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The front cover shows the main brewery building from the south-west, prior to demolition

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Summary

Site name and address:	2 – 24 Orchard Road, Baldock		
County:	Hertfordshire	District:	North Hertfordshire
Village/town:	Baldock	Parish:	Baldock
Planning reference:	97/0323/1	NGR:	TL 2445 3405
Client name and address:	NHDC, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF		
Nature of work:	New Housing	Previous land use:	Former Brewery
Size of affected area:	c.4125m ²	Size of area investigated:	c.1050m ²
Site Code:	BAL-68 '97	Other reference:	HN082
Organisation:	Heritage Network	Site Director:	David Hillelson
Type of work:	Evaluation & Excavation	Finds location/Museum:	North Herts Museums
Start of work	30/06/1997	Finish of work	06/10/1997
Related SMR Nos:	n/a	Periods represented:	RB; Post-medieval
Previous summaries/reports:	Draft Evaluation Report, Heritage Network		

Synopsis:

In response to an archaeological condition on the planning permission for a new housing development on land fronting Orchard Road, Baldock, Hertfordshire, the Heritage Network was commissioned by the developers to carry out a programme of archaeological fieldwork on the site. This took the form of an evaluation, followed by excavation of the line of an access road for the site, and of the footprint of the former Baldock Brewery, and monitoring of the development groundworks.

The fieldwork uncovered occupation evidence dating to the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD, as well as evidence associated with late post-medieval farming activity on the site. A variety of structural evidence associated with the brewery was also uncovered, including cellars, settings for plant and working surfaces, which had been sealed after brewing ceased on the site.

1. Introduction

1.1 This report has been prepared on behalf of *North Hertfordshire District Council* as the assessment stage of archaeological fieldwork carried out in advance of building development on land fronting 2 – 24 Orchard Road, Baldock, Herts. The archaeological work followed the provisions set out in the Heritage Network's approved *Project Designs*, dated June 1997 and August 1997 (Hillelson 1997a / Hillelson 1997b).

1.2 The site fronts on to Orchard Road (see Fig.1), and is located in the core of the medieval town, approximately 100m to the northeast of the parish church (centred on NGR TL 2445 3405). It lies within *Archaeological Area 96* (AA96) on the North Hertfordshire District Local Plan No.2. This encompasses the area of the Late Iron Age and Roman town, as well as the medieval town founded by the Knights Templar in the late 12th century. The remains of a former brewery, constructed in the late 18th or early 19th century, were also present on the site. The development proposes the construction of fifteen new dwellings in three blocks, with car parking and access to the front and gardens to the rear.

1.3 The planning permissions for the development (ref. 97/0323/1) and (97/0324/1CAC) controlled by the North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC), had been granted subject to conditions requiring the implementation of a programme of archaeological work, in accordance with the provisions set out in Planning Policy Guidance Note No.16 (PPG16) on Archaeology and Planning.

1.4 Under these planning conditions, a photographic survey of the buildings scheduled for demolition, desk-based research and an archaeological evaluation were carried out by the Heritage Network during May and June 1997 in accordance with a *Brief for Archaeological Evaluation* prepared by the Museums Field Archaeology Section (MFAS) of NHDC (ref. RS66 : B45). The desk-based research demonstrated the likelihood of encountering surviving archaeological remains dating to between the late Iron Age and the 19th century. The evaluation demonstrated the survival on the site of features dating to the Roman and post-medieval periods.

1.5 On the basis of the findings of the evaluation, written up in a draft evaluation report (Ashworth & Wilson, 1997), a further stage of archaeological observation and recording was required by MFAS, to record those areas directly affected by the approved construction works. This stage was also covered by the *Brief for Archaeological Evaluation* and involved the proactive monitoring and recording of the development groundworks in order to preserve by record any archaeological remains which would inevitably be destroyed by the works.

1.6 In October 1997, as this stage of the works was proceeding, as a result of a disagreement between the Heritage Network and the developers, Welwyn Associates Ltd (later Welwyn Homes Ltd), the Heritage Network withdrew from the fieldwork programme. This was later completed by the Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust.

1.7 The disagreement was eventually resolved in the County Court in November 2001, but, in the intervening period, Welwyn Homes (WHL) had entered into a Section 106 Agreement with

the NHDC, which allowed the unencumbered sale of the completed houses on site subject to assurances from WHL that the post-excavation phases of the project would be funded and completed within an agreed timescale. After WHL failed to meet the deadlines as set out in the agreement, the NHDC took over responsibility for completing the project, and commissioned the Heritage Network, as the excavators and the copyright holders for the original records, to undertake the work.

1.8 The works undertaken to date have included familiarization with the site records, cross-checking of the archive and the creation of a context database, digitization of field drawings, and the assessment of the different classes of data and recovered materials from the site. The current document presents and reviews the scope of the data recovered, and assesses its quality, character and significance. In accordance with the requirements set out in English Heritage's document, *Management of Archaeological Projects* (MAP2, 1991), this is intended to allow the planning authority to consider its potential, and the nature of any future programme of analysis, leading to publication.

2. General Background

TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

2.1 The site is located within the core of the medieval town, on a slight north-facing slope, at approximately 63mOD.

2.2 The underlying geology of the area consists of Upper Chalk. Although the soils on the present site have not been surveyed, they are likely to relate to the Swaffham Prior association, which consists of well-drained calcareous coarse and fine loamy soils (Soil Survey of England & Wales, 1983). Soils of this type have been identified in close proximity to the present site, in other parts of the town.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 The medieval town was founded on the site of an earlier settlement, established at the junction of major Roman and pre-Roman routes, including the Icknield Way and Roman Road 220, later the Great North Road. The Icknield Way had been an important east - west route along the Chiltern escarpment, between East Anglia and Wessex, since the *Mesolithic* period (10,000bc-3,500bc).

2.2 Archaeological investigations in Baldock have revealed evidence for scattered prehistoric activity, including *Neolithic* (c.3,500bc-2,000bc) and *Bronze Age* (c.2,000bc-700bc) pits and a Bronze Age burial. The remains of Bronze Age burial mounds, enclosures and linear features have also been identified on aerial photographs in open land to the east and north of the town.

2.3 During the late Iron Age Baldock appears to have been important, both as a settlement and as a ritual centre for the region. It has been argued that the settlement formed the core of a minor *oppidum*, a regionally important settlement, set within a territory marked by boundary earthworks (Burleigh, 1995). A number of funerary enclosures and two wealthy 'Chieftain's' burials have also been recorded from the town.

2.4 The settlement developed into a small town during the Roman period. It is estimated that the town covered an area of approximately 40 ha in the 2nd century AD, declining to approximately 30 ha in the 4th century (ibid, p.103). The layout and function of the town appears to have remained essentially the same, with ditched enclosures forming individual plots. A cropmark, indicating the presence of a Romano-Celtic temple, has been identified approximately 500m to the northwest of the study area. The Roman settlement seems to have been demarcated by a series of substantial cemeteries, located to the north, east, south and southwest of the present day Clothall Road. Only to the northwest have no cemeteries been identified by archaeological fieldwork.

2.5 Archaeological investigations on Clothall Common during the 1980s and 90s, approximately 500m to the northeast of the present site, revealed evidence of the Late pre-Roman Iron Age and Romano-British settlement, including pits, wells, boundary ditches and burials. A considerable number of late Roman inhumation burials have been recovered from the fills of a

wells and deep pits on the study area and the surrounding archaeological sites (G. Burleigh, *pers comm*). Traces of earlier prehistoric activity were also recorded.

2.6 The town seems to disappear from the archaeological record after the early 5th century AD. This apparent abandonment may be the result of a change in religious beliefs and practices, though it is likely that scattered occupation continued in the vicinity.

Site Specific

2.7 At the request of the Heritage Network, Brendan King, of the Baldock Local History Society, supplied the results of his detailed research into the site. This showed that in the 18th and 19th centuries the study area comprised at least 3 main property blocks. These consisted of a farm and possible maltings on the eastern side; the brewer's house and the brewery yard behind, and an area described as the Farm Yard, on the western side.

2.8 Two plans from an indenture dated 1843 show in detail the layout of the buildings relating to the Brewer's house and the Farm Yard. The area of the farm and maltings to the east appears on the Baldock Tithe Map, dated 1850 (CRO DSA 4/11/2) (Ashworth & Wilson, Figure 1). The accompanying award (CRO DSA 4/11/1) describes this property as farm buildings. By 1871 the site was occupied by the Methodist chapel.

3. Methods Statement

EXCAVATION METHODOLOGY

3.1 The field investigation of the present site was carried out in two stages:

- Stage 1, the evaluation stage, consisted of the excavation of seven trial trenches (labelled A – G) and the monitoring of five geotechnical test pits across the area of the proposed development (see Fig.2).
- Stage 2 consisted of the monitoring of the developer's groundworks, including the emptying and recording of 2 cellars (see Fig.4); the stripping of the new access road from Orchard Road (Area 1) (see Fig.3); and the groundworks in the area of the former Brewery complex (Area 2) (see Fig.4). The Heritage Network started work on a third area, to the rear of the Methodist chapel fronting Whitehorse Street. This work was later completed by the Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust (Vaughan, 2000).

