

**OAKLEY VALE,
CORBY,
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

**RESULTS OF
TRIAL TRENCHING**

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Preface

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Key Terms

Development Area – The area of proposed development

Study Area – The area to be archaeologically evaluated.

GPS – Global Positioning System

CAO – County Archaeological Officer, Northamptonshire Heritage

SMR – Sites and Monuments Record



Non-technical summary

Albion Archaeology was commissioned by Cofton Ltd to carry out a scheme of archaeological works on land to the south of Corby. This work was instigated on the advice of Northamptonshire Heritage and aimed to establish the archaeological potential of the site at Oakley Vale. The scheme of trial trenching was part of this work and was designed to identify areas of potential archaeological importance.

The trial trenching uncovered no significant archaeological remains; identified features were either post-medieval or modern in date. The trial trenching identified a significant level of modern disturbance in the area, the result of ironstone extraction, agricultural disturbance and railway workings.

The findings in this report indicate that it is unlikely that significant archaeological deposits exist in the study area. The geophysical survey indicated various anomalies that have now been interpreted as having a post-medieval or modern origin. Scatters of medieval and a fragment of Saxon pottery recovered during field artefact collection can now be considered to be the result of nightsoiling and not originating from archaeological deposits.

Structure of the report

This report presents the results of a scheme of trial trenching undertaken within the study area.

Section 1 outlines the site location and relevant archaeological and geological background information. Section 2 demonstrates the method employed. The results are then summarised in Section 3. Section 4 outlines the overall interpretation of the results.

The attached appendix contains a tabulated context summary for each trench. Referred figures are bound in the back of the report.



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

Corby Borough Council and Great Oakley Farms Ltd applied for outline planning consent to develop a new neighbourhood on 184ha of land to the south of Corby. A *Desk-based Assessment*¹ of the proposed development area was undertaken by John Samuels Archaeological Consultants.

The study revealed that the northern part of the development area – approximately 60% of the total area – had been quarried for ironstone and no longer held any remains of archaeological significance. The remaining 70ha, consisting mainly of arable farmland, was identified as having potential for yielding archaeological material from a range of periods.

On the basis of this report an *Archaeological Evaluation Brief*² was issued by Northamptonshire Heritage, detailing a suggested scheme of investigation for the site. The scheme comprised three main stages:

1. Historic documentary survey
2. Field survey (by non-intrusive techniques)
3. Trial trenching

Albion Archaeology subsequently prepared a *Project Design*³ for these investigations, which was approved by Northamptonshire's CAO.

Stage 1 was undertaken by a specialist consultant, David Hall MA FSA MIFA, and the results are conveyed in a separate report⁴.

Stage 2 consisted of a geophysical survey undertaken by Archaeological Services of West Yorkshire Archaeology Service (ASWYAS) and is the subject of a separate report⁵. A field artefact collection survey was also carried out between 22nd and 26th October 2001 by Albion Archaeology⁶.

1.1.1 Trial Trenching

Trial trenching represented Stage 3 of the archaeological investigation strategy outlined in the *Brief* and commenced following completion of Stages 1–2 and agreement of a detailed strategy with the CAO.

¹ Samuels, J; *A Desk-based Archaeological Assessment on land at Oakley Grange, Corby, Northamptonshire*; 1998

² Kidd, A. M; *Oakley Grange, Corby. Planning Application. Archaeological Evaluation Brief*, Northamptonshire Heritage; 1998

³ Wilson, M; *Oakley Grange, Corby, Northamptonshire. Scheme of Archaeological Investigation for Archaeological Field Evaluation*; Albion Archaeology; 2001

⁴ Hall, D; *Oakley Grange: agricultural history and landuse*, 2001

⁵ ASWYAS; *Geophysical Survey. Oakley Vale, Corby, Northamptonshire*; Report No.937; 2001

⁶ Albion Archaeology (2001). *Oakley Vale, Corby, Northamptonshire: Results of Field Artefact Collection Survey. Report 2001/53*



1.2 Study Area

The Oakley Vale site lies on the boulder clay plateau in the Rockingham Forest area of Northamptonshire (Fig1). Harpers Brook, a tributary of the River Nene, forms the southern boundary of the site. A minor stream flows in a southerly direction across the site and into Harpers Brook. The land to the north of the study area was extensively quarried during the last century.

