracked stones. Scorched earth on the S side of the cut. The lower fill was ditch like in nature, with a roughly circular pit feature at the base. Pottery and charcoal in all fill.
110	50	2	0.5	0.37	No archaeological features present.
111	50	2	0.39	0.49	No archaeological features present.
112	50	2	0.33	0.4	No archaeological features present.
113	50	2	0.4	0.44	No archaeological features present.
114	50	2	0.3	0.35	No archaeological features present.
115	50	2	0.3	0.8	Machining revealed a series of approximately ten modern plough scrapes at a depth of 0.2m. These measured roughly 0.1m in width and ran N-S across the trench and extended beyond.
116	50	2	0.3	0.42	Machine excavation revealed a furrow aligned with the trench in a NW-SE direction. This continued for approximately 6.5m until the trench base level inclined and the feature was lost.
117	50	2	0.4	0.7	Excavation identified a probable stone surface or track way 3m wide, running N-S, represented by large cobbles laid/ impressed onto the natural red clay.
118	50	2	0.3	0.4	No archaeological features present.
119	50	2	0.35	0.38	No archaeological features present.
120	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
121	50	2	0.5	0.65	No archaeological features present.
122	50	2	0.32	0.39	No archaeological features present.
123	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features present.
124	50	2	0.4	0.53	No archaeological features present.

Trench	Length (m)	Width (m)	Average depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	Description
125	50	2	0.5	0.68	No archaeological features present.
126	50	2	0.42	0.47	No archaeological features present.
127	50	2	0.4	0.49	No archaeological features present.
128	50	2	0.35	0.73	No archaeological features present.
129	50	2	0.3	0.37	No archaeological features present.
130	50	2	0.33	0.38	No archaeological features present.
131	50	2	–	–	No archaeological features present.
132	50	2	–	–	Trench number not used.
133	50	2	0.35	0.44	No archaeological features present.
134	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
135	50	2	0.65	0.7	No archaeological features present.
136	50	2	0.3	0.48	No archaeological features present.
137	50	2	0.35	0.58	No archaeological features present.
138	50	2	0.5	0.7	No archaeological features present.
139	50	2	0.35	0.5	No archaeological features present.
140	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
141	50	2	0.3	0.4	No archaeological features present.
142	50	2	0.45	0.55	No archaeological features present.
143	50	2	0.3	0.48	No archaeological features present.
144	50	2	0.3	0.37	No archaeological features present.
145	50	2	0.37	0.46	No archaeological features present.
146	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
147	50	2	0.43	0.49	No archaeological features present.
148	50	2	0.45	0.57	No archaeological features present.
149	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
150	50	2	0.52	0.62	No archaeological features present.
151	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
152	50	2	0.3	0.4	No archaeological features present.
153	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
154	50	2	0.5	0.6	No archaeological features present.
155	50	2	0.56	0.64	No archaeological features present.
156	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
157	50	2	0.5	0.6	No archaeological features present.
158	50	2	0.27	0.3	No archaeological features present.
159	50	2	0.5	0.65	No archaeological features present.
160	50	2	0.5	0.68	No archaeological features present.
161	–	–	–	–	Trench number not used.
162	50	2	0.37	0.42	No archaeological features present.

Trench	Length (m)	Width (m)	Average depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	Description
163	50	2	0.3	0.4	No archaeological features present.
164	50	2	0.57	0.64	No archaeological features present.
165	50	2	0.55	0.6	No archaeological features present.
166	—	—	—	—	Trench number not used.
167	50	2	0.4	1	No archaeological features present.
168	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features present.
169	50	2	0.45	0.5	No archaeological features present.
170	50	2	0.2	0.4	No archaeological features present.
171	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features present.
172	50	2	0.3	0.3	No archaeological features present.
173	50	2	0.25	0.25	No archaeological features present.
174	50	2	0.3	0.4	No archaeological features present.
175	50	2	0.3	0.3	No archaeological features present.
176	50	2	0.3	0.3	No archaeological features present.
177	—	—	—	—	Trench number not used.
178	50	2	0.4	0.55	No archaeological features.
179	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features.
180	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features.
181	50	2	0.38	0.41	No archaeological features.
182	50	2	0.5	0.45	Modern linear feature at E end of trench.
183	50	2	0.4	0.5	No archaeological features.
184	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features.
185	50	2	0.4	0.4	No archaeological features.
186	50	2	0.45	0.5	No archaeological features.
187	50	2	0.4	0.45	One post-medieval field boundary running E-W (same as in Trench 188 and 189) and plough furrows.
188	50	2	0.38	0.45	Post-medieval field boundary (same as Trench 189 and 187) running E-W.
189	50	2	0.4	0.95	Post-medieval field boundary (same as Trench 188 and 187) running E-W; contains china and clumps of grass.
190	50	2	0.38	0.4	No archaeological features.
191	50	2	0.38	0.4	No archaeological features.
192	50	2	0.4	0.4	No archaeological features.
193	50	2	0.28	0.3	No archaeological features.
194	50	2	0.6	0.28	Trench runs over the top of a rise, no archaeological features.
195	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features.
196	50	2	0.3	0.33	No archaeological features.
197	50	2	0.3	0.2	No archaeological features.
198	50	2	0.3	0.3	No archaeological features.
199	50	2	0.25	0.4	Modern field boundary possibly burnt out. Machined down to +2m.
200	50	2	0.45	0.6	No archaeological features.

Trench	Length (m)	Width (m)	Av. depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	Description
201	50	2	0.6	0.66	No archaeological features.
202	50	2	0.6	0.66	No archaeological features.
203	50	2	0.4	0.45	No archaeological features.
204	50	2	0.28	0.3	No archaeological features.
205	50	2	0.46	0.43	No archaeological features.

Appendix 1.2 Key context register

Trench	Context	Description
003	0303	Oval in plan, steep sides, flat bottom, and gradual breaks of slope. L:1.85, W:1.25, D:0.28. Filled by (0304), cuts (0302) + (0323). Possible pit/ditch terminal.
003	0304	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/very compact. Stones = 2% small + medium rounded and sub-rounded pebbles. Medieval pottery present. L:1.85, W:1.25, D:0.28. Fill of pit [0303]
003	0305	Sandy clay, mid grey brown, compact, slightly stony small + very small rounded pebbles. Pottery, charcoal. L:1.55, W:0.66, D:0.52. Upper middle fill of cut [0306].
003	0306	Linear cut with steep sides, unexcavated base due to depth. L:3.90 (full) 2.10 (excavated), W:0.66, D:1.20 (excavated) augured to 1.30. Filled by (0305), (0317), (0318), + (0321). Cuts (0302) – natural. Cut of possible large pit or ditch – extends beyond trench extent.
003	0307	Oval in plan, gently sloping sides, slightly concave base. L:4.35, W:1.89, D:0.60. Filled by (0308). Cut of large shallow pit.
003	0308	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/very compact. Small-medium pebbles, very occasional charcoal fragments, large amount of pottery. L:4.35, W:1.89, D:0.60. Fill of pit [0307].
003	0309	Sub-rectangular in plan, steep sides, base not exposed with gentle breaks of slope. L:2.65, W:1.45, D:0.50. Filled by (0310), cuts (0302) – natural, (0323), (0312), (0308). Cut of pit.
003	0310	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/hard, with a moderate amount of pebbles. L:2.55, W:1.45, D:0.45. Fill of pit [0309].
003	0311	Oval in plan, steep N side (others truncated), slightly concave base with gradual breaks of slope. L:1.60, W:0.90, D:0.37. Filled by (0312), cuts (0302) – natural + (0314). Possible pit.
003	0312	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/hard, with a moderate amount of pebbles. Same as (0310). L:1.60, W:0.90, D:0.37. Fill of pit (0311), cut by [0309] + [0316].
003	0313	Partially exposed. Oval in plan, NNW side steep, other sides truncated, flat base, sharp breaks of slope. L:+0.83, W:+0.40, D:0.38. Filled by (0314), cuts (0302) – natural + (0316). Cut of pit.
003	0314	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/hard, with a moderate amount of pebbles. Same as (0310). L:+0.83, W:+0.40, D:0.38. Fill of pit [0313], cut by [0311].
003	0315	Partially exposed. Oval in plan, moderately steep (only W side exposed), slightly concave base. L:0.70, W:0.24, D:0.17. Filled by (0316), cuts (0302) – natural. Cut of pit.
003	0316	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/hard, with moderate amount of pebbles. Same as (0310). L:0.70, W:0.24, D:0.17. Fill of pit [0315], cut by [0313] + [0319].
003	0317	Sandy clay, mid grey brown, compact. Slightly stony, small, rounded. L:3.90(full) 2.10 (excavated), W:0.66, D:0.32. Upper fill of cut [0306].
003	0318	Sandy clay, mid blue-grey/orange-brown mottled, loose. Very slightly stony, small, well sorted. L:3.90(full) 2.10 (excavated), W:0.66, D:0.12 (excavated), 0.22 (augured). Basal fill of feature [0306].
003	0319	Partially exposed. Oval in plan, gently sloping sides, undulating 'flat' base with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:1.30, W:+1.35, D:0.23. Filled by (0320), cuts (0302) – natural + (0316). Cut of shallow pit.
003	0320	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/hard, with a small amount of pebbles. Same as (0310). L:1.30, W:1.35, D:0.23. Fill of pit [0319].
003	0321	Sandy clay, red-brown, firm, very slightly stony, moderate sorting, very small + small pebbles. Rare charcoal inclusions. L:1.30, W:0.66, D:0.25. Lower middle fill of [0306].
003	0322	Oval in plan (truncated), ESE moderately steep side, WNW is truncated, undulating flat base with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:2.90, W:1.50, D:0.36. Filled by (0323), cuts (0302) – natural, cut by [0324] + [0303]. Cut of pit.
003	0323	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/very compact. Stones = 2% small + medium rounded and sub-rounded pebbles. Very similar to (0304). L:2.90, W:1.50, D:0.36. Fill of pit [0322], cut by [0324] + [0303].
003	0324	Partially exposed. Oval in plan, steep symmetrical sides, very slightly concave base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+1.5, W:1.10, D:0.40. Filled by (0325), cuts (0302) – natural, (0323) + (0304). Cut of pit.
003	0325	Silty sand, dark brown, firm/hard, small + medium pebbles. L:+1.5, W:1.10, D:0.40. Fill of pit [0324].
004	0403	Linear, asymmetrical (NE steep, SW moderately steep) sides, uneven flat base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.22, D:0.26. Filled by (0403), cuts (0402) – natural. Cut of ditch.
004	0404	Silty sand, dark brown, firm. Frequent small – medium pebbles. Pottery. L:+2.00, W:1.22, D:0.26. Fill of ditch [0403].