3.2 All work was carried out in accordance with the approved written scheme of investigation, in consultation with the Museums Field Archaeology Section (MFAS) of North Hertfordshire District Council.

3.3 The overburden was removed, under close archaeological supervision, by a JCB-type excavator fitted with a 1.5m toothless ditching bucket. Machine excavation ceased once the presence of an archaeological horizon had been established. Spoil was scanned for unstratified artefacts.

3.4 All identified features were systematically investigated and recorded using appropriate *pro-forma* record sheets, hand drawn scaled plans and sections, and photographs.

POST-EXCAVATION

3.5 Following current professional practice, the post-excavation stage of the present project has been divided between Archive and Assessment, and Post-Excavation Analysis and Publication.

Archive

3.6 The site archive, comprising of the excavation records and materials recovered, has been quantified, ordered, indexed, cross-referenced and checked for internal consistency. A Harris Matrix has been compiled, together with an overall site summary, and a summary of the artefactual and ecofactual data.

3.7 The archive will be prepared in accordance with UKIC guidelines for deposition with the North Hertfordshire Museums Service.

Artefacts

3.8 Where appropriate, bulk finds, such as pottery and ceramic building material, have been carefully washed in clean water to remove the soil, and quantified. All pottery has been marked with the site code and context number.

Ecofacts

3.9 The ecofacts recovered from the present site consist of human bone, animal bone and marine shell. These have been cleaned and quantified as bulk artefacts.

4. Collected Data

QUANTIFICATION

Documentary Archive

4.1 The documentary archive incorporates the written, drawn and photographic records from the fieldwork on the present site. The various elements of the documentary archive are quantified in Table 1, below:

<i>Table 1</i>			
Record Type			Items
Contexts	Evaluation	330	583
	Excavation	253	
Level record sheets			25
Field Drawings	A2 sheets	37	57
	A4 sheets	20	
Photographs	Colour slide		204
	35mm monochrome negatives		402
	2¼" format negatives		49

Material Archive

4.2 The material archive incorporates the artefacts, faunal remains and environmental samples collected during the fieldwork on the present site, including both stratified and unstratified material. The various elements of the material archive are quantified in Table 2, below:

<i>Table 2</i>		
Type	Number	Weight (g)
Pottery	409	6101
Tile	310	13732
Brick	24	11845
Daub	8	130
Clay pipe	16	77
Glass	87	2355
Slag	33	865
Iron Objects	65	2188
Copper alloy Objects	7	1620
Animal Bone	549	7599
Shell	70	856

STRATIGRAPHY AND SITE PHASING

Context Types

4.3 A total of 583 contexts was recorded from 423 features and deposits investigated during the present project. The evaluation accounted for 57% of all recorded contexts the remaining 43% being recorded during the excavation stage. The distribution of contexts is demonstrated in Table 3 below:

<i>Table 3</i>				
Feature	Stage 1	Area 1	Area 2	Total
Post Holes	15	11	-	26
Ditches	10	4	-	14
Pits	4	6	2	12
Pit/ posthole	-	1	-	1
Pit/ quarry	-	-	1	1
Foundation trenches	19	-	4	23
Walls	18	1	40	59
Robber trenches	8	-	1	9
Wells	1	-	1	2
Drains	3	-	5	8
Pipe trenches	6	-	4	10
Pipes	4	-	2	6
Skeletons	1	-	-	2
Natural Features	8	-	-	8
Layers	109	17	49	175
Hearth/ fireplace	-	1	4	5
Surface/ floor	4	-	30	34
Miscellaneous	1	-	7	8
Unidentified	16	-	4	20
TOTAL	228	41	154	423

Context Groups

4.4 Seventeen context groups were identified during post-excavation analysis. These represent one well and posthole group, one ditch group, two possible fence lines, the remains of part of a farm, the original NW extension to the Methodist chapel fronting Whitehorse Street, a possible garden structure, nine structural elements from the 19th century brewery and a brick outhouse associated with the properties fronting Orchard Road. The groups are shown in Table 4, below:

<i>Table 4</i>			
Group Number	Feature Type	Area	Phase
315	Ditch	Trench D and Area 1	Romano-British
330	Well and postholes	Trench B and Area 1	Romano-British
333	Posthole line	Trench D	Romano-British
120	Posthole line	Trench F	17 th / 18 th century
331	Farm	Trench F	17 th / 18 th century
332	Methodist chapel	Trench F	19 th century
571	Brewery	Area 2	mid 19 th century

482	Clerks office	Area 2	mid 19 th century
487/ 575	Stables	Trench G and Area 2	mid 19 th century
495	Brick boiler house	Area 2	mid 19 th century
496	Conservatory	Area 2	mid 19 th century
497	Private office	Area 2	mid 19 th century
498	Outbuilding	Area 2	mid 19 th century
502	Passageway	Area 2	mid 19 th century
633	Soakaway and drain	Area 2	mid 19 th century
161	Garden structure	Trench D	19 th century
128	Brick outhouse	Trench E	Late 19 th century

Phasing

4.5 The preliminary dating of artefacts collected within the defined features from the present site has allowed three broad phases of activity to be defined. The first phase, dating to the Romano-British period, is represented by well group [330], ditch group [315] and posthole group [330], as well as a number of other pits, postholes and ditches. The second, dating to the 17th or 18th century, is represented by the remains of a possible farm or farmyard, groups [120] and [331]. The third phase is represented by evidence of 19th century development on the site, including part of the original northwestern end of the Methodist chapel fronting Whitehorse Street, group [332]; the Brewery complex, groups [482], [487/575], [495], [496], [497], [498], [502], [571] and [633]; and a brick outhouse associated with the properties fronting Orchard Road, group [128].

SITE NARRATIVE

PHASE 1: Romano-British

4.6 The features assigned to this phase were recorded during both stages of the archaeological investigations. They were identified in the area covered by two trial trenches, B and D, during Stage 1, and on the line of the new access road from Orchard Road, during Stage 2. Romano-British features were not encountered in other parts of the site, suggesting that 19th century development of this area had destroyed much evidence of earlier activity.

4.7 The evidence for Romano-British activity was limited to the eastern and north-eastern sides of the present site, in trial trenches B and D, along the line of the new access road and in the footings trenches for the new houses in the East Range (Houses 1 to 11). The desk-based research had shown that this area had remained undisturbed since at least the mid 19th century (Ashworth & Wilson, 1997).

4.8 Features dated to this phase, including those examined by the Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust, comprise thirteen linears, nine pits, twelve postholes and three wells.

PHASE 2 – 17th/18th century

4.9 No evidence of Saxon or medieval occupation was encountered on the present site. This may reflect either a genuine lack of activity in this part of the town in those periods or that the evidence was destroyed by the later farm and brewery.

4.10 The evidence for Phase 2 activity was limited in its extent to the eastern side of the site, in trial trench F, at the southern end of the new access road from Orchard Road, and in Area 3 to the rear of the Methodist chapel. No evidence was present in other parts of the site, suggesting that 19th century development of this area had destroyed much evidence of earlier activity.

4.11 Features dated to this phase, including those identified by the Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust, comprise eight postholes, five robbed out walls, one linear feature, one floor layer, three floor make-up layers and one metallised surface. These features underlie the original north-western end of the Methodist chapel on Whitehorse Street, and appear to indicate the presence of a farm on the site.

PHASE 3 – late 18th - 19th Century

4.12 The features assigned to this phase were recorded during both stages of the archaeological investigations. They were identified in all trial trenches during Stage 1 and in Area 2 during Stage 2.

4.13 The number of features encountered across the site that could be dated to this phase suggests the intensity of development in this area of the town during the late 18th and 19th centuries.

4.14 The identified Phase 3 features include identifiable brick structures; robbed out foundation trenches; cellars; hearths; floors; and pipe trenches. They relate to a late 18th and 19th century brewery that stood on the site and to domestic dwellings fronting Orchard Road.

