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Summary

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A total of 123 postholes were excavated (Postholes 1-121, 1000 and 1001). Postholes 1 – 15, 1000 and 1001 were hand excavated by the archaeological staff on site, while the remaining postholes were excavated by hand or auger by the fencing contractor under constant archaeological monitoring.

The soil sequence observed typically comprised a chalky silt loam topsoil with varying levels of bioturbation, rooting and leaf debris recorded overlying the natural chalk which appeared blocky and fragmented. A number of postholes to the south of the A303 Amesbury Bypass, and positioned within the existing carriageway of Stonehenge Road, were excavated through made ground associated with the roadways.

Although the AMR was undertaken in an area of high archaeological potential, located within a complex prehistoric landscape and, partly, within the immediate vicinity of a Bronze Age ring ditch (WSHER MWI76633), no archaeological features or deposits were identified during the investigation. A small quantity of finds was recovered during the course of the works from two postholes (PH30- a single struck flint and PH2 animal bone and modern food wrapper).

Given the lack of extensive spreads of made ground and a paucity of any evidence of truncation within this area, it is likely that either the Bronze Age ring ditch is not present within the given location, or that the postholes were of such minimal impact the scope and position of the excavations were too limited to identify any such remains.

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Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project background

1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by National Highways to undertake a programme of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording (AMR) during the excavation of postholes to facilitate the construction of fencing centred on NGR 413810 141963, at Stonehenge Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire (**Figures 1 – 2**).

1.1.2 The site is located within the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site which encompasses a complex prehistoric landscape. Crop mark evidence from aerial photographs suggests the remains of a Bronze Age ring ditch may exist within the site itself (WSHER MWI76633; English Heritage 2004).

1.1.3 The development comprised the installation of a fence in the vicinity of Stonehenge Road and the Amesbury Bypass junction in order to maintain the parcel of land. The fence was constructed of posts fixed in place with concrete, with chain link between. The postholes were hand excavated by the attending archaeologist(s) with the broad vicinity of the Bronze Age ring ditch (WSHER MWI76633 (Postholes 1 – 15 and 1000/1; **Figure 2**). Elsewhere the holes were excavated by auger/by hand by the fencing contractor. All excavations were monitored by the attending archaeologist(s). It is noted that the postholes were positioned to avoid the given position of the possible ring ditch.

1.1.4 The AMR was undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) which detailed the aims, methodologies and standards to be employed (Wessex Archaeology 2023). The Wiltshire County Archaeologist approved the WSI, on behalf of the Local Planning Authority (LPA), prior to fieldwork commencing. The AMR was undertaken between 24th August and 7th September 2023.

1.2 Scope of the report

1.2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the results of the AMR, to interpret the results within their local or regional context (or otherwise), and to assess their potential to address the aims outlined in the WSI, thereby making available information about the archaeological resource (a preservation by record).

1.3 Location, topography and geology

1.3.1 The AMR was located within a triangular parcel of land measuring approximately 0.7 ha, positioned at the junction between Stonehenge Road and the A303 Amesbury Bypass, 1.5 km north-west of Amesbury, Wiltshire. The area comprises dense trees, shrubs and other undergrowth with an area of hardstanding in the centre (the road surface for the former Stonehenge Road prior to the construction of the A303 Amesbury Bypass in the late 1960s). The site is bound by the A303 Amesbury Bypass to the north, Stonehenge Road to the south and Park Farm agricultural land to the east. The River Avon is situated 750 m to the south of the site.

1.3.2 Existing ground levels slope from 106 m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) in the south of the site, to 104 m aOD in the north. It is likely that the area would have been altered and landscaped during the construction of the junction. The wider landscape descends towards the River Avon to the south, at a height of approximately 65 m aOD.

1.3.3 The soil sequence within each posthole typically comprised a chalky silt loam topsoil, which either directly overlay the chalk geology or a second chalky silt loam, appearing slightly darker in colour with chalk inclusions, which, in turn, overlay the natural geology.

1.3.4 The bedrock geology is chalk of the Seaford Chalk Formation, a sedimentary bedrock formed between 89.8 and 83.6 million years ago during the Cretaceous Period (British Geological Survey 2023).

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 The archaeological and historical background of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site (WHS) has been studied and assessed on numerous occasions, detailing a vast and complex archaeological landscape (**Figure 1**). A summary of the archaeological results within a 200 m study area of the development was included within the WSI for the works (Wessex Archaeology 2023) and is included below. Relevant entry numbers from the Wiltshire and Swindon Historic Environment Record (WSHER) and the National Heritage List for England (NHLE) are included. Additional sources of information are referenced, as appropriate.

2.2 Previous investigations related to the development

EWI8802 Geophysical Survey for A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down - Stage 1 Final (2016)

2.2.1 The detailed gradiometer survey comprised multiple parcels of land in the area, including fields to the immediate north and east of the site (Highways England 2016; **Figure 1**). The survey identified a high density of anomalies of archaeological interest, much of which corresponds with known archaeological remains including the Avenue (WSHER MWI12527, NHLE 1010140, anomaly 4506 / 4604) located 150 m east of the site.

2.2.2 The survey also identified a semi-circular anomaly (4505), relating to a scheduled Bronze Age barrow (WSHER MWI12921, NHLE 1012129), with its southern extent truncated by construction of the A303 Amesbury bypass. A positive linear anomaly can be seen following an undulating east–west orientation across the field to the north of the site (anomaly 4510), broadly correlating with the northern edge of an east-facing coombe. The linear anomaly appears to have southerly projections approximately midway along its length (anomaly 4509), the easternmost of which appears to correlate with the previous alignment of Stonehenge Road prior to the construction of the A303 Amesbury Bypass. These anomalies are likely part of a possible Bronze Age field system known to exist in this area (WSHER MWI12687).

2.2.3 Two parallel positive north-west to south-east aligned linear anomalies (4507) were detected within the field to the north west of the site. Following an interval, this anomaly then appears to the south as a single linear anomaly (4508) on a similar trajectory, and also appearing to project towards the former route of Stonehenge Road prior to the construction of the A303 Amesbury Bypass. These anomalies appear to relate to a post-medieval road known to run through the area (WSHER MWI12700).

2.2.4 To the east of the site, in addition to the continuance of the Avenue (as anomaly 4604), three ring ditch anomalies were identified: 4602 to the east of the Avenue and 4601 and 4600 within 100 m of the site. Anomaly 4602 comprises the earthwork remains of a *c*. 31 m diameter Bronze Age bowl barrow (WSHER MWI13055, NHLE 1012130), the mound portion of which is currently fenced and protected from further plough damage.

