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Abstract

In October 2014 Archaeology South-East were commissioned to undertake a hand auger survey at Warden Abbey, Bedfordshire on behalf of the Whitbread Estate in advance of Higher Level Stewardship Scheme. The survey comprised 54 hand auger cores through a variety of water management features, including fishponds, channels, water gardens and the large valley that occupies the southern half of the site. The aim of the survey was to characterise the deposits infilling these features and determine the possible state of preservation that may relate to the different phases of occupation at the site.

The depth of sedimentation within the pond features varied. The largest pond, to the north of the main area and considered to be the header tank of the system, was cored to a depth of 2.50m, where accessible. The shallowest pond, which had sediments with greatest potential, was cored to a depth of 0.80m deep. The main component of the deposits in filling the ponds were organic silts with occasional detrital woody fragments. The channel features, which represent feeder channels and water garden features varied in depth and quality of sediment. A consistent feature of the sediments across the site was the presence of molluscan remains which were present in even the driest parts of the system.

The large valley, thought to have been dammed with the establishment of the Abbey, was extremely dry and the sediments were compact and oxidised throughout. The channel that passes to the north of the dam did contain a thin organic silt deposit, although it may not be contemporary with the dam.

The survey has demonstrated that the some of the features have dried out considerably, including the main floodplain of the dammed valley. However pockets of preservation survive across the pond system, with best preservation occurring in the deepest features. The flow of water through the system is clearly not continuous in all areas and the water table was only encountered sporadically. The silt clay content of the sediments may have led to the water table becoming perched with runoff and rainwater sitting on the modern ground surface rather than being able to percolate through the soil profile. It is unclear what effect this has had on the microscopic palaeoenvironmental remains held within the buried sediments and further work is required to establish this.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Site Background

1.1.1 Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of the Centre for Applied Archaeology (CAA), Institute of Archaeology (IoA), University College London (UCL) was commissioned by Whitbread Farms Ltd to undertake a hand auger survey in order to characterise the sediments at the site as part of a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement with Natural England (Figure 1, NGR 511930 243854).

1.2 Geology and Topography

- 1.2.1 The site lies within a dammed valley with the remains of a Cistercian Abbey incorporated into a later Tudor red brick mansion. The grounds comprise a complex of fish-ponds, likely contemporary with the abbey, a water garden and a managed floodplain with channels and ponds terminating at the dam.
- 1.2.2 The underlying solid geology is the Stewartby and Weymouth Mudstone member overlain by Head deposits and Diamicton (Oadby member). The site is currently under pasture and is used for grazing and wild fowl shooting.

1.3 Planning Background

1.3.1 Warden Abbey s a Scheduled Monument (BD38-1002936) and the site also designated as a County Wildlife Site for its neutral grassland and grassland on boulder clay interest. Whitbread Farms Ltd have entered into a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement with Natural England (AG00396817). As part of this agreement Historic and Archaeological Feature Protection options have been taken up which aim to understand the water engineering at the site to ensure water flows as appropriate and to ensure anaerobic conditions persist. In consultation with English Heritage a programme of auger survey was suggested to gather baseline data for this scheme.

1.4 Scope of Report

1.4.1 This report presents the results of the auger survey that took place between 29th September and 3rd October 2014. The work was carried out by Kristina Krawiec. The work was project managed by Diccon Hart and Jon Sygrave and the post-excavation work was managed by Jim Stevenson.

2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The site is a Scheduled Monument and comprises the Abbey precinct with associated water management features including fish ponds, water meadow and a dammed valley. The Abbey was founded in1135 as a daughter house to Rievaulx Abbey in Yorkshire. The monastery grew and by the early 14th century an abbey church was under construction that was cathedral–like in proportion. During the 1960s a large mosaic pavement was excavated and removed to Bedford Museum (Taylor and Rudd). In 1974 a second large pavement was uncovered in what is thought to be the Abbots lodging.
- 2.1.2 The Abbey is referred to in the plays of Shakespeare as it was famed for its Warden Pears which gave rise to Warden pie. The pear was a symbol on the reverse of the abbey seal. The features of the Abbey were mapped and interpreted by CC Taylor in 1976 during rescue excavations prior to the site being restored by the Landmark Trust (Figure 2).
- 2.1.3 The abbey was demolished during the Dissolution of 1537 where records show 400 cartloads of stone were removed from the site. Shortly after this a red-brick mansion was built incorporating parts of the Abbot's Lodging. The property was purchased by the Whitbread family in the late 18th century who hold the land today.
- 2.1.4 The main part of the Tudor house was pulled down in 1790 leaving the short wing which stands today. The Landmark Trust took on the lease of the building and restored it for use as a holiday cottage. The grounds are currently grazed by a small herd of cows and are used as part of the wild shooting carried out by the estate. The surrounding land is characterised by well preserved earthworks representing fish ponds, water gardens and other water management features.
- 2.1.5 The introduction of a large railway cutting in the late 19th century to the west of the site appears to have truncated parts of the water management system. In the winter the now disused railway acts as a reservoir for runoff and ground water.

2.2 Project Aims and Objectives

2.2.1 The project aims to establish the potential for the survival and significance of geoarchaeological and palaeoenvironmental deposits.

2.2.2 The main objectives are

- To characterise deposits, and patterns of accumulation of palaeoenvironmental/geoarchaeological deposits across the scheduled area, including depth and lateral extent of units
- Identify significant variations in deposition in relation to topographic variation and presence of features as palaeochannels
- Identify the locations and extent of any waterlogged organic deposits

- Clarify the relationship between sediment sequences and other deposit types
- To make the results of the investigation available through a suitable report

3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY

3.1 Fieldwork Methodology

- 3.1.1 The cores were carried out under an Eijelkamp gouge auger with an open chamber and Edelman corkscrew head. The locations of the cores were located using a Leica RTK GPS.
- 3.1.2 The lithology of the cores was recorded on site using the Troels-Smith classification system in Appendix 1 (1955). The scheme breaks down a sediment sample into four main components and allows the inclusion of extra components that are also present, but that are not dominant. Key physical properties of the sediment layers are also identified according to darkness (Da), stratification (St), elasticity (El), dryness of the sediment (Dr) and the sharpness of the upper sediment boundary (UB). The core logs are located in Appendix 2 and were supplemented by digital photography.
- 3.1.3 Some locations were too wet to achieve a core in the deepest location and so cores were placed where water levels were reasonably low.

3.2 Archive

3.2.1 The site archive is currently held at the offices of ASE. The contents of the archive are tabulated below (Table 1).