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004	0405	Linear, moderately steep stepped sides, flat base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.92, D:0.52. Filled by (0406), (0407), (0408), cuts (0402) – natural. Cut for ditch.
004	0406	Silty sand, medium brown, friable. Occasional small – medium rounded stones. Occasional pottery sherds. L:+2.00, W:1.92, D:0.30. Upper fill of ditch [0405], cut by [0409].
004	0407	Silty sand, dark brown, friable. Moderate amount of rounded and sub-rounded small – medium stones. L:+0.65, W:1.33, D:0.15. Lower fill of ditch [0405].
004	0408	Silty sand, brown, friable, moderate amount of small-medium rounded and sub-rounded stones. L:+0.65, W:1.16, D:0.15. Basal fill of ditch [0405].
004	0409	Sandy silt, brown, friable, occasional rounded and sub-rounded stones. Oval in plan, steep and gradual sides, concave base, gradual breaks of slope. L:1.10, W:1.18, D:0.22. Possible tree throw.
004	0410	Deposit filling undulation in surface of natural. D. 0.25m
004	0411	Deposit filling undulation in surface of natural. D. 0.08m
006	0604	Linear in plan, very gently sloping sides, shallow concave base, very gentle breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:0.98, D:0.18. Filled by (0605), cuts (0603) – natural. Cut of ditch.
006	0605	Sandy silt, pale greyish brown, firm. Occasional small- medium sub-angular and sub-rounded stones. L:+2.00, W:0.98, D:0.18. Fill of ditch [0604].
006	0606	Linear in plan, moderately steep sloping sides, concave base, sharp break of slope near base. L:+2.00, W:0.49, D:0.24. Filled by (0607), cuts (0603) – natural. Small gully, likely to be a plough furrow.
006	0607	Sandy silt, pale greyish brown, firm, occasional small sub-angular and sub-rounded stone. L:+2.00, W:0.49, D:0.24. Fill of [0606]. Natural silting up of furrow.
006	0608	Oval in plan, gently convex sloping sides into a concave base, gentle break of slope. L:2.30, W:1.53, D:0.49. Filled by (0609), cuts (0603) – natural. Cut for pit.
006	0609	Sandy silt, pale greyish brown, firm. Occasional small- medium sub-angular and sub-rounded stones. Pottery. L:+2.30, W:1.53, D:0.49. Fill of pit [0608].
006	0610	Linear in plan, NNW concave sides (SSE uneven concave into convex sides), gentle concave base, gentle breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:2.07, D:0.49. Filled by (0611) + (0612), cuts (0603) – natural. Cut for ditch.
006	0611	Sandy silt, pale greyish brown, firm. Frequent small-large sub-rounded and sub-angular stone. L:+2.00, W:1.96, D:0.28. Basal fill of ditch [0610]
006	0612	Sandy silt, mid greyish brown, firm(ish), moderate amount of sub-rounded and sub-angular small-medium stones. L:+2.00, W:1.64, D:0.22. Upper fill of ditch [0610].
006	0613	Linear in plan, NNW stepped side (moderate slope) SSE concave (steeply sloping), shallow concave base, moderate breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.38, D:0.43. Filled by (0614) + (0615), cuts (0603) – natural. Cut for ditch.
006	0614	Sandy silt, pale greyish brown, firm, frequent small-medium sub-rounded and sub-angular stones. L:+2.00, W:1.28, D:0.27. Basal fill of ditch [0613].
006	0615	Sandy silt, mid greyish brown, firm(ish), moderate amount of sub-rounded and sub-angular small-medium stones. L:+2.00, W:1.38, D:0.27. Upper fill of [0613].
007	0704	Linear in plan, gently sloping sides (N edge slightly stepped), concave base, gentle break of slope. L:+2.00, W:2.33, D:0.56. Filled by (0705) + (0706), cuts (0710). Cut of ditch.
007	0705	Silty sand, mid brownish grey, friable with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stones. Pottery and clay pipe fragments. L:+0.65, W:1.43, D:0.27. Basal fill of [0704].
007	0706	Sandy silt, mid greyish brown, firm with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stones. Pottery and charcoal. L:+2.00, W:2.33, D:0.29. Upper fill of [0704].
007	0707	Linear in plan, very steeply sloping sides (almost vertical on S side), concave base, sharp breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:+0.82, D:0.82. Filled by (0708), (0709) + (0710). Cut of ditch.
007	0708	Silty sand, mid brownish grey, friable with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stones. Pottery and small amount of charcoal. L:+1.65, W:1.06, D:0.28. Basal fill of [0707].
007	0709	Sandy silt, brownish grey, firm with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stones. Slightly waterlogged. L:+0.65, W:+0.89, D:0.28. Middle fill of [0707].
007	0710	Sandy silt, mid greyish brown, firm with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stones. Pottery and a small amount of charcoal. L:+2.00, W:+0.82, D:0.26. Upper fill of [0707], cut by [0704].
007	0711	Silty sand, greyish brown, friable with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stones/pebbles. Small amount of charcoal and pottery. L:2.30, W:+1.78, D:0.10. Spread/Deposit.
007	0712	Linear in plan, very gently sloping sides, flat base, very gentle breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.07, D:0.10. Filled by (0713). Cut for ditch.
007	0713	Sandy silt, greyish brown, friable with occasional small-medium sub-rounded pebbles/stones. Pottery and a small amount of charcoal. L:+2.00, W:1.07, D:0.10. Fill of ditch [0712].
007	0714	Linear in plan, very gently sloping sides, flat base, very gentle breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.10, D:0.10. Filled by (0715). Ditch.
007	0715	Sandy silt, greyish brown, friable with occasional small-medium sub-rounded pebbles/stones. Pottery and a small amount of charcoal. L:+2.00, W:1.10, D:0.10. Fill of ditch [0714].
007	0716	Sandy silt, brownish grey, friable with moderate small-medium sub-rounded stone/pebbles. Small amount of charcoal. Spread/Deposit.
007	0717	Linear in plan, moderately steep sides, concave base, sharp break of slope. L:+2.00, W:0.53, D:0.26. Filled by (0718). Ditch.
007	0718	Sandy silt, mid greyish brown, friable with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stones/pebbles. Pottery and a small amount of charcoal. L:+2.00, W:0.53, D:0.26. Fill of ditch [0717].

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007	0719	Linear in plan, moderately sloping sides, concave base, moderate break of slope. L:+2.00, W:0.93, D:0.23. Filled by (0720), cuts (0703) – natural. Ditch.
007	0720	Sandy silt, mid greyish brown, friable with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stones/pebbles. Pottery and a small amount of charcoal. L:2.00, W:0.93, D:0.23. Fill of ditch [0719].
008	0803	Linear in plan, stepped moderately steep asymmetrical sides, flat base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:2.05, D:0.60. Filled by (0804) + (0805), cuts (0802) – natural, (0806) + (0808). Cut of ditch.
008	0804	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with a large number of pebbles (c.8%). Pottery (recorded together with pottery from (0805)). L:+2.00, W:2.05, D:0.27. Upper fill of [0803].
008	0805	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with a large number of pebbles (c.8%) – slightly more than in (0804). Pottery (recorded together with pottery from (0804)). L:+2.00, W:1.40, D:0.34. Lower fill of [0803].
008	0806	Linear in plan, steep sides, flat base, sharp breaks of slope. L:0.78, W:+2.00, D:0.82. Filled by (0807), cuts (0802) – natural, cut by [0803]. Small ditch.
008	0807	Silty sand, brown, firm with frequent pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. L:0.78, W:+2.00, D:0.32. Fill of small ditch [0806], cut by [0803].
008	0808	Linear in plan, truncated sides, slightly concave base. L:+0.45, W:1.10, D:0.38 Filled by (0809), cuts (0802) – natural, cut by [0803] + [0810]. Cut of small ditch.
008	0809	Silty sand, brown, firm with moderate pebbles. L:+0.45, W:+1.10, D:0.38. Fill of small ditch [0808].
008	0810	Shallow pit or natural feature. Single very silty fill (medium brown). Small amount of stones and occasional fleck of charcoal in fill. L: 1.1, W:1.15, D:0.3.
008	0811	Post medieval field boundary running north east-south west.
008	0812	Irregular oval (extends beyond trench), gently sloping sides, slightly concave base with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:1.40, W:0.95, D:0.24. Filled by (0813), cuts (0802) – natural. Shallow pit (several pits)
008	0813	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium sub-rounded gravel. Pottery. L:1.40, W:0.35, D:0.24. Fill of pit [0812], cut by [0814].
008	0814	Oval, gently sloping sides, concave base, with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:0.67, W:0.80, D:0.16. Filled by (0815), cuts (0813), (0802) – natural, + (0817). Cut of shallow pit.
008	0815	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium sub-rounded gravel. Pottery. L:0.67, W:0.80, D:0.16. Fill of pit [0814].
008	0816	Oval, gently sloping sides, slightly concave base, with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:+0.32, W:0.60, D:0.28. Filled by (0817), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut of shallow pit.
008	0817	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium sub-rounded gravel. Pottery. L:+0.32, W:0.60, D:0.28. Fill of shallow pit [0816], cut by [0814] + [0818].
008	0818	Oval, gently sloping sides, slightly concave base, with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:0.46, W:0.61, D:0.23. Filled by (0819), cuts (0802) – natural, + (0817). Cut of shallow pit.
008	0819	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium sub-rounded gravel. L:0.46, W:0.61, D:0.23. Fill of shallow pit [0818].
008	0820	Oval in plan, gently sloping sides, slightly concave base with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:0.56, W:0.60, D:0.20. Filled by (0821), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut of shallow pit.
008	0821	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium sub-rounded gravel. L:0.56, W:0.60, D:0.20. Fill of shallow pit [0820].
008	0822	Oval, gently sloping sides, concave base, with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:0.52, W:0.65, D:0.18. Filled by (0823), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut of shallow pit.
008	0823	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium sub-rounded gravel. L:0.52, W:0.65, D:0.18. Fill of shallow pit [0822].
008	0824	Round in plan, vertical sides, slightly concave base with gradual breaks of slope. L:0.33, W:0.32, D:0.35. Filled by (0825), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut of possible post-hole.
008	0825	Silty sand, dark brown, friable with occasional charcoal bits and occasional gravel. L:0.33, W:0.32, D:0.35. Fill of possible post hole [0824].
008	0826	Oval in plan, moderately steep sides (only SE side exposed in slot), slightly undulating base with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:1.60, W:0.55, D:0.22. Filled by (0827), cuts (0802) – natural. Probable shallow pit.
008	0827	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with small-medium pebbles. L:1.60, W:0.55, D:0.22. Fill of pit [0826].
008	0828	Irregular oval, gently sloping sides, slightly concave base with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:0.62, W:0.54, D:0.18. Filled by (0829), cut (0802) – natural. Cut of shallow pit.
008	0829	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with small-medium pebbles. L:0.62, W:0.54, D:0.18. Fill of shallow pit [0828].
008	0830	Irregular oval, gently sloping sides, slightly concave base. L:0.50, W:0.54, D:0.20. Filled by (0831), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut of shallow pit.
008	0831	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with small-medium pebbles. L:0.50, W:0.54, D:0.20. Fill of shallow pit [0830], cut by [0832].
008	0832	Irregular oblong, moderately steep sides, slightly undulating base with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:1.65, W:0.68, D:0.18. filled by (0833), cuts (0831) + (0802) – natural. Cut of pit.
008	0833	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with small-medium pebbles. L:1.65, W:0.68, D:0.18. Fill of shallow pit [0822].
008	0834	Oval in plan, asymmetrical sides (NW steep, SE moderately steep), only partially exposed. L:0.57, W:+0.30, D:0.26. Filled by (0835). Cut of possible pit.