5. Artefact and Ecofact Assemblages

CONCORDANCE OF FINDS

Table 6 – Stratified Finds																		
Context	Pottery		Tile		Brick		Daub		An. bone		Shell		Glass		Clay pipe		Fe. objects	
	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.
2	10	2	200	1	-	-	-	-	455	16	-	-	95	2	20	3	30	1
8	45	5	25	3	-	-	-	-	20	4	120	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	2075	22	-	-	-	-	35	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	215	2
10	-	-	235	5	-	-	-	-	45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	-	-	1615	26	-	-	20	1	65	13	10	3	-	-	-	-	30	1
14	1920	180	325	10	-	-	-	-	1504	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	1	1	250	6	-	-	-	-	470	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	2
17	45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	12	200	30	1	135	1	-	-	20	1	-	-	260	3	15	5	130	3
21	15	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	5	-	-	50	2
22	-	-	1300	4	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
24	-	-	465	7	3965	6	-	-	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
42	25	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	230	10	505	8	-	-	110	7	275	9	75	14	725	30	5	2	410	11
84	2	1	145	6	-	-	-	-	135	19	-	-	65	5	-	-	65	1
93	35	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	3	-	-	15	1	-	-	-	-
95	25	4	370	9	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	1	40	6	-	-	-	-
97	-	-	415	9	940	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	1
99	65	7	115	3	180	1	-	-	5	3	-	-	65	7	-	-	-	-
105	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
107	-	-	435	23	190	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	1
108	-	-	135	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	1
153	105	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	435	22	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
155	45	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	330	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
157	91	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	110	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
166	385	55	40	1	-	-	-	-	100	5	30	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
167	-	-	335	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
174	308	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	12	50	2	-	-	-	-	255	5
187	-	-	435	3	3210	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
191	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
198	55	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	310	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
200	-	-	495	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
201	-	-	190	6	440	2	-	-	290	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
367	-	-	710	74	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
371	120	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
381	30	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
385	-	-	570	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
388	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
390	180	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
415	30	1	15	1	-	-	-	-	15	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
453	580	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2
459	720	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	2	-	-	360	4	-	-	100	3
461	230	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	440	1
465	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
468	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	7	70	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
481	20	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	12	-	-	10	2
484	120	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	680	16	-	-	-	-	2	1	60	1
486	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	14
500	30	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	2	-	-	-	-
513	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	13	-	-	90	3	-	-	5	1
531	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	20	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	-
532	280	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	4	-	-	380	5	-	-	-	-
573	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	8	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	-

POTTERY

5.1 This assessment covers the combined assemblage from both the evaluation and the excavation phases of work. The pottery assemblage comprised 409 sherds with a total weight of 6101g from 53 stratified and 3 unstratified contexts. Sherds of Roman, medieval, post-medieval and modern date were present, indicating activity in the vicinity of the site in these periods.

Roman

5.2 A total of 280 sherds of Roman pottery, weighing 3228g (68% of the total assemblage by count and 53% by weight) was recovered during the evaluation phase. No pottery of this date was collected during the excavation. The bulk of this material, including 176 sherds from context (14) in well [15], came from stratified contexts, though a small amount was residual in later features. A further 511 sherds, weighing 5742g, were recovered during the archaeological recording and monitoring phase by Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust (Fawcett, 2000). The majority of this material was also derived from the fills of wells.

5.3 The most common vessel types consist of jars and bowls. A single platter and a dish were also present. These are all of common forms and have been identified on other sites in the town.

5.4 All of the wares present are common from other archaeological sites in Baldock and appear to indicate domestic occupation on the site from the late 1st/2nd century AD through to the 4th/5th century AD. The bulk of the pottery came from relatively local sources, including the kiln sites at Harrold in Bedfordshire, Much Hadham in eastern Hertfordshire, the *Verulamium* (St Albans) region, and from the lower Nene Valley. Imported wares made up only a small part of the total assemblage and are represented by one amphora and seven samian sherds.

5.5 The following table details the main fabric groups present on the site

<i>Table 7 – Fabrics Present</i>				
Fabric	Coun	Percent	Weigh	Percent
Grog-tempered wares	15	3.66	400	6.55
Shell-tempered wares	74	18.09	855	14.01
Early RB sandy wares	7	1.71	95	1.55
Hadham grey wares	100	24.44	895	14.66
Hadham oxidised wares	33	8.06	270	4.42
Verulamium region	8	1.95	226	14.11
Unprovenanced grey wares	13	3.17	70	1.14
Colour-coat wares	18	4.40	66	1.08
Samian	7	Present	31	Present
Amphora	1	Present	5	Present
Parchment wares	4	Present	315	5.16
Totals	280		3228	

Medieval

5.6 Two small and abraded bodysherds of possible Saxo-Norman pottery (one sherd of St Neots-type ware and one of sand-tempered ware) were collected as unstratified finds from Test Pit 1. These were the only sherds of this date present on the site.

5.7 The lack of early medieval and medieval wares suggests that, at this period, the present site may have been uninhabited.

Post-medieval/Modern

5.8 The remainder of the assemblage dates to the period between the 18th and 20th centuries. The only complete vessels recovered comprised modern, unglazed, flowerpots. Wares recovered include sherds of blue and white ‘Willow Pattern’ china, stoneware jars and bottles and brown glazed ‘Dutch Red’ wares. All of these are common on sites of this period.

Recommendations

5.9 Most of the pottery in this assemblage comprises small, plain bodysherds. The largest group of material, 280 sherds (68% by sherd count), dates to the Roman period and indicates domestic occupation on the site between the late 1st and 4th/5th centuries AD. The remainder of the assemblage consists of 2 unstratified sherds of 10th/11th century date and 127 sherds (31% by sherd count) of post-medieval and modern pottery.

5.10 Further analysis of the Roman pottery assemblage from the present site, in conjunction with the material recovered during the work by Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust and from other sites in Baldock, is likely to help refine the dating of the occupation on the site. It will also provide evidence for the growth and decline of the Roman small town, and give an insight into the socio-economic status of the occupants of this part of the town.

5.11 No further work is proposed on the medieval, post-medieval and modern pottery assemblages.

CERAMIC BUILDING MATERIAL

5.12 A total of 310 tile fragments, weighing 13732g was recovered from 25 stratified and 3 unstratified contexts. Twenty four brick fragments, weighing 11845g, were recovered from one unstratified and nine stratified contexts. The majority of this material was dated to the period between the 18th and 20th centuries and is not unexpected on an industrial site of this period. A small group of tile pieces was recovered from fill (14) in well [15] and may be Roman in date, suggesting the presence of structures in the vicinity. However, these are all abraded and undiagnostic.

5.13 No further work is proposed on this assemblage.

DAUB

5.14 A total of eight fragments of daub, weighing 130g, was recovered from two stratified contexts. One fragment came from pit fill (12), dated by the excavator to the late medieval period, and the other seven came from layer (69), a modern make-up layer. The fragments are small, abraded, and undiagnostic.

5.15 No further work is proposed on this assemblage.

GLASS

5.16 A total of 87 fragments of glass, weighing 2355g, was recovered from 1 unstratified and 13 stratified contexts. All of this material is post-medieval and modern in date and is not unexpected in a site of this period.

5.17 No further work is proposed on this assemblage.

CLAY PIPE

5.18 A total of 16 fragments of clay pipe stem was recovered from 1 unstratified and 7 stratified contexts.

5.19 No further work is proposed on this assemblage.

IRON OBJECTS

5.20 A total of 65 iron objects, weighing 2188g, was recovered from 1 unstratified and 22 stratified contexts.

5.21 The majority of this assemblage was recovered from post-medieval and modern contexts and represents common finds, such as nails. On this basis, no further work is proposed on this material.

Copper alloy objects

5.22 A total of 7 copper alloy objects, weighing 1620g, was recovered from 2 stratified contexts. All of these are 19th century in date and associated with the brewery.

5.23 On the basis of the small size of the assemblage, no further work is proposed on this material.

Slag

5.24 A total of 33 pieces of slag, weighing 865g, was recovered from 1 unstratified and 3 stratified contexts. All of this material was recovered from post-medieval contexts and is likely to have been imported on to the site.

5.25 On this basis, no further work is proposed on this material.

HUMAN BONE

5.26 A single skeleton, context (42), was recovered from the fill of well [15]. The remains were preserved in fair condition and largely complete, though the pelvis, lumbar vertebrae, both hands and most of the foot bones were missing. This was due to slumping of the well fills, which had caused these elements to sink below the depth of recovery.

5.27 Examination of the bones has shown that this was an adult female, aged between 30 and 45 years. Measurement of the humerus suggests she stood approximately 1.55m in height (+/- 0.44m). Analysis of the bones shows no evidence for dietary deficiencies, traumatic injury or chronic illness, however, signs of ageing were present, including degenerative conditions in the spine and a loss of teeth.

5.28 A second skeleton, context (85), was revealed in pit [173]. This was later fully excavated by the Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust (Vaughan, 2000, 4).

Recommendations

5.29 The small number of individuals in this assemblage make any attempt to derive demographic data, or estimation of the prevalence of disease within the population, meaningless. However, the individual recovered during the present project should be considered in any general study of the human remains of Romano-British date from the small Roman town of Baldock. On this basis, no further work is proposed on the human remains at present.

ANIMAL BONE

5.30 The animal bone was examined macroscopically. The assemblage consisted of 549 bone fragments, weighing 7599g, from 37 stratified and 2 unstratified contexts. The assemblage is fair in condition and fragmentary in nature.