Number of Contexts	0
No. of files/paper record	Core logs
Plan and sections sheets	survey
Photographs	20 digital photographs
Bulk finds	0
Registered finds	2 small bags
Environmental flots/residue	0

Table 1: Quantification of site archive

4.0 RESULTS

4.1 Lithology

4.1.1 A total of 53 cores were achieved across the site within defined earthworks representing ponds and water management features (Figure 2 and 3). In addition two transects placed across the floodplain of the valley in order to characterise the deposits where defined features were absent. The full core logs can be found in Appendix 2. The site had been previously recorded by Taylor (1976) as a hachure plan with accompanying interpretations from which the letter codes for groups of features are used in the text below (Figure 4).

Ponds

- 4.1.2 The largest pond, located to the north west of the site, is considered to be a header or reservoir tank for the system. This is currently surrounded by a large wooded bank and still holds water. Two cores (51-52) were placed at the south east end of the pond where the water was shallow. This demonstrated organic silt deposits with detrital woody fragments throughout. The lower silts are pale grey and smooth overlain by less well humified brown black organic silts. These represent the infilling deposits of the pond and may provide material of some antiquity, if this represents an original medieval feature. These deposits are overlain by 1.50m of more modern black woody silts.
- 4.1.3 The largest pond is now isolated from the rest of the system by a road that provides access to the house and barns to the north west of the Abbey. To the south of this header tank, Area V, are two ponds connected by a shallow channel feature. The northern pond is currently holding water and the edges were unable to be cored to any depth due to the presence of coarse material. The shallow channel feature (core 3) was infilled with an oxidised sandy clay, the upper part of this deposit contained medieval tile as well as molluscan remains. The deposits here were not waterlogged although they appeared to contain demolition deposits that derive from the Abbey. The southern pond in this area was almost entirely infilled and was overgrown with willow trees. Despite this the feature was cored to a depth of 1.80m. The sediment in this feature was also extremely dry and oxidised, which suggests that water no longer percolates through the soil column.
- 4.1.4 The next defined pond complex, Area x, had variable preservation of deposits across the four pond features. The largest pond, (core 5) contained organic silts to depth of 1.90m bgl which was obstructed at the base and was not possible to core deeper, this may be due to coarse material at the base of the feature. The silts contained molluscs and woody fragments as well as more humified organic remains. The water table was encountered at 0.80m bgl at this location which has kept the basal sediments waterlogged.
- 4.1.5 Of the three smaller ponds in this area only one was holding water at the time of the survey (core 8). The sediments within this and the core 9 location were sufficiently waterlogged to preserve organic remains. The sediments within these two features were again organic silts within molluscan and well humified organic remains. The pond in location 10 was much shallower,

- c.0,55m, and was infilled by oxidised silt clay which was stony at the base and unable to be cored further. It may be this shallow or it may have been infilled with coarse material.
- 4.1.6 The ponds within core locations 15 and 16, Area Y, are almost the same depth and contain similar organic silt deposits. The upper deposits in both ponds were highly organic possibly due to a perched water table which currently supports wetland vegetation such as common reed. The lower silts also contained whole and fragmented of molluscs and were up to 1.24m in depth.
- 4.1.7 There are also two isolated pond features which lie along the higher ground of the valley sides which also hold sediment with palaeoenvironmental potential. To the far east of the main pond complex, Area rr, a possible pond feature was found to hold up to 2.44m of organic silts, with the water table encountered at 1.80m bgl. This feature must be fed by a spring as it is located on the high ground of the valley side and a similar feature to the south (core 40) was found to be completely dry. The second valley side pond to contain promising material was located to the south of Area jj and was mollusc-rich throughout with pottery recovered from the base. The water table was not reached but the basal deposit was damp suggesting at least some influence from ground water.

Channel Features

- 4.1.8 The channel features fall into two categories, feeder channels which seemingly link the ponds together, and water garden features possibly contemporary with the Tudor house. These features were shallow for the most part and only contained organic remains in a small number of locations.
- 4.1.9 The large rectangular feature, Area cc, contained two locations that were infilled by organic silt, cores 20 and 22. In core 22 the sediment was only 0.60m thick but contained visible seeds and plant remains. In core 20 the water table was present at the base of the feature. The large channel, Area z, connecting Area cc to Area d was still damp underfoot and a large pipe was visible in the railway embankment, although this was silted up to the top. This channel (core 29) recorded up to 1.50m of organic black brown silt with woody fragments and visible seeds. The level of preservation within this feature may be due to the depth it was cut to or may suggest it is relatively late in date.
- 4.1.10 The channels that crisscross the area around the dam, to the very south east of the site, are also shallow and contain organic silts, core 35 and 38. These features are of unknown function and unknown date. The silts are black with frequent molluscan remains and well humified organics and may again may be late in date.

Floodplain

4.1.11 In addition to targeting discreet features, two transects were undertaken orientated north east south west across the floodplain in Area hh. These transects demonstrated the desiccated nature of the sediments infilling the valley floor. Although extremely dry and compact the sediment was rich in molluscan remains. The floodplain sediments were typically a dry orange silt

clay which was sandy and gravelly towards the base with no waterlogging evident. The depth of sediment was also very shallow suggesting little in the way of overbank flooding was occurring prior to the damming of the valley. There was also no indication of palaeochannels at the locations cored.

5.0 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Overview of stratigraphic sequence deposit survival

- 5.1.1 The auger survey has created a baseline model of the nature of the deposits infilling the pond and channel complex that represents the medieval and post-medieval exploitation of the valley. There are 8 ponds with the potential to preserve palaeoenvironmental remains at present (cores 5,8,9,15,16,3,50,52). The channels have less potential as they are shallower and preserve less organic sediment. However in a few locations organic sediments do survive. In particular, cores 13,14,20,22,28,29,35,38 have more organic infill deposits that may provide palaeoenvironmental material.
- 5.1.2 -The often coarse-grained and desiccated nature of the overlying sediments of all features makes recovery of samples using a hand auger problematic and in most cases impossible. The vast majority of the sediments at the site demonstrated extensive oxidation with rust-coloured root channels as well as modern rootlet penetration. At least all of the upper parts of the profiles recorded this with the most oxidised sediment lying within the floodplain. In order to recover intact sequences a mechanical sample recovery method is appropriate.
- 5.1.3 In the drier sediments the molluscan assemblage is well preserved. As these tend to be within shallow channel features samples could be recovered by hand dug test pits in order to recover small bulk samples (c.5L). The analysis of these assemblages could provide information relating to land management practices, water condition and habitats within the channels. It may also be possible to recover radiocarbon dates from some species of land snail in contexts that do not have other dateable material.

5.2 Potential of deposits

5.2.1 The survey has established that there is differential preservation of sediments within the various feature types across the site. The deeper features such as the larger, ponds have a high potential to preserve palaeoenvironmental remains in their current state. The channels are less likely to preserve organic remains but have a high potential to preserve molluscan assemblages. What is not clear is to what extent the microfossil assemblage held within the organic sediments has been preserved.