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008	0835	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with small-medium pebbles. L:+0.57, W:+0.33, D:0.26. Fill of pit [0834].
008	0836	Linear in plan, NW side is stepped, slightly concave base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.90, D:0.53. Filled by (0837), cuts (0802) – natural, cut by [0838]. Wide ditch, re-cut by [0838].
008	0837	Silty sand with gravel, medium brown, firm. L:+2.00, W:1.90, D:0.41. Fill of ditch [0836], cut by [0838].
008	0838	Linear in plan, moderately steep on NE and stepped on SW sides, concave base, with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.90, D:0.52. Filled by (0839), cuts (0837), (0841) + (0802) – natural. Re-cut in ditch [0836].
008	0839	Silty sand, brown, firm, with occasional small-medium pebbles. Occasional charcoal and pot sherds. L:+2.00, W:1.90, D:0.52. Fill of [0838].
008	0840	Linear in plan, NE side is moderately steep (SE truncated by [0838]), slightly undulating base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.42, D:0.36. Filled by (0841), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut for ditch.
008	0841	Silty sand, brown, firm, with a moderate amount of small-medium pebbles. Occasional charcoal and pot sherds. L:+2.00, W:1.42, D:0.36. Fill of [0840], cut by [0838].
008	0842	Linear in plan, NW side is steep (SE truncated), flat base and gradual breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.60, D:? Filled by (0843), (0851), (0852), + (0853), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut of wide ditch.
008	08430	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium pebbles. L:+2.00, W:1.47, D:0.11. Fill of [0842]. Basal fill of ditch.
008	0844	Linear in plan, moderately steep symmetrical sides, concave base. L:+1.60, W:1.60, D:0.32. Filled by (0845), cuts (0853), (0851), (0843), (0802) – natural, and (0842). Cut of ditch – terminal.
008	0845	Silty sand, dark brown, firm, small-medium pebbles. L:+1.60, W:1.60, D:0.32. Fill of ditch terminal [0844].
008	0846	Linear in plan (truncated), moderately steep sides, very undulating base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+0.55, W:1.36, D:0.28. Filled by (0847), cuts (0849) + (0802) – natural. Ditch terminus or pit.
008	0847	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium pebbles. L:+0.55, W:1.36, D:0.28. Fill of [0846], cut by [0844]. Fill of possible ditch terminus.
008	0848	Linear in plan, steep (only one side exposed), base not exposed. L:+2.20, W:+0.64, D:0.23. Filled by (0849), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut of possible ditch terminus.
008	0849	Silty sand, dark brown, firm with small-medium pebbles. L:+2.20, W:+0.64, D:0.23. Fill of [0848], cut by [0846]. Fill of ditch.
008	0850	Linear in plan, NW sides are moderately steep and SE are slightly stepped, slightly concave base. L:+1.65, W:0.86, D:0.25. Filled by (0867), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut for ditch terminus.
008	0851	Silty sand, medium brown, firm with small-medium pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. L:+2.00, W:1.52, D:0.32. Fill of [0842]. Middle fill of ditch.
008	0852	Silty sand, dark brown, firm, small-medium pebbles. L:+2.00, W:1.52, D:0.38. Fill of [0842], cut by [0844]. Upper fill of ditch.
008	0854	Linear in plan, SE sides are gently sloping and NW are moderately steep, concave symmetrical base and a gradual break of slope. L:+2.00, W:2.10, D:0.48. Filled by (0855) + (0858), cuts (0802) + (0860). Cut of ditch.
008	0855	Silty sand, medium brown, firm with pebble inclusions. D:0.24. Fill of [0854], cut by [0856]. Lower fill of ditch.
008	0856	Not distinguishable/not exposed fully, vertical sides, slightly concave base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+0.25, W:0.33, D:0.27. Filled by (0857), cuts (0855). Cut of possible post-hole; possible animal burrow.
008	0857	Silty sand, very dark brown, friable with small pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. L:+0.25, W:0.33, D:0.27. Fill of [0857]. Fill of possible post-hole.
008	0858	Silty sand, medium brown, firm with pebble inclusions. L:+2.00, W:2.10, D:0.30. Fill of [0854]. Upper fill of ditch.
008	0859	Linear feature, truncated, irregular concave base, break of slope on SE side is gradual. L:+2.00, W:0.82, D:0.30. Filled by (0860), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut for ditch.
008	0860	Silty sand, medium brown, firm, small-medium pebbles. L:+2.00, W:0.82, D:0.30. Fill of [0861], cut by [0854] + [0861]. Fill of ditch.
008	0861	Linear in plan, moderately steep symmetrical sides, concave base. L:+2.00, W:0.88, D:0.27. Filled by (0862), cuts (0860) + (0802) – natural. Cut of ditch.
008	0862	Silty sand, medium brown, firm with small pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. L:+2.00, W:0.88, D:0.27. Fill of [0861], cut by [0803]. Fill of ditch.
008	0863	Irregular oval, steep symmetrical sides, concave base, gradual breaks of slope. L:0.70, W:0.43, D:0.24. Filled by (0864), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut of possible pit.
008	0864	Silty sand, medium brown, firm with a moderate amount of pebbles and occasional charcoal. L:0.70, W:0.43, D:0.24. Fill of [0863]. Fill of possible pit.
008	0865	Linear in plan, moderately steep sides, flat base and no perceivable breaks of slope. L:+3.60, W:+0.68, D:+0.19. Filled by (0866), cuts (0802) – natural. Cut for ditch terminus.
008	0866	Silty sand, very dark brown, friable with pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. L:+3.60, W:+0.68, D:+0.19. Fill of [0865]. Fill of possible ditch terminus.
008	0867	Sandy silt, medium brown, firm with small-medium pebbles. L:+1.65, W:0.86, D:0.25. Fill of [0850]. Fill of ditch terminus.

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010	1002	Sandy clay/silt, dark brown, compact/firm, with small rounded pebbles (including flint + quartz) and charcoal flecks. L: 11.90, W:c:1.00, D:0.35. Fill of [1003], abuts (1005).
010	1003	Linear in plan, fairly steep sides, V-shaped base. L:11.90, W:1.00, D:0.35. Filled by (1002), abuts [1005] + [1007]. Possible ditch.
010	1004	Very soft silt, dark grey brown, sticky in places, extremely soft, with pebbles and very occasional charcoal. Possible worked flint. L:+2.00, W:1.30, D:0.64. Fill of [1005]. Probable ditch.
010	1005	Linear in plan, regular sides steep-vertical, flat base. L:+2.00, W:1.37, D:0.64. Filled by (1004), abuts [1003]. Cut for ditch.
010	1006	Sandy clay silt, dark brown, compact/firm, small rounded pebbles with very occasional charcoal flecks. L:0.42, W:0.26, D:0.16. Fill of post hole [1007], abuts [1003].
010	1007	Rectangular, vertical sides, undulating base, sharp breaks of slope. L:0.42, W:0.26, D:0.16. Filled by (1006), abuts [1003]. Cut for possible post-hole.
010	1008	Sandy silt, orangey brown, very compact with 15% pebbles. Pottery and occasional flecks of charcoal. L:?, W:2.00, D:0.40-0.50. Fill of ditch [1009].
010	1009	Linear in plan, fairly regular sides, sloping base, gradual breaks of slope. L:?, W:2.00, D:0.40-0.50. Filled by (1008). Field Boundary.
011	1102	Soft silty deposit, very dark brown (in places grey brown). Pebbles 2-12cm diameter. Charcoal and pottery inclusions. L:2.70, W:0.60, D:0.60. Fill of ditch [1104].
011	1103	Compact pebble and gravel lens within [1102]. No finds. L:2.7m W:0.6m+ D:0.15 – 0.2m
011	1104	Irregular, SE edge very steep sides, NW edge steep the gradual, flat uneven base, gradual breaks of slope. L:2.70. W:0.60(slot), D:0.74. Filled by (1102) + (1103). Cut for possible ditch.
011	1105	Sandy silt, soft and friable, grey brown and brown orange in places, with small rounded pebbles. Charcoal, pottery and buckle (SF1). L:2.30, W:0.60, D:0.32. Fill of [1107].
011	1106	Sand and grit, red-orange and orange-red (also yellow-bran and yellow-orange in places), compact, friable, with occasional small stones. Pottery. L:2.30, W:0.60, D:0.23. Fill of [1107].
011	1107	Irregular, vertical sides, uneven base. L:2.30, W:0.60, D:0.91. Filled by (1106) + (1105). Possible linear feature; enclosure ditch? Or considering irregular nature a potential tree throw. 1107=1111=1113
011	1108	Sandy silt, very dark brown grey, compact + friable, occasional small stones. Large flecks of charcoal. L:2.38, W:0.30(slot), D:0.34. Fill of possible ditch [1109].
011	1109	Irregular in plan, gentle uneven sloping sides, undulating base, gradual breaks of slope. L:2.34, W:0.30, D:0.34. Filled by (1108), abuts [1113], [1111], [1107]. Cut for linear feature.
011	1110	Sandy silt, dark grey brown, friable and soft, small-large rounded pebbles. Pottery and charcoal. L:3.00(excavated) 7.4(total), W:0.60, D:0.42. Fill of large linear feature [1111].
011	1111	Linear, uneven base, uneven sides, gradual to steep sides. L:3.00(excavated) 7.40(total), W:0.60, D:0.80. Filled by (1110), abuts [1109]. Cut for large linear feature. 1107=1111=1113
011	1112	Sandy silt, dark grey brown, friable and soft, small-medium rounded pebbles. Occasional charcoal. L:0.60(excavated) 7.4(total), W:0.50 (excavated), D:0.33-0.37. Fill of large linear feature [1113]
011	1113	Irregular in plan, uneven base, gradual-steep sides. L:0.60(slot), W:0.50(slot), W:0.33-0.37. Filled by (1112). Linear feature. 1107=1111=1113
013	1303	Linear in plan (extends beyond trench), gently sloping sides, slightly undulating base, with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:2.00, W:3.05, D:0.32. Filled by (1304), cuts (1302) – natural. Possible geological feature.
013	1304	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with a moderate amount of pebbles. L:+2.00, W:3.05, D:0.32. Fill of shallow ditch [1303]. Possible geological feature.
013	1305	Oval (extends beyond trench), steep and stepped sides, undulating base, gradual breaks of slope. L:1.05, W:+0.75, D:0.44. Filled by (1306), cuts (1302) + (1308). Possible pit.
013	1306	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with occasional pebbles. L:1.05, W:+0.75, D:0.44. Fill of pit [1305].
013	1307	Oval (extends beyond trench), gently sloping, flat base with no perceivable breaks of slope. L:1.35, W:0.84, D:0.20. Filled by (1308), cuts (1302) – natural. Cut for shallow pit.
013	1308	Silty sand, medium brown, friable, frequent pebbles. L:1.35, W:0.84, D:0.20. Fill of pit [1307], cut by [1305].
013	1309	Sandy silt, medium brown, friable with 8% pebbles. Irregular oval in plan, moderately steep sides, uneven flat base, gradual breaks of slope. L:+0.40, W:1.35, D:0.12. Cuts (1302) – natural. Possible natural feature.
013	1310	Linear in plan, not excavated as a continuation of a ditch in TR8. L:+2.00, W:1.15, D: not excavated. Filled by (1311), cuts (1302) – natural.
013	1311	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with frequent pebbles. L:+2.00, W:1.15, D: not excavated. Fill of [1310]. Continuation of ditch in TR8.
013	1312	Linear in plan, not excavated as a continuation of a ditch in TR8. L:+2.00, W:3.20 D: not excavated. Filled by (1313), cuts (1302) – natural.
013	1313	Sandy silt, medium brown, friable with frequent pebbles. L:+2.00, W:3.20, D: not known. Fill of [1312]. Continuation of ditch in TR8.
026	2605	Linear in plan, moderately steep sides, base not exposed, breaks of slope gradual? L:9.00, W:+2.00, D:+0.97. Filled by (2606) + (2607), cuts (2602) – natural. Cut of ditch.
026	2606	Silty sand, medium brown, friable with a moderate amount of small-medium pebbles and pockets of sandy clay. L:0.45(slot) 9.00(total), W:+2.00, D:0.55. Upper fill of [2605].
026	2607	Silty sand, dark brown, friable with moderate amount of small-medium pebbles. L:+0.45(slot), W:+1.05(slot), D:+0.42. Lower fill of [2605].

