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*The cover photo shows a view of Area 1 looking north*

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## Summary

<b>Site name and address:</b>	Mitchells Farm, School Lane, Wilburton, Cambs		
<b>County:</b>	Cambridgeshire	<b>District:</b>	East Cambridgeshire
<b>Village/town:</b>	Wilburton	<b>Parish:</b>	Wilburton
<b>Planning reference:</b>	E/00/0367/0	<b>NGR:</b>	TL 4850 7480
<b>Client name and address:</b>	E.J. Gifford (Construction) Ltd, 16B High Street, Landbeach, Cambridge		
<b>Nature of work:</b>	New development	<b>Present land use:</b>	Farm
<b>Size of affected area:</b>	c.4626m <sup>2</sup>	<b>Size of area investigated:</b>	c.2380m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Site Code:</b>	HN409	<b>Other reference:</b>	N/a
<b>Organisation:</b>	Heritage Network	<b>Site Director:</b>	David Hillelson
<b>Type of work:</b>	Excavation	<b>Curating Museum:</b>	Cambridgeshire SMR
<b>Start of work</b>	28 January, 2004	<b>Finish of work</b>	7 December, 2004
<b>Related HER Nos:</b>	01081; 05705	<b>Periods represented:</b>	Medieval, post-medieval and modern
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b>	Cooper, S., 2000, Medieval and Post-Medieval Remains at Mitchells Farm, Wilburton: An Archaeological Evaluation. CAFU Report No.A168		

### Synopsis:

In response to a condition on the planning permission for a new housing development at Mitchell's Farm, School Lane, Wilburton, Cambs, the Heritage Network was commissioned by the developer to undertake the archaeological excavation of the site.

A previous archaeological evaluation on the site, carried out by the Cambridge Archaeological Field Unit, demonstrated the survival of features dating to the medieval and post-medieval periods at the northeastern end of the study area. Three areas were subsequently investigated by the Heritage Network. These were located at the northern end of the site, adjacent to the School Lane frontage (Area 1), the southeastern corner of the site (Area 2) and the southwestern corner (Area 3).

The collected evidence revealed evidence for four phases of usage on the site. The earliest phase dated to the late Bronze Age / early Iron Age. No cut features that could be assigned to this period were identified, but a scatter of waste flint flakes and pottery sherds suggests activity in the vicinity. The second phase dated to the medieval period, when the study area was sub-divided into plots with ditched boundaries. These appear to have undergone various stages of modification. Most of this activity may be dated to between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, but the pottery suggests some features may date to the early medieval period. The remains of a possible medieval structure were recorded in the northeastern corner of Area 1, adjacent to the road frontage. No other structures were identified during the fieldwork, suggesting that the site was open ground from the medieval period until the present day.

The boundary alignment established in the medieval period appears to have continued into the post-medieval and modern periods, as demonstrated by a series of linear features investigated in Area 3. A possible trackway aligned east – west was also established running across Area 1. Modern activity, relating to the site's use as a farm, was also identified in all three excavation areas.

# 1. Introduction

**1.1** This assessment report has been prepared on behalf of E.J. Gifford (Construction) Ltd, as part of a programme of archaeological mitigation for a development site on land at Mitchells Farm, School Lane, Wilburton, Cambs. The planning permission for the development (ref E/00/0367) controlled by the East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC), was granted subject to a standard condition 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. The scope of the required investigation was set out in a *Brief for a Programme of Archaeological Investigation*, dated 10 March 2003, prepared by the County Archaeological Officer (CAO) of Cambridgeshire County Council, acting as adviser to the planning authority. The defined work, consisting of open area archaeological excavation, followed the provisions set out in the Heritage Network's approved *Project Design*, dated January 2004.

**1.2** The site lies on the south side of the A1123 Stretham to Haddenham Road, adjacent to its junction with School Lane, and approximately 50m east of the B1049 Twenty Pence Road, centred on NGR TL 4850 7480 (Figure 1). The development involves the construction of seven detached dwellings with garages, together with associated access, landscaping and services.

**1.3** A desk-based archaeological assessment and a field evaluation were carried out by the Cambridgeshire Archaeological Field Unit (CAFU) in 2000 (Cooper, 2000; Cooper & Connor, 2000). This work demonstrated that the site lies within the historic core of the village, and that medieval and post-medieval features and deposits survived on site. These included property boundaries, structural remains and features associated with arable cultivation to the rear of the site.

**1.4** On the basis of the assessment and evaluation reports, the CAO indicated that excavation of three areas of high potential should be carried out in advance of the start of the development programme. The aim of this programme has been to preserve by record any archaeological remains which would otherwise be destroyed by the development, in accordance with current published regional research agenda (Glazebrook 1997, Brown & Glazebrook 2000).

**1.5** The present report 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

### *SITE TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY*

**2.1** The site is situated within the core of Wilburton village, on the Haddenham Ridge, a narrow band of Lower Greensand which runs approximately east to west.

**2.2** The soils belong to the Milford Association (541a), and consist of well drained fine loamy reddish soils over Devonian sandstone (SSEW, 1983).

**2.3** The underlying geology of the area consists of terrace deposits of sand and gravel.

### *ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND*

**2.4** The site is located within a documented archaeological landscape, with features and finds from the medieval and post-medieval periods recorded in the vicinity on the county Historic Environment Record (HER).

**2.5** Field evaluation by the CAFU in 2000 identified a number of postholes and a pit of medieval date in Trench 2, on the northeastern side of the site. These were interpreted as the remains of a building, possibly demolished in the post-medieval period. A linear feature was also recorded in the same trench, possibly representing the remains of a medieval property boundary.

**2.6** Evidence for post-medieval occupation, in the form of timber buildings was also identified along the School Lane frontage. The southern end of the site appears to have been used for arable cultivation in the post-medieval period, and a number of possible linear field boundaries were recorded in Trenches 5, 8, and 10.

**2.7** A single residual sherd of prehistoric pottery was collected from Trench 8.

### *METHODOLOGY*

#### *General*

**2.8** All work was carried out in accordance with the Heritage Network's approved Project Design, and in consultation with the CAO.

**2.9** The overburden was removed, under close archaeological supervision, using a 360-degree tracked excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket. Machine excavation ceased once the archaeological horizon had been established. All spoil was scanned for unstratified artefacts.

**2.10** The location and outline of all defined archaeological contexts were recorded in relation to established fixed points using a Total Station Theodolite, and the data introduced into CAD software.

**2.11** Following the discovery of the remains of a prehistoric pottery vessel located adjacent to the northern baulk, and at the horizon between the overburden and the natural in Area 3, a surface collection exercise was undertaken, at the request of the CAO, to identify further evidence of prehistoric activity. This consisted of a single east – west aligned transect,

approximately 1m in width, divided into 5m lengths, across the centre of the site. All flints and pottery sherds were collected and recorded with the transect code.

**2.12** All identified archaeological features and deposits were cleaned by hand, and sampled as appropriate according to their accessibility. Written, drawn and photographic records were completed as appropriate.

### *Post-Excavation*

**2.13** 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*

**2.14** The site archive, comprising of the excavation records and materials recovered, have been quantified, ordered, indexed, cross-referenced and checked for internal consistency. An overall site summary, and a summary of the artefactual and ecofactual data, has been compiled.

**2.15** The archive is being prepared, in accordance with UKIC guidelines, for deposition with the Cambridgeshire Sites and Monuments Record.

### *Artefacts*

**2.16** 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*

**2.17** Sixteen bulk samples were taken from dated contexts, and these were processed by flotation. The residues were sorted for environmental and artefactual evidence, and the flot was scanned using a binocular microscope.

## 3. Assessment

### ARCHIVE QUANTIFICATION

#### Documentary Archive

3.1 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:

Record Type		Items	
Contexts: Area 1		181	
Contexts: Area 2		51	
Contexts: Area 3		45	
Level record sheets: Area 1		4	
Level record sheets: Area 2		1	
Level record sheets: Area 3		2	
Site survey sheets: Area 1		43	
Site survey sheets: Area 2		9	
Site survey sheets: Area 3		12	
Environmental sample record: Area 1		14	
Environmental sample record: Area 3		2	
Field Drawings: Area 1	A2	7	11
	A3	1	
	A4	1	
	Sketches	2	
Field Drawings: Area 2	A2	2	3
	Sketches	1	
Field Drawings: Area 3	A2	2	4
	Sketches	2	
Photographs: Area 1	Colour Transparencies		88
	Monochrome negatives		170
Photographs: Area 2	Colour Transparencies		22
	Monochrome negatives		44
Photographs: Area 3	Colour Transparencies		21
	Monochrome negatives		43

#### Material Archive

3.2 The material archive normally incorporates artefacts, faunal remains and environmental samples collected during the project, including both stratified and unstratified material. The material archive for the present project is limited to the following:

Type	Items	Weight (g)
Pottery	306	2285g
Ceramic building material	137	9748g
Mortar	46	1761g
Daub	6	45g
Worked flint	132	418g
Worked stone	19	2940g
Glass	5	97g



Clay pipe	3	16g
Slag	10	285g
Iron objects	23	720g
Lead object	1	5g
Animal bone	870	5475g
Wood	7	20g
Bulk Soil Samples	16	330 litres

## RECORDED DATA

### Stratigraphy

3.3 The stratigraphy was broadly similar across the site. It consisted of:

- topsoil of dark grey (10 YR 3/1) sandy silt, measuring between 0.20 and 0.50m in depth;
- undisturbed natural of orange yellow compact sand, encountered at 0.20-0.50m below the existing surface.

### Test Pits

3.4 Five test pits were dug by the contractor around the edges of the development site prior to the start of the archaeological fieldwork (Figure 2). They all had the same dimensions, measuring 2.10m by 3m and were excavated to a depth of 2m below the present surface.

3.5 The depth of topsoil observed in the test pits varied between 0.5m and 0.3m

3.6 No archaeological features or deposits were observed in any of these pits.

### Excavation

3.7 Three excavation areas were opened up (Figure 2). Area 1, which measured approximately 1150m<sup>2</sup>, was located at the northern end of the site, close to the junction between High Street and School Lane. Area 2, which measured approximately 580m<sup>2</sup>, was located along the southwestern side of the site. Area 3, which measured approximately 650m<sup>2</sup>, was located in the southeastern corner of the site.

#### Area 1

3.8 This was designed to investigate medieval and post-medieval features identified in Trenches 1 and 2 during the evaluation (Figure 3). Further sections were cut across ditch [6] in Trench 1, ditch [20] in Trench 2 and across pits [18] and [53] in Trench 2.

3.9 No evidence for the possible timber structures identified in evaluation Trenches 1 and 2 was recorded during the excavation. A number of scattered small circular features were identified, but these contained modern artefacts. The majority appeared to represent features, including animal burials, associated with the site's use as a farm.

3.10 The stratigraphic and ceramic evidence indicates two main phases of activity in this area, dating to the medieval and post-medieval periods. Slight evidence, in the form of occasional abraded pottery sherds, indicates prehistoric activity in the vicinity.

**3.11** The earliest features recorded appear to be pit [173] and linear [102]. Pottery dating to the early medieval period (10th-12th centuries) was recovered from both these features.

**3.12** The main period of activity dates to the 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, when two quarries, cuts [18] and [112] were excavated and a ditched field system established on an approximate east – west alignment, groups [175], [176] and [178].

**3.13** Two east – west aligned linear features, groups [174] and [180], which possibly marked the line of a trackway, were established in the later post-medieval period.

**3.14** A possible structure, group [171], was identified in the northwestern corner of Area 1. This comprised two butting linears, cuts [51] and [53] with associated stakeholes, cuts [55] and [57], which may represent the corner of a building fronting on to School Lane. Pottery recovered from the gully fills suggests a late medieval date.

**3.15** Scattered evidence for modern activity was also identified, including two animal burials, cuts [10] and [47], and a posthole, cut [03].