The total study area measured approximately 70ha in extent. 10ha of this area, lying to the south-west, was in pastoral use.

1.3 Archaeological Background

A detailed account of previous archaeological work and finds in the area can be found in the *Desk-based Assessment*. In summary, the immediate area around the Oakley Vale site has, in the past, produced material ranging in date from the Neolithic to post-medieval periods. In the *Brief* it was stated that the potential of the site for yielding material of an Iron Age, Roman, or medieval date, in particular, was high.

Four sites are recorded within the development area, three of these lay in the area destroyed by quarrying. The only SMR-recorded site within the Study Area is Oakley Grange itself (SMR 5282); however, the *Desk-based Assessment* concludes that this farm complex is of 19th century origin⁷.

⁷ op.cit., p.9



2. METHOD STATEMENT

2.1 Objectives

A total of 39 trial trenches were located and excavated in accordance with the *Brief* and the *Project Design*. Several of these were targeted on the basis of the results of the earlier stages of work (as outlined in *Table 1*). The remainder were located to provide even spatial coverage of the area.

Feature or potential area of archaeological interest	Survey method by which potential identified	Trench No.
Linear geophysical anomaly (possible track or field boundary)	geophysical survey	34 & 36
Linear features south of Lyveden Lodge (possible enclosures?)	geophysical survey	24 & 27
Area of magnetic enhancement	geophysical survey	17
Isolated find-spot of Saxon pottery sherd	field artefact collection	18
Areas around Oakley Grange	field artefact collection	4–6, 8 & 9
Linear feature south-west of Oakley Grange	geophysical survey	13
To test archaeological potential of narrow spit of land at top of scarp of old quarry pit and/or to determine the maximum extent of land destroyed by quarrying (trenches added at request of Northamptonshire's Archaeological Officer, 14/12/01)	professional judgement	33, 38 & 39

Table 1: Trench Objectives

2.2 Trench Trenching Methodology

The trial trenches were located with the use of GPS. This enabled exact location in relation to the previous phases of work. The trenches were aligned either north-south or east-west on the national grid.

Trenches were excavated to the top of archaeological deposits or undisturbed natural deposits by a tracked 360degree excavator fitted with a toothless bucket operating under archaeological supervision. In view of the limited finds assemblage from the field artefact collection, care was taken to remove deposits of colluvium, which might be masking archaeological deposits. All of the trenches were approximately 50m long and 2m wide. All trenches were observed and deposits identified. These deposits were excavated, planned and recorded in accordance with the *Albion Procedures Manual*⁸. Machine excavated spoil and possible archaeological deposits were investigated for artefacts.

All possible archaeological and geological deposits (contexts) were assigned an individual number in a single sequence. Numbers in brackets within the text refer to the context number issued on site. Within this report context numbers

⁸ Albion Archaeology (2001). *Procedures Manual, Volume 1: Fieldwork*. 2nd Edition



referring to cut features are expressed [**], layers or deposits within cut features are expressed (**). All measurements are in metres.



3. RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

No archaeological features, dating from the medieval period or earlier, were revealed during trial excavation. Five of the trenches contained modern or post-medieval features with the remaining 34 trenches showing no features. Nine trenches showed evidence of severe modern disturbance and truncation of the ground surface (Fig. 2). The overall observations that were made by trial trenching gave a significant insight into the extensive modern disturbance that has occurred in the area.

3.2 Blank Trenches

The blank trenches that were excavated can be broken down into two broad headings. These are trenches that were blank and showed evidence of modern disturbance and trenches that were blank but undisturbed.

3.2.1 Blank Undisturbed Trenches

Trenches under this category were defined as those that had significant topsoil and subsoil deposits remaining. This suggested that there had been limited modern truncation in the area of such trenches.

