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Summary

An archaeological evaluation by trial trenching on land at Green Farm, Latteridge, South Gloucestershire, in July 2014 consisted of 42 trenches positioned over geophysical anomalies and also areas supposedly devoid of archaeological remains.

Exposed archaeological features comprised remnants of ridge and furrow ploughing, corresponding to the geophysical survey findings. The predominantly northwest–southeast features, in the region of c. 0.45 to 1.80m wide, were found in 17 of the trenches. Sundry residual Romano-British and medieval pottery sherds were recovered from the topsoil and/or subsoil in four trenches.

Other geophysical anomalies were revealed to be geological variation and further ridge and furrow. The findings are of limited local significance with minimal potential for further work.



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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project background and previous work

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology (WA) were commissioned by AEE Renewables Plc to undertake an archaeological evaluation of land at Green Farm, Latteridge, South Gloucestershire (hereafter referred to as 'the Site'), centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 365905, 184375. The proposed development is for the installation of a solar-panel array.
- 1.1.2 The evaluation forms part of an ongoing programme of archaeological investigations, following on from an archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA; WA 2013a), and geophysical survey (WA 2013b).
- 1.1.3 Based on the results of the aforementioned non-intrusive assessments the County Archaeologist requested an archaeological trial trench evaluation as an appropriate mitigatory response. The aim of this phase of work was to identify any previously unknown areas of archaeological activity at the Site, and/or confirm its absence. Where archaeological remains were present, the works aimed to identify their significance, nature and extent. The results would allow informed decisions to be made with regard to the requirement for, and methods of any further archaeological mitigation.
- 1.1.4 The Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; WA 2014) set out the strategy and methodology by which Wessex Archaeology was to implement the trial trenching. In format and content it conforms with current best practice and to the guidance outlined in *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (MoRPHE) (English Heritage 2008), the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (2008) except where they are superseded by statements made below.
- 1.1.5 Fieldwork took place in July 2014.

1.2 The Site

- 1.2.1 The Site is located in central South Gloucestershire, some 4km north-west of the modern suburbs of Bristol. The settlement of Latteridge is situated immediately to the north-east, with Earthcott Green c. 1km to the west, and Iron Acton c. 1.6km to the south-east (**Figure 1**). Folly Road forms the south-eastern boundary, whilst agricultural land surrounds the Site to the south, west and north. Overhead power cables supported by transmission towers pass across the Site from north-east to south-west, while two footpaths extend along the middle of the Site.
- 1.2.2 The Site comprises an irregular (approximately 30ha) parcel of land that contains twelve agricultural fields of pasture. The field perimeters consist of hedgerows interspersed with mature trees. A series of drainage channels extend across the Site, forming part of a network of natural and artificial watercourses that feed into the River Frome, c.1.3km to the south-east. Several small ponds are also present on the Site.



- 1.2.3 The land within the Site undulates gently, lying at an elevation of between 55m and 65m above Ordnance Datum (aOD); the highest point is to the north-west. The underlying geology is formed by Triassic mudstones, siltstones and sandstones of the Mercia Mudstone Group (British Geological Survey 2014).

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The following section summarises the results of the previous archaeological investigations undertaken for the Site – see WA 2013 a and b for details.

2.2 Recent investigations in the area

Desk-based Assessment

- 2.2.1 The DBA (WA 2013a) found no overriding heritage constraints likely to prohibit development.
- 2.2.2 The potential minor adverse impact of the proposed development upon the settings of various listed buildings would likely constitute 'less than substantial harm', and would be temporary and fully reversible. The proposed development was considered to have no potential adverse impact on the settings of Scheduled Monuments within the vicinity.
- 2.2.3 This DBA established that there is the potential for the presence of buried archaeological remains within the Site, in particular relating to the medieval and later agricultural activity associated with the nearby historic settlements and farmsteads.

Geophysical Survey

- 2.2.4 A detailed gradiometer survey was undertaken over all accessible parts of the Site, a total of c.30ha. It detected anomalies of probable and possible archaeological interest within the Site, in addition to regions of increased magnetic response and numerous ploughing trends (WA 2013b).
- 2.2.5 Several rectilinear anomalies consistent with former field boundaries or enclosures were identified, some of which relate to those seen on historic mapping. Ridge and furrow remnants were also detected, mostly on a northwest–southeast orientation and parallel to the general alignment of the existing fields.
- 2.2.6 Regions of increased magnetic response and weak linear trends were considered to represent agricultural practices or changes in the near-surface geology.

2.3 Known Archaeology

Prehistoric

- 2.3.1 Evidence of prehistoric occupation on the Site is scarce although this may in part reflect the limited archaeological investigations undertaken within the vicinity (WA 2013a). A scatter of Neolithic flint artefacts were recovered c. 670m south-east of the Site. Within the wider environs a series of earthworks may allude to Neolithic activity 1.8km north-west and 4.3km to the south-east (SGHER no. 11002 and 4705 respectively).
- 2.3.2 No definitive evidence of later prehistoric activity is recorded within the immediate vicinity of the Site. An Iron Age hillfort designated as a Scheduled Monument (List Entry no. 1007022) is located 3.5km to the north-west of the Site.

Romano-British

- 2.3.3 An isolated find of a mid-3rd-century silver coin was found c. 270m north-east of the Site however no definite evidence of Romano-British settlement is recorded within the immediate vicinity. Within the wider environs Romano-British industrial activity is known 3.6km south of the Site at Coalpit Heath. The industry is likely to have significantly influenced the development of Romano-British settlement patterns and road networks within the surrounding landscape, although it is probable that the Site itself remained rural in character.

Saxon and medieval

- 2.3.4 No known Saxon settlements have been recorded within the Site although place-name evidence potentially denotes an earlier origin for the known medieval settlement of Latteridge. Much of the present settlement pattern within the Site's environs is likely to reflect the former medieval landscape. The location of the Site, at the periphery of known areas of medieval settlement, implies that it is likely to have been in use as agricultural land throughout much of the medieval period. Distinct ridge and furrow earthworks across the Latteridge area identified on mid-20th-century photographs and during the geophysical survey suggest that the Site itself was under arable cultivation for much of this period (**Figure 2**; WA 2013a & b).