**3.16** In total 179 archaeological contexts were investigated and recorded, relating to 1 hearth, 1 brick floor surface, 3 animal burials, 3 quarries, 7 layers, 9 stakeholes, 10 pits, 10 postholes and 19 linear features:

*Table 3*

Context	Type	Description	Dimensions (m)	Spot date
01	Cut	Section across linear E – W aligned ditch/gully. Steep concave sides, irregular concave base. Cut by posthole [03]. Contains fill (02). Part of Group [180].	Length of section: 0.77m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.13m	Late post-medieval
02	Fill	Friable, mid dark grey (10YR 5/1), sandy silt, with occasional sub-rounded pebbles. Fill of [01].	Length of section: 0.77m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.13m	18 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> C
03	Cut	Square cut posthole, with vertical sides. Steps in to circular base, with flat bottom. Cuts linear [01]. Contains fill (04).	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.40m Depth: 0.35m	Modern
04	Fill	Loose dark grey (10YR 3/1) sandy silt. Modern brick , tile & tarmac present. Fill of [03].	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.40m Depth: 0.35m	Modern, Residual medieval
05	Cut	Section across NE – SW aligned shallow linear ditch. Shallow concave side to south, steep side to north, rounded base. Contains fill (06). Same as [123]. Part of group [175].	Length of section: 1.28m Width: 0.70m Depth: 0.21m	?Medieval
06	Fill	Soft, dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/3) silty sand with occasional small angular flints and charcoal flecks. Fill of ditch [05], cut by posthole [07].	Length of section: 1.28m Width: 0.70m Depth: 0.21m	?Medieval
07	Cut	Sub-square or circular Victorian posthole, with steep, slightly concave sides and a flat base. Cuts into fill of linear [05]. Contains fill (08).	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.28m	Victorian
08	Fill	Loose olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) clayey sand, with occasional mortar fragments. Remains of wooden post in situ. Fill of posthole [07].	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.28m	19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> C
09		Context not used		--
10	Cut	Sub-rectangular cut, with steep slope to west, gentle to east and south for modern animal burial. Cuts gullies [12] and [14]. Contains fill (11).	Length: 0.43m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.10m	Modern
11	Fill	Loose, dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty, slightly clayey, sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Remains of 2 neo-natal ?dogs present. Fill of animal burial [10].	Length: 0.43m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.10m	19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> C

12	Cut	Section across E – W aligned shallow linear gully, with straight sides and flat base. Cut by animal burial [10] and butts linear [14]. Contains fill (13). Part of Group [174].	Length of section: 1.37m Width: 0.35m Depth: 0.21m	Post-medieval
13	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty, slightly clayey sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and tree roots. Fill of gully [12].	Length of section: 1.37m Width: 0.35m Depth: 0.21m	Intrusive 20 <sup>th</sup> C pottery
14	Cut	Section across E – W aligned shallow linear gully, with straight sides and flat base. Cut by animal burial [10] and butts linear [12]. Contains fill (15).	Length of section: 1.32m Width: 0.25m Depth: 0.18m	Victorian
15	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty, slightly clayey sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and tree roots. Fill of gully [14].	Length of section: 1.32m Width: 0.25m Depth: 0.18m	19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> C
16	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear ditch. N side steep and straight, S side gentle and irregular. Flat base. Cuts quarry [18] to north. Contains fill (17). Part of Group [172].	Length of section: 1.44m Width: 0.45m Depth: 0.22m	Late post-medieval
17	Fill	Loose brown (10YR 4/3) sandy clay, with mortar and charcoal flecks, small angular flints and moderate roots. Fill of ditch [16].	Length of section: 1.44m Width: 0.45m Depth: 0.22m	18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> residual medieval
18	Cut	Sub-circular cut, with steep straight side to north, stepped side to west, and slightly concave base. Cut for quarry. Contains fills (19) and (20). Same as cut [81]. Same as pit [53] in evaluation.	Length of section: 1.40m Width of section: 1.80m Depth: 0.94m	Medieval
19	Fill	Loose very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) clay sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and small stones and moderate roots. Upper fill of quarry [18].	Length: 1.40m Width: 1.80m Depth: 0.44m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
20	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and chalk and moderate roots. Primary fill of quarry [18]	Length: 1.40m Width: 1.60m Depth: 0.50m	--
21	Group	Possible hearth, cut [30], and 5 stakeholes, cuts [33], [35], [37], [39] and [41]	-	--
22	Cut	Sub-rectangular cut, with shallow, slightly concave sides and flat base. Base of possible rubbish pit. Cut by pit [24]/[27]. Contains fill (23).	Length: 1.69m Width: 1.40m Depth: 0.10m	Medieval
23	Fill	Soft, dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/3) slightly clayey sand, with occasional small angular flints and charcoal flecks and moderate small roots. Single fill of pit [22].	Length: 1.69m Width: 1.40m Depth: 0.10m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
24	Cut	Section through the NE end of sub-ovoid pit, with shallow, slightly concave sides and a flat base. Cuts pit [22]. Contains fills (25) and (26). See also [27].	Length: 1.95m Width: 1.74m Depth: 0.23m	--
25	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) slightly clayey sand, with occasional small angular flints. Primary fill of pit [24], same as (28). Possibly the result of slumping.	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.73m Depth: 0.09m	--
26	Fill	Soft dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/3) slightly clayey sand, with occasional small angular flints and charcoal flecks and moderate small roots. Secondary fill of pit [24], same as (29).	Length: 1.95m Width: 1.74m Depth: 0.15m	?13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
27	Cut	Section through SW end of sub-ovoid pit, with shallow, slightly concave sides and a flat base. Contains fills (28) and (29). See also [24].	Length: 1.95m Width: 1.74m Depth: 0.23m	Medieval
28	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) slightly clayey sand, with occasional small angular flints. Primary fill of pit [27], same as (25). Possibly the result of slumping.	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.73m Depth: 0.09m	--
29	Fill	Soft dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/3) slightly clayey sand, with occasional small angular flints and charcoal flecks and moderate small roots. Secondary fill of pit [27], same as (26).	Length: 1.95 Width: 1.74 Depth: 0.15m	?13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C

30	Cut	Sub-circular cut for possible hearth. Straight sides to west, gently sloping to east. Flat base. Contains fills (31) and (32). Part of Group 21. Cut by [33], [35], [37] and [39].	Length: 1.10m Width: >0.40m Depth: 0.10m	?Medieval
31	Fill	Loose reddish black (2.5YR 2.5/1) silty sand, with frequent tile flecks and fragments. Secondary fill of possible hearth [30]. Cut by [33], [35], [37] and [39].	Length: 1.10m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.05m	--
32	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with frequent red staining. Primary fill of possible hearth [30]. Cut by [33].	Length: 1.10m Width: >0.40m Depth: 0.05m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
33	Cut	Circular cut for stakehole in centre of possible hearth [30]. Straight sides, angled to north, with rounded base. Contains fill (34). Cuts (31) and (32). Part of Group [21].	Diameter: 0.07m Depth: 0.08m	--
34	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with frequent red staining. Fill of stakehole [33].	Diameter: 0.07m Depth: 0.08m	--
35	Cut	Circular cut for stakehole in centre of possible hearth [30], with straight sides and rounded base. Contains fill (36), part of Group [21].	Diameter: 0.04m Depth: not recorded	Post-medieval
36	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with frequent red staining. Fill of stakehole [35].	Diameter: 0.04m Depth: not recorded	Post-medieval
37	Cut	Circular cut for stakehole in possible hearth [30], with straight, angled sides and rounded base. Contains fill (38), part of Group [21].	Diameter: 0.05m Depth: 0.06m	--
38	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with frequent red staining. Fill of stakehole [37].	Diameter: 0.05m Depth: 0.06m	--
39	Cut	Circular cut for stakehole in possible hearth [30], with straight, angled sides and rounded base. Contains fill (40), part of Group [21].	Diameter: 0.05m Depth: 0.05m	--
40	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with frequent red staining. Fill of stakehole [39].	Diameter: 0.05m Depth: 0.05m	--
41	Cut	Sub-rectangular cut for stakehole on edge of possible hearth [30], with straight angled sides and rounded base. Contains fill (42). Part of Group [21].	Length: 0.11m Width: 0.07m Depth: 0.10m	--
42	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with frequent red staining. Fill of stakehole [41].	Length: 0.11m Width: 0.07m Depth: 0.10m	--
43	Cut	Irregular cut for pit, with shallow concave sides and a flat base. Contains fill (44).	Length: 0.93m Width: 0.81m Depth: 0.25m	Medieval
44	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) clay sand, with frequent roots. Fill of pit [43].	Length: 0.93m Width: 0.81m Depth: 0.25m	?14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> C
45	Cut	Square posthole cut, with straight sides and flat base. Contains fill (46).	Length: 0.20m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.14m	--
46	Fill	Loose very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silty sand, containing wood fragments and tree roots. Fill of posthole [45].	Length: 0.20m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.14m	--
47	Cut	Cut of sub-rectangular shallow scoop, with gently sloping sides and an irregular base. Possible animal burial. Contains fill (48)	Length: >0.31m Width: 0.67m Depth: 0.10m	--
48	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional tree roots and frequent animal bone. Fill of possible animal burial [47].	Length: >0.31m Width: 0.67m Depth: 0.10m	--
49	Cut	Sub-circular posthole cut, with steep sides and curved base. Contains fill (50).	Length: >0.16m Width: 0.19m Depth: 0.15m	--
50	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) slightly clayey silty sand, no inclusions present. Fill of posthole [49].	Length: >0.16m Width: 0.19m Depth: 0.15m	--

51	Cut	Section across N – S aligned linear feature, with steep concave side on E, stepped on W, and flat base. Butts linear [53], to form possible corner. Contains fill (52). Part of Group [171].	Length of section: 0.60m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.25m	Medieval
52	Fill	Soft dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/3) slightly clayey silty sand, with occasional small flints and patches of redeposited natural sand and moderate charcoal flecks. Fill of linear [51].	Length of section: 0.60m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.25m	?14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> C
53	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear feature, with steep, stepped, sides and irregular base. Butts linear [51] to form possible corner. Contains fill (54). Part of Group [171]	Length of section: 1.65m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.25m	Medieval
54	Fill	Soft dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/3) slightly clayey silty sand, with occasional small flints and charcoal flecks. Fill of linear (53).	Length of section: 1.65m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.25m	Medieval
55	Cut	Sub-circular cut for stakehole, with steep straight sides and pointed base. Contains fill (56). Part of Group [171]	Diameter: 0.09m Depth: 0.15m	--
56	Fill	Soft very dark brown (10YR 2/2) very slightly clayey silt, with no inclusions. Fill of stakehole [55].	Diameter: 0.09m Depth: 0.15m	--
57	Cut	Sub-circular cut for stakehole, with steep straight sides and pointed base. Contains fill (58). Part of Group [171].	Diameter: 0.10m Depth: 0.17m	--
58	Fill	Soft very dark brown (10YR 2/2) very slightly clayey silt, with no inclusions. Fill of stakehole [57].	Diameter: 0.10m Depth: 0.17m	--
59	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear ditch, with V-shaped profile. N side steeper, with one break of slope, S side shallower. Contains fill (60). Possible boundary ditch. Part of Group [176]. Same as ditch [20] in evaluation.	Length of section: 0.70m Width: 1.35m Depth: 0.50m	Early medieval
60	Fill	Compact dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) silty sand, with occasional small sub-angular flints, sandstone fragments, charcoal flecks and patches of redeposited natural sand. Single fill of ditch [59].	Length of section: 0.70m Width: 1.35m Depth: 0.50m	?11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> C
61	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear feature, possible hedgeline remnant. N side shallow and concave, rounded base. Truncated by [63] on the S side. Contains fill (62). Part of Group [179].	Length of section: 0.48m Width: 0.66m Depth: 0.18m	--
62	Fill	Soft brown (10YR 4/3) clay sand, with frequent roots and occasional small stones. Single fill of linear feature [61].	Length of section: 0.48m Width: 0.66m Depth: 0.18m	--
63	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear ditch, with shallow concave sides and flat base. Contains fill (64). Truncates linear [61] to N. Part of Group [178]	Length of section: 1.00m Width: 0.92m Depth: 0.14m	--
64	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) clay sand, with moderate roots. Single fill of ditch [63].	Length of section: 1.00m Width: 0.92m Depth: 0.14m	--
65	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear gully, with shallow concave sides and flat base. Contains fill (66). Possibly a relict hedgeline. Part of Group [179].	Length of section: 0.50m Width: 0.86m Depth: 0.10m	--
66	Fill	Soft brown (10YR 4/3) sandy clay, with frequent roots. Fill of gully [65].	Length of section: 0.50m Width: 0.86m Depth: 0.10m	--
67	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear gully, with steep straight sides and U-shaped base. Contains fill (68). Truncates pit [69] and linear [71]. Part of Group [177].	Length of section: 0.64m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.17m	--
68	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) clay sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Single fill of gully [67].	Length of section: 0.64m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.17m	--

69	Cut	Circular cut for pit, with steep concave sides and flat base. Contains fill (70). Cut by linears [67] and [71].	Length: 0.96m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.60m	Medieval
70	Fill	Soft brown (10YR 4/3) silty sand with occasional roots and charcoal flecks. Fill of pit [69]. Cut by linears [67] and [71].	Length: 0.96m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.60m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
71	Cut	Section across N – S aligned linear gully. Contains fill (72). Truncates fill of pit [69] and is truncated by gully [67]. Same as linears [73] and [75]. Part of Group [178].	Length of section: 0.92m Width: 0.42m Depth: 0.07m	Medieval
72	Fill	Soft brown (10YR 4/3) clay sand, with occasional small chalk lumps. Fill of gully [71]. Truncated by gully [67]. Remains of basal fill of the feature.	Length of section: 0.92m Width: 0.42m Depth: 0.07m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
73	Cut	Section across N – S aligned linear feature, with V-shaped profile, representing the base only of larger feature. Contains fill (74). Same as linears [71] and [75]. Part of Group [178].	Length of section: 0.54m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.08m	--
74	Fill	Soft brown (10YR 4/3) clay sand, with no visible inclusions. Fill of linear [73]. Same as fills (72) and (76). Remains of basal fill of the feature.	Length of section: 0.54m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.08m	--
75	Cut	Section across butt end of N – S aligned linear feature, with shallow straight sides and flat base. Contains fill (76). Same as linears [71] and [73]. Part of Group [178].	Length of section: 0.45m Width: 0.42m Depth: 0.08m	--
76	Fill	Soft brown (10YR 4/3) clay sand, with no visible inclusions. Fill of linear [75]. Same as fills (72) and (74). Remains of basal fill of the feature.	Length of section: 0.45m Width: 0.42m Depth: 0.08m	--
77	Cut	Section across E – W aligned shallow linear feature, with shallow V-shaped profile., representing the base only of larger feature. Contains fill (78). Possible relict hedge line	Length of section: 0.78m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.07m	--
78	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with frequent roots. Fill of linear [77]. Remains of basal fill of the feature.	Length of section: 0.78m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.07m	--
79	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear ditch, with steep irregular sides and shallow V-shaped base. Contains fill (80). Possible boundary ditch. Truncates northern edge of quarry [81]. Part of Group [176].	Length of section: 1.05m Width: 1.15m Depth: 0.45m	?Medieval
80	Fill	Soft dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional small chalk lumps and angular flints, occasional to moderate charcoal flecks and moderate small roots. Fill of ditch [79].	Length of section: 1.05m Width: 1.15m Depth: 0.45m	Medieval with intrusive post-medieval pottery
81	Cut	Cut for N edge of quarry, with steep straight sides. Base not reached. Feature extended under E baulk. Contains fill (82). Same as cut [18]. Truncated on N by linear [79].	Length of section: 1.00m Width of section: 0.65m Depth of section: 0.35m	Medieval
82	Fill	Soft dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) slightly clayey sand, with moderate small roots and occasional charcoal flecks, small stones and angular flints. Fill of quarry [81]. Same as fill (19).	Length of section: 1.00m Width of section: 0.65m Depth of section: 0.35m	?10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> C
83	Cut	Section across butt end of linear ditch, with steeply sloping sides and a flat base. Contains fill (84). Same as linear [14]. Part of Group [95].	Length of section: 0.41m Width: 0.23m Depth: 0.10m	--
84	Fill	Loose very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silty sand, with no visible inclusions. Single fill of linear [83]. Same as fill (15).	Length of section: 0.41m Width: 0.23m Depth: 0.10m	--
85	Cut	Section across N- S aligned linear feature leading to sub-circular feature. Possibly naturally formed. Gently sloping sides, with irregular base. Contains fill (86).	Length of section: 0.71m Width: 0.66m Depth: 0.07m	Medieval
86	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) sandy silt, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of linear feature [85].	Length of section: 0.71m Width: 0.66m Depth: 0.07m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C