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032	3202	Sandy clay, mid blue-grey (with iron panning), compact, very slightly stony very small-small with moderate sorting. Abundant pottery, occasional coal and occasional carbon fragments. L:2.90, W:0.40 (excavated), D:0.28. Fill of ditch [3203].
032	3203	Linear in plan, gently sloping sides, rounded base with a gradual break of slope. L:2.90, W:0.40(excavated) 2.00 (extends under trench edge), D:0.28. Filled by (3202), cuts (3209) – natural. Cut for ditch.
032	3204	Sandy clay, dark blue-grey, loose, with occasional carbon flecks. L:2.00, W:0.30, D:0.20. Fill of possible wall trench [3206].
032	3205	Large sandstone (greeny-yellow) layer, possibly making up a wall. L:2.00, W:0.30, D:0.18. Possible stone lined ditch/wall.
032	3206	Linear in plan, gently sloping sides, flat base, with a gradual break of slope. L:2.00, W:0.30, D:0.20. Cut for a possible wall trench/ditch.
050	5003	Linear, moderately steep sides (SE steeper), asymmetrical concave base. L:+2.00, W:1.92, D:0.50. Filled by (5004). Cut of ditch.
050	5004	Silty sand, medium brown, friable, moderately stony with occasional charcoal inclusions. L:+2.00, W:1.92, D:0.50. Fill of ditch [5003].
058	5802	Silty sand, mid yellow-grey with black staining (from carbon in deposit), clear, loose, friable with occasional rounded large and medium stones, moderately sorted. Occasional burnt stones and occasional flecks of carbon. L:0.50, W:0.40, D:0.10. Fill of pit [5803].
058	5803	Circular cut with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope. L:0.50, W:0.40, D:0.10. Cut of pit, possibly for the disposal of a fire.
072	7202	Silty sand, mid grey-brown, clear, loose, friable with frequent gravel chips (angular and rounded), well sorted. L:2, W:0.90, D:0.15. Disturbed by root action. Fill of cut [7203]. Similar to (8202) (7302) and (7402)
072	7203	Linear with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and no perceivable breaks of slope. L:2, W:0.90, D:0.15. Same as features [7403] and [7303]. Drainage channel.
073	7302	Silty sand, dark grey-brown with black staining (likely to be organic not carbon in nature), wavy, clear, loose, friable. Well sorted abundant angular and rounded gravel pebbles (tiny and small). L:2, W:0.90, D:0.21. Same as (7402), (7202) + (8202).
073	7303	Linear with steep sides, a rounded base and gentle breaks of slope. L:2, W:0.90, D:0.21. Same as [7403], [7203] + [8203]. Drainage channel.
074	7402	Silty sand, mid grey-brown, loose, friable with frequent gravel chips. L:2, W:0.90, D:unexcavated. Unexcavated continuation of linear feature seen in TR82, TR72 and TR73.
074	7403	Unexcavated linear. L:2, W:0.90, D:?. Same as [8203], [7203] and [7303].
082	8202	Silty sand, mixed orange-brown and mid grey-brown, gradual, loose, friable with frequent small-large rounded stones, moderately sorted. W:c.1.00, D:c.0.12. Same as (7402), (7302) and (7202).
082	8203	Linear with steep sides, a V-shaped base and gentle breaks of slope. Very undulating along the base and the sides, fill very similar to natural. W:1, D:c.0.12. Same as linear features [7203], [7303] and [7403].
107	10703	Very silty sand, medium-light brown, firm with occasional pebbles. L:+2.00, W:0.80, D:0.12. Ridge and Furrow.
107	10704	Oval (truncated), steep sides, slightly undulating base, gradual breaks of slope. L:0.73, W:+0.72, D:0.09. Filled by (10705), cuts (10702) – natural. Cut of shallow pit; discrete feature.
107	10705	Silty sand, medium brown, firm with small-medium stones, frequent charcoal. L:0.73, W:+0.72, D:0.09. Fill of [10704]. Fill of shallow pit.
108	10802	Burnt soil + stones, light grey – black with red scorched earth, extremely compact, brittle. Stones and pottery fragments. L: extends beyond trench, W:c.1.00, D:0.25. Deposit; burning event.
109	10902	Extremely compact, grey/pink white, brittle with burnt stone, pottery and occasional charcoal inclusions. L:4.00, W:0.60, D:0.30-0.42. Fill of ditch or pit [10904].
109	10903	Silty organic soil, very dark black brown, soft with small rounded stones, organic material (wood, roots), pottery and occasional charcoal inclusions. L:4.00, W:0.60, D:0.20. Fill of ditch or pit [10904].
109	10904	Irregular, bumpy sides, 'V' shaped base and a break of slope which is gradual but becomes steep. L:4.00, W:0.60, D:0.60. Filled by (10902) + (10903). Cut for ditch or pit.
109	10905	Linear in plan, moderately steep symmetrical sides, flat base and a gradual break of slope. L:+2.00, W:1.38, D:0.25. Filled by (10906), cuts (10902) – natural. Cut for possible ditch.
109	10906	Sandy silt, medium brown, firm with occasional pebbles. L:+2.00, W:1.38, D:0.25. Fill of [10906]. Fill of possible ditch.
109	10907	Linear in plan, moderately steep sides (only NW exposed), flat base, slightly undulating breaks of slope. L:+2.00, W:4.10, D:0.18. Filled by (10908), cuts (10902) – natural. Furrow or natural deposit.
109	10908	Sandy silt, medium brown, firm with a moderate amount of small pebbles. L:+2.00, W:4.10, D:0.18. Fill of [10907]. Furrow or natural deposit.
116	11602	Silt, orange-pink brown, compact, dry and brittle, with degrading sandstone and small rounded pebbles. L:6.5, W:1.00, D:0.08. Fill of possible furrow [11603]
117	1171	Silty clay, light grey brown, firm and dry. Frequent sub-rounded medium-large stones and occasional pottery sherds. L:3.60, W:2.00, D:0.25. Possible ridge and furrow.
117	1172	Stony layer, many small-large sub-rounded, well sorted stones. Dry and compact. L:3.00, W:0.50, D:0.04. Possible natural deposit.

Trench	Context	Description
182	18203	Dark black brown silt clay, friable, frequent small-medium pebbles (rounded and sub-rounded). Occasional CBM, coal and frequent carbon. Fill of [18203].
182	18204	Linear feature running east-west, not excavated due to modern material in fill. L:2, W:1.20, D:unexcavated.
187	18703	Mid orange brown sand clay, loose, very mixed and similar to the natural. Frequent CBM. W:4m. Fill of [18704].
187	18704	Linear running north east-south west, edges difficult to see due to mixed fill. W:4m, D:unexcavated. Filled by [18703]
188	18803	Mid orange brown sand clay, loose, frequent CBM. W:5m. Fill of [18704].
188	18804	Linear running north east-south west, edges difficult to see due to mixed fill. W:5m, D:unexcavated. Filled by [18803]
189	18903	Mid orange brown sand clay, loose, frequent CBM. W:5m. Fill of [18704].
189	18904	Linear running north east-south west, edges difficult to see due to mixed fill. W:6m slot put through to 5.2m D:excavated to 0.50 but possibly extends lower.
199	19903	Cut of linear feature running north south, rounded base, gently sloping sides. W:2.5m D:c1.2m. Filled by [19904] + [19905]. Field boundary.
199	19904	Upper fill of [19903]. Similar to topsoil. Mid brown sand clay, loose, with frequent rounded pebble inclusions. Very mixed. W:c2.5m, D:c0.6m.
199	19905	Middle fill of [19903]. Thin layer of orange brown sand clay, loose, no inclusions, between [19904] and [19906]. D:0.10, W:c2.00
199	19906	Lower fill of [19906]. Dark grey brown silt clay, loose, very slightly stony (tiny rounded pebbles). W:c2m, D:0.50.

Appendix 1.3 Photographic register

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description	Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
	Film 819	Film 816				22	17	16	21	S	Tr012. Plan
1	1	1	1	–	Id shot	23	–	–	22	–	–
2	2	2	2	NE	SW-facing section [0303]	24	–	–	23	–	–
3	3	3	3	E	W-facing section	25	18	17	24	SE	NW-facing section [0403]
4	4	4	4	N	N-facing section	26	19	18	25	S	NW-facing section [0405]
5	–	–	5	S	W-facing section	27	20	19	26	NE	Tr004 post exc.
6	–	–	6	N	N ditch edge	28	22	20	27	SE	Tr007. [0704] [0707]
7	–	–	7	–	Whole feature	29	–	–	28	SW	Tr007. [0704] [0707]
8	5	4	8	E	W-facing section [0302] [0303]	30	–	–	29	NE	Tr007. [0704] [0707]
9	6	5	9	E	W-facing section [0303] [0301]	31	23	21	30	NE	Spread (711) SW-facing section
10	7	6	10	NE	W-facing section [0307]	32	24	22	31	NE	Spread (716) SW-facing section
11	8	7	11	N	Tr03 post exc.	33	25	23	32	NW	SE-facing section ditch. [0712]
12	–	–	12	NW	Tr03 [0307] [0309]	34	–	24	33	NW	SE-facing section ditch. [0714]
13	–	–	13	SE	Tr03 [0307] [0309]						
14	9	8	14	EEN	Wws-facing section [0604]		Film 830	Film 820			
15	10	9	15	W	E-facing section [0606]	35	1	1	34	NE	Section of [0812] [0814] [0816] [0818] with [0820] [0822] [0824] in plan
16	11	10	16	SE	NW-facing section [0608]	36	–	–	35	E	As above.
17	12	11	17	EEN	WWS-facing section [0610]	37	2	2	36	SW	Section of [0832] [0834] [0826] with [0828] [0830] in plan
18	13	12	18	EEN	WWS-facing section [0613]	38	4	4	–	NE	SW-facing section [0836] [0841]
19	14	13	18	SSE	Tr006. Post exc.	39	–	–	37	E	SW-facing section [0836] [0841] oblique angle
20	15	14	19	E	Tr001. Plan	40	–	–	38	N	SW-facing section [0836] [0841] oblique angle
21	16	15	20	SE	Tr005. Plan						