Post-medieval and modern

- 2.3.5 During the post-medieval period the area around Latteridge saw the gradual development of the dispersed rural settlements established in the preceding centuries, with a degree of greater expansion in the 16th and 17th centuries. The Site was in use as agricultural land throughout the post-medieval period.
- 2.3.6 Cartographic evidence indicates that some internal field-boundary removal occurred in the 19th and 20th centuries. Part of the Site is still in use as an orchard.
- 2.3.7 Exploitation of the underlying geology of the Site and surrounding area is known during this time with several quarries and clay extraction pits, depicted on cartographic sources. Many of the former quarries remain extant within the landscape as ponds. A number of ponds still exist on the Site.

2.4 Geophysical Survey

- 2.4.1 A geophysical survey was undertaken by Wessex Archaeology in August 2013 (WA 2013). The survey comprised a detailed gradiometer survey.
- 2.4.2 Several rectilinear anomalies consistent with former field boundaries or enclosures were identified towards the north-western extent of the survey area, although their date of origin could not be ascertained. Several other probable former boundaries were identified elsewhere within the Site and relate to those recorded on historic mapping.
- 2.4.3 The majority of the survey areas showed evidence of the remnants of ridge and furrow, with the clearest examples seen across the centre of the Site. These ploughing trends are orientated on a prevailing north-west to south-east orientation and are parallel with the general alignment of the existing fields.
- 2.4.4 Elsewhere across the Survey area, regions of increased magnetic response and weak linear trends were noted. These may be archaeological in origin, however it was considered more likely that these anomalies relate to agricultural practices or be related to variations in the underlying geology.



3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Aims and objectives

3.1.1 With due regard to the IfA *Standard and Guidance for archaeological evaluation* (IfA 2008), the generic aims of the project can be defined as to:

- *establish the presence or otherwise of prehistoric and any later activity, and to define the date and nature of such activity;*
- *evaluate the likely impact of past land use and development;*
- *provide sufficient information to construct an archaeological mitigation strategy if necessary*
- *produce a report setting out the potential of the Site for further analysis and publication of the results.*

3.2 Fieldwork methodology

3.2.1 In accordance with the WSI (WA 2014) and in consultation with SGCC's Archaeological Officer, acting on behalf of the Local Planning Authority (LPA), a programme of trial trenching was agreed on the basis of the results of the geophysical survey. This comprised a series of forty two trenches measuring 35m x 2m. The positioning of the trenches was determined through consultation with the SGCC Archaeological Officer; trenches were located over geophysical anomalies and trends and over apparent 'blank' areas (**Figure 2**). The presence of overhead power lines was also a factor.

3.2.2 Trenches were set-out according to the WSI, using GPS and in consideration of health and safety. All trench locations were scanned by WA using a cable avoidance tool prior to excavation.

3.2.3 Under the constant supervision of a qualified archaeologist, all overburden (topsoil and subsoil) was carefully removed in spits by mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless bucket. Stripping ceased at the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or natural deposits, whichever was encountered first and not exceeding 1.2 m in depth.

3.2.4 Stripped material was visually examined for archaeological material and, where appropriate, a metal detector was used to enhance artefact recovery.

3.2.5 Each trench was cleaned by hand where appropriate and planned prior to hand-excavation. All pre-modern stratified deposits were excavated by hand. A representative section, not less than 1m in length, of deposits through each trench from ground surface to the top of the natural deposits was recorded.

3.2.6 A sample of each feature type was excavated and recorded, selected on the basis of their form, fill, and stratigraphic relationship, and in order to ensure a broad characterisation.

3.2.7 The trenches were subsequently backfilled with the excavated spoil – topsoil last in order to re-establish the soil sequence.

3.3 Recording

3.3.1 A WA number (**100261**) was allocated to the Site, and was used on all records and finds. The accession number (**BRSMG 2014.48**) was obtained from Bristol City Museum Service, the local museum repository and has also been clearly marked on all primary site documentation relating to the evaluation.



- 3.3.2 All recording was undertaken using WA's pro forma recording sheets and recording system. Details are available on request.
- 3.3.3 A complete drawn record of excavated and archaeological features and deposits was compiled, including plans and sections, drawn to appropriate scales. The trenches, their contents, and other features of relevance were digitally surveyed using GPS within the OS NGR system, and including heights above Ordnance Datum (Newlyn). The electronic survey record will be retained within the site archive.
- 3.3.4 A full digital photographic record was maintained during the evaluation. Digital images will be subject to managed quality control and curation processes which will embed appropriate metadata within the image and ensure long term accessibility of the image set.

3.4 Reinstatement

- 3.4.1 Once the trenches were completed to the satisfaction of the Archaeological Officer they were backfilled and left level on completion, using the excavated arisings. No other reinstatement or surface treatment was undertaken.

3.5 Finds

- 3.5.1 Finds were treated in accordance with the relevant guidance given in the Institute of Field Archaeologist's *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (revised 1999), the UK Institute of Conservators Guidelines Conservation Guideline No 2 and the Museums and Galleries Commissions *Standards in the Museum Care of Archaeological Collections* (1991) excepting where they are superseded by statements made below.
- 3.5.2 All artefacts were retained, except those from features or deposits of obviously modern date. These were washed, weighed, counted and identified. Suitable material, i.e. the pottery, was scanned to assess the date range of the relevant assemblages.
- 3.5.3 All artefacts recovered during the excavations on the Site are the property of the landowner. They have been suitably bagged and boxed in accordance with the United Kingdom Institute for Conservation, *Conservation Guidelines no. 2* and will be deposited with the relevant museum, with the landowner's permission.

4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 Below is a summary of the results of the trial trenching. More detailed descriptions of the trenches, natural deposits, features, contents and other observations are supplied in the trench summary tables (**Appendix 1**).

4.2 Natural deposits and geology

- 4.2.1 The topsoil, present in all trenches, was covered with turf, the roots of which abundant in the deposit. The soil matrix is of greyish- to reddish-brown clay silt, to silty or clay loam, frequently including rare subangular sandstone gravel. Thickness ranged from 0.10 m to 0.27 m.
- 4.2.2 A layer between the topsoil and natural geology, referred to here as 'subsoil', was noted in the majority of trenches. In general the deposit was a mid brown, with either a yellow, red or grey element. Texture varied between clay silt, silty or clay loam and sandy clay. Variation depended upon the underlying material. In most cases sandstone gravel was

noted as present in small quantities. The deposit was between 0.15 m and 0.27 m thick. All archaeological features, including the ridge and furrow (see below), were found below the subsoil.