2.2.5 Anomaly 4601 comprises the ploughed-out remains of a *c*. 21 m diameter Bronze Age barrow of indeterminant form (WSHER MWI13056, NHLE 1012131), and approximately 60 m to the south west (and within 50 m of the site boundary), anomaly 4600 represents the ploughed-out remains of a *c*. 15 m diameter Bronze Age bowl barrow (WHSLE MWI13052, NHLE 1012130). Potentially associated with the latter, a small cluster of discrete strongly positive pit-like anomalies (4609) are located immediately to the north east of the barrow ring ditch. These are considered of likely archaeological origin.

2.2.6 The relict alignment of the pre-bypass route of Stonehenge Road appears to be reflected by a linear anomaly (4611), which on the basis of its projection will pass through the site. This has been interpreted as a former field boundary.

EWI9625 Geophysical Survey on Land at Park Farm, West Amesbury (2020)

2.2.7 Outside the study area, a magnetometry survey was undertaken within land immediately to the east of Park Farm, located approximately 500 m to the south west of the site (LeFort Geophysics 2020). Although of minimal relevance to the archaeological potential at the site, the survey identified a dispersed scatter of pit like anomalies, though the lack of any coherent distribution suggests many to be of natural origin.

2.3 Archaeological and historical context

Neolithic and Bronze Age (4000–700 BC)

2.3.1 The most significant of WHS monuments within the wider study area is the Stonehenge Avenue (NHLE 1010140). The Avenue forms a *c.* 2.75 km linear feature providing a formal approach to Stonehenge and linking it with the River Avon. It is formed of a central avenue flanked by banks and outer ditches on both sides, the entire monument measuring up to 30 m in width. The site is located towards the south-eastern terminus of the Stonehenge Avenue, where it meets the River Avon and an Early Bronze Age henge and stone circle ('Blue Stonehenge', WSHER MWSI75881). The route of the Stonehenge Avenue passes within 150 m of the eastern edge of the site and has been confirmed through multiple geophysical surveys (e.g., Highways England 2016).

2.3.2 Scheduled Monuments within the study area consist of a number of Neolithic and Bronze Age funerary and ceremonial monuments (e.g., WSHER SU14SW758, SU14SW887, SU14SW889, SU14SW893, MWI12921). Crop mark evidence from aerial photographs taken in 1943 suggests the remains of a Bronze Age ring ditch may exist within the site (WSHER MWI76633; English Heritage 2004). Almost all of these are examples of bowl or bell barrows, scheduled both individually and in groups and with various degrees of survival.

2.3.3 Other features in the general vicinity of the site include five Middle Neolithic pits (WSHER MWI75683), a Middle Neolithic inhumation burial (WSHER MWI75684), possible Middle Neolithic postholes (MWI75685) and a Bronze Age ditch terminus (WSHER MWI75686), all of which were investigated during a previous investigations (Roberts *et al* 2017) across a broad swathe of land south of the A303 between Luxenborough Plantation to the west and West Amesbury Farm to the east. At West Amesbury Farm, the investigation included a series of trenches, 6/32/33, 31 and 34, which were located approximately 120 to 180 m to the south of the southern boundary of the newly fenced area (**Figure 1**). These trenches

only identified undated discontinuous elements of a probable Bronze Age field system and a small number of irregular discrete features of indeterminant function.

Iron Age (700 BC–AD 43)

2.3.4 The field systems mapped around the site could reasonably date to the Iron Age. Two small scale investigations in West Amesbury have already recorded evidence of Iron Age occupation in the area. This has so far consisted of a single ditch (WSHER MWI75983) and two domestic rubbish pits (WSHER MWI12556), indicating the likely presence of further features and deposits in the area.

2.3.5 The most substantial Iron Age archaeological feature in the vicinity of the site (although, beyond the study area) is Vespasian's Camp (NHLE 1012126, WSHER MWI12551), an Iron Age hillfort occupying a chalk spur projecting into the Avon valley approximately 600 m to the east of the site. The combination of the hillfort's proximity, the recorded features in West Amesbury and the undated field system surrounding the site raises the potential for Iron Age features to be present within the site.

Romano-British (AD 43–410)

2.3.6 A number of Romano-British sites are known from Amesbury, which lies alongside the projected route of the Roman Road running from Old Sarum to Savernake Forest (Allen *et al.* 2016). Whilst the majority of evidence is for settlement focussed on the east bank of the river, several small-scale investigations recorded around West Amesbury have also recorded evidence of Romano-British settlement.

Anglo-Saxon–Medieval (AD 410–1500)

2.3.7 Outside the study area, an excavation carried out to the west of Park Farm (i.e., within the area geophysically surveyed as part of EWI9625 above) has identified multiple Anglo-Saxon burials. The work has yet to be brought to publication with only a pre-assessment summary currently available (AC Archaeology 2023).

2.3.8 Amesbury is known to have origins in the Anglo-Saxon period, Amesbury Abbey was founded in AD 979, eventually developing into the medieval Benedictine Monastery (WSHER MWI10117).

Post-Medieval–modern (AD 1500–present)

2.3.9 It is possible that the site could contain some below-ground evidence of ridge and furrow cultivation from the post-medieval period. The site is located within the layout of the Nile Clumps, a group of 17 small beech plantations purportedly planted by Charles Douglas, 6th Marquess of Queensberry to commemorate Nelson's victory at the Battle of the Nile, each clump representing a ship as depicted on Robert Dodd's engraving of the British and French fleets for the battle.

2.3.10 The Ordnance Survey map of 1885 indicates that the area of the site was located within a larger field, with what appears to be a trackway running approximately northwards from the former route of Stonehenge Road towards a small structure located on the east side of the Nile Clump possibly representing 'the ship *Goliath*' (though it may alternatively be either '*Zealous*' or '*Audacious*') (Eclectica 2008).

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 Aims

3.1.1 The aims of the AMR, as stated in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2023) and as defined in the CIfA *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (CIfA 2014a), were to:

- allow, within the resources available, the preservation by record of archaeological deposits, the presence and nature of which could not be established (or established with sufficient accuracy) in advance of the development or other works;
- provide an opportunity, if needed, for the watching archaeologist to signal to all interested parties, before the destruction of the material in question, that an archaeological find has been made for which the resources allocated to the AMR itself are not sufficient to support treatment to a satisfactory and proper standard; and
- guide, not replace, any requirement for contingent excavation or preservation of possible deposits.