Figure 2 illustrates those trenches that have seen little disturbance. The significant depth of subsoil in these trenches and the lack of archaeological deposits indicate that these areas show limited archaeological potential. The presence of undisturbed land drains indicates that limited truncation has occurred in these trenches. Land drains ranged from ceramic pipes to earlier limestone filled trenches to act as drainage runs. These were not recorded.

Significant colluvial deposits were removed in Trench 32, although no sealed archaeological deposits were found in this area.

3.2.2 Blank Disturbed Trenches

Trenches under this category were defined as those that show evidence of limited topsoil deposits and no subsoil deposits. This indicates that significant disturbance had occurred in the area surrounding these trial trenches. In addition to this, the absence of land drains - that are prolific in the undisturbed trenches - adds weight to the argument that truncation has occurred in these areas.

Fig. 2 illustrates those trenches that appear to have seen significant disturbance. If archaeological deposits were present in these areas prior to disturbance, there is little likelihood of their survival.



3.3 Modern and Post-Medieval Features

3.3.1 Haul Road

A modern possible haul road was located in Trench 36. It was orientated approximately north-west to south-east, parallel to the existing boundary. It was 17m in width consisting of compacted topsoil and subsoil deposits.

3.3.2 Ditches

Five ditches were observed (see Fig. 3). Ditch [2903] in Trench 29 was aligned north-west to south-east and truncated subsoil deposits. It was approximately 1.43m wide and 0.41m in depth and its fills consisted of firm grey clays with some gravel inclusions. A ceramic land drain was located in the top of the ditch and was also aligned north-west to south-east. This suggests a later date for this ditch, although no obvious correlations were observed in relation to older map evidence.

Ditch [2606] in Trench 26 was aligned north-west to south-east and truncated subsoil deposits. This is not shown as a section in Figure 3 due to only partial recovery. Ditch [2403] in Trench 24 was aligned north-east to south-west and also truncated natural deposits. Map evidence indicates that both these boundaries are clearly of post-medieval or modern date.

Other shallow ditches [2103] and [1704] were observed in Trenches 21 and 17 respectively. Ditch [2103] was aligned north-east to south-west. It was 0.51m in width and 0.10m in depth. Ditch [1704] was aligned north-east-east to south-west-west and was 0.5m in width and 0.13m in depth.

There were no finds from the fills of these ditches. There was also no evidence of subsoil deposits in either trench suggesting that possible agricultural disturbance had occurred in the vicinity.

The presence of a headland had been suggested in the area of Trench 17 (see Fig. 3). Ditch [1704] is aligned with the proposed headland and this may indicate a boundary marking the limit of the ploughing trend. The lack of substantial headland deposits, however, indicates that if a headland had once existed, modern landscaping has now erased it. This indicates that ditch [1704] may be the truncated remnants of a boundary.

It is likely that [2103] is a truncated land drain.

3.3.3 Pits

One pit [2003] was observed in Trench 20 (see Fig. 3). It truncated subsoil deposits and contained fragments of coke or coal indicating that it is also of recent origin.



4. INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Trial trenching revealed no evidence for significant archaeological survival in this area. The presence of modern or post-medieval ditches consistent with earlier maps suggests that the majority of this area saw minimal settlement activity until the post-medieval period, when Lyveden Lodge was established.

The results of the geophysical survey are consistent with the observed post-medieval ditches. In addition to this other anomalies, such as the linear trend in Trench 36, have been found to be the result of modern disturbance. Further comparison to the results of the field artefact collection indicates that finds of medieval and Saxon date are most likely to have originated from nightsoiling rather than from buried archaeological features.

The extensive nature of modern disturbance illustrated by Figure 2 can be attributed to ironstone extraction to the north and railway disturbance to the south. Further disturbance to the south is likely to be a result of modern farming where levelling of the land has occurred and this is likely to have truncated substantial headland deposits and a possible boundary ditch.

Based on the minimal archaeological evidence in undisturbed trenches it is unlikely that significant archaeological remains were lost in those areas where trenches showed substantial, modern disturbance.