5.31 Bone fragments from Phase 1 contexts make up 36.24% of the assemblage by number and 42.83% by weight. No bone was recovered from Phase 2 contexts. The remainder was collected from Phase 3 contexts and largely represents residual and imported material in the make-up layers or the backfill of foundation trenches.

5.32 The bone from the Romano-British contexts survives in a good, but fragmentary condition. Within this assemblage elements of bovine, sheep/goat, fowl and pig were observed, with bovine and sheep/goat being the most abundant. Many of the elements displayed unfused, or semi-fused epiphysis suggesting these animals were not dying of old age. Butchery marks were also noted, in particular on a bovine mandible from (371), the fill of ditch [370]. This fits with a pattern of domestication of animals. No evidence of secondary working was observed. The bone collected from the Roman features on the site indicates the disposal of domestic rubbish.

5.33 The material recovered from later contexts is similar in scope to that from Phase 1 features, in that it represents a domestic assemblage. However, the majority of the bone was recovered from deposits probably imported on to the site, which limits its potential. The 19th century material, associated with the brewery, exhibits clear modern butchery marks, with evidence of bandsaw use.

Recommendations

5.34 Although no further work is proposed on the animal bone assemblage, the material from the Romano-British contexts should be considered in any general study of animal bone from

Baldock. This small assemblage has the potential to contribute to questions about the use of domesticated animals within a Roman small town.

SHELL

5.35 A total of 70 fragments of marine shell, weighing 856g, were recovered from 15 stratified contexts. The bulk of this material (46 pieces, weighing 541g) was collected from Roman contexts. Oyster shell is a common find on other Roman sites in Baldock. The remainder came from post-medieval and modern contexts and is likely to have been imported on to the site as part of make-up layers or trench backfill.

5.36 On this basis no further work is proposed on this material.

6. Further Research

RESEARCH AIMS

6.1 The original research aims of the project, as defined in the North Hertfordshire District Council Museums Field Archaeology Section *Brief for Archaeological Evaluation and Stage 2 Intervention*, dated May 1997, and in Heritage Network's approved *Project Design for Archaeological Evaluation*, dated June 1997, and *Project Design for Stage 2 Intervention*, dated August 1997, were:

- to establish the date range of the site;
- to establish the relationship of the site to the western edge of the late Iron Age settlement and the Romano-British small town;
- to identify any evidence of medieval activity on the site, particularly in relation to possible burghage plots fronting Whitehorse Street;
- to record evidence for the late 18th/early 19th century brewery which occupied the site.

6.2 The assessment of the results of the fieldwork demonstrates that the information collected is adequate to meet the research aims. The results can be summarised as follows.

6.2.1 The pottery evidence suggests that the earliest occupation on this site began during the 2nd century AD and continued into the 3rd century AD. No evidence for late pre-Roman Iron Age activity was identified on the site, indicating that this area was occupied at a time when the small town was expanding.

6.2.2 Although no domestic structures dating to this period were revealed, evidence for ditched enclosures was recorded. These consisted of a number of substantial linear ditches, aligned northwest to southeast (ditches [315/1006] and [4030]). Other, smaller, linear features appeared to run on a northeast – southwest alignment, including ditches [326], [328] and [370/414]. Although the evidence is limited, it is likely that they intersected with the main ditches.

6.2.3 A number of pits and wells were also recorded on the site. These were located close to the linear features, suggesting that they may have been sited at the rear of the enclosed properties. Finds recovered from the fills of these features include pottery, animal bone and oyster shell fragments, suggesting that they were used for the disposal of domestic refuse.

6.2.4 The recovery of human burials in two of the wells, along with late Roman pottery, indicates that this part of the Roman town was largely abandoned by this period. Excavation on other sites in Baldock has shown that the town shrank in size during the 4th and 5th centuries AD.

6.2.5 No direct evidence of structures or occupation areas dating to the Anglo-Saxon or medieval periods was revealed during the work on the site. The only evidence for this

period was the recovery of two unstratified sherds of early medieval pottery from Test Pit 1. These may hint at activity in the vicinity. Alternatively, they may have been imported on to the site from elsewhere, in material used either as make-up layers below the later brewery, or as backfill to robbed out walls.

6.2.6 No evidence for features commonly associated with the rear of medieval burghage plots, such as pits, postholes, gullies or wells, was identified on the present site. This may indicate either that this evidence was destroyed by the later brewery, or that this area was unoccupied at this period.

6.2.7 By the 17th or 18th centuries the northeastern side of the study area was apparently occupied by a farmyard. Evidence for this phase of activity includes robbed out wall trenches, floor layers, posthole alignments and a drain trench. The original northwestern end of the Methodist chapel on Whitehorse Street, which post-dates the farm buildings, was also uncovered.

6.2.8 During the late 18th and 19th centuries the site was intensively developed. The evaluation showed heavy ground disturbance associated with the cottages fronting Orchard Road and with the brewery established on the site at this period (Ashworth & Wilson, 1997). Various phases of building associated with the main brewery and its associated outbuildings were identified. The evidence for this period includes walls, floor, cellars and yard surfaces.

UPDATED RESEARCH DESIGN

6.3 The data collected from the present site has provided further information concerning the nature and extent of domestic occupation on the edge of the Roman small town of Baldock; and concerning the development of the core of the later town, from at least the 18th century. The various classes of data collected have been assessed in line with the research priorities operating in North Hertfordshire at the time of the fieldwork, which have since been formalised in a regional research framework (Glazebrook 1997; Brown and Glazebrook 2000).

6.4 It is considered that the small assemblages of human remains and animal bone from Roman contexts on the site may have the potential to contribute to a wider study of the development of the Roman small town. However, in the context of the present project, no further research has been recommended and it is proposed to publish this material as it stands.

6.5 It is considered that the Roman pottery from the present site has the potential to contribute to an understanding of the socio-economic status of the inhabitants of this part of the town, and, more generally, to the study of patterns of settlement shrinkage and expansion within Roman small towns (Going & Plouviez, 2000). A detailed analysis of the present assemblage, and a comparison between it and assemblages recovered from other sites in Baldock is proposed prior to publication.

6.6 Documentary and cartographic evidence has shown that the study area was occupied by at least two farm yards and associated buildings during the 18th and 19th centuries. The presence of a

possible maltings associated with the eastern farm, especially located so close to the brewery, suggests a relationship between agriculture and industry in the town. Although the material evidence recovered in the course of the fieldwork was limited, it is considered that it has some potential to contribute to the study of the development of farmsteads during the period 1750 – 1914 (Gilman et al, 2000, 42). Some additional documentary research, in association with the Baldock Historical Society, is proposed prior to publication.

6.7 The present site was intensively developed during the 19th century. Much of the area was covered by a brewery and its associated outbuildings. Brewing and malting were important industrial activities in Baldock and the wider district, and it is considered that the structures and features recorded in the course of the fieldwork have the potential to provide an insight into the development of the industry in the region, including such themes as evidence for change through time, spatial organisation, power arrangements and methods of construction (ibid, 40-42). It is proposed to draw together the photographic record of the standing buildings, undertaken by Gil Burleigh and the North Hertfordshire Museums Service in the 1970s, with the present fieldwork and some additional documentary research to identify the function of the recorded features, prior to publication.

PUBLICATION

6.8 It is proposed to publish the present site as a Heritage Network monograph, to be distributed locally by Heritage Network Education and Publishing Ltd (HNEP), and nationally by Heritage Marketing & Publications Ltd (HMP). The inclusion in the publication of the evidence recovered during the monitoring and observation phase undertaken by Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust is considered desirable, and the assistance of the CAO and the NHDC will be sought in order to achieve this.

Provisional Synopsis

Section	Content	Words	Pages
Introduction	Project background	2000	4
	Site location, geology and topography	1000	2
Narrative and discussion	Roman features and deposits	4000	8
	Post-medieval features and deposits	2000	4
	The Baldock Brewery	8000	16
Artefacts	By type	3000	6
Ecofacts	By type	1000	2
Bibliography		1000	2
Total words:		22000	44
Line drawings	Plans		1
	Sections		4
	Artefacts		2
	Photographs		8
Tables	Artefact x 2		4
	Ecofact x 1		0.5
Total Pages:			63.5

ARCHIVE

6.9 The documentary and material archive is currently held by The Heritage Network Ltd at its premises at 11 Furmston Court, Icknield Way, Letchworth.

6.10 In its final form, the archive will conform to UKIC guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long-term storage. All post-excavation documentation will be filed, ordered, and indexed as part of the research archive.

6.11 The documentary and material archive will be deposited with NHDC Museums Service at its Resource Centre in Bury Mead Road, Hitchin.