3.2 Objectives

3.2.1 In order to achieve the above aims, the objectives of the AMR, also defined in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2023), were to:

- determine the presence or absence of archaeological features, deposits, structures, artefacts or ecofacts within the specified works area;
- record and establish, within the constraints of the works, the extent, character, date, condition and quality of any surviving archaeological remains (a preservation by record);
- place any identified archaeological remains within a wider historical and archaeological context in order to assess their significance; and
- make available information about the archaeological resource on the site by preparing a report on the results of the AMR.

4 METHODS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 All works were undertaken in accordance with the detailed methodology set out within the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2023) and in general compliance with the standards outlined in CIfA guidance (CIfA 2014a). The methods employed are summarised below.

4.2 Fieldwork methods

General

4.2.1 The AMR took place during groundworks associated with the installation of a new fence at Stonehenge Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire (Figs. 1-2).

4.2.2 Prior to the commencement of the AMR, the area of works was subject to a walkover survey. This was undertaken primarily to ascertain whether any evidence of the monument was visible above ground in its given location. No visible evidence was observed (Fig. 3), but the area was marked and the postholes requiring excavation in this area were identified

(Postholes 1 – 15, 1000 and 1001; Fig. 2). These postholes were hand excavated by the archaeological team. It is noted that Postholes 3, 5 and 6 encountered large tree roots limiting the ability for complete hand excavation and were completed by the contractor, using an auger.

4.2.3 The remaining postholes (PH16+) were excavated by the fencing contractor's team, under archaeological supervision, with some dug by hand and others by auger due to the presence of tree roots or concrete, and time constraints associated with the project. Care was taken to minimise any damage to the tree roots, where present.

4.2.4 The attending archaeologist(s) monitored all excavations within the specified area. No archaeological features or deposits were identified during the works.

4.2.5 Spoil from each posthole (both hand-dug and augured) was visually scanned for the purposes of finds retrieval.

Recording

4.2.6 All exposed deposits were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's pro forma recording system. A complete record of the excavated postholes was made, including plans and sections drawn to appropriate scales (generally 1:20 or 1:50 for plans and 1:10 for sections) and tied to the Ordnance Survey (OS) National Grid. It is noted that for ease of recording trench sheets were used. As such each posthole was assigned a trench number which correlates exactly, so that Trench 1 is the same as Posthole 1 and so forth.

4.2.7 A combination of survey methods was used to record the locations of the postholes. Where possible a Leica GNSS connected to Leica's SmartNet service was used. All survey data is recorded in OS National Grid coordinates and heights (aOD, Newlyn), as defined by OSTN15and OSGM15, with a three-dimensional accuracy of at least 50 mm.

4.2.8 Where it was not possible to use the GNSS due to tree cover, a Leica Total Station Theodolite (TST) was used within a site grid tied into the OS National Grid and heights above OD (Newlyn). The grid was established, with a three-dimensional accuracy of at least 50 mm, using a Leica Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) connected to Leica's SmartNet service to receive real time kinematic (RTK) corrections.

4.2.9 A full photographic record was made using digital cameras equipped with an image sensor of not less than 10 megapixels. Digital images have been subject to managed quality control and curation processes, which has embedded appropriate metadata within the image and will ensure long term accessibility of the image set.

4.3 Finds and environmental strategies

4.3.1 Strategies for the recovery, processing and assessment of finds and environmental samples were in line with those detailed in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2023). The treatment of artefacts and environmental remains was in general accordance with: *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (CIfA 2014b), *Environmental Archaeology. A Guide to the Theory and Practice of Methods, from Sampling and Recovery to Post-excavation* (English Heritage 2011) and CIfA's *Toolkit for Specialist Reporting* (CIfA 2022a, Type 1: Description).

4.4 Monitoring

4.4.1 The Wiltshire County Archaeology Service (WCAS) monitored the AMR on behalf of the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and approved the Written Scheme of Investigation before

the start of works. Although no on-site monitoring visits were undertaken, updates regarding work, progress and results were supplied to WCAS via weekly reports.

5 STRATIGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 Despite their location within proximity to a Bronze Age ring ditch (WSHER MWI76633) and within an extensive and complex prehistoric landscape, no archaeological features or deposits were identified during the works. However, finds (one piece of worked flint and a fragment of animal bone) were recovered from two of the postholes (PH 2 and 30) (**Figure 2**).

5.1.2 A total of 24 postholes were excavated by hand and a further 99 by mechanical auger to facilitate the installation of the fence (**Figures 1-2**). These postholes generally measured between 0.30 m and 0.40 m in diameter and between 0.70 m to 0. 80 m in depth, and were excavated through similar soil sequences which only varied due to the differing locations they were positioned in. The natural chalk geology, encountered between 101.48 m and 107.09 m aOD, was exposed within all but two of the postholes (Postholes 17 and 87).

5.1.3 Detailed summaries of the soil sequence within each posthole are included in the trench summaries in Appendix 1.

5.2 Soil sequence and natural deposits

5.2.1 The soil sequence within each posthole, and notably within the given location for and adjacent to the possible monument (WSHER MWI76633; Postholes 1–10, 12, 14, 15 and 1000/1), typically comprised a chalky silt loam topsoil with varying levels of bioturbation, rooting and leaf debris recorded. Typically measuring between 0.30 m and 0.58 m thick (0.8 m thick in Posthole 87), this deposit either directly overlay the chalk geology which appeared blocky and fragmentary in places (**Figures 4 – 5**) as seen in the area of the possible barrow, or a second chalky silt loam, appearing slightly darker in colour with chalk inclusions (Postholes 36, 90 - 95, 101 – 107) which, in turn, overlay the natural geology (**Figure 6**).

5.2.2 However, in some locations, postholes were excavated through made ground deposits. Posthole 11, located to the south of the A303 Amesbury Bypass and in the northern extent of the works, was excavated through the chalky silt loam topsoil which overlay a layer of concrete, present at approximately 104.08 m aOD (0.25 m below ground level). This sealed a 0.35 m thick layer of made ground appearing as a mid-light brown silty loam with numerous chalk inclusions. The natural geology was encountered beneath this at 103.63 m aOD (0.70 m below ground level) (**Figure 7**). Postholes 13 to 19 and 1000, also located to the south of the A303 Amesbury Bypass and in the northern extent of the AMR area, likewise contained this made ground deposit where 20th century inclusions (comprising concrete fragments) were also recorded (**Figure 8**).

