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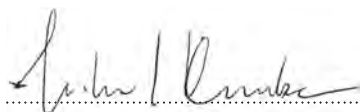
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PROJECT SUMMARY

Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd undertook an open area excavation on a site close to the junction of the M4 and A419 motorways to the south-east of Swindon between February and May 2014. Significant pre-historic settlement remains were uncovered including a large circular ring-ditch, dating to the early Bronze Age, a post-built roundhouse, a small group of pits and a small later ring-ditch which had been used as a depository for a later Iron Age currency bar. Evidence was also uncovered for extensive stock control in the form of complex ditch arrangements, and evidence of a Bronze Age farmstead. Two ring-ditches dating to the Roman-British period were found in the west of the site, along with a range of associated linear features.

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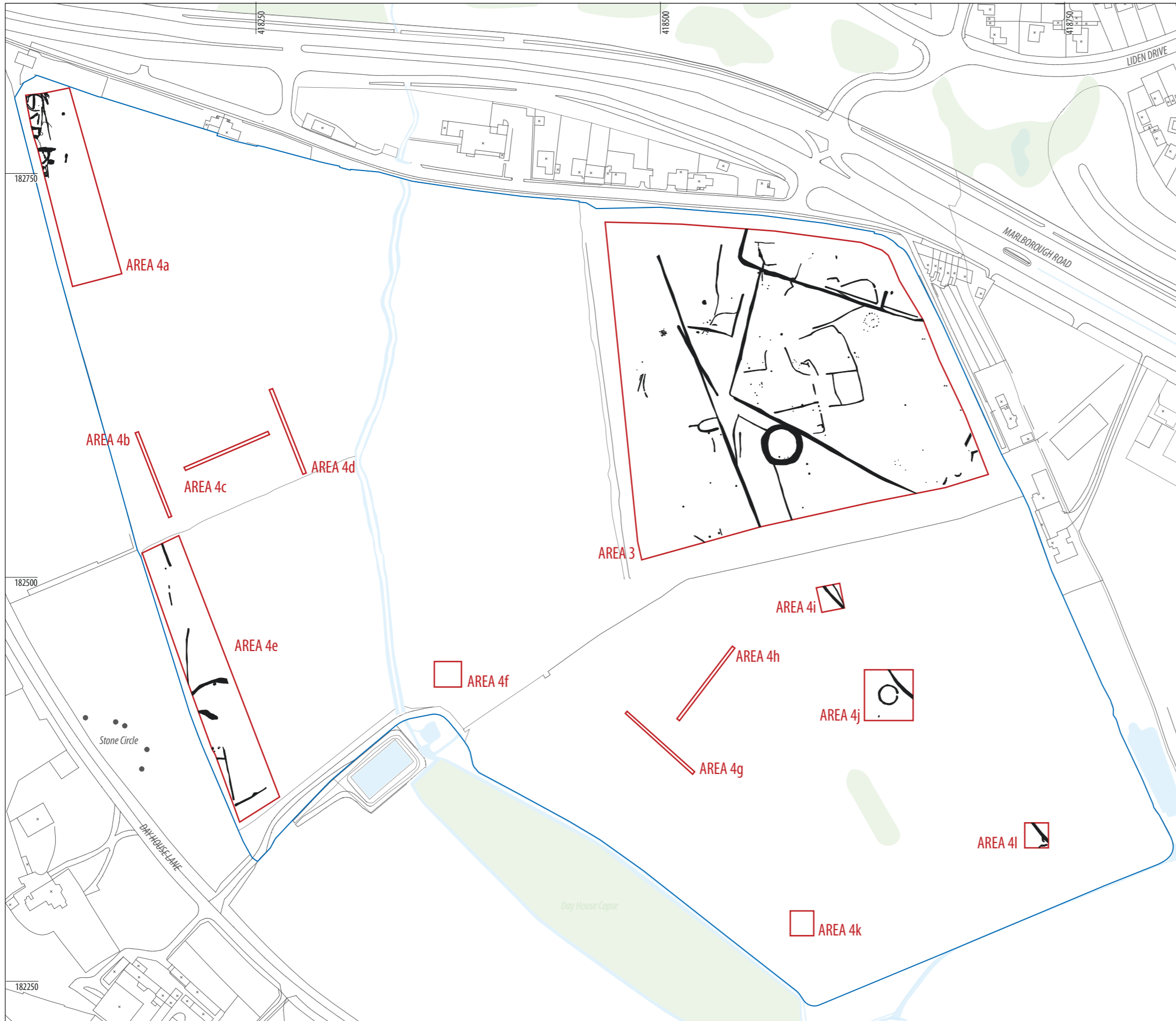
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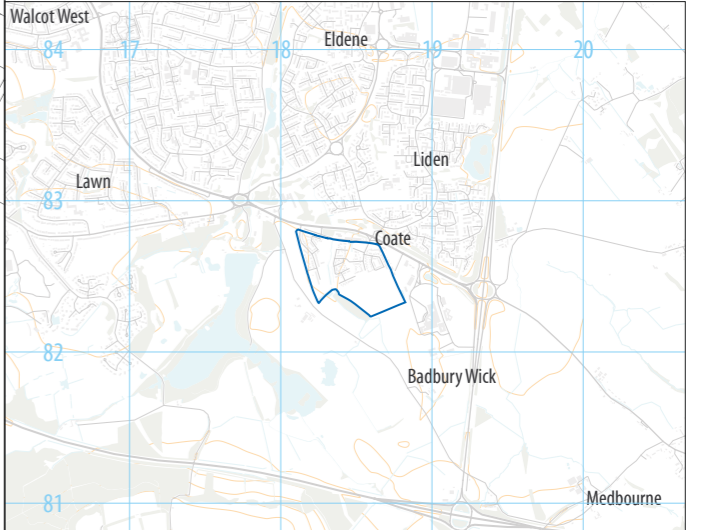
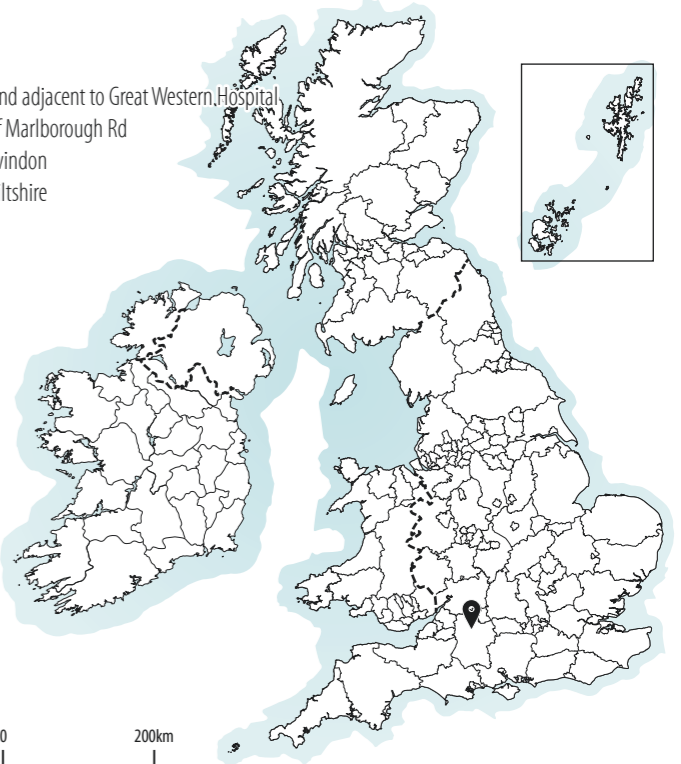
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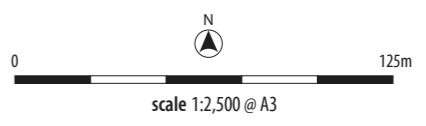
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 - archaeological features



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

1 INTRODUCTION

Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd was commissioned by Redrow Homes and Persimmon Homes (the client) to undertake a programme of archaeological investigation, recording, analysis and publication on an area of land approximately 5.8km south-east of Swindon town centre, comprising 78 hectares, south of the A4259, west of the A419 and north of the M4 (Illus 1). The excavation was undertaken as the first phase of a four-phase mitigation plan involving the development of the site for mixed use. This first phase of excavation (comprising Areas 3 and 4), covered the northern part of the development area, bordering the A4259, and was undertaken during the period February to May 2014. It is anticipated that excavation of Areas 1 and 2, to the south, will be undertaken at some time in the future.

Assessment reports of the archaeological excavations have been produced, and the following report presents the results of this assessment and proposals for final analysis and publication.

1.1 PLANNING BACKGROUND

The archaeological works at Commonhead, Swindon was conducted in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation, required to comply with a condition (No 18) attached to planning permission for the mixed-use development of the site (Planning application ref S/10/0842/IH);

‘No development shall take place within each of the archaeological areas shown on the plan, until there has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local Planning Authority, a programme of archaeological work for each of the sites providing a written scheme of investigation. The development of the site shall be carried out in accordance with the approved programme.’

Subsequently, a Written Scheme of Investigation was prepared on behalf of Redrow Homes and Persimmon Homes by Paul Gajos of CgMs Consulting and was approved by the Archaeological Advisor to Swindon Borough Council.

The WSI detailed a programme of archaeological excavation and reporting and dissemination of fieldwork results specifically with regard to the area covered by sites defined by the environmental statement.

Other areas of archaeological remains within the site were mitigated by preservation in situ and were subject to separate planning conditions.

1.2 SITE DESCRIPTION

Area 3 lies on high ground at approximately 115m above Ordnance Datum (AOD) which drops to the west and south. The geology of this part of the site consists of sandy soils and clays derived from the sands within the Kimmeridge Clay deposits prevalent in this area (NERC 2014). Trial trenching confirmed that the excavation area is underlain by sandy clays and also contains the natural sandy clay with a distinctive mid-dark reddish-brown colouring.

Area 4 straddles a shallow, north-south orientated valley. Its highest point is approximately 115m AOD in the south-east. The geology of this part of the site consists of sandy soils and clays derived from the sands with the Kimmeridge clay deposits prevalent in this zone (NERC 2014). Clay deposits prevail in the low-lying ground in the middle of the zone towards the south-western part.

1.3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

A total fifteen archaeological sites of varying density were identified through previous excavation and survey work, as being present

within the site, (Air Photo Services 2004; Pre-Construct Geophysics 2005; Corney 2004, 2005, 2008; Oxford Archaeology 2006; Wessex Archaeology 2007; GSB 2013).

The Oxford and Wessex evaluations comprised two phases (Phase 1 and Phase 2) of the same investigation, as part of the Swindon Gateway Partnership, for development of the site for mixed-use purposes.

The phase 1 evaluation was carried out in 2006 by Oxford Archaeology and comprised 84 trenches, in which 315 features were identified. This evaluation demonstrated the survival of a range of features and settlement areas distributed across the landscape dating from the Mesolithic, early Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman and medieval periods.

The phase 2 evaluation was carried out by Wessex Archaeology in 2007 and was conducted over five separate zones, comprising 125 trenches and 90 test pits. This phase confirmed the presence of significant features and finds, dating from the Prehistoric, Iron Age/Romano-British and later medieval periods. As a result of these combined phases of work, the significant areas of archaeological remains were preserved in situ as part of the subsequent development.

The combined results of all the collated data from these projects indicated remains dating to the early and late prehistoric, Roman, medieval and post-medieval periods.

The earliest recorded activity on site dated to the later Mesolithic period and was represented by only a handful of flint fragments. These form part of the flint assemblage recovered from Trenches 17 and 19, excavated by Oxford Archaeology (Pomeroy-Kellinger & Tannerhill, 2006) during the phase one evaluation works. These trenches lay in the area designated Area 3 in this current phase of works. It was noted that the stratigraphic location within the subsoil, and mixed nature of the assemblage, suggested that they had migrated both horizontally and vertically through the soil profile, and were strictly *ex situ* (ibid: 29). Of the 66 flint fragments recovered during the phase one evaluation, the vast majority dated to the Neolithic and Bronze Age periods. A small number, which exhibited thin and narrow proportions, was tentatively dated to the later Mesolithic period.

During the second phase of evaluation, densities of flint recovered from site were noted as being very low (Wessex Archaeology, 2007: 80) however, a further 230 fragments of flint were recovered from Area 3. This assemblage was found to be ‘...an unremarkable assemblage of undiagnostic, prehistoric worked flint comprising mostly rolled flakes, with no indications of any significant concentrations or activity (ibid: 80).’

Whilst there is known Mesolithic activity in the locality (most notably in the area of Coate Water c 0.8km to the west), neither phase of evaluation located any contemporary features that may suggest anything but transitory activity (ibid: 83).

In terms of above ground archaeology, the two most significant archaeological sites in the vicinity are the stone circle (SAM 28956)

on the western edge of the development area, and a potential bowl barrow (SAM 28971). This was an area of the site known to contain prehistoric and Roman settlement and land divisions, partly surviving as earthworks.

There was evidence of three separate areas of late Iron Age settlement in the north-east of the site and more peripheral occupation in the south-east.

The best preserved and most extensive period evidence within the site is the shrunken medieval village of Badbury Wick, first recorded in 1425. Artefactual evidence allowed for the village to be dated to at least the 11th–13th century. Earthworks and house platforms survive in the north of the site, but remain unexcavated, and are of unknown date.

A c.25m diameter ring-ditch, which was highlighted in the in the geophysical survey demonstrated equivocal results during trial trenching and could not be securely dated. Small mid-late Bronze Age and late Iron Age/Roman assemblages were recovered from other ditches, pits and post-holes.

A summary of the various stages of evaluation and survey identified a concentration of features in the north-west of the development area of late Iron Age to Early Roman origins. This was characterised as dispersed activity, most likely comprising field systems peripheral to settlement.

2 OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

In general, the purpose of the investigation was to record and advance understanding of the significance of the heritage assets before they were lost.

This was achieved by determining and understanding:

- › the nature, function, date and character of any remains on the site,
- › Assessing the site formation processes, and the effects that these may have had on the survival and integrity of the archaeological features and deposits
- › Producing a site archive for deposition with an appropriate museum and to provide information for the local HER to ensure the long-term survival of the excavated area

The regional research context is provided by the South West Archaeological Research Framework (Webster 2008). The evidence retrieved during the works has been analysed in light of the objectives contained in this framework (Grove and Croft 2012).

The purpose of the archaeological works was:

- › to assess the extent, layout, structure and date of features and deposits of archaeological interest;
- › to assess the site formation processes, and the effects that these may have had on the survival and integrity of the archaeological features and deposits;

- › to produce a site archive for deposition with an appropriate repository.

In addition to these general aims, the following specific research objectives were identified in light of the findings of the excavation:

Research Aim 3: Address apparent 'gaps' in our knowledge and assess whether they are meaningful or simply biases in current knowledge.

Research Aim 10: Address our lack of understanding of key transitional periods.

Research Aim 14: Widen our understanding of later Bronze Age and Iron Age material culture.

Research Aim 17: Improve the quality and quantity of environmental data and our understanding of what it represents.

Research 21a: Develop our understanding of the intensification and development of agriculture in the Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Research Aim 28: Improve understanding of Neolithic and Bronze Age settlement and Landscape

Research Aim 29: Improve understanding of Non Villa Roman rural settlement

Research Aim 54: Widen the understanding of Monumentality in the Neolithic and early Bronze Age

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

3 METHOD

3.1 MECHANICAL REMOVAL OF OVERBURDEN AND TOPSOIL

Overburden and subsoil were removed by two mechanical excavators, fitted with toothless grading buckets. All machine excavation was carried out under close archaeological supervision and ceased when the upper surfaces of archaeological features or deposits were uncovered. Overburden and subsoil were separated and stockpiled in agreed areas within the development site and scanned periodically using a metal detector.

All machinery was kept off the stripped areas. Once stripping was completed an egress corridor, devoid of archaeological deposits or features, was identified for the removal of machinery from the site. The corridor was agreed with the archaeological advisor prior to the removal of machinery.

Archaeological features identified during machine excavation were marked on the ground using spray paint. Features were subsequently

surveyed using a Trimble GPS system to produce a pre-excavation plan of the site.

3.2 EXCAVATION

The agreement of the archaeological advisor was sought prior to the commencement of the excavation of archaeological features.

- › Features and deposits were excavated in accordance with the following sampling levels;
- › 10% of pre-modern linear features not associated with structural remains
- › 50% of pits associated with agriculture and other activities
- › 100% of deposits relating to funerary/ritual activity and domestic/industrial
- › 50% of ring-ditches or roundhouse gullies
- › 20% of linear features associated with structural remains
- › 100% of discreet prehistoric pits

3.3 FINDS

All artefacts and other finds from significant archaeological deposits were collected, identified by stratigraphic unit, catalogued and retained. Stripped areas were scanned with a metal detector to aid the recovery of metalwork finds. Any finds considered to be typologically distinct or significant were assigned a small find (SF) number and the location of the find was recorded three-dimensionally.

3.4 PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING

Bulk samples were collected from all archaeologically significant deposits to recover environmental material and finds. Where possible, a bulk sample measured 40 litres, however, sample size varied depending on the amount of material available for sampling. In the case of small features, eg post-holes, less than 40 litres were available for sampling, and in deposits with a high density of finds, eg sunken-floored building deposits it was considered prudent to take samples larger than 40 litres.

In the case of linear features, where the same ditch fill could be identified in a number of ditch slots, the deposit was not sampled in every slot unless specific depositional events of potential palaeoenvironmental interest were present.

3.5 RECORDING

All recording followed ClfA Standards and Guidance for conducting archaeological excavations. Recording was undertaken using the following methodology:

- › Context numbers were assigned in blocks to discrete excavation areas. Those from Area 4 started at 1000; those from Area 3 started at 5000;
- › A pro forma context record was completed for each stratigraphic unit;
- › A digital plan of the excavated area was produced using a Trimble dGPS unit;
- › Plans of individual stratigraphic units were hand-drawn at a scale of 1:20;
- › Sections through stratigraphic units were hand-drawn at a scale of 1:10;
- › A photographic record of all stratigraphic units comprised black-and-white prints and colour slide. The record was supplemented by digital photographs;
- › A diary record of the progress of the archaeological work was maintained, including details of liaison and monitoring meetings, visits, and a record of the staff on site.

3.6 POST-EXCAVATION

To date the following post-excavation tasks have been completed;

- › all records have been checked and cross-referenced;
- › skeletal material has been cleaned and quantified;
- › artefacts have been processed and stabilised as appropriate, classified by type and period, quantified and marked;
- › environmental samples have been processed and assessed.
- › metal artefacts have been stabilised by a conservator;
- › contextual, finds and environmental data has been entered into a database;
- › photographic record has been developed and catalogued;
- › a digitised site plan has been produced;
- › the iron currency bar has been conserved by Wiltshire Conservation Service.

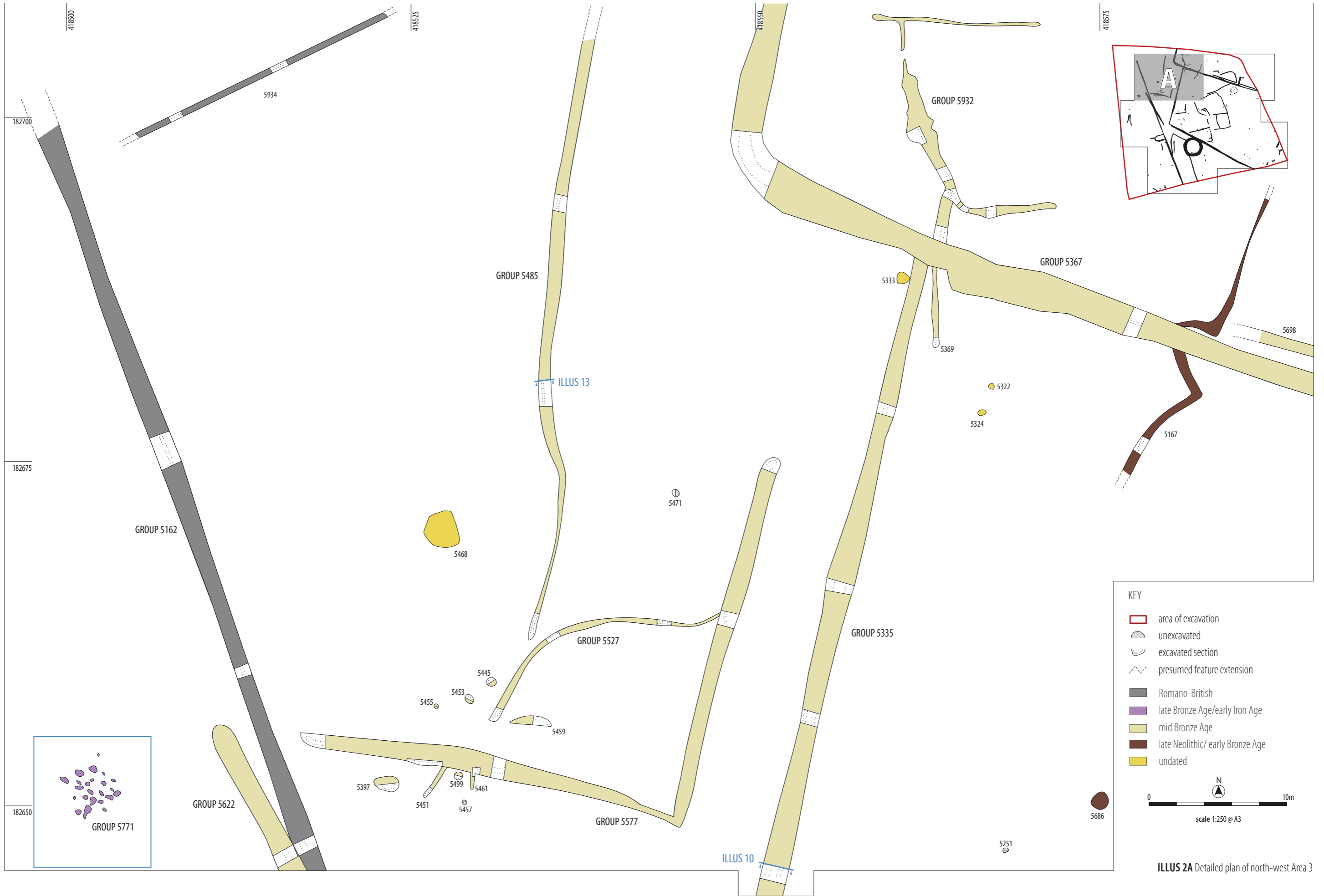
4 RESULTS – AREA 3

A full description of individual contexts is included in Appendix 1. The location of key context groupings and features is indicated on illustrations 2a–g.

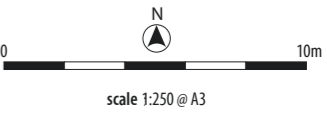
A total of 916 stratigraphic units were recorded during the excavation. An assessment of the contextual information led to the division of many of these contexts into 38 context groupings:

TABLE 1 Area 3 context Groupings

GR	Description	No. of contexts	Period
5250	Ring-ditch, south centre of area 3	108	Late Neolithic/ early Bronze Age
5155	Curvilinear enclosure related to [5162]	17	Mid Bronze Age
5184	Partially truncated gully running approx. N-S	4	Mid Bronze Age
5249	NW-SE land division cutting [5250]	39	Mid Bronze Age
5286	L-shaped linear feature	9	Mid Bronze Age
5335	N-S orientated land division	41	Mid Bronze Age
5367	large L-shaped land division	37	Mid Bronze Age
5369	Small gully possibly related to [5932]		
5485	N-S gully related to [5577]	7	Mid Bronze Age
5527	Narrow curving ditch related to [5577]	7	Mid Bronze Age
5570	Rectilinear enclosure to N of [5249]	27	Mid Bronze Age
5577	L-shaped stock control feature	12	Mid Bronze Age
5622	Stock control feature related to [5355]	8	Mid Bronze Age
5625	Linear feature cut by [5733]	3	Mid Bronze Age
5650	Group of post-holes inside [5706]	11	Mid Bronze Age
5655	L-Shaped ditch segment inside enclosure 5706	7	Mid Bronze Age
5706	Rectilinear stock enclosure complex	28	Mid Bronze Age
5707	Linear feature associated with [5706]	5	Mid Bronze Age
5733	D-shaped enclosure N of [5367]	15	Mid Bronze Age
5734	Linear feature subdividing [5706]	5	Mid Bronze Age
5735	Linear feature subdividing [5706]	5	Mid Bronze Age
5750	Post-built roundhouse	59	Mid Bronze Age
5924	Stock enclosure ditch related to [5733]	12	Mid Bronze Age
5925	Stock enclosure ditch related to [5733]	7	Mid Bronze Age
5929	L-shaped ditch related to [5733]	7	Mid Bronze Age
5932	Ditch system related to [5367]	5	Mid Bronze Age
5933	small ditch inside enclosure [5706]	7	Mid Bronze Age
5211	Linear feature	5	Late Bronze Age /early Iron Age
5212	Linear feature	4	Late Bronze Age /early Iron Age
5217	Cut of linear	4	Late Bronze Age /early Iron Age
5233	Linear feature	7	Late Bronze Age/early Iron Age



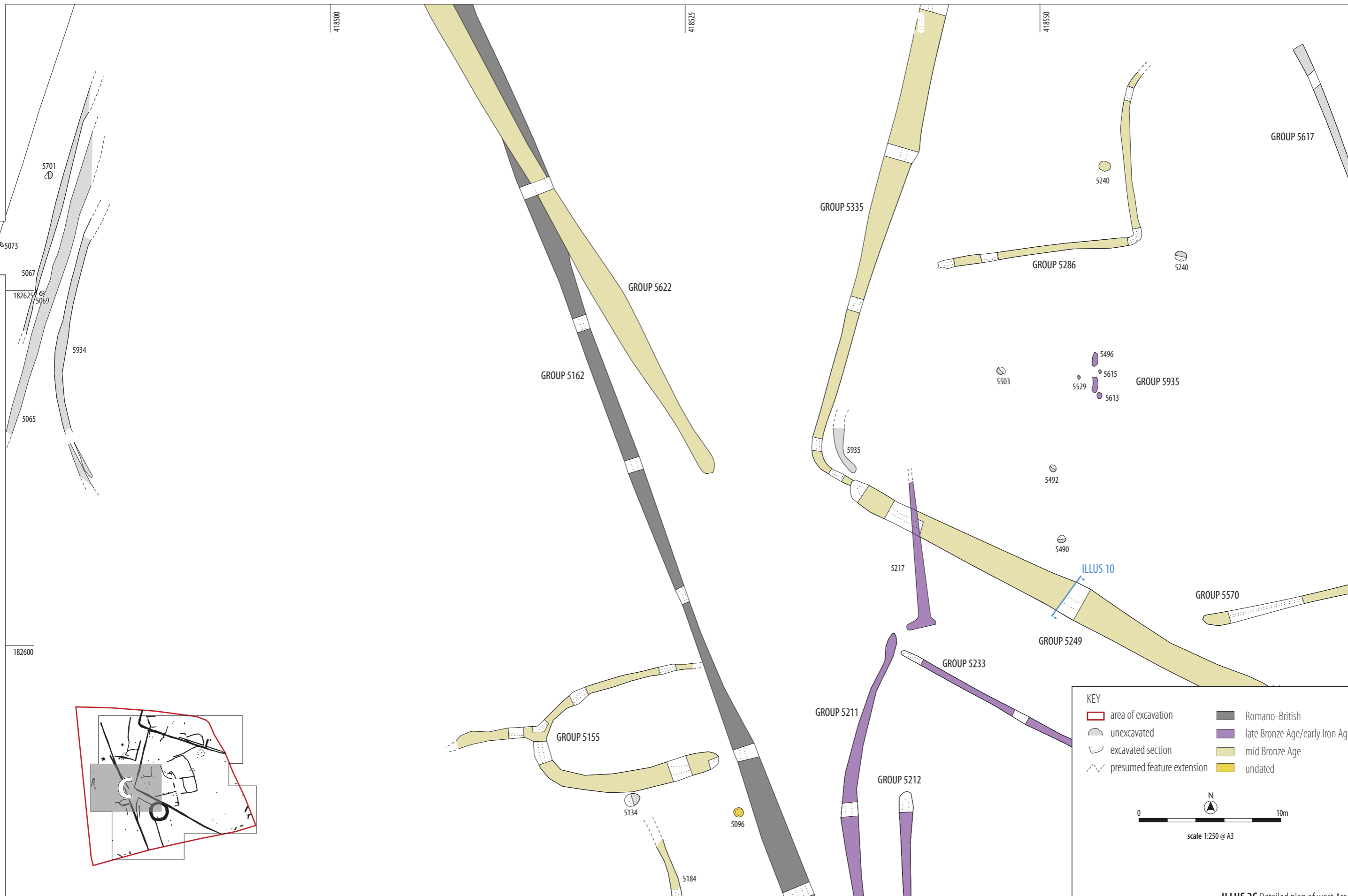
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 - excavated section
 - presumed feature extension
 - Romano-British
 - late Bronze Age/early Iron Age
 - mid Bronze Age
 - late Neolithic/ early Bronze Age
 - undated



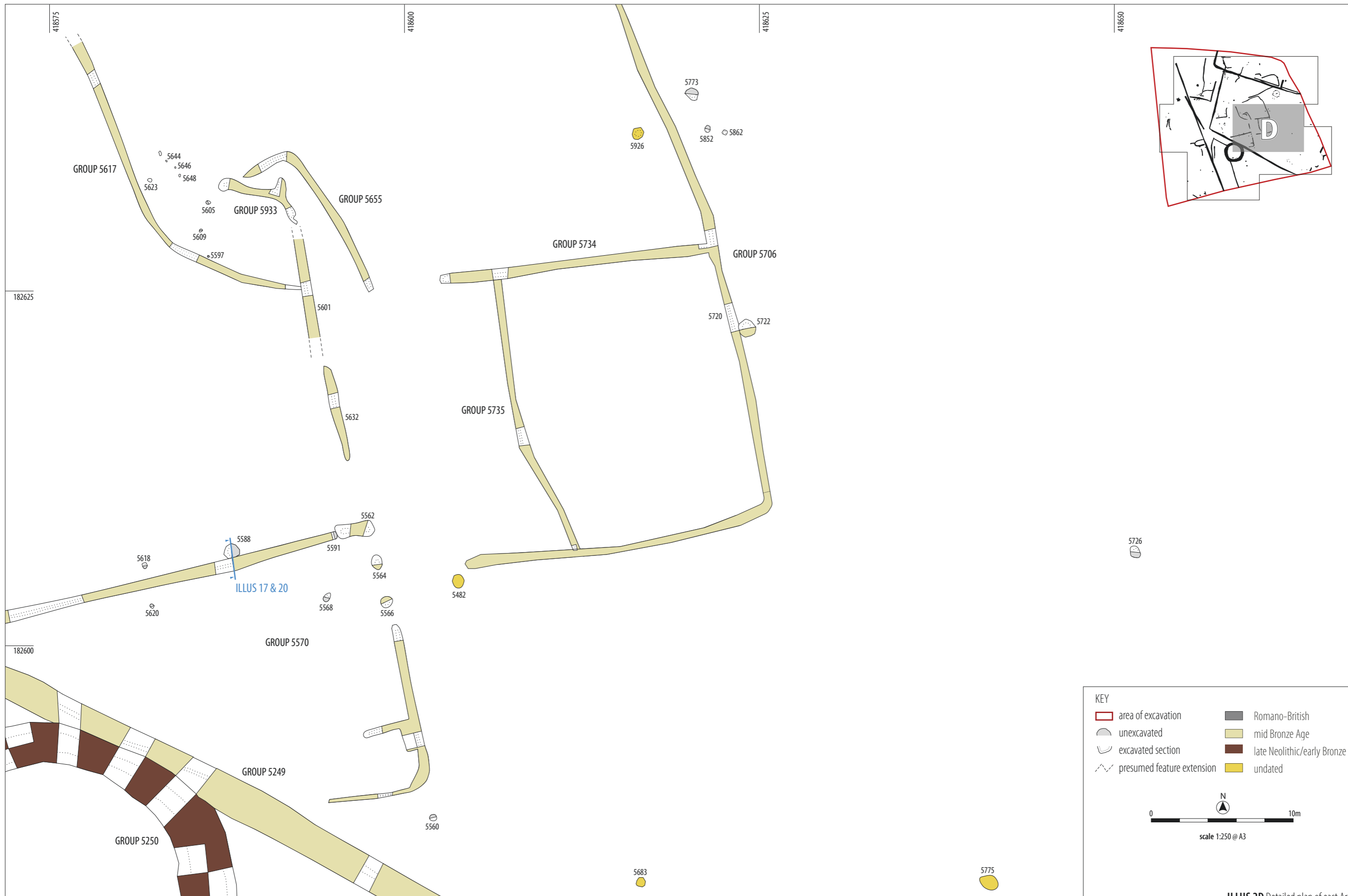
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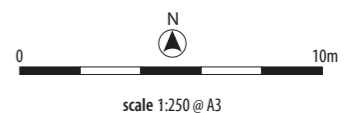
ILLUS 2B Detailed plan of north-east Area 3



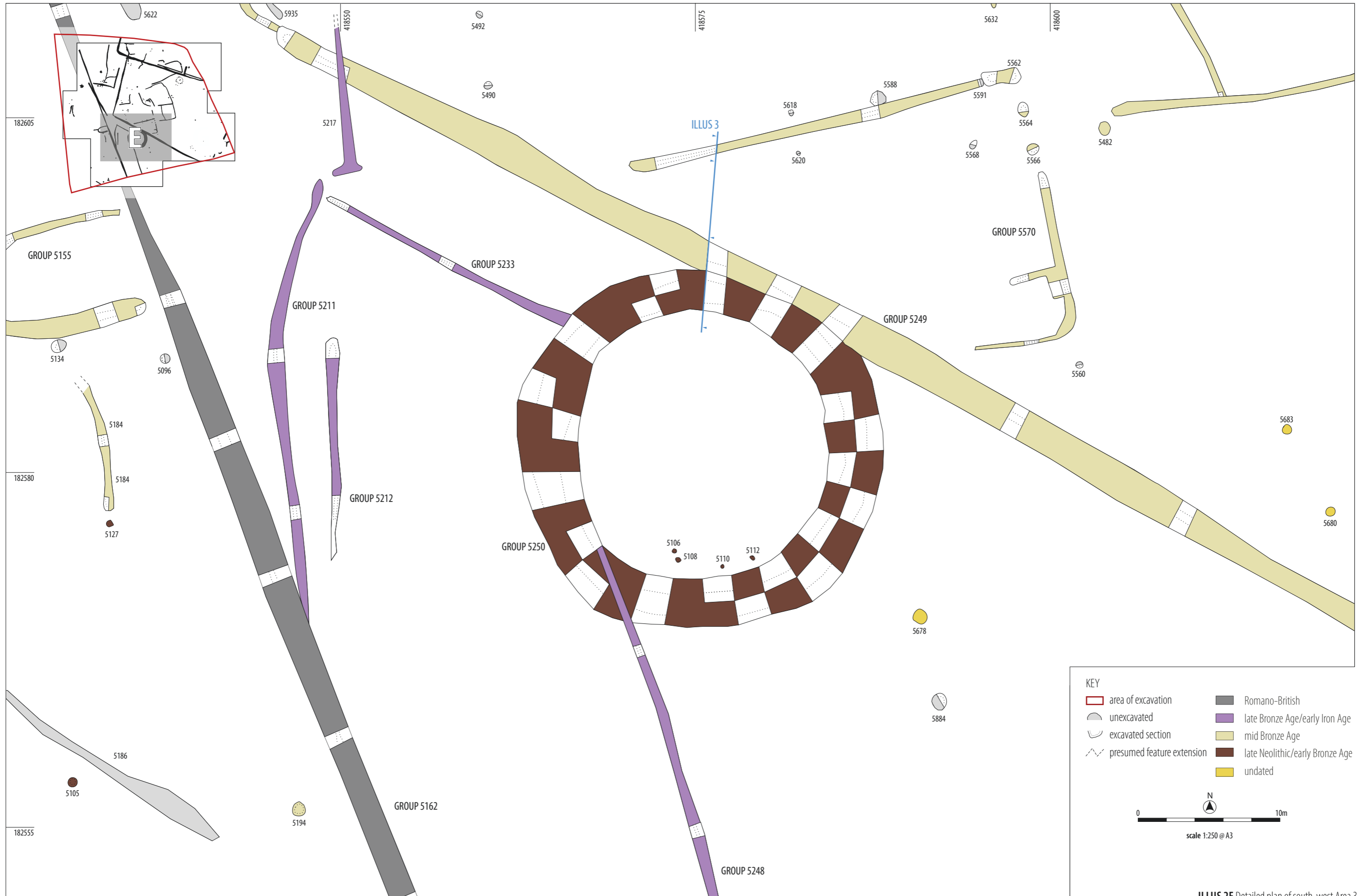
ILLUS 2C Detailed plan of west Area 3



KEY	
area of excavation	Romano-British
unexcavated	mid Bronze Age
excavated section	late Neolithic/early Bronze Age
presumed feature extension	undated



ILLUS 2D Detailed plan of east Area 3

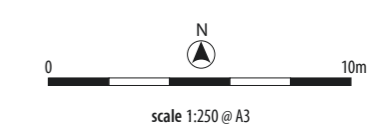


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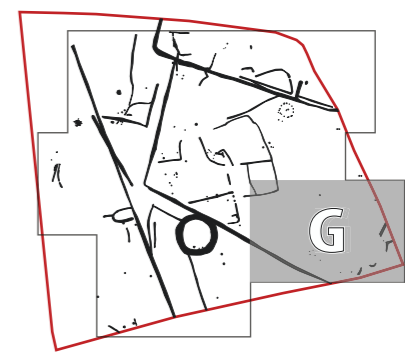
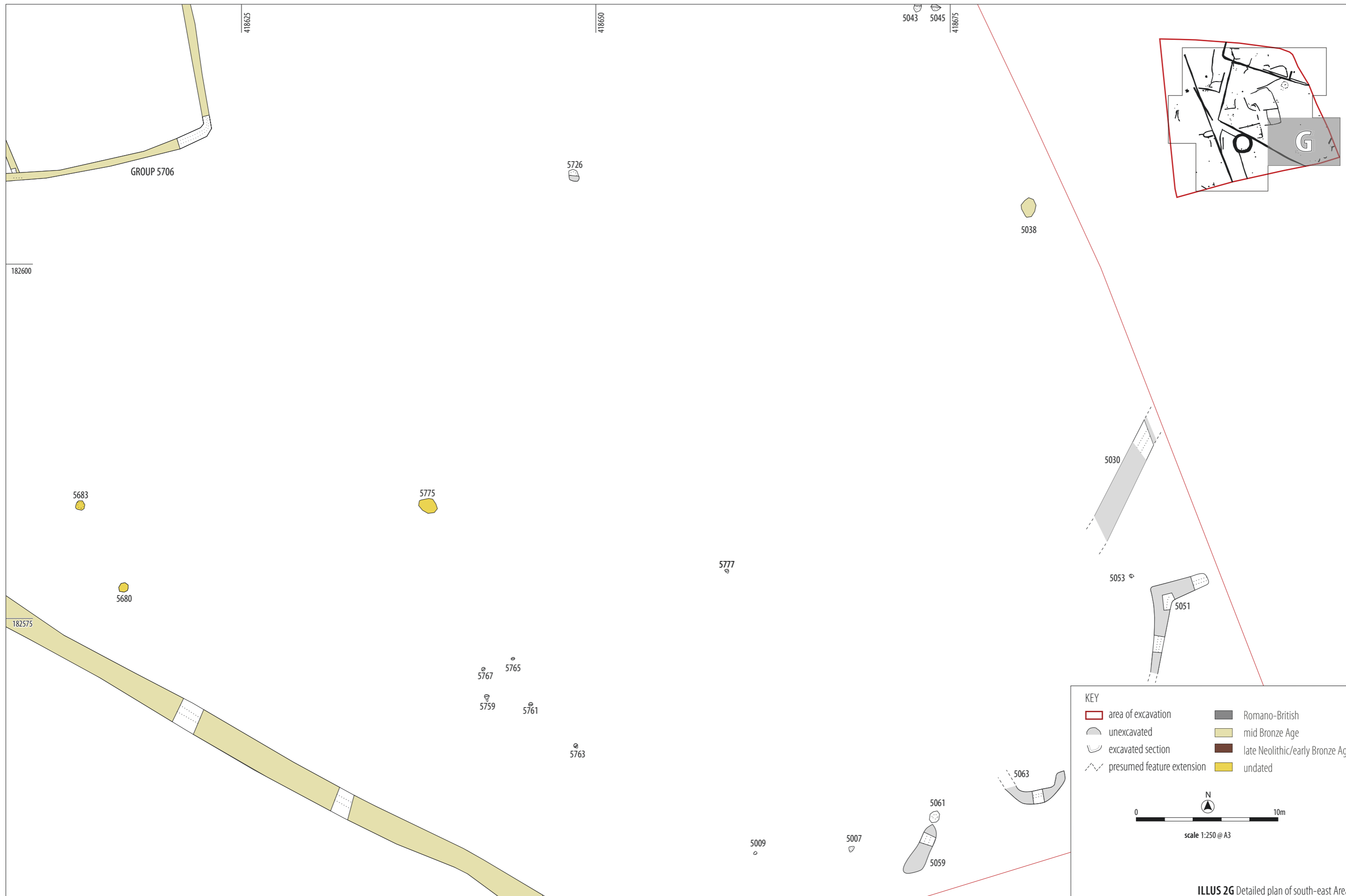


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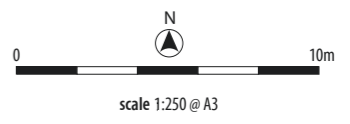


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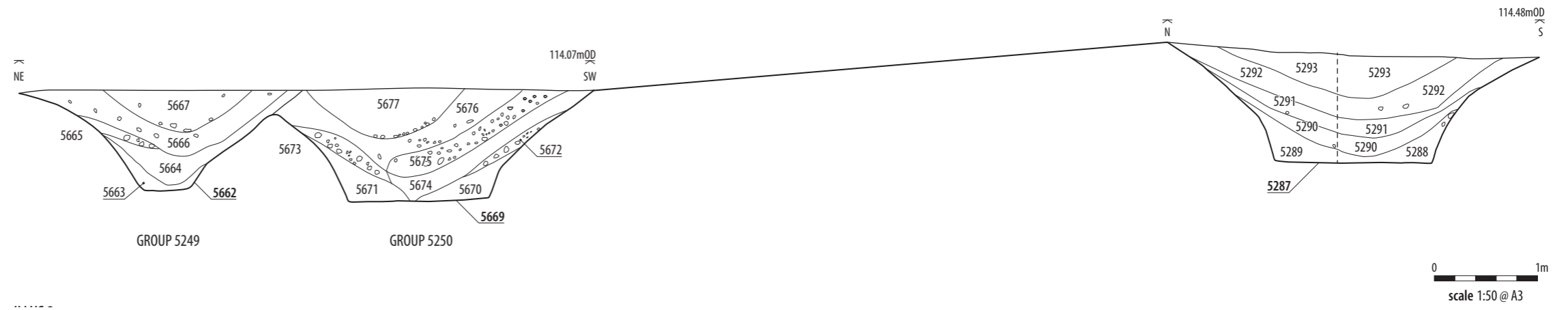


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area of excavation	Romano-British
unexcavated	mid Bronze Age
excavated section	late Neolithic/early Bronze Age
presumed feature extension	undated



ILLUS 2G Detailed plan of south-east Area 3



ILLUS 3 [5250] large ring-ditch, x-y section across feature including internal area, and relationship to ditch [5249], Area 3



ILLUS 4 Cam shot of large ring-ditch, post-excavation **ILLUS 5** Large ring-ditch [5250], and ditch [5249] relationship slot, Area 3 **ILLUS 6** Section through large ring-ditch showing area of burning

GR	Description	No. of contexts	Period
5248	Linear ditch south-east corner of area 3	14	Late Bronze Age /early Iron Age
5771	Pit group	48	Late Bronze Age /early Iron Age
5935	Possible loom and associated structure	10	Late Bronze Age /early Iron Age
5162	Linear ditch	34	Romano-British
5934	Isolated linear NW of [5485]	7	Undated
5936	Collection of undated post-holes	17	Undated
5937	Linear gully truncating [5733]	7	Undated

In addition, a number of isolated features were not assigned to groups. Specific features of interest are dealt with under the period headings below but in summary, these features comprised:

TABLE 2 Area 3 isolated features

Context type	No. of contexts	Period
Discrete Cut	3	Late Neolithic/early Bronze Age
Linear	1	Late Neolithic/early Bronze Age
Discrete Cut	7	Middle Bronze Age
Linear	1	Middle Bronze Age
Discrete Cut	7	Late Bronze Age/early Iron Age



ILLUS 7 Miniature Collared Urn, relationship to other features **ILLUS 8** Working shot, excavation of miniature Collared Urn Area 3 **ILLUS 9** Studio shot of miniature Collared Urn

Context type	No. of contexts	Period
Discrete Cut	6	Prehistoric
Linear	5	Prehistoric
Linear	1	Romano-British
Discrete Cut	1	Medieval
Discrete Cut	53	Undated
Linear	27	Undated

The features are described chronologically by archaeological period.

The earliest archaeological evidence of activity over the site as a whole were the identification of occasional worked flints, which were attributed to the Mesolithic period. However, these were not stratified within archaeological features, but rather were part of the previously investigated flint scatter within the topsoil/subsoil horizons.

4.1 LATE NEOLITHIC/EARLY BRONZE AGE

The earliest features in Area 3 comprised a substantial ring-ditch, five isolated pits and a linear feature.

Group [5250] – Ring-ditch (Illus 1, 2E)

This feature was located on a dry plateau on what was the highest part of the site. It consisted of a continuous deep, wide ring-ditch with no evidence for an entrance.

The diameter of the feature was 19.5m across the internal edges of the ditch, and 25m overall across the external edges. The ditch ranged from 3.5m wide on the north-west side [5263] to 4.2m on the west side [5531] and had been dug to a depth of approximately 1.1m around the whole circumference. The sides were steep at the top of the cut, narrowing to near vertical approximately 0.40m from its base. The width of the ditch at the base was relatively constant, ranging from 1.4–1.6m around the whole circumference. The base itself was flat throughout the extent of the feature. Overall the sides and base of the ditch appear to have been dug to a very precise and regular pattern (Illus 3– 5).

Generally, the fills of the ditch showed a similar sequence of deposition in all of the excavated sections. The primary deposits ((5264, 5276)) were identified as comprising brown, silty sand with abundant small stones and was indicative of weathering from both sides of the ditch. Directly overlying this was a soft, yellowish brown, sandy silt ((5265, 5277)), which had backfilled from both sides of the ditch. Further ditch erosion comprising friable, light brown, clayey sand ((5278, 5279)) overlay this.

A distinct deep purple-black deposit, comprising a heat affected, ashy, silty sand, was observed lying in what appeared to be a pocket in the centre of the partially backfilled ditch [5181]. This event appears to be associated with a continuous charcoal horizon visible in the sections around the entire extent of the ditch, containing

small quantities of pottery and flint tools (5266). Some of this charcoal seems to have derived from localised burning in slot [5181], but at other locations, such as slot [5263], tip lines suggest that the charcoal was deposited from both outside and inside of the ditch. Two separate stratigraphic events of charcoal deposition ((5515, 5502)) could clearly be seen in slot [5498]. A thick deposit of brown, sandy silt (5267) completed the sequence.

There was no evidence of internal structures, however four small circular pits [5106, 5108, 5110, 5112] were identified just inside the southern rim of the ditch, and upon excavation were found to each contain traces of burnt bone, charcoal flecks, and burnt stone. On average the pits measured 0.35m diameter x 0.15m deep, and were filled by a relatively homogenous single deposit of friable silty clay.

Pit [5106] was of particular interest. Measuring 0.3m in diameter x 0.15m in depth, the fill comprised a pale brownish red, silty sandy clay. Along with burnt flint and 40 sherds of pottery, was a complete miniature collared Urn standing 0.11m high x 0.09m wide, and decorated on the collar with twisted cord motifs. The fabric is typical of examples from the early Bronze Age (Illus 7–9)

The only other feature of note was seen in slot [5263], where a small step had been cut into the outer edge of the ditch sides, approximately midway between the top and base of the ditch. No other features of this kind were seen during the excavation of the ditch but this may indicate how access was gained to the centre of the monument once it had been dug.

A wide spectrum of dating evidence was recovered from this feature, spanning the late Neolithic to the late Bronze Age periods. This is indicative of the ditch being one of the earliest features on site but also one that remains in use until the late Bronze Age period.

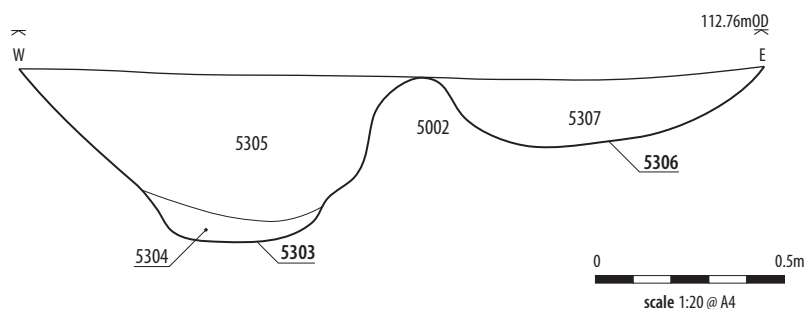
Four deposits particularly indicate a later Neolithic/early Bronze Age date for the use of the monument. Deposit (5676) was located securely in an excavated section of the ring-ditch and contained an example of a Levallois worked flint flake. An earlier deposit within the same section (5674), produced a serrated flint blade, as well as other hammer struck flint flakes. These finds are all diagnostic of the late Neolithic period.

This assessment is consistent with the provisional interpretation of the feature, which in terms of its size and proportions suggest a ceremonial monument of the late Neolithic/early Bronze Age. The ditch was cut by three overlying linear features [5233, 5248 and 5833], and by the major Bronze Age land division [5249].

Minor features

Pit [5105] (Illus 2E)

This oval feature measured 0.7m diameter x 0.2m deep, and was cut into the degraded bedrock, giving a spiralling effect around the sides of the pit. The single fill (5104), was an orangey grey, silty sand which contained occasional charcoal flecks. Finds from this context included lithic flakes and tools including a broken blade and 2 pieces of pottery decorated with incised/combed motifs, diagnostic of the Beaker period.



ILLUS 10 [5303], group [5335], north facing ditch sections, Area 3

Pit [5127] (Illus 2E)

Pit [5127] was an oval in plan with vertical sides and a flat base, measuring 1.5m long x 1.2m wide x 0.35m deep. The fill (5126), was a dark orangey brown, sandy silt, containing occasional flint pebbles, and contained finds of pottery, burnt flint and bone. The flint flakes showed evidence of lateral retouch, and the pottery included types associated with the Beaker, Collared Urn, and Deverul Rimbury traditions.

Pit [5686] (Illus 2A)

A small pit located in the northern central part of Area 3, measuring 0.8m in diameter x 0.4m deep. It had irregular sides and was filled by a very dark grey, silty deposit. The finds from this deposit included 19 sherds of pottery, six of which were decorated with chevron style motifs, found on Collared Urns and generally associated with the early Bronze Age period.

Pit [5011] (Illus 2F)

A sub-circular pit with steep sides and a flattish base with a shallow depression in its centre. It measured 1.05m in diameter x 0.28m deep and contained two fills, the lower of which (5012) showed evidence of vitrification. The upper fill (5013), contained sherds of early prehistoric pottery, and several hard hammer flakes of flint. The finds assemblage is of mixed date; a single piece of iron could be intrusive.

Pit [5015] (Illus 2F)

A sub-circular pit with steep sides and a flat base, measuring 1.2m long x 0.85m wide x 0.3m deep. It contained a single fill of reddish brown, silty sand with nine pieces of hard hammer flint flakes.

Ditch [5167] (Illus 2A)

A linear feature aligned north-south with a pronounced curve in the middle, it was visible for a distance of approximately 22.2m on the ground and has likely suffered from modern ploughing activity. It measured 0.65m wide x 0.20m deep and contained a single fill comprising a mid-grey orange, silty sand. The profile was shallow and rounded. Stratigraphic evidence places it earlier than the middle Bronze Age boundary feature [5367].

4.2 MIDDLE BRONZE AGE

Remains dating to this period appear to be organised around two large rectilinear land divisions, formed from deep, wide ditches.

The features appear to have originated in the middle Bronze Age and to have late Bronze Age pottery associated with their disuse phase. Associated with these large enclosures are an assortment of linear features and smaller enclosures that may have been used in connection with stock management. Features have been provisionally assigned to this phase based either on finds dating or on spatial associations with dated features. However, finds dating is problematic because of issues of residuality and intrusiveness caused by the multi-period occupation on the site. Some of the features in this group may on further analysis date to the subsequent phase of activity.

Group [5335] – North-south orientated land division (Illus 2A)

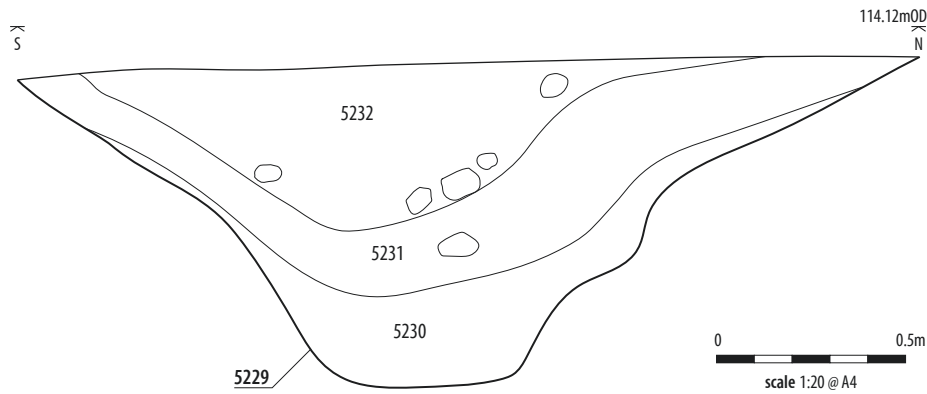
This ditch formed a right angle with ditch [5249] and was aligned NNE-SSW, running north for a distance of 77.9m before eventually merging with and cut by [5367]. It maintained a relatively constant width of between 0.90-1.30m x approximately 0.40m deep and had a rounded profile with gentle sides (Illus 10).

The main fill of this ditch comprised an orangey grey silty sand, with slots ([5303, 5308]) indicating a primary event of silting. Towards the northern end of the ditch, the fill varied slightly where it comprised a soft, brown, clay sand, possibly reflecting a change in the geology in that part of the site.

A flint knife dated to the early Bronze Age was recovered from context (5275) and four fragments of late Bronze Age pottery were recovered from a final silting phase (5328). At the northern end of the ditch, four fragments of mid to late Bronze Age pottery were recovered from fills (5343 and 5344) within cut [5342].

Ditch [5270] – Curvilinear associated with south end of [5335] (Illus 2C)

In the corner of the right angle with [5249] was a length of ditch measuring approximately 22.5m long x 1.1m wide x 0.32m deep. The profile was U-shaped with a rounded base and no finds. No relationship was observed with [5335], however, its alignment and proximity indicate an association with the larger feature, possibly some form of re-cutting event.



ILLUS 11 Linear ditch [5229], group [5249], east facing section, Area 3 **ILLUS 12** Linear ditch [5249], W facing section [5229], Area 3



Group [5249] – North-west to south-east land division (Illus 2C–F, 1–12)

This was a linear ditch running NW-SE across the southern part of the site. It cut through the northern edge of the large ring-ditch [5250], and continued, forming a right-angle corner with ditch [5335]. Overall it measured 128.26m long x 2.10m wide x 0.80m deep. The depth decreased towards the western end, going from 1.1m at [5120] where it cut the large ring-ditch, to 0.34m deep at the terminus [5243]. Generally, the profile was V-shaped, narrowing down to steeper more vertical sides with a flat base [5120]. Some sections showed a more stepped profile, particularly on the northern 'inside' edge [5120].