TASK LIST TO PUBLICATION AND ARCHIVE DEPOSITION

Task	Description	Undertaken by	Days
1	Roman pottery research and report	Helen Ashworth	7
2	Additional background research	Helen Ashworth, Heritage Network	10
3	Compile publication text	Helen Ashworth, Heritage Network	10
4	Prepare illustrations	David Kaye, Heritage Network	10
5	Editing	David Hillelson, Heritage Network	5
6	Submission to HMP	David Hillelson, Heritage Network	1
7	Final archive	Helen Ashworth, Heritage Network	5
8	Archive deposition	Helen Ashworth, Heritage Network	0.25
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8. Illustrations

Figure 1	Site Location
Figure 2	Site Layout
Figure 3	Access Road
Figure 4	Brewery and Cellar

Appendix

Context Index by Location

Cxt no	Type	Feature	Trench	Date	Description
83	cut	ditch	A	post-med	cut of ditch, possible garden feature
84	fill		A	post-med	fill of ditch [83]
85	layer		A	post-med	buried topsoil
86	layer		A		make up layer
87	layer		A		make up layer
88	layer		A		redeposited natural
89	layer		A		make up layer
90	cut	pipe trench	A	modern	cut for modern electricity cable
91	fill		A	modern	fill of electricity cable trench
8	fill		B	modern	fill of foundation trench below wall [13]
9	layer		B	post-med	redeposited chalk layer
10	layer		B	post-med	garden make-up
11	cut	pit	B	late med?	cut of pit
12	fill		B	late med?	fill of pit [11]
13	structure	wall	B	19thC?	wall
14	fill		B	RB	fill of well [15]
15	cut	well	B	RB	cut of circular well
42	skeleton	skeleton	B	RB	in well [15]?
302	layer		B	modern	topsoil
303	cut	found. trench	B		cut of foundation trench
16	layer		C	post-med	imported garden make-up
17	layer		C	modern	garden soil
18	structure	wall	C	modern	curved brick wall
22	layer		C	post-med	redeposited chalk layer
23	structure	drain	C	19thC?	brick drain
24	fill		C	modern	
43	layer		C		redeposited chalk layer
81	structure	wall	C	post-med	garden wall
82	layer		C	post-med	redeposited soil
307	cut		C		
152	cut	ditch	D	RB	cut for Roman ditch
153	fill		D	RB	fill of ditch [152]
154	fill		D	RB	fill of ditch [311]
155	fill		D	RB	fill of ditch [313]
156	cut	posthole	D	RB	cut of posthole
157	fill		D	RB	fill of posthole [156]
158	cut	posthole	D	RB	cut of possible pit or posthole
159	fill		D	RB	upper fill of pit or posthole [158]
160	fill		D	RB	lower fill of possible pit or posthole [158]
161	cut	found. trench	D	post-med	wall foundation trench, cuts RB feature
162	fill		D	post-med	fill of found.trench [161], outside wall 163
163	structure	wall	D	post-med	square walled garden feature
164	fill		D	post-med	fill within the walled feature
167	cut	posthole	D		cut of possible posthole - unexcavated
168	fill		D		fill of unexcavated posthole 167
169	cut	posthole	D		cut of unexcavated posthole
170	fill		D		fill of unexcavated posthole 168
171	cut	posthole	D		cut of unexcavated posthole
172	fill		D		fill of unexcavated posthole 171
173	cut	pit	D	RB	cut of posthole
174	fill		D	RB	fill of posthole 173
175	cut	natural	D	natural	cut of natural feature
176	fill		D	natural	fill of natural feature 175

Cxt no	Type	Feature	Trench	Date	Description
177	cut		D		
178	fill		D		
179	cut	pit	D	modern	cut of modern pit
180	fill		D	modern	fill of pit 179
181	cut	posthole	D	modern	cut of modern posthole
182	fill		D	modern	fill of posthole 181
183	cut	natural	D	natural	cut of natural feature
184	fill		D	natural	fill of natural feature 183
185	skeleton	skeleton	D		in pit [173]
188	cut	natural	D	natural	cut of natural feature
189	fill		D	natural	fill of natural feature 188
243	layer		D	modern	overburden - runs full length of trench
244	layer		D	modern	mixed chalk & building debris
245	layer		D		soil layer
246	layer		D		soil layer
247	cut	ditch	D	RB	continuation of ditch 152
248	fill		D	RB	fill of ditch 247
249	cut	found. trench	D	19thC	wall foundation trench for 19thC houses
250	structure	wall	D	19thC	red brick wall for 19thC houses
260	layer		D		make up layer
261	pipe		D	modern	metal pipe within 287
262	structure	soakaway	D	post-med	Victorian soakaway
263	fill		D	RB	fill of ditch ?165
264	cut	pipe trench	D	modern	cut for pipe trench
265	fill		D	modern	fill of pipe trench 264
266	pipe		D	modern	ceramic pipe within pipe trench 264
267	layer		D	modern	overburden comprising building debris
268	layer		D	post-med	demolition debris
269	layer		D	post-med	make up layer
270	layer		D	natural	chalk natural
271	layer		D		chalk lens within 287
272	layer		D	modern	building rubble
273	layer		D		redeposited chalk
274	layer		D		redeposited chalk
275	structure	wall	D	post-med	red brick wall for 19thC houses
276	cut	pipe trench	D	modern	pipe trench cut, may relate to pipe 266
277	fill		D	modern	fill of pipe trench 276
278	pipe		D	modern	ceramic pipe within 277
279	cut	found. trench	D	post-med	foundation for houses along Orchard Rd
280	fill		D	post-med	fill of foundation trench 279
281	structure	wall	D	post-med	wall within trench 279
282	layer		D	post-med	make up layer between walls 281 & 283
283	structure	wall	D	post-med	red brick wall for 19thC houses
284	layer		D	post-med	make up layer under floor surface
285	layer		D	post-med	make up layer
286	layer		D	post-med	make up layer
287	layer		D	post-med	make up layer
300	cut	ditch	D	RB	cut of ditch
301	fill		D	RB	fill of ditch 300
308			D		
309	cut		D		
311	cut	ditch	D	RB	cut of RB ditch
312	cut	found. trench	D		
313	cut	ditch	D	RB	cut of RB ditch
315	cut	ditch	D		
327	fill		D	?RB	fill of linear 326
328	cut		D		
329	cut		D		
387			D		duplication of 165
388			D		duplication of 166
389	cut	ditch	D	RB	cut of RB ditch

Cxt no	Type	Feature	Trench	Date	Description
390	fill		D	RB	fill of ditch 389
100	cut	natural	E	natural	cut of natural feature
101	fill		E	natural	fill of natural feature
102	cut	natural	E	natural	cut of natural feature
103	fill		E	natural	fill of natural feature
104	cut	natural	E	natural	cut of natural feature
105	fill	natural	E	natural	fill of natural feature
122	layer		E	modern	concrete floor
123	layer		E	modern	subsoil sandwiched between 122 and 124
124	layer		E	modern	floor layer, possibly associated with 145
125	layer		E		subsoil similar to 123
126	fill		E	modern	fill of foundation trench 131
127	layer		E	natural	redeposited natural
128	structure	wall	E	modern	wall for possible soakaway
129	layer		E	natural	natural layer
131	cut	found. trench	E	modern	foundation trench for wall 128
132	cut	wall	E	modern	boundary in soakaway - wall 128
134	layer		E	modern	dumped domestic ash & waste
135	layer		E	modern	make up layer comprising building debris
136	fill		E	natural	fill of tree root hole 151
137	fill		E		fill of foundation trench 138
138	cut	found. trench	E		cut of foundation trench for wall 128
139	fill		E		fill of 121 - chalk packing for 2nd floor surface
140	cut	pit	E		pit containing burnt domestic deposit
141	fill		E	post-med	fill of pit 140
142	layer		E	natural	subsoil
143	layer		E	natural	subsoil
144	layer		E		sandy lens of washed out floor material
145	layer		E		floor layer - possible extension of 124
146	cut	pit	E	post-med	cut of rubbish pit, containing burnt material
147	fill		E	post-med	fill of pit 146
148	natural		E	natural	chalk natural
149	layer		E	post-med	buried topsoil, with frequent ash inclusions
150	layer		E	modern	overburden of modern demolition debris
151	cut	natural	E	natural	cut for natural feature
310	cut		E		
316	structure	wall	E		
317	cut	robber trench	E		
92	structure	wall	F	post-med	NW wall of chapel
93	layer		F	modern	general number for finds retrieval
94	cut	found. trench	F	post-med	cut for foundation trench
95	fill		F	post-med	fill of foundation trench [94]
96	cut	posthole	F	post-med	cut of posthole - farm period
97	fill		F	post-med	fill of posthole [96]
98	cut	posthole	F	post-med	cut of posthole or small pit
99	fill		F	post-med	fill of posthole [98]
106	cut	posthole	F		cut of posthole
107	fill		F		fill of posthole 106
108	fill		F	post-med	fill of posthole 106
109	cut	posthole	F		cut of posthole, part of Grp 120
110	fill		F		lower fill of posthole 109
111	fill		F		upper fill of posthole 109
112	cut	posthole	F		cut of posthole, part of Grp 120
113	fill		F		fill of posthole 112
114	fill		F		fill of posthole 112
115	cut	posthole	F		cut of posthole, part of Grp 120
116	fill		F		lower fill of posthole 115
117	fill		F		upper fill of posthole 115
118	cut	posthole	F		cut of posthole