5.2.3 Postholes 108 – 115, also located in this area, were excavated through a hard surface, varying between concrete, tarmac and sub-base asphalt which overlay layers of redeposited chalk, tarmac and Type 1 and sand asphalt base (**Figure 9**) before the natural chalk was exposed at *c.* 104.3 m aOD. The variations in modern material within this area, measuring between 0.4 m and 0.6 m thick, coupled with the presence of made ground within Postholes 11 and 13 – 19 suggests that this material is resultant from the construction of the A303 Amesbury Bypass. Similar stratigraphy was evident within postholes 116 and 117 located within the southern extent of the works, in close proximity to the route of Old

Stonehenge Road and Stonehenge Road. It is believed likely that the material within these postholes relates to construction of the latter.

5.2.4 Within the south, Postholes 65 - 68 were positioned within Stonehenge Road and, therefore, excavated through the existing road surface beneath which a Type 1 hardcore bedding deposit was revealed. This was found to overlie a mixed mid-dark brown silty loam with 20th century inclusions (**Figure 10**). Measuring 0.3 m thick, this made ground deposit is also thought to be related to the construction of the A303 to the north and overlay the natural geology which was recorded at 103.24 m aOD (0.5 m below ground level).

6 FINDS EVIDENCE

6.1 Finds Evidence

6.1.1 The only finds recovered from this phase of work consist of one piece of struck flint, one animal bone and a piece from a modern confectionary wrapper. All three items were found in the topsoil.

6.1.2 The piece of worked flint (10 g) was found in PH30 (**Figure 2**). It is a chronologically undiagnostic tertiary flake which has been detached with a hard hammer. It is in a heavily battered condition in keeping with its topsoil provenance, and the few remaining areas of original surface are patinated a light blue. No cortex survives, but it is very likely to have been locally sourced, probably just from the ground surface.

6.1.3 The two other finds came from PH2. They consist of the proximal end of a undatable juvenile chicken humerus (1 g) and part of a 21st century confectionary wrapper, possibly from a Kit Kat and printed with the dates “08/2015 until 31/12/2015”.

6.2 Selection Strategy

6.2.1 The small quantities, poor and/or fragmentary condition and provenance (topsoil) of the finds limits their potential for further research. None of them merit long-term curation, so discard or dispersal is recommended.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

7.1.1 No deposits suitable for environmental sampling were encountered during the AMR.

8 CONCLUSIONS

8.1 Summary

8.1.1 Although the AMR was undertaken in an area of high archaeological potential, located within a complex prehistoric landscape and within the bounds and immediate vicinity of a possible barrow monument, no archaeological features or deposits were identified during the investigation.

8.2 Discussion

8.2.1 Whilst the majority of the postholes were excavated through topsoil onto the chalk geology, a number contained soil sequences dominated by made ground deposits. This appeared to be concentrated in areas beside existing carriageways, with the likelihood that the material present within the northern extent of the works was resultant from the construction of the A303 Amesbury Bypass, whilst those to the south were located within the existing Stonehenge Road Carriageway and material was, therefore, associated with the road.

8.2.2 Most significantly Postholes 1 – 15 and 1000/1, positioned within and immediately adjacent to the given location of the possible barrow monument identified in aerial photographs of the site (WSHER MWI76633), were archaeologically sterile. Although possible that any footprint of such a monument was affected by the construction of the A303, the lack of made ground and/or evident disturbance present within most of the postholes in this area, indicates this is unlikely. Should the monument exist within the vicinity of the given location, it is likely that the positioning of the postholes and their limited scope successfully led to a lack of impact sufficient to locate and disturb the possible barrow.

9 ARCHIVE STORAGE AND CURATION

9.1 Museum

9.1.1 The archive resulting from the AMR is currently held at the offices of Wessex Archaeology in Salisbury. The Salisbury Museum has agreed in principle to accept the archive on completion of the project, under the accession code **SBYWM:2021.25**. Deposition of any finds with the museum will only be carried out with the full written agreement of the landowner to transfer title of all finds to the museum.

9.2 Preparation of the archive

Physical archive

9.2.1 The physical archive, which includes paper records, graphics, and artefacts will be prepared following the standard conditions for the acceptance of excavated archaeological material by The Salisbury Museum, and in general following nationally recommended guidelines (Brown 2011; CIfA 2014c; SMA 1995).

9.2.2 All archive elements will be marked with the **accession code**, and a full index will be prepared. The physical archive currently comprises the following:

- 1 cardboard box or airtight plastic box of artefacts ordered by material type
- 1 files/document cases of paper records

Digital archive

9.2.3 The digital archive generated by the project, which comprises born-digital data (e.g., site records, survey data, databases and spreadsheets, photographs and reports), will be deposited with a Trusted Digital Repository, in this instance the Archaeology Data Service (ADS), to ensure its long-term curation. Digital data will be prepared following ADS guidelines (ADS 2013 and online guidance) and accompanied by metadata.

9.3 Selection strategy

9.3.1 It is widely accepted that not all the records and materials (artefacts and ecofacts) collected or created during the course of an archaeological project require preservation in perpetuity. These records and materials will be subject to selection in order to establish what will be retained for long-term curation, with the aim of ensuring that all elements selected to be retained are appropriate to establish the significance of the project and support future research, outreach, engagement, display and learning activities, i.e., the retained archive should fulfil the requirements of both future researchers and the receiving Museum.

9.3.2 The selection strategy, which details the project-specific selection process, is underpinned by national guidelines on selection and retention (Brown 2011, section 4) and generic selection policies (SMA 1993; Wessex Archaeology's internal selection policy) and follows

CIfA's *Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives*. It should be agreed by all stakeholders (Wessex Archaeology's internal specialists, external specialists, local authority, museum) and fully documented in the project archive.

9.3.3 In this instance, given the relatively low level of finds recovery, the selection process has been deferred until after the fieldwork stage was completed. Project-specific proposals for selection are presented below. These proposals are based on recommendations by Wessex Archaeology's internal specialists and will be updated in line with any further comment by other stakeholders (museum, local authority). The selection strategy will be fully documented in the project archive.

9.3.4 Any material not selected for retention may be used for teaching or reference collections by Wessex Archaeology.

Documentary records

9.3.5 Paper records comprise site registers (other pro-forma site records are digital), drawings and reports (written scheme of investigation, client report). All will be retained and deposited with the project archive.

Digital data

9.3.6 The digital data comprise site records (tablet-recorded on site) in spreadsheet format; finds records in spreadsheet format; survey data; photographs; reports. All will be deposited, although site photographs will be subject to selection to eliminate poor quality and duplicated images, and any others not considered directly relevant to the archaeology of the site.