- 4.2.3 The underlying deposits (the 'natural') varied both across the Site, and in some cases within a single trench. Most commonly the deposits were noted as of a clay texture, occasionally silty, occasionally sandy. Where the colour was a yellowish brown the texture tended towards sandy, most noticeably towards the northwest part of the Site. Elsewhere colours ranged from brownish-red – sometimes with grey mottling – to greyish green. Quartz rich sandstone was seen in one of the trenches, whilst most had some small quantities of sandstone gravel. Manganese flecking was recorded in nearly all descriptions. All archaeological features were found to cut this layer.

4.3 Romano-British

- 4.3.1 A handful of abraded, residual Romano-British pottery sherds were found – deriving from the topsoil and/or subsoil of Trenches 2, 9 and 32. No features were attributed to this date.

4.4 Medieval to modern

- 4.4.1 Many furrows c. 0.45 to 1.80m wide were identified and can be directly related to the extensive ridge and furrow pattern identified in the geophysical survey. Most were northwest-southeast aligned, and corresponded to the present day field boundaries. Such features are the remnants of the result of persistent ploughing using a non-reversible plough, and in doing so formed a raised, self-draining seedbed. The furrow acted as drainage whilst demarcating ownership of the ridges. They are characteristic of the open field system which, depending on the region, operated from around the post-Roman period until enclosure in the 17th – 19th centuries (Hall 1998).
- 4.4.2 A few sherds of heavily abraded and residual medieval pottery were found in the subsoil of **Trench 20**, and in the fill of a furrow remnant **1706**, one of several such features in **Trench 17**.
- 4.4.3 Modern pipes, a ditch and land drains were uncovered in eight trenches. The remains of a modern sheep burial were revealed in **Trench 20**.

4.5 Features of uncertain date

- 4.5.1 The ditch excavated in **Trench 41 (4104)** was northeast-southwest in orientation, 1.57 m wide and 0.22 m deep. The concave sided feature contained two fills, the earliest being naturally accumulated dark yellow/brown sandy clay with manganese flecks. The uppermost deposit was paler with rare gravel inclusions; an undiagnostic piece of slag was recovered from close to the top. This feature coincides with a geophysical 'trend', apparently linear in character (**Figure 2**). It may be some form of drainage or field boundary somewhat at odds with the ridge and furrow. As such, it may well pre-date it.

5 ARTEFACTUAL EVIDENCE

5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 Although only present in very small quantities (just 54 g in all), artefacts were recovered from six of the excavated trenches (**Trenches 2, 9, 17, 20, 32 and 41**). All have been cleaned, quantified (**Table 1**) and rapidly scanned to establish their nature and date range.



- 5.1.2 The nine sherds of pottery (43 g) included seven of Romano-British (1st–4th century AD) date. These comprised four pieces in sandy coarseware fabrics from **Trench 2**, two in an oolitic-limestone tempered ware from **Trench 9** and a grog-tempered piece from **Trench 32**. All were undiagnostic body sherds and from topsoil or subsoil contexts (contexts **201**, **202**, **901** and **3201**). Two medieval (12th–13th century AD) coarseware sherds came from the fill of a furrow (context **1707**) in **Trench 17**, and the subsoil (context **2002**) of **Trench 20**, the latter being from the top of a jar rim. All the pieces were badly abraded and edge damaged
- 5.1.3 The only other artefact recovered was a single piece (11g) of undiagnostic ironworking slag found in (context **4105**) in **Trench 41**.

		<i>Pottery</i>		<i>Slag</i>	
Trench	Context	No.	Wt. (g)	No.	Wt. (g)
2	201	1	2		
	202	3	8		
9	905	2	2		
17	1707	1	12		
20	2002	1	5		
32	3201	1	14		
41	4105			1	11
	Total:	9	43	1	11

Table 1: Quantification of finds (number of pieces/weight)

6 DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL

6.1 General

6.1.1 The results show that the Site has been used for agriculture for a substantial period of time, certainly from the medieval period onwards. Hints of earlier activity of a probably similar nature have been revealed in both the evaluation and the geophysical survey, though some potential features detected in the latter were not borne out upon investigation.

6.1.2 The findings are of limited local significance.

6.2 Finds

6.2.1 The pottery survived in only poor condition and is considered unlikely to provide a reliable indication of the date of the contexts in which it occurred.

6.2.2 Overall, artefacts were too infrequent to offer any potential for further analysis.

7 STORAGE AND CURATION

7.1 Museum

7.1.1 The project archive will be deposited with Bristol Museum and Art Gallery under Accession Number **BRSMG 2014.48**. Prior to deposition the archive will be temporarily stored at Wessex Archaeology's offices in Salisbury under site code **100261**. Deposition of the archive with the Museum will only be carried out with the full agreement of the landowner.

7.2 Preparation of Archive

7.2.1 The complete site archive, which will include paper records, photographic records, graphics, artefacts, ecofacts and digital data, will be prepared following the standard

conditions for the acceptance of excavated archaeological material by the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (SMA 1995; IfA 2009; Brown 2011; ADS 2013).

7.2.2 All archive elements will be marked with the site/accession code, and a full index will be prepared. The physical archive comprises the following:

- 1 cardboard box/airtight plastic box of artefacts & ecofacts, ordered by material type
- 1 file/document case of paper records & A3/A4 graphics

7.3 OASIS

7.3.1 An OASIS online record <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/projects/oasis/> will be initiated for the work and key fields in regard of the evaluation will be completed on Details, Location and Creators Forms. All appropriate parts of the OASIS online form will be completed for submission to the South Gloucestershire Historic Environment Record. This will include an uploaded .pdf version of the entire report (a paper copy will also be included with the archive).

7.4 Discard policy

7.4.1 Wessex Archaeology follows the guidelines set out in *Selection, Retention and Dispersal* (SMA 1993), which allows for the discard of selected artefact and ecofact categories which are not considered to warrant any future analysis. Any discard of artefacts will be fully documented in the project archive.