Cxt no	Type	Feature	Trench	Date	Description
119	fill		F		fill of posthole 118
120	group	posthole	F		poss fenceline - postholes 109/112/115
165	layer		F		double-numbered - see 233
166	layer		F		
186	cut	drain	F	18thC	cut for drain
187	fill		F	18thC	latest fill of drain 186
190	cut	natural	F	natural	root disturbance or possible double posthole
191	fill		F	natural	fill of natural feature 190
192	cut	robber trench	F	18thC	cut for robber trench
193	fill		F	18thC	fill of robber trench 318
194	cut		F		
195	fill		F		
196	fill		F	post-med	fill of drain 186
197	fill		F	post-med	fill of drain 186
200	layer		F	post-med	
201	layer		F	post-med	
202	layer		F	post-med	demolition layer from chapel extension
203	layer		F	modern	demolition layer from chapel
204	layer		F	post-med	base for chapel floor
205	layer		F	post-med	subsoil between floor layers 206 & 215
206	layer		F	post-med	probable floor layer
207	layer		F	post-med	redeposited chalk ?make up for floor 206
208	fill		F	post-med	lowest fill of ditch 214
209	layer		F		chalk surface
210	fill		F	post-med	fill of robber trench 318
211	fill		F		fill of robber trench 192
212	fill		F	post-med	fill of feature 213
213	cut	unknown	F	post-med	cut for pit or linear feature
214	cut	ditch	F	post-med	cut for ditch
215	layer		F	modern	brick & cement floor for chapel extension
216	layer		F	modern	dump of burnt material below chapel floor
217	layer		F	modern	redeposited chalk capping pipe trench
218	pipe		F	post-med	19thC sewerage pipe
219	fill		F	post-med	fill of pipe trench 291
220	layer		F	post-med	make up for chapel floor
221	fill		F	post-med	fill offoundation trench 222
222	cut	found. trench	F	post-med	cut for foundation trench for wall 92
223	layer		F	post-med	floor layer within wall 92 of chapel extension
224	layer		F	modern	wood chippings - possible garden layer
225	layer		F	post-med	demolition layer comprising bricks
226	layer		F	post-med	dump of subsoil & ash
227	layer		F	post-med	subsoil
228	layer		F	modern	dump of burnt refuse & building rubble
229	layer		F	modern	building debris
230	layer		F	modern	dump of material - ?from chapel extension roof
231	layer		F	modern	possible gravel pathway
232	layer		F		?garden soil
233	layer		F	post-med	redeposit chalk foundation for cobbled surface
234	layer		F	modern	soil layer, possibly containing domestic ash
235	layer		F	modern	building rubble
236	layer		F	modern	dumped soil - poss containing ash
237	layer		F		redeposited chalk
238	layer		F		?garden soil
239	layer		F		redeposited chalk
240	fill		F	modern	fill of pipe trench 240
241	layer		F		metalled surface
242	cut	pipe trench	F	modern	pipe trench cut
289	fill		F	post-med	fill of posthole 290
290	cut	posthole	F	post-med	cut of posthole
291	cut	pipe trench	F	modern	cut for sewage pipe
292	layer		F	modern	layer for road surface for demolition work

Cxt no	Type	Feature	Trench	Date	Description
293	fill		F		upper fill of ditch 214
294	layer		F		possible make up layer for floor
295	layer		F		
296	layer		F		
297	layer		F		building rubble
298	layer		F		
318	cut		F		
319	cut		F		
320	cut		F		
321	cut		F		
322	cut		F		
1	surface	surface	G	19thC	cobbled surface
2	layer		G	post-med	compacted sand for cobbles
3	floor		G	post-med	brick floor
4	structure	wall	G	post-med	brick wall
5	structure	floor	G	post-med	slot in brick floor for partition wall
6	structure	floor	G	post-med	slot in brick floor for partition wall
7	structure	found. trench	G	post-med	wall foundation between cobbles & brick floor
19	layer		G		make-up layer
20	layer		G	post-med	redeposited natural used as make-up
21	layer		G	post-med	make-up layer relating to robber trench
25	layer		G	post-med	mortar floor
26	layer		G	post-med	redeposited chalk in robber trench [52]
27	structure	wall	G	post-med	brick wall of brewery
28	fill		G	post-med	fill of wall foundation trench [29]
29	cut	found. trench	G	post-med	wall foundation trench - for wall [27]
30	fill		G	post-med	fill of feature [31]
31	cut	found. trench	G	post-med	possible foundation trench
32	fill		G	post-med	fill of robber trench [31]
33	cut	robber trench	G	post-med	cut of robber trench
34	structure	wall	G	post-med	brick wall of brewery building
35	cut	found. trench	G	post-med	cut of foundation trench for wall [34]
36	fill		G	post-med	fill of foundation trench [35]
37	cut	found. trench	G	post-med	cut of robbed out foundation trench
38	layer		G	post-med	collapsed cbm relating to wall demolition
39	layer		G	post-med	demolition / levelling layer
40	group	group	G		group number given to NE test pit cut
41	cut	found. trench	G	post-med	cut for robbed out wall foundation trench
44	group	group	G		includes 60; 61; 62; 75
45	layer		G	post-med	demolition / make up in robber trench [50]
46	cut	robber trench	G	post-med	cut for robbed out wall ?relates to 41
47	fill		G	post-med	fill of robber trench [46]
48	fill		G	post-med	fill of robber trench [46]
49	layer		G	19thC	natural silting layer
50	cut	robber trench	G	post-med	cut of robber trench
51	layer		G	post-med	demolition / make up prior to laying layer 1
52	cut	robber trench	G	post-med	cut for robber trench, removing wall [27]
53	layer		G	post-med	fill of robber trench [50]
54	fill		G	19thC	fill of construction trench [35]
55	layer		G	post-med	lens of material within layer (20)
56	layer		G	19thC	cobbled floor surface NE of brewery
57	layer		G	post-med	redeposited natural make-up layer
58	layer		G	post-med	make up layer of redeposited natural & rubble
59	fill		G	post-med	fill of robber trench [80]
60	structure	wall	G	post-med	wall to early brewery buildings ?entrance
61	cut	found. trench	G	post-med	cut for wall [60]
62	structure	wall	G	post-med	brewery wall
63	cut	found. trench	G	post-med	cut for wall foundation trench - wall [62]
64	layer		G	natural	? Natural geological deposit
65	fill		G	post-med	make up layer of robbed out material in [66]

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66	cut	robber trench	G	post-med	recut within robber trench [80]
67	layer		G		?make up layer of redeposited material
68	layer		G		make up layer, redeposited natural
69	layer		G		make up layer, redeposited natural
70	layer		G		
71	layer		G		make up
72	layer		G		make up
73	layer		G	natural	? Natural geological deposit
74	fill		G	modern	fill of trench for drainage pipe
75	cut	pipe trench	G	modern	cut for drainage pipe
76	fill		G		fill of possible construction trenches
77	fill		G		fill of shallow scoop
78	cut	found. trench	G		cut of possible construction trench
79	cut	found. trench	G		cut of possible construction trench
80	cut	robber trench	G		cut of robber trench
323	fill		G		
324	cut		G		
325	cut	robber trench	G	post-med	cut of robber trench 325
326	cut	linear feature	G	?RB	cut of linear feature 326
350	layer		Brewery	modern	concrete floor
351	layer		Brewery	modern	make up layer beneath concrete layer 350
352	layer		Brewery	modern	cement layer
354	structure	floor	Brewery	post-med	brick floor of brewery
355	pipe		Brewery	post-med	iron pipe running N-S across brewery floor
356	structure	wall	Brewery	post-med	exterior wall of brewery
357	structure	floor	Brewery	post-med	brick floor of brewery
359	structure	fireplace	Brewery	post-med	brick fireplace at NE end of brewery
361	structure	fireplace	Brewery	post-med	brick fireplace at NE end of brewery
362	structure	floor	Brewery	post-med	hexagonal block flooring
363	structure	floor	Brewery	post-med	early brewery building brick floor, with iron bars
364	structure	floor	Brewery	post-med	floor slot in brick floor, parallel to 365
365	structure	floor	Brewery	post-med	floor slot in brick floor, parallel to 364
366	layer		Brewery	post-med	area of slumped brick at SE end
450	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	brick floor, adjacent to SE wall
451	cut		Brewery		area NE of main door, where floor bricks gone
452	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	structure under brewery floor for slots & pipes
453	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	probable water inlet floor slot for brewery
454	fill		Brewery	19thC	fill of floor slot 453
455	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	floor slot, poss for stop plunger on water inlet
456	fill		Brewery	19thC	fill of floor slot 455
457	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	floor slot, poss for stop plunger on water inlet
458	fill		Brewery	19thC	fill of floor slot 457
459	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	possible sump hole
460	fill		Brewery	19thC	fill of sump 459, comprising general refuse
461	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	floor slot housing stop cock
462	fill		Brewery	19thC	fill of floor slot 461
463	structure		Brewery	19thC	brick built coal bunker or storage bin
464	fill		Brewery	post-med	backfill within brick structure 463
465	layer		Brewery		make up for brewery floor, same as 468/9
466	structure		Brewery	post-med	brick built coal bunker or storage bin
467	fill		Brewery	post-med	fill of structure 466
468	layer		Brewery	post-med	make up for brewery floor, same as 465/469
469	layer		Brewery	post-med	make up for brewery floor, same as 465/468
470	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	NW wall of brewery
471	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	brick reinforcing wall, NE room
472	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	E wall of brewery interior
473	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	S wall of brewery
474	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	W wall of brewery & 1st cellar
475	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	original internal wall at E end of brewery
476	structure	wall	Brewery		internal wall, later addition