At least four separate fill events can be identified along the length of the ditch; the basal fill of [5411] was 0.12m thick (5412) and comprised an orangey brown sandy silt, while immediately above this, (5413) comprised a friable silty sand, containing struck flint and prehistoric pottery. Above this (5414), comprised a light greyish brown, friable silty sand, and contained fragments of late Bronze Age pottery and flint, while the later fill (5415), comprised a dark greyish brown silty sand.

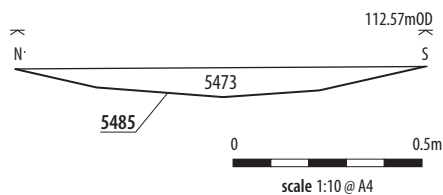
In slot [5120], a primary erosional deposit (5121), was overlain by a lower fill (5122), which was 0.40m thick, comprising a compacted sandy gravel, which contained a layer of chert/flint pebbles towards its upper surface, which wasn't seen in any other section. Above this was a soft, sandy silty loam (5123), overlain by a friable, orange-brown sandy silt (5124), containing larger fragments of natural flint.

In slot [5229] (-12), the lower fill (5230), was 0.30m thick, and comprised a mid-reddish brown, stony, silty sand, while above this, (5231) was a loose, silty sand, containing finds of flint and prehistoric pottery. The final deposit (5232), was a greyish brown, silty sand, with abundant charcoal flecks, and contained finds of prehistoric flint and late Bronze Age pottery.

The relationship of the large ring-ditch [5250], to linear ditch [5249] (Illus 2D, 3, 5)

In relationship slots [5120, 5662, 5530], ditch [5249] can clearly be seen to be cutting through the large ring-ditch, [5250]. As the backfill sequence of the ring-ditch was complete, before being truncated by the cut of the ditch, it suggests a relatively long-time lapse before the ditch was dug. Consequently, its date of construction is likely to be middle Bronze Age at the earliest.

The depth and width of this feature indicates a substantial earthwork, likely functioning as a long-lived boundary, probably associated with settlement in its later period of use. The more discreet post settings G (5650), and smaller field plots ([5650 and 5706]) are certainly contained within the large sub-rectangular enclosure formed by ditches [5250, 5335 and 5367] in the northern part of the site. Of note are two short ditch segments located in the south-east corner of the site [5030, 5059] which share the same alignment, and which appear to form a fragmentary return of ditch [5249], forming the fourth side of the large enclosure.



ILLUS 13 [5473], group [5485] section of ditch, facing east, Area 3

The western terminus end of ditch [5249] was cut by gully [5217], connected with [5355]. This may have been a later adaptation of the large enclosure ditches, possibly turning a stock-funnel into a continuous enclosure.

Group [5932] – Ditch system related to [5335] (Illus 2A)

To the west of the semi-circular enclosure [5733], in the corner of the right-angle formed by ditch [5367], was a group of inter-related features.

Feature [5932] was the northernmost feature of the group, with a regular T-shaped plan. It measured 12.2m long east to west, with the southern projecting arm approximately 2.2m long ending in a shallow terminus. To the south of this, and forming a 0.90m wide opening, was a second ditch terminus [5338], which was a continuation of the T-shaped ditch. This feature extended 22.30m to the south, ending at terminus [5345], with a 7.64m extension towards the east at its mid-point.

Generally, the fill of the ditches within the group was a mid-brown grey, silty sand. Fragments of pottery and possible flint debitage were recovered from the northern terminus [5338], and a wide shallow pit [5387], through which the ditch was cut, was interpreted as a tree throw pit. This feature was cut by the large east-west running ditch [5367] and may have been related to the north-south field division [5335] or to the small stretch of gully [5369].

Group [5577] – L-shaped stock control feature (Illus 2A)

Linear [5577] was an L-shaped feature, consisting of two interconnected ditches. The north-south arm measured 27.5m long x 1.25m wide x 0.4m deep [5403] and was filled by a mottled grey-brown, sandy silt.

The east-west segment [5421] measured 28.4m long x 1.4m wide x 0.4m deep and was filled by a yellowish grey, silty sand. In profile ditch [5403, 5401, 5421] had steep, angled sides (c 45 degrees) and a flat base.

These two ditches were connected by a short gully ditch [5431], which measured 0.5m long x 0.35m wide x 0.10m, and was composed of a grey-brown, silty sand.

Fragments of middle Bronze Age pottery and a hard hammer lithic flake were recovered from contexts (5404 and 5423) of this feature.

There were a number of small features around this part of the site, suggesting a focus of settlement activity. These included pits [5397] (Illus 32), [5449, 5447, 5453, 5455, 5459 and 5457] (Illus 33); and gullies [5451 and 5461], one of which may have been an extension of [5527]. Both gullies ended in termini to the south of the east-west arm of [5577].

Ditch [5527] – Narrow curving ditch related to [5577] (Illus 2A)

Ditch [5527] was located in the corner of the right angle formed by [5577]. The location of ditch [5577] suggests it was possibly a corner corral or enclosure associated with the L-shaped feature. Overall it measured approximately 19m in length x 0.35m wide x 0.12m deep. The sides were gently sloping with a rounded base, and the fill comprised a mottled grey-brown, silty sand. There were no dated finds from this feature, but it has a clear association with [5577].

Ditch [5485] – North-south gully related to [5577] (Illus 2A, 13)

A north-south aligned ditch measuring 43.5m long x 0.6m wide x 0.10m deep (Illus 13). It was truncated at the northern end by modern ploughing, but at the southern end finished at a terminus, which respected ditch [5527]. The sides were gently sloping down to a flat base [5473], and the fill comprised a mid greyish brown, silty sand (5475).

A single hard hammer flint flake of possible Neolithic date and a sherd of late Bronze Age pottery was recovered from (5495) [5494].

Group [5622] – Stock control feature related to [5335] (Illus 2A, C, E)

Linear feature [5622] was aligned north-west/south-east and was cut by ditch [5162] midway along its length. It measured 50.5m long x 1.5 wide x 0.34m deep, with two clear termini at either end. It had gentle concave sides and a rounded base, a profile which was maintained throughout the length of the feature. The fill comprised a reddish brown, silty sand, with occasional flecks of manganese, (5095) in slot [5094], changing slightly towards the mid-point (5364) in slot [5363], where the composition was a more clayey orangey brown. Two hard hammer flint flakes of Neolithic/Bronze Age date were recovered from fills (5330 and 5364).

Group [5286] – L-shaped feature to east of [5335] (Illus 2C)

Located to the west of group [5706], this ditch survived as an L-shaped feature, which had likely been truncated by ploughing. The east-west arm was 14.2m long and terminated approximately three metres from ditch [5335]. It was steep-sided, with a flat base, measuring 0.40m wide x 0.20m deep. The fill was a friable, orangey brown clayey sand. The northern arm measured 11.6m long x 0.40m wide x 0.25m deep, the fill was a friable clayey sand. The northern arm appeared to be curving round to join up with the ditches of group [5706] and may have been part of this enclosure.



ILLUS 14 Large enclosure-ditch [5367], south facing section, Area 3 **ILLUS 15** Linear ditch [5367], section [5548], east facing, Area 3

Group [5367] – Large L-shaped land division (Illus 2A–B, 14–15)

This feature was visible as the remains of long enclosure ditch, which ran east-west across the site for a distance of 122.23m, turned through a right angle, and continued for another 16.6m before running out of the excavation area to the north. It was intersected several times though excavation, both on its own and as part of a series of relationship slots with other features. On average it measured 2.4 wide, x 1.1m deep (e.g. slots [5223, 5582]), becoming shallower towards the eastern end, where it was measured at 0.6m [5578]. At the western end, it was visible as a rock cut ditch [5223], in contrast to the intersections at the eastern end where the geology contained a higher frequency of gravel. The ditch profile was generally steep-sided, with a rounded U-shaped base, becoming slightly more V-shaped towards the eastern end, with cuts [5582 and 5548] (Illus 15) showing a pronounced step along the northern side.

There was evidence of an extension to the ditch at the western end, where it widened just before it reached the southern arm of group [5932], and then curved back fairly abruptly towards the centre line of the ditch. Excavation indicated a rounded ditch terminus which was then dug through, continuing at a narrower width [5223].

In the deeper cut intersections towards the western end, there was a lower fill of silty sand 0.60m thick, which contained no charcoal or artefacts and appeared relatively sterile. Immediately above this was a distinctive oak charcoal deposit (5225), appearing as a tip line, which had clearly been back-filled from the northern edge of the ditch, and which contained fragments of middle Bronze Age pottery and burnt bone (Illus 14). The upper fill comprised a sandy silty loam (5226), approximately 0.5m thick, and containing fragments of both pre-historic pottery and flint debitage (also [5164 and 5225]).

Stratigraphically [5367] cut through both the smaller ditch complex [5932] towards the western end of the ditch and [5167], excavation also suggested that it was later than feature [5335]. Towards the eastern end, it was cut by [5707, 5550 and 5925].

Groups [5733, 5929, 5698, 5924 and 5925] clearly respect the line of the larger ditch, suggesting a contemporary or later construction. Stratigraphically features [5707] and Group [5937] represent a later phase, they also lack a common alignment with the land division.

The overall proportions of the ditch in terms of its length, depth and shape, suggests a large land division of the later prehistoric period. The depositional sequence supports the view of the feature as a large settlement enclosure. The lower fill was followed by the charcoal horizon backfilled from the northern side of the ditch, where there was contemporary settlement activity, after which the site and possibly the area was abandoned.

Group [5733] – D-shaped enclosure north of [5367] (Illus 2B)

Enclosure [5733] was a semi-circular enclosure with a narrow opening on its north-east side, and a wider opening on the western edge. Overall in length, the feature measured 32.91m by 12.26m wide, with the ditches on average 0.5m wide x 0.16m deep. The sides of the ditch sloped gently down to a flat base, and the fill comprised a single fill of loose, reddish brown sandy silt, which was consistent in all excavated segments.

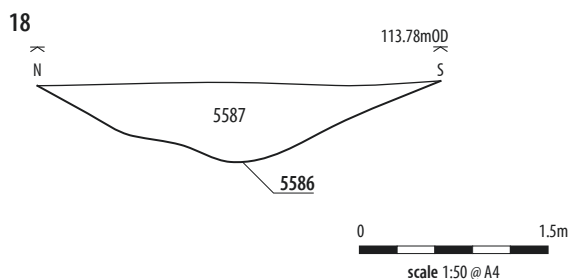
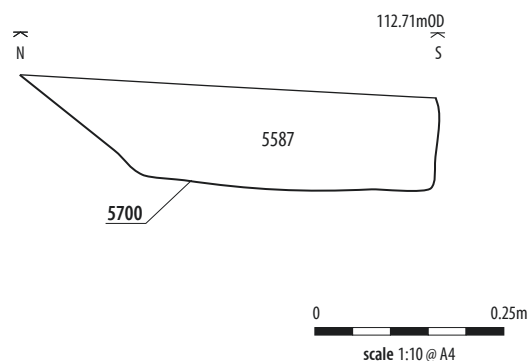
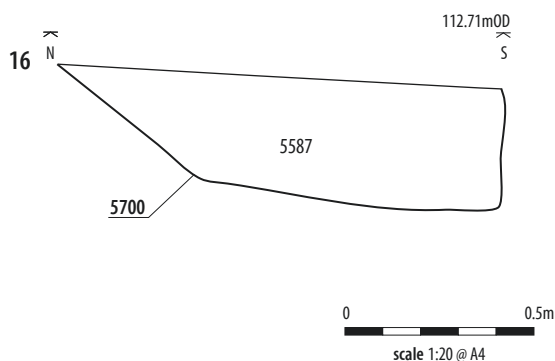
The curving section on its northern edge cuts through feature [5625], however, no relationship was observed with feature [5779]. No finds were recovered from the feature.

The size and shape of the feature may suggest a small stock or animal corral with the wide and narrow entrances possibly functioning to control movement in and out of the enclosure.

In the north-east corner of the site was a group of features comprising several ditches and an enclosure. These features were located immediately north of ditch [5367], which ran WNW/ESE across this part of the site. Generally, the sequence suggests the alignment of a large enclosure ditch [5367], cutting through the large north-south aligned ditch [5335] and associated group [5932]. A series of features appear to respect the alignment of [5367] comprising Groups [5929, 5733, 5924 and 5925].

Group [5924] – Stock enclosure ditch related to [5733] (Illus 2B)

This was a linear ditch located on the north-east edge of the main enclosure complex in the north of the site. It measured 0.60m wide



ILLUS 16 [5712], group [5706], section of ditch, facing north, Area 3 **ILLUS 17** [5586], group [5570], section of ditch, facing west, Area 3 **ILLUS 18** [5586], group [5570], section of ditch, facing west, Area 3

x 0.26m deep, with steeply sloping sides, sharp breaks of slope and a flat base. It was aligned NW-SE and was intersected at the western end by ditch [5925], which was stratigraphically later. It shares exactly the same alignment as the straight ditch in the triangular enclosure [5733], both of which were uniformly parallel with the main enclosure ditch [5367] and therefore possibly contemporaneous.

Group [5925] – Stock enclosure ditch related to [5733] (Illus 2B)

This was a relatively short length of ditch, perpendicular to ditch [5924 and 5367], and which was stratigraphically later than both. It measured 0.57m wide x 0.28m deep and was approximately 8m in length, ending in a terminus at the northern end [5958]. Its form, positioning and interconnectedness with [5924 and 5367], suggests an association with not only these features, but also [5733].

Group [5929] – L-shaped ditch related to [5733] (Illus 2B)

This was a relatively short 'L' shaped ditch located close to the larger triangular shaped enclosure [5733], both of which were within the larger [5367]. It measured 9.3m long x 0.65m wide and survived to a depth of 0.12m (Illus 16). The fill comprised a reddish brown, sandy silt. The position of this feature, which appears to span the opening on the western side of [5733], may suggest an association, related to the control of stock.

Group [5750] – Post-ring (Illus 2B, 19)

In the north-east corner of the site just to the south of the large enclosure ditch [5367], was a group of 17 small post-holes forming a sub-circular shape in plan, and interpreted on site as the remains of a post-built roundhouse or enclosure. At the centre of the post-ring

was a small pit that contained a number of heat affected stones and series of smaller discrete features.

The post-ring was 9.14m in diameter across the longest axis, which was aligned approximately north-west to south-east, the width being slightly narrower at 8.6m on the perpendicular axis. A corresponding pair of double post-holes on the south-east side of the ring was initially interpreted as a possible entrance point.

The gaps between the posts ranged from 1.5-2.1m wide, with the gap to the first post on either side of the possible entrance being the widest at 2.1m.

At 0.43m, the post-holes forming the possible entrance [5868, 5870, 5872, 5874] were generally larger than the posts of the main ring. The entrance itself was 1.27m wide.

The post-holes were generally vertically sided with a flattish base and ranged from 0.27–0.43m in diameter and 0.20–0.40m deep. The fill of all the post-holes was fairly consistent throughout, comprising a sandy gritty silt with occasional charcoal flecks, suggesting that the posts had been removed rather than burnt in situ. Five small fragments of ceramic building material (CBM) were recovered from post-hole [5884] and a single piece of burnt flint was recovered from post-hole [5882].

At the centre of the post-ring was a pit which measured 0.60m in diameter x 0.30m deep [5731] (Illus 19). The sides were vertical and the base was flat with both showing evidence of burning. The fill [5732] contained common inclusions of heat affected stones.

Three stake-holes [5898, 5900, 5902] were identified close to feature [5731] at the centre of the post ring. The width and depth of these features were similar, ranging from 0.09-0.07m diameter x 0.09–0.12m deep, the fills comprised an orangey brown, sandy silt.



ILLUS 19 Prehistoric pit [5731], inside possible roundhouse [5750], Area 3

[5728], and also connected with a north-south ditch [5735], forming a T-shaped arrangement.

Group [5735] – Linear feature subdivides [5706] (Illus 2D)

A north-south running ditch, located in the centre of Area 3, connecting with [5734] at its northern end, and functioning as part of the larger enclosure [5706]. It was 0.65m wide x 0.10m deep, with gentle sides and a flat base, and was filled by a reddish brown, friable, sandy loam.

Group [5655] – L-shaped ditch segment inside enclosure [5706] (Illus 2D)

Group [5655] was an L-shaped ditch lying within the larger field of enclosure [5706]. It measured 15m in length overall, with the ditches on average measuring 0.55m wide x 0.12m deep. The sides were gently sloping with a rounded base, the fill comprised a reddish brown silty sand.

Group [5933] – Small ditch inside enclosure [5706] (Illus 2D)

Ditch [5933] was located next to [5655] and was an irregular linear feature measuring approximately 6.2m in length, with a small spur pointing north at its mid-length. The ditches measured 0.65m wide x 0.10m deep, and were noted as being slightly uneven, the fill comprised a reddish brown silty sand.

Its proximity to [5655] may indicate an association, but it's possible that this may be a natural feature.

Group [5650] – Group of post-holes inside [5706]

Group [5650] comprised a group of post-holes immediately west of feature [5933]. The width of the holes varied from 0.13 to 0.33m, and in depth from 0.20 to 0.55m [5623]. They were generally straight sided, with a flattish base, and the fill comprised a soft, grey-brown, sandy, gritty silt.

Four of the post-holes [5642, 5644, 5646 and 5648] were aligned together with an average spacing of approximately 0.5m, while the fifth and deepest feature [5623] was located 1.76m away opposite the line of four. No finds were recovered.

Three further post-holes were excavated in the area but were not aligned with the linear grouping. Features [5605, 5609, 5597] formed a line from the inside edge of the curving western ditch of [5706] to the terminus of [5933].

Group [5707] – Linear feature associated with [5706] (Illus 2B)

Group [5707] was a ditch running north-east, south-west across the site for a visible distance of approximately 35.2m. It was 0.6m wide x 0.19m deep, with a rounded base and a mixture of both vertical and gentler sloping sides. The fill comprised a reddish-brown silty sand and contained a single flake of hard hammer flint, and a piece of pottery, dated to the middle Bronze Age period (5703).

Excavation indicated that it was later than the large enclosure ditch [5367], and the small curvilinear enclosure [5733].

Approximately three metres to the south of the main post-ring were two additional post-holes [5741 and 5743]. They were steep-sided with flat bases, measuring 0.30m diameter x 0.14m deep, the fills comprising reddish-brown silty sand.

Taken as a whole, the combined features of this group suggest a post built structure. Whilst the function of this structure is unclear, the two pairs of post-holes to the south-east may indicate an entranceway. A pit containing frequent heat affected stones was recorded just off-centre of the post-ring, possibly in association with a group of three stake-holes. The post ring lies in close proximity to a small, irregular field system [5706] immediately to the south-west, which is likely Bronze Age in date. Although it is possible that the two are contemporary, there is a lack of dating evidence from the post ring and as such, any relationship between the two must remain speculative.

Group [5706] – Rectilinear stock enclosure complex (Illus 2B, 2D, 2G, 16)

Occupying a position in the centre of the site was a well-defined group of related ditches forming an enclosure in association with a series of discreet features and post-holes.

Enclosure [5706] was a series of connected ditches which formed a larger sub-rectangular enclosure, which overall measured 44m north-south x 41m east-west.

The ditches throughout the group were generally similar in character with sloping sides and rounded bases, with widths ranging between 0.5–0.75m and depths of up to 0.2m. The fills were all very similar, comprising a reddish brown silty sand (Illus 17).

Three distinct parcels of land can be identified, a larger field measuring approximately 29m x 40m, with two smaller plots adjoining to the south, measuring 20m x 17m and 13m x 19m respectively.

Group [5734] – Linear feature subdividing [5706] (Illus 2D)

This was an east-west running ditch, which was part of a larger complex [5706], located in the centre of Area 3. It was 0.60m wide x 0.18m deep and measured approximately 19m long, and was filled by a reddish brown sandy loam. It terminated at its western end



ILLUS 20 Linear ditch [5227], north-east facing section, Area 3

although again there were variations, [5102] measuring 0.56m deep was the deepest recorded. The backfill deposits generally comprised a single fill of orangey red, silty sand, with no inclusions (5146) (5133) (5103).

There was no visible stratigraphic relationship with ditch [5162], although it was felt that the northern arc of the ditch was likely to have intersected with the larger ditch.

Two crumbs of prehistoric pottery were recovered from (5144) [5143], a cut which would have intersected with ditch [5162]. Excavation suggested that the extension [5151], was cut later than the horseshoe ring.

Group [5570] – Rectilinear enclosure to north of [5249] (Illus 2C–E, 17–18)

To the south-west of Group [5706] was a rectilinear arrangement of ditches. These were 0.8m wide x 0.19m deep, and were generally concave with a flat base, with the fill comprising a friable, grey-brown sandy loam. Two shallow pits [5569 and 5566] extended across a break in the eastern side of the group. These were similar sized features, measuring 0.80m diameter x 0.25m deep, the fills were a gritty sandy silt (Illus 18).

The two east-west aligned ditches of the group, both ended in termini, and did not intersect with the major enclosure ditch [5249], thereby respecting its alignment. The group extended north and appears to include ditch [5632], potentially linking it into enclosure group [5706]. This group of ditches appears as a more formal sub-rectangular/T-shaped enclosure than the more irregular group immediately to the north-east.

Group [5155] - U-shaped enclosure ditch (Illus 2C, 2E)

This feature was located to the west of ditch [5162] which ran north-south through this part of the site. It was a horseshoe shaped feature with a ditch extension running off to the west. The long axis of the feature was aligned east-west and overall measured approximately 17.5m x a width of 7.4m. The width of the ditch was variable, and ranged from 0.5m on the northern side [5145], to 1.5m on the southern side [5102]. Generally, the ditch sides were steep with a rounded base and was dug to an average depth of 0.3m [5145],

Ditch [5184] (Illus 2C, 2E–2F)

A short length of ditch [5184], measuring 9m long x 0.5m wide x 0.10m deep, was located to the south of – and may be associated with – the U-shaped enclosure [5155].

Pit [5134] (Illus 2C, E)

This feature had a spatial association with [5184 and 5155]. It was undated and measured 0.87m in diameter and 0.11m deep.

Minor features

Ditch [5625] – Linear feature cut by [5733] (Illus 2B)

A linear feature measuring 18.65m long x 1.63m wide x 0.34m deep. The fill was a loose, light reddish brown, composed of silty sand, with occasional medium stones.

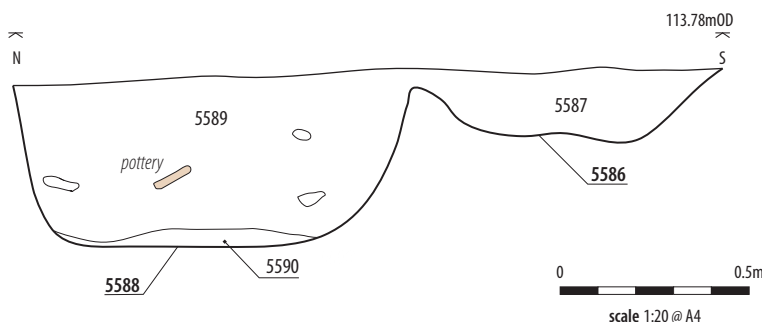
The feature had a curved shape in plan, but petered out at the southern end, and was cut by the enclosure ditch [5733]. Its lack of coherence with any other features in the area, together with its morphological characteristics suggest that it may be a natural feature.

Pit [5096] (Illus 2C)

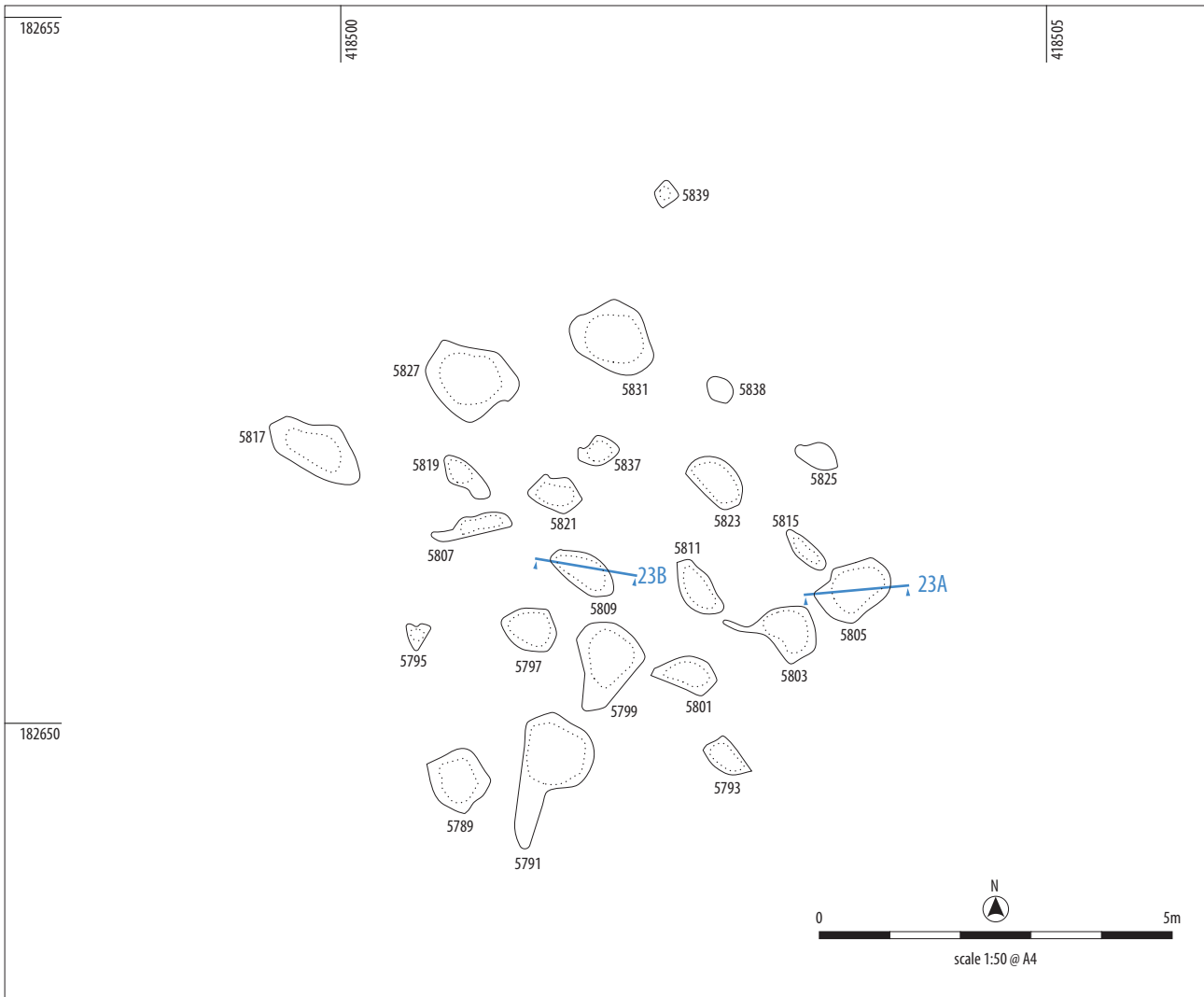
This feature contained middle Bronze Age pottery, although it did not seem to be associated with any features of similar date. It measured 0.65m in diameter and was 0.26m deep.

Pit [5194] (Illus 2E–F)

A circular pit measuring 0.86m long x 0.85m wide x 0.36m deep, with vertical sides and a rounded base, it contained a single fill of



ILLUS 21 [5588], prehistoric pit, west facing section, Area 3



ILLUS 22 [5771], cremation cemetery, detailed plan, Area 3

orange-red, silty sand. Finds included two hard hammer flakes and ten fragments of middle Bronze Age pottery.

Pit [5338]

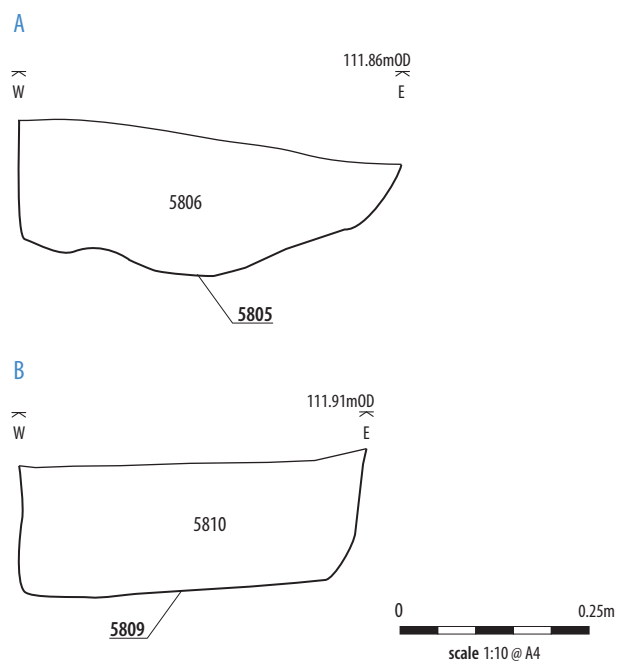
A circular pit measuring 0.8m diameter x 0.45m deep, with concave sides and a pointed base, it contained a single fill of grey-brown, silty loam. Finds included 48 sherds of pottery, of which 38 were decorated with applied cordon/incised, associated with the middle Bronze Age period.

Pit [5588] (Illus 2D–E, 21)

A stone-lined circular pit measuring 1.05m in diameter x 0.4m deep, with steep sides and a flat base, containing a single fill of grey-brown sandy silt. Finds included six sherds of middle Bronze Age pottery (Illus 21).

4.3 LATE BRONZE AGE–EARLY IRON AGE

Features in this group are largely confined to discrete features, some isolated and some clustered. All are dated by finds information; generally, the confidence level in this dating is high because of the circumstances in which the artefacts were located within the features.



ILLUS 23 Cremation cemetery, pits [5805] [5809], south facing sections, Area 3



ILLUS 24 Cremation cemetery, post ex, Area 3 **ILLUS 25** Cremation cemetery, pottery base **ILLUS 26** Cremation cemetery, detail of pit fi II, Area 3

Group [5771] – Pit group (Illus 2A, 22)

This was a group of 20 relatively small pits, densely packed into an area measuring approximately four square metres, and all containing a single deposit of greyish black charcoal (Illus 22, 27). All the pits were half sectioned, recorded and then 100% excavated and sampled. A small quantity of bone was recovered from the group of pits. This was mostly too fragmented to recover enough information to suggest species, however, a small amount of human bone was identified. This was recovered from pit fills (5790, 5796 and 5810). A small amount of cremated, possible human bone was also recovered from pit fill (5792) on the south-west side of Area 3. The bases of three vessels were found impressed into the ground surface next to the pits.

The pits ranged in diameter from 0.56m [5803], to 0.24m [5815], and in depth from 0.04m [5797], to 0.30m [5827], the average surviving depth being 0.15m (Illus 23). The profile of the pits varied slightly, from straight-sided [5805] to a more gentle sloping angle of which [5795] is an example. The bases were generally flat [5807], with the occasional rounded or uneven example [5797, 5803].

The pits were universally filled with a single, greyish black deposit of ashy silty clay, with abundant charcoal fragments, which in all cases, completely filled the void of the cut (Illus 24, 26).

None of the pits were inter-cutting, nor did they appear to form a coherent shape in plan, and there was no evidence of a surrounding ditch or enclosure. The associated ceramic vessels (5826, 5837, 5838 and 5839) were flat based, but only survived to a height of approximately 0.06m (Illus 25).



ILLUS 27 Working shot of excavation of cremation cemetery

Whilst the group of pits may be interpreted as a small cremation cemetery, there is very little evidence of cremated human bone surviving within the fills. This may be due to truncation of the area by later agricultural activity or may indicate the pits had another function. Due to the relative lack of evidence recovered from the majority of pit fills, the purpose of the pits themselves currently remains unknown.

Group [5935] – Loom structure (Illus 2C, E)

This group comprised two narrow linear pits [5496 and 5524], plus three associated post- or stake-holes. The linear pits each measured 1.4m long x 0.3m wide x 0.2m deep, containing a single fill of dark greyish brown, silty sand. Several ceramic loom weights were recovered from pit [5496], made from untempered clay, and of a cylindrical form, and are associated with the late Bronze Age. The associated discrete features [5613, 5615 and 5529] were shallow – around 0.11m, and with diameters of approx. 0.25m.

Group [5217] – Linear feature (Illus 2C, E)

Group [5217] comprised a narrow linear ditch which is part of a T-shaped alignment of three ditches in the central part of the site. It also shares a common alignment with ditch [5212] to the south. The ditch is approximately 14m long x 0.24m wide x 0.2m deep, the single fill comprising a reddish grey, silty sand with some flint nodules. The sides were gentle, and the base was rounded, and excavation suggested it was later than ditch [5249].

At the southern end, the terminus appeared to respect features [5211 and 5233], suggesting a potential association. The terminus also intersected with a shallow rounded feature [5209], which measured 0.5m diameter x 0.10m deep. The fill was a reddish grey silty sand. The relationship of the two features wasn't clear, however, the base was slightly uneven and it was felt that [5209] may have been a natural feature.

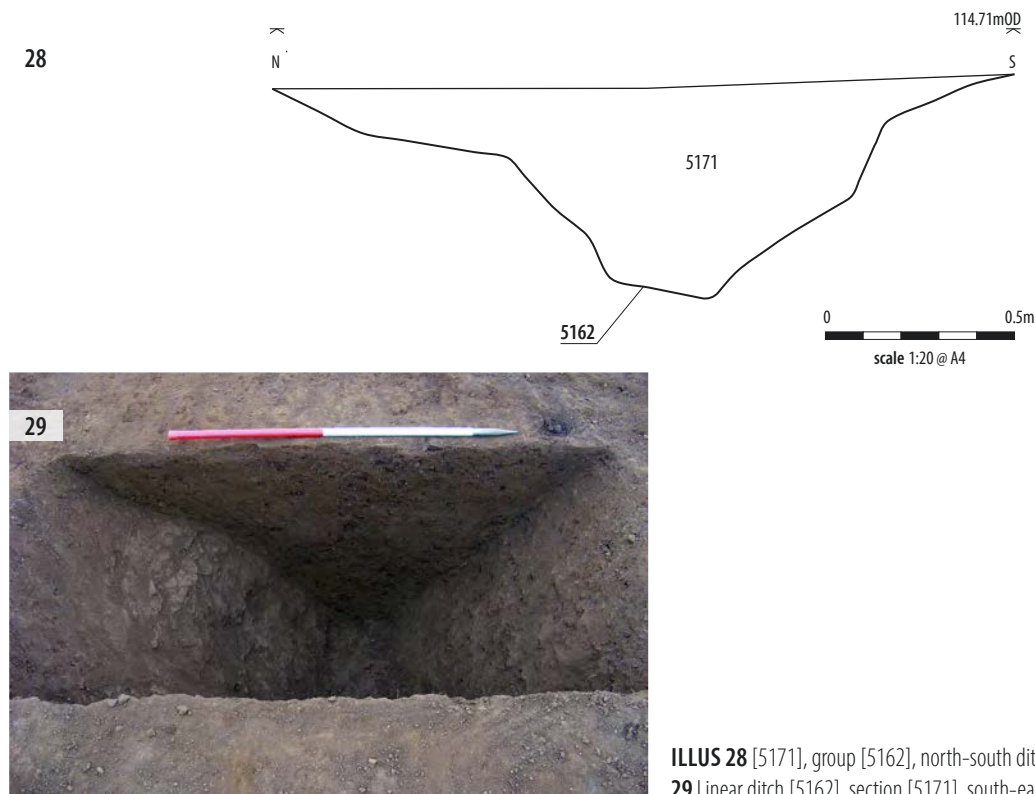
Group [5211] – Linear feature (Illus 2C, E–F)

This ditch measured 30.9m long by approximately 1m wide x 0.3m deep. It terminated at the northern end [5198], and at the southern end, excavation suggested that it was cut through by ditch [5162]. The sides were angled at 45 degrees, narrowing to a flattish base, slightly irregular in places. The fill comprised an orangey brown, friable, clayey silty sand (5204), and was the same throughout the length of the ditch.

The ditch was slightly curved and at the northern end formed a right angle with the terminus of ditch [5233].

Group [5212] – Linear feature (Illus 2C, E–F)

A relatively short ditch, parallel to [5211], it measured 15.7m long x 0.7m wide x 0.30 deep. The sides were steep and irregular in places, and the base was rounded. The fill comprised a stony loamy sand, with traces of charcoal flecks. This feature by an association of proximity and alignment may be related in function to features [5211, 5233] and possibly [5248].



ILLUS 28 [5171], group [5162], north-south ditch, facing SSE, Area 3 **ILLUS 29** Linear ditch [5162], section [5171], south-east facing, Area 3

Group [5233] – Linear feature (Illus 2C, E)

A linear ditch aligned north-west/south-east, measuring 18.9m long x 0.5m wide x 0.2m deep. The sides of the ditch were steep and smooth, with a flat base, and the fill comprised a clayey silty sand, (5228) (Illus 20). At the north-west end the ditch terminus [5219], appeared to respect the terminus of ditch [5211], forming a right angle. At the south-east end, the ditch clearly cut into the fill deposits of the large circular ring-ditch [5250]. There were no finds from this ditch.

Group [5248] – Linear Feature (Illus 2E–F)

A linear ditch located along the southern edge of Area 3, running north-south, and cutting the large ring-ditch [5250]. It measured 40m long x 0.9m wide x 0.43m deep and was filled by a mid brown-grey, sandy loam. The sides were steep, with a flattish base and a gradual break of slope, however, there was a slight irregularity in the plan in parts, and some evidence of undercutting of the sides.

4.4 ROMANO-BRITISH

Group [5162] – Land division (Illus 2A, C, E–F, 28–29)

Feature [5162] was a long linear ditch running across the whole of Area 3, from the southern boundary to the northern edge. It measured 179.5m long x 1.90m wide x 0.6m deep (Illus 28–29). These dimensions varied along the length of the ditch, the best-preserved segments were mainly towards the southern end of the ditch, [5206, 5171 and 5156]. Towards the mid-section and northern end, the ditch was generally narrower and shallower, in some sections measuring

only 0.9m wide x 0.35m deep (eg [5320]). Where the ditch survived to a greater depth, the profile was V-shaped narrowing down to rounded base.

The fill of the ditch along its length was generally a single deposit of reddish brown, sandy loam, containing occasional small to medium stones. Lithics of Neolithic date were found in three of the excavated slots, along the ditch, fills (5098, 5154 and 5197), and a fragment of prehistoric pottery was recovered from fill (5197). However, one fragment of Roman pottery was also recovered from fill (5179), and four pieces of CBM were recovered from fill (5206).

Along the eastern edge of the ditch, from the mid-point extending southwards, a pronounced step was visible in several of the excavated sections [5153, 5156, 5158, 5177 and 5206]. These were interpreted as episodes of re-cutting, along the line of the main ditch after silting up [5165, 5161].

Stratigraphically [5162] cut [5622], a shorter ditch but on a slightly different alignment, and ditch [5211], a smaller north-south ditch towards its southern end.

4.5 MEDIEVAL/POST-MEDIEVAL

Pit [5038] (Illus 2G)

Feature seen in plan following excavation of narrow sondage through existing silty deposit. Visible as a shallow depression measuring 0.9m across long axis x 0.4m x 0.10 deep, the sides were gently sloping with a flat base. The shallow cut contained a deposit of charcoal rich, greyish black, silty clay, which contained several ferrous objects, including several nails, and a large piece of heat effected flint (5039).



ILLUS 30 Undated pit [5088], east facing section, Area 3 **ILLUS 31** Working shot, section drawing, Area 3

4.6 UNDATED FEATURES

Pit [5088] (Illus 2F, 30)

Located near south-western edge of Area 3. Circular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope. Measured 0.92m x 0.80m in plan and was 0.20m deep (Illus 30). Possibly associated with the other early prehistoric isolated pits, but in this case, no artefacts were found in its fill.

Pit [5240] (Illus 2C, 35)

Undated pit in midst of stock enclosures. Measured 0.80m x 0.60m in plan and was 0.15m deep (Illus 31). No datable artefacts were found in its fill – only ceramic building material – although this might tend to place it later in date than the isolated early prehistoric pits elsewhere.

Pit [5773] (Illus 2D, 34)

Possible fire pit containing burnt stone (Illus 34). Features [5852 and 5862] approximately 2m to the south could be associated with this feature. Sub-circular in plan with concave sides, a concave base and a sharp break of slope at the top turning to a gradual break of slope at the base. Measured 0.80m diameter and 0.22m deep.

Post-hole [5852] (Illus 2D)

Immediately to the south of [5773]. Circular in plan with concave sides, a flat base and a clear break of slope. Measured 0.45m diameter and 0.33m deep.



ILLUS 32 south facing section of Pit [5397] **ILLUS 33** Pit [5457], west facing section, 0.5m scale Area 3 **ILLUS 34** Prehistoric pit [5773], north facing section 0.5m scale, Area 3 **ILLUS 35** Prehistoric pit [5240], south-east facing section, Area 3

Post-hole [5862] (Illus 2D)

Similar to [5852]. Circular in plan with tapered sides, a blunt pointy base and a clear break of slope at the top turning gradual at the base. Measured 0.40m diameter and 0.25m deep.

Pit [5926] (Illus 2D)

Possible storage pit. Circular in plan with concave sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope. Measured 0.80m diameter and 0.20m deep.

Ditch [5014] (Illus 2F)

A linear feature located along the southern boundary of area 3. The excavated slot measured 7m long by 1.6m wide x 0.2m deep, with sloping sides and a flat base.

Linear [5186] – Hedgerow (Illus 2E–F)

A linear feature measuring c.10m in length x 0.59m wide x 0.28m deep. The sides were stepped in places, and the base was uneven, with sharp breaks of slope. It was filled by a reddish brown, silty sand. Evidence suggests a possible hedge line.

Linear [5934] (Illus 2A)

Linear [5934] was a narrow gully aligned north-east/south-west in the north-west of Area 3. It survived to a length of approximately

25m x 0.3m wide x 0.05m deep, with a shallow rounded profile and a fill comprising a mid yellowish grey, silty clay (5487). The ends of the ditch were not traceable, and have been likely truncated through plough activity.

Linear [5065] (Illus 2C)

This feature ran north-south to the west of [5934] and was visible for a distance of approximately 10m. It was 0.78m wide x 0.1m deep and was filled by a mid grey-brown, silty clay. It also contained charcoal flecks and natural flint.

Linear [5067] (Illus 2C)

Ditch [5067] was a narrow linear running parallel and to the west of [5065] and was visible for a distance of approximately 15m. It was 0.3m wide x 0.08m deep and was filled by a mid grey-brown, silty sand.

Group [5936] – Collection of undated post-holes

A scatter of five small undated post-holes in the south-eastern quadrant of Area 3. The maximum depth of these features was 0.2m and diameter was generally between 0.15–0.35m. There was no indication of a structural arrangement.

Group [5937] – Linear gully truncating [5733] (Illus 2B)

A shallow undated feature truncating the stock enclosure [5733]. Maximum depth was 0.20m, width varied from 0.40–0.73m.

5 RESULTS – AREA 4

Five separate excavation areas contained a total of 392 stratigraphic units. An assessment of the contextual information led to the division of many of these contexts into 19 context groupings:

TABLE 3 Area 4 context groupings

Group	Description	No. of contexts	Period
3055	Ring-ditch	35	Late Bronze Age/
5938	Sinuous linear running NW-SE to S of A3	15	Late Bronze Age/
1072	E-W curvilinear drainage feature	1	Romano-British
1074	N-S linear feature	7	Romano-British
2242	Roundhouse i	17	Romano-British
2243	Roundhouse outer	16	Romano-British
2244	Small ring-ditch	10	Romano-British
2245	Linear feature truncating 2242	7	Romano-British
2246	Linear feature apparently truncating 2242/43	14	Romano-British
2247	Thin anthropogenic horizons	7	Romano-British
2248	Linear	9	Romano-British
2249	Part of	5	Romano-British
2250	N-S linear drainage feature	7	Romano-British
2252	E-W linear drainage ditch complex	7	Romano-British
1073	Fragment of N-S linear	7	Undated
1075	E-W linear feature	5	Undated
1076	N-S linear feature	5	Undated
2251	N-S linear drainage feature	7	Undated

In addition, a number of isolated features were not assigned to groups; specific features of interest are dealt with below, in summary, these features comprised:

TABLE 4 Area 4 isolated features

Context type	No. of contexts	Period	Area
Discrete Cut	1	Late Neolithic/	4E
Discrete Cut	2	Late Neolithic/	4A
Discrete Cut	2	Late Bronze Age/	4A

Context type	No. of contexts	Period	Area
Linear	1	Late Bronze Age/	4I
Linear	1	Late Bronze Age/	4J
Discrete Cut	1	Prehistoric	4A
Linear	1	Prehistoric	4A
Linear	2	Romano-British	4E
Linear	14	Romano-British	4A
Discrete Cut	18	Romano-British	4A
Linear	2	Undated	4
Discrete Cut	23	Undated	4
Discrete Cut	6	Undated	4
Discrete Cut	1	Undated	4
Linear	6	Undated	4A
Linear	5	Undated	4E
Linear	1	Undated	4I
Linear	6	Undated	4J

Features of prehistoric date were generally located to the south of Area 3 in Areas 4I, 4J, 4K and 4L, where they appeared to represent a more dispersed continuation of the enclosure-related activity. Features of Romano-British date were generally located to the west of Area 3 in Areas 4A and 4E, where the excavation area bordered the known settlement site.

5.1 LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE

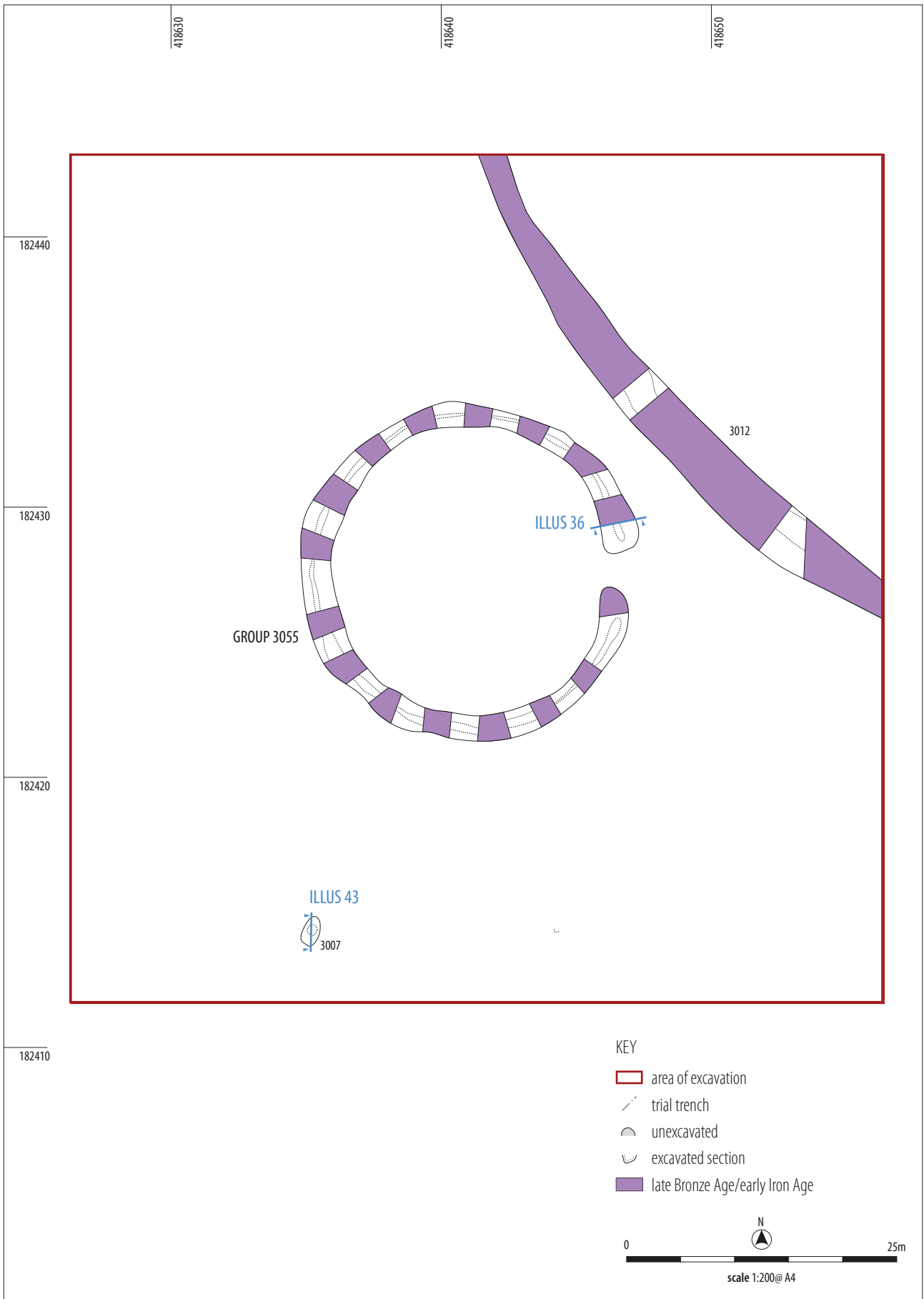
Group [3055] – Circular ring-ditch with entrance (Illus 36–37, 39)

Trench 4J was a targeted trench in the southern part of the site, measuring approximately 30x30m. Following machine stripping and extensive cleaning, a circular feature was identified, as well as a small pit and a linear ditch.

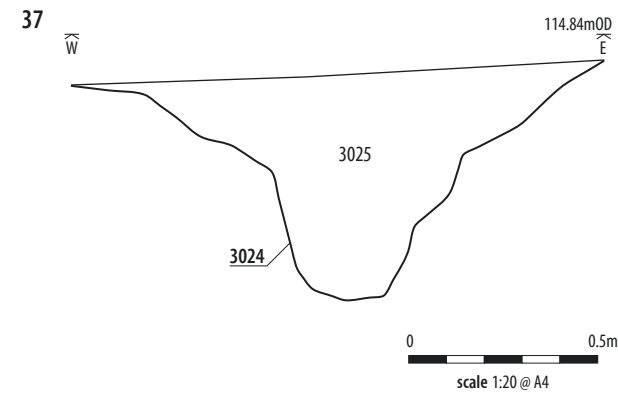
Ring-ditch [3055] was a circular ring-ditch measuring 12.5m across and with an entrance pointing to the east (Illus 36, 39–40). The ditch ranged in width from 0.6m [3030] to 1.6m [3043], although the average was approximately 1.2m. The entrance termini [3024 and 3050] were slightly wider, measuring 1.4m. The depth ranged from 0.4 [3028] to 0.7m [3034], the average being around 0.5m (Illus 37). The sides were generally steep, with a V-shaped profile, narrowing down to a flattish base, measuring five to ten centimetres wide.

The ditch was filled by a relatively homogenous single fill, comprising a light brown, clayey silty sand, with no significant variation throughout.

Pottery and lithic material were recovered from the fills of several slots, around the whole circumference of the feature ranging from



ILLUS 36 Plan of Area 4j



ILLUS 37 [3024], group [3055], terminus section of small ring-ditch, facing west, Area 4j **ILLUS 38** Working shot, excavation of currency bar Area 4j **ILLUS 39** Small ring-gully [3055], post ex, facing west, Area 4j

the Neolithic to the Iron Age. The most significant find was an iron currency bar found during excavation of the southern terminus of the ditch. It was a flat bar with a rounded tip at one end, and a socketed tang at the other and measured approximately 0.865m long, with a 5cm wide blade (Illus 38). These artefacts are generally dated to the 2nd or 1st century BC and are often found in burial/ funerary contexts.

There was evidence that the currency bar had been inserted into the ditch terminus at a later date from the time of the original monument construction, as there were signs of re-cutting around the bar, in the form of a deeper, narrower pit which was distinct from the general width and depth of the terminus.

Specifically, Neolithic/Bronze Age pottery/lithics/artefacts were found in fill contexts (3025, 3031, 3041, 3047, 3049 and 3054) suggesting a focus around the southern arc of the ditch. Context (3025) producing flint possibly dating to the early Neolithic, and a late Bronze Age loom weight.

Iron Age pottery was recovered from contexts (3027, 3029, 3033, 3035, 3039 and 3052), showing a distribution focused on the northern arc of the ditch, distinct from the currency bar (3023), found in the southern terminus.

Contexts with both Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age artefacts included (3027, 3033 and 3035) from which eleven fragments of a ceramic bowl dated to the late Bronze Age were recovered, overall

this mixed group was focused in the northern half of the circular ditch.

Pit [3007] Area 4J (Illus 36)

Just to the south of the ring-ditch was an oval pit [3007], which measured 1m long x 0.6m wide x 0.2m deep (Illus 43–44). It was steep sided with a concave base and contained a lower fill comprising a greyish brown, sandy clay with charcoal flecks (3008). The upper fill (3009), was more yellowish in colour and contained less charcoal.

Group [5938] – Sinuous land division south of Area 3 (Illus 41–42)

Sections of a broad linear feature were excavated in Areas 4I, 4J and 4L. They are believed to belong to the same large land division (which may also relate to one of the linear features in Area 3).

Area 4I – [3057 and 3049]

The land division in this excavation area measured approximately 16.6m long x 1.36m wide x 0.3m deep (Illus 41). The profile of the base and sides was irregular, and it was filled by an orangey brown, silty sandy gravel (3056 and 3058). Three fragments of later prehistoric pottery were recovered from fill (3058).

The alignment of this ditch corresponds with ditch [3012] seen in trench 4J and could be part of the same feature.



ILLUS 40 Cam shot of Iron Age ring-ditch and surrounding landscape

a rounded base and was filled with a mid-brownish, orange, friable, sandy silty clay (3011). A fragment of pottery was recovered from the fill, which was dated to the late Bronze Age or early Iron Age period.

5.2 AREA 4A (ILLUS 45)

Romano-British

Group [2242, 2243] – Double ring-ditch (Illus 45–46)

Located close to the northern edge of the trench, the outer ring was partially obscured by the baulk adjacent to the western field boundary (Illus 46). The feature consisted of two parallel ring gullies, with a possible entrance pointing towards the west, and evidence of internal occupation. The eastern side of the feature had been truncated by later activity including the previous evaluation.

Across the outer gully (Illus 48), the diameter was 11.5m, measured north-west/south-east, while the maximum internal dimension was 9.4m, measured north-east/south-west. Midway along the western side, the inner and out gullies ended in a total of four corresponding termini, creating a gap of approximately 1.1m for the inner ring, slightly narrower for the outer, this feature was interpreted as an entrance.

On the southern side, the outer gully was steep-sided, with a rounded base, and measured 0.3m wide x 0.11 deep - [2090]. The single fill (2091), comprised a greyish brown, friable, silty clay, and contained two fragments of Savernake Roman pottery. The profile of the gully on the northern side was similar, measuring 0.3 wide x 0.15m deep [2148], with the fill comprising a greyish brown, sandy clayey silt. The southern terminus of the outer ring-ditch was heavily truncated, however, the northern terminus survived to a depth of 0.05m x 0.24 wide, the fill comprising a greyish brown, silty clay and containing occasional charcoal flecks.

The profile of the inner ring-ditch on the southern arc comprised gently sloping sides with a rounded base, and measured 0.36m wide x 0.08m deep. The fill [2092], comprising an orangey brown clay. On the northern side, the gully had survived to a greater depth, measuring 0.4m wide x 0.19m deep, with the fill comprising a firm, brown-grey, sandy clayey silt.

Across this area were a number of thin and discontinuous anthropogenic horizons [2247] (not illustrated) which contained artefacts and other cultural material. They appear to represent the very base of an occupation horizon related to the double ring-ditch.

The feature was cut through by a linear [2245] which runs north-south in this part of the site, and features [2136, 2156], which have truncated the eastern side of the feature.