7.5 Security Copy

7.5.1 In line with current best practice (e.g. Brown 2011), on completion of the project a security copy of the written records will be prepared, in the form of a digital PDF/A file. PDF/A is an ISO-standardised version of the Portable Document Format (PDF) designed for the digital preservation of electronic documents through omission of features ill-suited to long-term archiving.

7.6 Copyright

7.6.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the site will be retained by Wessex Archaeology Ltd under the *Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988* with all rights reserved. The Museum, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profit making, and conforms to the *Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003*.

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9 APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix 1: Trench Tables

trench 1 dimensions: 32.70 x 1.85 x 0.62 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
101	topsoil	grey/brown clay silt with rare subangular sandstone 20–40 mm; loose & friable; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.16
102	subsoil	yellow/brown clay silt with rare subangular sandstone c. 40–250 mm; firm	whole trench	0.16–0.45
103	natural	brown/red clay & patches quartz rich sandy bedrock; frequent manganese flecks & fragments; very firm & compact	whole trench	0.24+
104	furrow	NW–SE linear with concave base & irregular moderately sloping sides; coincide with extant earthworks; cut 103	2.40+ x 1.8 x 0.38	0.24–0.62
105	fill of 104	grey/brown with pale blue & yellow patches; silty clay with frequent manganese fragments 5–20 mm; dense, compact	2.40+ x 1.8 x 0.10	0.52–0.62
106	fill of 104	grey/brown silty clay with rare subangular sandstone & moderate manganese flecks; leached; water percolation evident	2.40+ x 1.8 x 0.38	0.24–0.62
107	furrow/ditch	NE–SW linear with flat base & moderate concave sides	1.50+ x 1.18 x 0.21	0.41–0.62
108	fill of 107	grey/brown silty clay with rare subangular sandstone c. 250 mm & moderate manganese flecks; dense, compact; leached; water percolation evident	1.50+ x 1.18 x 0.21	0.41–0.62
comments:		late horseshoe (101; discarded)		

trench 2 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.48 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
201	topsoil	dark grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.17
202	subsoil	mid yellow/brown clay loam with rare fine gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0.17–0.38
203	natural	mixed dark brown, mottled grey & red clay with sparse medium subangular gravel 6–20mm; moderate manganese flecks	whole trench	0.38+
comments:		residual Romano-British pottery (202)		

trench 3 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.74 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
301	topsoil	mid grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.21
302	subsoil	mid yellow/brown clay loam with rare fine gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0.21–0.40
303	natural	mid yellow/brown & dark red/brown clay with moderate manganese flecks	whole trench	0.40+
304	modern ditch	steep, straight sided & flat based linear cut	1.2+ x 0.46 x 0.53	0.21–0.74
305	fill of 304	deliberate backfill; mixed clay & moderate charcoal	1.2+ x 0.46 x 0.53	0.21–0.74
comments:		modern glass and wood (305)		



trench 4 dimensions: 34.8 x 1.85 x 0.38 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
401	topsoil	mid red/brown clay silt; rare manganese fragments; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.25
402	subsoil	mid red/brown clay silt with sparse subangular sandstone 10–40 mm & frequent manganese flecks	whole trench	0.25–0.38
403	natural	mid red/brown clay with sparse subangular sandstone 10–30 mm; dense & very firm	whole trench	0.38+
404	furrow	E–W; linear; unexcavated; evident as earthworks; diffuse margins	2.0 (wide)	0.38+
405	fill of 404	mid red/brown clay; loose & aerated; unexcavated	2.0 (wide)	0.38+
406	furrow	as 404	2.20 (wide)	0.38+
407	fill of 406	as 405	2.20 (wide)	0.38+
408	furrow	as 404	1.50 (wide)	0.38+
409	fill of 408	as 405	1.50 (wide)	0.38+
410	furrow	as 404	1 .0 (wide)	0.38+
411	fill of 410	as 405	1 .0 (wide)	0.38+
412	furrow	as 404	2.3 (wide)	0.38+
413	fill of 412	as 405	2.3 (wide)	0.38+
414	furrow	as 404		0.38+
415	fill of 414	as 405		0.38+

trench 5 dimensions: 32 x 1.85 x 0.77 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
501	topsoil	grey/brown clay silt; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.2
502	subsoil	light brown/yellow clay silt	whole trench	0.2–0.35
503	natural	red/brown clay with patches of quartz rich bedrock, mottled grey & dark brown clay, & soft grey/green clay	whole trench	0.35+
comments:	land drain			

trench 6 dimensions: 38.5 x 1.85 x 0.62 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
601	topsoil	light grey/brown clay silt; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.13
602	subsoil	pale brown/yellow ?clay silt with sparse stones	whole trench	0.13–0.33
603	subsoil	light grey/brown clay with black manganese mottling	whole trench	0.33–0.43
604	natural	dark grey/brown clay with black mottling; patches soft grey/blue sandy clay & quartz rich bedrock; small patches red/brown clay	whole trench	0.43+
comments:	land drain			

trench 7 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.35 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
701	topsoil	dark grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0–0.14
702	subsoil	mid orange/brown clay loam with rare subangular gravel 2–6 mm	whole trench	0.14 – 0.35
703	natural	mid red/brown clay with sparse medium subangular gravel 6– 20 mm; moderate manganese flecks	whole trench	0.35+



trench 8 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.43 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
801	topsoil	dark grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0–0.19
802	subsoil	mid grey/brown clay loam with rare subangular gravel 2–6 mm	whole trench	0.19–0.4
803	natural	mid red/brown clay with sparse medium subangular gravel 6– 20 mm; moderate manganese flecks	whole trench	0–4+
comments:	post-medieval pottery (801; discarded)			

trench 9 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.34 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
901	topsoil	dark grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0–0.17
902	subsoil	mid orange/brown clay loam with rare subangular gravel 2–6 mm	whole trench	0–17–0.34
903	natural	mid orange/brown clay with rare subangular gravel 6– 20 mm; moderate manganese flecks	whole trench	0.34+
904	furrow	E–W linear with irregular profile	1.9+ x 0.64 x 0.15	0.34+
905	fill of 904	mid greyish brown clay	1.9+ x 0.64 x 0.15	0.34+
906	furrow	as 904		0.34+
907	fill of 906	as 905		0.34+
comments:	5 x more furrows; residual Romano-British pottery			