9.4 Security copy

9.4.1 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.

9.5 OASIS

9.5.1 An OASIS (online access to the index of archaeological investigations) record (http://oasis.ac.uk) has been initiated, with key fields completed (Appendix 2). A pdf version of the final report will be submitted following approval by the Wiltshire County Archaeologist on behalf of the LPA. Subject to any contractual requirements on confidentiality, copies of the OASIS record will be integrated into the relevant local and national records and published through the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) ArchSearch catalogue.

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10.1 Archive and report copyright

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Trench summaries

(Trench number here correlates with Posthole number e.g., Trench 1 = Posthole 1)

Trench No 1	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth Below Ground Level (BGL) (m)**
101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
102		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.50 +

Trench No 2	Length 0.35 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth BGL (m)**
201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.55
202		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.55 +

Trench No 3	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.25 m	Depth 0.70 m
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth BGL (m)**
301		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.25
302		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.25 – 0.70 +

Trench No 4	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth BGL (m)**
401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
402		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.2 – 0.75+

Trench No 5	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.35 m	Depth 0.70 m
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth BGL (m)**
501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.30
502		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.30 – 0.70 +

Trench No 6	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.35
602		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.35 – 0.75 +

Trench No 7	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.35 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.40
702		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.40 +

Trench No 8	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.0 - 0.30
802		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.30 – 0.75

Trench No 9	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.30
902		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.30 – 0.75

Trench No 10	Length 0.35 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
1001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0 – 0.8
1002		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.8 +

Trench No 11	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
1101		Topsoil	Current Topsoil. Mid to dark brown/black silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions	0 – 0.25
1102		Concrete	Concrete	0.25 – 0.35

1103		Made ground	Mid to light brown silty loam with numerous chalk inclusions, likely to have resulted from original A303 construction	0.35 – 0.70
1104		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.70 +

Trench No 12	**Length 0.35 m**	**Width 0.30 m**	**Depth 0.80 m**
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth BGL (m)**
1201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.40
1202		Natural chalk	White. Fractured and blocky	0.40 +

Trench No 13	**Length 0.30 m**	**Width 0.30 m**	**Depth 0.80 m**
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth BGL (m)**
1301		Topsoil	Current Topsoil. Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions.	0 – 0.30
1302		Made ground	Mid to light greyish brown silty loam with occasional 20th century inclusions. Likely to be resultant from original A303 construction.	0.30 – 0.70
1303		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.70 +

Trench No 14	**Length 0.30 m**	**Width 0.30 m**	**Depth 0.80 m**
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth BGL (m)**
1401		Topsoil	Current Topsoil. Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions	0 – 0.25
1402		Made ground	Mid to light brownish grey silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions Likely to be resultant from original A303 construction	0.25 –.0.70
1403		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.70 +

Trench No 15	**Length 0.30 m**	**Width 0.35 m**	**Depth 0.75 m**
Context Number	**Fill Of/Filled With**	**Interpretative Category**	**Description**	**Depth BGL (m)**
1501		Topsoil	Current Topsoil. Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions.	0 – 0.30
1502		Made ground	Mid to light brown silty loam with numerous chalk nodules and 20th century inclusions, likely to have resulted from original A303 construction.	0.30 – 0.70
1503		Natural	Underlying chalk natural.	0.70 +

Trench No 16	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.35 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
1601		Topsoil	Current Topsoil. Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions.	0 – 0.30
1602		Made ground	Mid to light brown silty loam with numerous chalk nodules and 20th century inclusions, likely to have resulted from original A303 construction.	0.30 – 0.70
1603		Natural	Underlying chalk natural.	0.70 +

Trench No 17	Length 0.35 m	Width 0.33 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
1701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.40
1702		Made ground	Redeposited chalk nodules. Fractured, blocky, flint inclusions	0.40 – 0.55
1703		Made ground	Brown silty loam	0.55 +

Trench No 18	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
1801		Topsoil	Current Topsoil. Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions.	0 – 0.30
1802		Made ground	Mid to light greyish brown silty loam with occasional 20th century inclusions. Likely to be resultant from original A303 construction.	0.30 – 0.70
1803		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.70 +

Trench No 19	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
1901		Topsoil	Current Topsoil. Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions.	0 – 0.30
1902		Made ground	Mid to light greyish brown silty loam with occasional 20th century inclusions. Likely to be resultant from original A303 construction.	0.30 – 0.70
1903		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.70 +

Trench No 20	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2002		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 21	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2102		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 22	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2202		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 23	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2301		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2302		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 24	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2402		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 25	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2502		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 26	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2602		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 27	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2702		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 28	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2802		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 29	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
2901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Strong tree roots at 0.15 m below ground level and surface leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.50
2902		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.50 +

Trench No 30	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3001		Topsoil	Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions and chalk flecks	0 – 0.40
3002		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.40 +

Trench No 31	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3101		Topsoil	Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions and chalk flecks	0 – 0.40
3102		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.40 +

Trench No 32	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3201		Topsoil	Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions and chalk flecks	0 – 0.40
3202		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.40 +

Trench No 33	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3301		Topsoil	Mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions and chalk flecks	0 – 0.40
3302		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.40 +

Trench No 34	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Grass rooting	0.00 – 0.30
3402		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.30 +

Trench No 35	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Grass rooting	0.00 – 0.30
3502		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.30 +

Trench No 36	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.10
3602		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions and tree roots	0.10 – 0.3
3603		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.3 – 0.80

Trench No 37	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.10
3702		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions and tree roots	0.10 – 0.3
3703		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.3 – 0.80

Trench No 38	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.10
3802		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions and tree roots	0.10 – 0.3
3803		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.3 – 0.80

Trench No 39	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
3901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.10
3902		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions and tree roots	0.10 – 0.3
3903		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.3 – 0.80

Trench No 40	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.10
4002		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions and tree roots	0.10 – 0.3
4003		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.3 – 0.80

Trench No 41	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.05
4102		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.05 – 0.8 +

Trench No 42	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.05
4202		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.05 – 0.8 +

Trench No 43	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4301		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.05
4302		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.05 – 0.8 +

Trench No 44	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.05
4402		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.05 – 0.8 +

Trench No 45	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.05
4502		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.05 – 0.8 +

Trench No 46	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 –0.3
4602		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.3 – 0.8 +

Trench No 47	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 –0.3
4702		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.3 – 0.8 +