Group [2244] - Small ring-ditch, area 4A

Located immediately to the east of the larger double ring-ditch, this feature comprised an outer gully 0.38m wide and 0.16m deep [2165], encircling an internal area which contained a central depression [2163]. The feature ran into the baulk and was truncated on the

Area 4J – [3012 and 3016]

Directly to the north-east of ring-ditch [3055], was a linear feature measuring 21m long x 1.8m wide x 0.3m deep ([3012]/[3016]). It had gentle sloping sides with a rounded base and the single fill comprised a light yellow, silty sand. The alignment of this feature suggests an association with the ditch seen in trench 4I to the north-west [3057], which contained a fragment of prehistoric pottery in context (3059).

Area 4L – [3062] (Illus 41)

Located in trench 4L in the south-east part of the site, this was a linear feature, measuring approximately 9m long x 3.4m wide x 0.05m deep (Illus 42). It was a very shallow feature, filled by a pale brown orange, silty clay, with the presence of manganese throughout. Possibly sharing similar alignment with features seen in trenches 4J and 4I but with some evidence, the edge had been disturbed by tree rooting.

Minor features

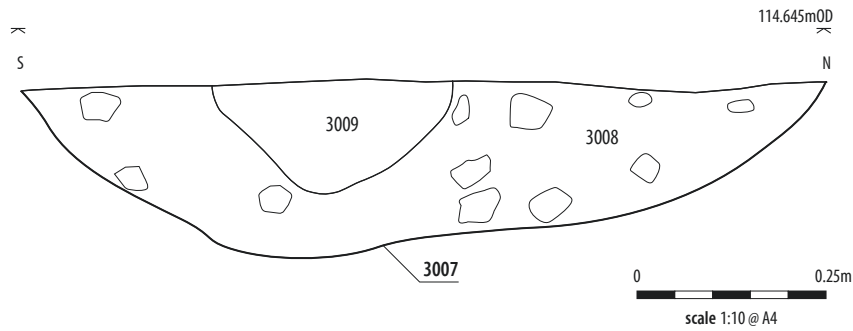
Linear [3010], Area 4I (Illus 42)

This feature was a linear ditch visible for approximately 7m and measuring 0.6m wide x 0.18m deep. The sides were gently sloping with





ILLUS 42 Plan of Area 4i



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ILLUS 43 [3007], Prehistoric pit, east facing section, Area 4j **ILLUS 44** Prehistoric pit [3007], south-east facing section, Area 4j

western side by drainage feature [2136], however, it survived to a maximum overall diameter of approximately 3.8m measured east-west.

The shallow circular depression [2163], measured 2.03m in diameter x 0.16m deep [2163]. The sides were gently sloping, with a flat base, and the fill comprised a firm, reddish brown silty clay, from which finds of struck flint and several fragments of Roman Savernake pottery was recovered from (2164).

The outer ring-ditch was cut by two small circular features [2173 and 2175], which were of similar dimensions measuring on average 0.4m diameter x 0.15m deep, with a fill of reddish brown silty clay. They were part of a group of four which included features [2169 and 2171], which also measured on average approximately 0.4m diameter, but only survived to a depth of 5-6cm.

Drainage and miscellaneous features

A number of apparently drainage related features truncated the roundhouse feature and intersected within the middle of the excavation area. Sealing these was an extensive deposit of silted material (2081), which was investigated first by slots, and then machined off so the line of linear features leading into it could be recorded. Very few stratigraphic relationships were observable in this material, however, it seems clear that there were multiple episodes of ditch re-cutting and replacement all of which were aimed at draining into the area where (2081) was located.

Ditch [2245] (Illus 45–46)

Ditch [2245] measured 1.1m wide x 0.10m deep. The fill comprised a reddish-brown, silty clay (2168) and was the same in the other

excavated slot [2165], however, a fragment of prehistoric pottery was recovered from this deposit (2166). The feature truncated the inner ring-ditch [2242].

Ditch [2246] (Illus 45)

Also truncating the ring-ditch was this north-south aligned ditch, extending from the northern baulk to the centre of the trench. It measured 29m in length x 0.8m wide x 0.24 deep [2136], with steep sides and a rounded base, it was truncated by an evaluation trench at the northern end. The ditch contained two fills, a lower one comprised of plastic, mottled, blue-grey, silty clay, with occasional charcoal flecks (2137), and a later fill (2066), comprised of a firm, grey-brown, sandy clay, which contained 30 fragments of Roman pottery.

Ditch [2084] (Illus 45, central part of trench)

A short length of ditch, aligned east-west and intersecting with ditches [2248 and 2264]. It was only 2.36m long x 0.5m wide x 0.2m deep, with gently sloping sides and a rounded base, it was noted that the edges were difficult to define during excavation. The fill comprised a firm, light blue-grey, silty clay.

Excavation suggested that [2248] was cut by [2084].

Ditch [2248] (Illus 45, central part of trench)

A relatively short ditch, aligned north-south, located to the west of feature [2246]. It measured approximately 11m long x 0.35m wide x 0.14m deep, ending in a terminus at the northern end [2203], but petering out towards the south. The sides were uneven and gently sloping, with a rounded base, and the main fill in this part of the ditch comprised a firm, bluish grey silty clay, and contained a piece of coarse pottery. A secondary fill comprised a dark grey-blue, sandy clay, and also contained a piece of probable prehistoric pottery.

Twelve fragments of Savernake Roman pottery recovered from (2047 and 2048).

Ditch [2026] (Illus 45, southern part of trench)

An isolated short curvilinear ditch which runs parallel with [2250], and has a terminus at either end. It measures 7.8m long x 0.38m wide x 0.10m deep, with steep sides and a rounded base. The fill comprised a mid-grey brown, sandy clay, and contained two sherds of late Iron Age pottery, and one of Roman.

Ditch [2074] (Illus 45– 46, central part of trench)

A short ditch measuring 6.4m long x 1.1m wide x 0.15m deep. The sides were slightly irregular and gently sloping with a rounded base. The fill comprised a friable, orangey brown, silty clay, and contained several fragments of Roman pottery and one prehistoric flint, possibly a broken knife.

Ditch [2237] (Illus 45– 46, south of double ring-ditch)

A short linear feature measuring 5.9m long x 1.1m wide x 0.15m deep, with shallow sides and a concave base. The fill comprised a friable, mid-grey, silty clay, and contained sherds of Roman Savernake pottery

A linear, north-south aligned ditch, cutting through the double ring-ditch and disappearing into the northern baulk of the trench, it was visible for a distance of 9.3m ending in a terminus [2104]. It was 1.1m wide x 0.4m deep, with steeply sloping sides on the west edge and a shallower gradient on the eastern side, the base was flat. The fill comprised a light orange-brown, sandy clayey silt (2162), and contained finds of Roman Savernake pottery, as well as some lithic chips. The fill was packed with large to medium sized stones and rocks, which was a distinctive feature of the back-fill.

The terminus [2104] was steeply sided, with sharp breaks of slope at the base and top. There were two main fills showing a slightly different composition. The lower fill (2105), was comprised of dark grey clay, and contained finds of pottery, while above this (2139), was a friable silty clay, and also contained several finds of Roman pottery including reduced wares and Savernake ware, as well as burnt clay.

Ditch [2042] (Illus 45, central part of trench)

Running east-west from the western baulk to the centre of the site, this feature measured approximately 8m long x 2m wide x 0.28m deep. The sides were slightly irregular and stepped, with a flat base, and the fill comprised orangey brown, silty clay (2043). It possibly shows a tapering towards the eastern end of the feature, the western end being slightly wider.

Possibly function as drainage, parallel with feature [2249].

Ditch [2070] (Illus 45, central)

A short length of ditch running north-south, located between features [2249 and 2042], it measured only 3.8m long x 1.25m wide x 0.07m deep. The sides were very shallow and sloping, with a flat base, and the fill comprised a moist, brownish grey, silty clay.

This feature was cut by [2072].

Ditch [2249] (Illus 45, central)

Running east-west from the western baulk to the centre of the centre, this feature measured approximately 7m long x 1.4m wide x 0.3m deep. The sides were slightly stepped and irregular, with a flat base, and the fill comprised a firm, bluish grey, silty clay (2016). It contained natural flint and occasional charcoal flecks. Two flakes of prehistoric hard hammer flint recovered from this feature

The similarity in terms of size, shape and orientation, of features [2042 and 2249], may indicate an association or shared function.

Relatively speaking their form is crude, and they are aligned perpendicular to the north-south aligned ditches running through the centre of the site [2046, 2064].

This linear feature exposed in narrow slot through (2081) which measured 1.6m wide x 0.3m deep, with gently sloping sides and an irregular base. The fill was firm, mottled, blue-grey loam (2077). Six fragments of Roman pottery recovered from this context, including Verulamium white ware, and one fragment of Prehistoric pottery.

Ditch [2252] (Illus 45, southern)

A wide east-west feature, extending from the western baulk out into the centre of the site, it measures 12m long x 1.8m wide x 0.45m deep and was slightly curvilinear in plan. The south edge was steep, the north edge was gentler, and the base was rounded, and showed evidence of disturbance. The fill comprised a firm, mottled, blue-grey, sandy clayey silt, with some charcoal flecks (2006). On excavation of the silting deposit (2081) this feature was found to be complex, comprising multiple small channels [2036, 2038 and 2040]. Fragments of Roman pottery were recovered from these contexts.

Ditch [2250] (Illus 45, southern)

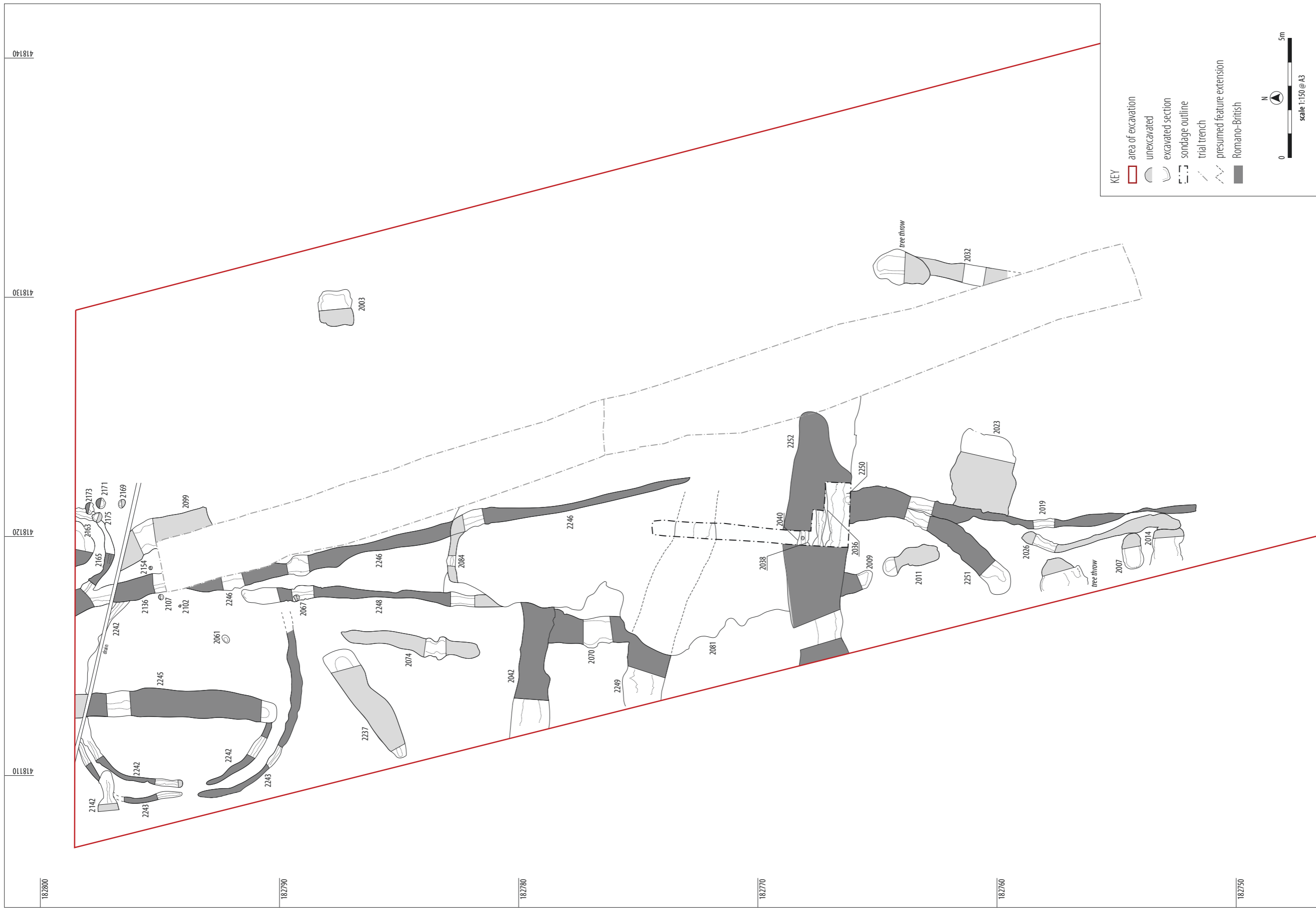
A curvilinear ditch, running alongside feature [2251], and measuring 16m long, ending in a terminus at the northern end [2088], and at the southern end [2028]. It measured 0.55m wide x 0.35m deep in the middle section [2019], and was steep sided with a flat base (Illus 49). The fill comprised a firm, mottled blue-grey, clayey silt, and was uniform through-out (2020).

Terminus [2088] at the northern end, was 0.5m wide x 0.3m deep, with a slightly irregular base, the fill comprised a light blue-grey, clayey silt (2089), with occasional charcoal flecks and natural flint nodules.

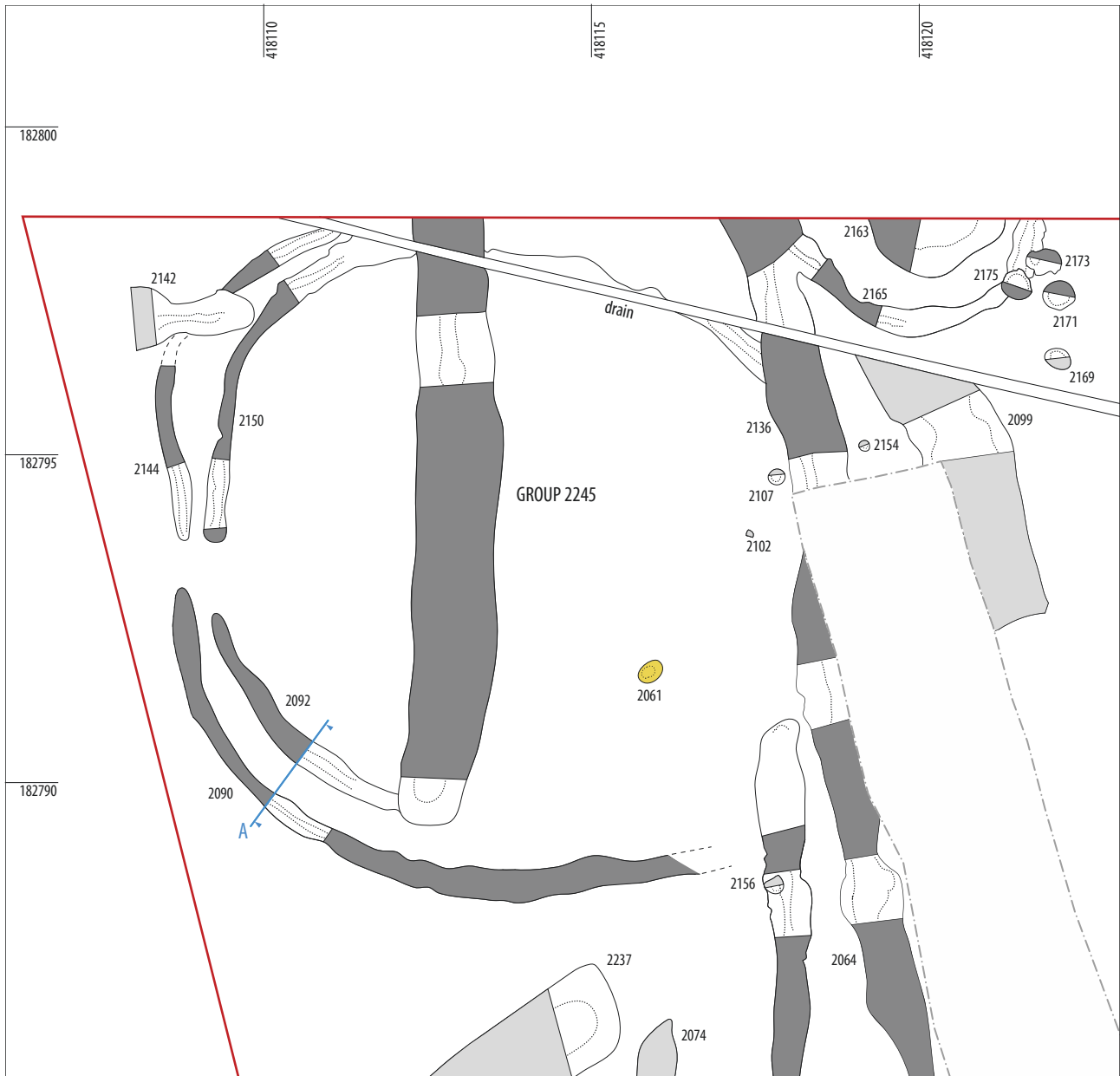
Adjacent to [2250] was a 0.10m deep depression containing a subsoil-like material with frequent fragments of Roman pottery (2023). This may have been the base of a deliberately dug and subsequently truncated feature, alternatively it may reflect preservation of the base of an occupation or midden deposit.

Ditch [2251] (Illus 45, southern)

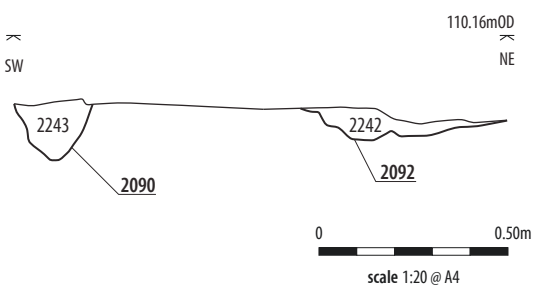
Located to the south of feature [2252], this appeared as a curvilinear ditch, ending in a terminus [2024]. It was visible for a distance of approximately 8m, and measured 0.7m wide x 0.25m deep, with gently sloping sides and a rounded, slightly uneven base. The fill comprised a firm, light blue-grey, clayey silt, with occasional charcoal flecks and natural flint (2018).



ILLUS 45 Plan of Area 4a

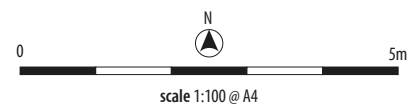


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KEY

- area of excavation
- trial trench
- unexcavated
- excavated section
- Romano-British
- undated



ILLUS 46 [2242], double ring-gully, plan, Area 4a



ILLUS 47 Working shot, Trench 4a, muddy conditions, facing north-west

ILLUS 48 Outer ring-gully [2090], south-east facing section, Area 4a

ILLUS 49 Linear ditch [1000], north facing section, Area 4e

The terminus [2024], was 0.3m wide x 0.09m deep, with gentle sides and a rounded base, with the fill comprising a firm, grey-brown, clayey silt (2025), with occasional charcoal flecks, and natural flint.

This may represent the remains of a circular feature, given its relative proximity to the double ring-ditch, and the smaller associated feature at the north end of the trench.

Ditches [2009, 2011] (Illus 45, southern)

These fragmentary linear features lay between [2252 and 2251]. They had been truncated by the later activity and were only 0.09m deep, but may have related to the earlier efforts at drainage in this area.

Pit [2003] (Illus 45, isolated feature eastern edge)

This isolated sub-rectangular pit measured 1.40m x 1.36m and was 0.14m deep. The fill contained Romano-British pottery and residual prehistoric lithics.

Pit [2007] (Illus 45, southern)

This pit or ditch terminus lay at the southern extent of activity in Area 4A and extended out from the western baulk. The exposed part of the feature measured 1.62m long and 0.87m wide; it was 0.27m deep. It was notable for containing evidence of industrial waste as well as Romano-British pottery.

Pit [2014] (Illus 45, southern)

This feature contained a similar fill to [2007] and was immediately adjacent to it. Although it contained pottery fragments, no industrial



ILLUS50 Linear ditch [2019], and curvilinear ditch [2017], Area 4a

material was noted. The feature measured 1.72m long, 1.48m wide and 0.15m deep.

5.3 AREA 4E (ILLUS 1, 51, 53)

Area 4E contained fragmentary remains of a system of enclosures (Illus 51). They are thought to be of prehistoric or Romano-British date; residuality and intrusiveness of artefacts have complicated the dating of this area.

Romano-British

Ditch [1070] (Illus 51)

A short linear feature, located against the western baulk, which measured 12.4m long x 2m wide x 0.6m deep. It had steep sides and a rounded base, and the single ditch fill (1071), comprised a blueish grey, silty clay, and contained an end scraper possibly dating to the early Neolithic, and a fragment of Severn Vale Roman pottery.

Potentially this feature and pit [1020], are 'inside' an enclosure indicated by [1072].

Ditch [1072] (Illus 51)

Located at the mid-point of the trench, this curvilinear feature was aligned east-west and extended across the full width of the excavated area. It was 1.1m wide x 0.48m deep, with a V-shaped profile and a rounded base, with a slightly stepped edge [1059]. The profile did show a slight variation towards the eastern end, where

it was more U-shaped and rounded [1054]. The section of [1059] indicated two fills, an earlier weathering deposit of orangey clayey silt (1060), and a later main fill (1061), comprising a soft, mottled blue/grey, clayey silt. The section of [1054] also showed evidence of two fills, an earlier fill of mottled greyish orange, silty clay (1055), and a later fill comprising bluish grey, silty clay (1056).

Fill (1061) [1059], produced a fragment of coarse early prehistoric pottery, two hard hammer flint flakes, and an iron nail.

This feature represents some form of curvilinear feature, possibly an enclosure, the perimeter of which extends beyond the trench.

Ditch [1074] (Illus 51)

A linear ditch located close to the western edge of the trench, visible for approximately 31m, it tapers out at the northern end but terminates in the southern area [1026] (Illus 52). It measures 0.8m wide x 0.15m deep, with gently sloping sides and a rounded base, it comprised a single fill of greyish orange, friable, clay (1027). The terminus was rounded and clear in plan and was the same depth as the other excavated segments [1050].

A fragment of Savernake Roman pottery was recovered from context (1051) [1050]. The terminus [1026] appeared to respect ditch [1030], which runs east-west across the site just to the south. These two features may be associated.

Intersecting with the main ditch, and running perpendicular into the western baulk, [1044] was a short length of ditch.

Undated features

Ditch [1000] (Illus 49, 51)

This fragment of a possible boundary ditch lay at the northern edge of Area 4E, running north-south over 15m before petering out. It was 0.82m wide and 0.19m deep.

Ditch [1016] (Illus 51)

Another fragmentary linear feature in the northern part of Area 4E, measuring 0.55m wide, 0.12m deep and running discontinuously over some 12m.

Ditch [1073] (Illus 51)

A linear ditch measuring >33m long x 0.5m wide x 0.05m deep which was aligned north-south, starting from the centre of the trench and running into the western baulk. The ditch had shallow sides and a concave base, with the fill comprising an orangey grey, clay (1015), which was noted as being slightly different in composition to the surrounding natural.

The shallow depth of the feature, suggests a probable hedge-line, and it may be associated with the two other linear features [1000, 1006] in this part of the trench, which are of similar character and alignment.

Ditch [1075] (Illus 51)

A linear, east-west running ditch, located in the southern part of the trench, measuring 22m long x 0.27m wide x 0.2m deep. The sides were steep with a rounded base, and the single fill comprised a friable, reddish grey, clay.

Ditch [1076]

This feature was >27m long x 0.9m wide x 0.2m deep, and was aligned north-south, located in the northern end of the trench. It was linear, with gently sloping sides and a rounded base, and was filled with a mottled greyish brown, silty clay, which was uniform through-out (1003). The edges were noted as undulating, and the ditch was seen to peter out towards the centre of the trench.

This likely represents a field boundary or probable hedge-line.

5.4 AREA 4L

Ditch [3060] (Illus 41)

Located in trench 4L in the south-eastern part of the site, this was a curvilinear feature, with sloping sides and an irregular base, measuring 0.50–0.90m wide x 0.15–0.20m deep, and c.6m in length. It was filled by a poorly sorted deposit of mid greyish brown, silty clay, with manganese flecks visible throughout the deposit. The irregularity of the cut suggests possibly a former hedge-line or a collapsed burrow.

5.5 TRENCHES WITH NO ARCHAEOLOGY

Trench 4D

55m long x 2m wide x average depth of 0.30m. Topsoil was dark brown loam, 0.20m thick, subsoil was 0.10m thick; natural was dark brown silty clay. Two field drains.

Trench G

50m long x 2m wide x 0.30m deep. Topsoil comprised grey-brown, friable, soft, silty clay. Geological horizon comprised orange-yellow, mottled silty clay. Plough scars visible in natural.

Trench 4B

Measured 55m long x 2m wide and was dug to an average depth 0.30m. Topsoil measured 0.2m thick, subsoil 0.05m thick. Geological horizon comprised orange-brown, silty clay, there were two field drains visible.

Trench 4C

Measured 55m long x 2m wide, and was dug to a depth of approximately 0.4m. No archaeological remains were found in these trenches. Topsoil 0.20m thick, subsoil 0.10m thick, geological horizon, orange-brown silty clay.

Trench 4G/4H

These trenches measured 56m long x 2m wide and were dug to a depth of approximately 0.3m. No archaeological remains were encountered in these trenches.

Trench H

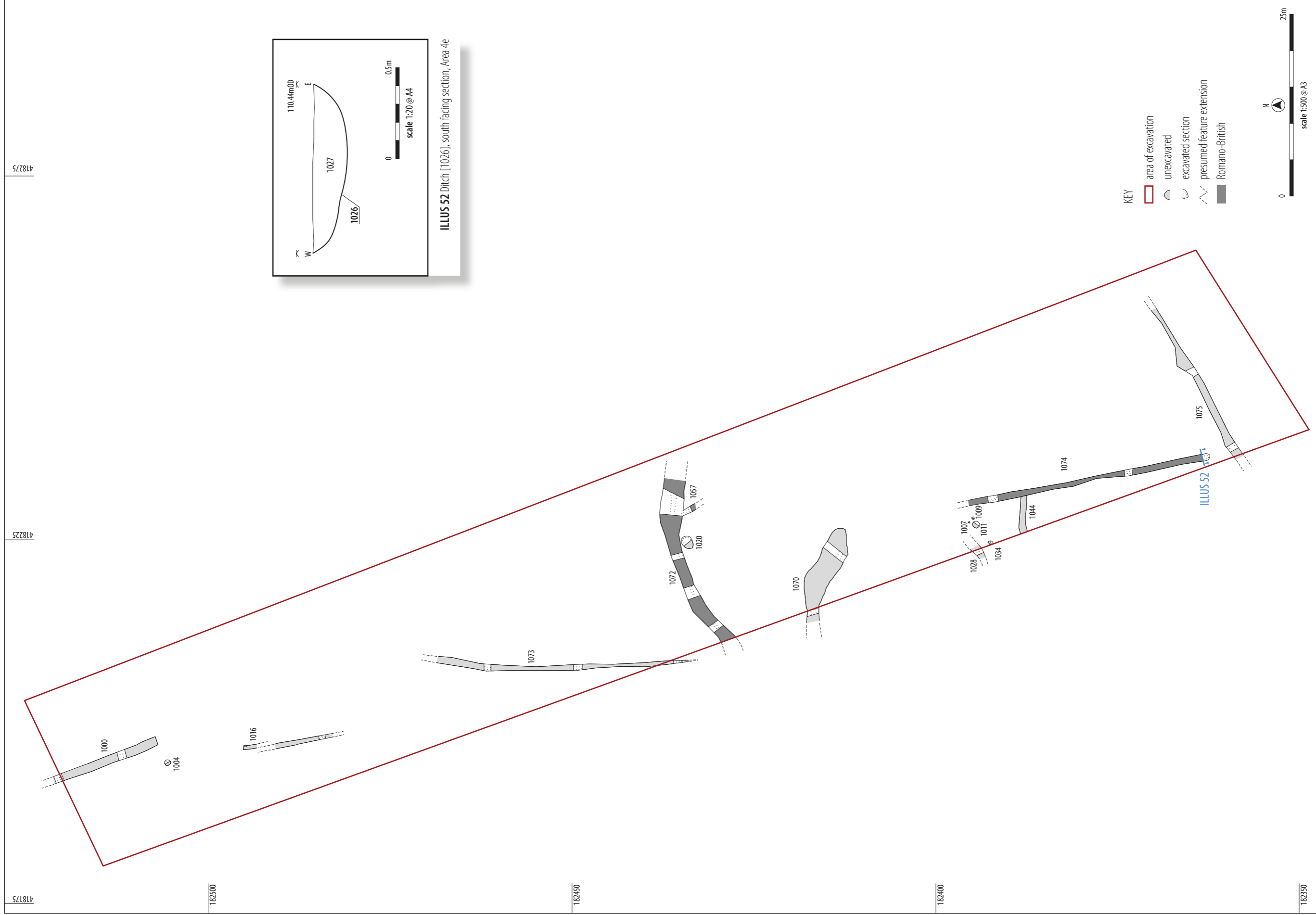
50m long x 2m wide x 0.3m deep. Topsoil was 0.30m thick comprising dark silty loam.

Trench 4L

A targeted trench measuring 15m x 15m, it was excavated to a depth of approximately 0.4m, at which point the natural clay was encountered. A potential linear feature was cleaned and excavated but was subsequently interpreted as a natural anomaly.

Trench 4K

A targeted trench measuring 15m x 15m, it was excavated to a depth of approximately 0.20m at which point the natural clay was visible. No archaeological remains were encountered, however, variations in the colour and composition of the surface of the natural clay were noted, which presumably had been identified as potential archaeology from the previous survey work.





ILLUS 53 Working shot, Trench 4e, facing west

6 DISCUSSION

6.1 DATING

Dating evidence suggests the main periods of activity range from the late Neolithic to the late Bronze Age, with both domestic and ritual activity. Further analysis of the finds and C14 results may help to determine whether features were contemporary, or reflect sequential phases of activity. Comparative analysis with other, similar sites known throughout Wiltshire may also help with this.

The material recovered during environmental assessment would allow for more detailed analysis, including radiocarbon dating of a number of features. This could help with determining a more detailed understanding of the internal development of the site.

There is more than one example of identifiable in situ burning. This includes an event in slot [5181] of ring-ditch [5250]; the charcoal deposit (5228) in the large land division [5367]; and the small group of pits [5771] in Area 3, which contained some dateable, burnt material. A focussed programme of dating on material from these events might help to define important absolute dates for the site, particularly in light of the stratigraphic relationships between [5250, 5249 and 5367].

6.2 CONTEXT OF THE DISCOVERIES

The remains uncovered in Area 3 clearly represent a significant site. Evidence of worked flint scatters suggests transient activity on site from the Mesolithic period onwards. It should, however, be noted that this material was almost entirely ex situ, with the main focus of the site dating to the late Neolithic and early Bronze Age, when the site appears to have become a place of ritual activity, based around a large circular monument. The function of the site, in terms of widespread land organisation, comprising large enclosures then developed during the mid to late Bronze Age. Consequently, it has the potential to address some significant research questions on a regional level and possibly beyond, concerning the nature and relationship of late Neolithic/Bronze Age settlement. When looked at in a broader context, particularly in relation to the previous 15 archaeological investigations, the findings at Commonhead should allow for a more detailed exploration of a much wider landscape through time.

The lithic artefacts recovered during the excavation are directly comparable in character to those from the evaluation phases, comprising a large proportion of undiagnostic (and possibly non-artefactual) pieces; small quantities of Mesolithic and Neolithic artefacts, and in the main an assemblage of Bronze-Age date dominated by flake industries.

The site has a landscape context and could be compared to other, similar sites to be better understood. Addressing the landscape context of the site in a more theoretical light may also be useful, in

particular why the site, which clearly saw activity in both domestic and ritual aspects came to be chosen in the first place. In this, a consideration of the immediate topography of the surrounding area may be relevant

Further work stages within the wider site may also assist in the analysis of these remains.

6.3 SPECIALIST WORK

Detailed recommendations are presented in the appendices, in summary, these are:

- › Identification of charcoal from features selected for radiocarbon dating;
- › Analysis of burnt and unburnt bone and identification to species or human/non-human if possible;
- › Further study of the Collared Urn;
- › Inter-specialist collaboration to clarify the late prehistoric pottery;
- › Further lithic studies in relation to non-reworked remains;
- › Study of textile impressions on fired clay;
- › Illustration of artefacts as appropriate;
- › C14 dating of selected deposits.

7 CONCLUSION

In summary, the following steps are proposed to progress the final analysis and dissemination of the excavation results:

- › Agreement of an updated project design (UPD) with the archaeological advisor to the planning authority;
- › A strategy for producing a refined ceramic chronology and an absolute dating framework;
- › Agreement of a strategy for further specialist study;
- › A strategy for academic research, in order to place the remains in their proper context;

- › Delivery of the research arrangements agreed in the UPD;
- › Production of a final 'grey literature report';
- › Production of an article for publication in an appropriate academic journal.

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9 APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 SITE REGISTERS

Appendix 1.1 Context register

Context	Area	Group	Relates to Cut	Dimensions (m)			Summary interpretation	Full Interpretation
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0000	3						Unstratified finds 3	
0001	4A						Unstratified finds 4A	
0002	4E						Unstratified finds 4E	
1000	4E	1076		>10.00m	0.82m	0.19m	Cut of ditch	Possible boundary ditch
1001	4E	1076	1000	>10.00m	0.82m	0.19m	Fill of ditch	Fill of possible boundary ditch
1002	4E	1076		10.00m	0.90m	0.19m	Cut of ditch	Possible field boundary
1003	4E	1076	1002	10.00m	0.90m	0.19m	Fill of ditch	Possible backfill from removal of hedge line
1004	4E			0.87m	0.77m	0.09m	Possible tree bowl	Shallow pit with uneven base
1005	4E		1004	0.87m	0.77m	0.09m	Fill of tree bowl	
1006	4E							
1007	4E			0.12m	0.12m	0.16m	Pit	Small pit containing charcoal rich fill. Found in close proximity to other series of similar shaped pits
1008	4E		1007	0.12m	0.12m	0.16m	Fill of small pit	Charcoal rich fill of possible prehistoric pit
1009	4E			0.40m	0.40m	0.18m	Small pit	Small pit found in close proximity to two other similar features
1010	4E		1009	0.40m	0.40m	0.18m	Fill of small pit	Charcoal rich fill from small pit
1011	4E			1.00m	1.00m	0.10m	Small pit	Possible small fire pit, capped with clay
1012	4E		1011	1.05m	0.89m	0.03m	Fill of pit	Charcoal rich fill of medium sized pit
1013	4E		1011	1.05m	1.00m	0.07m	Fill of pit	Clay cap for fire pit
1014	4E	1073		>20.00m	0.46m	0.05m	Linear ditch	Shallow linear ditch, possible field boundary
1015	4E	1073	1014	20.00m	0.46m	0.05m	Fill of ditch	Fill of possible field boundary
1016	4E			>1.00m	0.55m	0.12m	Cut of ditch	Shallow ditch
1017	4E		1016		0.55m	0.12m	Fill of ditch	Homogenous fill of shallow ditch
1018	4E	1073		1.00m	0.90m	0.25m	Cut of ditch	Linear ditch
1019	4E	1073	1018	>1.00m	0.90m	0.25m	Ditch fill	Homogenous ditch fill
1020	4E			4.00m	1.50m	0.30m	Pit	Sub-circular feature with irregular profile. Possible tree bowl
1021	4E		1020	4.00m	1.50m	0.30m	Fill of pit	Fill of possible tree bowl
1022	4E			?	1.10m	0.40m	Cut of ditch	Ditch
1023	4E		1022	?	1.10m	0.40m	Fill of ditch	Single undifferentiated fill of ditch
1024	4E	1070		>5.00m	1.30m	0.25m	Cut of ditch	Ditch
1025	4E	1070	1024	>5.00m	1.30m	0.25m	Fill of ditch	Single undifferentiated fill of ditch
1026	4E	1074		20.00m	0.82m	0.15m	Ditch terminal	Terminus of shallow ditch
1027	4E	1074	1026	20.00m	0.82m	0.15m	Fill of ditch	Single fill due to silting rather than deliberate backfill
1028	4E			>1.00m	1.10m	0.30m	Cut of ditch	Natural feature

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1029	4E		1028		1.10m	0.30m	Natural deposit	Fill of natural feature, tree bowl
1030	4E	1075		20.00m	0.27m	0.19m	Cut of ditch	Possible field boundary,
1031	4E	1075	1030	20.00m	0.27m	0.19m	Fill of ditch	Single backfill deposit
1032	4E	1074		20.00m	0.81m	0.13m	Ditch	Linear ditch
1033	4E	1074	1032	20.00m	0.81m	0.13m	Fill of ditch	Fill resulting from silting rather than deliberate backfill
1034	4E			0.60m	0.50m	0.17m	Pit	Small pit, fill not well defined against natural
1035	4E		1034	0.60m	0.50m	0.17m	Fill of pit	Homogenous fill of small pit
1036	4E	1073		>1.00m	0.80m	0.20m	Cut of ditch	Ditch
1037	4E	1073	1036		0.80m	0.20m	Fill of ditch	Homogenous ditch fill
1038	4E							
1039	4E							
1040	4E	1075		20.00m	0.20m	0.35m	Cut of ditch	Possible field boundary ditch
1041	4E	1075	1040	20.00m	0.20m	0.35m	Fill of ditch	Ditch fill
1042	4E				0.50m	0.03m	Cut of ditch	Traces of ditch, heavily truncated
1043	4E		1042		0.50m	0.03m	Fill of ditch	Ditch fill
1044	4E							
1045	4E							
1046	4E							
1047	4E							
1048	4E				0.55m	0.12m	Cut of ditch	Shallow ditch
1049	4E		1048		0.55m	0.12m	Fill of ditch	Single fill of ditch
1050	4E	1074					Cut of ditch	Shallow ditch, possible field boundary
1051	4E	1074	1050				Fill of ditch	
1052	4E							
1054	4E	1072			3.7m	0.30m	Curving ditch	Possible remains of circular feature
1055	4E	1072	1054		3.7m	0.30m	Ditch fill	Fill of curving ditch
1056	4E	1072	1054				Fill of ditch	Fill of curving ditch
1057	4E				0.65m	0.10m	Cut of ditch	
1058	4E		1057				Fill of ditch	Single fill of shallow ditch
1059	4E	1072		>30.00m	1.10m	0.48m	Curvilinear ditch	V-shaped profile, coarse pottery and square profile nail recovered from fill
1060	4E	1072	1059	>2.00m	0.40m	0.40m	Primary ditch fill	Primary ditch fill of possible Romano-British ditch
1061	4E	1072	1059	>2.00m	1.50m	0.52m	Later ditch fill	Later ditch fill of possible Romano-British ditch. Coarse pottery and square profile ditch from this deposit
1062	4E	1072	1059	>2.00m	0.63m	0.12m	Fill of ditch	Fill of possible Romano-British ditch
1063	4E	1072		>30.00m	1.10m	0.42m	Cut of ditch	Cut of V-shaped ditch, possibly Romano-British date.
1064	4E	1072	1063	>30.00m	1.10m	0.42m	Fill of ditch	Fill of possible Romano-British ditch
1065	4E	1072		1.00m	1.80m	0.71m	Cut of ditch	Curvilinear ditch
1066	4E	1072	1065	>30.00m	1.80m	0.71m	Fill of ditch	Single main fill of wide ditch, possibly Romano-British date.

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1067	4E						Topsoil	
1068	4E						Subsoil	
1069	4E						Geological clay	
1070	4E				2.00m	0.60m	Linear ditch	
1071	4E		1070	>5.00m	2.00m	0.60m	Fill of ditch	Single fill of ditch
1072	4E	1072	1054				E-w curvilinear drainage feature	Group to associate sections related to 1054
1073	4E	1073	1014				Fragment of n-s linear	Group to associate sections related to 1014
1074	4E	1074	1026				N-s linear feature	Group to associate sections related to 1026
1075	4E	1075	1030				E-w linear feature	Group to associate sections related to 1030
1076	4E	1076	1000				N-s linear feature	Group to associate sections related to 1000
2000	4A					0.15m	Topsoil	Loam, dark grey brown, firm, small stones
2001	4A					0.05m-0.10m	Subsoil	Silty clay, mid grey brown, firm, frequent small stones.
2002	4A						Natural clay	Clay, light yellow brown, firm.
2003	4A			1.40	1.30m	0.14m	Cut of pit	Medium sized pit truncated by ploughing. Flat base, steep sides, sharp break of slope.
2004	4A	2003	2003	1.40m	1.36m	0.14m	Fill of pit	Fill contains abundant pottery. Clay silt, mid grey brown, firm, mod natural flint.
2005	4A	2252			1.80m	0.45m	Cut of ditch	Curvilinear ditch, rounded base. Interpreted as boundary ditch.
2006	4A	2252	2005		1.80m	0.45m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay silt, mottled dark blue grey with iron staining. Firm.
2007	4A			1.62	0.87m	0.27m	Cut of linear	Curvilinear feature, vertical sides, uneven base. Appears related to 2013 but may be only a hollow in-filled with occupation/industrial material.
2008	4A		2007	1.62m	0.87m	0.27m	Fill of ditch	Pottery/slag fragments from fill. Sandy clay. Light brown grey. Moist firm.
2009	4A			1.30m	0.40m	0.09m	Linear ditch	Cut of shallow linear or pit, unclear relationship to 2005. Rounded base. Rounded terminus.
2010	4A		2009	1.30m	0.40m	0.09m	Fill of ditch	Fill of ditch terminus. Clay silt, mid grey brown. Firm.
2011	4A				0.50m	0.09m	Cut of ditch	Cut of ditch terminus. Shallow, rounded base. Possibly associated with 2009.
2012	4A		2011		0.50m	0.09m	Fill of ditch	Fill of ditch terminus. Grey silt, mid grey brown, firm.
2013	4A			1.72m	1.47m	0.15m	Industrial pit	Irregular shaped feature possibly related to 2007. Uneven base, potentially industrial in origin, cut joins with 2007 but relationship unclear.
2014	4A		2013	1.72m	1.48m	0.15m	Fill of pit	Fill of feature possibly associated with industrial activity. Sandy clay, light brown clay, moist firm. Pottery fragments.
2015	4A	2249					Cut of ditch	Linear ditch. Flat base, gently sloping sides.
2016	4A	2249	2015				Fill of ditch	Single main fill of linear ditch. Silty clay, mid blue grey, firm. Silting deposit formed after ditch gone out of use.
2017	4A	2251			0.70m	0.25m	Cut of ditch	Curvilinear ditch. Rounded base, enclosure ditch.
2018	4A	2251	2017		0.70m	0.25	Fill of ditch	Ditch fill. Clay silt, light blue grey, firm.

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2019	4A	2250			0.55m	0.35m	Boundary ditch	Steep sides flat base, possible RB/IA. Curvilinear, flat base, steep sides.
2020	4A	2250	2019		0.55m	0.55m	Fill of ditch	Ditch fill of possible Romano-British ditch. Clay silt, light blue grey, firm.
2021	4A			1.60m	1.10m	0.08m	Natural feature	Shallow tree bowl. Uneven base, circular plan.
2022	4A		2021	1.60m	1.10m	0.08m	Tree bowl fill	Fill of probable tree bowl. Sandy clay, mid grey brown, firm.
2023	4A			3.10m	2.30m	0.10m	Deposit	Subsoil pushed into depression. Clay silt, dark blue grey, firm.
2024	4A	2251			0.30m	0.09m	Ditch terminal	Probable natural feature. Curvilinear plan, rounded base
2025	4A	2251	2024		0.30m	0.09m	Fill of ditch	Ditch fill. Clay silt, mid grey brown, firm.
2026	4A			>1.00m	0.38m	0.10m	Gully	Truncated gully. Linear shape in plan, steep sides, rounded base.
2027	4A		2026	>1.00m	0.38m	0.10m	Fill of gully	Fill of heavily truncated gully. Sandy clay, mid grey brown, moist firm, pottery.
2028	4A	2250			0.38m	0.12m	Cut of ditch	Cut of medium sized ditch. Steep sides, rounded base,
2029	4A	2250	2028	>1.00m	0.38m	0.12m	Fill of ditch	Similar fills to 2027 and 2020. Sandy clay, mid grey brown, firm/moist.
2030	4A			2.60m	1.70m	0.30m	Tree bowl	Irregular plan, hard to define. Curvilinear shape, concave base.
2031	4A		2030	2.60m	1.70m	0.30m	Backfill	Fill of tree-throw. Silty clay, mid grey/orange, friable.
2032	4A			2.30m	0.70m	0.20m	Cut of ditch	Ill-defined cut, probable hedgerow. Concave base, linear shape in plan.
2033	4A		2032	2.30m	0.70m	0.20m	Backfill of hedgerow	Backfill of feature associated with hedgerow. Silty clay, mid grey orange, friable.
2034	4A	2251			0.64m	0.21m	Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch. Rounded base, gentle sides.
2035	4A	2251	2034		0.64m	0.21m	Fill of ditch	Fill of boundary/drainage ditch. Sandy clay silt, mid blue grey, firm.
2036	4A	2252	2005		0.76m	0.34m	Same as 2005	Possibly drainage ditch. Steep sides, flat base.
2037	4A	2252	2036		0.76m	0.34m	Fill of ditch	Fill of small ditch. Sandy clay silty, firm, mid blue grey.
2038	4A	2252			0.30m	0.34m	Small linear ditch	Small linear ditch, parallel with 2 others. Steep sides, rounded base
2039	4A	2252	2038		0.30m	0.34m	Fill of ditch	Silting deposit after ditch gone out of use. Sandy clay silt, mid blue grey, firm.
2040	4A	2252			0.40m	0.30m	Gully	Drainage gully
2041	4A	2252	2040		0.40m	0.30m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay silt, mid blue grey with light brown mottling, firm, pottery, charcoal from deposit.
2042	4A			>10.00	2.05m	0.28m	Linear ditch	Linear stepped sides, flat base, gentle break of slope
2043	4A		2042	>10.00m	2.05m	0.28m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, orange brown, plastic consistency, no inclusions.
2044	4A		2040		0.14m	0.12m	Post-hole	0.14m diameter hole in base of ditch 2040, rounded base, steep sided
2045	4A		2044		0.14m	0.14m	Post-hole fill	Clay silt, mid blue grey, hard consistency.
2046	4A	2248			0.52m	0.14m	Linear ditch	Uneven sides, rounded base, gentle break of slope. Ditch running se from ring-ditch.

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2047	4A	2248	2046		0.24m	0.02m	Primary ditch fill	Silt clay, light blueish grey, moist firm plastic consistency. Pottery from deposit.
2048	4A	2248	2046		0.25m	0.10m	Fill	Sandy clay, dark grey-blue, moist firm. Pottery from deposit
2049	4A	2243		1.80m	0.60m	0.20m	Cut of ring-ditch	Notably straight at this point. Curvilinear ditch. Base narrow/concave. Outer of double ring-ditch.
2050	4A	2243	2049?				Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay, mid pale grey, firm, occasional small stones. Pottery from deposit, possibly IA/RB.
2051	4A	2243	2049		0.22m	0.30m	Cut of post-hole	Oval shape in plan, steep sides, concave base. Cut into base of gully 2049.
2052	4A	2243	2051		0.22m	0.30m	Fill of post-hole	Silty clay (loam), mid grey, firm, occasional small stones. Red/orange mottles.
2053	4A	2242			0.65m	0.07m	Cut of ring-ditch	Very shallow, clear in plan, uneven base. Inner of double ring-gully
2054	4A	2242	2053?				Fill of ring-ditch	Same as 2052
2055	4A						Natural feature	Irregular sides, irregular base, silt fill
2056	4E		2055				Natural deposit	Clayey silt, pale grey/orange mottles, compact
2057	4A			5.00m	3.00m	0.05m	Occupation hollow	Very shallow, flat base, irregular shape in plan.
2058	4A		2057				Natural fill	Silty clay loam, brownish grey, orange mottles, firm friable.
2059	4A				0.15m	0.10m	Possible stake-hole	Sub circular plan, vertical sides, irregular base.
2060	4A		2059				Charred stake end?	Silty clay, mid brown grey, firm, orange mottles, flecks of charcoal around edges.
2061	4A				0.30m	0.25m	Small post-hole	Oval shape in plan, steep sides, concave base. Daub/pottery in fill.
2062	4A		2061				Post-hole fill	Silty clay, mid pale orange grey, re-deposited fill with ceramic in situ.
2063	4A		2061				Fill of pit	Silty clay loam, mid brown grey, friable. Daub lump in fill.
2064	4A	2246			0.66m	0.18m	Drainage ditch	Linear shape in plan, uneven sides, round base.
2065	4A	2246	2064		0.66m	0.10m	Fill of ditch	Primary ditch fill. Silty clay, light blue mottled, moist firm. Possible wash in.
2066	4A	2246	2064		0.66m	0.18m	Fill of ditch	Sand clay, dark grey blue, cemented, pottery. Natural back fill
2067	4A				0.27m	0.31m	Cut of post-hole	Circular, vertical sides, flat base,
2068	4A		2067		0.27m	0.05m	Fill of post-hole	Silty clay. Light blue grey mottled. Firm. Pottery
2069	4A		2067		0.25m	0.05m	Fill of post-hole	Sandy clay, dark grey, firm.
2070	4A			>20.00m	1.25m	0.07m	Drainage gully	Gentle sides, flat base, irregular edges, very shallow.
2071	4A		2070	>20.00m	1.25m	0.07m	Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey, moist plastic, silty clay. Similar to natural.
2072	4A			>2.00m	0.75m	0.11m	Ditch terminal	Rectangular shape in plan, gentle sides, flat base.
2073	4A		2074	>2.00m	0.75m	0.11m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, mid orange brown, moist plastic.
2074	4A			>20.00m	1.10m	0.15m	Cut of ditch	Linear shape, gentle sides, round base.
2075	4A		2074	>20.00m	1.10m	0.15m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, mid brown orange, friable. Pottery.
2076	4A	2249			1.60m	0.30m	Linear ditch	Irregular base, gentle sides,

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2077	4A	2249	2076		1.60m	0.30m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay silt, mid blue grey with brown mottling, firm.
2078	4A				1.40m	0.40m	Cut of ditch	Steep sides, uneven base,
2079	4A		2078		1.40m	0.40m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay silt, dark blue grey mottled. Fill of re-cut/cut
2080	4A					0.25m	Buried soil	Sandy clay silt, mid blue mottled grey, friable.
2081	4A					0.25m-0.55m	0.25m-0.55m	Silty clay, mid brown orange with blue grey, firm. Silting event filling natural hollow in ground occurring after archaeological activity.
2082	4A	2246		>20.00m	0.58m	0.20m	Linear ditch	Uneven base, steep sided. Possible water channel.
2083	4A	2246	2082	>20.00m	0.58m	>0.20m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, mid orange grey, wet friable.
2084	4A				0.50m	0.20m	Drainage ditch	Irregular shape in plan, gentle sides, rounded base.
2085	4A		2084		0.50m	0.20m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, light blue-grey, firm.
2086	4A	2248			0.35m	0.07m	Gully	Linear shape, gentle sides, rounded base.
2087	4A	2248	2086		0.35m	0.07m	Fill of gully	Silty clay, light blue grey, firm. Inform through-out.
2088	4A	2250			0.50m	0.30m	Cut of ditch	Curvilinear, steep sides, irregular base. Same as 2019, truncated by 2005
2089	4A	2250	2088		0.50m	0.30m	Fill of ditch	Clay silt, light blue grey, firm.
2090	4A	2243		>20.00m	0.30m	0.11m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular shape in plan, steep sides, pointed base. Part of outer ring-ditch.
2091	4A	2243	2090	>20.00m	0.30m	0.11m	Fill of ditch	Fill of ring-ditch. Silty clay, dark greyish brown, friable. Single fill of ring-ditch
2092	4A	2242		>20.00m	0.36m	0.08m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular shape in plan, rounded profile.
2093	4A	2242	2092	>20.00m	0.33m	0.03m	Fill of ditch	Primary fill of ring-ditch. Clay, mid orange brown, dry plastic.
2094	4A	2242	2092	>20.00m	0.36m	0.05m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, mid orange brown, friable. Possible daub.
2095	4A	2242		>20.00m	0.29m	0.10m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular ditch in plan, rounded base.
2096	4A	2242	2095	>20.00m	0.29m	0.10m	Fill of ditch	Fill of ring-ditch. Silty clay, dry friable. Pottery.
2097	4A				0.15m	0.10m	Post-hole	Post-hole found with-in ring-ditch. Pointed base, steep sides, circular shape.
2098	4A		2097		0.15m	0.10m	Post-hole fill	Clay, mid orange brown, plastic consistency.
2099	4A				1.10m	0.09m	Cut of ditch	Fragmentary curvilinear feature, possibly related to later drainage ditches eg 2245. Gentle sides, flat base, truncated.
2100	4A		2099		1.10m	0.09m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay, mid greyish brown, firm, occasional' stone. Uniform fill throughout.
2101	4A			>1.46m	1.50m	0.05m	Unexcavated sub soil	Silty clay, dark orange brown, firm, occasional' small stone. Subsoil which has settled in a depression in the ground.
2102	4A				0.17m	0.09m	Cut of stake-hole	Circular, steep sided, narrowing down to a point on sketch. Base not excavated. Located interior of double ring-ditch
2103	4A		2102		0.13m	0.09m	Fill of stake-hole	Sandy clay, mid grey brown, firm. Uniform
2104	4A	2245		>10.00m	1.13m	0.41m	Drainage ditch	Linear, vertical sides, uneven base. Cuts the inner gully of ring-ditch, several fills, possibly been re-cut.
2105	4A	2245	2104	>10.00m	0.88m	0.18m	Primary ditch fill	Clay, dark greyish brown, dry plastic, pottery. Deliberate backfill

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2106	4A	2245	2104		0.44m	0.18m	Fill of ditch	Clay, mid orange, plastic, no inclusions.
2107	4A				0.24m	0.06m	Post-hole?	Circular, steep sided, rounded base, Located inside double ring-ditch.
2108	4A		2107		0.24m	0.06m	Post-hole fill	Sandy clay, mid grey brown, firm.
2109	4A	2243		>0.75m	0.70m	0.20m	Cut of ring-ditch	Curvilinear, uneven sides, steep towards base.
2110	4A	2243	2109		0.70m	0.20m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay, pale grey with orange patches, firm, occasional small stones. Struck flakes form deposit.
2111	4A	2243	2109				Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay loam, mid pale brown grey, friable. Pottery and flint from this deposit.
2112	4A				0.5m	0.20m	Gully	Uneven base, sides unclear.
2113	4A		2112				Fill of gully	Silty clay loam, mid brown pale grey, friable, occasional small stone. Ceramic sherd from this deposit.
2114	4A	2242		>0.70m	0.5m	0.05m	Cut of ring-ditch	Shape not clear in plan, shallow depth, uneven base.
2115	4A	2242	2114				Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay loam, mid brownish grey, firm. Occasional small stones.
2116	4A			>0.25m	0.20m	0.10m	Cut of post-hole?	Oval in plan, steep sides, concave base
2117	4A		2116				Fill of post-hole?	Silty clay, pale brown grey, firm, occasional; small stone.
2118	4A				0.25m	0.13m	Cut of post-hole?	Sub-circular plan, steep sides. Clay fill.
2119	4A		2112				Fill of post-hole?	Silty clay, pale grey, firm.
2120	4A				0.15m	0.07m		
2121	4A		2120				Fill of 2120	Possible void
2122	4A				0.15m	0.10m	Post-hole?	Oval, round base?
2123	4A		2122	>0.20m	0.15m	0.10m	Post-hole fill	Silty clay, pale brown grey, occasional small stone. Tiny ceramic sherd?
2124	4A				0.50m	0.30m	Post-hole?	Sub-circular, steep sides, poorly defined breaks of slope. Excavator was unconvinced it was a feature.
2125	4A		2124				Fill?	Silty clay, pale grey, firm. Poorly defined against natural clay.
2126	4A				2.00m	0.10m	Depression	Irregular shape, irregular base. Not felt to be archaeological excavator
2127	4A		2126				Fill	Silty clay loam, mid brownish grey, firm. Pottery/daub fragments.
2128	4A	2128		1.60m	0.90m	0.07m	Occupation horizon	Group of shallow feature filled by material of same character as 2127, part of depressed/disturbed area. Likely not archaeological but filled with residual occupation debris from area. All irregular shapes/bases.
2129	4A	2128	2128				Deposit	Silty clay loam, firm, mid grey brown, charcoal flecks, occasional small stone.
2130	4A				0.35m	0.10m	Post-hole?	Circular, steep sides. Quite well defined.
2131	4A		2130		0.35m	0.10m	Post fill	Silty clay loam, mid grey brown. Firm. Occasional small stone.
2132	4A				0.30m	0.10m	Post-hole	Oval, concave base, well defined in plan, but shallow.
2133	4A		2132				Post-hole fill	Silty clay, firm, mid pale grey.