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477	pipe		Brewery	19thC	iron pipe running NE-SW, part of drainage
478	layer		Brewery		make up for brewery floor
479	layer		Brewery		make up layer in SE room of main block
480	structure	chimney	Brewery	19thC	base of brick chimney stack, twin flues
481	fill		Brewery		backfill within flues of chimney 480
482	structure	room	Brewery	19thC	SE room in main building
483	layer		Brewery		make up for poss timber floor in SE room
484	layer		Brewery		tile rubble, poss remains of collapsed roof
485	cut	robber trench	Brewery	19thC	N-S trench in SE room, internal wall
486	fill		Brewery		fill of robber trench 485
487	structure	building	Brewery	19thC	brick built stables, marked on 1871 plan
488	cut	drain	Brewery	19thC	drainage gully, runs NE-SW from stables
489	fill		Brewery		upper fill of drainage gully 488
490	layer		Brewery	19thC	cobbled surface to S of cut 491
491	cut		Brewery		cut for robbed out wall or drain
492	fill		Brewery		fill of robbed out wall or drain 491
493	layer		Brewery		cobbled yard surface
494	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	boundary wall to brewery
495	structure		Brewery	19thC	brick boiler house attached to conservatory
496	structure	building	Brewery	19thC	conservatory, heated by boiler in 495 to W
497	structure	building	Brewery	19thC	private office building, shown on 1881 plan
498	structure	building	Brewery	19thC	small outbuilding to S of brewery entrance
499	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	brick wall, unknown function
500	fill		Brewery		fill of pipe trench 501
501	cut	pipe trench	Brewery		cut for iron pipe
502	structure	building	Brewery	19thC	passageway between S wall & office N wall
503	layer		Brewery		cobbled surface in outbuilding
504	layer		Brewery		area of highly disturbed cobbles
505	layer		Brewery		cobbled yard surface
506	structure	floor	Brewery		floor for stables & outbuilding
507	fill		Brewery		fill of drainage gully 488
508	fill		Brewery		fill of drainage gully 488
509	structure	tunnel	Brewery		brick tunnel to Victoria Public House
510	layer		Brewery		cobbled surface to SE of stables
511	layer		Brewery		make up layer across site
512	structure		Brewery		flue for conservatory boiler
513	structure	soakaway	Brewery		soakaway fed by brick drain from well
514	fill		Brewery		fill of soakaway 513
515	structure	drain	Brewery		brick drain, runs NW-SE from brewery to 513
516	fill		Brewery		fill of drain 515
517	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	wall, poss earlier than conservatory & office
518	structure		Brewery		L-shaped structure in conservatory
519	structure	well	Brewery		brewery well
520	cut	found. trench	Brewery		foundation trench for conservatory W wall
521	fill		Brewery		fill of foundation trench 520
522	layer		Brewery	19thC	redeposited chalk levelling layer
523	layer		Brewery	19thC	make up for conservatory floor
524	layer		Brewery	19thC	make up for office floor
525	fill	pit	Brewery	19thC	fill of pit 526, pre-dates brewery
526	cut	pit	Brewery	19thC	cut of pit, pre-dates brewery, early 19thC
527	fill		Brewery	19thC	fill of foundation trench 528, for wall 475
528	cut	found. trench	Brewery	19thC	cut for wall 475 foundation trench
529	structure	drain	Brewery	19thC	tile lined drain, running NW-SE from S wall
530	structure	wall	Brewery		wall assoc with entrance to brewery
531	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	early brick floor in stables
532	layer		Brewery		levelling in passage between main bldg & office
533	cut	pipe trench	Brewery	modern	cut for modern pipe trench
534	fill		Brewery	modern	fill of pipe trench 533
535	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	E-W brick wall, pre-dates lawn on 1881 plan
536	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	brick wall, pre-dates lawn on 1881 plan
537	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	brick wall, pre-dates lawn on 1881 plan

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538	layer		Brewery	19thC	make-up for laying formal lawn in late 19th
539	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	brick floor, adjacent to S wall 536
540	structure	wall	Brewery		robbed out wall, runs W from 518
541	structure	fireplace	Brewery	19thC	fireplace in SE room
542	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	brick pillars to support wooden floor
543	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	brick reinforcement of S wall of brewery
544	structure	wall	Brewery		dividing wall between structures 436 and 466
545	structure	floor	Brewery		brick floor, bounded by walls 475-6, 544
546	structure	floor	Brewery		brick floor
547	structure	wall	Brewery		internal wall, W wall of SE room, 482
548	structure	floor	Brewery		stone floor, bounded by walls 464, 551 & 545
549	structure	floor	Brewery		slot in brick floor
550	structure	floor	Brewery		brick floor by iron pipe
551	structure		Brewery		brick floor or wall, bounded by 557 & 548
552	structure	floor	Brewery		brick floor
553	structure		Brewery		concrete plinth against N wall of brewery
554	structure		Brewery		concrete machine base?
555	structure		Brewery		concrete & brick machine base
556	structure	floor	Brewery		brick floor
557	structure	floor	Brewery		brick floor, E of 552
558	structure	floor	Brewery		brick floor, SE of pipe 477
559	structure	wall	Brewery	modern	concrete wall base, evidence for sliding door
560	structure	wall	Brewery		internal wall, poss assoc with structure 463
561	structure	floor	Brewery		4 bricks set in floor to form pipe housing
562	layer		Brewery	19thC	make up layer assoc with brewery construction
563	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	stub wall, poss buttress against cellar S wall
564	layer		Brewery	19thC	poss levelling prior to building brewery
565	layer		Brewery		rammed chalk floor
566	layer		Brewery	19thC	make up for brewery construction
567	layer		Brewery		robbed out wall or drain fill
568	layer		Brewery		chalk make up layer
569	cut	drain	Brewery		base of cut for drain 529
570	structure	wall	Brewery		dividing wall in yard
571	structure	building	Brewery		overall number for the brewery
572	cut	found. trench	Brewery	19thC	foundation trench for E wall of brewery
573	fill		Brewery	19thC	fill of foundation trench 572
574	structure	hearth	Brewery	19thC	brick hearth in SW corner of private office
575	structure	building	Brewery	19thC	overall number for stables
576	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	S wall of stable block
577	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	wooden sill beam, forms E wall of stables
578	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	W wall of structure by S entrance to brewery
579	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	S wall of small brick structure to S of entrance
580	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	cobbled floor within structure 498
581	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	internal wall in stable block 575
582	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	S wall of conservatory boiler house
583	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	W wall of conservatory boiler house
584	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	dividing wall between conservatory & boiler hse
585	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	S wall of conservatory
586	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	E wall of conservatory
587	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	W wall of passage
588	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	E wall of passage
589	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	dividing wall between passage & office
590	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	E wall of office
591	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	dividing wall between office & conservatory
592	structure	wall	Brewery	19thC	W wall of office
593	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	brick pillars to support wooden floor
594	structure	floor	Brewery	19thC	brick base for machine in NW corner of brewery
595	layer		Brewery		redep sand, poss base for conservatory floor
596	layer		Brewery		redeposited chalk below cobbles
597	structure		Brewery		robbed out wall or drain fill
598	layer		Brewery		base of clay floor - office & conservatory