Trench No 48	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
4802		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.2 – 0.75 +

Trench No 49	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
4901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
4902		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.2 – 0.75 +

Trench No 50	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
5002		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky. Flint nodules.	0.2 – 0.75 +

Trench No 51	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Abundant sub-angular flint nodules. Extensive tree rooting and leaf detritus.	0.00 – .40
5102		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.40 – 0.70

Trench No 52	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Abundant sub-angular flint nodules. Extensive tree rooting and leaf detritus.	0.00 – .40
5202		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.40 – 0.70

Trench No 53	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5301		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Abundant sub-angular flint nodules. Extensive tree rooting and leaf detritus.	0.00 – .40
5302		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.40 – 0.70

Trench No 54	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Abundant sub-angular flint nodules. Extensive tree rooting and leaf detritus.	0.00 – .40
5402		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.40 – 0.70

Trench No 55	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Abundant sub-angular flint nodules. Extensive tree rooting and leaf detritus.	0.00 – .40
5502		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.40 – 0.70

Trench No 56	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
5602		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.70 +

Trench No 57	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
5702		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.70 +

Trench No 58	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
5802		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.70 +

Trench No 59	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
5901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
5902		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.70 +

Trench No 60	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.25
6002		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.25 – 0.8

Trench No 61	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.25
6102		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.25 – 0.8

Trench No 62	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.25
6202		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.25 – 0.8

Trench No 63	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6301		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.25
6302		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.25 – 0.8

Trench No 64	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.25
6402		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.25 – 0.8

Trench No 65	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6501		Surface	Tarmac. Current road surface	0 – 0.05
6502		Type 1 hardcore	Bedding deposit for 6501	0.05 – 0.20
6503		Made ground	Mixed mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions. Likely to be resultant from Stonehenge Road construction.	0.20 – 0.50
6504		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.50 +

Trench No 66	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6601		Surface	Tarmac. Current road surface	0 – 0.05
6602		Type 1 hardcore	Bedding deposit for 6501	0.05 – 0.20
6603		Made ground	Mixed mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions. Likely to be resultant from Stonehenge Road construction.	0.20 – 0.50
6604		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.50 +

Trench No 67	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6701		Surface	Tarmac. Current road surface	0 – 0.05
6702		Type 1 hardcore	Bedding deposit for 6501	0.05 – 0.20
6703		Made ground	Mixed mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions. Likely to be resultant from Stonehenge Road construction.	0.20 – 0.50
6704		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.50 +

Trench No 68	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6801		Surface	Tarmac. Current road surface	0 – 0.05
6802		Type 1 hardcore	Bedding deposit for 6501	0.05 – 0.20
6803		Made ground	Mixed mid to dark brown silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions. Likely to be resultant from Stonehenge Road construction.	0.20 – 0.50
6804		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.50 +

Trench No 69	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
6901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
6902		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.65
6903		Natural	Base of posthole, increased number of flint nodules and tree roots	0.65 – 0.70

Trench No 70	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
7002		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.65
7003		Natural	Base of posthole, increased number of flint nodules and tree roots	0.65 – 0.70

Trench No 71	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
7102		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.65
7103		Natural	Base of posthole, increased number of flint nodules and tree roots	0.65 – 0.70

Trench No 72	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
7202		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.65
7203		Natural	Base of posthole, increased number of flint nodules and tree roots	0.65 – 0.70

Trench No 73	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7301		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
7302		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.65
7303		Natural	Base of posthole, increased number of flint nodules and tree roots	0.65 – 0.70

Trench No 74	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
7402		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.65
7403		Natural	Base of posthole, increased number of flint nodules and tree roots	0.65 – 0.70

Trench No 75	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.20
7502		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.20 – 0.65
7503		Natural	Base of posthole, increased number of flint nodules and tree roots	0.65 – 0.70

Trench No 76	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
7602		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.3 – 0.8

Trench No 77	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
7702		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.3 – 0.8

Trench No 78	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
7802		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.3 – 0.8

Trench No 79	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
7901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
7902		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.3 – 0.8

Trench No 80	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
8002		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.3 – 0.8

Trench No 81	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8101		Topsoil	Thick tree rooting and leaf detritus. Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules.	0.00 – 0.3
8102		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.30 – 0.80

Trench No 82	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8201		Topsoil	Thick tree rooting and leaf detritus. Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules.	0.00 – 0.3
8202		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.30 – 0.80

Trench No 83	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8301		Topsoil	Thick tree rooting and leaf detritus. Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules.	0.00 – 0.3
8302		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.30 – 0.80

Trench No 84	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 8 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive ivy rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
8402		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.3 – 0.8

Trench No 85	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 8 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive ivy rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
8502		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.3 – 0.8

Trench No 86	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 8 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive ivy rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
8602		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.3 – 0.8

Trench No 87	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.80

Trench No 88	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 8 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.7
8802		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.7 – 0.8

Trench No 89	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 8 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
8901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.7
8902		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.7 – 0.8

Trench No 90	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.4
9002		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions and tree roots	0.4 – 0.7
9003		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.7 – 0.8

Trench No 91	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.4
9102		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions and tree roots	0.4 – 0.7
9103		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.7 – 0.8

Trench No 92	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.4
9202		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions and tree roots	0.4 – 0.7
9203		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.7 – 0.8

Trench No 93	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9301		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
9302		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions	0.3 – 0.5
9303		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 94	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
9402		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions	0.3 – 0.5
9403		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 95	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.3
9502		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions	0.3 – 0.5
9503		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 96	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.40
9602		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.65
9603		Natural	Abundant large flint nodules ≤ 35 mm	0.65 – 0.75

Trench No 97	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.40
9702		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.65
9703		Natural	Abundant large flint nodules ≤ 35 mm	0.65 – 0.75

Trench No 98	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.40
9802		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.65
9803		Natural	Abundant large flint nodules ≤ 35 mm	0.65 – 0.75

Trench No 99	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
9901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.40
9902		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.65
9903		Natural	Abundant large flint nodules ≤ 35 mm	0.65 – 0.75

Trench No 100	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.40
10002		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.65
10003		Natural	Abundant large flint nodules ≤ 35 mm	0.65 – 0.75