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
41	5	5	39	SE	Close up of n w-facing section [1104]
42	6	6 & 7	40	NW	Overhead shot of [1104] SW end of ditch
43	7	8	41	NW	Overhead shot of [1104] ne end of ditch
44	8	9	42	SE	Section against [1104]
45	9	10	43	NE	[0842] (0851) Section
46	10	11	44	NE	[0842] (0851) Section
47	–	–	45	N	[0842] (0851) Section. Oblique angle
48	11	12	46	SW	[0854] [0863] Section
49	12	13	47	–	Section of [0865]
50	–	–	48	NE	Section of [0850]
51	–	–	49	NW	Section of [0865]
52	–	–	50	NE	Section of [0863]
53	13	14	53	SW	Tr100. View in plan
54	14	15	54	SE	Tr100. Section send. Marl pit? (1003)
55	–	–	55	SE	Tr100. Section send. Marl pit? (1003)
56	–	–	56	SW	Tr099. View
57	–	–	57	NW	Tr098. View
58	–	–	58	NW	Tr096. View
59	15	16	59	SW	Tr097. View in plan
60	–	–	60	NW	Tr095. View in plan
61	–	–	61	W	Tr091. View in plan
62	16	17	62	N	Tr091. Sample section
63	17	18	63	SW	Tr090. View in plan
64	18	19	64	W	Tr089. View in plan
65	19	20	65	N	Tr089. S-facing sample section
66	–	–	66	NNE	Tr093. View in plan
67	–	–	67	NNE	Tr094. View in plan
68	20	21	68	SE	Tr101. View in plan
69	21		69	NE	Tr101. Sample section
70	–	–	70	SE	Tr102. Plan view
71	22	23	71	SE	Tr103. Plan view
72	23	24	72	NE	Tr103. Sample section
73	24	25	73	NE	Tr104. Plan view
74	25	26	74	N	Tr169. Sample section
75	26	27	75	E	Tr169. View.
76	27	28	76	NNW	Tr168. View.
77	28	29	77	N	Tr167. General view
78	29	30	78	N	Tr171. General view

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
79	30	31	79	W	Tr171. Sample section
79	31	32	80	W	Tr172. General view
80	–	33	81	N	Tr172. Sample section
81	1	34	82	S	Tr173. General view
82	–	–	82	W	Tr173. Sample section
83	2	35	83	S	Tr175. General view
84	–	–	84	W	Tr175. Sample section
85	3	36	85	W	Tr176. General view
86	–	–	86	N	Tr176. Sample section
87	4	37	87	W	Tr174. General view
88	–	–	88	N	Tr174. Sample section
89	–	0	–	–	ld shot
90	5	1	89	NE	Tr13. SW-facing section.
91	6	2	91	NE	SW-facing section [1303]
92	7	3	92	NE	Plan of [1310]
93	8	4	93	NE	Plan of [1312]
94	9	5	94	SE	NW-facing section [1305]
95	10	6	95	NW	SE-facing section [1307]
96	11	7	96	N	S-facing section [2605]
97	–	–	97	–	Backfilled trench.
98	–	–	98	–	View.
99	12	7	99	NW	Tr054. Sample section
100	13	8	100	SW	Tr054. Plan view
101	–	–	101	E	Tr053. Plan view
102	–	–	102	NE	Tr052. Plan view
103	–	–	103	–	Tr051. Plan view
104	–	–	104	NE	Tr050. SW-facing section [0503]
105	14	9	105	N	Tr117. SE-facing section with slot(1171,72,73)
106	–	–	106	N	Tr117. SE-facing section with slot(1171,72,73)
107	–	–	107	N	Tr117. SE-facing section with slot(1171,72,73)
108	–	–	108	N	Tr117. SE-facing section with slot(1171,72,73)
109	15	10	109	E	Tr117. Slot with (1172) stone surface.
110	–	–	110	E	Tr117. Slot with (1172) stone surface. E half.
111	–	–	111	W	Tr117. Slot with (1172) stone surface. W half

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112	16	11	112	N	Tr117. Plan
113	—	—	113	SW	Tr049. Plan view
114	—	—	114	SE	Tr047. Plan view
115	17	12	115	W	Tr036. Plan view
116	18	13	116	N	Tr036. S-facing section
117	19	14	117	SW	Tr035. Plan.
118	20	15	118	SW	Tr040. Plan.
119	21	16	119	NW	Tr040. SE-facing section
120	—	—	120	NW	Tr037. Plan.
121	—	—	121	SSW	Tr038. Plan.
122	— ?22?	— ?17?	122	NW	Tr039. Plan.
123	23	18	123	SE	Tr041. Plan.
124	24	19	124	NE	Tr041. SW-facing section
125	—	—	125	NE	Tr042. Plan.
126	—	—	126	NW	Tr043. Plan
127	25	20	127	SW	Tr043. Nw-facing section [4303]
128	—	—	128	SW	Tr043. Nw-facing section [4303]
129	—	—	129	SE	Tr043. Slot in [4303]
130	26	21	130	NE	Tr044. Plan.
131	27	22	131	NW	Tr044. SE-facing section
132	28	23	132	SE	Tr034. Plan.
133	—	—	133	SE	Tr033. Plan
134	30	25	134	SW	Tr048. Ne-facing section
135	31	26	135	W	Tr045. Plan
136	—	—	136	NW	Tr046. Plan
137	32	27	137	NE	Tr033. [3303]. Field boundary ditch.
138	33	28	138	SE	Tr178—plan

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139	1	29	139	NE	Tr178—section
140	2	30	140	SW	Tr179—plan
141	3	31	141	S	Tr180—plan
142	4	32	142	S	Tr181—plan
143	5	33	143	W	Tr181—section
144	6	34	144	SW	Tr182—plan
145	7	35	145	N	Tr182—section
146	—	—	146	SE	Tr184—plan
147	—	—	147	NE	Tr184—section

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
148	—	—	148	NE	Tr185—plan
149	—	—	149	SW	Tr186—plan
150	8	36	150	S	Tr187—plan
151	9	37	151	N	Tr187—plan of post-medieval field boundary [18704]

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152	10	1	152	W	Tr187—section
153	11	2	153	N	Tr188—plan
154	12	3	154	N	Tr188—plan of post-medieval field boundary [18804]
155	13	4	155	N	Tr189—plan
156	14	5	156	N	Tr189—plan of post-medieval field boundary [18904]
157	15	6	—	—	ld shot
158	—	—	157	E	Tr190—plan
159	—	—	158	SE	Tr192—plan
160	—	—	159	E	Tr193—plan
161	16	7	160	N	Tr194—plan
162	17	8	161	W	Tr194—section
163	—	—	162	W	Tr195—plan
164	—	—	163	S	Tr191—plan
165	—	—	—	—	Missed out on register
166	18	9	164	S	Tr194—plan
167	—	—	165	N	Field 2—back filled trenches
168	—	—	166	N	Field 2—back filled trenches
169	—	—	167	W	Field 2—back filled trenches
170	—	—	168	S	Field 1—back filled trenches
171	—	—	169	NE	Field 1—back filled trenches
172	—	—	170	N	Field 1—back filled trenches
173	—	—	171	NE	Field 2—back filled trenches
174	19	10	172	N	Tr189
175	20	11	173	N	Tr189—section-facing SW [18904]
176	21	12	174	NNW	Tr189—plan view [18904]
177	—	—	175	NE	Tr205—plan
178	22	13	176	SE	Tr203—plan
179	23	14	177	SE	Tr203—plan of [20304]
180	24	15	178	NE	Tr203—section
181	25	16	179	SW	Tr204—plan
182	26	17	180	SE	Tr202—plan

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183	–	–	181	SW	Tr202–section
184	–	–	182	SW	Tr196–plan
185	27	18	183	S	Tr197–plan
186	–	–	184	NW	Tr199–plan (no scale)
187	–	–	185	NW	Tr199–plan
188	–	–	186	SW	Tr199–section
189	–	–	187	SE	Tr198–plan
190	–	–	188	SE	Tr066–plan
191	–	–	189	NE	Tr064–plan
192	–	–	190	NW	Tr201–plan
193	–	–	191	NW	Tr063–plan
194	–	–	192	W	Tr065–plan
195	–	–	193	SW	Tr062–plan
196	–	–	194	SE	Tr062–shot of modern burning
197	–	–	195	NW	Tr056–plan
198	–	–	196	NE	Tr055–plan
199	–	–	197	E	Tr057–plan
200	–	–	198	NE	Tr058–plan
201	–	–	199	E	General shot–nuala under rainbow
202	–	–	200	E	General shot–nuala under rainbow
203	–	–	201	NE	Tr059–plan
204	–	–	202	SE	Tr060–plan
205	–	–	203	N	Tr200–plan
206	–	–	204	SW	Tr081–plan
207	–	–	205	SE	Tr080–plan
208	–	–	206	S	Tr079–plan
209	–	–	207	NE	Tr067–plan
210	–	–	208	SE	Tr078–plan
211	–	–	209	NE	Tr061–plan
212	27	18	210	SE	Tr058–plan shot of pit [5803]
213	–	–	211	SE	Tr074–plan
214	–	–	212	SE	Tr073–plan
215	28	19	213	NE	Tr073–[7303]
216	–	–	214	SE	Tr072–plan
217	29	20	215	NE	Tr072–[7203]
218	–	–	216	SW	Tr068–plan
219	–	–	217	SE	Tr069–plan
220	–	–	218	NE	Tr071–plan

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
221	–	–	219	NE	Tr070–plan
222	–	–	220	NW	Tr076–plan
223	–	–	221	W	Tr075–plan
224	–	–	222	SW	Tr077–plan
225	–	–	223	SE	Tr086–plan
226	–	–	224	W	Tr088–plan
227	–	–	225	SW	Tr085–plan
228	–	–	226	SE	Tr084–plan
229	–	–	227	SW	Tr083–plan
230	–	–	228	NE	Tr082–plan
231	–	–	229	S	Tr082–slot through [8203]
232	–	–	230	SW	Tr082–[8203]
233	–	–	231	S	Tr079–[7903]
234	–	–	232	W	Tr079–[7903]
235	–	–	233	SE	Tr086–re-take of e end
236	–	–	234	NW	Tr086–shot of [8603]
237	–	–	235	SE	Tr199–[19903]
238	–	–	236	NE	Tr199–[19903]
239	–	–	237	SE	Tr199–[19903]
240	–	–	238	NW	Tr064–shot of slot through natural
			Film 805– 123		
500	–	–	–	–	ld shot.
501	36	36	2	NW	General shot of [0306]
502	35	35	3	NW	SE-facing section of [3208] (3207)
503	34	34	4	NE	Plan. [2308]
504	33	33	5	NE	Trench shot
505	32	32	6	SW	NE-facing section of [2306] & plan
506	31	31	7	NE	Plan of [3203]
507	30	30	8	NW	SE-facing section of [3203]
508	29	29	9	NE	Tr028. Plan
509	28	28	10	N	Tr024. Plan
510	27	27	11	E	Tr022. Plan
511	26	26	12	N	Tr021. Plan
512	25	25	13	W	Tr023. Plan
513	24	24	14	SW	Tr019. Plan
514	23	23	15	S	Tr019. Section through marl pit backfill
515	22	22	16	NE	Tr019. Plan

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
516	21	21	17	E	W-facing section [3004]
517	20	20	18	E	Plan [3004]
518	19	19	19	SW	NE-facing section of [3006]
519	18	18	20	NE	Plan [3006]
520	17	17	21	NE	Tr030. Plan.
521	16	16	22	W	E-facing section [2904]
522	15	15	23	S	Plan [2904]
523	14	14	24	W	E-facing section [2906]
524	13	13	25	NW	Plan. [2906]
525	12	12	26	SE	Tr029. Plan
526	11	11	27	NE	Tr031. Plan
527	10	10	28	NW	Tr027. Natural. Section shot
528	9	9	29	NE	SW-facing section [2704]
529	8	8	30	NE	Plan [2704]
530	7	7	31	NE	Tr027. Plan
531	6	6	32	E	Tr025. Plan
532	5	5	33	NE	Tr014. Plan
533	4	4	34	S	Feature [2003]
534	3	3	35	E	Tr020. Plan
535	2	–	–	NW	SE-facing section [0714]
536	1	2	36	SE	NW-facing sections. [0717] [0719]
537	–	–	37	S	NW-facing sections. [0704] [0707]
538	–	1	38	NE	SW-facing section [0303] [0306]
539	–	–	39	NE	SW-facing section [0303] [0306] [0308]
540	–	–	40	NE	SW-facing section [0303] [0308] [0310]
541	–	–	41	N	SW-facing section [0303] [0306] [0308] [0310]

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542	36	36	42	NE	Tr010. General shot.
543	35	35	43	SW	Tr010. [1007] Poss. Post hole
544	34	34	44	S	Tr010. Location shot. [1007] [1003]
545	33	33	45	NW	Tr010. Section & slot [1005]
546	32	32	46	SE	Tr010. Linear feature. [1005]
547	31	31	47	SE	Tr010. Slot through [1005]
548	30	30	48	NW	Tr010. Slot through [1009]
549	29	29	–	NW	Tr010. Slot through [1009]
550	28	28	49	SE	Tr010. [1009] (1008) [1003]
551	27	27	50	SW	Tr007. Post exc.