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2134	4A			0.70m	0.30m	0.07m	Pit?	Irregular shape in plan, shallow, uneven base. Possibly three conjoined small features. Truncated post settings.
2135	4A		2134		0.13m	0.07m		Silty clay, firm, mid pale grey.
2136	4A	2246		>1.00m	0.80m	0.24m	Cut of ditch	Linear, rounded base, gentle sides. Edges similar to natural. Excavator stated possibly part of ring gully
2137	4A	2246	2136	>1.00m	0.39m	0.11m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, mid blue grey mottled, plastic, occasional charcoal fleck.
2138	4A	2246	2136	>1.00m	0.80m	0.24m	Fill of ditch	Sand clay, mid grey brown, firm, occasional med' stone.
2139	4A	2245	2104	>10.00m	0.87m	0.32m		Silty clay, dark greyish brown, friable. Pottery.
2140	4A						Dm	
2141	4A		2140				Dm	
2142	4A			>1.60m	0.85m	0.20m	Cut of ditch	Linear, sloping sides, rounded base. Cuts ring gullies.
2143	4A		2142	>1.60m	0.90m	0.20m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay silt, mid brown grey, firm.
2144	4A	2243			0.24m	0.05m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, gently sides, rounded base,
2145	4A	2243	2144		0.24m	0.05m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay, mid grey brown, firm.
2146	4A	2242			0.32m	0.04m	Inner ring-ditch	Circular, flat base, truncated sides.
2147	4A	2242	2146		0.32m	0.04m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay, mid brown grey, firm
2148	4A	2243			0.30m	0.15m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, rounded base,
2149	4A	2243	2148		0.30m	0.15m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay silt, mid brown grey, firm, occasional stone.
2150	4A	2242			0.40m	0.19m	Cut of ring-ditch	Curvilinear, steep sides, rounded base.
2151	4A	2242	2150		0.40m	0.18m	Fill of ring-ditch	Sandy clay silt, mid brown grey, firm.
2152	4A				0.15m	0.03	Post-hole?	Circular, irregular base.
2153	4A		2152		0.15m	0.03m	Fill of post-hole	Silty clay, mid grey brown, firm. Excavator had low confidence in feature.
2154	4A				0.14m	0.02	Post-hole	Circular, gentle sides, flat base.
2155	4A		2154		0.12m	0.03m	Fill of post-hole	Silty clay, grey brown, firm.
2156	4A	2248		>1,00m	0.43m	0.08m	Linear ditch	Linear, gentle sides, rounded base.
2157	4A	2248	2156	>1.00m	0.43m	0.08m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay, mid grey brown, firm, occasional small stone.
2158	4A	2246		>1.00m	0.50m	0.15m	Cut of ditch	Linear, gentle sides, flat base.
2159	4A	2246	2158	>1.00m	0.50m	0.05m	Fill of ditch	Silt clay, light grey mottled orange, plastic.
2160	4A		2158	>1.00m	0.50m	0.10m	Fill of ditch	Sand clay, mid brown grey, firm. Occasional pottery
2161	4A	2245		8.00m	1.10m	0.40m	Cut of ditch	Linear, flat base, steep/gentle slopes. Ns aligned. Drainage/boundary ditch.
2162	4A	2245	2161	8.00m	1.10m	0.40m	Fill of ditch	Sandy clay silt, light brown orange, firm.
2163	4A	2244		2.03m	2.03m	0.16m	Occupation hollow	Circular, flat base. Feature goes into baulk, not visible
2164	4A	2244	2163		2.03m	0.10m	Fill of hollow	Silty clay, mid red brown, firm. Fills depression within ring-ditch
2165	4A	2244		>10.00m	0.39m	0.07m	Cut of ring-ditch	Ring-ditch, flat base, gentle sides. To the north east of double ring gully.
2166	4A	2244	2165	>10.00m	0.39m	0.07m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay, mid reddish brown, plastic. Occasional pottery.

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2167	4A	2244		>10.00m	0.38m	0.10m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, rounded base. Associated with larger double ring-ditch.
2168	4A	2244	2167	>10.00m	0.38m	0.10m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay, mid reddish brown, dry/plastic.
2169	4A				0.30m	0.04m	Pit	Circular shape, steep sides, flat base.
2170	4A	2244	2165		0.36m	0.04m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, mid reddish brown, plastic.
2171	4A				0.46m	0.04m	Cut of pit	Sub-circular, flat base, gentle sides. In close proximity to three other similar sized pits to the east of the single ring-ditch. 2169, 2175, 2173.
2172	4A		2171		0.40m	0.04m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, mid reddish brown, plastic.
2173	4A				0.51m	0.16m	Pit	Oval shape, stepped sides, uneven base.
2174	4A		2173		0.42m	0.16m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, mid reddish brown, fry plastic.
2175	4A				0.43m	0.13m	Pit	Circular, stepped sides, uneven base. In close association with two other pits in the area. Lost due to ploughing
2176	4A		2175		0.43m	0.13m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, mid reddish brown, plastic.
2177	4A	2244		>10.00m	0.38m	0.17m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular shape, steep sides, rounded base. Ne of small ring-ditch.
2178	4A	2244	2177	>10.00m	0.38m	0.17m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay. Mid reddish brown, dry plastic.
2179	4A	2243		>10.00m	0.16m	0.14m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular shape, steep sides, pointed base. Outer ring-ditch of double ring-ditch
2180	4A	2243	2179		0.16m	0.14m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay, mid reddish brown, plastic. Fill of gully of outer ring-ditch
2181	4A	2246		>10.00m	0.74m	0.27m	Cut of ditch	Linear, gentle sides, rounded base. Part of drainage ditch, truncates both double ring-ditch 2242/2243 and smaller ring-ditch 2244
2182	4A	2246	2181	>10.00m	0.42m	0.14m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, mid orange, friable. Pottery. Primary fill of ditch.
2183	4A	2246	2181	>10.00m	0.74m	0.13m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, mid orange brown, plastic. Secondary deposit/fill.
2184	4A	2242		>20.00m	0.34m	0.24m	Cut of ring-ditch	Inner ring gully of double ring-ditch. Circular, steep sides, rounded base.
2185	4A	2242	2184	>20.00m	0.34m	0.24m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty clay, mid reddish brown, plastic. Single fill of inner ring gully.
2186	4A						Trample layer	Four small irregular features, thought by excavator to be part of general occupation activity which has left its mark.
2187	4A		2186					
2188	4A				0.25m	0.15m	Post-hole?	Sub-circular, steep sides, concave base.
2189	4A		2188		0.25m	0.15m	Post-hole fill	Silty clay, pale grey brown, firm, occasional natural flint.
2190	4A						Post-hole?	Irregular shape, gentle sides,
2191	4A		2190				Non archaeological	Silty clay, mid brown grey, firm. Ceramic 'crumbs' in deposit.
2193	4A						Shallow scoop	Excavated possible feature with intersection with ring gully, in fact very shallow and no relationship visible.
2194	4A		2193					
2195	4A				0.70m	0.10m	Pit	Sub-circular, gentle sides, uneven base, ceramic crumbs visible.

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2196	4A		2195					
2197	4A				0.30m	0.05m	Post/hole?	Oval, concave. Very shallow.
2198	4A		2197		0.30m	0.05m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, dark brown grey, firm.
2199	4A			>0.70m	0.30m	0.10m	Small gully?	Excavator found it hard to define this feature. Felt it had been truncated. Similar to other hollow features in the area.
2200	4A		2199	0.70m	0.30m	0.10m	Fill of gully	Silty clay, mid pale brown grey, firm, occasional small stones. Fill of shallow gully, which has been hard to define/interpret.
2201	4A				0.30m	0.20m		Sub-circular, steep sides, concave base. Indistinct break of slope.
2202	4A		2201				?	Excavator thought this was probably not archaeology. No dimensions/sketch available.
2203	4A				0.50m	0.40m	Post-hole	Sub-circular, steep sides, concave. Overlain by ditch 2156. Contained pottery
2204	4A		2203				Fill of post-hole	Silty clay, mid grey orange mottles, firm. Lower clay fill of post-hole containing rim sherds.
2205	4A		2203				Fill of post-hole	Silty clay, pale mid grey with orange mottles, firm, occasional small stones.
2206	4A	2247		0.70m	0.50m	0.10m	Occupation horizon	Sub-circular, uneven base, shallow. Part of density of shallow features, which have proved hard to define and interpret as archaeological features.
2207	4A	2247	2206		0.50m	0.10m	Occupation horizon	Silty clay loam, mid grey brown, friable. Fill of 2006, which is possible feature pit feature.
2208	4A	2247		1.00m	0.70m	0.10m	Occupation horizon	Excavator felt this was same as 2206. Sub-circular, gradual/steep sides.
2209	4A	2247	2208				Occupation horizon	Silty clay, mid grey brown, friable, occasional small stones.
2212	4A				0.20m	0.15m	Possible post-hole?	Sub-circular, steep sides, uneven base.
2213	4A		2212		0.20m	0.15m	Post-hole fill	Silty clay, mid grey with orange mottles. Interface with natural not clear.
2214	4A	2248	2156				Same as 2156	Same as 2156
2215	4A		2214					Same as 2157
2216	4A				0.20m	0.03m		Same as 2054
2217	4A				0.40m	0.25m	Post-hole?	Sub-circular, steep sides, concave base.
2218	4A		2217		0.40m	0.25m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, mixed orange clay, firm. Excavator thought re-deposited clay
2219	4A		2217				Fill	Silty clay, pale grey /mid brown, firm.
2220	4A				0.60m	0.25m	Post-hole?	Oval shape, steep sides, flattish base.
2221	4A		2220		0.45m	0.20m	Post-hole fill?	Silty clay, dark grey with orange mottles, firm, occasional small stones. Lower fill of possible pit. RB/IA rim.
2222	4A		2220		0.45m	0.10m	Pit fill?	Silty clay, mid grey brown, firm. Upper fill of possible pit.
2223	4A				0.30m	0.15m	Post-hole?	Oval shape, steep sides, flat base.
2224	4A		2223		0.20m	0.15m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, mid brown grey, firm.

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2225	4A			1.05m	0.25m	0.10m	Pit?	Linear, steep sides, concave base. Appears to be cut by boundary ditch, excavator uncertain of interpretation. Cut by ditch 2161.
2226	4A		2225	1.05m	0.25m	0.10m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, pale grey, firm, occasional small stones. Excavator thought there were tiny crumbs of vessel
2227	4A			>1.20m	0.35m	0.10m	Cut of ditch	Linear, 45 degree sides, uneven base. Large stones in fill removed during machining.
2228	4A		2227	>1.20m	0.35m	0.10m	Feature fill?	Silty clay, mid brown grey with orange mottling, firm. Possible core waste from fill.
2229	4A				0.30m	0.10m	Post-hole?	Oval, gentle sides, concave base. Appears to be very truncated, stone lifted to reveal pottery and flint underneath.
2230	4A		2229					Same as 2207. Containing pot and flint.
2231	4A				0.20m	0.05m	Hollow	Sub-circular, concave base. Likely to be hollow rather than specific cut feature.
2232	4A		2231					Same as 2054
2233	4A				0.10m	0.15m	Cut of stake-hole	Distinct semi-circular shaped hole, excavator thought representing semi-circular stake. Not bottomed. Seen after removal of 2095.
2234	4A		2233					
2235	4A	2247			5.00m	0.10m	Occupation horizon	Shallow irregular depression with some evidence of culturally derived material within it
2236	4A	2247	2235				Occupation horizon	Thin sediment with some evidence for charcoal/ fired clay within it. Possibly derived from occupation activity in this area.
2237	4A			10.00m	1.00m	0.15m	Gully	Linear, shallow/wide, pottery from base of cut.
2238	4A		2237				Fill	Silty clay, mid grey brown, firm. Pottery sherds from deposit.
2239	4A				0.25m	0.07m	Pit?	Sub-circular, 45 degree sides.
2240	4A		2239		0.25m	0.07m	Fill of pit	Silty clay, mid brown grey, firm, charcoal flecks.
2241	4A	2242	2053				Deposit	Same as 2054. Contained iron nail small find 002. Excavator thought Romano-British date. Feature from within double ring-ditch.
2242	4A	2242					Roundhouse inner ring-ditch	Inner ring-ditch of double ring-ditch
2243	4A	2243					Roundhouse outer ring-ditch	Outer ring-ditch of double ring-ditch
2244	4A	2244					Small ring-ditch	Small ring-ditch half exposed in excavation area to north-east of double ring-ditch 2242/2243
2245	4A	2245					Linear feature truncating 2242 and 2243	N-s aligned linear feature terminating in a rounded terminal at s end
2246	4A	2246					Linear feature apparently truncating 2242/43	N-s aligned linear feature, probably drainage, associated with 2248 and 2084
2247	4A	2247					Thin anthropogenic horizons	Generic group for thin apparently anthropogenic sediments without clear formation processes or association with definite features - probably remnant of occupation activity in this area.
2248	4A	2248					Linear feature associated with 2246	N-s aligned linear feature, probably drainage, associated with 2246 and 2084

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2249	4A	2249					Part of complex of drainage ditches	Group to associate 2015 and 2076
2250	4A	2250					N-s linear drainage feature	Group to associate 2019 and 2028
2251	4A	2251					N-s linear drainage feature	Group to associate 2017 and 2024
2252	4A	2252					E-w linear drainage ditch complex	Group to associate various components of 2005, 2036, 2038 and 2040
3000	4E					0.20m	Topsoil	Silty clay, mid grey brown, friable/soft, orc small stone. Directly on top of natural gravel in places.
3001	4F					0.20m	Subsoil	Sandy clay, yellow grey, friable soft.
3002	4F						Natural clay	Natural varied over the site. In area 3 for example there was gravel on higher parts of site, lower elevations indicated clays.
3003	4E							
3004	4E							No information on sheets. Plan 19?
3005	4F			30.00m	2.00m		Evaluation trench	Not excavated
3006	4F			30.00m	2.00m		Trial trench fill	Only exposed not excavated.
3007	4J			1.00m	0.60m	0.22m	Small pit	Oval, sloping sides, concave base, gradual break of slope at top. Long axis n/s, burrow disturbance on edge of pit. Possible fire/cooking pit
3008	4J	3007		1.00m	0.60m	0.22m	Fill of pit	Sandy clay, dark grey, friable, common angular stones, occasional charcoal fleck.
3009	4J	3008		0.35m	0.25m	0.15m	Fill of pit	Sandy clay, mid yellow grey, friable. Secondary backfill deposit of possible cooking fire/pit.
3010	4J			7.00m	0.60m	0.18m	Cut of ditch	Linear ditch, sloping sides, concave base. Orientated NW-SE
3011	4I	3010		7.00m	0.60m	0.18m	Ditch backfill	Sandy silty clay, mid brown orange, friable. Well sorted, pot sherd found on surface.
3012	4J	5938	3012	16.00m	1.70m	0.28m	Cut of ditch	Linear, gently sloping sides, rounded base. Aligned NNW-SSE,
3013	4J	5938	3012	16.00m	1.00m	0.12m	Infill slumping	Silty sand, light yellow brown, loose.
3014	4J	5938	3012				Secondary fill	
3015	4J	5938	3012				Tertiary fill	
3016	4J	5938	3016	16.00m	1.83m	0.28m	Ditch	Linear, gentle sides, aligned NNW-SSE
3017	4J	5938	3016	16.00m	1.02m	0.11m	Slumping fill	Sand, reddish brown, loose.
3018	4J	5938	3016	16.00M	0.55m	0.26m	Fill of ditch	Stony silty sand, light reddish brown, loose.
3019	4J	5938	3016	16.00m	0.92m	0.28m	Ditch backfill	Sandy silt, dark reddish brown, compact.
3020	4J	3055		>3.00m	1.00m	0.50m	Ditch terminal	Circular ditch, steep sided, v-ditch profile, wide terminus cut. Currency bar sf 3001 found in this terminus.
3021	4J	3055	3020	>3.00m	1.00m	0.50	Fill of ditch	Silty sand, mid grey brown, firm, frequent' gravel, occasional pottery. Currency bar from this deposit 3001
3022	4J	3055	3022	1.00m slot	0.90m	0.50m	Re-cut terminus	Sub rounded pit, steep sided, flat base. Re-cut most visible in plan. Ditch widened around iron bar suggesting a distinct cut feature to accommodate artefact.

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3023	4J	3055	3022				Fill of ditch	Silty sand, mid grey brown, deposit surrounding currency bar.
3024	4J	3055			1.40m	0.64m	Ring-ditch terminus	Circular, steep sides, v-profile down to flattish base. Terminus is dug wider and deeper at terminus. Fragments of pottery recovered from this cut.
3025	4J	3055	3024		1.40m	0.64m	Terminus fill	Silty sand, light brown, soft, common small stones. Flint core from this deposit and daub/pottery.
3026	4J	3055			1.10m	0.50m	Ring-ditch cut	Circular, steep sided, v-profile, flattish base.
3027	4J	3055	3026		1.10m	0.50m	Ring-ditch fill	Silty sand, light brown, soft, common small stones. No evidence of secondary fill.
3028	4J	3055			0.70m	0.40m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular steep sided, v-profile, flattish base.
3029	4J	3055	3028		0.70m	0.40m	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty sand, light brown, soft, common small stones. No tipping lines evident.
3030	4J	3055	3030		0.60m	0.45m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, v-profile narrowing to flattish base. Well defined edges
3031	4J	3055	3030		0.60m	0.45m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, mid brown, friable, well sorted. Single event, no tip lines.
3032	4J	3055			0.80m	0.44m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, v-profile narrowing to flattish base. Cut of probable bronze age ring-ditch
3033	4J	3055	3032		0.80m	0.44m	Fill of ditch	Silty sand, light brown, soft, common small stones. Pottery from this fill
3034	4J	3055			0.70m	0.48m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, v-profile down to narrow base.
3035	4J	3055	3034		0.70m	0.48m	Fill of ring-ditch	Sandy silty clay, mid brown, friable. Well sorted. Pottery on basal edge of cut.
3036	4J	3055					Slot through ring-ditch	
3037	4J	3055	3036				Fill of ring-ditch	
3038	4J	3055			1.30m	0.40m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, v-profile narrowing to flattish base.
3039	4J	3055	3038		1.30m	0.40m	Fill of ditch	Silty sand, light brown, soft, common small stones. Fill of ring-ditch
3040	4J	3055			1.50m	0.40m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, flattish base.
3041	4J	3055	3040		1.30m	0.40m	Fill of ditch	Clayey sand, light brown, soft, fill more clayey than other segment fills.
3042	4J	3055			1.40m	0.70m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, gentle sides, flattish base, wide at top.
3043	4J	3055	3042		1.60m	0.23m	Fill of ditch	Clayey sand, mid pink brown, loose friable. Ring-ditch fill
3044	4J	3055			0.80m	0.42m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, flat base. Ba ring-ditch
3045	4J	3055	3044		0.80m	0.42m	Fill of ditch	Clayey silty sand, grey brown, firm, occasional flint.
3046	4J	3055			1.00m	0.38m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, flat base. Ba ring-ditch
3047	4J	3055	3046		1.00m	0.38m	Fill of ditch	Clayey silty sand, mid grey brown, firm. Occasional flint
3048	4J	3055			1.55m	0.44m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, rounded base. Ba ring-ditch
3049	4J	3055	3048		1.55m	0.44m	Fill of ditch	Clayey sand, mid pink brown, loose, friable. Ring-ditch fill
3050	4J	3055	3049				Fill of ring-ditch	
3051	4J	3055			1.30m	0.35m	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular, steep sides, flattish base.

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3052	4J		4051		1,30m	0.35m		
3053	4J	3055					Slot through ring-ditch	
3054	4J	3055	3053		0.70m	0.41m	Fill of ditch	Clay silty sand, mid grey brown, firm. Occasional flint. Ring-ditch fill
3055	4J	3055					Ring-ditch	
3056	4I	5938	3057		1.36m	0.30m	Field boundary	Silty sandy gravel, brown orange, compact. Unworked flint pebbles.
3057	4I	5938			1.36m	0.30m	Cut of ditch	Linear, irregular sides, uneven base. Root action evident in base of feature. Possible hedge line, or long linear field boundary.
3058	4I	5938	3059		1.75m	0.13m	Fill of ditch	Silty sandy gravel, brown orange, friable/dry, pottery fragment from this deposit.
3059	4I	5938			1.75m	0.13m	Cut of ditch	Linear, uneven base, uneven sides. Possible hedge line
3060	4L			6.00m	0.50m	0.20m	Natural feature?	Irregular sides/base, curvilinear shape but ill defined. Collapsed burrow?
3061	4L		3060	6.00m	0.50m	0.20m	Fill	Silty clay. Mid grey brown, compact. Backfill of likely natural feature/vegetation.
3062	4L	5938		9.00m	3.	0.05m	Field boundary?	Linear, sloped sides, irregular base. Very shallow cut, little remains of feature. Unlikely archaeology.
3063	4L	5938	3062	9.00m	3.40m	0.05m	Fill of ditch	Silty clay, pale brown orange, compact. Possible hedge line. Presence of manganese suggests waterlogging?
5000	3					0.27	Topsoil	Formed by intense ploughing within this area
5001	3					0.33	Subsoil	Subsoil - undisturbed beneath topsoil (5000)
5002	3						Natural	Varies over the area. Between a mid orange grey silty clay and a mid yellow grey silty clay.
5003	3			6.00	4.40	0.16	Natural banding	Natural banding. Possibly a ploughed out linear but the size and irregular nature of the feature suggest a naturally in-filled hollow.
5004	3		5003	6.00	4.40	0.16	Fill of hollow	Natural silting up of hollow. Silty clay, very slightly stony (small-medium angular flint)
5005	3			5.50	1.60	0.12	Cut of ditch	Ditch for ploughed out field boundary. Runs north-south. Sides are gently sloping on the west side but steep on the east side with an uneven base and a smooth break of slope.
5006	3		5005	5.5	1.6	0.12	Fill of ditch	Single fill possibly ploughed out in the upper deposit. Silty clay, slightly stony (small-medium, angular flint), light yellow brown with a clear, wavy interface and a moist, firm consistency.
5007	3			0.35	0.23	0.17	Cut of pit	Located in the south-east corner of area 3. Oval in plan with vertical to steep sides and a concave base.
5008	3		5007	0.35	0.23	0.17	Fill of pit	Silty clay with abundant charcoal inclusions and some stones. Fill is dark brown to black in colour with a clear interface and a friable consistency,
5009	3			0.35	0.38	0.08	Post-hole	Post-hole located in south-east of area 3. Possible packing stones observed in fill. Oval in plan with vertical sides (and a slight step at the eastern end) and a flat base.
5010	3		5009	0.35	0.38	0.08	Fill of post-hole	Silty clay, dark brown black with a clear interface and friable consistency. Abundant charcoal and sizable stones. Possible brick found within fill.

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5011	3			1.06	1.08	0.28	Cooking/fire pit	Located in the south-east area of area 3. Filled by multiple fills (5011 and 5012). Roughly circular in plan with steep sides and a flat base with a depression in its centre. Breaks of slope are sharp at the top and smooth at the base.
5012	3		5011	1.08	1.08	0.14	Lower fill of pit	Heat affected natural. Composed of vitrified sand associated with intense heat occurring above. Covers all areas of the base and sides, surrounds (5013). Dark red brown vitrified sand with a clear, wavy interface and a dry, compact consistency. No inclusions.
5013	3		5011	0.92	0.78	0.12	Upper fill of pit	Primary fill of cooking pit [5011], surrounded by (5012). Backfilled with a mix of burnt material and soil not affected by the heat suggesting the pit was cleaned out after use.
5014	3			7.00	1.60	0.20	Cut of linear	Runs north-west to south-east. Possible field boundary or boundary enclosing two ovals pits to the east. Linear in plan with sloping sides and a flat base.
5015	3			1.20	0.85	0.30	Cut of pit	Truncated by later activity. Possibly used for sand extraction. Sub-circular in plan with steep sides and a flat base. Gradual breaks of slope.
5016	3		5015	1.20	0.85	0.30	Fill of pit	Singular homogenous fill. Natural back filling. Probably truncated by ploughing. Mid reddish brown silty sand with a clear, smooth interface and a dry, loose consistency. Occasional small stones found within. Some pieces of worked flint found in the upper third of the fill.
5017	3			2.00	0.30	0.14	Cut of gully	Small gully located east of pit [5011]. Overcut. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides and a flat base.
5018	3			2.00	0.30	0.14	Fill of gully	Single fill of gully. In area of rooting and animal burrow disturbance. Mid orangey brown silty sand with a clear interface and dry, loose consistency. Rare small stone inclusions.
5019	3	5249		6.00	1.80	0.70	Boundary ditch	Boundary ditch possibly associated with occupational activity in area 3. Linear in plan running north-west to south-east, sides are gradually sloping-steep with a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope.
5020	3	5249	5019		0.98	0.42	Lower fill of linear	Lower fill of boundary ditch [5019]. Redeposited natural, possibly imported from elsewhere on the site to back fill the ditch. Light yellow brown silty clay, slightly stony (small-medium angular stones), with a sharp, smooth interface and a moist, compact consistency. One possible piece of worked flint.
5021	3	5249	5019		0.55	0.22	Fill of ditch	Slumping material gradually infilling the ditch. Light pink brown silty clay, very slightly stony (small-medium angular stones).
5022	3	5249	5019		0.60	0.20	Fill of ditch	Natural silting up of ditch. Light grey brown clay silt, slightly stony (small-large angular flint), with a diffuse, wavy interface and a moist, loose consistency.
5023	3	5249	5019		0.72	0.15	Fill of ditch	Natural silting episode. Light yellow brown, silt clay, very slightly stony (small and angular), with a diffuse, wavy interface and a dry, loose consistency.
5024	3	5249	5019		1.02	0.08	Fill of ditch	Charcoal rich fill indicating a burning episode, probably of a hedge line. Not present in south-east section. Dark grey brown clay silt, slightly stony (small-medium angular, moderate sorting), with a sharp, smooth deposit interface and a dry, loose consistency. Frequent charcoal inclusions.

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5025	3	5249	5019		0.78	0.06	Fill of ditch	Upper silting deposit of ditch [5019]. Final instance of infilling. May be residual subsoil. Light grey brown clay silt, very slightly stony (small-medium angular, well sorted) with a clear, smooth interface and a dry, loose consistency. Rare charcoal inclusions.
5026	3			6.00	1.90	0.72	Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch possibly surrounding occupational activity in area 3. Same as [5019]. Linear in plan running north-west to south-east with gently sloping sides and a rounded base. Breaks of slope are sharp at the top and smooth at the base.
5027	3		5026		1.15	0.42	Fill of ditch	Redeposited natural, same as (5020). Light yellow brown silty clay with occasional inclusions of natural flint. Sharp, smooth interface and moist, compact consistency.
5028	3		5026		1.20	0.22	Fill of ditch	Natural silting up deposit. Light yellow brown clay silt with very slightly stony (small-medium angular) inclusions. Clear, wavy interface with moist, loose consistency.
5029	3		5026		1.80	0.27	Fill of ditch	Upper fill. Natural deposit. Mid yellow brown silty clay with a clear, smooth interface and dry, loose consistency. Rare charcoal flecks observed on surface but not in section. May be related to event represented by (5024).
5030	3	5030		5.00	1.80	0.75	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch with multiple fills (5031, 5032, 5037). May represent the return of [5019, 5026] linear in plan with steep sides and a flat base. Gradual breaks of slope.
5031	3	5030	5030	5.00	0.60	0.20	Fill of ditch	Secondary fill, slumping episode occurring after (5037). Light yellowish grey silty clay with occasional small stones, a clear interface and moist, plastic consistency.
5032	3	5030	5030	5.00	1.80	0.55	Fill of ditch	Upper fill. Homogenous deposit. Natural silting episode. Mid brown silty clay with abundant small and medium stones (particularly in the lower half of the fill), also a clear interface and firm consistency.
5033	3			0.54	0.43	0.08	Cut of pit	Pit heavily truncated by ploughing. Similar to [5035] 0.80m to the west, so possibly related. For storage or disposal. Roughly circular with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and smooth breaks of slope.
5034	3		5033	0.54	0.43	0.08	Fill of pit	Mid grey brown clay sand, slightly stony (small-large, angular), with a diffuse, smooth interface and moist, loose consistency. Occasional daub fragments.
5035	3					0.09	Cut of pit	Located 0.80m to west of similar pit [5033] and may be related. Shallow nature of pit suggests truncation by ploughing. Sub-circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and smooth breaks of slope.
5036	3		5035			0.09	Fill of pit	Mid grey brown silty clay with a diffuse, smooth interface and moist, loose consistency. Cut by ploughing.
5037	3	5030	5030	5.00	0.20	0.20	Basal fill	Slumping layer. Probably the same phase as (5031). Light greyish brown silty clay with occasional small stones, a clear interface and moist, firm consistency.
5038	3			0.90	0.40	0.10	Cut of pit	Depression filled with (5039). Disposal of burnt material. Sub-circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.

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5039	3		5038	0.90m	0.40m	0.10m	Fill of pit	Single fill. Dark greyish brown silty clay with rare small stones and with a clear interface and a soft, moist consistency. Abundant charcoal and a single piece of heat affected flint. Ferrous objects found within fill included nails and an unidentified piece of scrap.
5040	3	5367		5.50	1.28	0.19	Cut of linear	Boundary or enclosure ditch. Runs WNW-ese. Dark patch runs through linear - observed at surface level (5042) irregular linear in plan with gently sloping sides, an uneven base and smooth breaks of slope.
5041	3	5367	5040		0.48	0.06	Fill of linear	Natural silting deposit. Light grey brown sandy clay, slightly stony (small, angular, well sorted) with a diffuse, smooth interface, a wet, loose consistency and rare flecks of charcoal.
5042	3	5367	5040		1.22	0.19	Fill of linear	Primary fill. Mid grey brown sandy clay, very slightly stony (small-medium angular), with a clear, smooth interface and a moist, loose consistency. Frequent charcoal flecks and rare pottery inclusions.
5043	3			0.50	0.50	0.10	Cut of pit	Small truncated pit or post-hole. Sub circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and gradual breaks of slope.
5044	3		5043	0.50	0.50	0.10	Fill of pit	Single fill. Natural silting. Mid brown silty clay with rare small stone inclusions, a clear interface, and a moist, soft consistency.
5045	3			0.50	0.45	0.15	Cut of pit	Pit or post-hole. Located near to [5043] and on a similar alignment to [5033 and 5055] sub circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5046	3		5045	0.50	0.45	0.15	Fill of pit	Single fill. Truncated by ploughing. Mid brown sandy clay with rare small stones and one large stone, a clear interface, and a moist, soft consistency.
5047	3	5924		2.00	0.60	0.11	Cut of linear	Remnant of linear running parallel with [5049]. Evidence of previous evaluation work on eastern edge and field drains cut it to the south. Probable boundary ditch. Linear in plan with gently sloping side, and a flat base.
5048	3		5048	2.00	0.60	0.11	Fill of ditch	Single fill with some evidence of root action. Probably truncated by ploughing. Mid brown silty clay with orange flecks and rare small stones. A clear interface and a wet, plastic consistency.
5049	3						Cut of linear	
5050	3		5049				Fill of linear	
5051	3			5.20	0.90	0.15	Cut of linear	Located in south-east corner of area 3. Forms an 'l' shape and may suggest an enclosure of some kind. [5053] possibly related. No intercutting was observed in a relationship slot suggesting they were contemporary. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and smooth breaks of slope.
5052	3		5051	5.20	0.90	0.15	Fill of linear	Light grey brown silty clay, very slightly stony (small-large angular) with a sharp, smooth interface and a dry, firm consistency.
5053	3			0.31	0.29	0.12	Cut of post-hole	Possible association with [5051 and 5057] roughly circular in plan with steep sides, a V-shaped base and sharp breaks of slope.
5054	3		5053	0.31	0.29	0.12	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silty clay, very slightly stony (small angular stones), with a sharp, smooth interface and a dry, firm consistency. Rare charcoal flecks occur throughout.

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5055	3	5934		2.00	0.50	0.10	Cut of linear	Curves north-south and cut by later activity at southern end. Linear in plan with a flat base. Contained modern roots
5056	3	5934	5055	2.00	0.50	0.10	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural silting episode. Mixed. Mid greyish brown silt clay flecked with orange, with rare small stones, a gradual interface and a wet, plastic consistency.
5057	3			4.00	0.74	0.21	Cut of linear	Rectilinear feature similar to [5051]. Runs east-west. Rectilinear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and smooth breaks of slope.
5058	3		5057		0.74	0.21	Fill of linear	Likely to have been truncated from above by ploughing. Light grey brown silty clay, very slightly stony (small-large angular), with a clear, smooth interface and a dry, firm consistency.
5059	3			3.30	0.90	0.24	Cut of linear	Runs north-east to south-west. Not fully excavated because it is believed to be natural banding. Linear in plan with steep sides. Not fully excavated.
5060	3		5059	0.90	0.80	0.24	Fill of ditch	Written off as a variation in the natural so not fully excavated. Gets stonier towards the base. Light grey brown sandy silt abundant flint (small-large, angular) inclusions, a diffuse, irregular interface and a loose, moist consistency. The soil was stained with orange flecks and contained manganese.
5061	3			0.65	0.92	0.20	Cut of pit	Next to [5059]. Ground conditions very dry so difficult to determine relationship. Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope.
5062	3		5061	0.65	0.92	0.20	Fill of pit	Similar to (5059) suggesting a natural silting up. Uniform throughout. Mid grey brown sand silt with occasional angular flint (medium) gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5063	3						Cut of linear	Located in south-east corner of area 3. Ditch runs east-west but curves north at both ends.
5064	3		5063				Fill of ditch	Uniform throughout.
5065	3				0.78	0.10	Drainage ditch	Runs north-south in western area of area 3. Gully [5067] runs parallel to west and curvilinear [5047] to east. Same as [5049]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides on the east and very gently sloping sides on the west. A flat base and a gentle break of slope.
5066	3		5065		0.78	0.10	Fill of linear	Natural silting deposit. Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small pebbles, a clear interface and a friable consistency. Charcoal flecks and lithics observed.
5067	3				0.30	0.08	Cut of linear	Runs north - south parallel to [5065] which is to the east. Linear in plan with shallow and sloping sides, a rounded base and gentle breaks of slope.
5068	3		5068		0.30	0.08	Fill of linear	Natural silting up of linear. Mid grey brown silty clay sand with occasional pebbles, a clear interface and a friable consistency. Charcoal and lithic inclusions.
5069	3			0.40	0.30	0.10	Cut of pit	Pit or post-hole located between ditches [5065 and 5067]. Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and gentle break of slope.
5070	3		5069				Fill of pit	Light grey brown clay silty sand with occasional small stones, diffuse interface and firm consistency. Moderate amounts of charcoal throughout.
5071	3			0.43	0.40	0.06	Cut of pit	Truncated by ploughing. Near to [5067]. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, and a flat base.

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5072	3		5071	0.43	0.40	0.06	Fill of cut	Single fill. Disturbed by root action. Mid grey brown sand silt with a clear, smooth interface, and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional small and medium flecks of charcoal.
5073	3			0.71	0.17	0.04	Cut of post-hole	Circular in plan, gently sloping sides, flat base and gentle breaks of slope.
5074	3		5073	0.13	0.13	0.03	Fill of post-hole	Upper fill of post-hole. Mid blue brown, sandy silt with occasional flint (medium, angular), an abrupt, smooth interface and a firm, moist consistency.
5075	3		5073	0.14	0.14	0.02	Fill of post-hole	Lower fill of post-hole. Black charcoal and sand with an abrupt, smooth interface and a loose, grainy and moist consistency.
5076	3				0.50	0.03	Cut of linear	Runs east-west at south-west edge of area 3. Truncated by ploughing. Cut to the east by a land drain. Linear in plan, gently sloping sides, flat base and gradual breaks of slope.
5077	3		5076		0.50	0.03	Fill of linear	Natural silting episode. Heavily truncated by ploughing. Mid yellow brown sandy silt with a clear, smooth interface and a loose moist consistency.
5078	3			0.93	0.63	0.11	Tree bowl	Feature has 'arms' leading off into the natural, probably related to root action from a tree bowl. Circular in plan with gently sloping/stepped sides, an uneven base and a gradual break of slope.
5079	3		5078	0.93	0.63	0.11	Tree bowl	Natural silting occurring within tree bowl. Decayed wood observed in this feature. Blueish grey silty sand with a clear interface and loose consistency.
5080	3			+5.00	0.58	0.11	Cut of linear	Near western edge of area 3. Bends approximately 90 degrees to south but unclear as to where it goes after that due to wet conditions. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and gradual breaks of slope.
5081	3		5080	+5.00	0.58	0.11	Fill of linear	Single fill. Natural silting up of linear. Reddish orange silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, wet consistency.
5082	3			+5.00	0.54	0.09	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch. Runs east-west near western edge of area 3. Runs 90 degrees from the modern field boundary. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides and a rounded base.
5083	3		5082	+5.00	0.54	0.09	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural in-filling. Reddish brown silty sand with a clear interface and a loose consistency.
5084	3			6.00	0.38	0.04	Cut of terminal	Terminus of L-shaped ditch at western edge of area 3. L-shaped linear in plan with gently sloping sides and a flat base.
5085	3		5084	6.00	0.38	0.04	Fill of ditch	Single fill. Natural backfilling. Reddish brown silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, wet fill.
5086	3						Cut of pit	Located in south-west edge of area 3. Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and gradual breaks of slope.
5087	3		5086				Fill of pit	Single fill, natural backfill. Yellow red silty sand with a gradual interface and loose, dry consistency.
5088	3			0.92	0.80	0.20	Cut of pit	Located near south western edge of area 3. Circular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5089	3		5088				Fill of pit	Single fill. Reddish brown silty sand with occasional medium to large stones (mainly in the centre and base of fill), a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.

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5090	3	5570		+6.00	0.79	0.10	Cut of linear	Field boundary. Located in centre of area 3 and runs east - west. Runs parallel to modern field boundary. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides and a flat base.
5091	3	5570	5090	+6.00	0.79	0.10	Fill of linear	Single fill, naturally silted up after use. Mid red orange silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5092	3	5570		>1.00m	0.55	0.20	Cut of ditch	Linear in plan with steep-gradual sides, a flat base and a moderate break of slope.
5093	3	5570	5092				Fill of linear	Mid orange brown sandy silt loam with common small-medium stones, a good interface and friable consistency.
5094	3	5622		+3.00	0.95	0.26	Cut of linear	Field boundary running north-west to south-east. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5095	3	5622	5094	+3.00	0.95	0.26	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural backfill. Mid reddish brown silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional manganese observed within.
5096	3			0.65	0.65	0.26	Cut of pit	Located to the western edge of [5098]. Circular in plan with steep edges, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5097	3		5096	0.65	0.65	0.26	Fill of pit	Single fill. Mid brown orange silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional charcoal and pottery. Pottery had rounded edges (possibly suggesting the pieces were exposed before being deposited in the fill?)
5098	3	5162	5099		0.70	0.16	Fill of ditch	Animal burrowing on the western edge. Mid light orangey grey brown with occasional sub-angular flint pebbles (medium), a clear interface and a damp, soft consistency. Lithics recovered from fill (4 flakes and one thumb scraper)
5099	3	5162		178.38	0.70	0.16	Cut of linear	Runs north-south. Heavily disturbed on western edge by animal burrowing. Irregular linear in plan, with irregular, gently sloping sides and a flat base.
5100	3	5249	5120	0.16	0.15	0.10	Cut of pit	Small pit or post-hole cutting tertiary fills of [5120] but not clearing cutting (5119) oval in plan with near vertical sides, a concave base and sharp breaks of slope.
5101	3	5249	5100				Fill of pit	Mid grey brown sandy silt loam with rare small stones, a fair interface, and a friable consistency. Common charcoal flecks and fragments of pottery (possibly iron age)
5102	3	5155		27.00m	1.58	0.56	Enclosure	Possible ring-ditch, heavily truncated by ploughing. Rounded linear in plan with steep sides of north edge and gently sloping on the south edge, a flat base and a sharp break of slope on the north with a gradual break of slope on the south.
5103	3	5155	5102	20.00	1.58	0.56	Fill of ring-ditch	Single fill. Natural back fill. Light reddish brown silty sand with occasional gravel inclusions, a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5104	3		5105	0.63	0.63	0.22	Fill of pit	Possible burial pit. No bone recovered. Mid to dark orangey grey brown silty sandy loam with an excellent interface and a soft, dry consistency. Charcoal flecks near the top of the fill and pottery inclusions high up and central in fill. Flint flakes were also recovered.

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5105	3			0.63	0.63	0.22	Cut of pit	Possible burial pit. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a predominantly flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5106	3	5250		0.40	0.35	0.15	Cut of pit	Located beside and north of pit [5108] and west of pits [5110 and 5112]. Circular in plan with sharp sloping sides and a concave base. Contained a small collared urn.
5107	3	5250	5106	0.40	0.35	0.15	Fill of pit	Backfill around urn. Slightly heat affected. Contained urn sf5001 pale brown red silty sand clay with a clear interface and a loose, friable consistency. Charcoal fragments and rare burnt bone also contained within.
5108	3			0.35	0.35	0.18	Cut of pit	Located within large ring-ditch in south centre of area 3, situated directly beside [5106] and west of pits [5110 and 5112]. Circular in plan with sharp sloping sides and a concave base.
5109	3		5108	0.35	0.35	0.18	Fill of pit	Dumped deposit, similar to surrounding pits. Proximity to ring-ditch suggests un-urned cremation. Dark grey brown silty clay with a clear interface and a friable, loose consistency. Rare burnt bone flecks and moderate amounts of charcoal fragments.
5110	3			0.25	0.20	0.08	Cut of pit	Possible un-urned cremation. Located within large ring-ditch in south centre of area 3. Situated between [5122] to the east and [5106 and 5108] to the west. Circular in plan with sloped sides and a concave base.
5111	3		5110	0.25	0.20	0.08	Fill of pit	Slightly truncated to the north. Similar to (5113, 5109, and 5107). Dumped deposit. Dark grey brown silty clay with a clear interface and a loose, friable consistency. Occasional burnt stone fragments observed within.
5112	3			0.45	0.40	0.18	Cut of pit	Located within large ring-ditch in south centre of area 3. Situated east of pit [5110]. Circular in plan with sloping sides and a concave base.
5113	3		5112	0.45	0.40	0.18	Fill of pit	Dumped deposit, possibly an un-urned cremation. Dark grey brown silty clay with a clear interface and a friable, loose consistency. Moderate amounts of small charcoal fragments. Rare flecks of burnt bone.
5114	3	5250			2.70	1.20	Cut of ring-ditch	Northern point of ring-ditch in south centre of area 3. [5120] appears to clip the outer edge at this point. Steep sides with flat base and a moderate break of slope.
5115	3	5250	5114				Fill of ring-ditch	Single mixed fill? Mid yellow brown sandy silt with common small and occasional medium stones, an irregular interface and a soft, friable consistency.
5116	3	5250	5114				Fill of ring-ditch	Mid yellow brown sandy silt with rare small stones, a diffuse interface and a soft, friable consistency. Occasional charcoal scattered in top of deposit. Lithics recovered from fill.
5117	3	5250	5114				Fill of ring-ditch	Fill of ring-ditch. Mid orange brown, sandy silt loam with occasional small-medium stones, a clear interface and friable consistency. Lithics recovered from within fill.
5118	3	5250	5114				Fill of ring-ditch	Upper fill of ring-ditch. Mid grey brown sandy silt loam with occasional small-medium stones, a diffuse interface, and a friable consistency. Some BA pottery was recovered from the surface of the feature and some lithics were recovered from within the fill.
5119	3	5250	5120				Fill of ditch	Same as (5118) possible flint flakes recovered

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5120	3	5249			2.30	1.00	Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch. Multiple natural backfilling episodes. Runs north-west to south-east across site. Linear in plan with steep-very steep sides, a flat base and a moderate break of slope.
5121	3	5249	5120				Fill of ditch	Primary fill of enclosure ditch. Mid brownish grey silty sand with rare small stones, a sharp interface and a soft consistency.
5122	3	5249	5120				Fill of ditch	Mid brown grey gravel and sand with a sharp interface and a compact consistency.
5123	3	5249	5120				Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown sandy silt loam with occasional small stones and rare medium stone inclusions. A good interface with a soft consistency.
5124	3	5249	5120				Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown sandy silt loam with frequent medium-large flint and stones. Weak interface and friable consistency.
5125	3	5249	5120				Fill of ditch	Mid orange brown sandy silt loam with occasional small-medium stones, a diffuse interface and a friable consistency.
5126	3		5127	1.51	1.21	0.33	Fill of pit	Naturally silted up after use. Mid orangy brown sandy silt with occasional stones and flint pebbles (medium), a clear interface with a damp, soft consistency. Abundant charcoal and occasional lithics within fill.
5127	3			1.51	1.21	0.33	Cut of pit	Cut by evaluation trench on south-east edge and by [5192]. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope. Possibly a disposal pit for a fire.
5128	3	5250		20.00	1.24	0.32	Cut of ring-ditch	Terminus of ring-ditch [5102]. Located in the centre of area 3. Other terminus not visible, possibly ploughed out. Linear in plan with gently sloping and sharp edges, a flat base and gradual breaks of slope.
5129	3	5250	5128	20.00	1.24	0.32	Fill of ring-ditch	Single fill of terminus [5128]. Natural silting episode. Light reddish brown silty sand with a clear deposit interface and loose, dry consistency.
5130	3	5155		20.00	0.49	0.09	Enclosure	Heavily damaged by the plough. Only base remains. Same as [5132 and 5102]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gradual break of slope.
5131	3	5155	5130	1.20	0.49	0.09	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural silting mid reddish brown silty sand with a gradual interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5132	3	5155		25.00	0.95	0.27	Cut of linear	Possibly ploughed out, same profile as [5102] but slightly lower. Linear in plan with a steep east side and a gently sloping west side, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5133	3	5155	5132	1.20	0.95	0.27	Fill of ditch	Single fill of ditch, same as (5103). Naturally silted up. Mid red brown silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5134	3			0.87	0.87	0.11	Cut of pit	Possible pit. Cut by [5102]. No real form to the feature so may just be a natural hollow. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gradual breaks of slope.
5135	3		5134	0.87	0.87	0.11	Fill of pit	Naturally silted up. Mid reddish brown silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5136	3	5250					Group number	Duplicate group number for 5250

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5137	3	5250		3.40	1.16		Cut of ring-ditch	Large curvilinear ring-ditch, probably bronze age. Multiple fills, all indicating natural backfilling episodes. Curvilinear in plan with steeply sloping sides dropping to vertical towards base, flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5138	3	5250	5137	2.00	3.00	0.40	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary fill of ring-ditch covering base and sides. Mid grey brown sandy silt gravel with a clear interface and a firm consistency. Occasional charcoal flecks.
5139	3	5250	5137	2.00	2.50	0.50	Fill of ring-ditch	Secondary fill. Natural silting event. Light yellow brown sandy silt with occasional flint nodules and stones, a clear interface and a firm consistency. Occasional charcoal flecks.
5140	3	5250	5137	2.00 - slot	3.40	0.45	Fill of ring-ditch	Upper fill of ring-ditch, naturally silted up. Some mixing with subsoil. Dark grey brown sandy silt with occasional flint nodules and stones, a clear interface and a firm consistency. Occasional charcoal flecks and some lithics recovered.
5141	3	5162		178.38	0.60	0.20	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch, same as [5171, 5168, 5156] linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5142	3	5162	5140	+1.00	0.60	0.20	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural backfilling. Mid reddish brown silt sand with rare angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Iron panning throughout the fill.
5143	3	5155			0.48	0.09	Cut of linear	Heavily truncated. Horseshoe shaped in plan, perhaps an animal enclosure? Curvilinear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gradual breaks of slope.
5144	3	5155	5143		0.48	0.09	Fill of linear	Truncated by machine. Natural silting episode. Mid reddish brown silty sand with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5145	3	5155		27.00m	0.54	0.25	Cut of linear	Curvilinear (horseshoe shaped). Situated near the centre of area 3. Heavily truncated. Same as [5102]. Curvilinear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and gradual breaks of slope.
5146	3	5155	5145	1.20	0.54	0.25	Fill of ditch	Single fill of curvilinear ditch. Natural silting. Mid orange red silty sand, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5147	3	5155		20.00	0.82	0.26	Cut of linear	Curvilinear in centre of area 3. Cut by [5149]. Geology changes to the north of this feature so the profile of the ditch alters slightly. Curvilinear in plan with steep-vertical sides, an uneven base and a sharp break of slope.
5148	3	5155	5147	1.20	0.82	0.26	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural silting. Mid orange red silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5149	3	5155		1.20	0.79	0.10	Cut of linear	Runs east-west. Probably a drainage channel. Terminates where it cuts [5147]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides and a flat base.
5150	3	5155	5149	1.20	0.79	0.10	Fill of linear	Single fill, likely to be natural silting of the feature after use. Mid orange red silty sand with occasional gravel, a clear interface and a loose consistency.
5151	3	5155		1.20	0.79	0.26	Cut of linear	Drainage channel running east-west. Linear in plan with steep sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5152	3	5155	5151	1.20	0.79	0.26	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural back filling. Mid orange red silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.

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5153	3	5162		0.95	0.35	0.50	Cut of linear	Drainage channel or field boundary. Linear in plan with tapered, concave sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope at the top and a gradual break of slope at the base.
5154	3	5162	5153	0.95	0.35	0.50	Fill of linear	Mid reddish brown sandy loam with rare sub-angular stones, a sharp interface and a soft, friable consistency.
5155	3	5155		27.00m	1.58m	0.56m	Curvilinear enclosure related to 5162	Curvilinear ditch. Heavily truncated. Possible animal enclosure, drainage ditch runs off to the west 5102, 5132, 5130, 5145, 5147, 5151
5156	3	5162		178.38	2.60	0.74	Cut of linear	Cut by [5165]. Irregular in plan with a stepped north-east edge and a steep south west edge, an uneven base and a sharp break of slope on the north-east with a gradual break of slope on the south-west.
5157	3	5162	5156	0.86	2.60	0.74	Fill of linear	Cut by [5169 and 5165]. Mid brown loamy sand, very slightly stony with a few natural flints, abrupt interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency.
5158	3	5462			+1.50	0.79	Cut of linear	Possible boundary ditch. Cut by [5160] linear in plan with steep sides, a concave base and a gradual break of slope.
5159	3	5162	5158		+1.50	0.71	Fill of linear	Cut by [5160]. Naturally back filled. Light grey brown clay sand with medium rounded stones and flint, an abrupt interface and a firm, friable consistency.
5160	3	5162		178.38	0.82	0.31	Cut of linear	Field boundary ditch. Cuts [5158]. Linear in plan with moderately steep sides, a concave base and a moderately gradual break of slope.
5161	3	5162	5160		0.82	0.31	Fill of linear	Natural back filling light orange brown clay sand with medium rounded stones and flint, an abrupt interface and a firm, friable consistency.
5162	3	5162		178.38m	1.90m	0.45m	Linear ditch	Long linear ditch with for north-south trench. 5205, 5177, 5171, 5156, 5160, 5153, 5141, 5099, 5320, 5363. Possibly RB.
5163	3	5367		+100.00	2-40	0.40	Cut of linear	Field boundary or drainage ditch. Linear in plan with shallow sides, a slightly rounded base, and a sharp break of slope at the top with a very gradual break of slope at the base.
5164	3	5367	5164	+2.00	2.40	0.40	Fill of linear	Light mid brown clay sand with occasional small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency. Large charcoal flecks and coarse pottery (Neolithic??) Was recovered from the fill.
5165	3	5162		0.86		0.33	Cut of linear	Cut into [5156] and (5170). On east side of linear [5156]. Sub-rectangular in plan, steep sides, flat base and gradual breaks of slope.
5166	3	5162	5166	0.86		0.33	Fill of linear	Mid brown loamy sand with sub-angular stones and abundant small natural flint, an abrupt interface with a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency.
5167	3				0.65	0.06-0.20	Cut of linear	Located south [5163]. Runs north-east to south-west. Curves at a right angle to join with [5163]. Linear in plan with sloping sides and a concave base.
5168	3		5167		0.65	0.08-0.20	Fill of linear	Naturally back filled. Mid grey orange silty sand with a moderately clear interface and a loose, friable consistency.
5169	3	5162		0.86		0.65	Cut of ditch	Cut into [5156] and cut by [5165]. Only lower half of north-east side remains. Sub-rectangular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.

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5170	3	5162	5169	0.86		0.65	Fill of linear	Mid brown loamy sand, very slightly stony with an abrupt interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency.
5171	3	5162		178.38	1.95	0.55	Cut of linear	Field boundary or drainage ditch. Linear in plan with tapered, concave sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope on the top and a gradual break of slope on the base.
5172	3	5162	5171		1.95	0.55	Fill of linear	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare sub-angular stones, a sharp interface and a soft, friable consistency.
5173	3	5162			0.33	0.38	Cut of linear	Linear in plan with concave sides, a concave base and a sharp break of slope.
5174	3	5162	5173				Fill of linear	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare small sub-angular stones, a sharp interface and a soft, friable consistency.
5175	3	5162			0.80	0.34	Cut of linear	A possible re-cut of field boundary [5171] linear in plan with concave sides, a concave base, a sharp break of slope at the top and the base a gradual break of slope.
5176	3	5162	5175		0.80	0.34	Fill of linear	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare small pebbles, a sharp interface and a soft, friable consistency.
5177	3	5162		178.38	1.82	0.84	Cut of linear	Linear in plan with a slightly stepped east side and a steep north side, a slightly rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5178	3	5162	5177	+1.00	0.62	0.27	Fill of linear	Primary fill. Mid reddish brown silty sand with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5179	3	5162	5177	+1.00	1.82	0.57	Fill of linear	Main fill of linear. Natural silting episode. Mid reddish brown silty sand with rare sub angular flint and stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5180	3	5106	5106				Fill of collared urn	Sheet filled out in Edinburgh for fill of collared urn sf5001.
5181	3	5250		2.00 slot	3.20	1.07	Cut of ring-ditch	Slot in ring-ditch [5136] curvilinear in plan with steeply sloping sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5182	3	5184		8,92	0.54	0.10	Cut of linear	Possible hedgerow. Runs north-west to south-east. Ploughed out to north-west. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, and a rounded base.
5183	3	5184	5182	1.10	0.54	0.10	Fill of linear	Natural silting light orange red sandy silt with a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5184	3	5184		8,92	0.57	0.11	Partially truncated gully running approx n-s	Terminus. Same as [5182]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides and a flat base
5185	3	5184	5184	1.10	0.57	0.11	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural backfilling light orange red sandy silt with a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5186	3			1.10	0.59	0.28	Cut of linear	Possible hedgerow. Located in south central edge of area 3, south-west of large ring-ditch. Linear in plan with stepped-vertical sides, an uneven base and a sharp break of slope.
5187	3		5186	1.10	0.59	0.28	Fill of linear	Hedgerow, natural back filling. Mid red brown silty sand with occasional small stones, a clear interface and a compact, dry consistency.
5188	3	5250	5181	2.00 SLOT	0.20	0.45	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary erosion deposit. Mid grey brown silty sand with a clear interface and a firm consistency.