Trench No 101	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
10102		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions. Tree roots and leaf detritus.	0.2 – 0.5
10103		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 102	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10201		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
10202		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions. Tree roots and leaf detritus.	0.2 – 0.5
10203		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 103	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10301		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
10302		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions. Tree roots and leaf detritus.	0.2 – 0.5
10303		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 104	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10401		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
10402		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions. Tree roots and leaf detritus.	0.2 – 0.5
10403		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 105	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10501		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
10502		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions. Tree roots and leaf detritus.	0.2 – 0.5
10503		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 106	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10601		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
10602		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions. Tree roots and leaf detritus.	0.2 – 0.5
10603		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 107	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10701		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.2
10702		Subsoil	Pale brownish chalky silt. Abundant mixed sized flint inclusions. Tree roots and leaf detritus.	0.2 – 0.5
10703		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.5 – 0.8

Trench No 108	Length 0.45 m	Width 0.45 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10801		Surface	Concrete layer	0.00 – 0.1
10802		Made ground	Tarmac, ungraded ≤ 0.03 mm stones -flint and chalk nodules	0.1 – 0.4
10803		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.7

Trench No 109	Length 0.45 m	Width 0.45 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
10901		Surface	Concrete layer	0.00 – 0.1
10902		Made ground	Tarmac, ungraded ≤ 0.03 mm stones -flint and chalk nodules	0.1 – 0.4
10903		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.7

Trench No 110	Length 0.45 m	Width 0.45 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11001		Surface	Concrete layer	0.00 – 0.1
11002		Made ground	Tarmac, ungraded ≤ 0.03 mm stones -flint and chalk nodules	0.1 – 0.4
11003		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.7

Trench No 111	Length 0.45 m	Width 0.45 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11101		Surface	Concrete layer	0.00 – 0.1
11102		Made ground	Tarmac, ungraded ≤ 0.03 mm stones -flint and chalk nodules	0.1 – 0.4
11103		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.7

Trench No 112	Length 0.45 m	Width 0.45 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11201		Surface	Concrete layer	0.00 – 0.1
11202		Made ground	Tarmac, ungraded ≤ 0.03 mm stones -flint and chalk nodules	0.1 – 0.4
11203		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.7

Trench No 113	Length 0.45 m	Width 0.45 m	Depth 0.70 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11301		Surface	Concrete layer	0.00 – 0.1
11302		Made ground	Tarmac, ungraded ≤ 0.03 mm stones -flint and chalk nodules	0.1 – 0.4
11303		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.7

Trench No 114	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.60 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11401		Surface	Tarmac and redeposited chalk	0.00 – 0.2
11402		Chalk	Chalk	0.2 – 0.25
11403		Redeposited natural	Redeposited chalk natural	0.25 – 0.6 +

Trench No 115	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.60 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11501		Surface	Tarmac and redeposited chalk	0.00 – 0.2
11502		Chalk	Chalk	0.2 – 0.25
11503		Redeposited natural	Redeposited chalk natural	0.25 – 0.6 +

Trench No 116	Length 0.50 m	Width 0.50 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11601		Surface	Sub-Base Asphalt	0.00 – 0.30
11602		Made ground	Type 1 and sand asphalt base	0.3 – 0.6
11603		Natural	Natural chalk	0.6 – 0.75

Trench No 117	Length 0.50 m	Width 0.50 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11701		Surface	Sub-Base Asphalt	0.00 – 0.30
11702		Made ground	Type 1 and sand asphalt base	0.3 – 0.6
11703		Natural	Natural chalk	0.6 – 0.75

Trench No 118	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11801		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree and grass rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.4
11802		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.8

Trench No 119	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
11901		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree and grass rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.4
11902		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.8

Trench No 120	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
12001		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree and grass rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.4
12002		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.8

Trench No 121	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.80 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
12101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Extensive minor tree and grass rooting and leaf detritus	0.00 – 0.4
12102		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.4 – 0.8

Trench No 1000	Length 0.30 m	Width 0.30 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
100001		Topsoil	Current Topsoil. Mid to dark brown/black silty loam with numerous 20th century inclusions	0 – 0.25
100002		Made ground	Re-deposited mid brown silty loam with numerous chalk inclusions, resultant from original A303 construction.	0.25 – 0.65
100003		Natural	Underlying chalk natural	0.65 +

Trench No 1001	Length 0.40 m	Width 0.40 m	Depth 0.75 m

Context Number	Fill Of/Filled With	Interpretative Category	Description	Depth BGL (m)
100101		Topsoil	Chalky silt loam. Pale brownish grey/white. Flint and chalk nodules. Tree roots and leaf detritus. Plastic bags and crisp packaging (showing signs of several years deterioration)	0.00 – 0.58
100102		Natural	Chalk. White. Fractured and blocky.	0.58+

Appendix 2 OASIS summary

OASIS ID (UID)	wessexar1-519591
Project Name	PE20608 Land Alongside A303/Stonehenge Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire
Sitename	Land Alongside A303/Stonehenge Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire
Site code	234163
Project Identifier(s)	234163
Activity type	Watching Brief
Planning Id	
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Pre application
Organisation Responsible for work	Wessex Archaeology
Project Dates	24-Aug-2023 - 07-Sep-2023
Location	Land Alongside A303/Stonehenge Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire NGR : SU 13810 41963 LL : 51.176738606215046, -1.803825729145327 12 Fig : 413810,141963
Administrative Areas	Country : England County/Local Authority : Wiltshire Local Authority District : Wiltshire Parish : Amesbury

Project Methodology	Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by National Highways to undertake a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording (AMR) during the excavation of post holes to facilitate the construction of fencing. Cropmark evidence from aerial photographs suggested the remains of a Bronze Age ring ditch (WSHER MWI76633) may exist within the site bounds. Postholes within the bounds of this ring ditch and those within its immediate vicinity were archaeologically excavated by hand, the remainder were either excavated by hand or by auger dependent on any time constraints associated with the works. It is noted that two postholes within the vicinity of the given location of the possible monument were dug by hand but abandoned and later completed by auger due to the presence of significant tree roots. The attending archaeologist(s) monitored all excavations within the specified area. No archaeological features or deposits were identified during the works. Spoil from each posthole (both hand-dug and augured) was visually scanned for the purposes of finds retrieval. No archaeological finds were observed during the AMR. All exposed deposits were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's pro forma recording system. A complete record of the excavated postholes was made, including plans and sections drawn to appropriate scales and tied to the Ordnance Survey National Grid. A combination of survey methods were used to record the locations of the postholes. Where possible a Leica GNSS connected to Leica's SmartNet service was used. All survey data is recorded in OS National Grid coordinates and heights above OD (Newlyn), as defined by OSTN15and OSGM15, with a three-dimensional accuracy of at least 50mm. Where it was not possible to use the GNSS due to tree cover, a Leica Total Station Theodolite (TST) was used within a site grid tied into the OS National Grid and heights above OD (Newlyn). The grid was established, with a three-dimensional accuracy of at least 50 mm, using a Leica Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) connected to Leica's SmartNet service to receive real time kinematic (RTK) corrections. A series of postholes were unable to be surveyed successfully using these means due to the density of the tree cover. These were, instead, located to either client plans that are related to OS mapping or structures/features that appear on OS mapping. This will be achieved using hand-held measuring tapes and the basic principles of triangulation. A full photographic record was made using digital cameras equipped with an image sensor of not less than 10 megapixels. Digital images have been subject to managed quality control and curation processes, which has embedded appropriate metadata within the image and will ensure long term accessibility of the image set.