5.3 Consideration of research aims

5.3.1 The survey has characterised the deposits at the site as displaying differential preservation across the area. In the large ponds and in some of the channels there is the potential for palaeoenvironmental remains to be preserved. There is certainly the potential for pollen and plant macrofossils sequences within the organic silts and molluscan assemblages within the drier areas. It is not

clear as to the age of these sediments and not all of the sequences recorded contained material that would allow absolute dating methods to be applied. The deposits with visible organic remains including wood fragments should be considered to be of the highest potential to provide a chronological framework for the site.

5.3.2 The survey has also identified variation in the depths of the pond features which may relate to different stages within the fish farming process. The ponds closest to the house and abbey complex contained fragments of pottery and medieval tile suggesting that some features have become infilled when the monastery was dissolved. This adds another dimension to the potential of these sediments which is to yield archaeological material as well as environmental evidence.

5.4 Conclusions

- 5.4.1 The auger survey at Warden Abbey has demonstrated that despite interruptions in the hydrological system, sediments are present within some of the features that are likely to contain palaeoenvironmental remains. What has not been established, however, is to what extent this preservation extends to the microfossil (e.g pollen) remains within the sediment archive. In order to establish baseline conditions it is recommended that sediment be recovered using a terrier rig from up to four locations for the assessment of pollen.
- 5.4.2 It is also recommended that four locations are selected for test pitting in order to recover small bulk samples for molluscan assessment. Radiocarbon dating would also help in establishing the significance of the palaeoenvironmental assemblages within a local and regional setting as without this information it is not possible to say whether medieval deposits survive. Acquiring chronological control will allow the significance of any preserved remains to be established and inform on future mitigation.

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HER Summary Form

Site Code								
Identification Name and Address	Warden Abbey, Bedforshire							
County, District &/or Borough	Bedfordshir	Bedfordshire						
OS Grid Refs.	511930 24	511930 243854						
Geology	Head: Weyr	Head: Weymouth Member Mudstone: Oadby Member Diamicton						
Arch. South-East Project Number	6542							
Type of Fieldwork	Eval.	Excav.	Watching Brief	Standing Structure	Survey	Other		
Type of Site	Green Field	Shallow Urban	Deep Urban	Other				
Dates of Fieldwork	Eval.	Excav.	WB.	Other October 20	14			
Sponsor/Client	Whitbread F	arms Ltd						
Project Manager	Jon Sygrave	е						
Project Supervisor	Kristina Kra	wiec						
Period Summary	Palaeo.	Meso.	Neo.	BA	IA	RB		
	AS	MED	PM	Other Modern				

Summary

In October 2014 Archaeology South-East were commissioned to undertake an auger survey at Warden Abbey, Bedfordshire. The site is a Scheduled Monument and consists of Warden Abbey precinct and a later Tudor mansion of which only one wing survives. The grounds have a well preserved complex of fish ponds and water garden features which date from the medieval and later periods. The aim of the survey was to characterise to sediment infilling these features and determine their potential for palaeoenvironmental preservation.

Several of the fish ponds were completely dry with little potential for the recovery of palaeoenvironmental remains. However a few locations demonstrated that sufficient waterlogging has allowed the accumulation of organic silts which have the potential to preserve material for analysis. The channel features at the site also contained a shallow suite of deposits which could also provide information regarding the landscape development of the site.

Appendix 1 Borehole Logs

Warden Abbey auger survey, 6542

Core 1 Oval pond with water

0-0.30m Gritty black modern silt

0.30-0.40m Brown sand and gravel too hard to core

Core 2 2nd core in oval pond

0-0.30m Gritty black modern silt

0.30-0.40m Brown sand and gravel too hard to core

Core3

0-0.25m Snady brown topsoil

0.25-0.70m Da St El Sicc UB
2 0 0 4 4

As1 Gmin2 Gmaj1

Orange brown sandy gravelly clay, occasional molluscs, charcoal and tile

 $0.70\text{-}0.87\text{m} \qquad \text{Da} \qquad \text{St} \qquad \text{El} \qquad \text{Sicc} \qquad \text{UB}$

2 0 0 3 4

As2 Ag1 Gmin1

Orange grey mottled sandy clay, oxidised

0.87-1.00m Da St El Sicc UB

2 0 0 3 4

As2 As1 Gmin1 Gmaj++

Gravelly orange yellow sandy clay

Core 4 possible pond beneath willow trees

0-0.30m sandy topsoil

0.30-0.72m Da St El Sicc UB
2 0 0 4 4

	As2 Ag1	Gmin1 Gr	maj+		
	Orange s	sandy cla	y, very sti	ff, gravelly	/
0.72-1.48m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3	0	0	4	3
	As2 Ag1	Gmin1			
	Dark gre	y orange-	mottled s	andy clay	, oxidised
1.48-1.60m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3	0	0	3	4
	As1 Ag1	Gmin2 pt	m		
	Grey -or	ange mot	tled sand	y silt clay,	molluscs
1.60-1.67m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	4	4
	As1 Ag1	Gmin2			
	Orange-	grey mot	tled sandy	silt clay	
1.67-1.80m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3/4	0	0	4	4
	As2 Ag2	Gmin+			
	Dark gre	y silt clay,	occasion	al orange	mottling
1.80-2.25m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	4	4
	As3Ag1	Gmaj++			
	Light gre	ey -orange	mottled	silt clay,	occ gravel, very stiff
Core 5 large pond	d				
0-0.17m Gritty sil	t topsoil				
0.17-0.37m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	1	3	4

	As1 Ag3	Sh++						
	Orange-	grey silt o	cc clay, w	ell humifi	ed organics			
0.37-0.70m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	3	0	1	3	3			
	As3 Ag1 Sh++ ptm							
	Grey silt, occ clay, well humified organics, molluscs							
0.70-0.90m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	4	0	1	2	2			
	As1 Ag3	Sh++						
		black and	brown or	rganic silt	clay, water table at 0.80m, well			
humified organics								
0.90-1.00m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	3	0	0	3	4			
	Gmin1 A	g2 Sh1 Tl-	l					
	Gritty br	own silt c	lay, occas	ional woo	dy fragments			
1.00-1.77m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	3	0	1	3	4			
	Ag1 Sh1 Tl Gmin1 ptm							
	Organic	brown silt	, woody f	ragments	, occ molluscs, grit and stones			
1.77-1.80m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	3	0	0	3	3			
	As1 Ag3 Gmin++							
	Gritty gr	ey silt cla	y, occasio	nal organ	ic flecks			
1.80-1.90m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	2	0	0	2	3			
	As3 Ag1	Sh+ ptm 1	П					

Grey smooth silt clay, well humified organics, occ twigs and mollusc frags, original deposit? Hard at base= gravel?