trench 10 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.4 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1002	topsoil	dark grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0–0.12
1002	subsoil	dark grey/brown clay loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0.12–0.3
1003	natural	dark red/brown clay with sparse medium subangular gravel 6– 20 mm; moderate manganese flecks	whole trench	0.3+
comments:	Post-medieval pottery (1001; discarded)			

trench 11 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.28 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1101	topsoil	dark grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0–0.1
1102	subsoil	mid grey/brown clay loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0.1–0.28
1103	natural	mid grey/brown & dark red/brown clay with sparse medium subangular gravel 6– 20 mm; moderate manganese flecks	whole trench	0.28+

trench 12 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 46 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1201	topsoil	dark grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0–0.16
1202	subsoil	mid grey/brown clay loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0.16–0.37
1203	natural	mid grey/brown with sparse medium subangular gravel 6– 20 mm	whole trench	0.37+
comments:	noted as lacking the red clay seen in several other trenches			



trench 13 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.5 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1301	topsoil	dark grey/brown clay silt with sparse fine gravel	whole trench	0–0.25
1302	natural	mottled greenish grey with dark reddish brown patches; silty clay; patches of bedrock exposed	whole trench	0.25+
1303	furrow	SE–NW; shallow, concave linear	1.9+ x 0.7 x 0.08	0.25–0.37
1304	fill of 1303	mid brown clay silt with mottled orange and greenish grey	1.9+ x 0.7 x 0.08	0.25–0.37
comments:	modern water pipe; ? more furrows			

trench 14 dimensions: 15 x 1.9 x 0.64 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1401	topsoil	mid grey/brown sandy loam with sparse angular stones <30 mm	whole trench	0–0.18
1402	subsoil	mid brown clay with rare angular gravel <40 mm	whole trench	0.18–0.30
1403	natural	mixed dark red/brown–light blue/grey & mid brown clay with occasional patches of quartz & rare subrounded stones <100 mm	whole trench	0.30+

trench 15 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.45 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1501	topsoil	dark grey/brown clay silt with sparse angular stones <50 mm	whole trench	0–0.12
1502	natural	dark brown/grey with reddish mottling; silty clay with sparse manganese flecking; lenses of green/grey clay; occasional stones <100 mm; 'tore' on machining	whole trench	0.10+
comments:	modern pottery, cbm & cutlery handle (1501; discarded); uneven base – ?furrows			

trench 16 dimensions: 32.4 x 1.85 x 0.31 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1601	topsoil	mid grey/brown clay silt with rare subangular stones c. 20 mm	whole trench	0–0.18
1602	subsoil	mid yellow/brown silty clay; firm; sparse flecks of manganese	whole trench	0.18–0.31
1603	natural	mid brown/red silty clay; firm; moderate manganese flecks & rare subangular–angular sandstone 20–40 mm	whole trench	0.31+
1604	furrow	E–W; unexcavated; effectively disturbed natural	1.9+ x 2.3	0.31+
1605	furrow	as 1604	1.9+ x 1.5	0.31+
1606	furrow	as 1604	1.9+ x 2.3	0.31+
1607	furrow	as 1604	1.9+ x 3	0.31+
1608	farm track	E–W; rubble & hardcore at N–centre of track; moderate charcoal in S. Probably overlies another furrow	1.9+ x 4	0.31+
comments:	modern metal & pottery (16020 & modern glass (1608) all discarded			



trench 17 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.46 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1701	topsoil	dark grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0–0.16
1702	subsoil	mid yellow/brown clay loam with rare gravel 2–6 mm	whole trench	0.16–0.46
1703	natural	dark brown, red and grey clay with sparse subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0.46+
1704	furrow	NW–SE linear	1.9+ long	0.46+
1705	fill of 1704	disturbed natural	1.9+ long	0.46+
1706	furrow	NW–SE linear	1.9+ long	0.46+
1707	fill of 1706	disturbed natural	1.9+ x c. 1.5	0.46+
comments:	Post–medieval pottery (1705 & 1707; discarded); medieval pottery (1705); modern water pipe			

trench 18 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.49 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1801	topsoil	mid grey/brown loam with rare gravel 2–6 mm	whole trench	0–0.22
1802	subsoil	mid yellow/brown clay loam with sparse gravel 2–6 mm	whole trench	0.22–0.49
1803	natural	dark brown to mottled grey clay with moderate manganese flecks & sparse subangular gravel 6–20 mm; ?some alluvium	whole trench	0.49+
comments:	post–medieval pottery (1802; discarded)			

trench 19 dimensions:				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
1901	topsoil	light grey/brown clay silt; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.19
1902	subsoil	dark grey/brown clay silt; compact	whole trench	0.19–0.26
1903	natural	dark grey/brown, red/brown, heavy clay; patches degraded quartz bedrock & blue/grey sandstone	whole trench	0.26+
1904	furrow	E–W linear; diffuse edged disturbed natural with sparse subangular sandstone 40–100 mm; evident as earthwork; dark red/orange or grey/brown silty clay fill	1.9+ x 1	0.26+
1905	furrow	as 1904	1.9+ x 1	0.26+
1906	furrow	as 1904	1.9+ x 1.4	0.26+
1907	furrow	as 1904	1.9+ x 2.1	0.26+
1908	furrow	as 1904	1.9+ x 3.1	0.26+
1909	furrow	as 1904	1.9+ x ?	0.26+
1910	furrow	as 1904	1.9+ x 2	0.26+
1911	furrow	as 1904	1.9+ x 1.4	0.26+

trench 20 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.47 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2001	topsoil	mid grey/brown loam with rare subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0–0.22
2002	subsoil	mid yellow/brown clay loam with rare gravel 2–6 mm	whole trench	0.22–0.35
2003	natural	dark brown/grey clay with sparse subangular gravel 6–20 mm	whole trench	0.35+
2004	cut	grave for modern animal burial	1.9 x 1.6 x 0.2	0.08–0.28
2005	fill of 2004	dark grey/brown clay loam with sparse subangular gravel 6–20 mm; animal burial	1.9 x 1.6 x 0.2	0.08–0.28
comments:	modern sheep burial; pottery, cbm & metal – all modern & from 2005			