87	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear feature, with gently sloping sides and flat base. Possibly the remains of a foundation trench. Contains fill (88). Cut by posthole [89].	Length of section: 0.50m Width: 0.37m – 0.53m Depth: 0.02m – 0.05m	--
88	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) sandy silt, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of linear feature [87]. Cut by posthole [89].	Length of section: 0.50m Width: 0.37m – 0.53m Depth: 0.02m – 0.05m	--
89	Cut	Irregular cut for posthole, with very steep, straight sides and very irregular base. Contains fill (90). Cuts linear [87]. Two adjacent stakeholes, cuts [96] and [97], also contain fill (90).	Length: 0.26m Width: 0.24m Depth: 0.18m	--
90	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) very slightly silty clayey sand, with some iron staining in the SE quadrant. Fill of posthole [89].	Length: 0.26m Width: 0.24m Depth: 0.18m	--
91	Cut	Section across butt end of E – W aligned boundary ditch, with steep sides, slightly undercut on N side, and flat base. Contains fill (92). Relationship with gully [93] unclear. Part of Group [176].	Length of section: 1.75m Width: 0.95m Depth: 0.56m	Medieval
92	Fill	Soft dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional small chalk lumps and angular flints and moderate charcoal flecks. Single fill of ditch [91].	Length of section: 1.75m Width: 0.95m Depth: 0.56m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
93	Cut	Section across WSW – ENE aligned shallow gully, with slightly concave sides and flat base. Contains fill (94). Relationship with gully [91] unclear. Part of Group [177].	Length of section: 1.05m Width: 0.45m Depth: 0.05m	--
94	Fill	Soft dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with no visible inclusions. Single fill of gully [93].	Length of section: 1.05m Width: 0.45m Depth: 0.05m	--
95	Group	Linear ditch, sections [14] and [83]	-	--
96	Cut	Sub-circular cut for stakehole with steep, straight sides and rounded base. Contains fill (90). Adjacent to, and cuts, posthole [89] in linear [87]	Length: 0.13m Width: 0.09m Depth: 0.18m	--
97	Cut	Sub-circular cut for stakehole with steep, straight sides and rounded base. Contains fill (90). Adjacent to, and cuts, posthole [89] in linear [87]	Length: c.0.15m Width: 0.09m Depth: 0.18m	--
98	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear ditch, with moderately steep sides and flat irregular base. Contains fill (99). Runs parallel with, and to the south of, ditch [100]	Length of section: 0.75m Width: 0.38m Depth: 0.18m	Post-medieval, with residual medieval pottery
99	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and tree roots. Single fill of linear [98].	Length of section: 0.75m Width: 0.38m Depth: 0.18m	?residual 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
100	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear ditch, with moderately steep slope to N and irregular slope to S and flat, irregular base. Contains fill (101). Runs parallel with, and to N of, [98]	Length of section: 0.75m Width: 0.15m – 0.25m Depth: 0.09m – 0.12m	--
101	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and tree roots. Single fill of linear [100].	Length of section: 0.75m Width: 0.15m – 0.25m Depth: 0.09m – 0.12m	--
102	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear gully, with gently sloping sides and flat irregular base. Contains fill (103)	Length of section: 1.17m Width: 0.37m Depth: 0.07m	?Early medieval
103	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of gully [102].	Length of section: 1.17m Width: 0.37m Depth: 0.07m	?10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> C
104	Cut	Cut for sub-circular deep pit/quarry, with steep, almost vertical sides. The base was not reached. Contains fills (105), (128), (129) and (130). Cut by [106]. Part of Group [173].	Length: 1.40m Width: 0.53m Depth: over 1.25m	?Early medieval
105	Fill	Soft dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/5) slightly silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks, chalk lumps and small sub-angular flints. Upper fill of pit [104]. Cut by [106].	Length: 0.25m Width: 0.47m Depth: 0.74m	?9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> C

106	Cut	Cut for sub-circular deep pit/quarry, with steep, irregular sides. Base not reached. Contains fill (107). Possible recut of pit [104]. Cuts fills of [104]. Part of Group [173].	Length: 1.67m Width: 1.40m Depth: over 1.20m	Medieval
107	Fill	Soft to compact dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/5) slightly clayey silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks, chalk lumps and small sub-angular flints. Single fill of pit [106].	Length: 1.67m Width: 1.40m Depth: over 1.20m	?11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> C
108	Cut	Cut for sub-rectangular feature, with steep straight sides towards SE end, concave towards NE. Base stepped, becoming deeper from SE to NW. Clunch block used as step at NW end. Contains fill (109). Possible access to pit/quarry [104]/[106]. Part of Group [173].	Length 1.30m Width: 0.85m Maximum depth: 0.42m	Medieval
109	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) slightly silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and small sub-angular flints. Fill of sub-rectangular feature [108].	Length 1.30m Width: 0.85m Maximum depth: 0.42m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C residual prehistoric
110	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) sandy silt, with occasional charcoal flecks and roots. Upper fill of linear [123].	Length of section: 0.81m Width: 0.57m Depth: 0.03m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
111	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Primary fill of ditch [123].	Length of section: 0.81m Width: 0.57m Depth: 0.16m	--
112	Cut	Cut for circular quarry, with steep straight sides. Base not reached. Contains fills (113), (114), (115), (116), (117), (124) and (125).	Length: 5.20m Width of section: 3.54m Depth of section: 1.82m	
113	Fill	Soft dark olive grey (5Y 3/2) clay sand, with no visible inclusions. Cess like lower fill of quarry [112].	Length: 5.20m Width of section: 0.96m Depth of section: 0.40m	?Medieval ?Residual RB
114	Fill	Soft olive grey (5Y 4/2) sandy clay, with no visible inclusions. Cess like fill in quarry [112]. Above fill (113).	Length: 5.20m Width of section: 0.96m Depth: 0.24m	--
115	Fill	Friable dark olive grey (5Y 3/2) silty sand, with occasional patches of redeposited natural sand. Fill of quarry [112], above (114).	Length: 5.20m Width of section: 1.32m Depth: 0.40m	--
116	Fill	Friable olive brown (2.5Y 4/3) silty sand, with occasional patches of gravel and pea grit. Fill of quarry [112]. Above (115).	Length: 5.20m Width of section: 1.50m Depth: 0.75m	--
117	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) sandy clay, with no visible inclusions. Fill of quarry [112], possibly evidence of slumping. Above (116).	Length: 5.20m Width of section: 2.64m Depth: 0.27m	--
118	Cut	Section across E – W aligned shallow linear gully, with gently sloping sides and flat base. Contains fill (119). Cut by pit [120].	Length of section: 0.79m Width: 0.26m Depth: 0.07m	--
119	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with very occasional charcoal flecks. Single fill of gully [118]. Cut by pit [120]	Length of section: 0.79m Width: 0.26m Depth: 0.07m	--
120	Cut	Cut for sub-circular pit, with straight sides and irregular base. Contains fills (121) and (122). Cuts gully [118] to its west. Appears to have suffered root disturbance on eastern side.	Length: >0.55m Width: 0.32m Depth: 0.55m	--
121	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and roots. Upper fill of pit [120].	Length: >0.55m Width: 0.32m Depth: 0.09m – 0.35m	--
122	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and roots. Primary fill of pit [120].	Length: >0.55m Width: 0.32m Depth: 0.46m	--
123	Cut	Section across butt end of E –W aligned linear ditch, with steep, straight sides and flat irregular base. Contains fills (110) and (111). Same as [05]. Part of Group [175].	Length of section: 0.81m Width: 0.57m Depth: 0.19m	--
124	Fill	Friable very dark greyish brown (2.5Y 3/2) silty sand, with occasional small stones. Fill of quarry [112], above (117).	Length: 5.20m Width of section: 3.52m Depth: 0.48m	--



125	Fill	Firm dark olive grey (5Y 3/2) sandy clay, with occasional small chalk lumps. Upper fill, representing layer of dump material in quarry [112], above (124).	Length: 5.20m Width of section: 3.52m Depth: 0.20m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
126	Cut	Cut for sub-circular pit within banjo-shaped feature, with steeply sloping sides and flat base. Contains fill (127).	Length: >0.51m Width: 1.31m Depth: 0.33m	Medieval
127	Fill	Loose very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of pit [126].	Length: >0.51m Width: 1.31m Depth: 0.33m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
128	Fill	Moderately firm dark olive brown (2.5Y 3/3) slightly clayey silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks and small sub-angular flints. Lowest excavated fill of deep pit [104]	Length: over 0.35m Width: over 0.50m Depth: over 1.10m	--
129	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) slightly silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of deep pit [104], above (128).	Length: over 0.40m Width: over 0.40m Depth: 0.35m	--
130	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) slightly silty sand, with no visible inclusions. Fill of deep pit [104], above (129).	Length: over 0.35m Width: 0.10m Depth: 0.40m	--
131	Layer	Firm very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) sandy clay, with frequent small stones. Possible levelling layer above quarry [112], observed in E facing section only	Length: not known Width: over 3.00m Depth: 0.08m	--
132	Layer	Solid dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) silty sand, with frequent stones. Possible levelling layer of mixed stone & silty sand above (131). Observed in E facing section only.	Length: not known Width: over 3.00m Depth: 0.08m	--
133	Layer	Malleable dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) sandy clay, with frequent small stones. Levelling layer above (132). Observed in E facing section only.	Length: not known Width: over 3.00m Depth: 0.16m	--
134	Layer	Solid very dark greyish brown (2.5Y 3/2) clay, with moderate small stones. Levelling layer above (133). Observed in E facing section only.	Length: not known Width: over 3.00m Depth: 0.30m	--
135	Layer	Loose black (10YR 2/1) silt, with frequent brick fragments and small stones. Levelling layer of dumped brick, mixed with loose silt above (134). Observed in E facing section only	Length: not known Width: over 3.00m Depth: 0.10m	--
136	Layer	Buried ground surface layer of tarmac and gravel, above (135). Observed in E facing section only.	Length: not known Width: over 3.00m Depth: 0.02m	--
137	Layer	Firm very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) mixed rubble and silt. Layer of overburden above (136). Observed in E facing section only.	Length: not known Width: over 3.00m Depth: 0.15m	--
138	Fill	Firm dark brown (10YR 3/3) sandy silt, with occasional small stones. Secondary fill of ditch [139].	Length of section: 0.70m Width: 1.10m Depth: 0.16m	?10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> C
139	Cut	Section across butt end of N – S aligned linear ditch, with gently sloping sides and flat base. Contains fills (138) and (140). Truncated by later E – W aligned ditch to south.	Length of section: 0.70m Width: 1.10m Depth: 0.18m	Medieval
140	Fill	Firm brown (10YR 4/3) sand, with no visible inclusions. Primary fill of ditch [139].	Length of section: 0.70m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.02m	--
141	Surface	Remains of brick surface, consisting of red and yellow bricks, some with shallow frogging. Bricks measure 0.21.5m x 0.10m x 0.07m. No bonding visible. One course deep.	Length: 1.15m Width: 1.40m Depth: 0.07m	Post-medieval
142	Cut	Cut for sub-circular pit within banjo-shaped feature, with very gently sloping sides and flat irregular base. Contains fill (143)	Length: >0.32m Width: 0.52m Depth: 0.08m	--
143	Fill	Loose very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of pit [142].	Length: >0.32m Width: 0.52m Depth: 0.08m	--