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
552	26	26	52	NW	Tr018. Post exc. *Shot 51 missing*
553	25	25	53	SE	Tr018. Post exc.
554	24	24	54	NE	Tr018. Section & sondage
555	–	–	55	W	Tr087. Post exc.
556	23	23	56	E	Tr087. Post exc.
557	–	–	57	NE	Tr017. Section
558	22	22	58	NE	Tr017. Section
559	21	21	59	SE	Tr017. Plan
560	20	20	60	SE	Tr016. Plan
561	19	19	61	NW	Tr016. Plan
562	18	18	62	SE	Tr016. Change in deposits
563	17	17	63	NE	Tr016. SW-facing section
564	16	16	64	NW	Tr105. Plan
565	15	15	65	NW	Tr011. [1104] Burnt timbers (1102)
566	14	14	66	SE	Tr011. [1104] Burnt timbers (1102)
567	13	13	67	SE	Tr011. [1104] Close up of 2 burnt planks
568	12	12	68	SE	Tr011. [1104] Close up of 2 burnt stakes
569	11	11	69	SE	Close up of timber in section [1004]
570	10	10	70	SE	Tr011. [1104] Section containing timber
571	9	9	71	SE	Tr011. [1104] Mid exc shot
572	8	8	72	SE	Tr011. [1107]
573	7	7	73	NW	Tr011. [1107]
574	6	6	74	NW	Tr011. [1107] SW half
575	5	5	75	–	NE half of [1107]
576	4	4	–	–	*Possible number discrepancy for 576
577	3	3	–	–	*Possible number discrepancy for 577
578	2	2	–	–	*Possible number discrepancy for 578
579	1	1	–	–	*Possible number discrepancy for 579

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576	37	36	76	–	Id shot
577	36	35	77	SE	Tr011. [1109]
578	35	34	78	SE	Tr011. [1109]
579	34	33	79	SE	Tr011. [1113]
580	33	32	80	NE	Tr011. [1113]
581	32	31	81	NW	SE-facing section [1111] (1110)
582	31	30	80	NE	Tr011. Completed
583	30	29	83	NW	Tr010. SE-facing section [1005] (1004)

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
584	29	28	84	SE	Tr010. SE-facing section [1005](1004). Overhead shot
585	28	27	83	NW	Tr010. General shot
586	—	—	84	EW	Tr107. General trench shot
587	—	—	85	SE	Tr106. General trench shot
588	27	26	86	NW-SE	Tr108. General trench shot
589	26	25	87	NW-SE	Tr108. Sample section
590	—	—	88	S	Tr118. General trench shot
591	—	—	89	S	Tr119. General trench shot
592	—	—	90	S	Tr121. General trench shot
593	—	—	91	N	Tr122. General trench shot
594	—	—	92	S	Tr122. Sample section
595	—	—	93	S	Tr123. General trench shot
596	—	—	94	E	Tr124. General trench shot
597	—	—	95	S	Tr125. General trench shot
598	—	—	96	W	Tr12. Sample section
599	—	—	97	S	Tr126. General trench shot
600	—	—	98	W	Tr127. General trench shot
601	—	—	99	NE	Tr128. General trench shot
602	—	—	100	S	Tr129. General trench shot
603	—	—	101	NE	Tr129. Sample section
604	—	—	102	SW	Tr130. General trench shot
605	—	—	103	E	Tr110. General trench shot
606	—	—	104	SE	Tr111. General trench shot
607	21	21	105	NE	Tr111. Sample section
608	—	—	106	S	Tr112. General trench shot
609	—	—	107	NE	Tr113. General trench shot
610	—	—	108	NE	Tr114. General trench shot
611	20	20	109	E	Tr142. General trench shot
612	19	19	110	S	Tr142. Sample section
613	—	—	111	NE	Tr143. General trench shot
614	—	—	112	W	Tr144. General trench shot
615	18	18	113	S	Tr145. General trench shot
616	17	17	114	W	Tr145. Sample section
617	—	—	115	SE	Tr139. General trench shot
618	—	—	116	N	Tr150. General trench shot
619	—	—	117	SE	Tr138. General trench shot
620	16	16	118	NW	Tr137. General trench shot

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
621	15	15	119	E	Tr137. Sample section
622	—	—	120	SW	Tr133. General trench shot
623	—	—	121	NW	Tr135. General trench shot
624	14	14	122	E	Tr136. General trench shot
625	13	13	123	S	Tr146. Sample section
626	—	—	124	SE	Tr162. General trench shot
627	—	—	125	NW	Tr160. General trench shot
628	12	12	126	S	Tr163. General trench shot
629	11	11	127	E	Tr163. Sample section
630	—	—	128	NE	Tr158. General trench shot
631	—	—	129	S	Tr157. Sample section
632	10	10	130	S	Tr154. General trench shot
633	9	9	131	E	Tr154. Sample section
634	—	—	132	E	Tr152. General trench shot
635	—	—	133	NE	Tr159. Sample section
636	—	—	134	N	Tr147. General trench shot
637	—	—	135	N	Tr148. General trench shot
638	8	8	136	W	Tr? General trench shot
639	7	—	137	S	Tr? General trench shot
640	—	—	138	N	Tr?. General trench shot
641	—	—	139	S	Tr155. General trench shot
642	6	7	142	SSW	Tr105. NE-facing sample section
643	7	8	143	WSW	Tr105. View. Plan
644	6	7	144	NE	Tr108. Sample section
645	5	6	145	NE	Tr108. General trench shot
646	4	5	146	E	Tr107. Possible ridge & furrow
/	3	—	—	/	Empty shot
647	2	3	147	SE	NW-facing section [1075]
648	1	2	148	SE	NW-facing section [1074]
649	—	1	—	—	Site impression shot
		Film 772	Film 829		
650	36	36	—	—	Film id shot
651	35	35	149	NE	Tr108. Burnt deposit
652	34	34	150	SW	Tr108. Burnt deposit
653	33	33	151	SE	Tr108. NW-facing section
654	32	32	152	NE	Tr108. SW-facing section
655	31	31	153	S	Tr117. N-facing sample section

Photo	C/S	B/W	Digital	Direction	Description
656	–	–	154	E	Tr117. General trench shot
657	–	30	–	S	Tr115. Plough scrapes
658	–	29	–	SW	Tr115. General trench shot
659	–	28	–	S	Tr115. Sample section
660	–	27	–	–	Camera mis-fired
661	–	26	–	NW	Tr116. Shallow furrow. [11603]
662	–	26	–	NW	Tr116. General trench shot.
662	–	25	155	SW	Tr109. [10905]. Section of furrow
663	–	24	156	SW	Tr109. [10905]. Cut of furrow
664	–	23	156	E	Tr109. NW-facing section (10902) (10903)
665	–	22	157	NW	Tr109. (10902) (10903) [10904]
666	–	21	158	SE	Tr109. (10902) (10903) [10904]
667	–	20	159	NW	Tr109. (10902) (10903) [10904]
668	–	19	160	E	Tr109. Close up of nw-facing section (10902) (10903)

Appendix 1.4 Drawing register

Dwg	Scale	Plan/Section	Description
1	1:10	Section	SE-facing [0303]
2	1:20	Section	W-facing [0307] [0311] [0313][0315]
3	1:10	Section	NE-facing [0306]
4	1:10	Section	NW-facing [3206]
5	1:10	Section	SE-facing [3203]
6	1:10	Section	SW-facing [0604]
7	1:10	Section	NE-facing [0606]
8	1:10	Section	NW-facing [0608]
9	1:10	Section	SW-facing [6010]
10	1:10	Section	SW-facing [0613]
11	1:10	Section	NW-facing [0403]
12	1:20	Section	Tr004. SW-facing [0405] [409]
13	1:20	Section	Tr008. S-facing [0803] [0806][0809] [0810]
14	1:10	Section	Tr010. SE-facing [1005]
15	1:20	Section	SW-facing [0405] [0409]
16	1:20	Section	NE-facing [0836] [0834] [0832]
17	1:20	Section	SW-facing [0812] [0814] [0816] [0818]
18	1:20	Section	Tr11. NW-facing [1104]
19	1:20	Section	SW-facing [0836] [0841]

Dwg	Scale	Plan/Section	Description
20	1:20	Section	SW-facing [0841] [0853]
21	1:20	Section	NE-facing [0854] [0864]
22	1:20	Section	NW-facing [0865] [0866]
23	1:20	Section	NW-facing [1109] [1108]
24	1:20	Section	Tr011. SE-facing [1111]
25	1:10	Section	Tr010. SE-facing [1005]
26	1:10	Section	Tr091. E-facing sample
27	1:10	Section	Tr089. S-facing sample
28	1:10	Section	Tr101. SW-facing sample
29	1:10	Section	Tr103. SE-facing sample
30	1:20	Section	SW-facing [1303]
31	1:20	Section	NW-facing [1305]
32	1:20	Section	SE-facing [1307]
33	1:20	Section	S-facing [2605]
34	1:20	Section	Tr100. SW-facing sample
35	1:20	Section	Tr105. NW-facing sample
36	01:50	Section	Tr107. Plan. (1073) (1074)
37	1:20	Section	Tr101. SW-facing sample
38	1:10	Section	Tr103. SW-facing sample

Dwg	Scale	Plan/ Section	Description
39	1:10	Section	Tr108. NE-facing (1082)
40	1:20	Section	Tr054. Sample section
41	1:20	Section	—
42	1:20	Section	Tr117. S-facing (1171,1172,1173)
43	1:20	Section	NE-facing [10905]
44	1:20	Section	NE-facing [10907]
45	1:20	Section	Tr109. NW-facing [10904] (10902) (10903)
46	1:10	Section	NW-facing [0704] [0707]
47	1:10	Section	NW-facing [0717] [0719]
48	1:20	Section	NE-facing [18904]

Appendix 2 Finds Assessment

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Introduction

The assemblage comprises 586 sherds of pottery, 12 pieces of daub, 29 lithics, an iron object, a copper alloy object and three sherds of glass. A catalogue of the finds has been provided.

The site, The Asps, lies within the parish of Bishop's Tachbrook, Warwickshire. The Asps, was a small outlier settlement to the north of the parish, close to the Tach Brook and bordering Castle Park. The site lies at the junction of the old Banbury Road from Warwick, and the road to Barford.