trench 21 dimensions: 15 x 1.9 x 0.4				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2101	topsoil	mid grey/brown sandy loam; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.16
2102	subsoil	mid brown clay with sparse angular gravel <5mm	whole trench	0.16–0.29
2103	natural	mid orange clay with frequent manganese flecks & sparse subangular stones <90 mm	whole trench	0.29+
comments:	5 furrows c. 1.5 m wide; fill = disturbed dark reddish brown clay			

trench 22 dimensions: 33.3 x 1.85 x 0.23 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2201	topsoil	pale–mid brown clay silt; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.14
2202	subsoil	pale–mid brown silty clay with sparse subangular sandstone c. 10 mm & moderate flecks manganese; very firm	whole trench	0.14–0.23
2203	natural	mid orange clay with frequent manganese & sparse subangular sandstone 10–40 mm; very firm & dense	whole trench	0.23+
comments:	c. 8 x N–S to NW–SE furrows (some intercutting); fills redder & looser than 2203; most c. 1.2 m wide, one 2.3 m			

trench 23 dimensions: 33.3 x 1.9 x 0.3 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2301	topsoil	grey/brown clay loam; grass topped	whole trench	0–0.15
2302	subsoil	mid brown clay with frequent white rounded stones <2 mm	whole trench	0.15–0.25
2303	natural	brownish orange & yellowish brown clay with angular stones <100 mm	whole trench	0.25+
comments:	furrows possible but not evident			

trench 24 dimensions: 33.5 x 1.9 x 0.25 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2401	topsoil	grey/brown clay silt; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.14
2402	subsoil	mid yellow/brown with yellow flecks, moderate manganese flecks & sparse subangular sandstone c. 20 mm	whole trench	0.14–0.25
2403	natural	mid/pale yellow/brown silty clay; dense; frequent manganese flecks & sparse angular sandstone 20–100 mm	whole trench	0.25+
comments:	land drain			

trench 25 dimensions: 33.1 x 1.9 x 0.45				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2501	topsoil	mid grey/brown clay loam; grass topped	whole trench	0–0.20
2502	subsoil	mid brown clay with sparse subrounded stones <40 mm	whole trench	0.20–0.40
2503	natural	light yellow/brown clay with angular stones <90 mm	whole trench	0.40+
comments:	8 x furrows filled with mid brown/grey clay			



trench 26 dimensions: 33.8 x 1.85 x 0.4 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2601	topsoil	mid grey/brown clay silt; turf topped;	whole trench	0–0.24
2602	subsoil	mid yellow/brown clay silt; firm 7 compact; moderate manganese flecks	whole trench	0.24–0.34
2603	natural	mid brown/red silty clay; very firm; frequent manganese flecks & rare angular sandstone c. 30 mm	whole trench	0.34+
comments:	1m wide furrow along much of trench (NW–SE); extant earthworks in field			

trench 27 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.45 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2701	topsoil	mid grey/brown loam; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.2
2702	subsoil	mid brown clay with abundant pale stone flecks; occasional subangular stones <60 mm	whole trench	0.2–0.3
2703	natural	mid brown/orange clay with rare angular stones <30 mm	whole trench	0.3+
2704	furrow	NW–SE linear with irregular sides & base;	3.6+ x 1.2 x 0.14	0.31–0.45
2705	fill of 2704	dark grey silty clay with black flecks	3.6+ x 1.2	0.31–0.45
comments:	modern pottery (2702 & 2705; discarded)			

trench 28 dimensions: 34.1 x 1.85 x 0.23 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2801	topsoil	pale–mid brown clay silt; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.13
2802	subsoil	pale–mid yellow brown silty clay; very firm; moderate manganese & subangular sandstone 20–40 mm	whole trench	0.13–0.23
2803	natural	pale yellow/brown silty clay; very firm; frequent manganese & moderate subangular sandstone 20–60 mm	whole trench	0.23+

trench 29 dimensions: 30 x 1.9 x 0.24 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
2901	topsoil	grey/brown sandy loam with occasional angular stones; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.13
2902	subsoil	mid brown sandy clay with occasional manganese flecks & rare angular stones <30 mm	whole trench	0.13–0.20
2903	natural	mid yellowish brown clay with abundant manganese flecks & occasional stones <40 mm	whole trench	0.20+
comments:	land drains			

trench 30 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.45 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3001	topsoil	mid grey/brown silty clay loam; firm; turf topped	whole trench	0–0.1
3002	subsoil	mid yellowish brown silty clay	whole trench	0.1–0.2
3003	natural	mid yellow/brown silty clay & mid red/brown clay; firm; frequent manganese flecks especially where silty	whole trench	0.2+
comments:	banded geology; geophysical anomaly not detected			



trench 31 dimensions: 35.2 x 1.85 x 0.36 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3101	topsoil	mid grey/brown clay silt with sparse subangular sandstone c. 20 mm; firm; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.16
3102	subsoil	mid yellow/brown clay silt moderate-sparse subangular sandstone 10-20 mm; flecks manganese increasing to base; firm	whole trench	0.16-0.36
3103	natural	red/brown with bands grey silty clay; frequent quartz & sandstone 20-150 mm, some concentrations; very firm	whole trench	0.36+

trench 32 dimensions: 34.5 x 1.9 x 0.27 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3201	topsoil	mid-dark brown silty clay; firm; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.27
3202	natural	variable – white & green quartz & clay at SW; grey clay at NE; large interface of disturbed natural c. 0.2 m thick, with frequent manganese & reddish clay	whole trench	0.20-0.27
comments:	4 x NW-SE furrows 0.5-1.5 m wide; residual Romano-British pottery (3201); land drains			

trench 33 dimensions: 35 x 1.85 x 0.19 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3301	topsoil	mid brown clay loam with occasional angular stones <30mm	whole trench	0-0.19
3302	natural	mid orange/brown clay with abundant manganese flecks & occasional angular stones <60 mm	whole trench	0.19+
comments:	3 x N-S furrows c. 1m wide, 0.08m deep; abraded cbm (furrow; discarded)			