5. APPENDIX: TRIAL TRENCH SUMMARIES



Trench: 1

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.35 Max:0.50

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487830/286300 Ref. 2: 487780/286300

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
100	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
101	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
102	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Blue Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 2

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.40 Max:0.45

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487860/286280 Ref. 2: 487860/286330

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
200	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
201	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
202	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 3

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.40 Max:0.45

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487950/286300 Ref. 2: 487900/286300

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
300	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
301	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
302	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Blue Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 4

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.30

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487800/286200 Ref. 2: 487800/286250

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
400	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
401	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 5

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.25 Max:0.40

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487800/286150 Ref. 2: 487750/286150

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
500	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
501	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Dark Grey Orange Silty Clay
502	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 6

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.70

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487900/286150 Ref. 2: 487900/286200

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
600	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
601	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
602	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Grey Blue Silty Clay



Trench: 7

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.45

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488000/286270 Ref. 2: 488000/286220

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
700	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
701	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
702	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Orange Grey Sandy Clay



Trench: 8

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.35 Max:0.55

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487840/286120 Ref. 2: 487890/286120

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
800	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
801	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
802	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 9

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.40

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487740/286050 Ref. 2: 487740/286000

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
900	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
901	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Brown Silty Clay
902	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 10

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.35

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487701/286000 Ref. 2: 487651/286000

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
1000	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
1001	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
1002	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 11

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.45 Max:0.55

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487850/286000 Ref. 2: 487800/286000

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
1100	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
1101	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
1102	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Green Grey Sandy Clay



Trench: 12

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.20 Max:0.40

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487675/285960 Ref. 2: 487725/285960

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
1200	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
1201	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Blue Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 16

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.35

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488020/285900 Ref. 2: 487970/285900

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
1600	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
1601	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
1602	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 17

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.30

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487989/285970 Ref. 2: 487939/285970

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:		Description:
1700	External Cultivation	Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
1701	Natural Stratum	Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Sandy Clay
1704	Gully	Cut	Linear (Straight), Shallow U-Shaped Symmetrical, Northeast - Southwest
1705	Gully	Fill	Firm Light Grey Brown Silty Clay



Trench: 18

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.35 Max:0.35

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488140/285930 Ref. 2: 488140/285880

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
1800	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
1801	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Brown Silty Clay
1802	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 19

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.35 Max:0.45

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488120/286000 Ref. 2: 488070/286000

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
1900	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
1901	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
1902	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Yellow Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 20

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.40 Max:0.45

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488100/286120 Ref. 2: 488100/286070

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
2000	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2001	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2002	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Green Grey Silty Clay
2003	Pit (Unspecified) Cut	Sub-Oval, Steep U-Shaped Symmetrical, East - West
2004	Pit (Unspecified) Fill	Firm Light Grey Brown Silty Clay



Trench: 21

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.35

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 487970/286010 Ref. 2: 488020/286100

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:		Description:
2100	External Cultivation	Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2101	External Cultivation	Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2102	Natural Stratum	Layer	Firm Mid Green Grey Silty Clay
2103	Gully	Cut	Linear (Straight), Shallow U-Shaped Symmetrical, Northeast - Southwest
2104	Gully	Fill	Firm Light Grey Brown Silty Clay



Trench: 22

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.15 Max:0.50

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488260/286050 Ref. 2: 488260/286000

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
2200	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2201	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2202	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Yellow Grey Clay



Trench: 23

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.25 Max:0.42

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488250/286100 Ref. 2: 488200/286100

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
2300	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2301	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2302	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Yellow Grey Clay



Trench: 24

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.25 Max:0.45

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488220/286200 Ref. 2: 488170/286200

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
2400	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2401	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2402	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Yellow Grey Silty Clay
2403	Ditch Cut	Unknown, Unknown, Northeast - Southwest
2404	Ditch Fill	Firm Mid Brown Grey Silty Clay
2405	Ditch Fill	Friable Dark Grey Brown Silty Clay



Trench: 25

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.40 Max:0.45

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488100/286180 Ref. 2: 488100/286230

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
2500	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2501	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2502	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Green Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 26