144	Cut	Cut for sub-rectangular pit in banjo-shaped feature, with gently sloping sides and flat base. Contains fill (145)	Length: >0.22m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.12m	--
145	Fill	Loose very dark brown (10YR 2/2) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of pit [144].	Length: >0.22m Width: 0.80m Depth: 0.12m	--
146	Cut	Cut for circular posthole with gently sloping concave side on west, straighter and steeper to east and concave base. Contains fill (147).	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.40m Depth: 0.16m	--
147	Fill	Loose very dark grey (10YR 3/1) sandy silt, with occasional small chalk fragments. Fill of posthole [146].	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.40m Depth: 0.16m	--
148	Cut	Cut for sub-rectangular posthole, with steep straight sides and flat base. Contains fill (149)	Length: 0.26m Width: 0.23m Depth: 0.10m	--
149	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of posthole [148].	Length: 0.26m Width: 0.23m Depth: 0.10m	--
150	Cut	Cut for oval posthole, with gently sloping sides and rounded base. Contains fill [151].	Length: 0.36m Width: 0.32m Depth: 0.11m	--
151	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) sandy silt, with no visible inclusions. Fill of posthole [150].	Length: 0.36m Width: 0.32m Depth: 0.11m	--
152	Cut	Cut for sub-circular posthole, with shallow, gently sloping sides and flat base. Contains fill (153).	Length: 0.58m Width: 0.50m Depth: 0.08m	--
153	Fill	Loose very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) sandy silt, with no visible inclusions. Fill of posthole [152].	Length: 0.58m Width: 0.50m Depth: 0.08m	--
154	Cut	Cut for oval posthole, with gently sloping sides and flat base. Contains fill (155). Only very base of feature survives.	Length: 0.32m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.02m	--
155	Fill	Loose very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) sandy silt, with no visible inclusions. Fill of posthole [154].	Length: 0.32m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.02m	--
156	Cut	Cut for sub-circular feature, possibly an animal burial, with steeply sloping sides and rounded base. Contains fill (157).	Length: >0.13m Width: 0.39m Depth: 0.13m	--
157	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of feature [156]. Large number of possible piglet bones present.	Length: >0.13m Width: 0.39m Depth: 0.13m	--
158	Cut	Section across E – W aligned linear ditch, with steeply sloping sides and U-shaped base. Contains fill (159). Possible recut which removed most of an earlier ditch.	Length of section: 0.60m Width: 0.76m Depth: 0.55m	Post-medieval
159	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) sandy silt, with no visible inclusions. Fill of ditch [158].	Length of section: 0.60m Width: 0.63m Depth: 0.55m	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> C residual medieval
160	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) sandy silt, with no visible inclusions. Possible original fill in early ditch cut by [158]. Part of Group [177]	Length of section: 0.60m Width: 0.16m Depth: 0.15m	--
161	Cut	Section across butt end of N – S aligned linear feature, gently sloping sides and rounded base. Immediately W of ditch [165]. Contains fill (162).	Length of section: 0.22m Width: 0.29m Depth: 0.09m	Late medieval
162	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Fill of linear feature [161].	Length of section: 0.22m Width: 0.29m Depth: 0.09m	?14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> C
163	Cut	Section across possible N – S aligned linear feature, with steep straight sides and flat base. Contains fill (164). Feature disappears under W baulk at N end of site.	Length of section: 0.85m Width of section: 0.28m Depth: 0.33m	--

164	Fill	Soft olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) clayey silty sand, with frequent charcoal flecks and occasional chalk fragments and sub-angular flints. Fill of possible linear [163].	Length of section: 0.85m Width of section: 0.28m Depth: 0.33m	--
165	Cut	Section across butt end of N – S aligned linear ditch, with steeply sloping sides and flat irregular base. Contains fills (166) and (167).	Length of section: 0.66m Width: 0.57m Depth: 0.20m	Medieval
166	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand, with occasional charcoal flecks. Upper fill of ditch [165].	Length of section: 0.66m Width: 0.57m Depth: 0.09m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
167	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) silty sand, with no visible inclusions. Primary fill of ditch [165].	Length of section: 0.66m Width: 0.57m Depth: 0.14m	
168	Cut	Section across butt end of E – W aligned linear ditch, with steeply sloping sides and flat base. Contains fill (169). W end of ditch cutting quarry [18]. Part of Group [172].	Length of section: 0.70m Width: 1.26m Depth: 0.23m	Medieval
169	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) sandy silt, with no visible inclusions. Single fill of ditch [168].	Length of section: 0.70m Width: 1.26m Depth: 0.23m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
170	Cut & fill	Unexcavated sub-rectangular pit, aligned approximately E – W. Contains loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) slightly clayey silty sand, with frequent roots.	Length: 1.23m Width: 0.64m Depth: not known	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
171	Group	Possible structure close to School Lane frontage. Cuts: [51], [53], [55] & [57].	–	?Medieval
172	Group	Approximately E – W aligned linear ditch, cutting quarry [18] in SE corner of Area 1. Cuts [16] and [168]	–	?Medieval
173	Group	Deep pit or quarry, recut at least once, with access steps. Cuts [104], [106] and [108].	–	?Early medieval
174	Group	E – W aligned linear ditch, running parallel to group [180]. Cuts [12], [98] and [100]. Same as ditch [6] in evaluation Tr.1.	–	Post-medieval
175	Group	Approximately E – W aligned linear ditch, roughly parallel to group [176]. Cuts [05] and [123].	–	?Medieval
176	Group	Approximately E – W aligned linear ditch. Roughly parallel to group [175]. Butts group [177] on W side. Part of field system. Cuts [59], [79] & [91]. Same as ditch [20] in evaluation Tr. 2	–	Medieval
177	Group	E – W aligned linear ditch, butting group [176] on E and group [178] on W. Part of field system. Cuts [67] & [93].	–	Medieval
178	Group	Linear ditch forming 2 sides of enclosed field. S side runs E – W, E side runs N – S. Joined by group [177] to E. Part of field system. Cuts [63], [71], [73] & [75].	–	?Medieval
179	Group	NE – SW aligned linear feature, cut by ditch in later field system (group [178]). Cuts [61] & [65].	–	?Early medieval
180	Group	E – W aligned linear ditch, running parallel to & to S of group [174]. Cuts [01] & [158].	–	Post-medieval
181	Group	Sub-circular feature, possibly comprising shallow pits. Alternatively a tree throw or a hollow puddle area, with drainage gully leading in. Cuts [85], [126], [142], [144].	--	Medieval

## AREA 2

**3.17** This was designed to investigate the post-medieval and undated features recorded in Trench 10 during the evaluation phase (Figure 4). Pottery recovered from further investigation of the ditches identified during the evaluation has demonstrated they are medieval in date.

**3.18** The stratigraphic and ceramic evidence recovered from this area indicates one phase of archaeological activity, dating to the 12th – 14th centuries. During this period a ditched field system was established, which appears to have undergone some modification during its use. The earliest feature appears to be ditch group [2050], which may have been superseded by groups [2049] and [2051].

**3.19** A number of unexcavated modern features, chiefly animal burials relating to the site’s use as a farm, were also present in this area.

**3.20** In total 51 archaeological contexts were investigated and recorded, relating to 5 linear field boundaries, one pit, 2 postholes and a layer:

<i>Table 4</i>				
Context	Type	Description	Dimensions	Spot date
2001	Cut	Section across butt end of NE-SW aligned Linear feature, with straight sides and a rounded base. Contains fill (2002). Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 0.45m Width : 0.21m Depth: 0.15m	Medieval
2002	Fill	Firm, brown (10YR 4/3) silty sand with occasional roots. Fill of gully [2001]. Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 0.45m Width: 0.21m Depth: 0.15m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2003	Cut	Cut for sub-rectangular pit, aligned NE-SW, with steep straight sides and a flat base. Contains fills (2004) and (2005).	Length: 0.62m Width : 0.44m Depth: 0.30	Post-medieval
2004	Fill	Loose, dark brown (10YR 3/3) silty sand with moderate tile fragments. Lower fill of pit [2003]	Length: 0.62m Width: 0.10m Depth: 0.30m	Residual ?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2005	Fill	Firm, dark, yellowish brown (10YR 3/ 4) slightly clayey silty sand with occasional roots. Upper fill of pit [2003].	Length of section: 0.62m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.20m	Post-medieval
2006	Cut	Section across butt end of E-W aligned linear feature, with straight sloping sides and a bowl shaped base. Contains fill (2007). Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: 0.60m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.05m	--
2007	Fill	Firm. brown (10YR 4/3) sandy clay with occasional roots. Fill of gully [2006]. Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: 0.60m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.05m	--
2008	Cut	Section across E-W aligned linear feature with straight sloping sides and a rounded base. Contains fill (2009). Part of Group [2051].	Length of section: 0.52m Width: 0.37m Depth: 0.05m	--
2009	Fill	Soft, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) sandy clay with occasional roots. Fill of Gully [2008]. Part of Group [2051].	Length of section: 0.52m Width: 0.37m Depth: 0.05m	--
2010	Cut	Section across N-S aligned boundary ditch, with irregular, slightly concave sides and a flat base. Contains fill (2011). Probably aligned on Twenty Pence Lane to the west. Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: 1.3m Width: 1.15m Depth: 0.33m	Medieval
2011	Fill	Compacted hard, olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) slightly clayey silty sand, with occasional small sub-angular flints, moderate small rounded sandstone pebbles, small roots and charcoal flecks. Fill of ditch [2010]	Length of section: 1.3m Max width: 1.15m Max depth: 0.33m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2012	Cut	Section across N-S aligned linear feature with straight sides and a V-shaped base. Contains fill (2013). Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 1.26m Width: 0.73m Depth: 0.42m	Medieval
2013	Fill	Very firm, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) silty sand with no visible inclusions. Fill of ditch [2012]. Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 1.26m Width: 0.73m Depth: 0.42m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2014	Cut	Section across butt end of E-W aligned linear feature, with concave sides and a flat base. Cut contains fill (2015). Below (2015). Part of Group [2049].	Length: 0.82m Width: 0.59m Depth: 0.14m	Medieval

2015	Fill	Firm, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4), sandy clay with moderate roots. Fill of linear butt end [2014]. Above [2014], below topsoil. Part of Group [2049].	Length: 0.82m Width: 0.59m Depth : 0.14m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2016	Cut	Section across corner of field boundary, with 45 <sup>o</sup> convex sloping sides and a concave base. Contains fills (2017) and (2018). Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 2.18m Width: 1.26m Depth: 0.38m	Medieval / early post-medieval
2017	Fill	Soft, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) sandy clay with frequent roots. Fill of ditch [2016], cut by post hole [2019], and below (2018). Not present in western section, suggesting that this may be the fill of the original cut for N-S aligned arm of boundary. Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 1.25m Width: 1.26m Depth: 0.38m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2018	Fill	Firm, dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/ 4) silty clay with moderate roots. Fill of ditch [2016]. Above (2017). Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 2.18m Width: 1.00m Depth: 0.40m	?16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> C
2019	Cut	Cut for circular post hole with 90degree straight sides and a flat base. Cut contains fill (2020). Above (2017), cuts (2017).	Length: 0.38m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.12m	--
2020	Fill	Loose, dark greyish brown (10YR 4/2) silty sand with frequent wood. Fill of post hole [2019].	Length: 0.38m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.12m	--
2021	Cut	Section across NE-SW aligned linear feature with 45degree straight sloping sides and a flat base. Contains fill (2022). Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 1.15m Width: 0.52m Depth: 0.10m	--
2022	Fill	Firm, dark brown (10YR 3/3) clay sand with occasional roots. Fill of gully [2021]. Part of Group [2050].	Length of section: 1.15m Width: 0.52m Depth: 0.10m	--
2023	Cut	Section across E-W aligned linear feature with 45 degree straight sloping sides and a flat base. Contains fill (2024). Part of Group [2051].	Length of section: 0.83m Width: 0.38m Depth: 0.08m	--
2024	Fill	Firm brown (10YR 4/3) silty sand with occasional roots. Fill of Gully [2023]. Part of Group [2051].	Length of section: 0.83m Width: 0.38m Depth: 0.08m	--
2025	Cut	Section across butt end of N-S aligned linear feature at junction with other linears. Steep, slightly concave sides and a flat base. Contains fills (2036) & (2037). Cut by [2026]. Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: 3.12m Width: 1.08m Depth: 0.63m	--
2026	Cut	Section across corner of field boundary, with steep concave SE side, shallow straighter NW side, and V-shaped base. Contains fill (2035), cut by [2033], cuts [2025]. Part of Group [2049].	Length: unknown Width: 1.34m Depth: 0.4m	Medieval
2027	Cut	Section across E-W aligned linear feature with moderately steep, slightly concave sides and a flat base. Contains fill (2028), cut by [2029], cuts natural. Gully superceded by [2029]. Part of Group [2049].	Length: 0.66m Width: 0.46m Depth: 0.19m	Medieval
2028	Fill	Firm, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4), sandy clay with moderate roots. Fill of gully [2027], cut by [2029]. Part of Group [2049].	Length: 0.66m Width: 0.46m Depth: 0.19m	Medieval
2029	Cut	Section across E-W aligned linear feature with straight sides and a flat base. Cuts (2028), contains fill (2030), supercedes [2027]. Part of Group [2049].	Length: 0.66m Width: 0.53m Depth: 0.13m	Medieval
2030	Fill	Firm, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4), sandy clay with moderate roots. Fill of gully [2029]. Part of Group [2049].	Length: 0.66m Width: 0.53m Depth: 0.13m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2031	Cut	Cut for sub-circular modern posthole, not fully excavated, with nearly vertical straight sides, base not reached.	Diameter 0.3m Depth: 0.38+m	--
2032	Fill	Firm, dark brown silt with no visible inclusions. Fill of modern posthole [2031], base not reached.	Diameter: 0.3m Depth: 0.38+m	--