Project Results	Although the AMR was undertaken in an area of high archaeological potential, located within a complex prehistoric landscape and within the bounds and immediate vicinity of a possible barrow monument, no archaeological features or deposits were identified during the investigation. The soil sequence observed typically comprised a chalky silt loam topsoil with varying levels of bioturbation, rooting and leaf debris recorded overlying the natural chalk which appeared blocky and fragmented. It is noted that the archaeologically excavated postholes located in the given location of the possible barrow ditch, and those within its vicinity, were archaeologically sterile. A number of postholes to the south of the A303 Amesbury Bypass, and positioned within the existing carriageway of Stonehenge Road, were excavated through made ground associated with the roadways.
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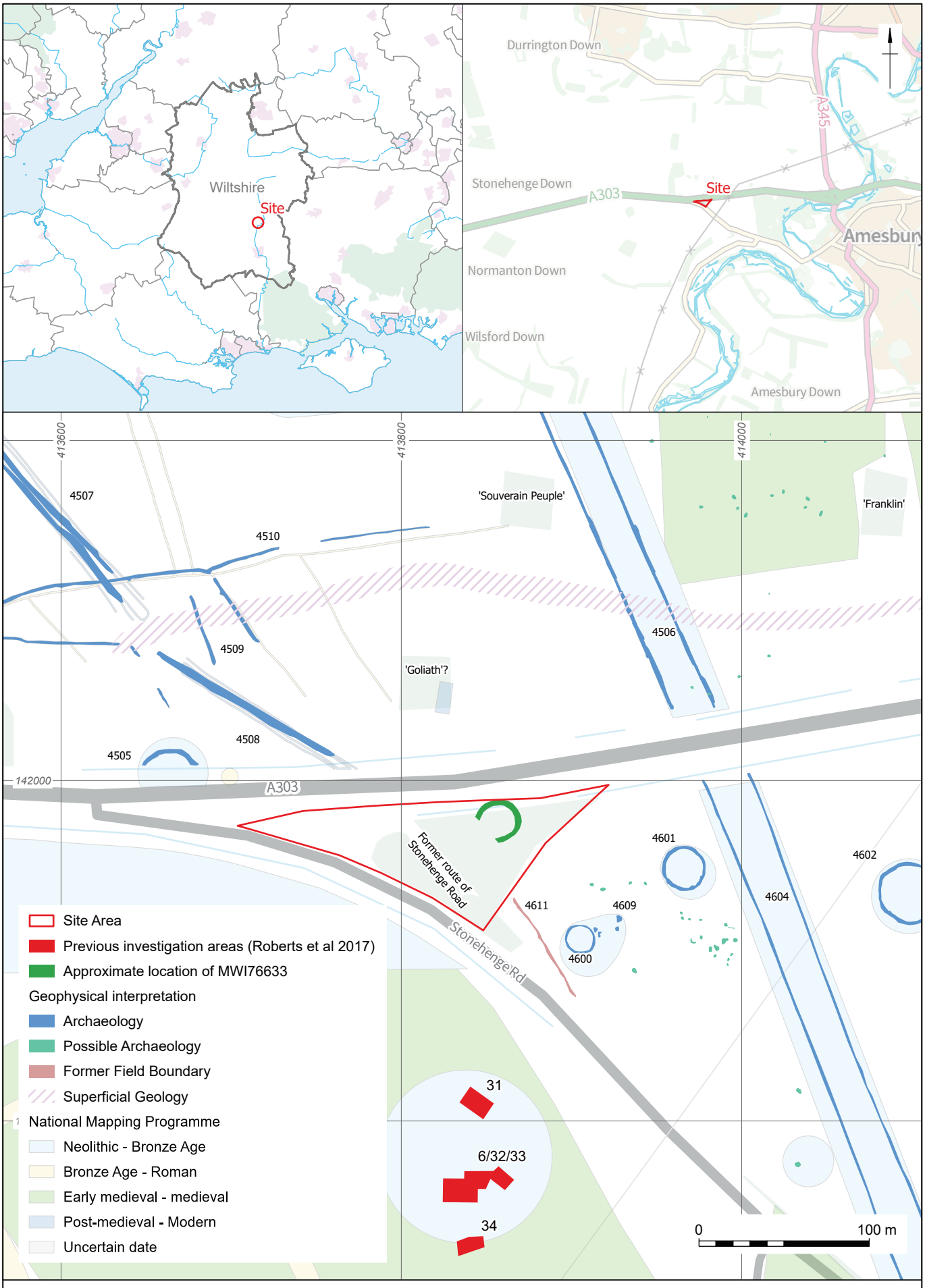

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Figure 1: Site location plan

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Site Area
Excavated Fence Post Holes
Approximate location of MWI76633

Geophysical interpretation
Archaeology
Possible Archaeology
Former Field Boundary

National Mapping Programme
Neolithic - Bronze Age
Bronze Age - Roman
Early medieval - medieval
Post-medieval - Modern
Uncertain date

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Coordinate system: OSGB 1936 British National Grid
Contains National Mapping Programme Data.

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Figure 2: Site and posthole locations

Figure 3: View of approximate location of WSHER MWI76633 from the south during initial walkover survey

Figure 4: View of Posthole 4 from the north; scales: 0.2 m and 0.5 m

Figure 5: View of Posthole 12 from the north; scale: 0.5 m

Figure 6: View of Posthole 90 from the west; scales: 0.3 m and 1.0 m

Figure 7: View of Posthole 11 from the north; scale: 1.0 m

Figure 8: View of Posthole 17 from the north; scale: 1.0 m

Figure 9: View of Posthole 116 from the north-east; scale: 0.3 m and 1 m

Figure 10: View of Posthole 67 from the west; scale: 1.0 m

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