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5189	3	5250	5181	2.00 slot	0.60	0.22	Fill of ring-ditch	Natural silting episode. Mid brown grey sandy gravel with a clear interface and a firm, compacted consistency.
5190	3	5250	5181	2.00 slot	0.45	0.14	Fill of ring-ditch	Erosion deposit mid grey brown sandy gravel with a clear interface, and a firm, compacted consistency.
5191	3	5250	5181	2.00 slot	1.80	0.40	Fill of ring-ditch	Naturally back filled deposit. Light brown grey silty sand with occasional gravel lenses, a clear interface and a loose, friable consistency. Occasional charcoal flecks and flint nodules.
5192	3	5250	5181		0.38	0.14	Fill of ring-ditch	Heat affected sand and charcoal lying in a depression, burning or burning waste deposit. Dark purple pink and black silty sand with a clear interface and firm consistency.
5193	3	5250	5181	2.00 slot	3.20	0.60	Final fill of ring-ditch	Silting fill of ring-ditch mid grey brown sandy silt with occasional stones and unworked flint, a clear interface and a firm consistency. Occasional charcoal, lithics and pottery.
5194	3			0.86	0.85	0.36	Cut of pit	To the east of [5156] near the southern end of area 3. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a rounded base and steep sides.
5195	3		5194	0.86	0.85	0.36	Fill of pit	Naturally silted. Orange red silty sand with rare unworked flint nodules. A clear interface and a firm, dry consistency. Rare charcoal inclusions.
5196	3	5162		1.00	0.77	0.31	Cut of linear	Runs north-south. Sub-rectangular in plan with steep sides, a slightly rounded base and sharp breaks of slope.
5197	3	5162	5196	1.00			Fill of linear	Mid brown with small stones and natural flint, an abrupt interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency. A few very small fragments of charcoal were observed and a single struck flint was recovered.
5198	3	5211		+1.00	0.69	0.23	Cut of linear	Terminus of linear running north-south. Linear in plan with sharp sides, an uneven rounded base and a gradual break of slope on the east side.
5199	3	5211	5198	+1.00	0.69	0.23	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural back filling. Mid reddish brown silty sand with rare angular flint and sub-rounded gravel, a clear interface with a loose, moist consistency.
5200	3	5249	5411				Fill of cut	Greyish sand with a sharp deposit interface and a fairly compact consistency.
5201	3	5250	5114				Fill of cut	Mid orange grey brown sandy silt loam with occasional small-medium stones, a moderate interface and a friable, compact consistency.
5202	3	5250	5114				Fill of cut	Mid orange brown sandy silt loam with rare small-medium stones, a weak deposit interface and a friable, compact consistency.
5203	3	5211			1.00	0.32	Cut of linear	Ditch. Linear in plan with moderately steep sides, a concave base and a sharp-gradual break of slope.
5204	3	5211	5203		1.00	0.32	Fill of linear	Boundary ditch. Naturally back filled light orange brown clay sand with a moderate amount of small-medium rounded and sub-rounded stones and occasional small angular flint nodules, an abrupt interface and a firm, friable consistency.
5205	3	5162			1.90	0.45	Cut of linear	Field boundary linear in plan with a tapered, blunt point, a flattish base and a sharp break of slope at the top with a gradual break of slope at the base.
5206	3	5162	5205	178.38	1.90	0.45	Fill of linear	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare sub-angular stones, a sharp interface and a soft, friable consistency.

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5207	3	5217	5217	+0.56	+0.24	0.20	Cut of linear	Ditch with a right angle curve at its south end towards the west. [5209] appears to run off the corner of this feature (but could be natural). Curvilinear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5208	3	5217	5207	+0.56	+0.24	0.20	Fill of linear	Single fill, naturally backfilled. Same as (5218) mid reddish grey silty sand with rare-occasional sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare worked flint was recovered.
5209	3	5217		0.50	0.50	0.09	Natural	Shallow circular feature situated at corner of right angle of [5207]. No visible relationship, possible a tree bowl. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, and uneven, flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5210	3		5209	0.50	0.50	0.09	Fill of anomaly	Similar to (5208) mid reddish grey silty sand with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flint was recovered.
5211	3	5211	5203,5196	32.00m	1.00m	0.32	Linear feature	Linear ditch north-south to east of [5162]
5212	3	5212	5213	14.99	0.76m	0.30m	Linear feature	Ditch running NNE-SSW, east of [5211].
5213	3			1.00	0.76	0.30	Cut of linear	Ditch running north-south. Irregular in plan with gradual-steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5214	3	5212	5213	1.00	0.76	0.30	Fill of linear	Mid brown loamy sand, stony, with an abrupt interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency. A few fragment of charcoal observed.
5215	3	5335		+1.00	1.38	0.45	Cut of linear	Multiple fills. Cut by [5217]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and gradual breaks of slope.
5216	3	5335	5215	+1.30	+0.60	+0.25	Fill of linear	Same as (5255). Single fill with evidence of bioturbation. Naturally silted up. Mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional sub-angular flint and rare stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5217	3	5217		+1.40	0.25	0.07	Cut of linear	Truncated by machine. Only west side visible. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5218	3	5335	5217	+1.40	0.25	0.07	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural back filling. Mid reddish grey silty sand with rare sub-angular stones, a clear deposit interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5219	3	5233			0.32	0.18	Cut of linear	Naturally back filled. Linear in plan with regular, vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5220	3	5233	5219		0.32	0.18	Fill of linear	Natural back filling. Light orange brown silty sand with frequent small rounded and sub-rounded stones, an abrupt interface and a firm, friable consistency.
5221	3	5212		1.14	1.50	0.24	Cut of linear	Disturbed by bioturbation. Runs north-north-east to south-south-west. Irregular in plan with an uneven base and a gradual break of slope.
5222	3	5212	5221	1.14	1.50	0.24	Fill of linear	Mid brown loamy sand, stony, with an abrupt interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency.
5223	3	5367			2-3	1-1.10	Cut of linear	Linear in plan with steep, uneven sides, an unclear base and a moderate break of slope. n. b. feature was excavated by dm and was overcut, see context sheets for more information.
5224	3	5367	5223				Fill of linear	Mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional small-medium stones, a sharp interface and a wet firm, friable consistency.

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5225	3	5367	5223				Fill of linear	Mid greyish orange brown sand silt with a sharp but irregular interface and a wet, firm and friable consistency. Common pottery fragments, burnt stone and flint, and abundant charcoal.
5226	3	5367	5223				Fill of linear	Upper fill, natural back fill. Mid orange/grey brown sandy silt with a weak interface with the natural but strong interface with (5225), and a dry, friable consistency. Small ceramic fragments and flint recovered.
5227	3	5233			0.50	0.19	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch. Linear in plan with steep sides, a concave base and a sharp-gradual break of slope.
5228	3	5233	5227		0.50	0.19	Fill of linear	Natural back filling light orange brown silty sand with occasional angular and sub-angular flints, and medium rounded and sub-rounded stones. An abrupt interface and a firm, friable consistency.
5229	3	5249		+1.00	2.36	0.90	Cut of linear	Multiple fills, same as [5215, 5243]. Linear in plan with the north side having stepped, steep sides and the south side having gently sloping-steep sides, the base is flat and the breaks of slope are gradual.
5230	3	5249	5229	+1.00	2.00	0.25	Fill of linear	Primary fill of ditch lining the base of the cut. Mid reddish brown silty sand with abundant small sub-angular stones, a clear interface, and a moist loose/compact consistency.
5231	3	5249	5229	+1.00	2.36	0.20-0.40	Fill of linear	Deeper on the north side of the feature. Some bioturbation but a single homogenous fill. Mid reddish grey silty sand with rare sub-angular stones and occasional small-large flints, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5232	3	5249	5229	+1.00	1.60	0.44	Fill of linear	On south side of the linear. Mid grey brown with occasional flint inclusions, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Abundant charcoal and rare pottery.
5233	3	5233					Linear feature	Part of later field system covering-ditch. Mid brown with common stones and a clear interface.
5234	3	5250		+1.30	3.00	1.09	Cut of ring-ditch	Central southern of area 3. Multiple fills. Circular ditch in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope which sharpens towards the base.
5235	3	5250	5234	1.30+	3.00	0.14	Fill of ring-ditch	Slumping from the edges collapsing, resting against the cut. Light yellow brown silty gravel with a clear, wavy interface and a predominantly moist consistency except at edges where it becomes more compact. Flint recovered from fill.
5236	3	5250	5234	+1.30	3.00	0.33	Fill of ring-ditch	Secondary fill. Possible burning episode occurring between (5237), or a dumping of burnt material. Natural silting up. Mid yellow brown silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency. Many charcoal inclusions.
5237	3	5250	5234	1.30	3.00	0.62	Fill of ring-ditch	Tertiary fill. Silted up over time. Mid red brown silty sand with a clear interface and a dry, loose consistency. Occasional flint and rare flecks of charcoal found within.
5238	3	5248		34.21m	0.92	0.43	Cut of linear	Runs north-south, located at south-east corner of area 3. Probable hedge line. Irregular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5239	3	5248	5238	1.00	0.92	0.43	Fill of linear	Mixed fill. Mid brown/grey very stony sandy clay loam with medium and small flints. An abrupt break of slope and a moist, fine-grained, plastic consistency.

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5240	3			0.80	0.60	0.15	Cut of pit	Multiple fills (5241, 5242) circular in plan with steeply sloping sides and a flat base with sharp-gradual breaks of slope.
5241	3		5240	0.56		0.08	Fill of pit	Secondary fill. Brown orange clay with dark blueish grey charcoal and small angular and sub-angular flints, and medium rounded and sub-rounded stones. A clear interface and a firm consistency. A moderate amount of charcoal and traces of burnt material (likely to be wood).
5242	3		5240	0.68		0.12	Fill of pit	Primary fill. Light green, yellow and white clay with small angular and sub-angular flints, and medium rounded and sub-rounded stones. A clear interface and a firm consistency.
5243	3	5246		+1.00	1.38	0.38	Cut of linear	Terminus of ditch. Multiple fills (5244, 5245). Same as [5215, 5229] linear in plan with a steep north side and a gently sloping south side, a flat, uneven base and a gradual break of slope.
5244	3	5246	5243		0.58	0.14	Fill of linear	Primary fill of terminus. Mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional gravelly small sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5245	3	5246	5243	+1.00	1.38	0.36	Fill of linear	Mid greyish brown silty sand with occasional angular and sub-angular flints, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of charcoal were also observed within the fill.
5246	3	2548		0.35	0.36	0.24	Cut of pit	Cut into underlying linear. Sub-rounded in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5247	3	5248	5246	0.35	0.36	0.24	Fill of pit	Contains burnt material mid grey brown loamy sand slightly stony with small stones and natural flint, an abrupt interface and a moist, friable, fine-grained consistency.
5248	3	5248		34.21m	0.92m	0.43m	Linear ditch south-east corner of area 3	Linear ditch south-east corner of area 3. 5238, 5256.
5249	3	5249					NW-se land division cutting [5250]	Large north-west to south east ditch cutting ring-ditch [5250]
5250	3	5250					Ring-ditch, south centre of area 3	Ring-ditch, south centre of area 3
5251	3			0.36	0.36	0.17	Cut of pit	Circular in plan with vertical-steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5252	3		5251	0.36	0.36	0.17	Fill of pit	Light orange brown clayey sand mixed with dark blueish grey charcoal with frequent medium and large rounded and sub-rounded stones and occasional small angular and sub-angular flints. A clear interface and a firm, friable consistency. Charcoal is on the upper part of the section.
5253	3	5246	5215	+1.00	0.70	0.10	Fill of linear	Lining the base of the cut. Mid grey yellow silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of charcoal.
5254	3	5246	5215	+1.00	1.00	0.14	Fill of linear	Secondary fill mid reddish brown silty sand with gravel inclusions and rare small sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5255	3	5335	5215	+1.00	1.38	0.27	Fill of linear	Main fill, naturally back filled. Same as (5216) mid greyish brown silty sand with occasional large-small sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of carbon, flint and pottery.

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5256	3	5248		34.21	0.90	0.39	Cut of linear	Possibly hedge line. Runs north-south. Irregular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5257	3	5248	5256	1.24	0.90	0.39	Fill of linear	Mixed fill. Suggests hedge line. Mid greyish brown slightly stony loamy sand, small-large stones, with an abrupt interface and a fine, friable consistency.
5258	3	5248		1.50	1.10	0.42	Cut of linear	Ditch running north-south through ring-ditch [5280]. Cuts through ring-ditch slot [5234]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5259	3	5248	5258	1.50	1.10	0.42	Fill of linear	Single fill and naturally back filled. Mid red brown sandy silt with clear-gradual interface with a loose, dry consistency.
5260	3	5250	5234	1.80	1.14	0.35	Fill of linear	Primary fill. Abuts (5235). Slumping of natural into ring-ditch, on internal edge rather than (5235) which is on the external edge and is more gravelly. Mid reddish brown sand with a clear interface and a compact, dry consistency.
5261	3	5286		26.50	0.42	0.16	Cut of ditch	Linear in plan with regular, moderately steep sides, a concave/flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5262	3	5286	5261		0.42	0.16	Fill of linear	Natural back filling, single fill. Light orange brown, clay sad with medium rounded and sub-rounded stones and small angular and sub-angular flints, an abrupt interface and a firm, friable consistency.
5263	3	5250		+2.00	3.55	1.10	Cut of ring-ditch	Possible funerary/ritual/ceremonial structure, possibly bronze age. Cut tapers down to near vertical side approximately 0.20-0.30m high. Outside edge shows evidence of intentionally cut step, possibly to aid getting into and out of the ditch. Evidence of weathering of gravel sides and burning deposit being backfilled from eastern edge. Circular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a rounded break of slope at the top with a sharp break of slope at the base.
5264	3	5250	5263	+2.00	0.45	0.40	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary fill. Weathering of sides of the ditch, even both sides of cut. No evidence of bank material. Brown silty sand with abundant small stones with a clear interface and a loose consistency.
5265	3	5250	5263	+2.00	0.60	0.15	Fill of ring-ditch	Backfilled from the internal (eastern) edge. Turf line which has slumped into the ditch? Seen in the other segments in this feature and in (5277) yellowish brown sandy silt with common small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency.
5266	3	5250	5263	0.30	0.70	0.38	Fill of ring-ditch	Black ashy deposit discarded from the western edge, similar deposits are coming out of the other segments. Dumping occurred after the ditch was partially silted up. Dark brown silty sand with small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency. Abundant charcoal flecks within and 2 flint scrappers and some prehistoric pot were recovered.
5267	3	5250	5263	+2.00	0.70	0.50	Fill of ring-ditch	Partially overlies (5266). No tipping lines visible in this deposit, possibly intentionally backfilled. Brown sandy silt with common small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency.
5268	3	5335		78.00	0.46	0.14	Cut of ditch	Curvilinear. Joins [5243 to 5274]. Curvilinear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5269	3	5335	5268	+1.00	0.46	0.14	Fill of linear	Single fill, gradual silting up. Mid orange brown silty sand with rare small-medium angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.

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5270	3	5335		+1.00	0.42	0.14	Curvilinear associated with end of 5335	Terminus of linear. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gradual breaks of slope.
5271	3		5270	+1.00	0.42	0.14	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural silting. Mid orange brown silty sand with rare small-medium sub-angular flints, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of carbon within fill.
5272	3	5335		+1.00	0.78	0.16	Cut of linear	Possible connection between [5243, 5274] as it is a curved linear that links the two. Noticeable shallower than adjacent linears curvilinear with a gentle slope and a slightly stepped eastern edge, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope on the east, with a gradual break of slope on the west.
5273	3	5335	5272	+1.00	0.78	0.16	Fill of linear	Single fill of linear. Silted up gradually. Mid orange brown silty sand with rare angular gravels, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency,
5274	3	5335		>1.00m	0.74	0.30	Cut of linear	Ditch. Possible terminus of long north-south running linear. Relationship with [5272] which seems to connect it to [5243]. Linear in plan with a gently sloping-steep stepped west edge, and a steep east edge, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope to the west and a sharp break of slope to the east.
5275	3	5335	5279	+1.00	0.74	0.30	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural back filling. Mid orange brown silty sand with rare small-medium flint and iron stone, a clear interface and a loose, moist deposit. Rare flecks of charcoal inclusions.
5276	3	5250	5263	+2.00	0.80	0.48	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary weathering deposit, same as (5264). Brown silty sand with abundant small stones, a clear interface and a loose consistency.
5277	3	5250	5263	+2.00	0.40	0.18	Fill of ring-ditch	Possible weathered remains of old ground surface. Orangey brown sandy silt with occasional small stones, a clear interface and a friable consistency.
5278	3	5250	5263	+2.00	0.50	0.26	Fill of ring-ditch	Natural in fill. Same as (5279) brown with common small stones
5279	3	5250	5263	+2.00	0.55	0.30	Fill of ring-ditch	Slumping deposit, weathering or bank deposit. Light brown clay sand with common stones, a clear interface and a friable consistency.
5280	3	5233	5281	+2.00	0.70	0.55	Fill of ring-ditch	Part of later field system covering-ditch. Mid brown with common stones and a clear interface.
5281	3	5233		+25	0.70	0.55	Cut of linear	A north-west to south-east running ditch which cuts through the upper fill (5267) of the ring-ditch. Part of the field system overlaying the earlier bronze age activity. Terminate approx. 25m north-west of the ring-ditch. Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5282	3	5286		26.50m	0.42	0.26		Field boundary linear in plan with steep, regular sides, a concave/flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5283	3	5286	5282		0.42	0.26	Fill of linear	Natural back filling. Single fill. Traces of metal in section (possibly iron panning) light orange brown clay sand moderately stony (medium rounded and sub-rounded stones and small angular and sub-angular flints), an abrupt interface and firm, friable consistency.
5284	3	5335		+1.00	0.93	0.36	Cut of ditch	Linear in plan with gentle to steep sides, a flat base and gradual breaks of slope.

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5285	3	5335	5289	+1.00	0.93	0.36	Fill of linear	Single fill, silting episode mid orange brown silty sand with rare small-large sub-angular stones and occasional flint pieces, a clear to gradual interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5286	3	5286		26.50	0.40m	0.20m	L-shaped linear feature	Linear ditch west-east
5287	3	5250		1.69	3.63	1.06	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular ring-ditch in plan with steep sides dropping to vertical at the base, a flat base and a gradual break of slope at the top turning sharp at the base.
5288	3	5250	5287	1.69	1.16	0.25	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary slumping from southern edge of ditch. Dark orange red sandy gravel with a clear interface and a compact, moist consistency.
5289	3	5250	5287	1.69	0.96	0.34	Fill of cut	Same as (5288) but from northern edge dark orange red sandy gravel with a clear interface and compact, moist consistency
5290	3	5250	5287	1.69	2.66	0.18	Fill of ring-ditch	Weathered slumping. Between (5289 and 5291) light yellow orange silty sand with a clear interface and a dry, loose consistency.
5291	3	5250	5287	1.69	3.26	0.17	Fill of ring-ditch	Slumping off side. Possible deliberate backfilling. Similar to primary fill (but not as compact) mid orange red sandy gravel with a clear interface, and a compact and dry consistency. Rare charcoal inclusions within.
5292	3	5250		1.69	3.25	0.22	Fill of ring-ditch	Mid orange red sandy silt with a gradual interface and a loose, dry consistency. Occasional charcoal within.
5293	3	5250	5287	1.69	2.30	0.40	Fill of ring-ditch	Natural silting episode. Mid orange red sandy silt with gradual interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5294	3			15.00	10.00		Layer	Flint scatter at base of Holocene profile. Mid greyish yellow/orange clay sand with a sharp interface and a soft but compact consistency. Occasional flint (smashed) and worked tools.
5295	3	5286		26.50	0.40	0.21	Cut of linear	Field boundary linear in plan with steep, irregular sides (south is vertical, north is gently sloping), a flat base and sharp-gradual breaks of slope.
5296	3	5286	5295		0.40	0.21	Fill of linear	Natural back filling light orange brown clay sand with a moderate amount of stones (medium rounded and sub-rounded, small angular and sub-angular flints), an abrupt interface and a firm, friable consistency
5297	3	5286		26.50	0.40m	0.21m	Cut of ditch	Field boundary linear in plan with steeply sloping-vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5298	3	5286	5297				Fill of linear	Light yellow brown clay sand with moderate amounts of stone (medium rounded and sub-rounded stones, angular and sub-angular flint), a clear interface and a loose, friable consistency.
5299	3	5335		+1.00	0.90	0.38	Cut of linear	Cuts an earlier feature running alongside it linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and with a gradual break of slope on the east side.
5300	3	5335	5299	+1.00	0.90	0.38	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural back filling mid orange brown silty sand with occasional sub-angular stones and flint, a clear interface with a loose, moist consistency.
5301	3	5335		+1.00	+1.10	0.32	Cut of ditch	Cut by later ditch [5299] which runs alongside linear in plan with a gently sloping east side and a stepped west side, a flat base and a gradual break of slope on the west side. The east side is truncated by [5299].

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5302	3	5335	5301	+1.00	+1.10	0.32	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural silting up. Mid orange brown silty sand with rare sub-angular large-medium stones and rare flint, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Some flecks of charcoal observed within the fill.
5303	3	5335		+1.00	0.84	0.36	Cut of ditch	Multiple fills. Adjacent to linear [5306]. Linear in plan with steep sides, a flat base, a gradual break of slope on the west side and a sharp break of slope on the east side.
5304	3	5335	5303	+1.00	0.36	0.08	Fill of linear	Primary fill, natural in filling. Mid blackish brown silty sand with occasional small sub-angular stones and frequent gravel, a clear interface and a loose consistency.
5305	3	5335	5303	+1.00	0.84	0.28	Fill of linear	Main fill of linear. Gradually silted up. Mid orange grey silty sand with occasional sub-angular flints, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of carbon observed within the fill.
5306	3	5335		+1.00	0.68	0.14	Cut of linear	Shallow linear adjacent to larger, longer linear [5303] linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded-flat base and a sharp break of slope on the west side and a gradual break of slope on the east side.
5307	3	5335	5306	+1.00	0.68	0.14	Fill of linear	Single fill, naturally back filled mid grey brown silty sand with rare sub-angular stones (small-medium), a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of carbon observed within fill.
5308	3	5335		+1.00	1.08	0.40	Cut of ditch	Multiple fills (5309, 5310, 5311) linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5309	3	5335	5308	+1.00	0.22	0.08	Fill of linear	Primary fill. Mid yellow brown silty sand with rare small sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5310	3	5335	5308		0.20	0.10	Fill of linear	Secondary fill, natural in filling mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional gravel, a clear interface and a loose. Moist consistency
5311	3	5335	5308	+1.00	1.08	0.37	Fill of linear	Upper fill of linear, gradually silted up over time. Mid orange brown sandy silt with rare small-medium sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of charcoal were observed within the fill.
5312	3	5250			5.00	1.20	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular in plan with concave side, a flat base, and a sharp break of slope at the top and a gradual break of slope at the base.
5313	3	5250	5312		3.00	0.65	Fill of ring-ditch	Yellow orange sandy loam with rare stone inclusions, a sharp interface and a compact, friable consistency. Flint, pottery and charcoal were recovered from this fill.
5314	3	5250	5312		1.50	0.18	Fill of ring-ditch	Charcoal layer in middle of section. Found within other slots. Seems to have occurred after the initial silting up of the ring-ditch had taken place. Black charcoal with a rare amount of burnt stone, a sharp interface and a soft, friable consistency. Flint inclusions/
5315	3	5250	5312		2.80	0.15	Fill of ring-ditch	Brown grey sandy silt with rare gravel inclusions, a sharp interface and a soft but friable consistency.
5316	3	5250	5312		2.00	0.30	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary fill reddish brown sandy silt with rare sub angular stones, a sharp deposit interface and a soft consistency.

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5317	3	5250	5312					
5318	3				0.30	0.24	Cut of trial trench	Truncates ring-ditch [5312] along western edge linear in plane, sharp sides, flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5319	3		5318		0.18	0.24	Fill of trial trench	Grey brown sandy loam with rare sub-angular stones and gravel with a sharp interface and a compact, friable consistency.
5320	3	5162		49.00	0.95	0.40	Cut of ditch	Field boundary linear in plan with moderately steep sides, a concave/flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5321	3	5162	5320	178.38	0.95	0.40	Fill of linear	Naturally back filled light oranges brown clay sand with moderate stones (medium rounded and sub-rounded stones, and small angular and sub-angular flints), an abrupt interface and firm, friable consistency.
5322	3			0.50	0.40	0.10	Shallow depression	Cut not definite in this feature, could be a depression where a dump of material has been placed. Ill-defined edges against geology. Located north-east of 'stone hole' (5324) circular in plan with sloping sides and a concave base.
5323	3		5322	0.50	0.40	0.10	Fill of depression	Poorly sorted deposit, clear interface with natural but not contained in a well-defined cut. Deposit dives into natural, evidence of rooting or burrowing. Mid greyish black sandy clay with flint fragments, mostly clear interface and a loose consistency
5324	3			0.70	0.60	0.20	Stake hole	Ill defined, not likely to be a cut for a feature. Presence of degraded stone fragments and profile suggests a stake hole but not a recent event. Possibly prehistoric. Mid grey orange clay sand with degraded stone fragments, an unclear interface and a loose, friable consistency set within a circular cut with vertical sides and a concave base.
5325	3	5250	5312		2.20	0.28	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary fill. Interface between the stony base layer (5317) and the silt layers (5315, 5316). Reddish brown sandy loam with occasional sub angular stones, a gradual interface and a friable consistency. Rare charcoal flecks contained within
5326	3	5335		+1.00	1.68	0.43	Cut of ditch	Multiple fills. Linear in plan, gently sloping with a slight step, flat base and gradual slope.
5327	3	5335	5326	+1.00	1.28	0.14	Fill of linear	Primary fill of linear. Mid reddish brown silty sand with rare sub-angular stones and gravel, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency
5328	3	5335	5326	+1.00	0.68	0.80	Fill of linear	Final fill, gradual silting up process. Mid orange brown silt sand with occasional sub-angular stones and flint, a clear interface ad a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of carbon and pottery found within the fill
5329	3	5622		49.00	1.5	0.36	Cut of ditch	Cuts [5331]. Field boundary linear in plan with moderately steep sloping sides, a concave base and a gradual break of slope.
5330	3	5162	5329		1.5	0.36	Fill of linear	Naturally in filled light orange brown clay sand with moderate stones (medium rounded and sub-rounded stones, and small angular and sub-angular flints), an abrupt interface and firm, friable consistency.
5331	3	5622			+2.20	0.56	Cut of linear	Cut by [5329]. Field boundary. Linear in plan with moderately steep sloping sides, a concave/flat base and a gradual break of slope.

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5332	3	5622	5331		2.20+	0.56	Fill of linear	Cut by smaller ditch [5329], naturally back filled. Pottery recovered from fill did not survive transportation back to office and was discarded; undiagnostic, undated. Light orange brown clay sand with moderate stones (medium rounded and sub-rounded stones, and small angular and sub-angular flints), an abrupt interface and firm, friable consistency.
5333	3			0.89	0.89	0.23	Cut of pit	In line with linear [5342]. Circular in plan with a gently sloping east side and a steep west side, a flat base and a gradual break of slope on the east side and a sharp break of slope on the west side.
5334	3		5333	0.89	0.89	0.23	Fill of pit	Gradual silting up but fill is made up with lenses of charcoal. 3 large stones are situated on the west side of the feature and have a small layer of charcoal above them. Mid grey brown silty sand with occasional large stones (some burnt) and occasional pieces of flint, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Frequent flecks of charcoal and some pottery recovered.
5335	3	5335					N-s orientated land division	Linear running north-south
5336	3			1.00	0.85	0.30	Cut of linear	Possible drainage ditch. Runs SSE-NNW. Approximately 4M north of ring-ditch in south centre of area 3. Possible relationship with similar ditches in area and fire pit [5338]. Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope at the top, and a gentle break of slope at the base.
5337	3			1.00	0.85	0.30	Fill of linear	Grey brown sandy loam with a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5338	3				0.80	0.45	Cut of pit	Possible fire pit. Lined with burnt stone. Located next to [5336], just to the north of ring-ditch in south centre of area 3. Circular in plan with concave sides, a pointed base and a sharp break of slope to the top and gradual at the base.
5339	3		5338		0.80	0.45	Fill of pit	Grey brown silty loam with a sharp interface and a soft consistency. Pottery, charcoal and burnt stone contained within fill.
5340	3			+1.00	1.42	0.14	Cut of linear	Runs north-west to south-east near north edge of area 3. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5341	3		5340	+1.00	1.42	0.14	Fill of linear	Truncated by ploughing. Single fill, naturally silted up. Mid orange red silty sand with a gradual interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare struck flint was recovered from the fill
5342	3	5335		+1.00	1.02	0.33	Cut of linear	Multiple fills (5343, 5344), same as [5326, 5308, 5303, 5301, 5284, 5274]. Possibly cut by [5333 and 5345] to the north linear in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope
5343	3	5335	5342	+1.00	0.64	0.15	Fill of linear	Primary fill. Gravelly, much like the natural.
5344	3	5335	5342	+1.00	1.02	0.18	Fill of linear	Main fill of linear
5345	3	5369	5354	+1.00	0.44	0.06	Cut of linear	Terminus. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5346	3	5369	5345	+1.00	0.44	0.06	Fill of linear	

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5348	3			+0.72	0.80	0.29	Cut of linear	Ditch running east-west. Cut by [5351] and by modern evaluation trench. Linear in plan with a gently sloping side (only north side excavated) and a gradual break of slope. Base truncated by evaluation trench.
5349	3	5250	5438	+0.61	+0.18	0.08	Fill of linear	Primary fill. Mid yellow brown silty sand with rare sub-angular stone, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Flecks of carbon observed within fill.
5350	3		5348	0.70	+0.40	0.21	Fill of linear	Mid grey brown silty sand with rare large sub-angular stone, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of carbon.
5351	3	5335			+0.39	0.28	Cut of linear	Cuts earlier ditch [5348]. Multiple fills (5352 and 5333) linear in plan with a slight step on the west sides, a flat base (not fully excavated) and a gradual break of slope.
5352	3	5335	5351		+0.21	0.07	Fill of linear	Primary fill. Mid yellow brown silty sand with rare sub-angular stones and gravel, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of carbon.
5353	3	5335	5351		+0.39	0.21	Fill of linear	Mid brown grey silty sand with occasional-frequent small-medium sub-angular stone, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of carbon
5354	3	5369		+0.87	+0.34	0.22	Cut of linear	Cuts linear [5355], no obvious relationship between them as fill (5356) appears to be in both features. Perhaps they were open and in use at the same time? Linear in plan with a gently sloping side (only east side excavated) and a gradual break of slope.
5355	3			+10.00	1.78	0.16	Cut of linear	Large linear. Same fill (5356) as [5354]. Linear in plan with a gently sloping side (only south side excavated), and a gradual break of slope.
5356	3		5354, 5355	+0.87	0.79	0.22	Fill of linear	Natural in filling mid orange brown silty sand with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of charcoal.
5357	3				0.45	0.20	Cut of linear	Boundary enclosure running east-west. Linear in plan with concave sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope at the top, with a gradual break of slope at the base.
5358	3		5357		0.45	0.20	Fill of linear	Grey brown sand with rare small stones and gravel, a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5359	3				0.30	0.30	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch running east-west. Post-hole [5361] cuts the outer edge of the linear at this point. Linear in plan
5360	3		5359				Fill of linear	Grey brown sandy loam with rare small stones and gravel, a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5361	3	5932			0.30	0.30	Cut of post-hole	Cut into the outer edge of linear [5359] as it turns NNW-SSE. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a concave base and a sharp break of slope at the top with a gradual break of slope at the base.
5362	3	5932	5361		0.30	0.30	Fill of post-hole	Grey brown sandy loam with rare small stones and gravel, a sharp interface and a friable consistency. Common charcoal inclusions and burnt stones.
5363	3	5622		49.68	2.54	+0.42	Cut of linear	Field boundary. Cuts [5365]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a concave/flat base and a gradual break of slope.

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5364	3	5622	5363		2.54	+0.42	Fill of linear	Light reddish brown (mixed, some yellow and orange too) clay sand with a moderate amount of stones (medium rounded and sub-rounded stones and small angular and sub-angular flint), a clear interface and a firm consistency. Rare flint flakes recovered.
5365	3	5162		178.38	+1.36	0.16	Cut of ditch	Boundary ditch. Cut by [5363] linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope
5366	3	5162	5365		+1.36	0.16	Fill of linear	Light greenish brown clay sand with a moderate amount of stones (medium rounded and sub-rounded stones and small angular and sub-angular flint), a clear interface and a firm consistency. Rare flint flakes recovered.
5367	3	5367					Large L-shaped land division	Small enclosure north
5368	3	5367		72m	1.70m	0.4	Very large enclosure ditch part of 5367	Very large enclosure ditch north part of site. Continuation of 5367
5369	3	5369		5.57	0.44	0.06	Short gully possibly related to 5932	Linear in plan, emerges from large linear boundary 5367 but no clear relationship in section.
5370	3	5335		+1.00	+0.50	0.36	Cut of linear	Multiple fills (5371 and 5372), truncated by linear [5373] linear in plan with a gently sloping side (only east side excavated), a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5371	3	5335	5370	+0.70	+0.45	0.10	Fill of linear	Primary fill, natural silting episode dark orange brown silty sand with rare sub-angular stones and gravel, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare carbon flecks also observed.
5372	3	5335	5370	+0.80	+0.54	0.30	Fill of linear	Upper fill of ditch, natural back filling episode mid orange brown silty sand with rare medium sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare/occasional flecks of carbon, some pottery and worked flint also recovered.
5373	3	5367		+0.57	+0.55	0.37	Cut of linear	Large linear cutting earlier ditch [5370]. Multiple fills (5374, 5375) linear in plan with gently sloping sides (only south side excavated), a flat base and a gradual break of slope
5374	3	5367	5373	+0.57	+0.55	0.07	Fill of linear	Primary fill of large linear, natural back filling. Mid yellow brown sandy silt with occasional/frequent gravel inclusions, a clear interface and a loose. Moist consistency.
5375	3	5367	5373	+0.57	+0.55	0.31	Fill of linear	Natural back filling. Mid grey brown sandy silt with occasional large-medium sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of charcoal, pottery and flint flakes.
5376	3	5250		+1.20	3.84	1.06	Cut of ring-ditch	Located in south central area of area 3. Truncated by tree bowl which has destroyed a large part of the upper cut. Gently sloping sides, getting steep at the base, with a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5377	3	5250	5376	+1.20	2.10	0.34	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary fill slumped in from edge. Possibly formed when ring-ditch was in use, probably soon after construction. Light yellow brown sandy gravel with a clear interface and a loose, wet consistency.
5378	3	5250	5376	+1.20	2.46	0.20	Fill of ring-ditch	Secondary fill of ring-ditch. Gradual silting up. Charcoal may have been brought down from upper level through bioturbation. Light yellow brown sandy gravel with a clear interface and a loose, wet consistency. Occasional charcoal flecks.

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5379	3	5250	5376	+1.20	3.54	0.27	Fill of ring-ditch	Tertiary fill. Finds in deposit suggest deliberate back fill. A charcoal layer is sat on the base of the deposit. Fill slightly yellower than below and similar to the natural sands. Mid-yellow brown silty sand with a gradual interface and a loose, wet consistency. Frequent charcoal and occasional pottery inclusions.
5380	3	5250	5376	+1.20	3.47	0.47	Fill of ring-ditch	Quaternary fill. Possible weathering over a period of time. Charcoal may have been brought up to this level from below by bioturbation. Mid red brown sandy silt with a gradual interface and loose, moist consistency. Occasional charcoal, rare pottery and flint.
5381	3	5932		>1.00m	0.90	0.20	Cut of linear	Small gully or ditch, field boundary. Located in northern part of area 3. Cut by [5368]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5382	3	5367	5381	+10.00	0.90	0.20	Fill of linear	Light brown clay sand with occasional small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency.
5383	3	5367			0.70	0.20	Cut of linear	Small gully, part of field system in northern part of area 3. Next to small pit [5333] linear in plan with sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5384	3	5367	5383		0.70	0.20	Fill of linear	Light greyish brown clay sand with occasional small stone inclusions, a clear interface and a soft consistency.
5385	3	5932		42.00	0.70	0.38	Cut of gully	Small ditch, part of rectangular plots in northern end of area 3. Possible extension to main plot. Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5386	3	5367	5385		0.70	0.38	Fill of linear	Light grey brown clay sand with occasional small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency.
5387	3	5367			1.00	0.24	Cut of pit	Possible tree throw sub oval in plan with gentle sides, a flattish base and an imperceptible break of slope.
5388	3	5367	5387		1.00	0.24	Fill of pit	Greyish brown clay sand with occasional small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency.
5389	3	5367			0.70	0.34	Cut of linear	Cut by [5368] linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5390	3	5367	5389		0.20	0.34	Fill of linear	Light brown clay sand with occasional small stone inclusions, a clear interface and a soft consistency.
5391	3	5367		+100.00	1.60	0.28	Cut of linear	Linear in plan with sloping sides, rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5392	3	5367	5391	+100.00	1.60	0.28	Fill of linear	Single fill. Greyish brown fine clayey sand with a clear interface and soft consistency. A lens/dump of charcoal is visible in this section but not anywhere else along the ditch.
5393	3	5335		>0.60	1.30	0.35	Cut of ditch	Drainage ditch or field boundary. Located in the north part of the site. Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5394	3	5335	5393	+2.00	1.30	0.35	Fill of linear	Brown clay sand with occasional medium flint nodules, a clear interface and a soft consistency.
5395	3				1.40	0.25	Cut of linear	Field boundary linear in plan with gently sloping, regular sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5396	3		5395		1.40	0.25	Fill of linear	Light yellow/greenish brown clay sand with a moderate amount of stones (medium rounded and sub-rounded stones, and angular and sub-angular flint), an abrupt interface and a firm consistency.

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5397	3			1.34	1.14	0.27	Cut of pit	Multiple fills (5398, 5399) circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5398	3		5397	0.78		0.13	Fill of pit	A deposit of silty soil with abundant charcoal sits on the east side of the cut. Some large burnt stones are also within this. Yellow black sandy silt with frequent medium-large stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Frequent flecks of charcoal.
5399	3		5397	1.34	1.14	0.27	Fill of pit	Main fill. Less charcoal and stones than (5398). Mixed deposit, possibly bioturbated. Orange grey silt sand with small-large sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare fragments of pottery.
5400	3			1.00	1.00		Spread	Spread of charcoal on surface, adjacent to pit [5397] dark orange grey sand silt with small sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Flecks of carbon observed within.
5401	3	5577		27.55	1.10	0.43	Cut of linear	Terminus. Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base, a sharp break of slope at the top and a gradual break of slope at the base.
5402	3	5577	5401		1.10	0.43	Fill of ditch	Mottled grey brown silty sand with rare small stones and gravel, a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5403	3	5577		27.55	1.25	0.40	Cut of linear	Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope at the top, gradual at the base.
5404	3	5577	5403		1.25	0.40	Fill of linear	Mottled grey brown sandy silt with rare small stones and gravel, a sharp interface and friable consistency
5405	3	5527		>1.00	0.15	0.14	Cut of linear	Rune north-east to south-west. Cuts through [5403]. Drainage or boundary ditch. Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base, a sharp break of slope at the top, and a gradual break of slope at the base.
5406	3	5527	5405		0.25	0.14	Fill of linear	Mottled dark brown grey silt sand with a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5407	3						Cut of linear	
5408	3		5407				Fill of linear	
5409	3						Cut of linear	
5410	3		5409				Fill of linear	
5411	3	5249		+100.00	2.10	0.80	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch. Runs south-east to north-west. Possibly prehistoric in date. Relationship with ring-ditch to the north - possibly cut into the ring-ditch. Linear in plan with moderately sloping sides, a concave base and a gradual break of slope.
5412	3	5249	5411		0.76	0.12	Fill of linear	Basal fill. Minor bioturbation. Orangey brown sandy silt with occasional small flint inclusions, a sharp interface and a moderately firm consistency.
5413	3	5249	5411	+1.10	1.35	0.20	Fill of linear	Second fill of ditch. Minor bioturbation action. Mid greyish brown silty sand with occasional small flint inclusions, a moderately - sharp interface and a friable consistency. Struck flint and pottery (probable prehistoric date).
5414	3	5249	5411	+1.10	1.95	0.30	Fill of linear	Upper fill of linear. Minor bioturbation evident. Light greyish brown silty sand with occasional small flint inclusions, a moderate interface and a friable consistency. Struck flint and pottery recovered (possibly bronze age in date)

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5415	3	5249	5411		2.10	0.18	Fill of linear	Uppermost fill. Minor bioturbation. Darkish grey brown silty sand with occasional small flints, a moderate interface and a friable consistency.
5416	3	5249		2.20	1.00+	0.70	Cut of linear	Runs east-west clipping large ring-ditch [5136] on its northern edge. Possibly cut on northern edge by a tree bowl. Multiple fills (5417, 5418, 5419) linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5417	3	5249	5416	1.00 (slot)	0.85	0.12	Fill of linear	Basal fill, single fill. Water line sits just at the point this fill stops, perhaps an indication of how it was backfilled originally? Mid red brown sand silt with occasional small unworked flints, a clear, smooth interface and a firm, moist consistency.
5418	3	5249	5416	2.20	1.00(slot)	0.58	Fill of linear	Middle fill. Natural in filling episode. Mid red brown sand silt with occasional large) and (medium unworked flints, a clear, smooth interface and a firm, moist consistency.
5419	3	5249	5416	1.00 (slot)	1.30	0.37	Fill of linear	Fill. Flints occurring in middle and base of layer. Possibly deliberate in filling. Mid red brown sand silt with abundant small-large unworked flints, a clear, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency. Pottery and possible worked flint recovered upper
5420	3	5249					Group number	Duplicate group number with 5249
5421	3	5526		+1.00	1.43	0.41	Cut of linear	Runs east-west. Same as [5421, 5439, 5463, 5477]. Multiple fills (5422, 5423) linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded/flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5422	3	5526	5421	+1.00	0.64	0.16	Fill of linear	Tipped in from north side. Very similar to natural. Mid grey yellow sand silt with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of charcoal within.
5423	3	5526	5421	+1.00	1.43	0.25	Fill of linear	Gradual silting up. Follows possible tipped in fill (5422) mid red brown sand silt with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Flecks of charcoal, pottery and struck flint.
5424	3	5249			2.50	0.79	Cut of linear	Runs east-west. Multiple fills (5425, 5426, 5427, and 5428). Linear in plan with regular-irregular steep sides, an uneven base and a steep, even break of slope.
5425	3	5249	5424		2.5	0.79	Fill of linear	Upper fill of linear. Light orange brown fine silty sand with small flint pebbles and gravel inclusions, a moderate interface and a very damp, soft consistency.
5426	3	5020	5424		2.5	0.79	Fill of linear	Secondary fill of linear. Redeposited natural. Rises and peters out by the southern side of the feature. Light orange brown densely packed stone and gravel with a moderate interface and a hard, compact, friable consistency.
5427	3	5020	5424		2.50	0.79	Fill of linear	Tertiary fill of linear. Natural back filling. Mid orange brown silt (some sand) with occasional medium flint pebbles, a moderate-poor interface and a soft, damp consistency.
5428	3	5020	5424		2.5	0.79	Fill of linear	Basal fill. Base of ditch looks deliberately lined with stones. Various flint colours and orange gravel, gravel and large flint with a moderate to poor interface and a firm, compact, moist consistency.
5429	3	5577		27.55	0.95	0.25	Cut of ditch	Runs north-south. Linear in plan with concave sides, a flat base, a sharp break of slope at the top with a gradual break of slope at the base.

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5430	3	5577	5429		0.95	0.25	Fill of linear	Grey brown silty sand with a clear interface, a friable consistency.
5431	3	5577		>1.00m	0.36	0.10	Cut of linear	Runs east-west. Links with [5429]. Possible drainage channel, base is higher than in [5429]. Linear in plan with concave sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5432	3	5577	5431		0.36	0.10	Fill of linear	Grey brown silty sand with a clear interface and a friable consistency.
5433	3	5527		1.00(slot)	0.35	0.12	Gully	Small gully running east-west across site. Similar to [5445]. Edges are difficult to define, possibly disturbed by vegetation bowls. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5434	3	5527	5433	1.00(slot)	0.35	0.12	Fill of linear	Mixed fill, probably natural back filling mottled mid grey brown with light orange yellow silt sand with occasional angular small-medium unworked flint, a gradual, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5435	3	5250		+20.00	3.76	1.07	Cut of ring-ditch	Central south location in area 3. South-east edge of ring-ditch. Multiple fills (5436, 5437, 5514, 5513, 5438) steep dropping to vertical towards base, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5436	3	5250	5435	1.20+	3.76	1.07	Fill of linear	Primary fill, natural slumping. Possibly occurred during ring-ditch's initial use. Mid reddish brown sandy gravel with abundant small stones, a gradual interface and a loose consistency.
5437	3	5250	5435	+20.00	3.76	0.88	Fill of ring-ditch	Secondary fill. Natural accumulation, probably washed into ditch. Mid reddish brown silty sand with rare small stones, a gradual interface and a friable consistency.
5438	3	5250	5435	+20.00	3.76	0.77	Fill of ring-ditch	Tertiary fill. Deliberate back filling episode. Mid greyish black, charcoal with rare very small stones, a clear interface and a moist, loose consistency. Pottery and flint recovered from fill.
5439	3			+2.68	+0.36	0.19	Cut of linear	Runs east-west. Irregular dumping. Cut by evaluation on north side linear in plan with gently sloping sides and a gradual break of slope. (only south side excavated)
5440	3		5439	2.68	+0.36	0.19	Fill of linear	Natural silting up of linear. Mixed fill. Cut by pit [5443]. Abuts with carbon heavy (5442) perhaps making them contemporary. Mid grey brown sandy silt with rare large angular stones. Clear interface with cut but gradual with (5442), and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of carbon.
5442	3			2.10		0.10	Fill of linear	Possibly contemporary dumping of carbon heavy deposits as the linear was gradually silting up. Cut by pit [5443]. Dark black brown sand silt with occasional large sub-angular stones, a gradual interface and a loose, moist consistency. Frequent charcoal flecks.
5443	3			0.45	0.45	0.22	Cut of pit	Cut into [5439] circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope.
5444	3		5443	0.45	0.45	0.22	Fill of pit	Gradual silting up. Carbon in the base suggests it could be a primary fill but the changes are so gradual it is hard to be definite. Mid grey brown sand silt with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.

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5445	3	5527		1.00(slot)	0.64	0.05	Gully	Gully. Runs north-south before turning east-west. Possibly truncated by ploughing. Truncated to the south by evaluation trench but may continue as [5451] or [5461]. Edges appear disturbed by root action. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gentle breaks of slope.
5446	3		5443	1.00 (slot)	0.64	0.05	Fill of linear	Naturally back filled. Mottled mid grey brown with light yellow brown silt sand, with occasional small unworked flint, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5447	3			0.67	0.67	0.07	Cut of pit	Near [5445, 5453] and in line with pits [5447, 5453, 5455]. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides and a rounded base.
5448	3		5447	0.67	0.67	0.07	Fill of pit	Mixed fill. Disturbed by root action. Mid grey brown sand silt with a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional charcoal and rare pottery.
5449	3			0.61	0.61	0.17	Cut of pit	Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gradual breaks of slope.
5450	3		5449	0.61	0.61	0.17	Fill of pit	Single fill of pit. Gradually silted up. Orange brown sandy silt with occasional angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of carbon.
5451	3			+0.90	0.20	0.05	Cut of linear	Terminus of gully linear but irregular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5452	3		5451	+0.90	0.20	0.08	Fill of linear	Gradually silted up, possibly truncated by ploughing. Mid grey brown silty sand with rare angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5453	3			0.68	0.61	0.10	Cut of pit	In area with pit [5455, 5447]. Edges looked disturbed by root action. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and not perceivable breaks of slope.
5454	3		5453	0.68	0.61	0.10	Fill of pit	Similar to (5448, 5456). Mixed, naturally deposited layer. Mid grey brown silt sand with occasional small angular unworked flint, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare tiny flecks of charcoal throughout.
5455	3			0.33	0.40	0.12	Cut of pit	Near pits [5453, 5447] circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5456	3		5455	0.33	0.40	0.12	Fill of pit	Similar to (5454 and 5448). Mixed, possible bioturbation. Mid grey brown silt sand with occasional angular unworked flint, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5457	3			0.33	0.33	0.11	Cut of pit	Possible relationship to linear [5439] circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and steep/ gradual breaks of slope.
5458	3		5457	0.33	0.33	0.11	Fill of pit	Main backfill. Possible burning in situ, possible disposal pit. Dark grey brown silt sand with occasional small-medium sub-angular stones (burnt), a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Frequent charcoal, rare flint.
5459	3			2.50	0.70	0.09	Cut of pit	Truncated by evaluation trench on the south side, does not run through to the opposite side. Heavily disturbed on western edge so difficult to define. Possibly a natural in-filling of a hollow. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, an uneven (but mostly flat) base and a gentle break of slope.

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5460	3		5459	2.50	0.70	0.09	Fill of pit	Uniform throughout. Truncated on south side by evaluation trench. Finds recovered from this feature may be related to the evaluation trench, not the pit. Mid grey brown silty sand with occasional large and medium angular stones, a gradual, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5461	3			c.1.20	c.0.30	0.05	Cut of linear	Shallow linear coming off the south side of linear [5421]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope (only east side excavated)
5462	3		5461	c.1.20	c.0.3	0.05	Fill of linear	Natural silting. Mid brown grey sandy silt with large sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of charcoal found within.
5463	3			0.80	0.29	0.20	Cut of linear	Runs east-west linear in plan with a gently sloping side, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope (only south side excavated).
5464	3		5463	+0.50	+0.23	0.10	Fill of linear	Primary fill. Similar to natural so possibly naturally silted up. Mid red brown sand silt with occasional gravel and rare sub angular stones. A clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of charcoal.
5465	3		5463	+0.50	+0.29	0.10	Fill of linear	Main fill. Gradually silted up. Mid grey brown sand silt with rare angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of charcoal.
5466	3	5527		>1.00 (slot)	0.45	0.05	Gully	Shallow gully. Runs north-south then turns east-west. Same as [5445 and 5433]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a smooth, rounded base and a gentle break of slope.
5467	3	5527	5466	1.00(slot)	0.45	0.05	Fill of linear	Same as (5434, 5446). Mixed natural back fill. Disturbance by bioturbation. Mid grey brown silt sand.
5468	3				1.00	0.07	Spread	Two concentrations of charcoal and burnt stone that can be seen on the surface less than 0.50m apart. Irregular in plan and very shallow. In an area with linears and a large ring-ditch to the south east. Grey brown silty sand with a clear interface and a soft consistency. Common charcoal and burnt stone.
5469	3				1.40	0.20	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch or drainage channel. Runs north-west to south-east. Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5470	3		5469		1.40	0.20	Fill of linear	Grey brown sandy silt with rare small stones and gravel, a sharp deposit interface and a soft consistency. Flint flakes recovered. A bag of 'pottery' was discarded as it turned out to be charcoal.
5471	3			0.52	0.50	0.11	Cut of pit	Located east of feature [5485]. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and sharp edges.
5472	3		5471	0.52	0.50	0.11	Fill of pit	Uniform throughout. Natural back filling. Mid grey brown silt sand with occasional medium angular stones, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5473	3	5485		2.00 (slot)	0.62	0.09	Cut of gully	Runs north-south, terminates before reaching [5466, 5433, 5445]. Narrows to the south and widens to the north. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and no perceivable breaks of slope.
5474	3	5485	5473	2.00 (slot)	0.62	0.09	Fill of linear	Same as (5480, 5494) mid grey brown silt sand with a clear, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare worked flint occurred within.

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5475	3			0.50	0.38	0.21	Cut of pit	In centre of area 3. Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5476	3		5475	0.38	0.50	0.21	Cut of pit	Dark grey brown silt sand with rare medium unworked flint, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare pottery and possible flakes of burnt bone. Pottery located on top of fill.
5477	3	5526		+1.60	+0.65	0.25	Cut of ditch	Terminus of linear running east-west. Truncated on north side by evaluation trench. Same as [5477, 5439, 5421, 5463]. Linear in plan with a gently sloping side, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope (only south side excavated due to truncation by evaluation trench)
5478	3	5485	5479	+1.60	+0.63	0.25	Fill of linear	Truncated to north by evaluation trench. Mid grey brown silty sand with rare angular and sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Flecks of charcoal.
5479	3	5485		>2.00 (slot)	0.40	0.08	Cut of ditch	Terminus of gully. Finishes before it can merge with feature [5466, 5433, 5435]. Narrowest point of gully, much wider to the north. Very irregular in plan and base. Linear in plan with uneven, gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5480	3	5485	5479	2.00 (slot)	0.40	0.08	Fill of linear	Similar to (5474, 5495). Very mixed, natural silting episode. Mid grey brown silt sand with occasional medium-small unworked flints, a gradual, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency. One flint core was recovered.
5481	3						Tree bowl	Tree bowl, possibly later used as a fire pit (??) Irregular sub-circular in plan with concave sides and a concave base and gradual breaks of slope. Contains some burnt stone and charcoal.
5482	3		5481				Fill of tree bowl	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare sub-angular stones and gravel, a clear interface and a friable consistency. Charcoal and burnt stone found within.
5485	3	5577		44.11	0.62m	0.09m	N-s gully related to 5577	Linear running north-south
5486	3	5934		c.20.00	0.29	0.06	Cut of linear	Shallow gully. Runs north-south. Probable drainage channel. Same as [5488]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5487	3	5934	5486	20.00	0.29	0.06	Fill of linear	Single, uniform fill. Natural back filling light grey brown silty sand with rare sub angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5488	3	5934		20.00	0.32	0.05	Cut of linear	Running north-south. Same as [5486]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5489	3	5934	5488	20.00	0.32	0.05	Fill of linear	Single fill, slightly different to (5486) as the natural geology has changed. Natural back filling mid yellow grey silt clay with rare/occasional angular stones and rare flint nodules, a clear interface and a firm consistency.
5490	3			0.60	0.60	0.14	Cut of pit	Located in the centre of area3. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and unperceivable breaks of slope.
5491	3		5490	0.60	0.60	0.14	Fill of pit	Burnt bone was found within fill. Uniform throughout. Deliberate backfilling. Dark grey brown silt clay with occasional small unworked flint, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.