Bishops Tachbrook itself was a pre-Conquest settlement. Almost nothing is known about The Asps (also known as The Nasps or Naspis) from the documentary record, although its existence is recorded in 1195. The nature of these small outliers is a subject of debate; they may be relics of the pre-nucleation period or may be post-Conquest 'secondary dispersal' at the edges of parishes, formed after village nucleation and never absorbed into the main settlement (pers. comm. Penelope Upton). The pottery is therefore of importance not just in terms of the light it can throw on the archaeological interventions but also because it expands our knowledge of a lesser known area of Warwickshire and can contribute to a current debate regarding settlement studies.

Pottery and CBM

During examination 13 non-pottery ceramics (CBM, daub/fired clay and possible hearth lining) were identified from Trenches 003, 006, 007, 010 and 011. These are small abraded pieces but the catalogue provides a little further detail (see below).

In total 479 sherds were assessed in detail, the remaining 107 sherds were small pieces. Trench 003 produced the greatest amount of pottery followed by Trenches 007 and 032 (Finds catalogue).

A small amount of possible prehistoric pottery was found in (1105) (Bronze Age?), (1004) (late Bronze Age/Iron Age); other sherds from (1102) and (0851) could have been Iron Age or early-middle Saxon in date and a second sherd from (1102) was identified as likely to be prehistoric. Another small sherd from (1802) could be early-middle Saxon. A sherd from (0853) could not be positively identified.

Although the quantities of early material are small they do alert us to the possibility that land in and around The Asps may have been in use for thousands of years. Perhaps the most striking aspect of the assemblage is the lack of Roman pottery with the possible exception of two sherds from (1102) which could be greyware, although the absence of any other positively identifiable Roman pottery may tell against this.

Evidence for The Asps pre-dating the Conquest was sparse and not conclusive. Two oolitic limestone-tempered sherds from (0851) and a glazed Stamford Ware sherd from a jar/pitcher from (0611) could equally be pre- or post-Conquest, and a well-modelled jar rim (0614) with a diameter of 16cm would not be out of place in a late Saxon assemblage. However, the absence of St Neot's ware and the near

absence of oolitic wares of the CotSWold Gravel Tempered ware type (WCTS code C002), both found at Warwick and other sites in Warwickshire in this period, tends to suggest that The Asps is more likely to be a secondary dispersal (see above).

The main body of the pottery could be directly paralleled by material found at Brook Street, Warwick (Rátkai 1992) and to a lesser extent, Bridge End (Rátkai 1990), an early suburban settlement across from Warwick Castle and adjacent to the Avon and the old Banbury Road. Both reports were written some 25 years ago and the material from Brook Street would benefit from some re-evaluation since it now seems likely that some of the sandy fabrics have been over-divided, although the grouping of fabrics in Table 2 (Rátkai 1992, p9) goes some way to remedy this. In essence the pottery from The Asps consists mainly of Fabrics 119/174 and variants thereof and Fabrics 123/173 and variants. Pottery from both of these groups was made in and around Warwick. It is likely that these pottery types were first produced in the later 11th century and were common throughout the 12th century and up to the middle of the 13th century. However, the earlier manifestations of these wares are made from clays that have been less well prepared, hence the number of variations in the basic fabric, but with time there was greater consistency in the preparation of the clay. The greater part of the Asps' assemblage would therefore seem to be predominantly 12th century in date and an earlier rather than later date is supported by the near absence of glazed wares. Large jugs or pitchers with bands of crude roller-stamping (see Rátkai 1992, Fig 5, 19) date typologically to the mid 12th to early 13th century; examples of these were found in (0705) and (0709/0710).

Shell and/or limestone-tempered wares were not as common as would be expected in a predominantly 12th century assemblage but this may be because The Asps was so close to Warwick and had ready access to the pottery produced there. These calcareous-tempered wares are likely to have been made in the east or southeast Midlands. A shelly ware wide-mouthed bowl, paralleled by (Rátkai 1990) Fig. 11, 5 was found in (0720). A locally made bowl copying this form was found in (0308).

Twenty-five cooking pot/jar sherds in a different fabric from Fabrics 119 and 123 were found in Trench 032, 3202. In the County Type Series these are WCTS Fabric Sq05.1. The fabric is very similar to Deritend ware cooking pot, as is the rim form; other Deritend wares were found in this context but a more local source cannot be ruled out. Other pottery in this group suggests a date of 1250+.

Non-local pottery, probably of 12th century date, came from Stamford, Lincolnshire (developed Stamford ware), ?Potters Marston, Leicestershire, Banbury, north Oxfordshire, and north Warwickshire (North Warwickshire granitic ware). Non-local pottery of early-mid 13th century to 14th century date came from Birmingham (Deritend and reduced Deritend wares) and Brill Boarstall, Buckinghamshire. Only three sherds of Chilvers Coton A ware (c 1250–1300), all from the same vessel, were identified. The absence of Chilvers Coton C ware may indicate that there was little activity at The Asps after c 1300.

No late-medieval (15th–16th century) pottery was identified and occasional sherds of post-medieval/modern pottery are of little significance.

The functional component of the assemblage consisted mainly of cooking pots/jars. Sooting on most sherds indicated that they had come from cooking pots. Two bowls were identified, one heavily sooted on the exterior. Jugs were poorly represented especially amongst the earlier material.

Lithics

The lithics comprised 29 pieces of chipped flint. One broken, edge-retouched piece was found but all others are small pieces of debitage. They were found within the following Trenches 006, 007, 010, 011, and 020 but none are chronologically diagnostic. They likely point towards areas of disturbed prehistoric activity, especially Trench 010 and 011 which also yielded a sherd of pottery of possible prehistoric date.

Other Finds

The other finds include, two metal objects and three sherds of glass. The copper alloy fitting, a small rectangular plate with five perforations, from (1105) Trench 011, may be medieval in date as it was accompanied by medieval pottery. The iron object is an unstratified find from Trench 011 topsoil and likely to be modern in date.

Discussion

Occupation at The Asps seems to have been focused on the 12th century with continuing, possibly reduced, occupation in the 13th century. There is no clear evidence for occupation in the 14th century and certainly none thereafter, apart from three sherds of 19th century pottery. The small settlement, such as it was, appears then to have been comparatively short-lived.

The pottery assemblage was extremely utilitarian in character, so the presence of the Stamford ware sherds is quite surprising. However Stamford ware is well represented in Warwick itself, which therefore possibly provided an easily attainable market for these wares for those outside the town.

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Appendix 2.1 Finds catalogue

Trench	Context	Sample	Qty	Weight (g)	Material	Object	Description	Fabric code	Spot date
010	Unstrat	0	1	0	Iron	Ring	Perforated circular disc, in two pieces	—	—
0011	Unstrat	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	NWGT?	13th C
0011	Unstrat	0	2	0	Pottery	—	—	Reduced Deritend?	13th—early 14th C
010	Unstrat	0	2	0	CBM	—	Med probably	—	medieval
0011	Unstrat	0	4	0	CBM	—	So abraded difficult to be absolutely certain re ID	—	medieval
0011	Unstrat	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Jug	Brill Boarstall	mid 13th—14th C
10008	Unstrat	0	2	0	Glass	—	—	—	Modern
010	Unstrat	0	1	0	Lithics	Debitage	Distal end of blade, trapezoidal section	—	PH
0011	Unstrat	0	2	0	Lithics	Debitage	Secondary hard hammer flakes	—	PH
0011	Unstrat	0	1	0	Pottery	—	19th C stoneware	Modern	Post—medieval
0011	Unstrat	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Coarseware — 19th C?	PM	Post—medieval
003	0304	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	139	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0304	0	33	0	Pottery	—	Two sherds with inc horiz lin	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0304	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Poss large jar, with app vert thumbled strip	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0304	0	2	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0304	0	7	0	Pottery	—	Sherds join = rim-neck-shoulder, rim thumbled	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0304	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0304	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	144	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0304	0	2	0	CBM	Daub	Poss daub poss hearth	—	medieval
003	0305	0	2	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0305	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0305	0	9	0	Pottery	—	Probably one vessel	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0305	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	PH	Bronze Age?
003	0305	0	1	0	CBM	Daub	Bagged with BA pot	—	medieval
003	0308	0	28	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0308	0	43	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0308	0	36	0	Pottery	—	Mainly abraded on ext -base sherds? One small rim frag	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
003	0308	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Possibly Coventry A ware	119/174	12th—13th C

003	0312	0	4	0	Pottery	—	All from one vessel	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
003	0312	0	2	0	Pottery	—	Rim sherds	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
004	0404	0	8	0	Pottery	—	Poss from one vessel	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
004	0404	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Poss 135?	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
004	0406	0	6	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
004	0406	0	3	0	Pottery	—	Possibly Coventry A ware	119/174	12th–13th C
004	0406	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Rare elongated voids, oxidised surfaces, grey core	shelly	12th–early 13th C
004	0411	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0609	0	2	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0609	0	2	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0609	0	2	0	CBM	Hearth Lining	Possible hearth lining	—	medieval
006	0611	4	4	0	Pottery	—	Small sherds and fragments from sample processing	—	—
006	0611	0	7	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0611	0	6	0	Pottery	—	—	123/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0611	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Jar/pitcher thin pale olive glaze	Stamford Ware	11th–12th C
006	0611	4	2	0	Lithics	Debitage	Small chips	—	PH
006	0614	5	21	0	Pottery	—	Small sherds and fragments from sample processing	—	—
006	0614	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Abraded	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0614	0	2	0	Pottery	—	Trace of ext glaze much abraded	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0614	0	17	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0614	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Rim, thumbbed	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0614	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Tiny rim 16cm dia, LS?	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0614	0	3	0	Pottery	—	Sherds join, rim, curved everted, slightly thickened at end	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0615	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Rim, plain angular, slightly thickened – should this be earlier version of 119?	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
006	0615	0	1	0	CBM	Hearth Lining	Possible hearth lining	—	medieval
007	0701	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	123/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C

007	0701	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Cu glaze, jug	Developed Stamford Ware	mid 12th—early 13th C
007	0701	0	1	0	Glass	—	—	—	Modern
007	0705	0	2	0	Pottery	—	Join, rim everted, thickened terminal	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0705	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Everted rim finger-impressed along inner face	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0705	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Burnt, abraded, pitcher, crude sq roller stamping	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0705	0	6	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0705	0	11	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0705	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0705	0	1	0	CBM	Daub	—	—	medieval
007	0706	6	10	0	Pottery	—	Small sherds and fragments from sample processing	—	—
007	0706	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Cpj rim	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0706	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Cpj rim, poss fingertip imps	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0706	0	31	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0706	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	144	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0706	6	1	0	Lithics	Debitage	Small flake	—	PH
007	0708	0	2	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0709	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Sherd with sq roller stamping	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0709	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0709	0	3	0	Pottery	—	One sherd with sq roller stamping	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0709	0	4	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0711	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0711	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0713	0	3	0	Pottery	—	One vessel, cpj rim, black throughout	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0715	0	3	0	Pottery	—	Sherd join	119/129	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0718	0	3	0	Pottery	—	One vessel cooking pot rim	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th—13th C
007	0720	0	2	0	Pottery	—	Mod fine shell, type found at Bridge End, prob part of same pot.	123/173/135	12th—early 13th C