Core6 area between ponds

0-0.26m	organic	tonsoil
0-0.20111	Organic	topson

0.26-0.80m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	1	3	4

As1 Ag3 Sh++

Orange-grey sandy silt clay, organic flecks

0.80-1.10m stiff yellow grey clay, geology

Core 7 to east of core 6

0-0.20m organic topsoil

0.20-0.70m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	1	3	4

As1 Ag3 Sh++

Orange-grey mottled silt clay

Core8

0-0.70m Very wet sloppy black grey organic silt

0.70-1.05m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3/4	2	0	2	4

Ag3 Sh1 Dh++ Tl ptm

Very wet light and dark grey organic silt, well humified organic clasts, blacker with depth, woody frags, molluscs

1.05-1.60m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	3	4
	Ag1 A	s3			

Orange yellow silt clay, drier with depth, occ stones

Core 9 dry pond

0-0.12m Peaty to	psoil		0-0.12m Peaty topsoil							
0.12-0.22m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB					
	3	0	2	3	3					
	Ag2 Sh2									
	Brown o	Brown organic silt, rootlets, organics well humified								
0.22-0.60m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB					
	2	0	0	3	3					
	Ag3 As1 Sh++									
	Pale gre	y silt clay,	occ rootl	ets, occ w	vell humified organics, occ stones					
0.60-1.20m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB					
	3	0	1	3	4					
	Ag2Sh2									
molluscs, whole	V well h	umified o	rganic silt	, brown b	ecoming mottled black, small					
1.20-1.46m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB					
1.20 1.40111	2	0	1	4	2					
	Ag3 Sh1		-	7	2					
			led organi	c silt. wat	er table at 1.0m, molluscs, black at					
base	0.0, 0.0			,						
1.46-2.00m	grey yel	low mottl	ed stiff sil	t clay, dry	,					
Core10 pond para	allel with	core 9								
0-0.25m peaty to	psoil									
0.25-0.35m	grey ora	inge mott	led dry sil	t clay, roc	tlets					
0.35-0.55m	silt clay	very dry a	ınd stiff, s	tones obs	tructed auger					
Core 11 to east o	f core 10,	channel?								
0-0.10m peaty to	psoil									
0.10-1.20m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB					

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	2	0	0	4	4			
	Ag2 As2	2 Gmin++	Gmaj					
	Dark gr	ey orange	mottled	silt clay, g	ritty occasi	onal stones, very dry		
1.20-1.30m	bright blue yellow silt clay, very dry and stiff							
Core12 in pond l	ike area t	o se of co	ore 11					
0-0.22m peaty to	psoil							
0.22-1.20m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	2	0	0	4	4			
	Ag2 As2	2 ptm						
	Orane g	rey mottl	ed silt cla	y, cry, pal	e rootlets,	occ molluscs, slighylt		
organic at base								
1.20-1.40m			A V					
Core 13 channel f	eature le	eading to A	Area Y					
0-1.27m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
0-1.27m Da	St ¾	El O	Sicc 1	UB 3	0			
0-1.27m Da	3/4		1		0			
	3/4 Sh2 Ag2 Peaty m	0 2 Tl Dh ptr	1 m	3		nd mollusc, less humifed		
with depth, reedy	¾ Sh2 Ag2 Peaty m	0 2 TI Dh ptr nottled bro	1 m own blac	3 k silt woo	ody frags ar	nd mollusc, less humifed		
	3/4 Sh2 Ag2 Peaty m	0 2 Tl Dh ptr	1 m	3		nd mollusc, less humifed		
with depth, reedy	¾ Sh2 Ag2 Peaty m	0 2 TI Dh ptr nottled bro	1 m own blac	3 k silt woo	ody frags ar	nd mollusc, less humifed		
with depth, reedy	¾ Sh2 Ag2 Peaty m	0 2 TI Dh ptr nottled bro St 0	1 m own black	3 k silt woo Sicc	ody frags ar UB	nd mollusc, less humifed		

1.50m Da St El Sicc UB

3 0 0 3 2

Ag3 Sh1 Gmaj

Black grey smooth organic silt , water table at base, hard obstruction

Core 14 east end of same channel as 13, reedy with water

0-0.70m black wet gritty organic silt, woody frags									
0.70-1.30m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
	4	0	1	2	0				
	Ag2 Sh1	Dh1							
	Red brown poorly humified silty peat, clasts of grey silt								
1.30-1.48m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
	2	0	0	2	4				
	Ag3 Sh1	Ag3 Sh1							
	Pale gre	y sticky sil	lt , occasio	onal reeds	3				
1.41-1.42m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
	3	0	0	3	4				
	Dh4								
Le	ense of co	mpacted	reeds and	leaves					
1.48-1.60m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
	2	0	0	4	4				
	Ag3 Ag1								
	Pale blu	e yellow s	ilt clay ve	ry dry, too	o hard to core further				
Core 15 pond par	allel with	core 13 a	nd 14, dry	У					
0-0.55m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB					
	3	0	1	3	0				
	Ag2 Sh2								
	Well hur	mified org	anic brow	ın black si	ilt, occ molluscs				
0.55-0.60m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
	2	0	0	2	4				
	Ag2 Ag2	2							
	Blue yel	low sticky	silt clay						

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0.60-0.90m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3	0	0	3	4
	Ag3 ag	g1 sh+			
	Brown	sticky sil	t		
0.90-0.96m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	3	4
	Ag2 Ag	g2			
	Yellow	/ blue silt	clay		
0.96-1.20m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3	0	1	3	4
	Ag1 Sł	n3 ptm+			
	Organ	ic brown	silt mollus	cs	
1.20-1.24m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	2	2
	Ag3 Ag	g1 sh+			
	Blue-g	rey sticky	silt occas	ional orga	nic flecks, water table at 1.20m, reed
remains					
1.24-1.70m		ellow stif	-		
Core 16 pond pa	arallel wit	th core 1!	5		
0-0.80m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB	
	3	0	1	3	0
	Ag1 Sł	n2 Dh1			
	Brown	n poorly h	umified o	ccasionally	y silty peat
0.80-1.10m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3/4	0	0	3	4

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Grey black organic silt, occ shell frags, poss cbm at base

Ag3 Sh1 ptm

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1.10-1.22m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
	3	0	1	3	4				
	Ag3 S	h1 ptm							
	Orgar	nic olive g	reen brov	vn silt , wh	ole mollu	scs, pale rootlets			
1.22-1.30m	very o	very dry blue yellow silt clay							
Core 17 in pon	d to the w	est of ma	anor hous	e					
0-0.30m black	sandy gra	velly silt,	brick frag	ments and	other ha	rd debris			
0.30-0.40m	stiff y	ellow ora	inge clay,	very dry					
Core 18 west e	nd of sam	ne pond a	s 17						
0-0.40m black	brown gr	itty silt, ve	ery wet						
0.40-0.50m	very o	oarse ma	terial una	ble to core	further				
Core 19 area to	the east	of horses	hoe shap	ed mound	of mater	ial			
0-0.10m dry to	psoil								
0.40.0.00	D-	C+		C:	LID				