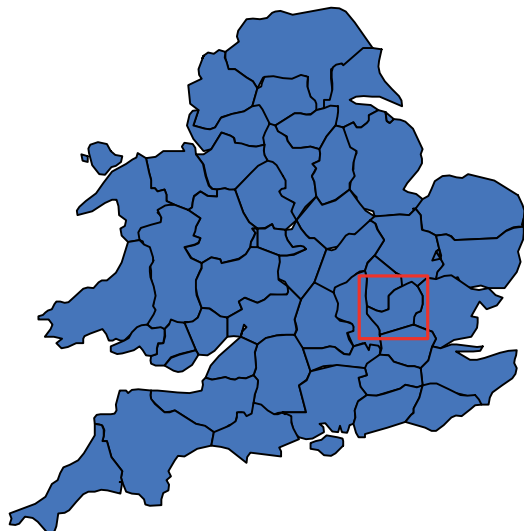
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599	layer		Brewery		backfill over soakaway below conservatory
600	layer		Brewery		redeposited chalk make up below conservatory
601	cut	found. trench	Brewery		cut for foundation for structure 518
602	layer		Brewery		sandy silt S of conservatory, unexcavated
603	layer		Brewery		building or demolition debris
604	layer		Brewery		sandy silt S of conservatory, unexcavated
605	structure	wall	Brewery		brick wall, runs N-S to s of conservatory
606	fill		Brewery		fill of trench 607
607	cut	pipe trench	Brewery		cut of pipe trench, runs to well
608	layer		Brewery		poss assoc with well
609	fill		Brewery		fill of trench 612
610	fill		Brewery		backfill of well construction pit
611	fill		Brewery	modern	fill of drain trench 613
612	cut	pipe trench	Brewery		cut for main water supply from well to brewery
613	cut	drain	Brewery		cut for drain, replaced drain 515
614	cut		Brewery		cut for scaffold hole
615	fill		Brewery		fill of cut 614
616	cut		Brewery		cut for scaffold hole
617	fill		Brewery		fill of cut 616
618	cut	pit or quarry	Brewery		cut for pit or chalk quarry
619	fill		Brewery		fill of pit or quarry 618
620	cut	pit	Brewery		cut of pit
621	fill		Brewery		fill of pit 620
622	layer		Brewery		make up layer
623	layer		Brewery		make up layer
624	layer		Brewery		make up layer of redeposited chalk
625	layer		Brewery	modern	recent overburden, deposited Sept 97
626	layer		Brewery		make up layer of redeposited chalk
627	layer		Brewery		
628	layer		Brewery		chalk floor
629	layer		Brewery		poss clay floor
630	layer		Brewery		
631	layer		Brewery		make up layer
632	layer		Brewery		dark soil at base of section
367	cut	pit	Road	modern	rectangular pit cut
368	fill		Road	modern	fill of pit 367
369	fill		Road	modern	fill of pit 367
370	cut	ditch	Road	RB	cut of RB ditch
371	fill		Road	RB	fill of ditch 370
372	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of oval posthole
373	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 372
374	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with the well
375	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 374
376	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with the well
377	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 376
378	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with the well
379	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 378
380	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with the well
381	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 380
382	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with well
383	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 382
384	cut	hearth	Road		cut for possible hearth
385	fill		Road		fill of hearth 384
391	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with ditch
392	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 391
393	cut	pit	Road		cut for pit
394	fill		Road		fill of pit 393
395	structure	wall	Road	med	wall of poss med farm building
396	cut	ditch	Road	RB	cut of RB ditch
397	fill		Road	RB	fill of ditch 396

Cxt no	Type	Feature	Trench	Date	Description
398	layer		Road	modern	subsoil
399	layer		Road		redeposited chalk
400	layer		Road		redeposited degraded chalk
401	layer		Road		charcoal layer
402	layer		Road		?garden soil
403	layer		Road		redeposited chalk
404	layer		Road		sand layer
405	layer		Road		coal layer
406	layer		Road		gravel layer
407	layer		Road		gravel layer
408	layer		Road		mortar layer
409	layer		Road		construction debris
410	layer		Road		rubble layer
411	layer		Road		silt layer
412	cut	pit	Road	RB	cut of circular pit
413	fill		Road	RB	fill of pit 412
414	cut	ditch	Road		cut of ditch
415	fill		Road		fill of ditch 414
416	cut	ditch or pit	Road		either recut of ditch 414 or pit cutting 414
417	fill		Road		fill of ditch or pit 416
418	cut	posthole	Road	med	cut of posthole
419	cut	pit/ posthole	Road	modern	cut of modern posthole
420	fill		Road	modern	single sand fill of pit/ posthole 419
421	layer		Road		mixed chalk & silt, capping most RB features
422	cut	pit/ ditch	Road	RB	pit or ditch cut
423	fill		Road	RB	fill of pit or ditch 422
424	cut	ditch	Road	RB	cut of ditch
425	fill		Road	RB	fill of ditch 424
426	cut	pit	Road	modern	cut of rubbish pit
427	fill		Road	modern	fill of pit 426
428	fill		Road	modern	fill of pit 426
429	fill		Road	modern	fill of pit 426
430	layer		Road		layer of mixed soil & burnt material
431	cut	pit/ ditch	Road		cut for pit or ditch
432	fill		Road		fill of feature 431
433	layer		Road		decayed chalk capping RB features
439	cut	pit	Road	RB	cut of circular pit
440	fill		Road	RB	fill of pit 439
441	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with well
442	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 441
443	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with well
444	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 443
445	cut	posthole	Road	RB	cut of posthole, poss assoc with well
446	fill		Road	RB	fill of posthole 445

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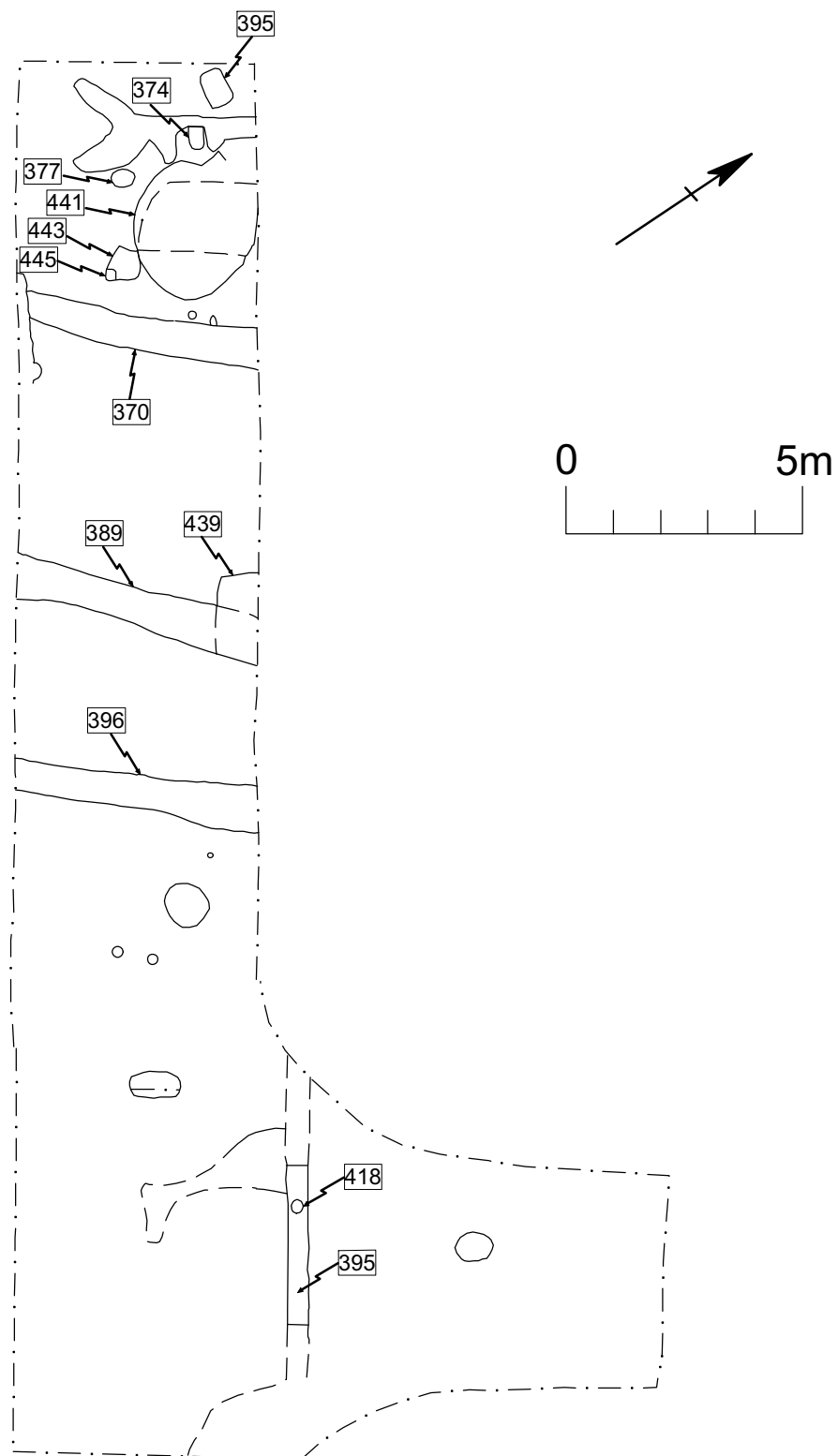
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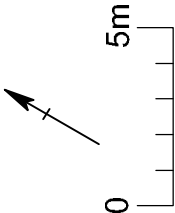
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Figure 4