trench 34 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.36 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3401	topsoil	mid grey silty clay; firm; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.1
3402	subsoil	mid yellow/brown silty clay with frequent manganese flecks; firm	whole trench	0.1-0.36
3403	natural	mid orange/brown silty clay with moderate manganese flecks; firm	whole trench	0.36+
comments:	3 x ?furrows; post-medieval pottery (3402; discarded)			

trench 35 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.5 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3501	topsoil	mid grey/brown silty clay loam; firm; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.2
3502	subsoil	mid yellow/brown silty clay with frequent manganese flecks; firm	whole trench	0.2-0.42
3503	natural	dark orange/brown silty clay with moderate manganese flecks & very rare angular stones; firm	whole trench	0.42+
comments:	geophysical anomaly not defined			



trench 36 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.3 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3601	topsoil	mid grey/brown sandy loam; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.18
3602	subsoil	mid brown sandy clay with occasional angular stones <30mm	whole trench	0.18-0.30
3603	natural	light yellow sandy clay with occasional mid brown patches; rare angular stones <90 mm	whole trench	0.30+

trench 37 dimensions: 33.80 x 1.85 x 0.28 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3701	topsoil	mid-pale brown/grey silty clay with flecks yellow; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.14
3702	subsoil	mid-pale grey/brown silty clay with yellow flecks; rare subangular sandstone 20-40 mm; flecks manganese; firm	whole trench	0.14-0.28
3703	natural	mid-pale brown/yellow silty clay with sparse angular sandstone 20-40 mm; firm	whole trench	0.28+
comments:	cbm (3702; discarded)			

trench 38 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.37 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3801	topsoil	mid grey/brown sandy loam; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.19
3802	subsoil	mid brown sandy clay with sparse angular stones <30mm	whole trench	0.19-0.27
3903	natural	mid yellow/brown sandy clay with occasional angular stones <90mm	whole trench	0.27+
comments:	sandier natural than elsewhere			

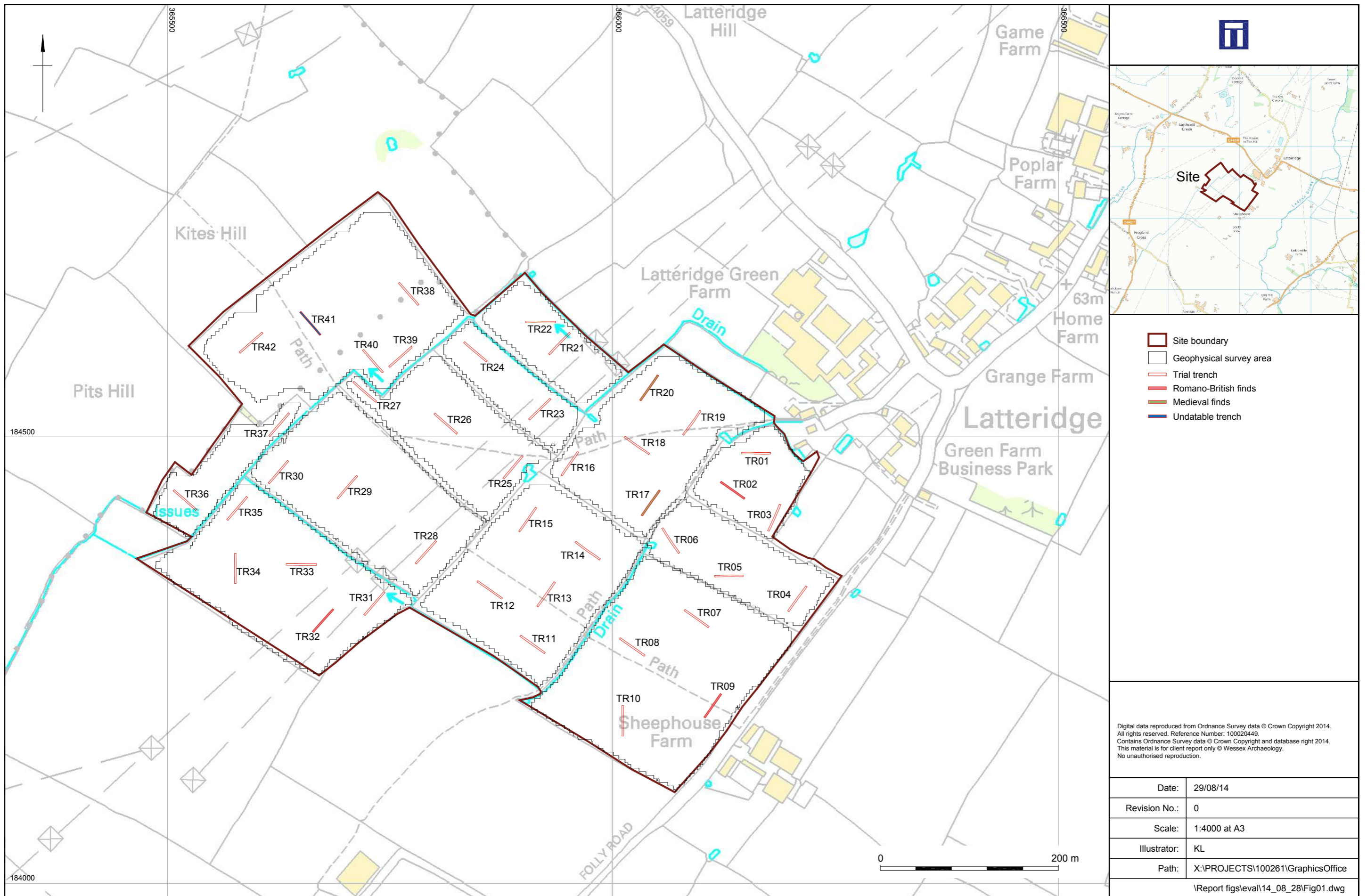
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context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
3901	topsoil	mid grey/brown silty clay; friable; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.2
3902	subsoil	mid yellow/brown sandy clay with frequent manganese flecks; compact	whole trench	0.2-0.38
3903	natural	mid yellow/brown sandy clay with bands orange/brown clay; frequent manganese flecks; firm	whole trench	0.38+
comments:	4 x furrows & land drains – coincide with geophysical anomalies			

trench 40 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.56 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
4001	topsoil	mid grey/brown silty clay; friable; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.2
4002	subsoil	mid yellow/brown silty clay loam with moderate manganese flecks; firm/compact	whole trench	0.2-0.3
4003	natural	light red/orange/brown sandy clay with band dark orange/brown clay; frequent manganese flecks; firm, blocky	whole trench	0.3+
comments:	post-medieval pottery (4002; discarded); banded geology coincides with geophysical anomaly			