0.10-0.80m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3	0	0	3	4
	Ag2 Ag2	Gmaj++			
	Brown g	rey mottle	ed silt clay	occasion	al stones, wtr table 0.80m
0.80-1.80m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3	0	1	3	4
	Ag1 As3	Gmin+ Gr	naj++		

Orange grey clay v stiff with depth, rolled chalk fragments and flint

Core 20 post-med water garden feature, oblong

	Silty red brown peat, crumbly and dry								
	Ag2 Sh1 Dh1								
	3	0	1	4	0				
0-0.70m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB					

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0.70-0.87m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	3	0	0	2	2			
	Ag3 Sh	1 ptm						
	Smoot	h organio	silt, pale	rootlets, v	tr table 0.80m, molluscs			
0.87-1.16m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	3	0	1	3	4			
	Ag2 Ag 2							
	Yellow	blue silt	clay					
Core 21 east end	of post	med cha	nnel featu	re				
0-0.20m peaty to	opsoil, ro	oty						
0.20-0.23m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	3	0	0	4	2			
	Ag3 Sh	1						
	Grey b	rown org	ganic silt p	ale rootle	s			
0.23-0.30m	orange	stoney	clay, core o	bstructed	by stone?			
Core 22 part of w	ater gar	den feat	ure					
0-0.10m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
	3	0	1	3	0			
	Ag2 Sh	1 Dh1						
	Red br	own silty	peat, pale	rootlets				
0.10-0.20m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			

Black brown mottled organic silt, well humified, occ stones and molluscs

UB

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Sicc

3

Ag3 Sh1 ptm+ Gmaj

St

0

Εl

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Da

3

0.20-0.55m

Ag3 Sh1 Dh++ ptm

Grey brown compact organic silt, visible seeds, oxidised root channels, mollusc frags, sticky at base

0.55-0.60m yellow blue stiff silt clay

Core 23 wtr gardens feature southern arm

0-0.20m Da St El Sicc UB 3/4 0 1 3 0

Ag2 Sh2 Dh++

Black brown silty peat, rooty

0.20-0.65m Da St El Sicc UB

3 0 0 3 3

Ag3 Sh1 ptm

Grey orange mottled organic silt, occ molluscs, modern roots, sticky at

base

0.65-0.75m yellow blue clay, rolled chalk fragments

Core 24 west end of wtr garden feature, buttercups

0-0.30m Da St El Sicc UB

3 0 0 4 0

Ag3 Sh1 ptm

Orange grey mottled silt clay, occ molluscs

0.30-0.50m orange stoney clay, very mixed, large stone obstruction, poss dump deposit?

Core 25 pond feature in sw corner of watr garden

0-0.05m peaty rooty topsoil

0.05-0.20m Da St El Sicc UB

3 1 0 4 4

Ag3 Sh1 Ag++

	Grey or	nage mot	tled silt, o	ccasionall	ly clayey
0.20-0.53m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	3	2
	Ag2 As2	2 ptm			
	Orange	grey mott	tled silt cla	ay, occass	ional molluscs
0.53-0.63m	yellow g	grey silt cl	ay		
Core 26 western	arm of wa	ater garde	en , very c	vergrowi	1
0-0.10m peaty to	psoil				
0.10-0.90m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	4	4
	Ag2 As2	2 ptm			
	Orange	grey brow	vn silt clay	, sticky at	base, occ mollusc frags
0.90-1.00m	yellow o	clue clay			
Core 27 Area aa,	u shaped	l ditch, wa	ater Gard	en featur	e?
0-0.55m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB	
	3	0	1	2/3	0
	Ag32 Sh	12 Dh++			
	Dark bro	own silty p	oeat, well	humified	
0.55-0.57m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2/3	0	0	3	4
	Ag2 As2	2 Gmin+			
	Orange	grey mott	tled silt cla	ау	
0.57-0.60m	yellow r	ed sandy	gravel		
Core 28 Area aa					
0-0.45m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB	
	3/4	0	1	3	0

	Ag1 Sh	 2 Dh1			
	Black b	rown silty	peat, mo	dern tops	soil
0.45-0.65m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3	0	1	3	3
	Ag2 Sh	2 Dh			
	Red bro	own silty p	eat, well	humified	, pale rootlets
0.65-0.80m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	2	4
	Ag2 As	2			
	Grey o	range mot	tled silt cl	ay, root o	channels
0.80-0.85m	orange	yellow sa	ndy clay,	chalk frag	ments
Core 29 deep ch	annel wit	h outflow	pipe und	er railwa	y, pipe silted up to the top
0-0.40m very we	et grey br	own orga	nic mode	rn silt	
0.40-1.50m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	3	0	1	3	4
	Ag2 Sh	2 ptm+ Dł	ı++ Tl		
molluscs wtr tab	•		n mottled	organic s	ilt, occ woody frags and seed
1.50-1.80m	yellow	grey clay			
Core 30 Area z c	hannel fe	ature			
0-0.05m peaty t	opsoil				
0.05-0.30m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	4	4
	Ag2 As	2			
	Grey o	range mot	tled silt cl	ay	
0.30-0.65m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	4	4

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Orange brown silt clay, v dry and oxidised

0.65-0.80m yellow grey silt clay

Core 31 end of channel which peters out as a visible earthwork

0-0.10m crumbly organic topsoil

0.10-0.70m	Da	St	EI	Sicc	UB
	2	0	0	4	4

Ag2 As2 Gmaj

Orange brown mottled silt clay, occ stones

0.70-0.87m Da St El Sicc UB
2 0 0 3 2

Ag2 As2 Gmaj+

Grey orange mottled silt clay, occ stones

0.87-1.00m yellow grey silt clay

Core 32 Area dd linear channel

0-0.20m peaty topsoil, dry

0.20-0.55m orange yellow mottled silt clay, very dry, obstructed by stone?