008	0813	0	13	0	Pottery	—	One rim cpj	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
008	0847	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Rim sherd fabric has flint and may have igneous incls, poss Potters Marston? But looks similar to sherd from 853 so prehistoric?	—	Prehistoric?(late 11th–13th C)
008	0851	0	2	0	Pottery	—	V leached	Oolitic	11th–13th C
008	0851	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	IA/EMS	Iron Age/Anglo– Saxon
008	0853	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Granitic inclusions? Flint	—	prehistoric?
008	0860	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174/	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
008	0866	0	18	0	Pottery	—	All one vessel, upright rim with groove on upper face	119/174/	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
010	1004	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	—	—
010	1004	0	2	0	Lithics	Tool and debitage	Broken edge retouched	—	PH
010	1004	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Minute worn frag, sand + flint	—	prehistoric?
010	1076	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	—	—
010	1076	0	1	0	Lithics	Debitage	Secondary hard hammer flake	—	PH
010	1082	0	13	0	Pottery	—	—	—	—
0011	1102	0	3	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
011	1102	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Jug v small sherd small speck of ext yellowish olive glaze	123/173/135?	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
011	1102	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Shallow bowl, plain slightly expanded, rounded rim	Limestone/shell	12th C
011	1102	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Cpj rim poss same vessel as other rim sherd	Limestone	12th–13th C
011	1102	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Jug handle deep central groove	Limestone	12th–13th C
011	1102	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Cpj rim	Limestone	12th–13th C
011	1102	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Very small sherd, could be IA/AS but quite hard 174?	—	Iron Age/Anglo– Saxon
011	1102	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Very small sherd, could be preh but poss variant of 144 or 125/6	—	prehistoric?
011	1102	0	2	0	Pottery	—	Rim and body sherd – could be reduced Deritend but rim sherd a bit too rounded?	Reduced Deritend?/ Roman	Roman?/13th–early 14th C
011	1105	0	1	0	Copper Alloy	Fitting	Thin, gently curving rectangular strip with five perforations, one in the centre and one at each corner	—	—
011	1105	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
011	1105	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
011	1105	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	Banbury?	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
011	1105	0	4	0	Pottery	—	—	Reduced Deritend	13th–early 14th C
011	1105	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Jug roller-stamped red slip	Brill-Boarstall	mid 13th–14th C
011	1105	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Banbury ware or WCTS RS10?	Reduced	mid/late 11th C – 12th C
011	1108	11	2	0	Pottery	—	Small sherds and fragments from sample processing	—	—

011	1110	0	9	0	Pottery	—	—	123/173/135	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
011	1110	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	119/174	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
011	1110	0	5	0	Pottery	—	—	144	(later 11th?) 12th–13th C
011	1110	0	3	0	Pottery	—	Cpj, reduced throughout pale grey	NWGT?	13th C
011	1110	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Jug	Brill-Boarstall	mid 13th–14th C
011	1110	0	1	0	Glass	—	—	—	Modern
011	1171	0	10	0	Pottery	—	—	—	—
1008	1802	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Very small sherd	EMS?	Early–middle Saxon ?
020	2004	8	20	0	Lithics	Debitage	Small flakes and chips	—	PH
032	3202	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Fine abundant quartz, v clean looking fabric, pinkish in parts, rare fe	CCA	1250–1300
032	3202	0	19	0	Pottery	—	—	Limestone	12th–13th C
032	3202	0	5	0	Pottery	—	Slightly odd but balance of probs suggest these are not Roman GW	Reduced Deritend?	13th–early 14th C
032	3202	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Slightly odd	Reduced Deritend	13th–early 14th C
032	3202	0	23	0	Pottery	—	Sq05.1	Deritend cpj	13th–early 14th C
032	3202	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Jug, yellowish-olive glaze	Deritend	13th–early 14th C
032	3202	0	2	0	Pottery	—	Rim sherds from same vessel, 'double-dished rim' WCTS Sq05.1	Deritend cpj	13th–early 14th C
032	3202	0	1	0	Pottery	—	—	Brill-Boarstall	mid 13th–14th C
032	3207	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Blue transf	Modern	19th C
032	3210	0	6	0	Pottery	—	—	Limestone/shell	12th C
032	3210	0	1	0	Pottery	—	Very abraded	Reduced Deritend?	13th–early 14th C
033	3304	0	4	0	Pottery	—	—	—	—
109	10902	0	37	0	Pottery	—	—	—	—
109	10903	0	2	0	Pottery	—	—	—	—

Appendix 3 Environmental Assessment

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Introduction

Twelve samples and hand collected animal bone fragments recovered during archaeological works at The Asps, Warwickshire, were received for palaeoenvironmental assessment. The samples ranged in volume from 6 to 20 litres. The samples were taken from various contexts including the fills of pits and ditches. The aim of the environmental work was to assess the presence, preservation and abundance of any environmental remains in the samples, and to establish the palaeoenvironmental potential of the site.

Methodology

The samples were subjected to flotation and wet sieving in a Siraf-style flotation machine. The floating debris (the flot) was collected in a 250µm sieve and, once dry, scanned using a binocular microscope. Any material remaining in the flotation tank (retent) was wet-sieved through a 1mm mesh and air-dried. This was then sorted and any material of archaeological significance removed. All plant macrofossil samples were analysed using a stereomicroscope at magnifications of x10 and up to x100 where necessary to aid identification. Identifications, where provided, were confirmed using modern reference material and seed atlases including Cappers et al. (2006).

The fragments of hand-collected bone were assessed to provide a basic quantification of the available data.

Results

The results of the assessment are presented in **Table 1** (Animal bone) **Table 2** (Retent samples) and **Table 3** (Flotation samples). Suitable material for AMS dating is identified in each table.

Cereal grain

Seven of the samples contained low concentrations of cereal grains. Cereal grain preservation was generally poor, with many grains distorted and abraded. Barley (*Hordeum* sp.) was the most common grain, present in four samples, from the fills (0611, 0706, 1004 and 1108) of ditches [0610, 704, 1005 and 1109] respectively. Oat (*Avena* sp.) was the second most common grain, present, in small numbers, in contexts [0305, 0706 and 1004], taken from the fills of feature [0306], ditch [0704] and ditch [1005] respectively. Two wheat (*Triticum* sp.) grains were recovered from a sample taken from the upper fill (0706) of ditch [0704]. A fragment of heavily abraded cereal grain was recovered from ditch fill (0614).

No waste products from cereal processing e.g. chaff or rachis fragments were recovered in any of the samples, suggesting either that this material has not survived or, more likely that these were primarily small-scale losses from a domestic (consumer) context.

Wood charcoal

Wood charcoal fragments were present in varying quantities in the majority of samples, with the exception of context [10902]. The charcoal fragments ranged in size from <0.1cm to 1.4cm but the majority were too small to identify. Both oak and non-oak charcoal was identified in the samples.

Non-cereal

Relatively few charred wild seeds were recovered in the assemblage. Cleavers (*Galium* sp.), dock (*Rumex* sp.) and fat hen (*Chenopodium album*) were present in small quantities. Generally, these would be consistent with weeds of cereal fields or waste ground. A possible pea (*Pisium sativum*) was recovered from pit fill (2004).

Snail shell

A small fragment of terrestrial snail shell was recovered from the fill (10902) of feature 10904. Given the amount of modern vegetable matter within the flot, it is likely that the shell is of recent rather than archaeological origin.

Animal bone

Tooth fragments were hand collected from context (1102) from the fill of ditch [1104]. The teeth comprised an extremely degraded and fragmented horse molar and broken and degraded sheep molar (**Table 1**).

Table 1

Animal bone

Context	Feature	Condition	Weight	No. of fragments	Large animal (e.g. cow/horse)	Medium sized animal (e.g. pig/sheep/goat)
1102	Fill of ditch [1104]	Poor	35	9	8	1

Other finds

Very small fragments of burnt and unburnt bone, generally measuring 2mm or less, were recovered from the retents from the basal fill (0611) of ditch [0610] and the upper fill (0706) of ditch [0706]. A single fragment of burnt bone was recovered from deposit [1108].

Discussion

Although a relatively small quantity of plant macrofossils were recovered, the assemblage gives an insight into the foodstuffs consumed in the area. Barley, a common cultivar in the medieval period, was the most common grain although oats and a small amount of bread wheat were also present.

There is no evidence to suggest that the cereal grains were anything other than a cleaned grain. All the plant macrofossils within the assemblage appear to be the result of secondary deposition. The majority of seeds are charred which shows their association with fire. It is possible that they may have been incorporated into the assemblage through food processing, preparation, fuel and perhaps even building materials.

The cereal grain has been counted and quantified during this stage of work; therefore it is unlikely that any further examination or statistical analysis would provide any additional information. However, many of the samples contain sufficient material for AMS dating if required.

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Table 2*Retent sample results*

Context	Sample	Burnt bone		Shell	Charcoal		Material available for AMS Dating	Cinders	Coal	Comments
		Mammal	Mammal		Terrestrial	Qty				
0305	2	-	-	-	+	<0.5	-	-	-	Charcoal not retained
0609	3	-	-	-	+	<0.5	-	-	-	Charcoal not retained
0611	4	+	+	-	+	<0.5	Unburnt bone +	-	-	Burnt bone and charcoal not retained
0614	5	-	-	-	+	<0.5	-	-	-	Charcoal not retained
0706	6	+	+	-	+++	1.4	Charcoal +	-	-	-
0708	7	-	-	-	+	1.2	Charcoal +	-	-	-
1004	9	-	-	-	+	0.8	Charcoal +	-	-	-
1082	12	+	-	-	+	1.0	-	-	-	Burnt bone not retained
1102	10	-	-	-	+	1.0	Charcoal +	-	-	-
1108	11	-	-	-	++	1.0	Charcoal +	-	+	-
2004	8	-	-	-	+++	1.2	Charcoal ++	-	-	-
10902	13	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-

Key: + = rare (0–5), ++ = occasional (6–15), +++ = common (15–50) and ++++ = abundant (>50)
 NB charcoal over 1cm is suitable for identification and AMS dating

Table 3

Flotation sample results

Context	Sample	Total flot vol (ml)	Cereal grain				Other plant remains	Charcoal		Material available for AMS	Comments
			Oat (Avena sp.)	Barley (Hordeum sp.)	Wheat (Triticum sp.)	Indeterminate cereal Cerealia indet.		Qty	Max size (cm)		
0305	2	10	+	-	-	-	Galium aparine +, Chenopodium album +	+	0.05	-	-
0609	3	200	-	-	-	-	-	+	<0.01	-	Contains terrestrial snail shell +
0611	4	40	-	+	-	-	-	+	0.5	-	-
0614	5	50	-	-	-	+	Contains modern roots+	+	<0.01	-	Contains cereal grain fragment
0706	6	25	+	++	+	-	Rumex sp. +, also contains modern roots, Galium aparine +	-	-	-	Contains 2 bread wheat, 4 oats and 7 barley grains
0708	7	10	-	-	-	-	Galium aparine +	-	-	-	Contains modern roots +
1004	9	10	+	+	-	-	Contains modern roots +	+	<0.01	No	Contains modern roots +, 4 oat grains and a heavily degraded barley grain
10802	12	10	-	-	-	+	Rumex sp. +, also contains modern roots.	+	<0.01	No	-
10902	13	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Sterile
1102	10	5	-	-	-	-	Contains modern roots +	-	-	-	Contains modern roots
1108	11	10	-	+	-	-	legume + (Pisium sativum)	+	<0.01	-	Also contains cinders+, modern roots and 2 degraded barley grains
2004	8	40	-	-	-	-	Contains modern roots +	+	1	Charcoal +	Charcoal non-oak +

Key: + = rare (1-5), ++ = occasional (6-15), +++ = common (16-50) and ++++ = abundant (>50)

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