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5492	3			0.48	0.48	0.21	Cut of pit	Small pit circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded/flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5493	3		5492	0.48	0.48	0.21	Fill of pit	Single fill. Evidence of burning. Dark green brown silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of charcoal and rare burnt stones.
5494	3	5485		1.00 (slot)	0.95	0.09	Cut of linear	Small gully. Runs north-south across north-west end of side. Narrows to the south. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, and a flat, uneven base.
5495	3	5485	5494	1.00 (slot)	0.95	0.09	Fill of linear	Mixed fill, probably natural silted up. Similar to (5480 and 5474) mid grey brown silt sand with occasional small angular unworked flints, a gradual, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency. A worked core was recovered along with pottery. Some rare tiny charcoal flecks were observed.
5496	3	5935		1.40	0.30	0.22	Cut of pit	Runs north-south. Possible remains of loom linear in plane (oval really) with a steep, uneven, side, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5497	3	5935	5496	1.40	0.30	0.22	Fill of pit	Dark grey brown silt sand with occasional small angular unworked flint, a gradual, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency. Large pieces of charcoal were present all the way through the fill but crumbled to dust when touched. Frequent fired clay pieces (some smashed pieces near the top) and one complete loom weight, sf5003, was within the fill. Some pottery was recovered from the edges but none was present in the centre of the fill.
5498	3	5250		1.69	4.23	1.09	Cut of ring-ditch	Multiple fills (5498, 5500, 5501, 5502, 5512, 5515, 5516). Water logged at time of excavation. Gently sloping sides dropping off to vertical at base, a flat base and a gradual break of slope at the top with a sharp break of slope at the base.
5499	3	5250	5498	0.69	4.23	0.30	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary fill. Slumping episode. Mid orange red sandy gravel with a clear interface and a loose, waterlogged consistency.
5500	3	5250	5498	1.30	2.88	0.32	Fill of linear	Secondary fill. Natural silting. Light orange yellow silty sand, a clear deposit interface and a loose, waterlogged consistency.
5501	3	5250	5498	1.30	1.60	0.11	Fill of ring-ditch	Backfill, possibly deliberate and associated with charcoal lens (5502). Similar to the surrounding natural. Mid red brown sandy gravel with occasional large stones, a clear interface and a loose, wet consistency. Some charcoal inclusions.
5502	3	5250	5498	1.25	1.17	0.10	Fill of ring-ditch	Charcoal lens situated halfway up the ring-ditch fill. Deliberate back fill possibly associated with surrounding deposits (5501 and 5512). May signify the final phase of the ring-ditch and have been compressed by (5516) above. Black grey charcoal with a clear interface and a friable, wet consistency.
5503	3			0.60	0.46	0.21	Cut of pit	Circular/oval in plan with steep sides, rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5504	3		5503	0.60	0.46	0.21	Fill of pit	Single fill, gradual silting up episode. Mid grey brown silty sand with rare angular stones, a clear deposit interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5505	3	5250		+69.00	2.84	0.98	Cut of ring-ditch	Cut by linear [5420]. Multiple fills (5506, 5507, 5508, 5509, 5510, 5511). Similar to other slots excavated in ditch. Stepped sides with a flat base and a sharp break of slope.

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5506	3	5134	5505	+4.60	1.66	0.12	Fill of ring-ditch	Basal fill. Appeared below the water table during excavation, perhaps an indication of how it was formed. Natural backfill. Dark reddish brown sandy gravel with very frequent natural gravels, a sharp interface and a firm consistency.
5507	3	5250	5505	+4.60	1.75	0.06	Fill of ring-ditch	Silty deposit on top of basal fill. Natural wash-in form sides. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with very infrequent small flints, a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5508	3	5250	5505	+4.60	2.35	0.07	Fill of ring-ditch	Possibly an old turf/ground layer. Light grey/greenish brown sandy silt with occasional small flint, a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5509	3	5250	5505	+4.60	2.62	0.13	Fill of ring-ditch	Slumping deposit. Possible ground surface after the burning event represented by (5510) dark orangey brown silty sand with occasional small-medium flints, a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5510	3	5250	5505		0.45	0.05	Fill of ring-ditch	Charcoal layer deposited on the then base of the ditch. Interpreted as a closing event of the ring-ditch before it was abandoned. Occurs in patches in the other slots (ie Not a uniform depth or width) mid blackish grey brown sandy silt with very occasional small stones (possibly a part of (5509)), a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5511	3	5250	5505	0.69	2.84	0.50	Fill of ring-ditch	Upper most fill. Single phase of deposition, possibly the bank being pushed into the ditch to level the site off. Pottery recovered was very close to (5510), more pottery present in the fill was very degraded and did not survive. Mid greyish brown silty sand with moderate amounts of small-medium flints, a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5512	3	5250	5498	1.69	2.82	0.15	Fill of ring-ditch	Occurring between two charcoal lenses (5502, 5515). Charcoal in deposit may have travelled from other deposits by bioturbation. Light yellow red silty sand with rare flint inclusions, a clear interface and a compact consistency. Occasional flint and burnt flint inclusions.
5513	3	5250	5435	1.20	3.76	0.77	Fill of ring-ditch	Quaternary fill of ring-ditch. Accumulation of silty sand that sits on top of charcoal lens (5438). Deposited same time as the lens suggesting deliberate back filling. Mid reddish brown silty sand with very rare very small stones, a gradual interface and a moist, loose consistency.
5514	3	5250	5435	1.20	3.76	0.62	Fill of ring-ditch	Natural back filling episode. Light reddish brown sandy silt with rare small stones, a diffuse interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5515	3	5250	5498	2.80	0.26	0.10	Fill of ring-ditch	Secondary charcoal fill in ring-ditch. Black grey charcoal with a clear interface a friable, moist consistency.
5516	3	5250	5498	1.69	3.81	0.34	Fill of ring-ditch	Upper fill of ring-ditch. Natural silting deposit. Mid red brown silty sand with flint inclusions, a clear interface and a compact and moist consistency.
5517	3	5250	5376	1.69	1.23	0.20	Fill of ring-ditch	Deliberate back filling. Mid orange brown sandy gravel with occasional medium stones, a gradual interface and a loose, wet consistency.
5518	3	5250	5376	3.16	2.00	0.10	Fill of ditch	Deliberate back filling of ditch with burnt material, possibly as a final event. Occurs all the way around the ditch. Black grey charcoal with a clear interface and loose, moist consistency.

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5519	3	5250		c.69.00	2.00(slot)	1.07	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular in plan with curving, regular sides, a fairly flat and even base, and a steeply sloping edge dropping to vertical towards the base.
5520	3	5250	5519	69.00	3.50	0.68-0.90	Fill of ditch	Upper fill of ditch. Contains burning deposit (5521). Light to mid orangey brown sandy silt with occasional stones and flint pebbles, a good interface and a fine, compact, damp consistency.
5521	3	5250			0.30	0.01-0.06	Fill of ring-ditch	Deliberate deposit of burning material lying above silty fill (5523) black and grey brown charcoal with burnt flint inclusions, a good interface and a soft, wet consistency.
5522	3	5250	5519	1.00	0.60	0.10	Fill of ring-ditch	Redeposited natural, only present in northern part of slot. Mid orangey brown sandy silt with sandstone inclusions, a moderate-good interface and a hard, damp, crumbly consistency.
5523	3	5250	5519	2.00	0.60	0.10-0.38	Fill of ring-ditch	Natural silting of ditch. Light orangey brown sandy silt with a clear-moderate interface (clearer at top) and a fine, wet consistency.
5524	3	5935		1.10	0.19	0.14	Cut of linear	Possible plough scar or burrow. Possibly related to [5496] linear in plan (oval) with steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5525	3	5935	5524	1.10	0.19	0.14	Fill of pit	Mid grey brown silt sand with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare burnt flint, pottery and bone.
5526	3	5577					E-w arm of L-shaped linear 5577	
5527	3	5577		28.72	0.64	0.09m	Narrow curving ditch related to 5577	
5529	3	5935		0.24	0.24	0.11	Cut of pit	Small pit circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope
5530	3	5935	5529	0.24	0.24	0.11	Fill of pit	Single fill, gradually silted up. Mid grey brown sand silt with small rare angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional flecks of charcoal
5531	3	5250		2.04(slot)	4.20	0.93	Cut of ring-ditch	Relationship slot for ring-ditch [5531] and linear [5535]; [5535] cuts [5531]. Steep sides with a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5532	3	5250	5531	2.04 (slot)	1.55	0.76	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary fill. Natural back filling. Mid yellow brown loamy sand with many small stones, a gradual interface and a wet, sticky consistency.
5533	3	5250	5531	2.04 (slot)	1.76	0.17	Fill of ring-ditch	Secondary fill, natural in filling. Mid yellow brown silty sand with a very few small stones, a gradual interface and a moist, friable consistency.
5534	3	5250	5531	2.05 (slot)	2.14	0.80	Fill of ditch	Tertiary fill of ditch, natural silting episode mid yellowish brown loamy sand with a gradual interface and a moist, fine-grained, friable consistency
5535	3	5249		2.04 (slot)	4.20	0.93	Cut of linear	Runs east-west across ring-ditch [5250] on its northern edge. Linear in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5536	3	5250	5531	2.40 (slot)	3.40	0.78	Fill of ring-ditch	Upper fill occurring in both ring-ditch and in linear [5535]. Mid brown loamy sand, very slightly stony (small stones), a gradual interface and a moist, fine-grained, friable consistency. Flint flakes, cores and bladelets recovered.
5537	3	5250			0.16	0.94	Cut of ring-ditch	Circular in plan with tapered sides, with a flat base, and sharp breaks of slope.

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5538	3	5250	5537		1.28	0.64	Fill of ring-ditch	Mid reddish brown sandy loam with rare stones and gravel inclusions, with a sharp interface and a soft consistency.
5539	3	5250	5537		0.90	0.10	Fill of ring-ditch	Mid brown silt loam with a sharp interface and a soft consistency
5540	3	5250	5537		0.45	0.05	Fill of ring-ditch	Charcoal layer found throughout several slots of the ring-ditch dark black-brown charcoal with a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5541	3	5250	5537		0.80	0.06	Fill of ring-ditch	Light brown sandy silt with small stones and gravel, a sharp interface and a friable consistency
5542	3	5250			1.30	0.03	Fill of ring-ditch	Compact stony layer, primary fill mid brown stony sand and gravel with small stones and gravel, a sharp interface and a compact, friable consistency
5543	3	5250	5535	2.05(slot)	0.50	0.18	Fill of linear	Secondary fill, formed naturally mid yellowish brown silty sand with very few stones, a gradual interface and a moist, fine-grained consistency
5544	3	5250	5535	2.05 (slot)	1.10	0.30	Fill of linear	Primary fill, formed naturally. Mid yellowish brown loamy sand with many small-medium stones, a gradual interface and a wet, sticky consistency.
5545	3	5250	5531	2.05 (slot)	1.40	0.10	Fill of ring-ditch	Burnt material slumping down inner side of ring-ditch - probably cut by [5535] so may have existed as a continuous layer. Dark brown grey/black loamy sand with a gradual interface, a moist, fine grained, friable consistency. Contains charred material.
5546	3	5367		+1.00	1.70	0.44	Cut of linear	Runs east-west linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded pointy base and a gradual break of slope.
5547	3	5367	5548	+1.00	1.70	0.44	Fill of linear	Single fill, possibly a primary fill due to stones in the base. Mid brown grey silt sand with occasional sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional rare flecks of charcoal.
5548	3	5367		+1.00	2.24	0.60	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch. Runs east-west. North side truncated by [5550]. Multiple fills (5593,5594), later linear only cuts (5593) linear in plan with the south sides being gently sloping and the north side being stepped, the base is rounded and the break of slope is gradual (north side truncated by [5550]).
5549	3	5367	5548	+1.00	0.90	0.14	Fill of linear	Primary fill of large ditch. Formed naturally. Dark red brown silt sand with rare sub-angular stones and frequent gravel, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5550	3	5937		+1.00	0.49	0.11	Cut of linear	Shallow linear truncating the north side of [5548]. Runs WNW-ESE linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual/sharp break of slope.
5551	3	5937	5550	+1.00	0.49	0.11	Fill of linear	Single fill, naturally formed mid grey brown silt sand with rare sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5552	3	5570		+1.20	0.63	0.09	Cut of linear	Terminus. Runs north-south, very irregular and uneven. Hedge line/field boundary. May continue as [5601]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded, wavy base and a gentle break of slope.
5553	3	5570	5552	+1.20	0.63	0.09	Fill of linear	Single fill, bioturbated. Same as (5555, 5557, 5559) mid red brown silty sand with occasional small) and (medium angular flints and gravel, a clear, wavy interface and a loose, dry consistency.

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5554	3	5570		+1.00	0.63	0.14	Cut of linear	Hedge line or field boundary. Truncated by a tree bowl on a western edge. Probably a continuation of [5552]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded, uneven base and a gentle break of slope.
5555	3	5570	5554	+1.00	0.63	0.14	Fill of linear	Single fill, bioturbated. Same as (5553, 5557, 5559) mid red brown silty sand with occasional small) and (medium angular flints and gravel, a clear, wavy interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5556	3	5570		+1.30	0.47	0.14	Cut of linear	Gully running north-south. Part of field system complex. Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope.
5557	3	5570	5556	+1.30	0.47	0.14	Fill of linear	Single fill, bioturbated. Same as (5555, 5559) mid red brown silty clay with occasional small and medium angular flints and gravel, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5558	3	5570		+1.00	0.24	0.04	Cut of linear	Small gully. Part of field system. Runs east-west. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gradual breaks of slope
5559	3	5570	5558	+1.00	0.24	0.04	Fill of linear	Single fill, bioturbated. Same as (5555, 5557, 5553) mid red brown silty sand with occasional small and medium angular flints and gravel, a clear, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5560	3			0.44	0.51	0.07	Cut of pit	Possible tree bowl. Uneven base which slopes to the east. Continuation of field boundary [5552]? Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, and a flat base.
5561	3		5560	0.44	0.51	0.07	Fill of pit	Quite rooty, probable tree bowl mid red brown silty sand with a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency
5562	3	5570		0.73	1.10	0.17	Cut of tree bowl	Tree bowl, looked like terminus at the end of linear [5570]. Irregular in plan with uneven sides, an uneven base (which appears to undercut the natural) and a gradual break of slope.
5563	3	5570	5562	0.73	1.10	0.17	Fill of tree bowl	Light orangey brown sandy silt with unworked flint pebbles, a moderate interface and a damp, soft consistency.
5564	3	5570		0.70	0.80	0.18	Cut of tree bowl	Irregular in plan with uneven sides, an uneven base and a gradual-steep break of slope.
5565	3	5570	5564	0.70	0.80	0.18	Fill of tree bowl	Mixed fill of probable hedge line light orange brown sandy silt with unworked flint, a moderate interface and a damp, soft consistency.
5566	3	5570		0.55	0.80	0.25	Cut of pit	Probable tree bowl along field boundary. Circular in plan (although very irregular) with uneven sides and an uneven base.
5567	3	5570	5566	0.55	0.80	0.25	Fill of tree bowl	Light orange brown sandy silt with occasional stone and flint inclusions, a moderate interface and a damp, soft consistency.
5568	3	5570					Cut of pit	Semi-circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a vertical break of slope.
5569	3	5570	5568				Fill of pit	
5570	3	5570		28.00m	0.80m	0.19m	Rectilinear enclosure to N of [5249]	For field system located north and east of large ring-ditch [5250]/ [5136]. Mostly hedge lines and drainage gullies, not likely to be contemporary with the ring-ditch.
5571	3	5249		1.32	0.88	0.20	Cut of pit	Pit located north east of ring-ditch [5250], possibly contemporary. Oval in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gentle break of slope.

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5572	3	5249	5571	1.32	0.88	0.20	Fill of pit	Single fill. Natural surrounding was reddened and may suggest burning occurred within the pit. Pottery was observed but was so degraded that it could not be recovered; spot dating placed it around the bronze age. Dark blackish brown sandy silt with occasional small flint and medium stones, a sharp interface and a friable consistency. One struck flint recovered.
5573	3	4249			1.85	0.82	Cut of linear	Runs north-west to south-east. Contains 3 fills (5574, 5575, 5576). Linear in plan with moderately steep, shallow, concave base with gradual breaks of slope.
5574	3	5249	5573	+1.00	0.90	0.32	Fill of linear	Basal fill of ditch. High water table here, possibly has affected the compaction of the fill. Mid orange brown clay silt with occasional small-medium unworked flint and a very firm (almost compacted) consistency.
5575	3	5249	5573	+1.00	1.85	0.28	Fill of linear	Formed naturally. Mid orange brown/grey sandy silt with occasional small-medium flints, a sharp interface and a friable consistency. Contains struck flint and occasional flecks of charcoal.
5576	3	5249	5573		1.52	0.22	Fill of linear	Upper fill. Does not continue across whole section as (5576) continues up the sides. Mid greyish brown sandy silt with occasional small flints, a sharp deposit interface and a friable consistency. Flecks of charcoal, pottery and struck flint observed along with fired clay (possibly daub).
5577	3	5577		56.55	1.25m	0.40m	L-shaped stock control feature	Wide ditch which is connected to feature 5526, appears to form right angle ditch.
5578	3	5367		1.10 (slot)	2.40	0.37	Cut of linear	Runs east-west. Intersected by [5580]. Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5579	3	5733	5578	1.10 (slot)	2.40	0.37	Fill of linear	Cut by [5580]. Stonier near base and along south edge. Natural back filling. Mid brown slightly stony (very few small-medium stones) loam sand with a gradual interface, and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency. Some struck flint flakes recovered.
5580	3	5707		1.10 (slot)	0.35	0.18	Cut of linear	Runs south-west to north-east intersecting [5578] linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and no visible break of slope.
5581	3	5707	5580	1.10 (slot)	0.35	0.18	Fill of ditch	Mid brown loamy sand with an abrupt interface and a fine-grained, dry, friable consistency.
5582	3	5367		2.25	1.10	0.66	Cut of linear	Disturbed by tree bowl. Sub-circular in plan with steep sides, an uneven base and a sharp break of slope.
5583	3	5367	5582	2.25	1.10	0.85	Fill of linear	Disturbed by tree action and has been pushed through the edge of the cut. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with a clear interface and moist, loose consistency. Occasional carbon flecks.
5584	3	5367	5582	2.25	1.10	0.66	Fill of ditch	Secondary fill. Deliberate back filling with burnt material. Possible levelling event. Mid grey black sandy silt with very rare small stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5585	3	5367	5582	2.25	1.10	0.30	Fill of linear	Tertiary fill. Natural accumulation of silt. Mid reddish brown silty sand with rare small stones, a gradual interface and a moist, loose consistency.
5586	3	5570			0.80	0.19	Cut of linear	Hedge line or boundary ditch running east-west. Abuts [5588] linear in plan with concave side, a flat base, a sharp break of slope at the top and a gradual break of slope at the base.

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5587	3	5570	5586		0.80	0.19	Fill of linear	Grey brown sandy loam with rare small stones and gravel, a sharp interface and a friable consistency.
5588	3				1.05	0.40	Cut of pit	Stone lined pit abutting linear [5586]. Located approximately 5 metres to the north-east of ring-ditch in south centre of area 3. Circular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5589	3		5588		1.05	0.38	Fill of pit	Grey brown sandy loam with a sharp interface and a friable consistency. A moderate amount of burnt stone and charcoal.
5590	3		5588		0.43	0.20	Fill of pit	Primary fill. Orange red burnt stone layer with a clear interface and a compact consistency. Lies on base of cut.
5591	3	5570					Cut of linear	
5592	3	5570	5591				Fill of linear	
5593	3	5367	5548	+1.00	2.24	0.30	Fill of linear	Naturally formed. Cut by [5550]. Mid red brown sand silt with occasional small-medium sub-angular stones and rare large stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of carbon.
5594	3	5367	5548	1.00	1.45	0.29	Fill of linear	Gently merges with a residue deposit of iron staining perhaps suggesting a prolonged period of standing water. Mid grey brown (reddish brown towards base) with occasional large sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Frequent flecks of charcoal.
5595	3	5706		2.00 (slot)	0.51	0.10	Cut of enclosure	Western arm of [5706]. Some associated post-holes within the possible interior. North-east of [5250]. Curvilinear in plan with a gently sloping sides, a rounded but uneven base and a gentle break of slope.
5596	3	5706	5595	2.00 (slot)	0.51	0.10	Fill of enclosure	Same as (5600 and 5612). Naturally formed by silting up of gully. Mid red brown silt sand with frequent small and medium angular flints, a clear, wavy consistency and a loose, moist consistency.
5597	3			0.18	0.19	0.13	Cut of stake-hole	To the north of [5595]. Part of roundhouse structure related to 5617 circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5598	3		5597	0.18	0.19	0.13	Fill of stake-hole	Single fill. Mid red brown silty clay with small angular flints, a sharp, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5599	3	5706		1.06 (slot)	0.30	0.06-0.02	Cut of enclosure	Cut by [5601]. Peters out towards eastern section. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded, uneven base and no visible breaks of slope.
5600	3	5706	5599	1.06 (slot)	0.30	0.06	Fill of enclosure	Single fill, similar to (5596 and 5612). Mid red brown silty sand occasional small angular flints, with clear, wavy interface and loose, moist consistency.
5601	3	5933		1.00 (slot)	0.75	0.09	Cut of linear	Field boundary running north-south, possibly a continuation of [5570], cuts [5617] at its terminus. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5602	3	5933	5601	1.00 (slot)	0.75	0.09	Fill of linear	Same as (5553, 5557, 5559). Single fill, natural silting up. Mid red brown silty sand with occasional angular flint and gravel, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5603	3	5655		+1.00	0.70	0.10	Cut of linear	Terminus aligned north-west to south-east. Linear (irregular) in plan with regular curving sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope

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5604	3	5655	5603		0.70	0.10	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural silting up. Mid orange brown sandy silt with flint and stone inclusions, a good interface and a dry, friable consistency.
5605	3						Cut of post-hole	Circular in plan
5606	3		5605				Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown sandy silt with sandstone and flint pebbles, a good interface and a soft, damp consistency.
5607	3	5933		5.86m	0.69m	0.08m	Cut of linear	Linear (irregular) with irregular sides, and irregular base and a steep break of slope.
5608	3	5933	5607					
5609	3			0.22	0.23	0.02	Cut of post-hole	Possibly truncated, very shallow. Possibly part of roundhouse represented by [5617] circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gentle breaks of slope.
5610	3		5609	0.22	0.23	0.02	Fill of post-hole	Single fill. Mid grey brown silty sand with a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5611	3	5706		1.00 (slot)	0.69	0.10	Cut of enclosure	Western arm of [5706]. Possibly truncated to the north but the ground level was a touch high here and it was difficult to trace round. Disturbed by animal burrows to the north end of the slot. Curvilinear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5612	3	5706	5611	+1.00	0.69	0.10	Fill of enclosure	Disturbed on north side by animal burrows, similar to (5612, 5598) mid red brown silty clay with occasional small-medium angular flints, a clear, wavy interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5613	3	5935					Cut of post-hole	Located close to group of features including two possible troughs and two large stake-holes which may have been part of an activity, possibly connected to the loom weight find sf5003 sub-circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a gentle break of slope.
5614	3							
5615	3	5935					Cut of stake-hole	Near to another similar feature. Profile suggests stake-hole. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a pointed base and a sharp break of slope
5616	3	5935	5615				Fill of stake-hole associated with loom 5496	Fill of stake-hole associated with loom 5496
5617	3	5706		26.06m	0.30m	0.06m	Western arm of enclosure 5706	For curvilinear
5618	3				0.37	0.10	Cut of post-hole	One of two post-holes located either side of linear. Circular in plan with concave sides, a concave base, a sharp break of slope at the top with a gradual break of slope at the base.
5619	3		5618		0.37	0.10	Fill of post-hole	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare small sub-angular stones and gravel, a clear interface and a friable consistency.
5620	3				0.30	0.06	Fill of post-hole	One of two post-holes either side of linear. Circular in plan with concave sides, a concave base, a sharp break of slope at the top and a gradual break of slope at the base.
5621	3				0.30	0.06	Fill of post-hole	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare small sub-angular stones and gravel, a clear interface and a friable consistency.

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5622	3	5622		49.68	2.30m	0.42m	Stock control feature related to [5355]	Short linear ditch which cuts 5162
5623	3	5650			0.31	0.55	Cut of post-hole	Related to [5642]. Possibly load bearing or an entrance way. Related also to [5644, 5646, 5648]. Circular in plan with regular vertical sides, and a flat base.
5624	3	5650	5623		0.31	0.55	Fill of post-hole	Same as (5643, 5645, 5647 and 5649) dark grey brown silt with charcoal flecks, a good interface and a soft, damp consistency.
5625	3			2.08	1.63	0.34	Linear feature cut by [5733]	Terminus. Linear in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5626	3		5625	2.06	1.63	0.34	Fill of linear	Single fill, naturally formed silting deposit. Light reddish brown silty sand with many medium stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5627	3	5625		+2.00	1.04	0.50	Cut of linear	Multiple fills (5628 and 5629). Cut by later linear [5630] linear in plan with gradual-steep sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5628	3	5625	5627	+2.00	0.30	0.22	Fill of linear	Natural silting deposit. Light grey brown sand silt with rare sub-rounded and rounded stones and occasional small-medium sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5629	3	5625	5627	+2.00	1.04	0.30	Fill of linear	Upper fill of linear, natural silting. Cut by [5630]. Mid red grey sand silt with a few sub-angular small-large stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5630	3			+2.00	0.60	0.22	Cut of linear	Cuts [5627]. Possible enclosure ditch. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5631	3		5630	+2.00	0.60	0.22	Fill of linear	Single fill mid red brown silt sand with many small gravel and rare small-medium sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5632	3				0.70	0.10	Cut of linear	Possible hedge line. Runs north-south. Linear in plan with concave sides, a flat base, a sharp break of slope at the top and a gradual break of slope at the base.
5633	3		5632				Fill of linear	Mid brown sandy loam with a clear interface and a friable consistency. Pottery recovered.
5634	3	5367		+1.80	+1.06	0.50	Cut of linear	Runs east-west, intersected by [5636] after back filling of this feature had finished. Linear in plan with steep sides at the top, becoming gentle towards the base, a rounded base with a gradual break of slope.
5635	3	5733	5634	+1.80	+1.06	0.50	Fill of linear	Cut by [5634] mid greyish brown slightly stony (few small-large stones and some flint flakes) loamy sand with a gradual interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency.
5636	3	5925		+1.83	0.57	0.28	Cut of linear	Runs north-south and intersects [5634]. Linear in plan with gradually sloped sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5637	3	5925	5636	+1.83	+0.57	0.28	Fill of linear	Natural silting formation mid yellow brown slightly stony (very few small stones) loamy sand, an abrupt interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency.
5638	3	5933		+1.10	+0.27	0.10	Cut of linear	Field boundary running north-south. Runs through possible roundhouse structure [5617]. Shallows out maybe truncated or ends here. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded, smooth base and no visible breaks of slope.

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5639	3	5933	5638	+1.10	+0.27	0.10	Fill of linear	Mid red brown silty sand with gravel inclusions, an abrupt, smooth consistency, and a loose, moist consistency
5640	3	5570		0.78	0.60	0.14	Cut of linear	Field boundary. Very disturbed by bioturbation. Continuation of [5640]. Similar profile to [5601] linear in plan with gently sloping, uneven sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5641	3	5570	5640	0.78	0.60	0.14	Fill of linear	Single fill, naturally formed. Mid red brown silt sand with occasional small angular flint, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5642	3	5650		0.29	0.29	0.64	Cut of post-hole	Appears to form a pair with [5623], possibly an entranceway. Related to [5623, 5644, 5646, 5648] circular in plan with vertical sides and a flat base.
5643	3	5650	5642	0.29	0.29	0.64	Fill of post-hole	Same fill as (5645, 5647, 5649). Natural silting up. Dark grey brown silt with a moderate interface and a very soft consistency.
5644	3	5650		0.20	0.15	0.18-0.26	Cut of post-hole	Base slopes to west. Associated with [5623, 5642, 5646, 5648] oval in plan with vertical, regular sides and a sloped base.
5645	3	5650	5644	0.20	0.15	0.18-0.20	Fill of post-hole	Same as (5624, 5643, 5647, 4649) mid orange brown sandy silt with a moderate interface and a soft, damp consistency. Charcoal throughout.
5646	3	5650		0.16	0.13	0.20	Cut of post-hole	Associated with [5623, 5642, 5644, 5648]. Straight on eastern edge - perhaps for split timber? Oval in plan with regular sides and a flat base
5647	3	5650	5646	0.16	0.13	0.20	Fill of post-hole	Same as (5624, 5643, 5645, 4649) grey orange brown sandy silt with occasional sandstone stones a moderate interface and a soft, damp consistency.
5648	3	5650		0.16	0.13	0.20	Cut of post-hole	Associated with [5623, 5642, 5644, 5648] circular in plan with regular, vertical sides and the base slopes to the east.
5649	3	5650	5648				Fill of post-hole	Same as (5624, 5643, 5647) mid orange grey brown sandy silt with a moderate interface and a soft, damp consistency. Occasional charcoal throughout.
5650	3	5650					Group of post-holes inside [5706]	For post-holes located 'inside' (the east and north sides) of ring-ditch [5617] possibly related to a roundhouse.
5651	3	5655		1.40	0.58	0.11	Cut of linear	Terminus of gully. Possible relationship with roundhouse containing [5617] but appears to cut through it. Peters out rather than terminating. Runs north-south. Heavily disturbed by animal burrows along the base. Linear in plan with a steep side on the east and a gently sloping west side, a rounded, uneven base and a sharp break of slope on the east side.
5652	3	5655	5651	1.40	0.58	0.11	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural backwash. Mid red brown silty sand with occasional small angular flint and tiny gravel, a gradual, uneven base and a loose, moist consistency.
5653	3	5655		0.52	0.52	0.10	Cut of linear	Enclosure ditch running east-west with a curve north-south. South edge of the cut is irregular. Group [5570] just to the south. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gentle break of slope.
5654	3	5655	5653	0.52	0.52	0.10	Fill of linear	Single fill, naturally back filled. Mid red brown silt sand with occasional small angular flint and gravel, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5655	3	5655		15.50m	0.58m	0.11m	L-shaped ditch segment inside enclosure 5706	[5651 and 5653]

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5656	3	5733		+0.91	0.60	0.13	Cut of linear	Terminus. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded-flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5657	3	5733	5656	+0.91	0.60	0.13	Fill of linear	Mid red brown silt sand moderately stony with a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5658	3	5733		+1.00	0.51	0.17	Cut of linear	Possible enclosure. Runs alongside [5368]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and gradual breaks of slope.
5659	3	5733	5658	+1.00	0.51	0.17	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural back filling mid red brown silt sand with occasional gravel inclusions, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare flecks of carbon
5660	3	5733		+20.00	1.05	0.19	Cut of ring-ditch	Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5661	3	5733	5660	+20.00	1.05	0.19	Fill of ring-ditch	Single fill formed naturally after ditch fell into disuse. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with rare small stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5662	3	5248		+1.40	2.80	0.98	Cut of linear	Cuts ditch [5250]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides with a steep drop towards the base, a flat base and a gradual break of slope, turning sharp at the base
5663	3	5248	5662	+1.40	0.96	0.10	Fill of linear	Basal fill. Cuts ring-ditch [5669]. Naturally formed. Dark orange red sandy gravel with frequent small-medium sub-rounded and angular flint and stone, with a clear interface and a compact, wet consistency.
5664	3	5248	5662	1.40	1.96	0.32	Fill of linear	Natural silting. Light orange brown sandy silt with occasional small-medium sub-angular and angular flint, a clear interface and a compact, moist consistency.
5665	3	5248	5662	1.40	0.80	0.10	Fill of linear	Slumping layer along east side of cut. Only extends half way across width of feature. Mid orange red sandy gravel with frequent small-medium sub-angular and angular flint and stones.
5666	3	5248	5662	+1.40	2.62	0.24	Fill of linear	Stones line along base of eastern edge of deposit. Natural back filling. Light orange red sandy silt with occasional large stones and a clear interface with a loose, dry consistency. Rare charcoal flecks
5667	3	5248	5662	+1.40	1.40	0.42	Fill of linear	Upper deposit. Natural silting. Mid orange red silty sand with occasional medium-large stones, a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5668	3							
5669	3	5250		1.60	3.40	1.08	Cut of ring-ditch	Cut by linear [5662] through north edge of ditch. Steep sides dropping to vertical at the base, a flat base and a gradual break of slope at the top changing to sharp at the base.
5670	3	5250	5669	1.69	1.00	0.30	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary slumping fill. Dark orange red sandy gravel with a clear interface and a compact, wet consistency.
5671	3	5250	5669	1.69	1.04	0.45	Fill of ring-ditch	Primary slumping fill. Dark orange red sandy gravel with a clear interface and a compact, clear consistency
5672	3	5250	5669	1.30	0.90	0.10	Fill of ring-ditch	Secondary natural slumping event. Mid orange red sandy gravel (finer than (5670), a gradual interface and a compact, dry consistency.
5673	3	5250	5669	0.30	0.94	0.20	Fill of ring-ditch	Secondary slumping. Similar to (5672). Mid orange red sandy gravel with a gradual interface and a compact, dry consistency

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5674	3	5250	5669	+5.00	2.18	0.24	Fill of ring-ditch	Natural silting. Likely to be a former ground surface formed whilst the ditch silted up. Mid yellow orange silty sand with a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency. A few flint flakes recovered, look in good condition - were possibly not on the surface for long before being buried.
5675	3	5250	5669	+1.30	1.20	0.20	Fill of ring-ditch	Deliberate levelling episode. Could also be natural slumping. Same in other slots around the ring-ditch. Mid orange red sandy gravel with a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5676	3	5250	5669	1.69	2.40	0.40	Fill of ring-ditch	Dense charcoal layer present in excavation but not so much in section. Quite patchy across slot. Deliberate deposition. Mid yellow orange silty sand with occasional medium stones, a clear consistency and a loose, dry consistency. Frequent charcoal and occasional worked flint.
5677	3	5250	5669	0.69	1.56	0.50	Fill of ring-ditch	Natural silting. Upper fill. Light orange brown sandy silt with a clear interface and a loose consistency.
5678	3			0.90	0.88	0.13	Cut of tree bowl	Low confidence in this being an archaeological feature. Circular but irregular in plan with uneven, gently sloping sides and an uneven rounded base and sharp breaks of slope
5679	3		5678	0.90	0.88	0.13	Fill of tree bowl	Mixed fill mid red brown silt sand with small-large angular flints and gravels, a diffuse, uneven interface with a loose, moist consistency.
5680	3			0.70	0.66	0.17	Cut of pit	Charcoal fill leached into natural making it hard to define the edges. Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope
5681	3		5680	0.70	0.66	0.17	Fill of pit	Mid grey brown silt sand with occasional small-medium angular flint, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional small charcoal inclusions.
5682	3			0.30	0.22	0.13	Cut of post-hole	Post-hole or pit. Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope
5683	3		5682	0.30	0.22	0.13	Fill of pit	Natural silting episode mid red brown silt sand with rare small and large angular flints, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5684	3	5706		>1.00m	0.70	0.36	Cut of linear	Terminus. Linear runs east-west. Possibly related to another linear running north-south further to the east. Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5685	3	5706	5684		0.70	0.36	Fill of linear	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare small sub-angular stones and gravel, a clear interface and friable consistency. Flint and pottery recovered. Pottery fragments were minute and undiagnostic and were discarded.
5686	3						Cut of pit	Tree throw? Evidence of burning contained within. Circular in plan with regular sides, a flat, uneven base and a mostly steep break of slope.
5687	3		5686				Fill of pit	Soil seems 'scorched' towards base suggesting a fire. Charcoal and burning evidence limited to the middle of the fill and eastern edge. Within a clean silty fill of earlier tree throw (??) Dark black grey silty charcoal with stones (including quartz), a good interface and a soft, damp consistency. A flint scrapper, burnt bone, pottery and burnt stone were observed.

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5688	3	5706		>1.00m	0.70	0.22	Cut of ditch	Runs east-west. Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope. Field system possibly associated with roundhouse.
5689	3	5706	5688		0.70	0.22	Fill of linear	Mid brown sandy loam with rare sub-angular stones and gravel with a clear interface and a friable consistency.
5690	3	5733		+20.00	0.50	0.16	Cut of ditch	Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and gradual breaks of slope
5691	3	5733	5690	+1.20	0.50	0.16	Fill of linear	Naturally accumulated. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with rare very small stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency
5692	3	5733		+20.00	1.05	0.30	Cut of linear	Ditch terminus of ring-ditch. Located opposite [5690] on the east side linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5693	3	5733	5692	+20.00	1.05	0.30	Fill of ring-ditch	Natural accumulation mid reddish brown sandy silt with many small gravelly stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5694	3	5733		+20.00	0.92	0.19	Cut of ring-ditch	Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, and a flat base
5695	3	5733	5694	+20.00	0.92	0.19	Fill of ring-ditch	Naturally accumulated mid reddish brown sandy silt with rare small stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency
5696	3			+20.00	0.68	0.16	Cut of linear	Terminus for short linear. Located opposite [5698]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and no visible breaks of slope.
5697	3		5696	+20.00	0.62	0.16	Fill of linear	Natural accumulation mid reddish brown sandy silt with rare small stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency
5698	3			+20.00	0.93	0.20	Cut of linear	Opposite [5696] linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and no visible breaks of slope.
5699	3		5698	1.20	0.92	0.20	Fill of linear	. One flint core found at base of ditch natural accumulation. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with very rare small stones, a clear interface and a loose, moist consistency
5700	3	5929		9.30	0.65	0.12	Ditch terminal	Terminus. Located east end of linear. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and no visible breaks of slope.
5701	3	5929	5700	9.30	0.65	0.12	Fill of linear	Naturally back filled, single fill mid reddish brown sandy silt with a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5702	3	5707		2.00 (slot)	0.62	0.19	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch running east-west. Linear (irregular) with a vertical south side and a gently sloping north side, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope on the south side, with a gentle one on the north.
5703	3	5707	5702	2.00 (slot)	0.62	0.19	Fill of linear	Single fill, naturally formed. Disturbed by animal burrows. Mid reddish brown silty sand with gravel and occasional small and medium flint a gradual, uneven interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare pottery inclusions and some flint debitage
5704	3	5706		1.27	0.55	0.08	Cut of ditch	Terminus of feature [5706]. Appears to abut [5708] - may be the same feature with a very irregular base although [5706] is flatter and smoother. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gentle break of slope

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5705	3	5706	5704	1.27	0.55	0.08	Fill of linear	Mid reddish brown silty sand with gravel and occasional small and medium flint a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5706	3	5706					Rectilinear stock enclosure complex	Enclosure ditch
5707	3	5707					Linear feature associated with [5706]	Linear running east-west
5708	3	5706		0.85	0.76	0.12	Cut of linear	Enclosure ditch. Abuts [5704] although they could be part of the same feature with a very irregular base. This terminus is more irregular than the other possibly suggesting two different features. Linear in plan with gently sloping, uneven sides, an uneven base and a gradual break of slope
5709	3	5706	5708	0.85	0.76	0.12	Fill of linear	Natural back filling mid reddish brown silty sand with gravel and occasional small and medium flint a gradual, uneven interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5710	3	5706		1.00+	0.60	0.16	Cut of ditch	Enclosure ditch. Rises up to 0.10m in depth at east end. Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5711	3	5706	5710	+1.00	0.60	0.16	Fill of linear	Natural back filling mid reddish brown silty sand with gravel and occasional small and medium flint a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Pottery, rare and degraded
5712	3	5706		+2.00	0.76	0.30	Cut of ditch	Enclosure ditch, part of field system in area. Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope
5713	3	5706	5712	+2.00	0.76	0.30	Fill of linear	Naturally backfilled. Stonier towards the base, probably an overcutting into the natural. Mid red brown silt sand with occasional angular small-medium flint and gravel with a clear, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency.
5714	3			1.05	1.22	0.41	Cut of pit	Possible tree throw. Very irregular base. Possibly used later as a cooking pit?? Circular in plan (very irregular) with uneven sides and base and a gradual break of slope.
5715	3		5714	1.05	1.22	0.41	Fill of pit	Mixed fill, naturally accumulated. Yellowy brown sandy silt with occasional flint pebbles, a poor interface and a soft, friable consistency
5716	3	5706		+1.00	0.62	0.14	Cut of linear	Runs north-south. Cut by [5718] on western side. [5718] appears to turn into [5707] and then run alongside it. May be an irregular feature with an uneven base. Linear in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5717	3	5706	5716	+1.00	0.62	0.14	Fill of linear	Naturally deposited mid red brown silt sand with occasional angular small-medium flint and frequent gravel with a clear, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency. Possible struck flint recovered.
5718	3	5706		+1.00	0.44	0.09	Cut of ditch	Gully or boundary ditch running east-west with a return into [5706]. Cuts ditch slot [5716] and possibly merges further down? Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope
5719	3	5706	5718	+1.00	0.44	0.09	Fill of linear	Mid red brown silt sand with occasional angular small-medium flint and gravel with a clear, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency.

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5720	3	5706		+2.00	0.62	0.21	Cut of ditch	Enclosure ditch, part of field system. Runs north-south. Cut by pit [5722] on eastern edge. Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slopes
5721	3	5706	5720	+2.00	0.62	0.21	Fill of linear	Natural back filling mid red brown silt sand with occasional angular small-medium flint and gravel with a clear, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency
5722	3			1.50	1.05	0.18	Cut of pit	Cuts linear [5706]. Confident this is not a tree bowl. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope.
5723	3		5722	1.50	1.05	0.18	Fill of pit	Stonier towards base. Natural silting up. Mid red brown silt sand with occasional angular small-medium flint and gravel with a clear, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency
5724	3			0.59	0.78	0.14	Cut of pit	Probable tree bowl; low confidence in this being an archaeological feature. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5725	3		5724	0.59	0.78	0.14	Fill of pit	Light grey brown silt sand with occasional angular small flint and gravel with a gradual, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency.
5726	3			0.88	0.79	0.11	Cut of pit	Tree bowl. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, and a rounded base
5727	3		5726	0.88	0.79	0.11	Fill of tree bowl	Mixed. Natural accumulation. Light grey brown silt sand with occasional angular small flint and gravel with a clear, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency
5728	3	5734		>1.00m	1.00	0.42	Cut of linear	Hedgerow or boundary ditch. Tree bowl cuts the northern edge. Linear in plan with concave, uneven sides, a concave base and a sharp break of slope at the top becoming gradual at the base.
5729	3	5734	5728		1.00	0.42	Fill of linear	Red brown sandy loam with rare sub-angular stones and gravel with a sharp interface and friable consistency.
5730	3	5750	5731				Spread of charcoal and burnt bone	Spread of charcoal and burnt bone
5731	3	5750		0.65	0.60	0.30	Cut of pit	Pit. Contains 2 fills (5731, 5732). Related post and stake holes [5745 and 5747]. Circular in plan with regular, vertical sides and an even base.
5732	3	5750	5731					
5733	3	5733					D-shaped enclosure n of 5367	Enclosure ditch
5734	3	5734		21.91	1.00m	0.42m	Linear feature subdividing 5706	[5728] linear ditch, probably part of/contemporary with ditch/group no 5706. Forming part of field system.
5735	3	5735		19.35	0.65m	0.10m	Linear feature subdividing 5706	Linear
5736	3	5734		>1.00m	0.60	0.08-0.18	Cut of linear	Boundary or drainage ditch. Runs east-west. Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base and clear breaks of slope.
5737	3	5929		9.30	0.63	0.14	Cut of linear	Terminus. Similar to [5700]. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, and a flat base.
5738	3	5929	5737	9.30	0.63	0.14	Fill of linear	Natural deposit. Mid red brown sandy silt with very rare small stones with a clear interface and loose, dry consistency

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5739	3	5929		9.3	0.90	0.14	Cut of linear	Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and no visible breaks of slope
5740	3	5929	5739	9.30	0.90	0.14	Fill of linear	Naturally accumulated mid red brown sandy silt with rare small stones with a clear interface and loose, dry consistency
5741	3	5750		0.29	0.31	0.18	Cut of post-hole	Association with post-holes [5743, 5745, 5747] - possible structure? Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5742	3	5750	5741	0.29	0.31	0.18	Fill of post-hole	Mid red brown silt sand with occasional angular small-medium flint and frequent gravel with a sharp, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency.
5743	3	5750		0.25	0.24	0.14	Cut of post-hole	Associated with post-holes [5741, 5745, 5747] circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5744	3	5750	5743	0.25	0.24	0.14	Fill of post-hole	Mid red brown silt sand with a clear, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency
5745	3	5750		0.35	0.35	0.21	Cut of post-hole	Post-hole associated with [5741, 5743, 5747, 5731] - possible structure. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a rounded base and sharp break of slope.
5746	3	5750	5745	0.35	0.35	0.21	Fill of post-hole	Mid red brown silt sand with occasional angular small-medium flint and gravel with a clear, smooth interface and loose, moist consistency. Charcoal (tiny flecks) throughout.
5747	3	5750		0.20	0.20	0.10	Cut of post-hole	Associated with [5745, 5743, 5741] - possible structure (roundhouse?) Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5748	3	5750	5747	0.20	0.20	0.10	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silt sand with a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Frequent charcoal inclusions.
5749	3	5750	5731				Burnt stones filling fire pit	
5750	3	5750			8.89		Post-built roundhouse	Sub-circular post-ring, with a pair of double post-holes marking possible entrance to south-east.
5751	3	5706		>1.00m	0.45	0.20	Cut of linear	Enclosure ditch. Runs east-west. Cut by linear [5735] linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5752	3	5734	5736		0.70	0.18	Fill of linear	Reddish brown sandy loam with small stones and gravel (rare) and a clear interface, and friable consistency.
5753	3	5936		0.36	0.32	0.20	Cut of post-hole	Possible association of features [5755-5767] inclusive, possible structure. Circular in plan with a vertical west side, and a steep east side, rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5754	3	5936	5753	0.36	0.32	0.20	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silty sand with occasional unworked flint, a sharp, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5755	3	5936		0.23	0.21	0.07	Cut of post-hole	Possible association of features [5755-5767] inclusive, possible structure. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5756	3	5936	5755	0.23	0.21	0.07	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silty sand with a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional tiny flecks of charcoal.
5757	3	5936		0.30	0.33	0.09	Cut of post-hole	Possible association of features [5755-5767] inclusive, possible structure. Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope

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5758	3	5936	5757	0.30	0.33	0.09	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silty sand with occasional tiny and small angular flints, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5759	3	5936		0.34	0.25	0.07	Cut of post-hole	Animal burrow on the south side gives this feature a tail. Possible association of features [5755-5767] inclusive, possible structure. Circular in plan with steep western sides and gently sloping eastern sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5760	3	5936	5759	0.34	0.25	0.07	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silt sand with small angular flints, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Abundant tiny charcoal.
5761	3	5936		0.30	0.28	0.14	Cut of post-hole	Possible association of features [5755-5767] inclusive, possible structure. Circular in plan with a vertical western edge and a gently sloping eastern edge, a rounded (pointed) base and a sharp break of slope.
5762	3	5936	5761	0.30	0.28	0.14	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silty sand with occasional small-medium angular flint, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5763	3	5936		0.30	0.28	0.12	Cut of post-hole	Possible association with features [5755-5767] inclusive, possible structure. Circular in plan with steep sides a rounded base (points towards west) and a sharp break of slope.
5764	3	5936	5763	0.30	0.28	0.12	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silt sand with frequent small angular flints, a gradual, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Abundant tiny charcoal flecks.
5765	3	5936		0.18	0.16	0.07	Cut of post-hole	Possible association of features [5755-5767] inclusive, possible structure. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5766	3	5936	5765	0.18	0.16	0.07	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silt sand with occasional small angular flint, a clear, smooth deposit interface and a loose, moist consistency. Abundant small flecks of charcoal.
5767	3	5936		0.17	0.19	0.06	Cut of post-hole	Possible association of features [5755-5767] inclusive, possible structure. Circular in plan with a steep western edge, a gentle eastern edge, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5768	3	5936	5767	0.17	0.19	0.06	Fill of post-hole	Mid grey brown silt sand with a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional tiny flecks of charcoal.
5769	3	5937		+20.00	0.73	0.20	Cut of linear	Point where two ditches merge into one. Both appear contemporary with each other. Linear (two ditches meet in a 'v' shape) in plan with steep sides, a flat base and no visible breaks of slope.
5770	3	5937	5769	+20.00	0.73	0.20	Fill of linear	Natural in filling. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with very rare small stones, a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency.
5771	3	5771					Group of pits	Group of small closely spaced pits. Many have charcoal rich fills with some containing in situ pot bases. Features are heavily truncated most likely from later agricultural activity.
5772	3	5706	5751		0.45	0.20	Fill of linear	Reddish brown sandy loam with a clear interface and friable consistency. Pottery found within.

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5773	3			0.80	0.22		Cut of pit	Possible fire pit containing burnt stone. Post-holes approximately 2m to the south could be associated with this feature. Sub-circular in plan with concave sides, a concave base and a sharp break of slope at the top turning to a gradual break of slope at the base.
5774	3		5773	0.63	0.16		Fill of linear	Primary fill. Red brown sandy loam with rare small stones and gravel, a clear interface and a friable consistency.
5775	3			0.47	0.37	0.12	Cut of pit	Just east of ring-ditch [5250] in area 3. Circular in plan with steep edges, a rounded base and sharp breaks of slope.
5776	3		5775	0.47	0.37	0.12	Fill of pit	Mid grey brown silt sand with occasional small and medium angular flint, a sharp, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Abundant large and small flecks of charcoal, rare small burnt stones and rare small fired clay lumps.
5777	3			0.25	0.22	0.06	Cut of post-hole	Possible pit or post-hole. Surrounding soil baked hard by the sun, difficult to excavate. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and sharp break of slope.
5778	3		5777	0.25	0.22	0.06	Fill of post-hole	Possible pit or post-hole. Difficult to excavate due to baked soil conditions. Mid red brown clay with occasional small angular flint, a diffuse, wavy interface and a compact, dry consistency. Occasional charcoal, mostly occurring at the top.
5779	3	5937		1.00	0.40	0.08	Cut of linear	Terminus. Linear in plan with gently sloping sides, and a flat base.
5780	3	5937	5779	1.00	0.40	0.08	Fill of linear	Natural silting. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with gravel inclusions, a clear interface and a loose, dry consistency
5781	3							
5782	3							
5783	3							
5784	3							
5785	3	5750	5874				Fill of post-hole	
5786	3	5750					Cut of post-hole	
5787	3		5773	0.75	0.12		Fill of pit	Possible fire pit. A stony deposit forming the top layer of the pit. Sits above (5788). Grey sandy loam with abundant sub-angular stones a gravel, a clear interface and a friable consistency. Burnt stones also included.
5788	3		5773	0.55	0.05		Fill of pit	Middle layer. Black charcoal with abundant burnt stone inclusions, a clear interface and a friable consistency.
5789	3	5771		0.48	0.48	0.08	Cut of possible cremation pit	Located in area with 23 similar features [5789-5839] inclusive. Shallow, probably truncated by ploughing. Roughly circular in plan with gradually sloping sides, a rounded base and a smooth break of slope at the top becoming imperceptible at the base.
5790	3	5771	5789	0.48	0.48	0.08	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Mid black grey silty clay with a clear, smooth interface and a dry, loose consistency. Rare burnt bone flecks.

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5791	3	5771		0.55	0.48	0.18	Cut of possible cremation pit	Located in cluster of similar features, [5789-5839] inclusive. Upper deposits cut by modern agricultural activity. Circular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope
5792	3	5771	5791	0.55	0.48	0.18	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposit. Dark grey black silty clay with a sharp, smooth interface and a moist, loose consistency. Rare pottery fragments (degraded and soft) and rare charcoal pieces, and burnt bone flecks.
5793	3	5771		0.34	0.33	0.12	Cut of pit	Truncated by modern agricultural activity. Roughly circular with gradually sloping sides, a rounded base and a smooth break of slope
5794	3	5771	5793	0.34	0.33	0.12	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Light grey black silty clay with a clear, smooth interface and a dry, loose consistency. Frequent burnt bone flecks.
5795	3	5771		0.22	0.18	0.07	Cut of possible cremation pit	Very shallow, truncated by modern agricultural activity. Sub-circular in plan with a gradually sloping side, a rounded base and an imperceptible break of slope.
5796	3	5771	5795	0.22	0.18	0.07	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Mid brown grey silty clay with rare small sub-rounded stones, a clear, wavy interface and a dry, loose consistency. Rare charcoal fleck and frequent burnt bone flecks.
5797	3	5771		0.43	0.36	0.04	Cut of pit	Severely truncated by later activity. Circular in plan with a gradually sloping side, a rounded base and an imperceptible break of slope
5798	3	5771	5797	0.43	0.36	0.04	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Mid grey brown silty clay with a clear, wavy interface and a dry, loose consistency. Rare burnt bone flecks.
5799	3	5771		0.49	0.47	0.12	Cut of pit	Deliberate deposition. Truncated by modern agricultural activity. Circular in plan with gradually sloping sides, an uneven, rounded base and a smooth break of slope.
5800	3	5771	5799	0.49	0.47	0.12	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Evidence of bioturbation. Orange flecks within the fill suggest a heat affected deposit. Mid black grey silty clay, very slightly stony (well sorted) with a clear, smooth interface and a moist, loose consistency. Rare charcoal flecks.
5801	3	5771		0.38	0.35	0.07	Cut of pit	Shallow, probably truncated by modern agricultural activity. Circular in plan with gradually sloping sides and a smooth break of slope.
5802	3	5771	5801	0.38	0.35	0.07	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Dark brown grey silty clay with a clear, wavy interface and a dry, loose consistency. Rare charcoal flecks.
5803	3	5771		0.60	0.56	0.14	Cut of pit	Circular in plan with a steep side on the east and a gradual slope on the west, an uneven base and a smooth break of slope.
5804	3	5771	5803	0.60	0.56	0.14	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Mid grey black silty clay with a clear, wavy interface and a moist, loose consistency.
5805	3	5771		0.52	0.52	0.24	Cut of pit	Truncated by modern ploughing. Roughly circular in plan with steep sides, an uneven base and a sharp break of slope.
5806	3	5771	5805	0.52	0.52	0.24	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Dark grey black silty clay with rare small angular stones, a clear, wavy interface and a moist, loose consistency. Rare charcoal flecks.

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5807	3	5771		0.37	0.36	0.21	Cut of pit	Slightly different in plan to the other pits in this group being more square than circular. Sub-square in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5808	3	5771	5807	0.37	0.36	0.21	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Black charcoal with a clear interface and a moist, loose consistency. Completely charcoal deposit.
5809	3	5771		0.41	0.39	0.18	Cut of possible cremation pit	Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5810	3	5771	5809	0.41	0.39	0.18	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Dark purple brown silty clay very slightly stony (small, angular, well sorted) with a clear, smooth interface and a moist, loose consistency. Frequent charcoal flecks.
5811	3	5771		0.44	0.39	0.17	Cut of pit	Sub-circular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5812	3	5771	5811	0.44	0.39	0.17	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Bioturbation evident. Dark orange black sandy charcoal with a clear interface and a loose, loose consistency.
5813	3	5771					Cut of pit	
5814	3	5771	5813				Fill of pit	
5815	3	5771		0.39	0.24	0.11	Cut of pit	Sub-circular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5816	3	5771	5815	0.39	0.24	0.11	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Evidence of bioturbation dark orange black sandy charcoal with a clear interface and a moist, loose consistency. Charcoal inclusions
5817	3	5771		0.65	0.46	0.09	Cut of pit	Sub-circular in plan (possibly tampered with by plough) with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5818	3	5771	5817	0.65	0.46	0.09	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Black charcoal with a clear interface and a moist, loose consistency. Charcoal inclusions up to 100% of fill.
5819	3	5771		0.39	0.36	0.06	Cut of pit	Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope at the top turning gradual at the base.
5820	3	5771	5819	0.39	0.36	0.06	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Evidence of bioturbation and plough damage dark orange black sandy charcoal with a clear interface and a dry, loose consistency. Charcoal inclusions up to 80% of fill.
5821	3	5771		0.26	0.37	0.05	Cut of pit	Sub-circular in plan with steep-vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5822	3	5771	5821	0.26	0.38	0.05	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Dark orange black sandy charcoal with a clear interface and a dry, loose consistency. Charcoal inclusions.
5823	3	5771		0.43	0.40	0.11	Cut of pit	Circular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope
5824	3	5771	5823	0.43	0.40	0.11	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Evidence of bioturbation. Dark orange black sandy charcoal with a clear interface and a moist, loose consistency. Charcoal inclusions.
5825	3	5771		0.34	0.34	0.16	Cut of pit	Circular in plan with steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5826	3	5771	5825	0.34	0.34	0.16	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Evidence of bioturbation. Dark orange black sandy charcoal with a clear interface and a moist, loose consistency. Charcoal inclusions up to 90% and rare pottery inclusions.