Core 33 pond to the east of 32

0-0.10m organic topsoil, reedy

0.10-0.48m orange yellow mottled sit clay, very dry

0.48-0.50m sandy yellow clay

Core 34 channel linking water garden with floodplain channels and ponds

o-o.10m rooty organic topsoil

0.10-0.60m Da St El Sicc UB
3 0 0 4 4

Ag3 As1 Sh+ ptm

	Dark gre	y orange	mottled si	It clay, m	olluscs, oxidised root channels			
0.60-0.70m	yellow b	lue silt cla	ıy					
Core 35 to the north od medieval dam earthwork								
0-0.45m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB				
	3	0	0	3	0			
	Ag3 Sh1							
	Orange b	orown we	ll humifie	d organic	silt			
0.45-0.53m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	3	0	0	3	3			
	Ag3 Sh1	ptm Tl						
and and tone	Blue-gre	y organic	silt with b	lack fleck	s, pale rootlets, occ mollusc frags			
and woody frags								
0.53-0-0.85m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	2	0	0	3	4			
	Gmin1 A	g1 As2						
	Orange s	andy clay	,					
0.85m	Orange g	gravelly sa	and					
Core 36 on higher	ground t	o north o	f 35					
0-0.10m dry tops	oil							
0.10-0.83m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
	2	0	0	3	4			
	Ag2 As2	ptm+						
	Orange g	grey mott	led silt cla	y,occmolı	uscs, rootlets, very dry			
0.83m	sandy gr	avelly clay	y					
Core 37 channel li	ke depres	ssion						
0-0.20m grey bro	wn mottle	ed topsoil						
0.20-1.10m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			

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	2	0	0	3	4	NGE Ropolition 2011
	Ag3 As	s1 ptm++				
	-	-		clay, moll	usc rich v	with depth, wetter at base
1.10m	Grave	lly sandy	clay, wet			
Core 38 ditch/ch	annel sa	me featu	ire as core	e 3 5		
0-0.53m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB		
	3/4	0	0	3	0	
	Ag3 As	s1 Sh+ pt	m++			
	Black {	grey soft	silt clay, o	rganic we	ll humifie	ed, freq molluscs and rootlets
0.53m	gravel	ly sandy	blue yellov	w clay		
Core 39 large de	pression	on valle	y side, fee	ds into ch	annel 38	3
0-0.20m very dr	y topsoil					
0.20-1.50m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB	
	2	0	0	4	4	
	Ag2 As	s2 ptm++	Gmaj			
	Grey c	orange m	ottled stif	f silt clay, f	freq moll	uscs occasional stones
1.50-1.67m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB	
	3	0	0	3	2	
	Ag3 Sł	n1 Ag+ pt	m+ Tl			
	Smoot	th grey si	lt occasior	nal clay, w	ell humif	ied organic, occ woody frags
and molluscs	_		-1			
1.67-2.30m	Da	St	El	Sicc	UB	
	3	0	0	3/4	4	
	-	n1 Gmin+		candia - · ·	i+h da.~+!-	o with table batween 1.00
2.00m	Organ	ic grey bi	own siit,	sanuler W	ıtıı depth	n wtr table between 1.80-

Sicc

UB

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2.30-2.44m

Da

St

2 0 0 2 2

Ag3 Sh1

Smooth grey brown silt organic, occ rootlets

2.44-2.50m blue yellow clay, band of yellow sand 2cm thick

Core 40 second depression to the south of core 39

0-0.20m very dry topsoil

0.20-0.50m sandy orange silt clay, gravelly at base unable to core further, very dry

Core 41 channel feeding off valley side into main floodplain

0-0.20m very dry topsoil

0.20-0.63m very dry orange sandy gravelly silt clay, occ crushed bi-valve shells too dry to core futher

Core 42 channel in centre of floodplain swanery?

0-0.20m very dry topsoil

0.20-1.00m very dry orange mottled silt clay molluscs

1.00-1.10m sandy gravelly clay, wet

Core 43 water meadow transect 1

0-0.20m dry topsoil

0.20-00.90m orange grey mottled silt clay occ molluscs

0.90-1.00m yellow grey clay, very dry

Core 44 part of transect with core 43

0-0.20m very dry topsoil

0.20-0.45m very dry orange sandy gravelly clay, sandstone obstruction a t base

Core 45 as above

0-0.20m dry topsoil

0.20-0.65m very dry orange brown mottled silt clay, occ molluscs, occ stones, obstruction at base

Core 46 as above

0-0	.20m	dry	tor	nsoil
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0.20-0.60m bone dry orange brown silt clay, occ molluscs, stoney at base

Core 47 north transect 2 across water meadow

0-0.20M dry top soil

0.20-1.00m Da St El Sicc UB
2 0 0 4 4

Ag2 As2 ptm

Grey mottled orange silt clay occ molluscs very dry

1.00-1.10m yellow grey silt clay, very dry

Core 48 as above

0-0.2om dry topsoil

0.20-0.45m very dry orange grey silt clay, too dry to core

Core 49 in transect 2 but within a ditch feature

0-0.20m dry top soil

0.20-0.46m Da St El Sicc UB
2 0 0 4 4

Ag2 As2 ptm++ Gmaj

Grey orange mottled stiff silt clay, very dry occ molluscs, stones

Core 50 pond feature

0-0.20m dry topsoil

0.20-0.80m Da St El Sicc UB

3 0 0 3 4

Ag2 As2 ptm Gmin+ Gmaj

Gritty grey orange mottled silt clay, occ stones, damp at base, occ molluscs, pot from base

0.80m sandy clay at base, wet

Core 51 header tank pond

0-1.50m Da						7.02op 0		
Ag2 Dh2 Sh++ TI++ Black woody silt poorly humilied organics, modern pond infill 1.50-2.0m Da St El Sicc UB Ag2 Dh1 Sh1 Grey brown organic silt, poorly humified 2.00-2.40m Da St El Sicc UB 2 0 0 0 2 3 Ag3 Sh1TI++ Gmaj Pale grey silt, well humified organics, woody frags, sticky, stone obstruction Core 52 2m to the north of 51, under water 0-1.50m black organic silt, mixed oragnics, woody, modern pond silts 1.50-2.0m Da St El Sicc UB 3 0 0 0 2 4 Ag2 Dh2 TL++ Grey brown black organic slit, very woody 2.00-2.50m Da St El Sicc UB 3 Ag3 Sh1 Pale grey smooth sticky silt occasional chalk frags, water too deep to core further Core 53 corner of channel area Y 0-0.60m Da St El Sicc UB	0-1.50m Da	St	El	Sicc	UB			
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Ag2 Ag2 Sh++ ptm Tl+

grey orange mottled silt clay, occ molluscs, oxidised root channels, well humified organics, reedy/woody fragments

0.60-0.98m Da St El Sicc UB
2 0 0 3 4

Ag2 As2 gmin++ Gmaj

Gritty orange mottled silt clay, very stiff stone at base

Appendix 2

Darkness	
nig.4	black
nig.3	
nig.2	
nig.1	
nig.0	white

Degree of Stratification		
strf.4	well stratified	
strf.3		
strf.2		
strf.1		
strf.0	no stratification	

Degree of Elasticity			
elas.4	very elastic		
elas.3			
elas.2			
elas.1			
elas.0	no elasticity		
2.2.0.0			

Degree of Dryness			
sicc.4	very dry		
sicc.3			
sicc.2			
sicc.1			
sicc.0	water		