2033	Cut	Section across E-W aligned gully with shallow concave sides and a rounded base, disturbed by a probable burrow. Contains fill (2034), cuts [2026], same as [2029]. Possible animal disturbance. Only seen in section. Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: c.1m Width of section: c. 0.54m Depth: 0.1m	--
2034	Fill	Firm, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4), sandy clay with moderate roots. Fill of gully [2033], only seen in section. Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: c.1m Width of section: c. 0.54m Depth: 0.1m	--
2035	Fill	Firm, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4), sandy clay with moderate roots. Fill of ditch/gully [2026] only seen in section. Part of Group [2049].	Length: unknown. Width: 1.34m Depth: 0.4m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2036	Fill	Firm mid grey sandy silt with no visible inclusions. Upper fill of ditch [2025], becomes only fill towards butt end. Above (2037). Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: 3.12m Width: 1.08m Depth: 0.63m	12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2037	Fill	Firm dark grey sandy silt with no visible inclusions. Primary fill of [2025], only visible in northern section. Below (2036). Part of Group [2049].	Width: 0.61m Depth: 0.2m	Residual prehistoric
2038	Cut	Section across E-W aligned linear feature with shallow sides and a rounded base. Contains fill (2039), below (2039).	Length: 0.28m Width: 0.76m Depth: 0.08	--
2039	Fill	Firm dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) sandy clay with moderate roots. Fill of [2038], below topsoil, above [2038]	Length: 0.28m Width: 0.76m Depth: 0.08m	--
2040	Cut	Section across E-W aligned linear feature with a shallow straight N side and a concave S side, and a flat base. Contains fill (2041). Part of Group [2051].	Length: 0.3m Width: 0.54m Depth: 0.08m	Medieval
2041	Fill	Firm dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) sandy clay with moderate roots. Fill of [2040]. Part of Group [2051].	Length: 0.3m Width: 0.54m Depth: 0.08m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2042	Cut	Section across butt end of E-W aligned linear feature with steep concave sides and a rounded base. Contains fill (2043). Part of Group [2051].	Length of section: 0.76m Width: 0.9m Depth: 0.36m	--
2043	Fill	Firm brown (10YR 4/3) silty sand with occasional roots. Fill of gully butt end [2042]. Part of Group [2051].	Length of section: 0.76m Width: 0.9m Depth: 0.36m	--
2044	Cut	Section across N-S aligned linear feature with straight 45 degree sides and a rounded V base. Contains fill (2045), cuts natural. Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: 0.84m Width: 1.08m Depth: 0.4m	Medieval
2045	Fill	Compacted, hard, olive brown (2.5Y 4/4) slightly clayey, silty sand, with occasional small sub-angular flints, moderate small rounded sandstone pebbles, small roots and charcoal flecks. Single fill of ditch [2044]. Part of Group [2049].	Length of section: 0.84m Width: 1.08m Depth: 0.4m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
2046	Cut	Section across N-S aligned linear feature, with steep sides and a flat base. Contains fill (2047), cuts natural. Part of Group [2050].	Length: 0.8m+ Width: 0.82m Depth: 0.43m	--
2047	Fill	Very firm, dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) silty sand with no visible inclusions. Single fill of ditch [2046]. Part of Group [2050].	Length: 0.8m+ Width: 0.82m Depth: 0.43m	--
2048	Layer	Variation in natural geology.	—	--
2049	Group	Linear ditch forming eastern and southern sides of probable field boundary aligned on Twenty Pence Lane. Runs parallel to Group [2050]. Consists of cuts [2010], [2044], [2025], [2026], [2033], [2027], [2014] and [2006]. Same as ditch [49] in evaluation Tr. 10	—	Medieval
2050	Group	Linear ditch forming eastern and southern sides of probable field boundary aligned on Twenty Pence Lane. Runs parallel to, and to the east and south of, Group [2049]. Consists of cuts [2012], [2046], [2016], [2021] and [2001]. Appears to continue into Area 1.	—	Medieval

2051	Group	East – west aligned linear ditch, running inside, and parallel to southern arm of Group [2049]. Consists of cuts [2008], [2023] [2042] and [2040]. Same as ditch [45] in evaluation Tr. 10	—	Medieval
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**AREA 3**

**3.21** This was designed to investigate possible prehistoric activity and post-medieval features identified in Trench 5 during the evaluation (Figure 5).

**3.22** The stratigraphic and ceramic assemblage indicates three phases of archaeological activity in this area.

**3.23** The earliest phase dates to the late Bronze Age / early Iron Age and was represented by context (3041), the remains of a pottery vessel located close to the northern baulk at the horizon between the topsoil and the natural (Figure 5). Another abraded sherd of prehistoric pottery was collected from Transect A, on the western side of the area, during the surface collection phase.

**3.24** At some point in the medieval period, probably the 12th –14th centuries, a ditched field system was established across the site as a whole. The remains of part of this system, group [3044], were located in the western half of the area.

**3.25** A number of north-west south-east aligned linear ditches were recorded on the eastern side, these appear to date to the late post-medieval period, but their alignment suggests that they may follow the line of the earlier field system.

**3.26** A scatter of unexcavated modern features, including animal burials, pits and postholes, was also present across the area.

**3.27** In total 41 contexts were investigated and recorded, comprising 9 postholes and 7 linear features:

Context	Type	Description	Dimensions	Spot date
3001	Cut	Section across N-S aligned linear feature, with shallow, slightly concave sides and a slightly rounded base. Contains fill (3002). Part of Group [3042]. Runs on same alignment as gully [3003] to N & Group [3043] to E.	Length of section: 0.90m Width: 0.50m Depth: 0.12m	—
3002	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) clayey sand, with occasional stones. Single fill of linear [3001]. Part of Group [3042].	Length of section: 0.90m Width: 0.50m Depth: 0.12m	—
3003	Cut	Section across butt end of N-S aligned linear feature, with shallow, slightly concave sides and slightly rounded, base. Contains fill (3004). Part of Group [3042].	Length of section: 0.68m Width: 0.67m Depth: 0.09m	Late post-medieval
3004	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) slightly clayey sand, with occasional stones. Single fill of linear [3003]. Part of Group [3042].	Length of section: 0.68m Width: 0.67m Depth: 0.09m	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> C
3005	Cut	Section across N-S aligned ditch, with steep straight sides and a flat base. Contains fills (3006) and (3007). Part of Group [3043]. Parallel with Group [3042] to west.	Length of section: 1.95m Width: 0.95m Depth: 0.40m (maximum)	Post-medieval

3006	Fill	Compacted and hard dark brown (10YR 3/3) redeposited natural sand, with occasional charcoal, small flints and small roots. Primary fill of ditch [3005]. Part of Group [3043].	Length of section: 1.95m Width: 0.53m Depth: 0.10m	?16 <sup>th</sup> C
3007	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) slightly silty sand, with occasional charcoal fragments, small flints and stones and frequent small roots. Secondary fill of ditch [3005].	Length of section: 1.95m Width: 0.95m Depth: 0.26m	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> C
3008	Cut	Section across corner of possible field boundary, with steep concave sides to N and shallow concave sides to S and a rounded base. Contains fill (3009). Part of Group [3044].	Length of section: 2.10m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.20m	Medieval
3009	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) clayey sand, with occasional stones and roots. Single fill of gully [3008]. Part of Group [3044].	Length of section: 2.10m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.20m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
3010	Cut	Cut for sub-ovoid posthole, with gentle concave sides, steeper on W and a rounded base. Contains fill (3011). The western side is deeper, possibly representing the site of the post.	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.09m	--
3011	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) clayey sand, with occasional stones and roots. Single fill of posthole [3010].	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.09m	--
3012	Cut	Cut for sub-circular posthole, with gentle concave sides and a slightly rounded, base. Contains fill [3013].	Diameter: 0.50m Depth: 0.04m	--
3013	Fill	Loose brown (10YR 4/3) sand, with occasional stones and roots. Single fill of posthole [3012].	Diameter: 0.50m Depth: 0.04m	--
3014	Cut	Cut for sub-circular posthole, with steep concave sides and a narrow curved base. Part of a line of postholes, running NW – SE. Contains fill (3015).	Length: 0.37m Width: 0.31m Depth: 0.20m	Medieval
3015	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) sand, with occasional roots and stones. Single fill of posthole [3014].	Length: 0.37m Width: 0.31m Depth: 0.20m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
3016	Cut	Section across corner of possible field boundary aligned on Schoolhouse Lane, with steep, slightly concave sides and a rounded base. Contains fill (3017).	Length of section: 2.50m Width: 1.05m Depth: 0.37m	Post-medieval
3017	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) slightly clay sand, with moderate roots and occasional charcoal flecks and small stones. Single fill of ditch [3016].	Length of section: 2.50m Width: 1.05m Depth: 0.37m	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> C residual medieval
3018	Cut	Cut for sub-square posthole, with gentle concave sides and a rounded base. Contains fills (3019) and (3020).	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.08m	--
3019	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/3) sand, with occasional stones. Primary fill of posthole [3018].	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.05m	--
3020	Fill	Loose black (10YR 2/1) sand, with frequent charcoal fragments and flecks. Secondary fill of posthole [3018].	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.03m	Medieval
3021	Cut	Cut for sub-rectangular posthole, with gently sloping sides, steeper to west, and a rounded base. Contains fill (3022). Possibly the northernmost posthole in NW – SE alignment.	Length: 0.38m Width: 0.24m Depth: 0.08m	--
3022	Fill	Loose black (10YR 2/1) sand, with frequent small charcoal fragments. Single fill of posthole [3021].	Length: 0.38m Width: 0.24m Depth: 0.08m	--
3023	Cut	Cut for sub-square posthole, with steep sides, shallower on N side and a flat base. Contains fill (3024). Possibly forms part of post line running NW – SE.	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.09m	--
3024	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) sand, with occasional roots. Single fill of posthole [3023].	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.20m Depth: 0.09m	--



3025	Cut	Cut for sub-circular posthole, with steep concave sides and a rounded base. Contains fill (3026). Possibly forms part of post line running NW – SE.	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.37m Depth: 0.18m	--
3026	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) sand, with occasional stones and roots. Single fill of posthole [3025].	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.37m Depth: 0.18m	--
3027	Cut	Section across N-S aligned linear feature with V-shaped profile. Contains fills (3028), (3029) and (3030). Part of Group [3043].	Length of section: 0.90m Width: 1.40m Depth: 0.74m	Post-medieval
3028	Fill	Compact dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/4) slightly clayey sand, with moderate small roots and occasional charcoal flecks and small stones. Primary fill of ditch [3037].	Length of section: 0.90m Width: 0.65m Depth: 0.32m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
3029	Fill	Friable dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/6) slightly silty sand, with moderate small roots and occasional small stones and charcoal flecks. Secondary fill of ditch [3027]	Length of section: 0.90m Width: 0.70m Depth: 0.35m	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> C
3030	Fill	Soft brown (10YR 4/3) slightly clayey sand, with moderate small roots and occasional charcoal flecks and small stones. Final fill of ditch [3027].	Length of section: 0.90m Width: 1.40m Depth: 0.37m	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C
3031	Cut	Section across N – S aligned linear gully, with shallow slightly concave sides and a flat base. Contains fill (3032). Runs parallel to ditch group [3043]. Same as ditch [29] in evaluation Tr. 5.	Length of section: 0.65m Width: 0.75m Depth: 0.07m	Post-medieval
3032	Fill	Soft dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) slightly clayey sand. With occasional charcoal flecks and small roots. Single fill of gully [3031].	Length of section: 0.65m Width: 0.75m Depth: 0.07m	Post-medieval
3033	Cut	Section across N-S aligned linear gully, with V-shaped profile. Contains fill (3034). Western side of probable plot or field boundary. Same as [3008]. Part of Group [3044].	Length of section: 1m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.19m	?Residual medieval
3034	Fill	Soft brown (10YR 4/3) slightly clayey sand, with moderate small roots and occasional charcoal flecks. Single fill of gully [3033]. Possibly the same as fill (3009).	Length of section: 1m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.19m	Medieval
3035	Cut	Cut for sub-rectangular posthole, with steep concave sides and a flat base. Contains fill (3036). Located to the east of, and immediately adjacent to, posthole [3037].	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.11m	--
3036	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 3/6) sand, with occasional roots. Single fill of posthole [3035].	Length: 0.40m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.11m	--
3037	Cut	Cut for sub-circular posthole, with gentle concave sides and a rounded base. Contains fill (3038). Located to the west of, and immediately adjacent to, posthole [3035].	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.09m	--
3038	Fill	Loose dark brown (10YR 3/8) silty sand, with occasional roots and charcoal flecks. Single fill of posthole [3037].	Length: 0.30m Width: 0.28m Depth: 0.09m	--
3039	Cut	Section across short N-S aligned linear feature, with gentle concave sides and slightly rounded base. Contains fill (3040).	Length: 2.40m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.12m	--
3040	Fill	Loose dark yellowish brown (10YR 4/4) silty sand, with occasional roots and stones. Single fill of short linear feature [3039].	Length: 2.40m Width: 0.30m Depth: 0.12m	--
3041	Pottery	Remains of the base of a flint-tempered prehistoric pottery vessel located at the northern edge of the area. No discernible cut, pot found at the junction between the topsoil and the natural.	—	LBA / EIA
3042	Group	Linear ditch, aligned approximately N-S. Two lengths identified, with gap of approximately 6m between. Consists of sections [3001] and [3003]. Same as ditch [22] in evaluation Tr. 5.	—	--

3043	Group	Linear ditch, aligned approximately N-S, located to the E of and parallel to, ditch group [3042]. Consists of sections [3005] and [3027]. Same as ditch [23] in evaluation Tr. 5	—	--
3044	Group	Remains of southern and western sides of possible field or plot boundary. Consists of sections [3008] and [3033].	—	--
3045	Group	Possible posthole alignment, running NW-SE. Consists of cuts [3014], [3025], [3023] and [3021].	—	--