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5827	3	5771		0.64	0.56	0.30	Cut of pit	Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5828	3	5771	5827	0.64	0.56	0.30	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Dark black charcoal with a clear interface and a moist, loose consistency. Charcoal inclusions up to 100%
5829	3	5771					Cut of pit	
5831	3	5771		0.63	0.54	0.13	Cut of pit	Circular in plan with steep sides on the east and gently sloping on the west, a flat base and a sharp break of slope on the east and a gradual break of slope on the west.
5832	3	5771	5831	0.63	0.54	0.13	Fill of pit	Deliberate deposition. Evidence of bioturbation. Dark orange black sandy charcoal with a clear interface and a moist, loose consistency. Charcoal inclusions up to 65%
5833	3			2.00 (slot)	0.53	0.18	Cut of linear	Runs north-west to south-east. Runs into but not through ring-ditch south centre of area 3. Is next to pit [5835] but relationships is undetermined, see context (5836). Linear in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope.
5834	3		5833	2.00 (slot)	0.53	0.18	Fill of linear	Very similar to (5836) mid red brown silt sand with occasional medium angular flint and frequent small angular flint with natural gravels, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency.
5835	3			0.33	0.41	0.25	Cut of pit	Possible cremation pit. Relationship with [5836] undetermined - see (5836) circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5836	3		5835	0.33	0.41	0.25	Fill of pit	Burnt bone appears part way down the fill, this may be an indication that the pit is truncated by the ditch and has removed the pre-existing fill above this point. Very similar to (5834) mid red brown silt sand with a sharp, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Rare burnt bone inclusions and occasional charcoal flecks.
5837	3	5771		0.31	0.30	0.06	Pot base	Base of pot excavated by RB. No cut visible. Distinct bowl shaped depression remains after its removal. It was very fragmentary. Block lift was not possible.
5838	3	5771		0.23	0.22	0.03	Pot base	Fragmented remains of the base of a pot. Severely truncated by modern ploughing. In a larger group of similar features. No cut or fill observed. Near to (5837 and 5839). Quite coarse and thick, possibly prehistoric.
5839	3	5771		0.20	0.20	0.03	Pot base	Similar to (5838). Severely truncated pot base. No cut visible in the ground.
5840	3	5924		0.60(slot)	0.60 (slot)	0.26	Cut of linear	Runs east-west running parallel to [5634]. Intersected by [5842].
5841	3	5924	5840	0.60(slot)	0.60 (slot)	0.26	Fill of linear	Natural silting up. Flint flakes found close to the surface. Mid brown loamy sand with a few small stones, an abrupt interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency. A few struck flints were also recovered.
5842	3	5925		(0.93) slot	(0.17 (slot)	0.09	Cut of linear	Runs north-south intersecting two linears [5840, 5834]. Linear in plan with gradually sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5843	3	5925	5842	0.93 (slot)	0.17 (slot)	0.09	Fill of linear	Naturally silted up. Light yellow brown loamy sand, very slightly stony with a few small-large stones, an abrupt interface and a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency.

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5844	3	5924		0.52 (slot)	0.22 (slot)	0.18	Cut of linear	Runs east-west intersected by another ditch [5846]. Linear in plan with gradually sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope.
5845	3	5924		0.52 (slot)	0.22 (slot)	0.18	Fill of linear	Mid yellow brown loamy sand, very slightly stony with very few large stones, a gradual interface and a dry, fine grained, friable consistency.
5846	3	5924		0.47 (slot)	0.22 (slot)	0.09	Cut of linear	Linear in plan with gradually sloping sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope
5847	3	5924	5846	0.47 (slot)	0.22 (slot)	0.09	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown loamy sand with a gradual interface and a dry, fine grained, friable consistency.
5848	3	5924		1.00 (slot)	0.56	0.12	Cut of linear	Runs east-west. Cut by tree bowl on south edge. Linear in plan, gradually sloping, an uneven base and a gradual break of slope.
5849	3	5924	5848	1.00 (slot)	0.56	0.12	Fill of linear	Mid yellow brown loamy sand with an abrupt interface, with a dry, friable consistency.
5850	3	5924		0.60	0.45	0.12	Cut of linear	Rectangular cut on south side of linear. Sub-rectangular in plan with steep sides, a rounded base and imperceptible breaks of slope.
5851	3	5924	5850	0.60	0.45	0.12	Fill of pit	Natural infilling of tree bowl. Dark brown sandy loam with an abrupt interface and a moist, poorly sorted consistency.
5852	3				0.45	0.33	Cut of pit	Post-hole. Close to [5773] circular in plan with concave sides, a flat base and a clear break of slope.
5853	3		5852		0.45	0.33	Fill of pit	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare gravel inclusions, a clear interface and a friable consistency. Rare charcoal inclusions
5854	3			1.08	1.08	0.15	Cut of pit	Probable tree bowl. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and a gradual break of slope
5855	3	5750	5884	1.08	1.08	0.15	Fill of pit	Mid red brown silt sand with rare large angular stones and rare small-medium angular flint, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency
5856	3			0.51	0.53	0.09	Cut of pit	Domestic disposal pit. Circular in plan with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and no perceivable breaks of slope
5857	3	5750	5886	0.51	0.53	0.09	Fill of pit	Single uniform fill mid grey brown silt sand with occasional tiny gravels, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency. Occasional large flecks of charcoal and frequent small flecks of charcoal.
5858	3	5925					Cut of linear	Terminus running north-south. Linear in plan with gradual-steep sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5859	3	5925	5858				Fill of linear	Mid yellow brown loamy sand, slightly stony (few small-large stones and flint), and an abrupt interface with a dry, fine-grained, friable consistency. Rare pottery.
5860	3			1.00 (slot)	0.98	0.15	Cut of linear	Runs north-east to south-west. Cut by gully [5922] and possibly join together.
5861	3		5860	1.00 (slot)	0.98	0.15	Fill of linear	Single fill, natural backfilling. Mid grey brown sand clay with occasional small angular flint, a clear, smooth interface and a loose, friable consistency.
5862	3				0.40	0.25	Cut of pit	Similar to [5852] circular in plan with tapered sides, a blunt pointy base and a clear break of slope at the top turning gradual at the base.

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5863	3		5862		0.40	0.25	Fill of pit	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare small stones and gravel, a clear interface and a friable consistency. Some charcoal observed.
5864	3	5750			0.40	0.40	Post-hole	Part of post ring structure. Circular in plan with vertical, regular sides and a flat base.
5865	3	5750	5864		0.40	0.40	Fill of post-hole	Natural silting up, truncated at top by ploughing. Light-mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional flints and small sub-angular stones, a good interface and a consistent with gets softer and moister towards the base.
5866	3	5750			0.40	0.25	Post-hole	Part of possible post ring structure circular in plan with vertical sides and a flat base
5867	3	5750			0.40	0.25	Fill of post-hole	Light-mid orange brown sandy silt with a good interface and a consistency which gets damper lower down.
5868	3	5750		0.36	0.43	0.20	Cut of post-hole	Circular in plan (slightly oval) with vertical sides, and a flat base.
5869	3	5750	5868	0.36	0.43	0.20	Fill of post-hole	Natural silting up, truncated at top by ploughing. Light-mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional flints and small sub-angular stones, a good interface and a consistent with gets softer and moister towards the base.
5870	3	5750		0.40	0.34	0.23	Cut of post-hole	Circular in plan with vertical sides and a flat base
5871	3	5750	5870	0.40	0.34	0.23	Fill of post-hole	
5872	3	5750					Cut of post-hole	
5873	3	5750	5872				Fill of post-hole	
5874	3	5750					Cut of post-hole	
5875	3	5750	5874				Fill of post-hole	
5876	3	5750		0.46	0.46	0.20	Post-hole	Sub-circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and sharp break of slope
5877	3	5750	5876	0.46	0.46	0.20	Fill of post-hole	Natural silting up, truncated at top by ploughing. Light-mid red brown sandy silt with very rare very small stones, a clear interface and a consistent with gets softer and moister towards the base.
5878	3	5750		0.37	0.37	0.12	Post-hole	Truncated during excavation by machine. Sub-circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope.
5879	3	5750	5878	0.37	0.37	0.12	Fill of post-hole	Natural silting up, truncated at top by ploughing. Light-mid red brown sandy silt with very rare very small stones, a clear interface and a consistent with gets softer and moister towards the base. Occasional charcoal flecks.
5880	3	5750		0.38	0.38	0.13	Post-hole	Sub-circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope
5881	3	5750	5881	0.38	0.38	0.13	Fill of post-hole	Natural silting up, truncated at top by ploughing. Light-mid red brown sandy silt with very rare very small stones, a clear interface and a consistent with gets softer and moister towards the base. Occasional charcoal flecks
5882	3	5750		0.27	0.27	0.12	Cut of post-hole	Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and sharp break of slope

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5883	3	5750	5882	0.27	0.27	0.12	Fill of post-hole	Light-mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional sub-angular pieces of unworked flint, a good interface and a soft consistency getting damper towards the base.
5884	3	5750		0.41	0.30	0.16	Post-hole	Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope.
5885	3	5750	5884	0.41	0.30	0.16	Fill of post-hole	Light-mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional sub-angular pieces of unworked flint, a good interface and a soft consistency getting damper towards the base. Occasional charcoal flecks.
5886	3	5750		0.40	0.36	0.20	Post-hole	Circular in plan with vertical sides a flat base and sharp break of slope
5887	3	5750	5886	0.40	0.36	0.20	Fill of post-hole	Light-mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional sub-angular pieces of unworked flint, a good interface and a soft consistency getting damper towards the base. Occasional charcoal
5888	3	5750		0.39	0.39	0.25	Post-hole	Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope
5889	3	5750	5888	0.39	0.39	0.25	Fill of post-hole	Light-mid orange brown sandy silt with occasional sub-angular pieces of unworked flint, a good interface and a soft consistency getting damper towards the base. Occasional charcoal.
5890	3	5750		0.93	0.93	0.24	Cut of post-hole	Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope
5891	3	5750	5890	0.93	0.93	0.24	Fill of post-hole	Mid red orange brown sandy silt with very small very rare stones, a good interface and a soft consistency getting damper towards the base. Occasional charcoal.
5892	3	5750		0.55	0.55	0.17	Post-hole	Circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and a sharp break of slope
5893	3	5750	5872	0.55	0.55	0.17	Fill of post-hole	Mid red brown sandy silt with very rare very small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency getting damper towards the base. Occasional charcoal.
5894	3	5750		0.31	0.31	0.29	Cut of post-hole	Sub-circular in plan with vertical sides, a flat base and sharp breaks of slope
5895	3	5750	5894	0.31	0.31	0.29	Fill of post-hole	Mid red brown sandy silt with very small very rare stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency getting damper towards the base. Occasional charcoal.
5896	3	5750		0.37	0.37	0.33	Cut of post-hole	Sub-circular with vertical sides, a flat base and steep breaks of slope
5897	3	5750	5896	0.37	0.37	0.33	Fill of post-hole	Mid red brown sandy silt with very small stones, a clear interface and a soft consistency getting damper towards the base. Occasional charcoal.
5898	3	5750		0.09	0.09	0.12	Cut of post-hole	Possible stake-hole. Circular in plan with vertical sides, a rounded base and sharp break of slope
5899	3	5750	5898	0.09	0.09	0.12	Fill of post-hole	Mid orange brown sandy silt with a good interface and a dry, crumbly consistency.
5900	3	5750		0.07	0.07	0.12	Cut of post-hole	Possible stake-hole circular in plan with vertical sides, a rounded base and a sharp break of slope
5901	3	5750	5900	0.07	0.07	0.12	Fill of post-hole	Mid orange brown sandy silt with a good interface and a dry, crumbly consistency.
5918	3	5750		1.00	0.46		Cut of pit	Oval in plan.
5919	3	5750	5918	1.00	0.46		Fill of pit	

Context	Area	Group	Relates to Cut	Dimensions (m)			Summary interpretation	Full Interpretation
				L	W	D		
5920	3			1.08	1.08	0.30	Cut of tree bowl	In centre of post rings sub-circular in plan with steep sides, an uneven base and a sharp break of slope
5921	3		5920	1.08	1.08	0.30	Fill of pit/tree bowl	Naturally accumulated mid reddish brown sandy silt with occasional small stones, a clear interface and a compact, dry consistency
5922	3	5735		1.00 (slot)	0.26	0.05	Cut of linear	Gully running north-south across site. Runs parallel to [5860] and merges at this point. Linear in plane with gently sloping sides, a rounded base and no perceivable breaks of slope
5923	3	5735	5922	1.00 (slot)	0.26	0.05	Fill of linear	Natural back filling. Mid grey brown sand clay with a clear, smooth interface and a loose, moist consistency
5924	3	5924					Stock enclosure ditch related to 5733	For parallel linear ditch
5925	3	5925					Stock enclosure ditch related to 5733	For linear intersecting groups [5924 and 5733].
5926	3				0.80	0.20	Cut of pit	Possible storage pit. Circular in plan with concave sides, a flat base and a gradual break of slope
5927	3		5926		0.80	0.20	Fill of pit	Reddish brown sandy loam with rare small stones and gravel inclusions, a clear interface and a friable consistency
5928	3	5771	5837				Fill from urn	From within cremation urn. Same as (5830), double numbered.
5929	3	5929		8.9m	0.65m	0.12m	L-shaped ditch related to 5733	For linear
5930	3	5735		19.41	0.65	0.10	Cut of linear	Boundary ditch. Linear in plan with tapered sides, a flat base and a clear break of slope.
5931	3	5735	5930		0.65	0.10	Fill of linear	Light red brown sandy loam with rare small sub-angular stones, a clear interface and a friable consistency
5932	3	5932		42.1	0.70m	0.3	Ditch system related to 5367	Small rectilinear field system.
5933	3	5933		8.78m			Small ditch inside enclosure 5706	Curvilinear ditch
5934	3	5934					Isolated linear NW of 5485	
5935	3	5935					Possible loom and associated structure	Possible loom and associated structure
5936	3	5936					Collection of undated post-holes	Collection of undated post-holes
5937	3	5937					Linear gully truncating 5733	
5938	4L	5938					Sinuous linear running NW-SE to S of A3	Large land division appears in areas 4I, 4J, 4L

APPENDIX 2 FINDS ASSESSMENT

Introduction

The finds assemblage was substantial, particularly in terms of pottery (1520 sherds, 11.4kg) and lithics (1097 pieces). The dating of these show there was activity on site from at least as early as the Neolithic period, though the Bronze Age, to the Iron Age and Romano-British periods. Other significant finds include a late Iron Age iron currency bar and some late Bronze Age ceramic loom weights. There was also a collection of fired clay (2kg), a pivot stone, and a very small (0.1kg) amount of ironworking waste. A summary of the finds assemblage by area is given in Table 1.

TABLE A2.1 Finds summary by area

Material		Area						UNL	Total
		3	4A	4E	4J	4L			
Pottery (EPH)	count	282	18	10	2	–	–	–	312
	wgt (g)	1,695	33	45	14	–	–	–	1
Pottery (LPH)	count	526	45	2	55	3	5	–	636
	wgt (g)	3,168	255	2	559	88	19	–	4
Pottery (Rom)	count	4	467	5	–	–	–	–	476
	wgt (g)	18	5,260	168	–	–	–	–	5
Pottery (undated)	count	58	38	–	–	–	–	–	9
	weight	51	58	–	–	–	–	–	109
Copper alloy	count	1 rod	1 mod coin	–	–	–	–	–	2
Iron	count	25	4	2	1 currency bar	–	–	–	32
Lithics	count	1	21	16	39	–	2	–	1
Stone	count	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Ceramic	count	35 (6)*	–	–	2 (1)*	–	–	–	37
	wgt (g)	1,575	–	–	147	–	–	–	1
Fired clay	count	39	267	3	2	–	–	–	311
	wgt (g)	162	1,715	23	138	–	–	–	2
Industrial waste	count	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	5
	wgt (g)	–	147	–	–	–	–	–	147
Clay pipe	count	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1

*loom weight quantifications show: sherd count (estimated number of individual weights represented). EPH = early prehistoric; LPH = late prehistoric; PH = prehistoric; Rom = Roman; UNL = unlocated

Methodology

The pottery for present purposes has been divided into three groups:

- › Early Prehistoric (EPH): defined as Neolithic to middle Bronze Age

- › Late Prehistoric (LPH): late Bronze Age and Iron Age

- › Roman (Rom)

The pottery was assessed by two different specialists and inevitably with such a complex and multi-period site, there were some grey areas where pottery identified as early by one was considered late by the other and vice versa. Some sherds were too small and generic to be dated at all. The main period at issue was the late prehistoric, when pottery was often relatively low quality and lacking in distinctive features. In addition, the condition of the material was often very poor. The sherds were extremely soft and friable and thus unwashed, which meant details of surface finish, any decorative details and fabric were obscured. The quantity of material per context and the number of diagnostic sherds was also particularly low which affects the level of confidence that can be given to dating some of the contexts with less than five sherds. The use of similar tempering material at different periods meant that dating single sherds or identifying odd residual sherds could be problematic.

Some of the dating should therefore be regarded as provisional and the divisions between the different periods is of necessity at times, a little arbitrary. In some cases, different fabric codes have been used to record essentially the same fabric types. These anomalies have been left at present and presented below as clearly as possible. Any issues can be ironed out at a later date, with reference to the rest of the finds assemblage, stratigraphic information, spatial distributions and scientific dating. The early prehistoric and Roman assemblages, by contrast are more distinctive and therefore identifications and dating are more certain.

The pottery was quantified by sherd count and weight and per fabric type and context. Fabrics were assessed macroscopically by x10 hand lens where necessary. The Roman pottery was catalogued with reference to the National Roman fabric reference collection (Tomber & Dore 1998).

Other finds were quantified, briefly described and spot dates recorded. The finds records were all combined into a single Access database table. A copy of the catalogue is given at the end of the report.

*Results**Early Prehistoric pottery*

A total of 312 sherds of earlier prehistoric pottery weighing 1.8kg were identified. Average sherd size was relatively small (5.7g) and the pottery was in a fragmentary condition. Material from the Neolithic to the middle Bronze Age is represented, although the latter period is most common with middle Bronze Age sherds accounting for approximately 70% of the early prehistoric assemblage. The early pottery was very much concentrated in Area 3, which contained 95% by weight of the early prehistoric pottery.

Fabrics were dominated by vesicular types and these seem to represent middle Bronze Age potting preferences. Grog and flint fabrics were less diagnostic of date, with surface colour and wall thickness more distinctive indicators.

TABLE A2.2 Early prehistoric pottery fabrics with total quantifications for the site

Code	Fabric	Sherds	W
V	Vesicular fabric with many voids ?limestone or shell	156	516
V+F	Vesicular with moderate crushed flint up to 2mm x 2mm	41	354
V+G	Vesicular with moderate grog	9	31
	Total vesicular fabrics	206	901
G	Frequent grog	47	391
BAGR	Grog	3	33
G+F	Moderate grog and crushed flint	2	22
G+R2	Rare grog and moderate rock up to 5mm x 4mm	1	25
BAGRSA	Grog and sand	14	10
	Total grog fabrics	67	481
F1	Common crushed flint up to 3mm x 2mm	34	398
F3	Sparse crushed flint up to 1mm x 1mm	2	3
	Total flint fabrics	36	401
S1	Sparse fine sand	3	4
	Total sand fabrics	3	4
	Total EPH pottery	312	1787

The pottery was generally well fired and competently made. Sherds with decoration which could be identified as middle Bronze Age had predominantly oxidised surfaces and relatively thick (4–6mm) walls, compared to late Bronze Age sherds which tended to be better fired, reduced and with finer walls (2–4mm). The vesicular fabric of many of the middle Bronze Age sherds made identification of surface treatment impossible.

The earliest of the pottery are several fragments of Beaker (5014, 5104, 5126) dating from the late Neolithic or early Bronze Age. The two sherds from pit [5105] (5104) comprise a base and a wall. The latter carries parallel rows of comb impressions between which are incised vertical lines. Two of the rows of comb impressions are mis-matched and overlap. It can be paralleled with examples from Bishops Cannings and Wilsford G52, Wiltshire (Annable and Simpson 1964, 95). Another eight sherds (5014) are decorated with comb impressions. These also form parallel lines infilled with vertical rows, on one sherd these are above the tops of two chevrons, with chevrons also present on another sherd. These are similar in design to a vessel from Winterborne Stoke G10, Gorton Slack 37 and other Long Necked Beakers (Needham 2005, 196). A simple rim from a thin walled vessel with a large diameter found in Area 4E (1035) is also of possible Neolithic date.

A near complete early Bronze Age miniature collared urn was found in a pit [5106] (5107). The fabric is typical of early Bronze Age urns in containing frequent grog with some flint. It was c 90mm in diameter and stood c 110mm high. The decoration is very worn, but is

restricted to the collar and appears to comprise two rows of twisted cord above which are a series of chevrons or diagonal lines. The decoration and form of the vessel is similar to those from Kempston, Bedfordshire and Alphamstone, Essex (Longworth 1984 Plate 53b; Plate 152a) and falls into Burgess' (1986) 'late' period, c 1700–1500 BC.

Other decorated sherds from a possible pit or tree throw [5686] (5687) may also represent a collared urn. These were in a vesicular fabric and were from a thick-walled vessel of indeterminate size. The decoration comprises diagonal incised lines, which, at least in one case, may form chevrons. Its identification is not certain, given the small number of sherds, but the decoration is different to that from the middle Bronze Age pottery and a collared urn is a possibility.

Also of early Bronze Age date are three sherds of a Food Vessel (5126) decorated with impressed fingernail chevrons.

Other sherds are clearly of middle Bronze Age date, typically in the Deverel Rimbury tradition and usually in a vesicular fabric (5097, 5126, 5195, 5339, 5584, 5589). Decoration includes applied cordons, incised patterns, an applied boss, and pre-firing perforations. Some sherds also show out-turned rim forms.

Other sherds (5042, 5164, 5225, 5344) also exhibit applied cordons and incised decoration and are also likely to be of middle Bronze Age date.

Late Prehistoric pottery

A total of 636 sherds (4.1kg) were classed as late prehistoric. Again, these were very much concentrated in Area 3, though to a lesser extent than the early pottery. Area 3 accounted for 77% by weight of the late prehistoric pottery with further collections from Areas 4J (13%) and 4A (6%). The pottery has been divided into five fabric groups (see Table A2.3).

TABLE A2.3 Late prehistoric pottery fabrics with total quantifications for the site

Code	Fabric	Sherds	Wgt (g)
F1	Common crushed flint up to 3mm x 2mm	198	412
F2	Rare crushed flint up to 2mm x 2mm	9	143
F4	Rare crushed flint up to 1mm x 1mm	2	187
FL2	Fine flint	2	4
	Total flint fabrics	211	746
G	Frequent grog	2	19
GR	Grog	22	146
GR/SAV	Grog/Savernake	3	36
G+F	Moderate grog and crushed flint	2	23
FL	Flint and grog	1	13
G+R1	Moderate grog and occasional rounded stone up to 8mm x 8mm x 6mm	12	114
G+R2	Rare grog and moderate rock up to 5mm x 4mm	10	31

Code	Fabric	Sherds	Wgt (g)
	Total grog fabrics	52	382
IABWSY	IA black sandy	6	36
IASA	IA sandy	8	69
IASACA	IA sandy with calcareous	12	76
IASAF	IA fine sandy	1	141
SACA	Sandy with calcareous	2	84
SAFL	Sandy with flint	1	4
SAND	Sandy misc	2	24
	Total sandy fabrics	32	434
IASH	IA shelly	11	36
	Total shelly fabrics	11	36
V+F	Vesicular with moderate crushed flint up to 2mm x 2mm	2	48
	Total vesicular fabrics	2	48
U/I	Unidentified ?cremation vessels	300	2,295
LPH	Bronze Age or Iron Age	28	150
	Total unidentified fabrics	328	2,445
	Total LPH pottery	636	4

The different fabric groups have different distributions (Table A2.4) which implies different dating. The concentration of flint fabrics in Area 3 implies dating towards the earlier end of this range, while the association of grog fabrics with the Roman activity in Area 4A implies a late pre-Roman Iron Age date. The sandy and shelly wares are concentrated in Area 4J, almost all of which derive from the fill of ring-ditch [3055], though the exact dating of this feature is unclear at present.

TABLE A2.4 Late prehistoric pottery fabric distribution (largest area concentration highlighted in bold)

Fabric type		Area					UNL	Total
		3	4A	4E	4J	4L		
Flint	count	209	–	–	2	–	–	211
	wgt (g)	742	–	–	4	–	–	746
Grog	count	14	24	2	12	–	–	52
	wgt (g)	73	193	2g	114	–	–	382
Sandy	count	1	7	–	21	3	–	32
	wgt (g)	10	53	–	283	88	–	434
Shelly	count	–	–	–	11	–	–	11
	wgt (g)	–	–	–	36	–	–	36

Fabric type		Area					UNL	Total
		3	4A	4E	4J	4L		
Vesicular	count	2	–	–	–	–	–	2
	wgt (g)	48	–	–	–	–	–	48
U	count	300	14	–	9	–	5	328
	wgt (g)	2,295	9	–	122	–	19	2,445

UNL = unlocated; U = unidentified

Flint tempered wares are the most common but are generally lacking in distinctive features. A single large flint-tempered sherd was recovered from (5414) comprises a rim and shoulder of a large jar which fits within Barrett’s (1980) southern English ‘Decorated Assemblages’ of the late Bronze Age. A shoulder sherd with similar profile and decorations but in a more vesicular fabric (5118) was recovered from ring-ditch [5250]. There are also a number of sherds from two different vessels which appear to be large bowls, of late Bronze Age plainware (5379, 5511). These also derived from ring-ditch [5250]. Another of these large plainware bowls was found in another ring-ditch [3055], though this time in a grog tempered fabric.

Three vessels could not be properly characterised due to their poor condition (5837, 5838 and 5839). Further work will be required to process and identify these sherds, but they have been given a provisional late Bronze Age date. Combined they have a weight of c.2.3kg and thus represent 56% by weight of the late prehistoric pottery assemblage. Each context represents one vessel set into the ground, apparently deliberately. Their association with cremations [5771] suggests a ritual function. However, all three are severely truncated by modern ploughing and also perhaps by burial activity. Only the bases remain of these pots. The only other finds from this group are a series of flint-tempered sherds apparently of late Bronze Age date and a number of burnt lithics.

The sandy wares closely overlap with some of the early Roman black sandy wares. The most diagnostic sandy ware vessel is represented by two sherds found in a hollow [2231] (2232) in Area 4A, from a tripartite bowl decorated with an infilled geometric design. These sherds appear to be redeposited but would be typical of the early Iron Age in this area. Also within the sandy ware group are two large sherds from the ring-ditch [3055], from a wide-mouthed everted rim, round-bodied jar. A joining rim and body sherd (3052) could be from a saucepan-style vessel which would be of similar early Iron Age date. There were also 11 sherds, probably from a single burnished jar in a sandy-calcareous fabric were also found in ring-ditch [3055]. Some of the other unfeatured sandy wares would perhaps be more characteristic of the later Iron Age.

Few shelly wares were found and in all cases the shell has leached out leaving a very vesicular fabric and there may therefore be some overlap between these and the middle Bronze Age vesicular wares described above. Coarse shelly wares are generally characteristic of the later Bronze Age and early Iron Age in this area. The only featured shelly sherd is a rim from a slack-sided ovoid jar with an undifferentiated rim from ring-ditch [3055]. This is a type that could be later Bronze Age or early Iron Age in date.

The grog tempered wares are generally clearly distinguished from the earlier Beaker and other early Bronze Age sherds. This appears to be a predecessor to the subsequent early Roman grog-tempered industry based in the Savernake area and are thus provisionally dated to the later Iron Age.

Roman pottery

Some 476 sherds (5.4Kg) of Roman pottery were recorded. With a single exception the pottery appears to date to the earlier Roman period. The assemblage is dominated by handmade grog-tempered Savernake ware (Tomber and Dore 1998, 191), local grey wheel-made and handmade sand and grog-tempered wares and grey sandy wares belonging to the north Wiltshire industries (Table A2.5).

TABLE A2.5 Roman pottery fabrics with total quantifications for the site

Code	Fabric	Sherds	Wgt (g)
BSOXID	Black surface, oxidised	1	5
BWGRSA	Black grog and sandy	1	8
BWSY	Black sandy ware	48	362
DORBB1	Dorset black burnished ware	1	44
FINE SY	Fine sandy	1	2
GYSY	Grey sandy	1	15
OXFWH?	Oxford white ware	4	6
OXIDF	Fine oxidised	2	24
SAVGT	Savernake ware	244	3,803
VERWH	Verulamium white ware	1	15
WILBB	Wiltshire black burnished	14	64
WILGRSA	Wiltshire sandy with grog	101	698
WILOX	Wiltshire oxidised ware	2	8
WILRE	Wiltshire reduced ware	51	382
WILREF	Wiltshire fine reduced ware	4	10
	Total Roman pottery	476	5,446

Savernake wares are particularly common accounting for 51% of the total Roman assemblage. These are confined to jar forms with beaded or simple everted rims and large storage jars. Traditionally the ware is dated to the early Roman period, but a case has been argued for a pre-Roman origin to the ware (Timby 2001) on the basis of its marked occurrence at pre-Roman sites such as Bagendon, Gloucestershire. The late prehistoric grog-tempered wares found at the site (see above) could represent a transitional phase from a pre-Roman industry to the Roman one which subsequently lasted into the 2nd century AD.

The remaining wares are largely Wiltshire handmade and wheel-made grey sand and grog-tempered wares and wheel-made grey sandy wares. The former probably date from the immediate pre-Flavian period onwards whilst the wheel-made sandy grey wares belong to an industry which seems to have started in North Wiltshire

around the Flavian period (late 1st century AD) continuing into the 2nd century and beyond (Anderson 1979). There are in addition two oxidised North Wiltshire wares of similar date. Other Wiltshire products are reflected in a small amount of black, wheel-made sandy ware, of the type found at Cirencester dating to the 1st-early 2nd centuries (Rigby 1982, fabric 5).

Imports are represented by five very small degraded sherds of sandy white ware which may be from Oxfordshire or Verulamium (2077, 2101). The former would suggest a 2nd century date onwards; the latter a 1st or 2nd century date.

The only sherd that post-dates the 2nd century is a single rim of a Dorset black burnished ware (DORBB1) flanged-rim conical bowl. It was found in ditch fill (2075) along with two small sherds of local greywares.

The character of the assemblage suggests a rural domestic site dating from the mid-later 1st into the early 2nd century. The presence of a single later sherd suggests some minor later Roman activity.

Metalwork

There were 32 iron finds and two of copper alloy. The largest and most significant was the iron currency bar found in ring-ditch [3055]. These were a type of iron ingot, the end wrought into the shape of a socketed tang to demonstrate the quality of the metal and they date to the 2nd and 1st centuries BC (Hingley 1990). It is complete, though in seven pieces and is 865mm long. It weighs 1.4Kg, though as this includes some voluminous corrosion products an estimate of 800–900g is perhaps closer to its original weight. Its location within the ring-ditch implies deliberate ritual deposition.

None of the other iron objects can be accurately dated. Most are nails or fragments of nails, with some clearly modern finds and some which are at present unidentifiable due to corrosion products. The archaeological potential of these finds rests in their dating and whether they can be tied to the Iron Age and Roman activity on the site. Three finds from Area 4A (2033, 2054 and 2194) are associated with Roman pottery and thus are probably of Roman date. Unfortunately, two of these are nail shafts, but the third (2033) is a lump obscured by corrosion products and x-ray analysis might reveal features of interest. The finds from Area 3 are more enigmatic still, and none are from well dated context, often being associated with early prehistoric material. The finds from pit [5038] (5039) are potentially of interest, containing fragments representing a minimum of 10 nails and a possible buckle. However, but for a collection of lithics there are no other finds to help date this pit and buckle is in too fragmentary a condition to reconstruct. If indeed a buckle it is likely to be of medieval or later date.

One of the copper alloy coins is a modern halfpenny surface find. The other is potentially of interest, though again is unidentified and has no associated finds dating evidence. It is a short thick round-sectioned rod in two pieces, possibly part of a bangle or some other jewellery, though there is no clear evidence of a curve in its short length. It is in poor condition and was found in a possible drainage ditch [5336] (5337).

Lithics

The lithic assemblage numbered 1097 pieces. The vast majority of these (93%) were found in Area 3, a similar proportion to the early prehistoric pottery.

All the finds were of flint. The flint from Area 3 was predominantly of a type with abraded cortex and frost damage suggesting superficial sources, such as clay with flints or erratic flints. That from Areas 4A and 4J contained higher proportions of chalk flint with fresh cortex.

As many as 723 pieces (66% of the assemblage), all from Area 3, are burnt or vitrified 'bits' and 'lumps', and most of these may not be artefactual. Many may have been natural flint incidentally burnt during cremations or domestic activity. Certainly 80 burnt pieces are directly associated with cremations [5771]. Equally some may have been flint tools burnt with the body.

Some blades were present, but the assemblage is dominated by flake industries. Technologically, most flakes are based on the application of hard percussion, although in Area 3 some probably expedient use of bipolar technique is also seen. Four tools recovered from Area 3 were based on thermal (ie, natural frost-shattered) flakes. The blades include hard-percussion as well as soft percussion specimens. Area 3 is also the only area from which indeterminate pieces were recovered, indicating less schematic reduction. One flake and one blade (5293, 5676) were produced by the application of the middle/late Neolithic Levallois-like technique (easily recognizable finely faceted platform remnants; Ballin 2011a). Both were found within ring-ditch [5250] in contexts associated with only Neolithic finds.

The cores include: one conical microblade core, three core rough-outs on cobbles or frost-shattered pieces, eight irregular cores, and one 'flaked flake' (ie, a thick flake used as a core, with flakes being removed from the flake's ventral face). Most were recovered from Area 3, with four irregular cores deriving from Areas 4A and 4J.

No strictly diagnostic types were recovered, but several core and tool types and some technological attributes are diagnostic in the broader sense.

The general composition of the debitage, with a relatively low blade ratio suggests that the excavated areas may generally be dominated by later industries, such as those from the early Bronze Age and middle/late Bronze Age as blade production was generally phased out prior to the late Neolithic/early Bronze Age transition (Ballin 2011b). Although the robust well-executed scrapers could be Neolithic, they might also date to the early Bronze Age period (Butler 2005, 166). The use of fairly poor flint (core rough-outs on frost-shattered pieces and thermal flake tool blanks) may represent middle/late Bronze Age activity in the area (Ballin 2002).

A conical microblade core (5699) is probably either late Mesolithic or from the very earliest part of the early Neolithic period. However, only four microblades were recovered and some of these may be elongated waste rather than actual intended blanks. The scale-flaked knives (1071, 3029, and two from ring-ditch [5250]) may date to the Neolithic or early Bronze Age periods (Clark 1932; Manby 1974) though again the former two are certainly residual and the dating of

the ring-ditch is yet to be fully understood. A serrated blade (5674) is likely to be Neolithic (cf. Saville 2006; Suddaby & Ballin 2011) and again, was found in ring-ditch [5250].

On balance, the assemblage seems to be dominated by material from the early Bronze Age (the robust well-executed scrapers) and the later Bronze Age (uncritical procurement of local raw material, unschematic production). The use of chalk flint from primary sources may be linked to earlier prehistoric (Neolithic?) industries and the predominance of this material in Areas 4A and 4J might suggest some underlying Neolithic activity in these areas, disturbed by the later prehistoric features.

Coarse stone

One coarse stone find was found, a pivot stone found in ring-ditch [5250]. It is a natural block of a hard type of stone with a hole worn deeply into the surface almost penetrating the entire thickness of the block. There is a trace of another such hole in one edge of the stone which does appear to have penetrated the base, the stone then being broken at that point and reused. It may have been to secure a door pivot in place or as it is hand-sized (albeit a large hand) it may have been used to pivot a bow drill or similar tool.

Ceramic loom weights

A minimum of seven ceramic loom weights were represented, all but one found in the same Area 3 pit [5496] (5497). The outlier was found in Area 4J in ring-ditch [3055]. The most complete is 65% present with a weight of 589g. All are of untempered clay and of the same cylindrical form. Typologically these can be dated to the late Bronze Age (Bradley et al 1980) with similar weights found at Shorcote Quarry (Morris 1994) and more recently at Roundhouse Farm in the Cotswold Water Park (Timby in prep).

Other fired clay

A collection of 2.0kg of fired clay was recovered. The majority (84% by weight) of this was recovered from Area 4A and is thus likely to be associated with the late Iron Age and early Roman activity evident in that area. Most of these fragments are extremely small and degraded with no clear form or function. The largest group (890g) was recovered from single post-hole [2061] (2062, 2063). It seems likely that the fragments represent daub associated with wattle and daub structures in the area.

More intriguing are two small objects recovered from an Area 3 pit fill (5242). Both weigh less than 1g and appear to be formed of accidentally baked clay. The clay is pale brown and includes some sand but does not resemble any of the pottery fabrics from the site. One piece of clay is decorated by a row of six small chevrons c2mm wide at the base. The other piece has a slightly square cross-section and has fine linear impressions, perhaps of some sort of textile. Whilst chevron decoration is common on Beaker pottery, the decoration on these objects is extremely small and does not resemble standard pottery of this date.

There were no other finds in the pit to provide dating. Further work is needed into analysis the context of these finds. Assuming a prehistoric date, then further research is needed into the exact nature of these objects and the impressions on their surfaces.

Industrial waste

A large quantity of magnetic residues was collected from sample retents as well as a number of larger pieces of possible metalworking waste. On closer inspection the magnetic residues were found to consist entirely of ferruginous sand and stone. Most of the fragments of possible production residues were also found to be natural stone.

However, two fragments (33g) recovered from Area 4A occupation horizon (2236) do not appear to be natural in origin, and they may relate to the iron production. Three further pieces (114g) were identified during the assessment of the pottery, but have yet to be examined by a specialist. However, these were also recovered from Area 4A, from two ditch fills (2008, 2100) and may also relate to ironworking.

The assemblage does not contain enough evidence to suggest that iron smelting or smithing was a major activity on the site, and the slag found could simply relate to small scale domestic iron smithing, such as the repair of an iron weapon or tool.

The presence of these traces of ironworking waste, however, meagre as of note in relation to the currency bar recovered from Area 4J. The presence of the waste in Area 4A suggests a late Iron Age or early Roman date and thus potentially contemporary with the currency bar, though given the distance between these two areas (over 600m), further work would be needed to establish a connection.

Clay pipe

One sherd of clay pipe stem was found of 18th century or later date and presumably intrusive in the final fill (5193) of ring-ditch [5250].

Discussion

This is a complex and multi-period site. Potentially the earliest find is a conical microblade core (5699) of late Mesolithic or early Neolithic date, found in a linear feature, though this may simply be a stray residual find. There is further lithic evidence for Neolithic activity both in terms of the presence of chalk flint and the types of industry represented. How much of this is in situ is a matter for further study but, in contrast to other early evidence, the finds seem to be concentrated in Areas 4A, 4E and 4J. Neolithic activity in Area 4E is of particular note due to its proximity to the stone circle.

Late Neolithic or early Bronze Age activity is evidenced by lithics and pottery, is very much focussed in Area 3 and appears to have a ritual element. Finds include Beaker and Collared Urn pottery and a complete miniature Collared Urn clearly ritually interred. A number of these finds were found deposited in ring-ditch [5250] but it is not clear at this stage whether these are residual or whether the ring-ditch had origins predating the late Bronze Age.

Activity in Area 3 continues through the middle Bronze Age as evidenced by Deverel Rimbury style pottery. Again, this seems to point towards ritual deposition and is associated with ring-ditch [5250].

The late Bronze seems to be a peak of activity in Area 3, and certainly provides the majority of the material culture from that area. Pottery is still it seems being ritually deposited, such as the vessels associated

with the cremations [5771] and that deposited in ring-ditch [5250]. There also appears to be a domestic element to the activity however, with a pit [5496] (5497) containing a number of loom weights. Some of the pottery therefore is potentially also domestic in nature. Further analysis is needed of the locations of finds deposited in Area 3 in relation to the ring-ditch and the roundhouse to establish the relationship between the ritual and the domestic. In Area 4J ritual deposition is also evident in ring-ditch [3055]. But for a small handful of possibly residual earlier lithic finds, this is the first evidence of activity at this ring-ditch and it may therefore be later in date than ring-ditch [5250].

The pottery indicated that this activity continues into the Iron Age though the Iron Age assemblage is too small to establish if this was continuous or sporadic throughout the period. There is a distinct break in the late Iron Age with the focus of activity shifting to Area 4A and presumably centred on the roundhouse there. Though this would seem to be largely domestic in nature, there is a notable exception in the form of the currency bar deposited in ring-ditch [3055]. While this would seem to be some time, possibly some centuries, after ritual deposition at the ring-ditch ceased, it is in keeping with the Iron Age practice of depositing valuables in spiritually significant places. Whether the currency bar is in fact linked to on-site metalworking is another question worthy of further study though preliminary observations suggest it was not. There is no evidence of large scale metalworking on site and what scant evidence there is present is all associated with Roman pottery and thus likely to be later than this find.

Occupation at the roundhouse seems to move smoothly into the Romano-British period where the pottery types and forms present are consistent with a relatively low status rural domestic site. The survival of similar indigenous vernacular roundhouses into the early Roman period have been documented elsewhere in the region, for example, Bourton-on-the Water, Gloucestershire (Timby 1998); Brockworth, Gloucestershire (Rawes 1981) and Marshfield, Avon (Blockley 1985). Activity continues into 2nd century but there appears to be a definite cessation of use in the early to mid 2nd century. A single sherd of later Roman pottery suggests continued low level agricultural activity in the area, but the focus of settlement has clearly shifted elsewhere.

In short there is evidence here for potentially continuous use from the Neolithic to the early Roman period. It suggests a ritual landscape evolving over perhaps four millennia or more with associated settlement evidence dating back at least as far as the late Bronze Age.

Potential and recommendations

Pottery

The fragmentary remains of at least three Beakers were recovered. Little of the vessels is represented and it is not possible to classify them according to Needham's (2005) scheme. Nevertheless, these are important finds in an area with little evidence from this period.

The miniature Collared Urn is a significant find. Although Longworth (1984, 281–92) lists over 100 Collared Urns from Wiltshire, many

of these are fragments with poor context. Many of the vessels are from further south, although a single sherd of a late Collared Urn is recorded from Westlecot, Swindon (Longworth 1984, 288, no.1708), but this is not illustrated and said to be in the archive at the Ashmolean Museum. Miniature Collared Urns are relatively rare and their relationship with full-sized vessels unclear. It will be possible to reconstruct the vessel for illustration. More work is needed on clarifying the decoration on the vessel and its position within the Collared Urn tradition.

The middle Bronze Age material is fragmentary and not particularly abundant. It is however fairly uncommon in this area, although middle Bronze Age pottery, associated with a radiocarbon date, has previously been recovered from the Commonhead junction of the A419 (Hart and Alexander 2009).

A single middle Bronze Age single sherd (5225) is the only sherd with organic residues on its inner surface. It is not suitable for lipid analysis but might provide a radiocarbon date. Petrographic analysis of seven sherds is also recommended to determine both the nature of the fabric and its possible origin.

The late prehistoric pottery represents different challenges. Pottery of this date is not common from this area. Some of the late Bronze Age forms (both decorated and plain) can be paralleled by material from the classic assemblage from Reading Business Park (Moore and Jennings 1992). The interpretation of this period would benefit from a more unified analysis the late prehistoric assemblage and allowance should be made for both specialists involved to discuss this material, its fabrics and its dating more closely. The pottery bases (5837, 5838, 5839) associated with the cremations need to be properly cleaned, quantified and characterised as in its current state it is impossible to discern form, decoration or surface features/treatment.

The humble nature and poor state of preservation of the Roman pottery means that the assemblage is of little further potential, although it is a useful addition to the extensive archaeological history of the area.

Once the site contexts are properly grouped and phased, the pottery assemblage should be looked at again to establish if the dating for any of the sherds needs adjustment or the dating of the features and groups can be refined. Sherds from significant contexts should be considered as a group, particularly that from ring-ditches [3055 and 5250]. These should be looked at with reference to stratigraphy and plans to establish the order and dating of deposition and to what extent these structures were in continuous or intermittent use and also whether earlier finds do indeed represent earlier deposition or merely residuality.

Pit [5127] (5126) is also particularly interesting in terms of pottery deposition, containing as it does, Beaker, Food Vessel and Deverel Rimbury pottery. Was this feature really open for up to 1000 years, or is this a curated assemblage of material?

Provision should be made for around 28 pottery illustrations to show the breadth of the assemblage.

Metalwork

The currency bar (3023) is the main point of interest. It should be illustrated. The potential relationship between the piece of slag and the currency bar could be investigated by using chemical microanalysis to compare the composition of the slag with any slag inclusions within the currency bar, though the dating of the deposition of both should be further investigated first. If these finds are not contemporary, the analysis is unlikely to provide useful results.

An unidentified object (2033) may also provide some interest given its Roman context. It should be subject to x-ray analysis or cleaning to aid identification. The cooper alloy rod (5337) may important. Its context should be examined further to establish dating. If this is indeed prehistoric then it should be conserved and identified if possible.

Lithics

The lithics provide the only other dating evidence for the early prehistoric period, and confirm the presence of underlying Neolithic activity in the smaller excavation areas, a phase which would otherwise have remained largely invisible. They also fill in more details about the function of these areas, showing evidence for on-site knapping. The complexity of the prehistoric phases means that further analysis of the lithics and their distribution would aid dating and interpretation from all the phases of evaluation such as Oxford and Wessex from 2005/2006. Further work should encompass a detailed characterization of 354 individual artefacts (ie, less burnt 'bits') and production of a more detailed database. This work should include definition of raw material type (abraded/frost-shattered flint or chalk flint), typo-technological characterization, and measurement of the artefacts' main dimensions. There should also be a general technological analysis and definition of operational schemas as well as a distribution analysis, linking the different raw materials, types and technological approaches to the different features and activity areas.

Coarse stone

The pivot stone is an interesting find given its early context and possible ritual deposition. An illustration should be included in the report.

Ceramic loom weights

The four most complete loom weights should be illustrated for the final report. Other fragments should also be drawn if they differ in form or size. The nature their deposition should be considered, both in the pit (5497) and in ring-ditch [3055].

Other fired clay

Most of the fired clay is of little further value, except to point towards the potential location of wattle and daub structures. However, the fired clay (5242) with impressions of fine chevrons and textile is potentially of some value. Further research is needed into both the exact nature of the fabric of these objects, their date and other parallels. They will need illustrating for a publication report. While direct evidence for textiles is not unknown from the Bronze Age, it is rare enough that the piece should be recorded and described by a specialist in the field.

Industrial waste

The scarcity of residues relating to iron smithing or smelting makes it difficult to justify any further analysis on the slag from the site and it is, therefore, not recommended at this stage. The three additional pieces of slag should be identified by a specialist to establish if these are indeed further evidence of ironworking or in fact more natural iron-rich stones.

Clay pipe

The clay pipe has no further archaeological value.

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Appendix 2.1 Finds data

Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
U/S	4E			1	39	Iron	Bar		square sectioned, curving at broken end	
U/S	4A			1	6	Copper Alloy	Coin		Very worn, halfpenny?	18th/19th
U/S				1		Lithics	Flint		Invasive retouch (scraper?)	E.Neol-EBA
U/S				5	19	Pottery (LPH)	LPH	?IA	shoulder carination	LPH
U/S				1		Lithics	Flint		Dist frag of side-scraper	PH
U/S	4A			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 hard-hammer flake w retouch	PH
U/S	4E			1		Lithics	Flint		Robust end-scraper on hard-hammer flake	PH
1035	4E			3	4	Pottery (EPH)	S1			Neol/EBA
1039	4E			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
1046	4E			3	23	CBM	Fired Clay			
1046	4E			6	22	Pottery (EPH)	F1			BA?
1046	4E			3		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 indet flake.	PH
1047	4E			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 soft-hammer blade	E.Neol?
1051	4E			1	93	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form X	Rom
1053	4E			2	2	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog		LPH
1055	4E			3		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 hard-hammer blade; 1 soft-hammer blade	E.Neol/L. Neol
1058	4E			1	5	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	Form J	Rom
1061	4E			1	6	Iron	Nail		shaft	
1061	4E			1	19	Pottery (EPH)	BAGR	grog	2=1 fb	EPH
1061	4E			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
1066	4E		1005	2	8	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
1071	4E			5		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 soft-hammer flake; 1 soft-hammer blade; 1 side-scraper or scale-flaked knife	E.Neol?
1071	4E			1	62	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2000	4A			1	666	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form J4, very large jar rim sherd	Rom
2004	4A		2001	2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 irregular core	PH
2004	4A			1	1	Pottery (PH)	OO	crumbs unidentifiable		PH
2004	4A			1	5	Pottery (Rom)	BSOXID	black surface, oxidised	fine micaceous fab	Rom
2004	4A		2001	5	18	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2004	4A			3	28	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2004	4A			2	42	Pottery (Rom)	WILBB	Wiltshire black burnished		Rom
2004	4A			8	97	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form J	Rom

Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
2006	4A			2	4	Pottery (Rom)	WILREF	Wilts fine reduced ware		Rom
2006	4A			1	5	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2006	4A			4	5	Pottery (Rom)	WILBB	Wiltshire black burnished		Rom
2006	4A			1	18	Pottery (Rom)	OXIDF	fine oxidised	POT/CBM?	Rom
2008	4A			2	74	Industrial Waste	Iron Slag?		small lumps of possible slag	
2008	4A			2	19	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware	EB ?IA	Rom
2011	4A			3		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 hard-hammer flake w oblique truncation (knife?)	PH
2014	4A			6	41	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2016	4A			2		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
2020	4A			6	50	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2020	4A			6	77	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2022	4A			8	26	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog	Form J2	Rom
2023	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Although med-dist frag, prob soft-hammer blade	E.Neol?
2023	4A			1	24	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2023	4A			7	78	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog	Form J2	Rom
2023	4A			27	196	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form J1	Rom
2026	4A			14	9	Pottery (LPH)	LPH	BA or IA		LPH
2027	4A			1	4	Pottery (LPH)	IABWSY	IA black sandy	EB	IA
2027	4A			1	12	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog		LIA?
2027	4A			1	1	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2031	4A			2	16	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog	3=2	LIA?
2031	4A			1	13	Pottery (LPH)	FL	flint and grog	HM	LPH
2033	4A			1	35	Iron	Lump		flat roundish	
2033	4A			49	434	CBM	Fired Clay			
2033	4A			2	16	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog		LIA?
2033	4A			1	2	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2033	4A			3	36	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2033	4A			2	50	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form J1	Rom
2037	4A			1	22	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2037	4A			6	28	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom

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Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
2037	4A			5	172	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2039	4A			7	80	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2041	4A			5	13	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog	Form J2	Rom
2041	4A			6	52	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2047	4A			2	96	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2048	4A			12	83	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2050	4A			22	138	CBM	Fired Clay			
2050	4A			2	13	Pottery (LPH)	IABWSY	IA black sandy		IA
2050	4A			2	19	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog	Form L, 2=1	LIA?
2050	4A			3	72	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2052	4A			4	108	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	5=4 FB	Rom
2054	4A			1	6	Iron	Nail		shaft	
2054	4A			3	42	CBM	Fired Clay			
2054	4A			4	33	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form J4	Rom
2054	4A			20	114	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog	Form J2	Rom
2058	4A			1	4	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2058	4A			3	9	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2062	4A			107	624	CBM	Fired Clay		very degraded	
2062	4A			1	9	Pottery (EPH)	F1			BA?
2062	4A			14	10	Pottery (EPH)	BAGRSA	grog and sand		EPH
2063	4A			1	25	CBM	Fired Clay/ Pot		not counted	
2063	4A		2002	46	266	CBM	Fired Clay			
2066	4A			2	6	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2066	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	est. weight	Rom
2066	4A			27	199	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware	Form X2, hm; ?eb burn lattice	Rom
2075	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Soft-hammer blade w concave truncation (knife)	E.Neol?
2075	4A			1	7	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog		LIA?
2075	4A			1	1	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware		Rom
2075	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	est. weight	Rom
2075	4A			1	44	Pottery (Rom)	DORBB1	Dorset black burnished ware	Form IV4	Rom
2077	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake w retouch	PH

Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
2077	4A			3	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2077	4A			1	9	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2077	4A			1	15	Pottery (Rom)	VERWH	Verulamium white ware	or oxfw - flange	Rom
2080	4A			3	6	Pottery (PH)	OO	crumbs unidentifiable		PH
2080	4A			1	5	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2080	4A			6	207	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form J11	Rom
2091	4A			2	37	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	2=1 FB	Rom
2095	4A			8	15	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2096	4A			4	4	Pottery (PH)	OO	crumbs unidentifiable		PH
2096	4A			1	13	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2096	4A			2	18	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2100	4A			1	40	Industrial Waste	Iron Slag?		small lumps of possible slag	
2100	4A			1	2	Pottery (Rom)	WILBB	Wiltshire black burnished		Rom
2100	4A			9	26	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2100	4A			8	152	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2101	4A			1	6	Pottery (Rom)	OXIDF	fine oxidised		Rom
2101	4A			4	6	Pottery (Rom)	OXFWH?	Oxford white ware		Rom
2101	4A			3	53	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2105	4A			1	29	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2105	4A			7	64	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2110	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Soft-hammer flake	E.Neol?
2111	4A			1	11	Pottery (EPH)	F1			BA?
2111	4A			1	28	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog	Form X	LIA?
2111	4A			1	6	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2111	4A			3	34	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2113	4A			1	52	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form X	Rom
2115	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2125	4A			6	8	Pottery (Rom)	WILBB	Wiltshire black burnished	bwsy prob Ro	Rom
2127	4A			5	16	CBM	Fired Clay			
2127	4A			1	3	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware		Rom

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2127	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	est. weight	Rom
2127	4A			1	10	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT?	Savernake ware		Rom
2127	4A			1	29	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT?	Savernake ware	Form X	Rom
2127	4A			1	2	Pottery (Rom)	FINE SY	fine sandy	HM	Rom?
2129	4A			1	2	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2131	4A			2	5	Pottery (PH)	OO	crumbs unidentifiable		PH
2133	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog	HM	Rom
2138	4A			6	5	Pottery (PH)	OO	crumbs unidentifiable		PH
2138	4A			11	40	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2139	4A			23	66	CBM	Fired Clay			
2139	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILOX	Wilts oxidised ware		Rom
2139	4A			2	10	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2139	4A			1	11	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2139	4A			1	14	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2143	4A			1	24	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	Form X	Rom
2143	4A			2	41	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2151	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Indet flake	PH
2151	4A			2	15	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	est. weight	Rom
2154	4A			2	3	Pottery (EPH)	F3			BA?
2154	4A		2005	1		Lithics	Flint		Indet flake	PH
2157	4A			3	36	Pottery (LPH)	GR/SAV	grog/Savernake ware		LIA/Rom
2157	4A			1	15	Pottery (LPH)	SAND	sandy misc		LPH
2157	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Indet blade frag	PH
2159	4A			1	15	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2159	4A			1	52	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form J2	Rom
2162	4A			4	28	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2162	4A			6	31	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2164	4A			2	15	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog		LIA?
2164	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
2164	4A			5	71	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2168	4A			1	6	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog	Form J2	Rom

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2168	4A			1	17	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2182	4A			1	3	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2183	4A			1	72	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	2=1 FB	Rom
2185	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2187	4A			3	8	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog		LIA?
2187	4A			2	14	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2187	4A			1	15	Pottery (Rom)	GYSY	grey sandy		Rom
2187	4A			5	94	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2189	4A			1	4	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog		LIA?
2189	4A			1	9	Pottery (LPH)	SAND	sandy misc	HM	LPH
2192	4A			13	103	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2194	4A			1	4	Iron	Nail		shaft	
2194	4A			1	1	Pottery (Rom)	WILREF	Wilts fine reduced ware		Rom
2194	4A			4	8	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog	Form J2	Rom
2196	4A			3	6	Pottery (PH)	OO	crumbs unidentifiable		PH
2196	4A			1	3	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware		Rom
2196	4A			1	5	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2198	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILBB	Wiltshire black burnished	est. weight	Rom
2200	4A			5	19	Pottery (LPH)	GR	grog		LIA?
2200	4A			1	6	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	Form X	Rom
2200	4A			1	14	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware	Form J2	Rom
2200	4A			1	16	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2204	4A			1	8	Pottery (Rom)	BWGRSA	black grog and sandy	2=1	Rom
2205	4A			9	58	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware	LIA-ERO	Rom
2207	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Soft-hammer flake	E.Neol?
2207	4A			5	7	Pottery (PH)	OO	crumbs unidentifiable		PH
2207	4A			1	4	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware		Rom
2207	4A			6	123	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2209	4A			11	34	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2209	4A			1	40	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	Forms D, J2, carinated dish	Rom