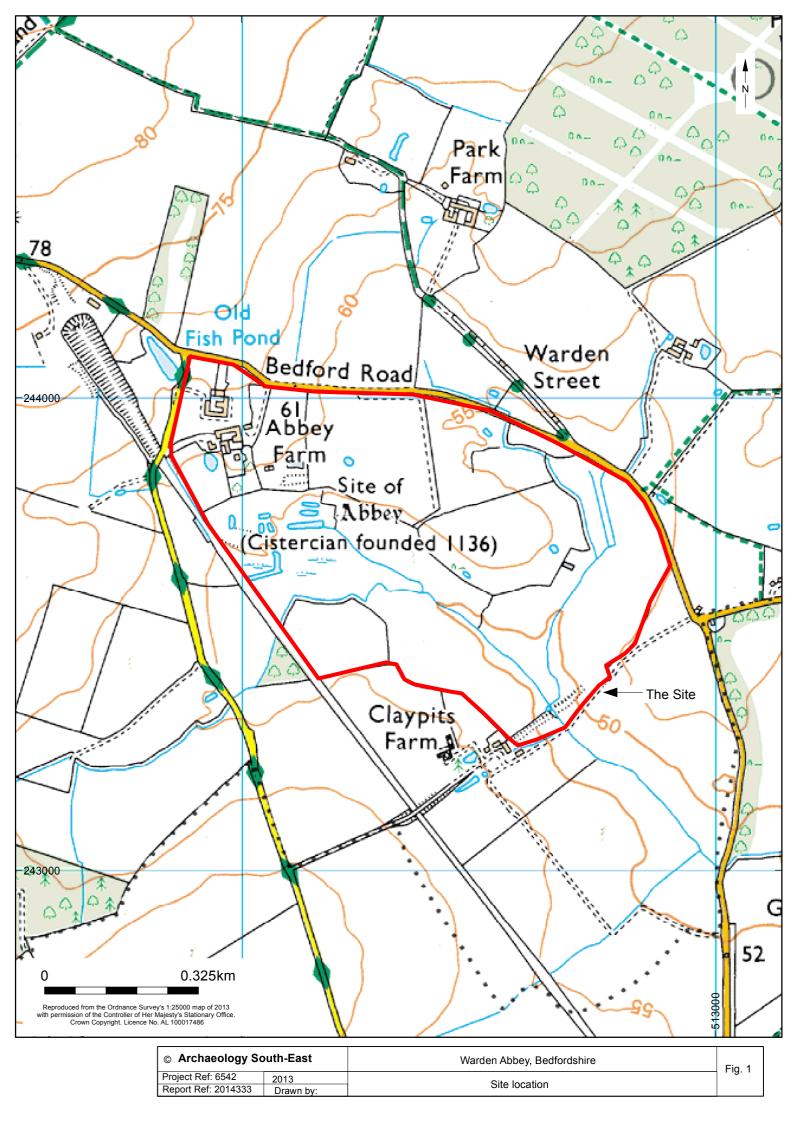
	Sharpness of Upper Boundary		
lim.4	< 0.5mm		
lim.3	< 1.0 & > 0.5mm		
lim.2	< 2.0 & > 1.0mm		
lim.1	< 10.0 & > 2.0mm		
lim.0	> 10.0mm		

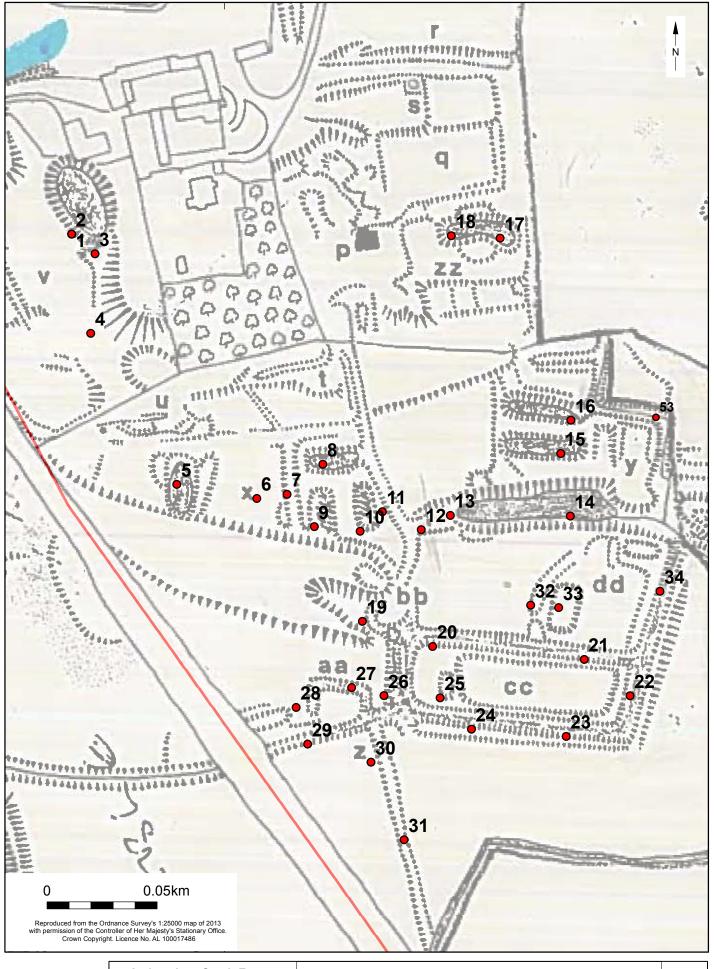
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	Sh	Substantia humosa	Humous substance, homogeneous microscopic structure
	Tb	T. bryophytica	Mosses +/- humous substance
l Turfa	TI	T. lignosa	Stumps, roots, intertwined rootlets, of ligneous plants
	Th	T. herbacea	Roots, intertwined rootlets, rhizomes of herbaceous plants
	DI	D. lignosus	Fragments of ligneous plants >2mm
II Detritus	Dh	D. herbosus	Fragments of herbaceous plants >2mm
	Dg	D. granosus	Fragments of ligneous and herbaceous plants <2mm >0.1mm
III Limus	Lf	L. ferrugineus	Rust, non-hardened. Particles <0.1mm
	As	A.steatodes	Particles of clay
IV Argilla	Ag	A. granosa	Particles of silt
	Ga	G. arenosa	Mineral particles 0.6 to 0.2mm
V Grana	Gs	G. saburralia	Mineral particles 2.0 to 0.6mm
	Gg(min)	G. glareosa minora	Mineral particles 6.0 to 2.0mm
	Gg(maj)	G. glareosa majora	Mineral particles 20.0 to 6.0mm
	Ptm	Particulae testae molloscorum	Fragments of calcareous shells

Physical and sedimentary properties of deposits according to Troels-Smith (1955)