**ARTEFACT AND ECOFACT ASSEMBLAGES**

*Concordance of main find types: Area 1*

<b>Table 6</b>									
Context	Feature	Pottery		CBM		Animal bone		Iron objects	
		Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.	Wt.	No.
U/s	-	120	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Fill of gully [1]	10	1	380	2	-	-	-	-
4	Fill of pit [3]	-	-	340	4	-	-	20	1
6	Fill of ditch [05]	2	2	35	3	10	3	-	-
8	Fill of posthole [07]	5	1	15	1	-	-	-	-
11	Fill of dog grave [10]	5	1	340	2	340	270	-	-
13	Fill of linear [12]	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Fill of linear [14]	10	2	100	1	-	-	-	-
17	Fill of ditch [16]	80	10	5	3	1690	67	10	4
19	Fill of quarry [18]	20	6	-	-	20	3	10	1
23	Fill of pit [22]	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Upper fill of pit [25]	110	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Fill of pit [25]	50	15	10	3	1	1	-	-
31	Upper fill of hearth [30]	-	-	40	14	-	-	-	-
32	Primary fill of hearth [30]	10	1	-	-	5	1	-	-
36	Fill of stakehole [35]	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Fill of pit [43]	20	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
46	Fill of posthole [45]	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	2
48	Fill of dog grave [47]	-	-	-	-	1980	100	-	-
52	Fill of linear [51]	10	3	-	-	2	1	10	2
54	Fill of linear [53]	10	2	-	-	5	4	20	1
60	Fill of ditch [60]	70	18	5	1	80	20	-	-
64	Fill of linear [63]	-	-	80	1	-	-	-	-
70	Fill of pit [69]	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
72	Fill of gully [71]	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
80	Fill of ditch [79]	30	3	180	2	5	1	-	-
82	Fill of quarry [81]	100	11	-	-	5	1	20	2
84	Fill of ditch [83]	-	-	-	-	10	2	20	1
86	Fill of linear [85]	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
92	Fill of ditch [91]	80	17	-	-	8	2	-	-
99	Fill of ditch [98]	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
101	Fill of ditch [100]	-	-	10	13	-	-	-	-
103	Fill of linear [102]	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
105	Upper fill of pit [104]	40	7	-	-	40	50	-	-
107	Fill of pit [106]	15	4	60	5	-	-	25	1
109	Fill of access [108]	30	5	30	3	3	1	-	-
110	Upper fill of pit [123]	2	1	-	-	60	8	-	-
113	Fill in quarry [112]	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
124	Fill in quarry [112]	-	-	200	5	-	-	-	-
125	Fill in quarry [112]	10	1	1540	10	-	-	-	-
127	Fill of pit [126]	40	5	-	-	1	1	-	-
138	Upper fill of ditch [139]	20	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
147	Fill of posthole [146]	-	-	40	1	-	-	-	-
149	Fill of posthole [148]	-	-	10	2	-	-	-	-
155	Fill of posthole [154]	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-

157	Fill of posthole [156]	-	-	-	-	85	212	-	-
159	Upper fill of ditch [158]	110	3	-	-	10	1	-	-
162	Fill of gully [161]	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
164	Fill of linear [163]	-	-	50	2	5	1	-	-
166	Upper fill of ditch [165]	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
169	Fill of ditch [168]	10	3	-	-	13	2	-	-
170	Finds from unex. pit	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>1102</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3475</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4378</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>15</b>

Concordance of main find types: Area 2

Context	Feature	Pottery		CBM		Animal Bone		Iron Objects	
		Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No
2002	Fill of ditch [2001]	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004	Primary fill of pit [2003]	5	1	630	18	-	-	-	-
2005	Upper fill of pit [2003]	3	1	5	1	-	-	-	-
2011	Fill of ditch [2010]	30	16	35	1	-	-	-	-
2013	Fill of ditch [2012]	10	2	50	1	-	-	-	-
2015	Fill of ditch [2014]	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2017	Lower fill of ditch [2016]	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018	Upper fill of ditch [2016]	5	1	35	2	160	50	-	-
2028	Fill of gully [2027]	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2030	Fill of gully [2029]	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2035	Fill of linear [2026]	20	4	-	-	160	3	-	-
2036	Upper fill of ditch [2025]	60	11	30	3	-	-	5	1
2037	Lower fill of ditch [2025]	3	1	-	-	60	7	-	-
2041	Fill of gully [2040]	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>168</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

Concordance of main find types: Area 3

Context	Feature	Pottery		CBM		Animal bone		Iron objects		Flint	
		Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No
U/S	--	225	20	45	2	45	2	-	-	2	1
3002	Fill of gully [3001]	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3004	Fill of gully [3003]	30	1	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-
3006	Lower fill of ditch [3005]	-	-	-	-	165	5	-	-	-	-
3007	Upper fill of ditch [3005]	35	8	1775	15	335	18	500	2	-	-
3009	Fill of gully [3008]	3	2	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-
3015	Fill of posthole [3014]	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3017	Fill of ditch [3016]	90	13	2980	17	110	10	-	-	95	6
3020	Upper fill of posthole [3018]	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3028	Lower fill of ditch [3027]	15	2	420	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3029	Secondary fill of [3027]	205	4	160	1	-	-	10	4	-	-
3030	Tertiary fill of [3027]	4	4	-	-	60	8	-	-	10	2
3032	Fill of gully [3031]	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3034	Fill of gully [3033]	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3040	Fill of linear [3039]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2
3041	Prehistoric pot base	375	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A.0-5m	Flint collection transect	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25
B.5-10m	Flint collection transect	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	11
C.10-15m	Flint collection transect	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	28
D.15-20m	Flint collection transect	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15
E.20-25m	Flint collection transect	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	20
F.25-30m	Flint collection transect	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	11
G.30-32.5	Flint collection transect	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1007</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>5380</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>122</b>

**3.29** Examples of other finds types were also collected during the excavations, including fragments of clay pipe stem, mortar and modern glass. These were in the form of small, undiagnostic fragments which have no archaeological value. Their weights and numbers are recorded as part of the documentary archive.

### *Pottery*

**3.30** A total of 306 sherds, weighing 2285g, was collected during the excavations on the present site. Most of the assemblage consisted of small abraded bodysherds, not in their place of primary deposition.

**3.31** The bulk of the material (77% of the total assemblage by count) dated to the medieval period, particularly the 12th – 14th centuries, and included unglazed greywares, glazed wares and shell-tempered sherds. A significant number of these were found as residual sherds in later features.

**3.32** A complete base from a shell-gritted pottery vessel, dating to the late Bronze Age / early Iron Age, was recovered from the northern edge of Area 3, at the horizon between the natural gravels and the topsoil. No cut feature was observed associated with this find. Other sherds of this period were present on the site, usually as residual finds within later features.

### *Recommendations*

**3.33** Although much of the medieval pottery is in the form of abraded and undiagnostic sherds, it is recommended that this material be submitted to a medieval pottery specialist for closer dating. This may help distinguish the various phases of medieval activity on the site.

**3.34** Given the size of the assemblage, no further work is recommended on the post-medieval or the prehistoric pottery.

### *Ceramic Building Material*

**3.35** A total of 137 brick and tile fragments, weighing 9478g, was collected during the excavations on the present site. Much of this material is likely to have been imported on to the site for field manuring in the later post-medieval period.

### *Recommendations*

**3.36** As the bulk of this material is likely to have been imported on to the site in the post-medieval period, no further work is recommended on this assemblage.

### *Iron Objects*

**3.37** A total of 23 iron objects, weighing 720g, was recovered during the excavations on the present site. The bulk of this material appears to consist of undated broken and unidentifiable fragments or nails. Parts of two blades, possibly from a reaping machine, were recovered from context (3007), the upper fill of ditch section [3005], which has been dated to the late post-medieval period.

### *Recommendations*

**3.38** As most of this assemblage consists of broken fragments or identifiably modern artefacts, no further work is recommended on this assemblage.

### *Flint*

**3.39** A total of 132 pieces of flint, weighing 418g, was collected during the excavations on the present site. The bulk of this material was recovered from Area 3 during the fieldwalking exercise.

**3.40** Most of the collected flint was clearly unworked, and this has been discarded. However 24 pieces show evidence of working and appear to consist of waste flakes and core fragments, indicating flint-working in the vicinity. They were recovered from all three excavation areas, suggesting a general background scatter in the gravels, rather than a concentration indicative of a flint-working floor.

### *Recommendations*

**3.41** On the basis of the assessment no further work is recommended on this assemblage.

### *Animal Bone*

**3.42** A total of 870 fragments of animal bone, weighing 5475g, was collected during the excavations on the present site. At least three animal burials, consisting of one dog and two piglets, were investigated in Area 1, accounting for 67% of the assemblage by count. The remainder of the assemblage consisted of broken fragments recovered from ditches and pits.

### *Recommendations*

**3.43** As the bulk of the material consists of modern animal burials, and the remainder of broken and largely unidentifiable fragments, no further work is recommended on this assemblage.

### *Environmental Samples, Ellen Simmons, ARCUS*

**3.44** Archaeological Research & Consultancy at the University of Sheffield (ARCUS) was commissioned by the Heritage Network to provide an assessment of the archaeobotanical potential of flots and residues from Mitchells Farm, Wilburton (HN409).

**3.45** Sixteen environmental samples were collected, totalling 330 litres. Fourteen of these were collected from Area 1 (samples 1 – 15) and two from Area 2 (samples 16 – 17). No samples were taken from features in Area 3 due to the large amount of modern disturbance across the site and the date and nature of the archaeological features investigated.

### *Methodology*

**3.46** The soil samples were processed for charred plant remains using a water separation machine. The flots were collected in sieves of 500µm mesh.

**3.47** A preliminary assessment of the flots was made by scanning > 1mm and > 500µm fractions under a low power microscope, and recording the abundance of the main classes of charred plant material present on a scale of 1 – 5. This data is recorded below in Appendix 1.

Sample	Context	Feature	Size (litres)
1	127	Fill of pit [126 ]	30
2	6	Fill of ditch [05]	20
3	19	Fill of quarry [18]	20
4	169	Primary fill of ditch [168]	20
5	29	Secondary fill of pit [24]	20
6	31	Upper fill of hearth [30]	20
7	92	Fill of ditch [91]	20
8	138	Secondary fill of ditch [139]	20
9	54	Fill of linear [53]	20
10	107	Secondary fill of pit [104]	20
11	128	Primary fill of pit [104]	20
12	--	Not used	--
13	70	Fill of pit [69]	20
14	117	Fill of quarry [112]	20
15	113	Cess-like fill of quarry [112]	20
16	2018	Upper fill of ditch [2016]	20
17	2036	Upper fill of ditch [2025]	20

### Species represented

**3.48** Many of the charred seeds showed signs of distortion such as puffing and clinking. In addition post-depositional preservation was also poor, the majority of grains lacking epidermis, thus identification was only possible by looking at gross morphology (cf. Hubbard and al Azm 1990). Material in sample <11> (128) was, however, found to be relatively well preserved with charred seeds retaining their epidermis. The presence of charred beetle remains was also noted in this sample.

**3.49** The main cereal types identified were wheat (*Triticum* sp.), barley (*Hordeum* sp.) and oats (*Avena* sp.). Large seeded legumes were also present in many of the samples, and included pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) though most were unidentifiable.

**3.50** Charred wild plant seeds were also present, often in significant numbers, in almost every sample. It is likely that these seeds originated from weeds growing in the arable fields that were harvested along with the crop.

**3.51** No material indicative of cess, such as mineralised plant remains, were found in sample <15> which was taken from a possible cess deposit (113).

### Conclusions and recommendations for further work

**3.52** The cereals found at Mitchells Farm (including oat) are generally typical, along with rye, of assemblages from the Medieval period in Britain (Grieg 1991). Legumes are more rarely found than cereals, although pea is also a typical crop of the period (Grieg 1991). Some of these crops may have been cultivated for fodder as well as for human consumption. The single sample, <16> (2018), taken from a Post-Medieval deposit, did not contain sufficient material to enable meaningful comparison with the Medieval samples.

**3.53** The presence, in these samples, of wheat and barley chaff as well as grain, indicates good potential for identifying which of the wheat species was cultivated, as well as which of the six or two row species of barley was cultivated. Wild and cultivated oats cannot be distinguished on the basis of grains alone, although the presence of chaff from other cereals suggests some potential for oat floret bases to be found as a result of further sorting.

**3.54** The presence of charred weed seeds has the potential to provide information concerning the types of soil cultivated and the intensity of cultivation practices.

**3.55** The abundance of material in some of the samples, together with the variety of charred material present, (see table 1), indicate that further analysis can be expected to provide important additional information. Three of the samples, <1> (127), <3> (019) and <8> (138) were found to contain over 100 items of charred crop material and more than 30 charred wild plant seeds. Further sorting and analysis should therefore concentrate on these samples. A further four samples, <5> (029), <9> (054), <10> (107), and <15> (113) would be expected to yield between 30 – 100 items of charred crop material and 5 – 30 charred wild plant seeds. Five of the remaining samples, <2>, (006), <4> (169), <6> (031), <7> (092) and <11> (128) were found to contain 5 - 30 items of charred crop material. Sorting of these would also be expected to provide useful additional charred material for further analysis.