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2215	4A			3	12	CBM	Fired Clay			
2215	4A			1	16	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	Form J11	Rom
2215	4A			2	22	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2215	4A			4	31	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2215	4A			4	39	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware	Form J11	Rom
2216	4A			2	59	Pottery (Rom)	WILGRSA	Wilts sandy with grog		Rom
2216	4A			3	65	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2219	4A			1	7	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2219	4A			4	7	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2221	4A			2	6	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	Form J	Rom
2226	4A			1	7	CBM	Fired Clay			
2228	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Irregular core or rough-out for core tool	PH
2230	4A			1	6	CBM	Fired Clay			
2230	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Indet flake or blade frag.	PH
2230	4A			4	20	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2230	4A			1	61	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2232	4A			2	12	Pottery (LPH)	IABWSY	IA black sandy	tripartite bowl; infilled dec	EIA
2232	4A			23	215	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2236	4A			3	11	CBM	Fired Clay			
2236	4A			2	33	Industrial Waste	Iron Slag		small lumps	
2236	4A			1		Lithics	Flint		Irregular core	PH
2236	4A			14	24	Pottery (PH)	OO	crumbs unidentifiable		PH
2236	4A			1	6	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware	Form J2	Rom
2236	4A			2	36	Pottery (Rom)	BWSY	black sandy ware		Rom
2236	4A			7	44	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2238	4A			3	68	CBM	Fired Clay			
2238	4A			1	6	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2238	4A			2	10	Pottery (Rom)	SAVGT	Savernake ware		Rom
2238	4A			7	120	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
2241	4A	2		1	111	Iron	Bolt		large bolt	

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2291	4A			4	4	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
3011	4L			1	15	Pottery (LPH)	SACA	sandy with calcareous		LPH
3021	4J			1	9	Pottery (LPH)	IASH	IA shelly	Form JAR, ovoid, slack walled	LBA/EIA
3023	4J			1	141	Pottery (LPH)	IASAF	IA fine sandy	Form jar, EB? 2=1	EIA
3023	4J			1	10	Pottery (EPH)	BAGR	grog		EPH
3023	4J			1	5	Pottery (LPH)	IASA	IA sandy		IA
3023	4J			6	8	Pottery (LPH)	IASH	IA shelly		IA
3023	4J			11	75	Pottery (LPH)	IASACA	IA sandy with calcareous	eb? 1 vess	IA
3022	4J	3001		1	1413	Iron	Currency Bar		Currency bar. Flat bar with rounded tip and one end, socketed tang at other. Length 865mm. In 7 pieces. Weight includes voluminous corrosion products in places. Estimated original weight c.800-900g	LIA 2nd-1st BC
3023	4J			1	8	Pottery (LPH)	LPH	BA or IA		LPH
3023	4J			1		Lithics	Flint		Indet flake frag	PH
3023	4J			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 burnt indet flake frag	PH
3025	4J			2	138	CBM	Fired Clay			
3025	4J			7		Lithics	Flint		4 hard-hammer flakes; 2 soft-hammer flakes; 1 indet flake	E.Neol?
3025	4J			1	1	Pottery (LPH)	IASACA	IA sandy with calcareous		IA
3025	4J			1	7	Pottery (LPH)	IABWSY	IA black sandy		IA
3025	4J			2	147	Ceramic	Loom Weight		cylindrical	LBA
3025	4J			1		Lithics	Flint		Irregular core	PH
3025	4J		3004	2		Lithics	Flint		Chips	PH
3027	4J			1	4	Pottery (LPH)	IASA	IA sandy		IA
3027	4J			3		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
3029	4J			1	7	Pottery (LPH)	IASH	IA shelly	est. weight	IA
3029	4J			2	8	Pottery (LPH)	IASA?	IA sandy		IA
3029	4J			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 dist frag of scale-flaked knife	Neol/EBA
3031	4J			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
3033	4J			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 indet (delicate) blade	E.Neol?
3033	4J			1	20	Pottery (LPH)	IASA?	IA sandy		IA
3033	4J			1	3	Pottery (LPH)	FL2	fine flint		LPH
3035	4J		3005	1	1	Pottery (LPH)	IASA?	IA sandy		IA
3035	4J			11	112	Pottery (LPH)	G+R1		large bowl?	LBA
3035	4J			8	114	Pottery (LPH)	LPH	BA OR IA	9=8	LPH
3035	4J			1		Lithics	Flint		Discoidal flake scraper	Neol/EBA

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3035	4J		3005	1		Lithics	Flint		Indet flake frag	PH
3035	4J		3005	1		Lithics	Flint		Indet piece	PH
3039	4J			2	10	Pottery (LPH)	IASH	IA shelly	Ige voids IA or Neo	IA
3039	4J			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
3041	4J			2		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
3041	4J		3007	8		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 indet flake; 6 chips	PH
3047	4J		3006	1	4	Pottery (EPH)	BAGR	grog		EPH
3047	4J			1	2	Pottery (LPH)	G+R1			LBA
3047	4J		3006	1		Lithics	Flint		Chip	PH
3047	4J			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
3049	4J			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake w retouch	PH
3052	4J			1	21	Pottery (LPH)	IASA	IA sandy	Form SP?, ill-sorted qtz sand	EIA
3052	4J			1	2	Pottery (LPH)	IASH	IA shelly		IA
3054	4J			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
3058	4L			1	4	Pottery (LPH)	SAFL	sandy with flint		LPH
3058	4L			1	69	Pottery (LPH)	SACA	sandy with calcareous	3=1; thick-walled	LPH
3154	4J			1	1	Pottery (LPH)	FL2	fine flint		LPH
5008	3		5000	1	1	Pottery (PH)			crumb	PH
5010	3		5001	2		Lithics	Flint		1 indet flake; 1 burnt chip	PH
5013	3		5002	1	1	Iron	Cap		small hemispherical object	
5013	3			1	1	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA?
5013	3		5002	1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5013	3		5002	2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 indet piece	PH
5013	3		5002	2	1	Pottery (PH)			crumbs	PH
5014	3			9	31	Pottery (EPH)	V+G	Beaker	5 body sherds with comb impressions	Neol/EBA
5016	3			4		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 indet blade frag; 1 indet flake frag	PH
5016	3		5003	9		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 2 indet flakes; 6 chips	PH
5024	3		5004	1	1	Iron	Wire		small fragment	
5027	3		5247	2		Lithics	Flint		Chips	PH
5032	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 indet mbl	Neol?
5034	3			10	47	CBM	Fired Clay			
5036	3		5006	50		Lithics	Flint		Burnt/vitrified bits - non-artefactual? Quantity is an estimate	PH?
5039	3		5008	1	9	Iron	Buckle?		object in five fragments, original shape unclear, though referred to as 'clasp' by site staff	
5039	3		5008	11	10	Iron	Nails		small wrought nails, min 5 nails	
5039	3			10	28	Iron	Nails		small wrought nails, min 5 nails	

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5039	3			9		Lithics	Flint		1 indet flake frag; 8 burnt indet pieces and 'bits'. Some burnt pieces appear not to be artefactual? Industrial, poss from lime burning?	PH?
5039	3		5008	16		Lithics	Flint		Burnt/vitrified bits - uncertain whether artefactual?	PH?
5042	3			1	113	Pottery (EPH)	V+F			MBA
5042	3		5007	22	4	Pottery (PH)			crumbs	PH
5042	3		5007	22		Lithics	Flint		3 hard-hammer flakes; 2 indet flakes; 4 chips; 10 burnt 'bits'; 3 core rough-outs on cobbles or frost-shattered pieces	PH?
5050	3			2	69	Pottery (EPH)	F1			MBA?
5050	3			3		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 irregular core	PH
5097	3		5009	45	77	Pottery (EPH)	V		plus many crumbs, 1 applied cordon	MBA
5097	3			18	144	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA
5097	3		5009	7		Lithics	Flint		1 crest; 2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 indet piece; 3 chips	PH
5097	3			11	2	Pottery (PH)			crumbs	PH
5098	3			5		Lithics	Flint		Flakes; 3 hard-hammer and 2 soft-hammer	Neol?
5101	3			1	10	Pottery (LPH)	IASA	IA sandy	Form JAR, fine sy	IA
5101	3		5015	3		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 2 chips	PH
5101	3			4		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5101	3		5015	2	1	Pottery (PH)			crumbs	PH
5101	3			1	5	Pottery (Rom)	WILREF	Wilts fine reduced ware		Rom
5104	3			3		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 indet flake frag; 1 indet blade frag	Neol + later?
5104	3			2	28	Pottery (EPH)	G	Beaker	comb and incised decoration on wall sherd	Neol/EBA
5104	3		5010	1		Lithics	Flint		Chip	PH
5104	3		5010	4		Lithics	Flint		1 bipolar flake; 1 burnt indet piece; 2 chips	PH
5107	3		5025	6		Lithics	Flint		Burnt bits	?
5107	3	5001		40	234	Pottery (EPH)	G	Miniature Collared Urn	decorated collar, sherds making up near complete small jar with collared rim	EBA 1900-1500BC
5107	3		5014	200		Lithics	Flint		Burnt 'bits'; not necessarily artefactual	PH?
5109	3		5013	1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5116	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 soft-hammer blade	Pre M.Neol
5117	3			3		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 flake frag w flat retouch; 1 thermal flake w concave retouch	EPH/LPH?
5118	3			8		Lithics	Flint		1 crested soft-hammer blade; 1 soft-hammer mbl; 5 hard-hammer flakes; 1 chip	EPH/LPH
5118	3			2	48	Pottery (LPH)	V+F		finger impressions on shoulder	LBA
5119	3			1	25	Pottery (EPH)	G+R2			MBA?
5119	3			2		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5119	3			3		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 bipolar flake	PH

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5124	3			5		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes, 1 indet flake; 1 robust end-scraper on hard-hammer flake, 1 end-/side-scraper on thermal flake	PH
5125	3			6		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5126	3			4	45	Pottery (EPH)	G	Food Vessel	three parallel rows of impressed fingernail chevrons	EBA
5126	3			6		Lithics	Flint		3 indet flake frags; 2 chips; 1 indet flake frag w neat lateral retouch, all burnt	EPH
5126	3			1	84	Pottery (EPH)	G	Deverel Rimbury Urn	body sherd with applied boss	MBA
5126	3			2	22	Pottery (EPH)	G+F	Bjeaker	comb and incised decoration on wall sherds	Neol/EBA
5126	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 indet blade; 1 bipolar flake frag	PH
5140	3			3		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 scale-flaked knife on hard-hammer flake	EBA?
5143	3			2	2	Pottery (PH)			crumbs	PH
5154	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 indet flake frag; 1 hard-hammer blade frag	LNeol?
5162	3			1	3	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
5164	3			8	112	Pottery (EPH)	V+F		2 cordons	MBA
5164	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5179	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer and 1 bipolar flake	PH
5179	3			1	1	Pottery (Rom)	WILOX	Wilts oxidised ware		Rom
5180	3		5001	10		Lithics	Flint		Burnt/vitrified bits - uncertain whether artefactual (although some may be flake frags)?	PH?
5180	3		5001	15		Lithics	Flint		Burnt/vitrified bits - uncertain whether artefactual?	PH?
5180	3		5019	40		Lithics	Flint		Burnt/vitrified bits - uncertain whether artefactual?	PH?
5192	3			3		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer and 1 bipolar flake	PH
5193	3			1	3	CBM	Fired Clay			
5193	3			1	4	Iron	Rod		thick, round sectioned, short	
5193	3			1	2	Clay Pipe	Stem		narrow bore	18th/20th
5195	3			10	31	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA
5195	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 chip	PH
5197	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5199	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5199	3			1	1	Pottery (PH)			crumb	PH
5206	3			1	4	CBM?	?			
5208	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5216	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5216	3			3	4	Pottery (PH)	G+F			PH
5218	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH

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5224	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5225	3			3	3	CBM	Fired Clay			
5225	3			4	26	CBM	Fired Clay			
5225	3			15	196	Pottery (EPH)	F1		applied cordon with incised decoration; 1 with residue	MBA
5225	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5225	3		5038	5		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 2 soft-hammer flakes; 1 chip, 1 burnt 'bit'	Pre M.Neol
5226	3			4	26	CBM	Fired Clay			
5226	3			1	7	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5226	3			2		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5231	3			2		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5231	3		5030	3		Lithics	Flint		Chips; 1 burnt	PH
5231	3			1	2	Pottery (PH)	G+F			PH
5232	3			35	44	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5232	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 irregular core/'flaked flake'	LPH
5234	3			1	16	Pottery (LPH)	G+F			LBA?
5236	3			2		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5237	3			4	14	CBM	Fired Clay		fired clay	
5237	3		5031	226		Lithics	Flint		8 hard-hammer flakes; 1 bipolar flake; 6 indet flakes; 13 chips; 1 scale-flaked knife or scraper; c. 200 burnt/vitrified bits - uncertain whether artefactual (although some may be flake frags)? Knife poss. EBA	EBA + later?
5237	3			7		Lithics	Flint		3 hard-hammer flakes; 1 indet flake frag; 1 indet blade; 1 hard-hammer flake w retouch; 1 side-scraper on hard-hammer flake	Neol?
5242	3			2	1	CBM	Fired Clay		Pale brown clay, includes some sand but does not resemble any of the pottery fabrics from the site. One piece decorated by a row of six small chevrons c.2mm wide at the base. Other piece has a slightly square cross-section and has fine linear impressions,	
5247	3		5027	1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5255	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5262	3			1	3	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5262	3		5034	7		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 3 chips; 3 burnt 'bits'	PH
5264	3		5035	1	1	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5264	3		5035	74		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 indet flake; 1 chip; 70 burnt 'bits'	PH?
5266	3		5036	1		Lithics	Flint		Indet piece, burnt	?
5266	3			2	21	Pottery (EPH)	V+F			MBA?
5266	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH

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Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
5266	3			4		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 2 robust end-scrapers on hard-hammer flakes	PH
5275	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Knife or scraper on flake w invasively modified ventral face	EBA?
5292	3			2	17	Pottery (LPH)	G+R2			LBA?
5293	3			7		Lithics	Flint		4 hard-hammer flakes; 1 hard-hammer Levall flake; 1 irregular core; 1 hard-hammer flake w retouch	L.Neol
5293	3			1	28	Pottery (PH)	G+F			PH
5328	3			4	21	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5330	3			2		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5334	3			1	2	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5334	3			3	13	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5337	3			1	2	Copper Alloy	Object		Two lengths of rod, possibly part of a bangle or other object, very poor condition (bronze disease). Diam 6mm, length 32mm+	
5339	3			1	39	Pottery (LPH)	F2			LBA?
5339	3			38	132	Pottery (EPH)	V		applied cordon with incised decoration	MBA
5339	3			6	27	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA?
5341	3		5344	3		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 burnt 'lump'; 1 hard-hammer flake w retouch	PH
5343	3			1	17	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5343	3			1		Lithics	Flint		'Flaked flake'	LPH?
5344	3			2	35	Pottery (EPH)	F1		applied cordon with incised decoration	MBA
5362	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 bipolar flake; 1 thermal flake w retouch	PH
5364	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5366	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer and 1 indet flake	PH
5372	3			1	6	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5372	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Indet flake frag w retouch	PH
5375	3			5	7	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5378	3			10	3	Pottery (PH)			crumbs	PH
5379	3			8	104	Pottery (LPH)	F2		large bowl?	LBA
5379	3			2	19	Pottery (LPH)	G			LBA?
5379	3			6		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 2 indet pieces; 1 irregular core; 1 robust end-scraper on hard-hammer flake	PH
5392	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer blade; 1 hard-hammer flake	L.Neol?
5404	3			1	6	Pottery (EPH)	F1			MBA?
5414	3			2	187	Pottery (LPH)	F4		rim and shoulder with fingernail impressions	LBA
5414	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 robust end-scraper on hard-hammer flake	PH
5419	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 indet flake frag; 1 hard-hammer blade	L.Neol?

Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
5419	3			5	5	Pottery (EPH)	V+F			MBA?
5423	3			2	10	Pottery (EPH)	F1			MBA?
5423	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5427	3			4	7	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5438	3			6	11	Pottery (EPH)	V+F			MBA?
5438	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5448	3			1	4	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5458	3			1	2	CBM	Fired Clay			
5460	3			1	30	Pottery (EPH)	F1			MBA?
5470	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5473	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5476	3			8	10	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5482	3			1	9	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5495	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer blade; 1 hard-hammer flake	L.Neol?
5495	3			1	2	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5497	3		5651	19		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 indet flake; 16 vitrified chips	
5497	3	11		1	100	Ceramic	Loom Weight		Cylindrical, 10% complete. Small sherd, some shaping marks on exterior. Thick, square ended cylindrical shape, with narrow central perforation. Soft-fired ceramic, abraded edges. No complete dimensions but similar proportions to SF10.	LBA
5497	3	13		2	138	Ceramic	Loom Weight		Cylindrical, 15% complete. Large edge sherd with no central perforation, relatively hard fired	LBA
5497	3	12		1	159	Ceramic	Loom Weight		Cylindrical, 25% complete. Small sherd, some shaping marks on exterior. Thick, square ended cylindrical shape, with narrow central perforation. Relatively hard fired. Similar proportions to SF10.	LBA
5497	3	10		1	589	Ceramic	Loom Weight		Cylindrical, 65% complete. Large piece, representing about two-thirds of complete weight. Thick, square ended cylindrical shape, with narrow central perforation. Soft-fired ceramic, abraded edges. Length 83, diam 93, hole diam 19.	LBA
5497	3		5651	30	589	Ceramic	Loom Weight		fragments representing at least two weights	LBA
5497	3			6	3	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA?
5511	3		5655	2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 hard-hammer blade	L.Neol?
5511	3			15	116	Pottery (LPH)	F1		large bowl?	LBA
5511	3			4		Lithics	Flint		3 elongated hard-hammer flakes; 1 indet flake	PH
5512	3			5	8	Pottery (LPH)	G+R2			LBA?
5520	3			3	7	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA?
5520	3			6		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 hard-hammer blade; 2 burnt 'lumps'; 1 end-scraper on bipolar flake	PH

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Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
5525	3			2	14	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5530	3			3	4	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5536	3			6		Lithics	Flint		All debitage hard-hammer; 2 hard-hammer flakes w retouch. Many flakes are squat and thick - prob. LPH	PH
5538	3			3	6	Pottery (LPH)	G+R2			LBA?
5538	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer? flake w notable abrasion at either end. This form of abrasion/polish common in MN/LN	PH
5545	3			2		Lithics	Flint		2 microblades, 1 hard-hammer/1 indet (poss soft)	Meso/Neol?
5557	3			3	6	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA?
5575	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 hollow scraper on hard-hammer flake (almost like small Irish)	PH
5576	3			3	21	CBM	Fired Clay			
5576	3			4	5	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA?
5576	3			2		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5579	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer and 1 indet flake	PH
5584	3			11	43	Pottery (EPH)	V		perforation in one sherd	MBA
5584	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5589	3			2	6	Pottery (EPH)	V		perforation in one sherd	MBA
5589	3			4	21	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA?
5589	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake w retouch	PH
5594	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard- or soft-hammer blade w retouch	L.Neol?
5594	3			1	3	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5628	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Thermal flake w retouch. The use of thermal flakes as tool blanks suggests LPH	MBA?
5633	3			1	9	Pottery (Rom)	WILRE	Wilts reduced ware		Rom
5635	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer flake; 1 db scraper on hard-hammer flake	PH
5674	3			3		Lithics	Flint		1 hard-hammer blade; 1 indet blade frag; 1 soft-hammer ?serrated blade	Neol?
5676	3			1	1	CBM	Fired Clay			
5676	3	4		1	982	Stone	Pivot Stone		irregularly shaped stone with flat 'base', with roughly central perforation (depth c40mm) perforation is fairly straight sided with bevelling around the entry edge. The hole is not pecked and there is evidence for rotary wear.	
5676	3			6		Lithics	Flint		3 hard-hammer flakes; 3 hard-hammer blades, 1 of which Levallois-like	L.Neol
5677	3			2		Lithics	Flint		Indet flake w plough damage; hard-hammer flake w concave retouch (scraper?)	LPH
5677	3		5810	4		Lithics	Flint		3 indet flake frags; 1 chip	PH
5685	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake w retouch	PH

Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
5687	3			19	92	Pottery (EPH)	V+F	Collared Urn?	incised chevron decoration on 6 sherds	EBA?
5689	3			4	10	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5699	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Conical mbl core	L.Meso/E. Neol
5703	3			1	7	Pottery (EPH)	F1			MBA?
5703	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5711	3			2	3	Pottery (EPH)	F1			MBA?
5717	3			2		Lithics	Flint		1 flake and 1 blade; both hard-hammer	L.Neol?
5721	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Indet flake frag	PH
5723	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flake	PH
5772	3			1	7	Pottery (LPH)	G+F			LBA?
5776	3			5	13	Pottery (EPH)	V			MBA?
5790	3			4	7	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5792	3			10	4	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5794	3			10	17	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5800	3		5695	5		Lithics	Flint		5 burnt indet pieces	PH
5808	3			1	1	Pottery (PH)			crumb	PH
5810	3			8	18	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5812	3			4	3	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5814	3			19	6	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5816	3			12	10	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5816	3			10	11	Pottery (LPH)	F1		crumbs	LBA?
5816	3		5674	70		Lithics	Flint		Burnt 'bits'; not necessarily artefactual	PH?
5822	3		5678	1		Lithics	Flint		Burnt chip	PH
5822	3			1	1	Pottery (PH)			crumb	PH
5826	3			2	3	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5826	3			23	29	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5828	3		5686	3		Lithics	Flint		Indet pieces; heavily burnt, disintegrating	PH
5836	3			1	1	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5837	3			150	1142	Pottery (LPH)	U/I		pot base, estimated sherd count, needs additional processing	LBA?
5837	3			1		Lithics	Flint		Vitrified indet piece	PH
5838	3			50	339	Pottery (LPH)	U/I		estimated sherd count, needs additional processing	LBA?
5839	3			100	814	Pottery (LPH)	U/I		pot base, estimated sherd count, needs additional processing	LBA?
5841	3			6		Lithics	Flint		Hard-hammer flakes	PH
5859	3			2	3	Pottery (LPH)	F1			LBA?
5859	3			3		Lithics	Flint		2 hard-hammer flakes; 1 end-scraper on indet flake	PH

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Context	Area	SF	Sample	Qty	Wgt (g)	Material	Object/ Fabric	Type	Description	Spot date
5883	3		5671	2		Lithics	Flint		Burnt chips, 1 vitrified	PH
5885	3			3	1	CBM	Fired Clay			
5885	3			2	13	CBM	Fired Clay			

APPENDIX 3 BREAKDOWN OF ADDITIONAL LITHIC ASSEMBLAGE

Introduction

In addition to the lithic finds produced in connection with Headland Archaeology's professional excavation of the Commonhead site, an additional lithic assemblage was collected from the excavations surface. The following provides a brief general assessment of these additional finds.

TABLE A3.1 General artefact list

Thermal flakes (discarded)	93
Unworked stone (discarded)	2
Debitage	
Flakes, hard-hammer	47
Flakes, platform	2
Flakes, bipolar	1
Flake frags	12
Blades, hard-hammer	3
Blades, soft-hammer	2
Blade frags	3
Indeterminate pieces	2
TOTAL	72
Cores	
Single-platform broadblade cores	1
Discoidal cores	1
Atypical cores	1
TOTAL	3
Tools	
Short end-scrapers	3
Blade-scrapers	1
Side-scrapers	2
Atypical scrapers	1
Scale-flaked knives	5
Piercers	2
Notched pieces	2
Frag of bifacial implement	1
Pieces w edge-retouch	13
TOTAL	30
Non-flint	
Pumice?	1

Pottery?	5
TOTAL	
GRAND TOTAL	206

General characterization

The supplementary archaeological collection from Commonhead includes 105 lithic artefacts, all of which are flint. The original collection, embraced 206 pieces, but this number also included categories like pumice? and pottery?, and 93 thermal flint flakes and two unworked pieces of rock were discarded. The worked lithics are listed in Table 1.

The definitions of the main lithic categories are as follows:

Chips All flakes and indeterminate pieces the greatest dimension (GD) of which is $\leq 10\text{mm}$.

Flakes All lithic artefacts with one identifiable ventral (positive or convex) surface, $\text{GD} > 10\text{mm}$ and $L < 2W$ (L = length; W = width).

Indeterminate pieces Lithic artefacts which cannot be unequivocally identified as either flakes or cores. Generally, the problem of identification is due to irregular breaks, frost-shattering or fire-crazing. Chunks are larger indeterminate pieces, and in, for example, the case of quartz, the problem of identification usually originates from a piece flaking along natural planes of weakness rather than flaking in the usual conchoidal way.

Blades and microblades Flakes where $L \geq 2W$. In the case of blades $W > 8\text{mm}$, in the case of microblades $W \leq 8\text{mm}$.

Cores Artefacts with only dorsal (negative or concave) surfaces – if three or more flakes have been detached, the piece is a core, if fewer than three flakes have been detached, the piece is a split or flaked pebble.

Tools Artefacts with secondary retouch (modification).

Thermal flakes

Thermal flakes are easy to recognize as most are characterized by ripples encircling a point at the centre of a face, whereas flakes and blades are characterized by ripples encircling a point at an edge, ie. the point of percussion where the blank was struck to detach it from its parent core. Thermal flakes may have been formed by exposure to heat, but in the present case the pieces are natural objects formed by exposure to frost, which detached so-called potlid flakes, leaving bowl-shaped hollows across the faces of the pieces.

In the present case the characterization of the assemblage was complicated by the fact that prehistoric people at the site had in some cases used thermal flakes as tool blanks, and 10 of the collection's 30 implements are based on thermal blanks. This meant that all thermal pieces had to be scrutinized before being discarded.

General composition and dating

Generally, the assemblage includes 72 pieces of debitage, three cores, and 30 tools. The composition supports a general date in the period middle/late Neolithic to Bronze Age, with Mesolithic finds either being few or absent. A small number of tools have the sheen usually associated with lower and middle Palaeolithic finds.

For more details on the site and the excavated assemblage, see the author's assessment report on these finds.

Comparison with lithics found during previous fieldwork in the area

The character and dating of the assemblage is similar to that found during trial trenching in the same area and during fieldwalking in the neighbouring area to the south-west. The fieldwalking was undertaken in the area to the south-west of Day House Lane (trial trenching area 4). Flint was recovered from across the area, totalling 1952 pieces, with two distinct concentrations, a larger southern

scatter of late Mesolithic date and a smaller northern one of late Neolithic or early Bronze Age date (Lamdin-Whymark 2006, 29–35). Trial trenching recovered another 347 lithics finds, mostly from the same fieldwalked area, with some from the excavation trial trenching Area 3, to the north-east of Day House Lane. The late Mesolithic and late Neolithic/early Bronze Age were sparsely represented (Lamdin-Whymark 2006, 23–26).

During excavation of Areas 3 and 4 (equivalent to trial trenching Area 3), 1097 lithics were recovered, though a large percentage of these were potentially natural. Where pieces were diagnostic most implied an early Bronze Age date, with some late Bronze Age and possibly some underlying Neolithic activity (this report, see Bjarke Ballin above, p177). The lithics recovered from the excavation surface, described immediately above, are also of middle/late Neolithic to Bronze Age date.

Late Neolithic to early Bronze Age lithics are therefore widely spread across the investigated area, suggesting widespread, transient activity during the Beaker period.

APPENDIX 4 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Introduction

This report presents the results of an assessment of samples taken during the course of excavation at Commonhead, Coate on the outskirts of Swindon. One hundred and one samples, ranging in volume from 0.25 to 40 litres were received for palaeoenvironmental assessment. The site is multi-period dating from the late Neolithic/early Bronze Age to the medieval period with evidence for ritual activity, ceremonial monuments and later settlement and farming. The samples were taken from various features including pits, ditches and field boundaries. The aims of the assessment were to assess the presence, preservation and abundance of any environmental remains in the samples. The environmental remains are quantified in Tables 1 and 2.

Method

The samples were subject to flotation and wet sieving in a Siraf-style flotation tank. The floating debris (the flot) was collected in a 250 µm 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). Charcoal was identified as oak/ non-oak wherever possible.

Results

Results of the assessment are presented in Tables 1 (Retent samples) and 2 (Flotation samples) suitable material for AMS (Accelerated Mass Spectrometry) radiocarbon dating is also identified in each table.

Wood charcoal

Wood charcoal was rare to abundant in the majority of samples and ranged in size from less than 1mm to 2cm. Information on condition and fragmentation was recorded where possible in order to help identify primary deposition and in situ burning events. The majority of charcoal fragments were in the small size range and heavily abraded, however, larger, unabraded charcoal fragments were recovered from several features including the fill (5239) of linear [5238], fill (5497) of pit [5496] and the fills (5572, 5732, 5780, 5832, 5800 and 5512) of pits [5571, 5731, 5779, 5831, 5799 and 5498] respectively.

Heavily abraded oak charcoal was exclusively encountered in pits [5827, 5803, 5831, 5793 and 5795], and non-oak charcoal was present in pits [5823, 5831 and 5817]. A mixture of both oak and non-oak charcoal were present in samples from pits [5819, 5825, 5809, 5801 and 5807] in Area 3. Much of the charcoal in the area was heavily abraded, suggesting it relates to secondary deposition and is not the result of in situ burning.

Charcoal was also recovered from slots excavated through ring-ditch [5250] and ditch [5368/ 5367]. During excavation evidence was revealed for possible in situ burning events in both features. Both oak and non-oak charcoal of a suitable size for AMS were recovered from both features. Relatively unabraded oak charcoal was recovered from the fill (5042) of slot [5040] from Ditch [5367]. Both oak and non-oak charcoal was recovered from slots [5181, 5263 and 5531] through Ring-ditch [5250].

Cereal grain

Cereal grain was recovered from the flots of two samples. Preservation of the grain was generally poor with the majority of grains showing signs of abrasion, as a result it was not possible to identify many to species level.

The largest amount of grain was recovered from the fill (5010) of post-hole [5009], an isolated feature located in the south-western part of the excavation area. Grain included single wheat (*Triticum* sp.) and barley (*Hordeum Vulgare*) grains and 33 heavily abraded indeterminate grains.

A small amount of heavily abraded, indeterminate cereal grain was also present in the fill (5101) of pit [5100].

Charred nutshell

Charred hazel (*Corylus avellana*) nutshell was found in small quantities in the retents from the fill (5104) of pit [5105]. The nutshell was weighed as part of the assessment and is quantified in Table 2.

Other plant remains

Charred plant remains include a small number of sedge nutlets (*Carex* sp), fat hen (*Chenopodium* sp), docks (*Rumex* sp), Corn spurry (*Stellaria media*), knot grass (*Polygonum* sp) and occasional elder (*Sambucus nigra*) seeds. Both knot grass and fat hen commonly grow in open communities, on disturbed waste or arable ground. The presence of elder suggests an open scrubby or hedgerow environment and nitrogen rich soils. Sedges are indicative of damp ground but are also found in disturbed ground. These offer little scope or any more detailed interpretation.

Bone

Bone was recovered, from various features including ditches and pits. Bone was present, albeit in very small quantities, in the group of pits in Area 3. In most cases the bone was heavily fragmented and not possible to identify to species level. Fragments of possible human bone were recovered from the fills (5790, 5796, 5810) of pits [5789, 5795 and 5809] respectively, in Area 3. A small amount of cremated, possible human, bone was also recovered from the fill (5039) of pit [5038] located near the limit of excavation on the south-west side of Area 3. Several fragments of animal bone were recovered from the charcoal rich deposit (5225), which formed the middle deposit in one of the interventions across east/west ditch (5367), in the northern part of the site.

A single fragment of cow skull was recovered from the fill (5792) of Pit [5791].

Other remains

Finds including pottery, daub, lithics, magnetic residue and iron recovered from the retents will be discussed as the subject of a separate finds report.

Discussion

Evidence for a settlement and associated field system dating to the Bronze Age was recovered on site, with a post built roundhouse surrounded by rectilinear enclosures within a larger network of boundary ditches. With the exception of charcoal, charred plant remains were found in very low concentrations. Therefore, although the evidence for wood burning was strong, there was little evidence regarding an arable economy. However, the lack of remains in itself is significant as there were fewer remains than would be expected on a settlement site. Therefore, it is possible that the focus of domestic activity may have been elsewhere.

Only one feature, an isolated post-hole in the south-east of Area A, provided significant numbers of cereal grain. The grain was heavily abraded and in poor condition but both barley and bread wheat were identified. Its poor condition suggests that it was the result of secondary deposition. A single indeterminate cereal grain was present in pit [5100]. Interestingly, no cereal grain was found in any features associated with the post built roundhouse.

A small number of charred hazelnut fragments were recovered from an, as yet, undated feature, suggesting that local wild resources may have been utilized.

Few 'weed seeds' were present. The weed seeds (docks, knot grass, corn spurry and elder) indicate the presence of open, disturbed ground. The weed seeds are unlikely to relate to function of the features and were probably incidentally incorporated into the features.

The small size and heavily abraded charcoal fragments suggests that they were probably part of a general concentration of settlement and other debris that has become incorporated into the topsoil through manuring, ploughing etc. later to be protected in the fills of negative features. The presence of both oak and non-oak charcoal, together with pottery and bone in some fills of the pits in Area 3 suggest that the charcoal is probably not the result of in situ burning. However, less mixed assemblages where, for example, pits and post-holes contained unabraded oak or non-oak exclusively, are more likely to represent the remains of posts burnt in situ.

A small amount of bone was recovered from the group of pits in Area 3, from whence three prehistoric vessels were recovered. Small amounts of possible cremated human bone were recovered from two of the pits [5789 and 5795] in this area and would repay analysis.

Recommendations

The preservation and abundance of charcoal fragments means there is plentiful material to obtain radiocarbon dating evidence for the site. If charcoal was selected identification of the species would be undertaken and would also provide some information on fuel sources used.

Analysis of bone recovered from site, in particular that from the pit group in Area 3, would establish whether the bone was human and if any identifiable elements were present.

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TABLE A4.1 Retents sample results

Area	Sample	Context	Relates to cut	Volume	Pottery	Building material	Lithics	Metal	Industrial	Burnt bone	Mammal bone	Charcoal		AMS material	Comments
												Qty	Size (mm)		
4E	1001	1008	1007	3					x (Mag res)			x	10	Yes	Charcoal partially vitrified
4E	1002	1010	1009	3					x (Mag res)			xxxx	15	Yes	Charcoal oak and non oak. Abraded (orange minerals).
4E	1003	1012	1011	10					x (Mag res)			xxx	20	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Heavily abraded.
4E	1005	1066	1065	20					x (Mag res)			x	5	No	
4E	1006	1041	1040	10					x (Mag res)					No	Sterile
4A	2001	2004	2005	40	x				x (Mag res)			x	10	Yes	Charcoal heavily abraded
4A	2002	2063	2062	10		x (Daub)	x							No	
4A	2003	2062	2061	20	xx									No	
4A	2004	2006	2005	20			x		x (Mag res)			x	10	Yes	Charcoal heavily abraded
4A	2005	2051	2049	0										No	
4A	2006	2162	2161	20								x	5	No	
4A	2154	2005		0.25			x							No	
4J	3001	3008	3007	10			x		x(Mag res)			xx	12	Yes	Charcoal heavily abraded. Mostly non-oak.
4J	3002	3021	3020	20			x		x(Mag res)					No	
4J	3003	3023	3022	10			x		x(Mag res)			xx	5	No	
4J	3004	3025	3024	10			x		x(Mag res)					No	
4J	3005	3035	3034	10	x		x		x(Mag res)					No	
4J	3006	3047	3046	40	x		xx		x(Mag res)			x	15	Yes	2 Charcoal fragments- heavily abraded.
4J	3007	3041	3040	20	x	xx	xx		x(Mag res)					No	Contains small mortar fragments
3	5000	5008	5007	10	x		xx		x(Mag res)			xxxx	15	Yes	Charcoal oak- abraded
3	5001	5010	5009	10			xx		x(Mag res)					No	
3	5002	5013	5011	30	x			x (Fe object)			xxx	xx	5	Yes	Heavily fragmented bone indet - 1g. Oak Charcoal abraded
3	5003	5016	5015	20			xxx		x(Mag res)					No	
3	5004	5024	5019	20			xxx		xx(Mag res)		xx	xxxx	22	Yes	Bone fragments (3.2g). charcoal mostly non-oak. Also contains Occasional oak fragments
3	5005	5034	5033	5			xx		x(Mag res)			x		No	
3	5006	5036	5035	5			xxx		xxx(Mag res)			x		No	
3	5007	5042	5040	20	xx		xx					xxx	10	Yes	Charcoal oak. Relatively un-abraded.
3	5008	5039	5038	30			xxx	xx (Fe object)			xxx	xxxx	20	Yes	Heavily fragmented bone- possibly human (3g).Charcoal Oak and non-oak- Relatively unabraded.
3	5009	5097	5096	20	xxxx	xx(Daub)			xx(Mag res)	x	x	x	10	Yes	Heavily fragmented burnt bone fragments-indet. (0.1g) Charcoal abraded-Oak and non-oak (1 of each).

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Area	Sample	Context	Relates to cut	Volume	Pottery	Building material	Lithics	Metal	Industrial	Burnt bone	Mammal bone	Charcoal		AMS material	Comments
												Qty	Size (mm)		
3	5010	5104	5105	45	x		x		xxxx(Mag res)			xx	5	Yes	Hazel nutshell (2.5 g) heavily fragmented.
3	5011	5113	5112	10			x		xx (Mag res)			x	10	Yes	Burnt bone fragments- heavily fragmented- Possibly human (1.6g). Charcoal non-oak. Heavily abraded.
3	5012	5111	5110	10			x		xx (Mag res)			x	5	No	
3	5013	5109	5108	10			xx		xxx (Mag res)			x	10	Yes	Charcoal oak
3	5014	5107	5106	10			xxxx			x		xxx	15	Yes	Burnt bone fragments heavily fragmented- indet. Charcoal oak- Unabraded
3	5015	5101	5100	10	x		x		x (Mag res)			x	5	No	
3	5016	5126	5127	1	x		x		x (Mag res)			xx		No	
3	5017	5157	5156	10			xxxx		xxxx (Mag res)	x	x	xxxx	10	Yes	Heavily fragmented animal bone.
3	5019	5180	5106	10			xxx					xxx	8	Yes	Charcoal oak.
3	5020	5192	5181	20			xxxx		xxxx(Mag res)			xx	10	Yes	Charcoal oak
3	5022	5195		10					x (Slag)	x		x	3	Yes	Burnt bone fragments- heavily fragmented- possibly human. Charcoal oak
3	5024	5204	5203	0			x					x		No	
3	5025	5180	5106	1			x					x	4	No	
3	5026	5241	5240	10					X (Mag res)			x	5	Yes	
3	5027	5247	5246	10			x		xxx (Mag res)	x		xx	10	Yes	Charcoal oak. Heavily fragmented bone (<1g) Indet.
3	5028	5242	5240	10					X (Mag res)	x				No	Heavily fragmented bone (1g) indeterminate.
3	5029	5252	5251	10					x (Mag res)			x	5	No	
3	5030	5231	5229	20					x (Mag res)			x	5	No	
3	5031	5239	5238	20			xxxx		xxxx (Mag res)			xxxx	30	Yes	Charcoal oak- relatively unabraded
3	5032	5235	5234	0										No	
3	5033	5260	5234	0					x (Mag res)	x		x	5	No	
3	5034	5262	5261	20	x		xx		x (Mag res)					No	
3	5035	5264	5263	20	x		xxx		xxx (Mag res)			xxx	10	Yes	Charcoal mostly non-oak. Occasional oak fragments. Heavily abraded. Mineral concretion.
3	5036	5266	5263	20			xxxx		xxx (Mag res)			xxx	14	Yes	Charcoal- Oak- heavily abraded
3	5037	5164	5164	0			x		x (Mag res)	x		xx	3	No	Heavily fragmented mammal bone fragments (1g)
3	5038	5225	5223	15			xxxx		xxxx (Mag res)	xx		xx	20	Yes	Heavily fragmented burnt bone fragments (<1g). Charcoal oak (2 bags)

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												Qty	Size (mm)		
3	5039	5321	5320	0								x	12	Yes	Charcoal oak- heavily abraded
3	5040	5334	5334	0	x		x		x (Mag res)			xx	10	Yes	Charcoal mostly oak - occasional non-oak.
3	5643	5362	5361	0					xx (Ma res)			xxxx	20	Yes	Charcoal oak. Unabraded
3	5645	5518	5376	0	xx				x (Mag res)		xx	xxxx	40	Yes	Heavily fragmented burnt bone- indet (1g)
3	5648	5458	5457	0	x				x (Mag res)	x	xx	xx	15	Yes	Heavily fragmented burnt bone- Indeterminate. Charcoal non-oak. Heavily abraded.
3	5649	5476	5475	0					x (Mag res)			x	5	No	
3	5650	5490		0					xx (Mag res)					No	
3	5651	5497	5496	20	x		xxxx		x (Slag)		xxxx	xxxx	15	Yes	Also contains loom weight fragments. Heavily fragmented bone(7g). Charcoal Oak- Unabraded
3	5652	5493	5492	20							x	xx	5	No	1fragment of burnt bone- indeterminate. Charcoal oak.
3	5653	5504	5503	0					xx (Mag res)			xx	10	Yes	Charcoal oak
3	5655	5511	5505	0					x (Mag res)			xxx	5	No	Charcoal non-oak- Heavily abraded
3	5659	5545	5531	0					x (Mag res)			xx	10	Yes	Charcoal non-oak and occasional oak fragments.
3	5660	5498		0					x (Mag res)			x	10	Yes	
3	5661	5512	5498	0		x (Daub)	x		x (Mag res)			xx	13	Yes	Charcoal mostly non-oak, Occasional oak fragments. Charcoal relatively unabraded (2 bags)
3	5662	5572	5571	0					x (Mag res)		x	xxx	10	Yes	Burnt bone fragments- heavily fragmented. charcoal mostly oak. Comparatively unabraded.
	5663	5616		0			x		xx (Mag res)			xx	10	Yes	Charcoal oak - Relatively unabraded
3	5664	5687	5686	60			x		xx (Mag res)		x	xxx	10	Yes	Burnt bone fragments- 2g indet. Charcoal Oak and occasional non-oak. Abraded.
	5665	5730		0					x (Mag res)			x	5	No	Charcoal oak
	5666	5732	5731	0					xx (Mag res)			xxx	10	Yes	Charcoal oak- Relatively unabraded
3	5668	5676	5669	20	x	x (Daub)	xx		xxxx (Mag res)	x	x	xxx	20	Yes	Burnt bone fragments- indet. Charcoal non-oak. Abraded
3	5669	5836	5835	5	x					x				No	2 fragments of burnt bone (1g) indet
3	5670	5865	5864	0			x		x (Mag res)			x	5	No	
3	5671	5882		20			x					x	5	Yes	
3	5672	5806	5805	0					x (Mag res)		x	xx	10	Yes	Burnt bone fragments- heavily fragmented- indet. (2.4g) Charcoal heavily abraded non-oak

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												Qty	Size (mm)		
3	5673	5826	5825	40	x	x (Daub)					x	xxx	15	Yes	1 small fragment of bone (1g)- Indet. Charcoal mostly oak.
3	5674	5816	5815	20	xxx		xxx		xx (Mag res)			x		No	
3	5675	5804	5803	0			x		xx (Mag res)	x		xxx	12	Yes	Burnt bone fragments (1g)- Indet. charcoal oak- abraded.
3	5676	5802	5801	0					xx (Mag res)			xxx	15	Yes	Charcoal mostly non-oak. Occasional oak fragments
3	5677	5810	5809	40	x		xx		xxxx (Mag res)	xx		xxxx	10	Yes	Burnt bone fragments (18g)- possibly human worth further analysis. Charcoal oak and non-oak (ring-porous) All relatively unabraded
3	5678	5822	5821	20			x					xx	5	No	
3	5679	5780	5779	0								xxxx	20	Yes	Charcoal non-oak (Fraxinus excelsior)- preservation good- little abrasion
3	5680	5808	5807	0					xxxx (Mag res)	x		xxxx	20	Yes	Burnt bone fragments indeterminate (2g) Charcoal mainly non-oak, Occasional oak fragments. Charcoal heavily fragmented. Relatively unabraded.
3	5681	5796	5795	0					x (Mag res)	xxx		xx	5	Yes	Burnt bone fragments (16g)- possibly human- Worth analysis- any identifiable fragments? Charcoal oak- heavily fragmented
3	5682	5820	5819	0							x	xxx	10	Yes	Burnt bone fragments indeterminate (1g). Charcoal non-oak. Abraded.
3	5683	5792	5791	0	x				x (Mag res)	x		xxx	10	Yes	Fragment of Cow skull. Charcoal mostly non-oak. Occasional oak fragments.
3	5684	5790	5789	0	xx				x (Mag res)	x		xxxx	10	Yes	Burnt bone fragment possibly human (1g) Charcoal oak- heavily abraded.
3	5685	5818	5817	0					xx (Mag res)			xxxx	20	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Heavily abraded.
3	5686	5828	5827	20			x					xxxx	10	Yes	Charcoal fragments oak-very heavily abraded.
3	5687	5832	5831	0			x		x (Mag res)			xxxx	10	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Relatively unabraded.
3	5688	5824	5823	0					xx (Mag res)			xxxx	15	Yes	
3	5689	5812	5811	0	x				x (Mag res)			xxx	15	Yes	Charcoal Mostly non-oak. Relatively unabraded.
	5691	5814		0	xxx						x	xxx	20	Yes	Burnt bone fragments heavily fragmented. Charcoal oak- Heavily abraded
3	5695	5800	5799	0								xx	15	Yes	Charcoal non-oak (less abraded than charcoal from other contexts)
3	5696	5530	5529	0	x				x (Mag res)			x	15	Yes	Charcoal mostly non-oak
3	5697	5885	5884	0								x	10	Yes	non-oak

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												Qty	Size (mm)		
3	5698	5794	5793	0	xx				xxx (Mag res)			xxx	10	Yes	Bone fragment- indet <1g Charcoal oak

TABLE A4.2 Flotation sample results

Sample	Context	Relates to cut	Summary interpretation	Flot volume	Wheat grain	Barley	Cereal grain Indet	Weed seeds	Charcoal		AMS	Comments
									Qty	Size in mm		
1001	1008	1007	fill of small pit	5							No	Sterile
1002	1010	1009	fill of small pit	15					xx	8	No	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charcoal non-oak
1003	1012	1011	fill of pit	5					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
1005	1066	1065	fill of ditch	15							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
1006	1041	1040	fill of ditch	10							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
2001	2004	2005	fill of pit	100					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds.
2002	2063	2062	fill of pit	5							No	Contains modern roots
2003	2062	2061	post-hole fill	5							No	modern roots
2004	2006	2005	fill of ditch	0							No	Sterile
2005	2051	2049	Cut of post-hole	10							No	modern roots and seeds
2006	2162	2161	fill of ditch	50							No	Modern roots and seeds
2154	2005		Cut of ditch	0							No	Sterile
3001	3008	3007	fill of pit	10				x	x	10	Yes	Charcoal oak. Weed seeds include <i>Chenopodium</i> sp
3002	3021	3020	fill of ditch	15							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
3003	3023	3022	fill of ditch	50					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds. <i>Chenopodium</i> sp
3004	3025	3024	terminus fill	50					x	1	No	Contains modern roots
3005	3035	3034	fill of ring-ditch	50					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds (2 bags)
3006	3047	3046	fill of ditch	40							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
3007	3041	3040	fill of ditch	75					x	10	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Contains modern roots and seeds.
5000	5008	5007	Fill of Pit	100					xxx	10	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Charcoal not abraded/ heavily fragmented. Possibly in situ burning?
5001	5010	5009	fill of post-hole	30	x	x	xxx	xx	xx	5	Yes	Contains 1 wheat grain, 1 barley grain and 33, heavily abraded indeterminate cereal grains
5002	5013	5011	Upper fill of pit	100				x	x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds and a small bone fragment, terrestrial snail shell, Weed seeds include <i>Polygonum</i> sp and <i>Chenopodium</i> sp
5003	5016	5015	Fill of pit	30							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5004	5024	5019	Fill of ditch	100					xxx	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charcoal non-oak, heavily abraded and fragmented
5005	5034	5033	Fill of pit	10					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5006	5036	5035	Fill of pit	10					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5007	5042	5040	Fill of linear	30					x	4	No	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charred seeds include <i>Chenopodium</i> sp
5008	5039	5038	Fill of pit	100					xxx	15	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Charcoal less fragmented/ abraded than other samples.
5009	5097	5096	Fill of pit	30					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5010	5104	5105	Fill of pit	60				x	x	5	No	Contains modern roots and seeds, charred <i>Chenopodium</i> sp and <i>Polygonum</i> sp seeds

Sample	Context	Relates to cut	Summary interpretation	Flot volume	Wheat grain	Barley	Cereal grain Indet	Weed seeds	Charcoal		AMS	Comments
									Qty	Size in mm		
5011	5113	5112	Fill of pit	50					x	10	Yes	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charcoal oak
5012	5111	5110	Fill of pit	0							No	Sterile
5013	5109	5108	Fill of pit	10					x	2	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5014	5107	5106	Fill of pit	15					x	10	No	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charcoal oak.
5015	5101	5100	Fill of pit	10			x		x	10	Yes	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charcoal non-oak. Contains 2 heavily abraded cereal grains.
5016	5126	5127	Fill of pit	10							No	Contains modern roots
5017	5157	5156	Fill of linear	40							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5019	5180	5106	Fill of collared urn	5							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5020	5192	5181	fill of ring-ditch	10				x	x	5	No	Contains charcoal, charred Chenopodium sp and Indeterminate heavily abraded weed seeds.
5021	5103	5102	fill of ring-ditch	15							No	Contains modern roots and seeds.
5022	5195		Fill of pit	100					xx	1	No	Modern roots and seeds. Charred weed seeds include Rumex sp.
5024	5204	5203	Fill of linear	0							No	Sterile
5025	5180	5106	Fill of collared urn								No	
5026	5241	5240	Fill of pit	10					x	10	Yes	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charcoal is non-oak
5027	5247	5246	Fill of pit	45					xx	5	No	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charcoal oak (2 flots)
5028	5242	5240	Fill of pit	10							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5029	5252	5251	Fill of pit	5				x	x	1	No	Contains charred Polygonum sp seeds.
5030	5231	5229	Fill of linear	30							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5031	5239	5238	Fill of linear	15					x	5	No	Contains modern roots
5032	5235	5234	fill of ring-ditch	20					x	1	No	
5033	5260	5234	Fill of linear	75					x	1	No	
5034	5262	5261	Fill of linear	50					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5035	5264	5263	fill of ring-ditch	0							No	Sterile
5036	5266	5263	fill of ring-ditch	25					x	1	No	Contains fine sand
5037	5164	5164	Fill of linear	100					x	10	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Contains modern roots and seeds.
5038	5225	5223	Fill of linear	100					xx	13	Yes	Charcoal oak- very fragmented
5040	5334	5334	Fill of pit	50					x	5	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5643	5362	5361	fill of post-hole	10					xx	5	No	Charcoal non-oak
5645	5518	5376	Fill of ditch	100					xx	13	Yes	Charcoal non-oak (60% and oak 40%)
5647	5425	5424	Fill of linear	15							No	
5648	5458	5457	Fill of pit	30					x	10	Yes	Contains modern roots and seeds
5649	5476	5475	cut of pit	5							No	Sterile

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Sample	Context	Relates to cut	Summary interpretation	Flot volume	Wheat grain	Barley	Cereal grain Indet	Weed seeds	Charcoal		AMS	Comments
									Qty	Size in mm		
5650	5490		cut of pit	15				x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds	
5651	5497	5496	Fill of pit	30				x	xx	10	Yes	Charcoal oak. Contains insect remains and Chenopodium sp
5652	5493	5492	Fill of pit	25				x	x	10	Yes	Contains modern roots and seeds. Charred seed- Rosaceae sp. Charcoal is oak.
5653	5504	5503	Fill of pit	20				x	x	1	No	Contains modern roots and charcoal. Weed seeds include Stellaria media, Chenopodium sp, Rumex sp and Sambucus nigra
5655	5511	5505	fill of ring-ditch	30					x	5	No	Contains modern roots
5659	5545	5531	fill of ring-ditch	20					x	1	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5660	5498		Cut of ring-ditch	10							No	Contains modern roots and seeds.
5661	5512	5498	fill of ring-ditch	100					xx	5	No	
5662	5572	5571	Fill of pit	30					x	1	No	
5663	5616			10							No	Contains modern roots
5664	5687	5686	Fill of pit	100				x	xxx	7	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Contains charred Chenopodium sp, and modern roots and seeds.
5665	5730			5							No	Sterile
5666	5732	5731		100					xx	10	Yes	Charcoal non-oak
5668	5676	5669	fill of ring-ditch	15							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5669	5836	5835	Fill of pit	0							No	Sterile
5670	5865	5864	fill of post-hole	15							No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5671	5882		cut of post-hole	15					xx	5	No	Charcoal very fragmented
5672	5806	5805	Fill of pit	30				x	xx	5	No	Charcoal very fragmented. Weed seeds include Carex sp
5673	5826	5825	Fill of pit	100					xxx	15	Yes	Charcoal non-oak
5674	5816	5815	Fill of pit	100				x	xx	1	No	Contains heavily fragmented charcoal and Polygonum aviculare
5675	5804	5803	Fill of pit	100					xx	15	Yes	Charcoal non-oak
5676	5802	5801	Fill of pit	15					xx	5	No	
5677	5810	5809	Fill of pit	100					xx	20	Yes	Charcoal non-oak. Comparatively unabraded and not as fragmented as other samples
5678	5822	5821	Fill of pit	10					x	5	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5679	5780	5779	Fill of linear	15					x	3	No	Contains modern roots and seeds
5680	5808	5807	Fill of pit	50					xx	3	No	Contains very fragmented charcoal fragments.
5681	5796	5795	Fill of pit	1							No	Sterile
5682	5820	5819	Fill of pit	20					xxx	12	Yes	Charcoal oak
5683	5792	5791	Fill of pit	50					xx	10	Yes	Charcoal non-oak, fragmented
5684	5790	5789	Fill of pit	30					x	1	No	
5685	5818	5817	Fill of pit	30					xx	20	Yes	Charcoal oak. Contains modern roots and seeds

Sample	Context	Relates to cut	Summary interpretation	Flot volume	Wheat grain	Barley	Cereal grain Indet	Weed seeds	Charcoal		AMS	Comments
									Qty	Size in mm		
5686	5828	5827	Fill of pit	5							No	Sterile
5687	5832	5831	Fill of pit	15					xx	12	Yes	Charcoal non-oak, very fragmented.
5688	5824	5823	Fill of pit	100					xx	13	Yes	Charcoal non-oak
5689	5812	5811	Fill of pit	45					xx	12	Yes	Charcoal non-oak, very fragmented
5691	5814			0							No	Sterile
5692	5806	5805	Fill of pit	50					xx	1	No	Charcoal heavily fragmented
5695	5800	5799	Fill of pit	10					x	5	No	Contains modern roots
5696	5530	5529	Fill of pit	1							No	Sterile
5697	5885	5884	fill of post-hole	1							No	Sterile
5698	5794	5793	Fill of pit	10					x	5	No	Contains modern roots



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