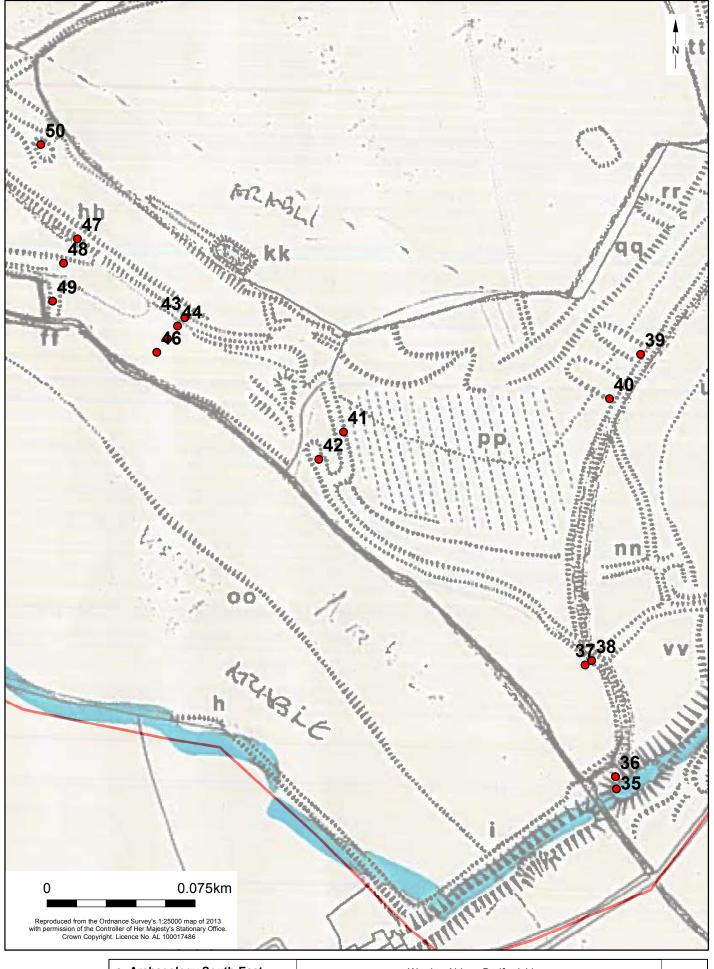
Appendix3

Number	Easting	Northing	Z	Depth of Feature m OD	Type of
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CORE1	511930.693	243854.83	58.316	57.32	Pond
CORE3	511941.289	243845.885 243809.774	58.66	57.79	channel
	CORE4 511939.36		57.993	56.19	pond
CORE5	511978.434	243741.264	55.044	53.144	pond
CORE6	512014.745	243734.861	54.996	54.196	Open area
CORE7	512028.458	243736.784	54.622	53.922	Open area
CORE8	512044.672	243750.411	54.029	52.979	Pond
CORE9	512040.833	243722.119	54.036	52.576	Pond
CORE10	512061.644	243719.97	53.775	53.225	Pond
CORE11	512071.692	243728.829	54.021	52.821	Channel
CORE12	512089.33	243720.732	53.187	51.987	Pond?
CORE13	512102.585	243727.137	52.819	51.319	Channel
CORE14	512156.98	243726.851	52.734	51.254	Channel
CORE15	512152.622	243755.28	53.476	52.236	Pond
CORE16	512157.241	243770.383	53.646	52.426	Pond
CORE17	512125.136	243852.998	57.795	57.492	Pond
CORE18	512103	243854.083	57.88	57.38	Pond
CORE19	512062.637	243679.124	53.385	52.585	Pond?
CORE20	512094.507	243667.685	52.337	51.467	Channel
CORE21	512163.296	243661.812	51.944	51.714	Channel
CORE22	512184.098	243645.33	51.661	51.111	Channel
CORE23	512155.132	243626.876	51.89	51.24	Channel
CORE24	512112.108	243630.194	52.207	51.907	Channel
CORE25	512097.897	243644.401	52.376	51.846	Channel
CORE26	512072.427	243645.428	52.766	51.86	Channel
CORE27	512057.772	243649.06	52.871	52.301	Channel
CORE28	512032.604	243640.066	53.137	52.337	Channel
CORE29	512037.792	243623.405	52.677	51.177	Channel
CORE30	512066.578	243615.213	52.582	51.932	Channel
CORE31	512081.549	243580.004	52.673	51.803	Channel
CORE32	512139.026	243686.427	52.322	51.772	Channel
CORE33	512151.733	243685.371	52.102	51.622	Pond
CORE34	512197.703	243692.79	51.54	50.94	Channel

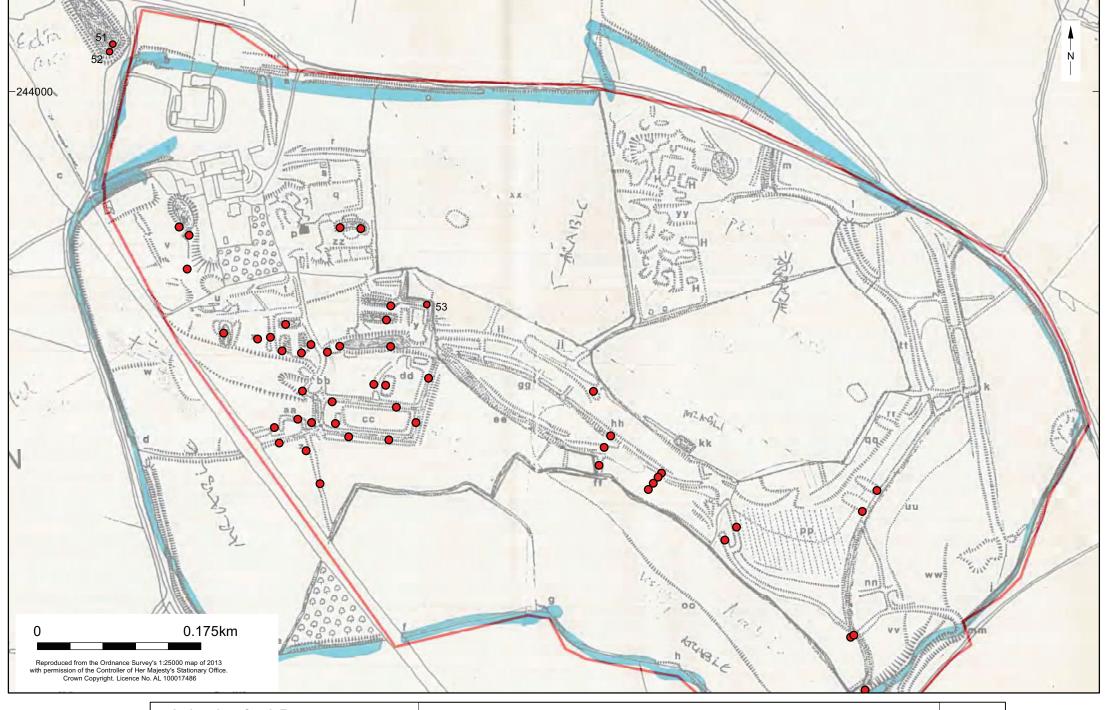




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