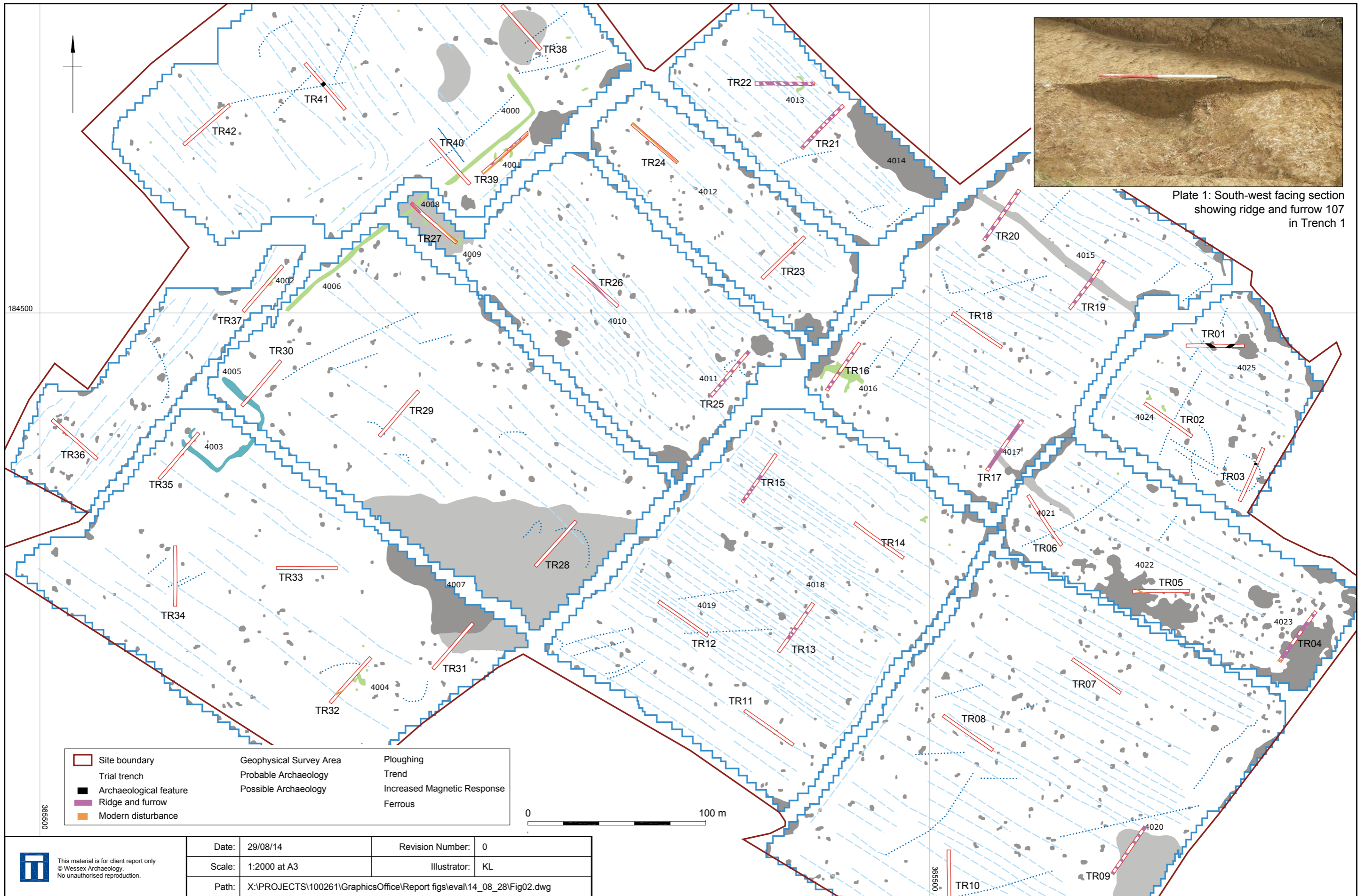
trench 41 dimensions: 35 x 1.9 x 0.44 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
4101	topsoil	mid grey/brown sandy loam	whole trench	0-0.13
4102	subsoil	mid grey/brown sandy clay with rare subangular sandstone 20-60 mm	whole trench	0.13-0.22
4103	natural	mid yellow/brown sandy clay with rare subangular gravel 20-60 mm; sparse manganese flecks	whole trench	0.22+
4104	ditch	NE-SW linear feature with concave sides & base	1.9+ x 1.57 x 0.22	0.22-0.44
4105	fill of 4104	mid yellow/brown sandy clay with moderate manganese & rare subangular gravel 20-60 mm; upper fill; natural accumulation	1.9+ x 1.57 x 0.14	0.22-0.36
4106	fill of 4104	dark yellow/brown sandy clay with sparse manganese flecks; base fill; natural accumulation	1.9+ x 0.82 x 0.1	0.34-0.44
comments:	undiagnostic piece of slag (4105); ditch 4104 coincides with geophysical anomaly			

trench 42 dimensions: 34.20 x 1.85 x 0.17 m				
context	feature/deposit type	description	dimensions (m)	depth below surface (m)
4201	topsoil	mid-pale brown clay silt; loose; turf topped	whole trench	0-0.10
4202	subsoil	mid-pale yellow/brown silty clay with manganese fragments & rare subangular sandstone c. 40mm	whole trench	0.10-0.17
4203	natural	pale brown/yellow silty clay with frequent manganese fragments & sparse subangular sandstone 20-50 mm	whole trench	0.17+
comments:	6 x NW/SE furrows 0.45-1.80 m wide; filled with dense red clay with subangular sandstone 20-50 mm			



Location plan

Figure 1



Site plan and geophysical survey results

Figure 2



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