## 4. Further Research

### RESEARCH AIMS

**4.1** The research design for the present project, which was contained in the Heritage Network's approved *Project Design for Archaeological Excavation*, dated January 2004, considered that further investigation of the site had the potential to contribute to the following research topics:

- understanding the character of the settlement in the medieval and post-medieval periods;
- understanding the economic and environmental influences on the settlement's growth and development in the medieval and post-medieval periods;
- understanding the local and regional status of the settlement in the medieval and post-medieval periods.

**4.2** In order to address these topics, the aims of the excavation were:

- to establish the date range of the site;
- to establish the nature and layout of its boundaries, structures and occupation areas;
- to recover evidence which demonstrates the site's economic and social status.

**4.3** The assessment of the results of the fieldwork demonstrates that the information collected is adequate to meet the defined aims. The results can be summarised as follows:

- The site lies within a known archaeological landscape. Previous archaeological evaluation on the present site revealed evidence for medieval and post-medieval activity (Cooper, 2000b).
- The recorded evidence demonstrates four distinct phases of activity on the present site. The earliest phase dates to the late Bronze Age / early Iron Age and was represented by pottery sherds and flint implements, largely present as residual finds in later features. There appears to be a hiatus in the use of the site between the prehistoric and the early medieval periods, no evidence for Iron Age or Romano-British activity was recorded. The main phases of use date to the medieval, post- medieval and modern periods.
- The pottery evidence indicates that the earliest activity on the site dates to the late Bronze Age / early Iron Age. The base of a flint-gritted vessel was recovered from the northern edge of Area 3 and other prehistoric pottery fragments were collected from the fills of later features across the site. A scatter of flint flakes and core fragments also indicates activity of this period in the immediate vicinity. No features that could be dated to this period were observed on the present site.
- A series of linear features running approximately north – south and east - west, were recorded in all three excavation areas. These apparently formed field and track boundaries. Pottery recovered from the fills of these features indicates two main phases of use, the earliest dating to the 12th – 14th centuries, the latest to the late post-medieval period.



- The evidence recovered suggests that the boundaries to these plots or fields underwent various modifications over time. In Area 2 it appears that group [2050] represents the earliest southern and eastern boundaries. These were then superseded by group [2049], which ran to the north and west of the earlier ditches, thus reducing the size of the plot. Further east – west aligned linears were inserted at a later date, group [2051], these respected group [2049], but cut group [2050].
- Dating evidence appears to show that the modern boundary, which runs northwest – southeast through Area 3, from School Lane to the rear of the study area follows an alignment established in the medieval period. Medieval ditches, recorded in Area 2 to the west, also run on this alignment.
- Two large quarries, cuts [18] and [112] were investigated in Area 1. The stratigraphic and dating evidence suggests that they were excavated in the medieval period, possibly at a time when the settlement was expanding. It appears that the northern quarry, cut [112], may have been used later for the disposal of cess or organic material.
- Slight evidence for a single structure was observed in the northwestern corner of Area 1, group [171]. This may represent the remains of a building fronting School Lane. Pottery recovered from the fills of the gullies suggest it dates to the later medieval period.
- Group [173], in Area 1, possibly represents the earliest feature on the site. Pottery of 10th – 12th century date was recovered from its fills. The feature consists of a deep pit, with clunch access steps. No evidence for its use has so far been identified.
- A possible hearth, group [21], was found at the southern end of Area 1. Several angled stakeholes were recorded beneath the fills of this feature, indicating an associated structure. Although the fills consisted of burnt, blackened sand, no hearth lining and no evidence for in-situ burning was recorded. A similar feature, dating to the medieval period, was found in Trench 8, to the south, during the evaluation (Cooper, 2000b).
- Evidence for modern activity, in the form of postholes, pits, areas of disturbance and animal burials, was recorded in all three areas investigated.
- The environmental evidence suggests that the area of the present site was used for agricultural, rather than domestic, activity in the medieval period. The presence of grain, oats, and weed seeds in the pit and ditch fills indicates that arable farming was taking place, though some of this may have been to provide fodder for stock as well as for human consumption. Several samples produced evidence for wheat and barley chaff, suggesting that crop processing was taking place in the immediate vicinity of the study area.
- Although slight evidence of prehistoric activity was recovered, no cut features relating to this phase were identified. During the medieval period the site was used for sand and gravel extraction, two large quarries were found in Area 1, the northern side of the study area. At some point it was also sub-divided into small plots, possibly fields. The boundaries to these plots underwent various modifications over time. The northern line of these features appears to have continued into the modern period.

## UPDATED RESEARCH DESIGN

**4.4** The data collected from the present site has provided further information concerning the use of land outside the core of the settlement between the medieval and late post-medieval periods. The various classes of data collected have been assessed in line with the regional research framework (Glazebrook, 1997; Brown and Glazebrook, 2000).

**4.5** It is considered that the closer dating of the medieval pottery assemblage from the site may have the potential to contribute to a further understanding of the chronological events on the site.

**4.6** The other artefact assemblages recovered from the present site are all either relatively small or of little archaeological significance. Their abraded and undiagnostic nature means that they have very little potential to contribute to the identified research designs. On this basis no further research has been recommended and it is proposed to publish this material as it stands.

**4.7** It is considered that the abundance of material in some of the bulk samples, together with the variety of charred material present, (see Appendix 1), indicates that further work on a number of these samples can be expected to provide important additional information on the agricultural practices and environmental conditions on the present site. This work should concentrate on those samples rich in charred crop material (samples <1> (127), <3> (019) and <8> (138)). Another four samples (samples <5> (029), <9> (054), <10> (107), and <15> (113)) have also been identified as likely to provide important additional information. Sorting of the remaining samples (samples <4> (169), <6> (031), <7> (092) <11> (128) and <2>, (006)) could also provide useful additional charred material for further analysis.

## PUBLICATION

**4.8** It is proposed to publish the results of the present project as a short article in *CBA Mid-Anglia Newsletter*, with a more detailed report uploaded to the *OASIS* website .

## Provisional Synopsis

Section	Content	Words	Pages
Introduction	Project background	500	1
	Site location, geology and topography	250	0.5
Narrative and discussion	Features and deposits by period	1500	3
Artefacts	By type	500	1
Ecofacts	By type	500	1
Bibliography		250	0.5
<b>Total words:</b>		3500	7
Line drawings	Plans		4
	Sections		0.5
Tables	Artefact x 1		0.5
	Ecofact x 1		0.5
<b>Total Pages:</b>			12.5

**ARCHIVE**

**4.9** The documentary and material archive is currently held by The Heritage Network Ltd at its premises at 11 Furnston Court, Icknield Way, Letchworth, Herts.

**4.10** 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.

**4.11** The documentary and material archive will be deposited with Cambridgeshire Archaeology.

**TASK LIST TO PUBLICATION AND ARCHIVE DEPOSITION**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Undertaken by</b>	<b>Days</b>
1	Medieval pottery analysis	Paul Blinkhorn	2
2	Charred grain and seeds analysis	Dr Pete Marshall, ARCUS	10
3	Additional background research	Helen Ashworth, Heritage Network	2
4	Compile publication text	Helen Ashworth, Heritage Network	5
5	Prepare illustrations	Geoff Saunders, Heritage Network	2
6	Editing	David Hillelson, Heritage Network	3
7	Submission to CBA/OASIS	David Hillelson, Heritage Network	1
8	Final archive	Helen Ashworth, Heritage Network	5
9	Archive deposition	Helen Ashworth, Heritage Network	1

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## 6. Illustrations

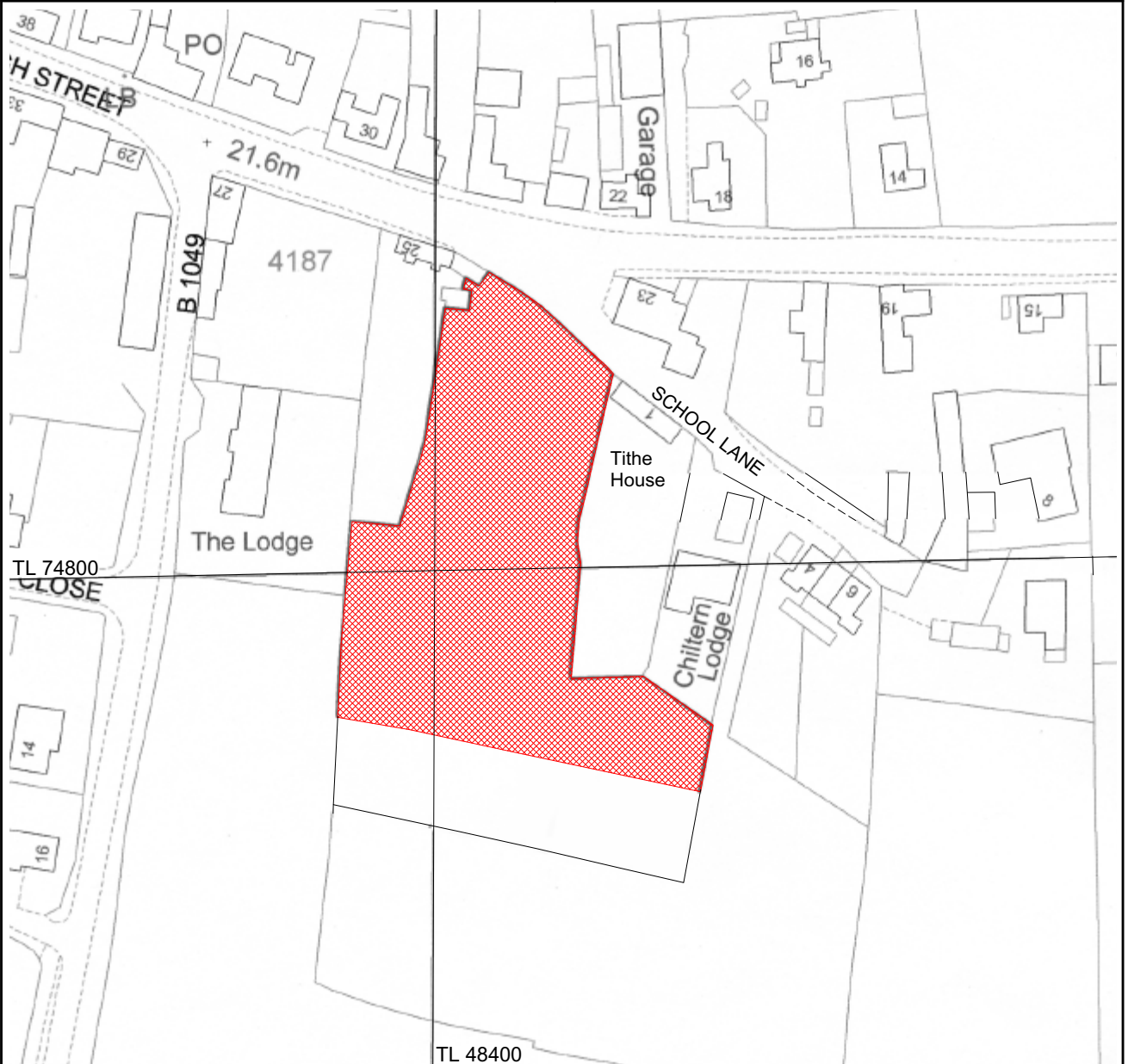
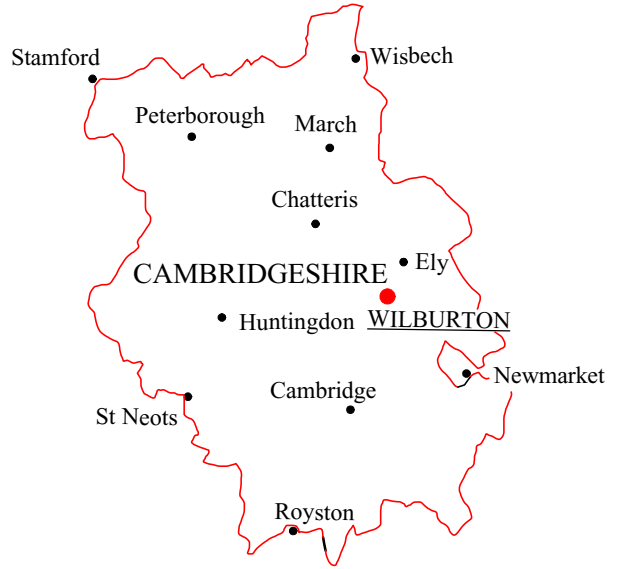
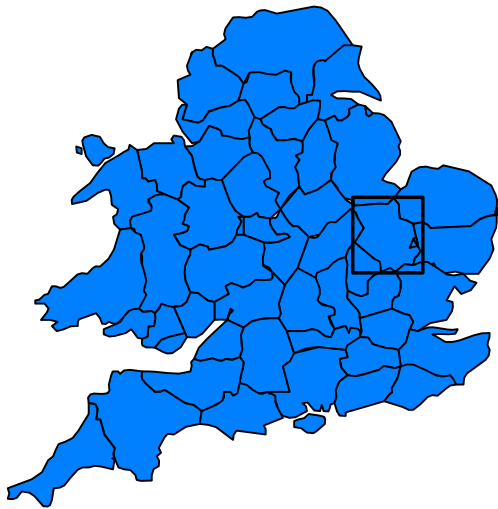
Figure 1 .....	Site location
Figure 2 .....	Site layout
Figure 3 .....	Area 1 overall plan
Figure 4 .....	Area 2 overall plan
Figure 5 .....	Area 3 overall plan

## Appendix 1: Charred seeds and grain from soil samples

Sample No.	Cntxt	Context description	Phase / Date	> 1mm flot fraction ranking*		Main sample contents	>500um flot fraction ranking*		Overall ranking*	
				Crop elements	Wild plant seeds		Crop elements	Wild plant seeds	Crop elements	Wild plant seeds
1	127	Pit fill	?12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> C	4	2	Wheat grain, barley grain, oat grain, large seeded legume, wild plant seeds	1	2 / 3	4	2 / 3
2	006	Ditch fill	?Medieval	1	1	Wheat grain, large seeded legume, wild plant seeds	1	1	1	1
3	029	Quarry fill	?12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> C	4	2	Wheat grain, barley grain, oat grain, large seeded legume, straw fragment, wild plant seeds	2	3	4	3
4	169	Single fill of ditch	?12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> C	2	1	Wheat grain, large seeded legume	1	1	2	1
5	029	Secondary pit fill	?13 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> C	3	2	Wheat grain, barley grain, oat grain, large seeded legume, wild plant seeds	1	2	3	2 / 3
6	031	Secondary fill of ?hearth	-	2	2 / 3	Wheat grain, pea, large seeded legume, free threshing wheat chaff, barley chaff, wild plant seeds	1	2	2	3
7	092	Single fill of ditch	?12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> C	2	1	Barley grain, large seeded legume, straw fragment	1	1	2	1
8	138	Secondary fill of ditch	?10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> C	3 / 4	2	Wheat grain, barley grain, large seeded legume, barley chaff, wild plant seeds	1	2	3 / 4	2 / 3
9	054	Linear feature fill	Medieval	3	2	Wheat grain, barley grain, straw fragment, wild plant seeds	2	2	3	3
10	107	Single fill of pit	?11 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> C	2	2	Barley grain, free threshing wheat chaff, straw fragment, wild plant seeds	2	2	2 / 3	2

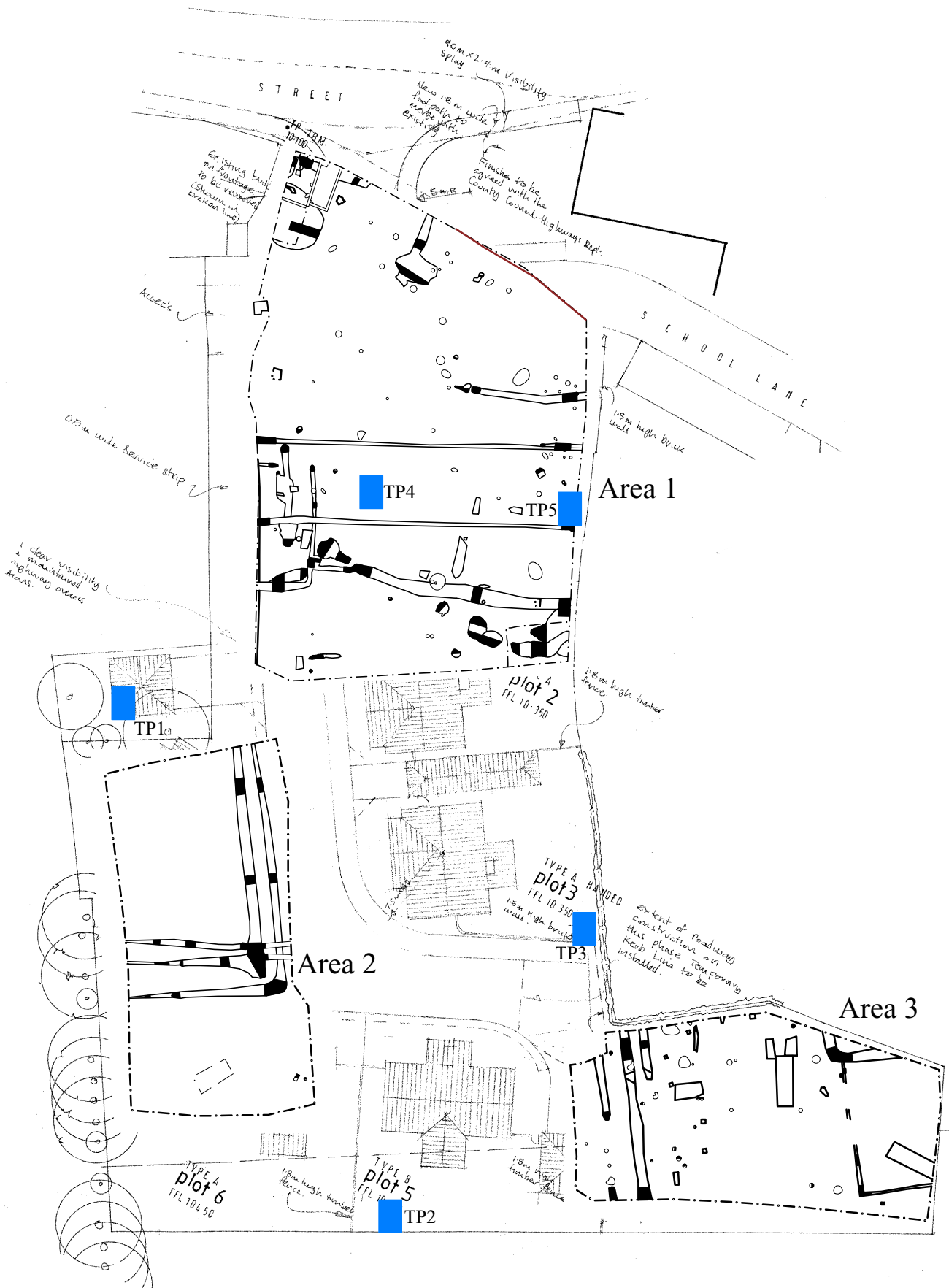
11	128	Lower fill of deep pit	-	2	2	1	2	2	2	2
13	070	Pit fill	?12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	117	Fill of quarry	-	2	1	1	2	2	2	2
15	113	Lower fill of quarry	?Medieval ?Residual	3	1	1	3	3	3	3

\* Number of items of charred crop material and wild



Site location plan

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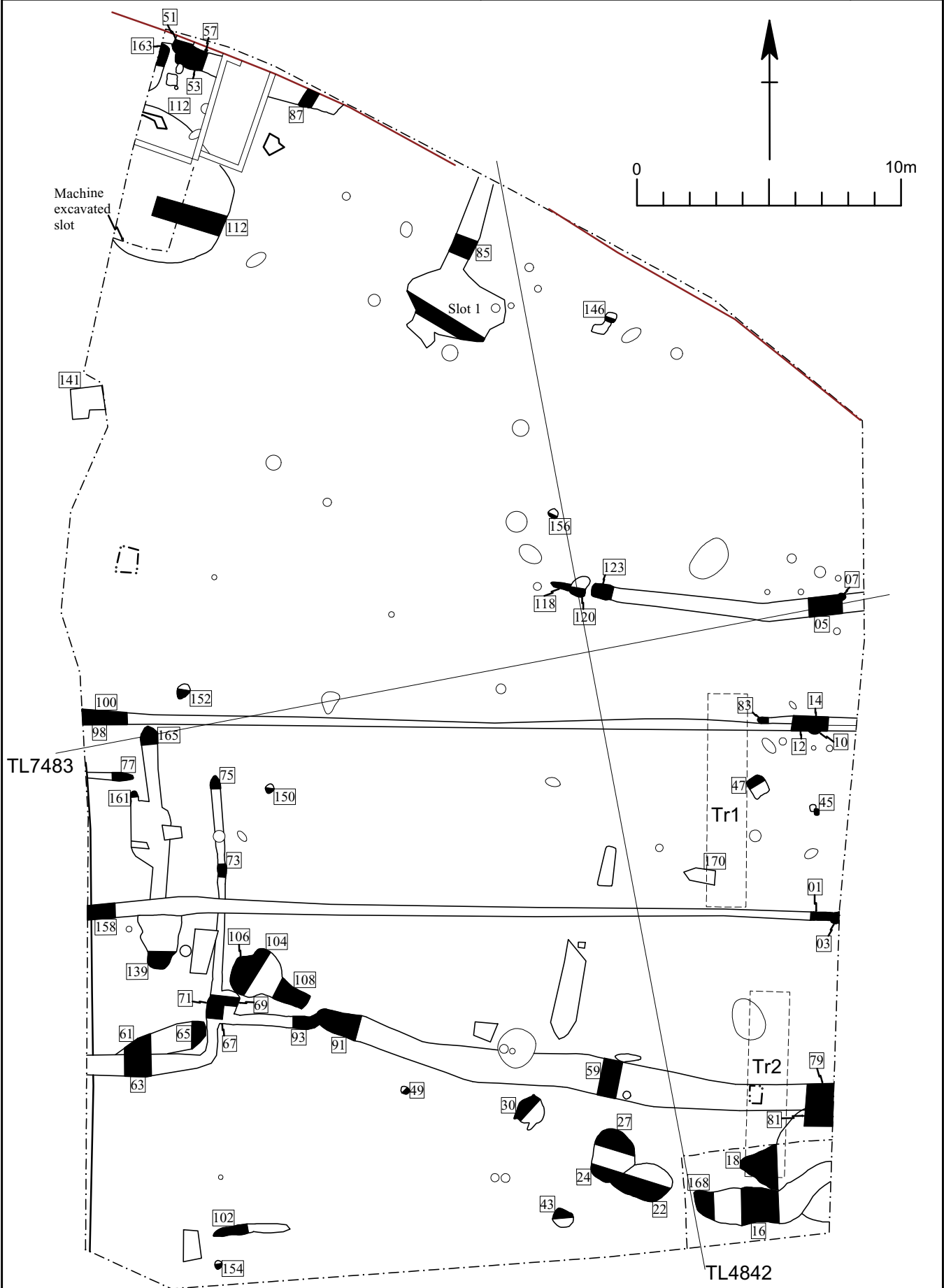


Site Layout

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Figure 2

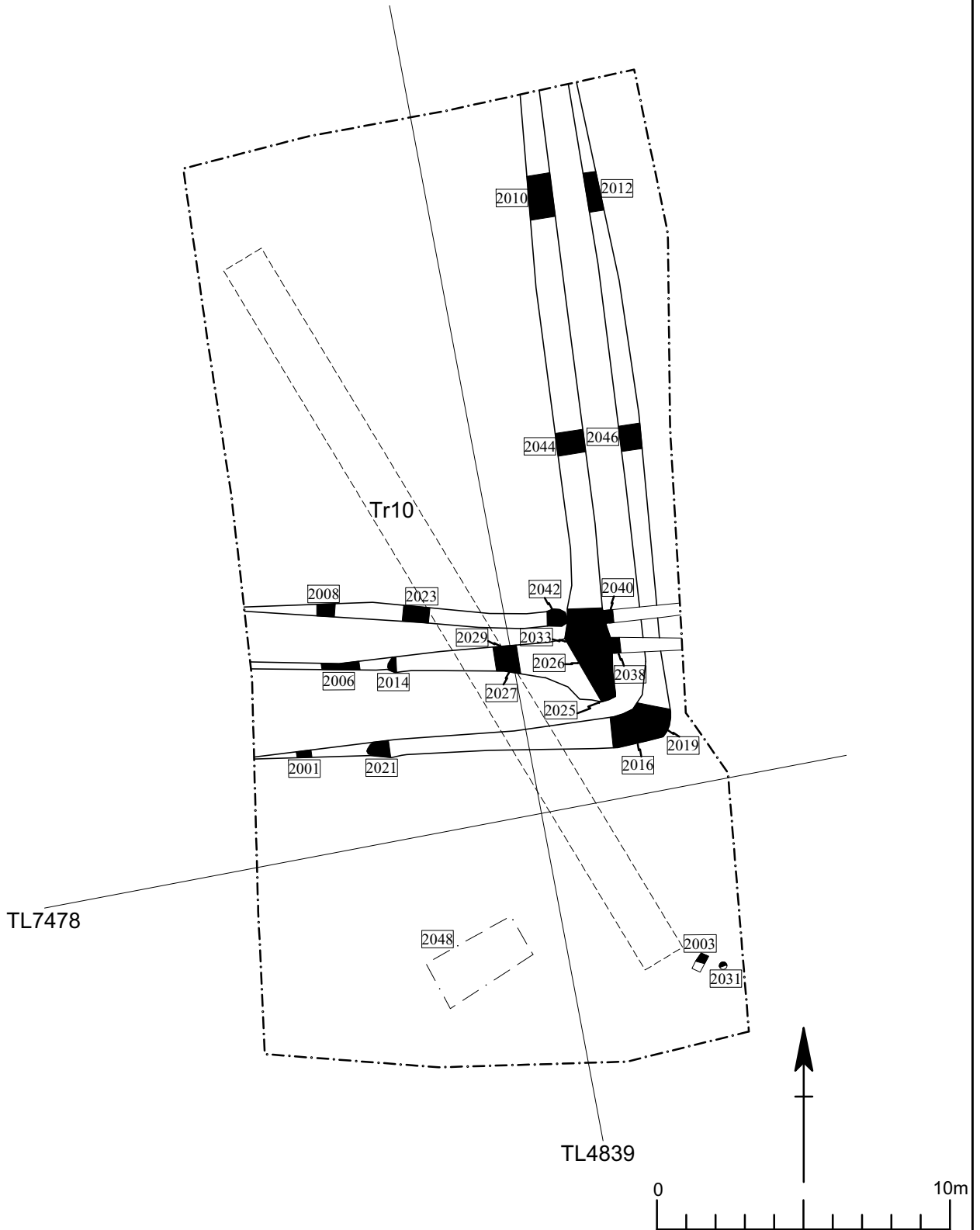




Area 1

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Figure 3



Area 2

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Figure 4