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.45 Max:0.50

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488090/286360 Ref. 2: 488140/286360

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:		Description:
2600	External Cultivation	Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2601	External Cultivation	Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2602	Natural Stratum	Layer	Firm Mid Green Grey Silty Clay
2605	Ditch	Fill	Firm Dark Grey Brown Silty Clay
2606	Ditch	Cut	Linear (Straight), Steep U-Shaped Symmetrical, Northeast - Southwest



Trench: 27

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.30 Max:0.33

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488240/286290 Ref. 2: 488240/286240

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
2700	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2701	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Orange Silty Clay
2702	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Grey Green Clay



Trench: 28

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.33 Max:0.47

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488200/286450 Ref. 2: 488150/286450

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
2800	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2801	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2802	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Blue Orange Clay



Trench: 29

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.32 Max:0.65

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488250/286450 Ref. 2: 488250/286400

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:		Description:
2900	External Cultivation	Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
2901	External Cultivation	Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
2902	Natural Stratum	Layer	Firm Light Blue Orange Clay
2903	Ditch	Cut	Linear (Straight), Shallow U-Shaped Asymmetrical, Northwest - Southeast
2904	Ditch	Fill	Hard Mid Blue Grey Clay Gravel
2905	Ditch	Fill	Firm Mid Brown Grey Silty Clay
2906	Ditch	Fill	Firm Dark Brown Grey Silty Clay
2907	Ditch	Fill	Compact Light Grey Yellow Gravel(Coarse)
2908	Ditch	Fill	Firm Dark Blue Grey Silty Clay
2909	Ditch	Fill	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay



Trench: 30

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.51 Max:0.58

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488400/286220 Ref. 2: 488400/286170

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
3000	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
3001	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
3002	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Blue Grey Clay



Trench: 31

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.50 Max:0.53

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488400/286375 Ref. 2: 488400/286425

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
3100	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
3101	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
3102	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Light Yellow Grey Clay



Trench: 32

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.25 Max:0.87

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488340/286360 Ref. 2: 488290/286360

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:		Description:
3200	External Cultivation	Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
3201	Colluvial Deposit	Layer	Firm Mid Grey Orange Silty Clay
3202	Natural Stratum	Layer	Firm Mid Grey Blue Clay



Trench: 33

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 27.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.20 Max:0.25

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488425/286650 Ref. 2: 488375/286650

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
3300	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
3301	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
3302	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Blue Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 34

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.48 Max:0.65

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488520/286400 Ref. 2: 488470/286400

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
3400	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
3401	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
3402	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Yellow Grey Clay



Trench: 35

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.52 Max:0.59

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488330/286500 Ref. 2: 488280/286500

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
3500	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Green Brown Silty Clay
3501	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Red Brown Silty Clay
3502	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
3503	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Green Grey Clay



Trench: 36

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.35 Max:0.63

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488490/286500 Ref. 2: 488442/286514

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
3600	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Mid Grey Brown Silty Clay
3601	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
3602	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Yellow Grey Clay



Trench: 37

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 50.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.36 Max:0.40

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488550/286600 Ref. 2: 488500/286600

Reason for Trench: Other Strategic Reason

Context:	Type:	Description:
3700	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Brown Silty Clay
3701	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Light Grey Orange Silty Clay
3702	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Yellow Grey Clay



Trench: 38

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 20.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.20 Max:0.40

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488560/286750 Ref. 2: 488560/286800

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:		Description:
3800	Natural Stratum	Layer	Firm Dark Grey Brown Silty Clay
3801	Natural Stratum	Layer	Firm Mid Blue Grey Silty Clay



Trench: 39

Max Dimensions (m) Length: 40.00 Width: 2.00 Depth to Archaeology (m) Min: 0.20 Max:0.40

OS Co-ordinates: Ref. 1: 488660/286805 Ref. 2: 488660/286855

Reason for Trench: Investigate Blank Area

Context:	Type:	Description:
3900	External Cultivation Layer	Firm Dark Grey Brown Silty Clay
3901	Natural Stratum Layer	Firm Mid Blue Grey Silty Clay

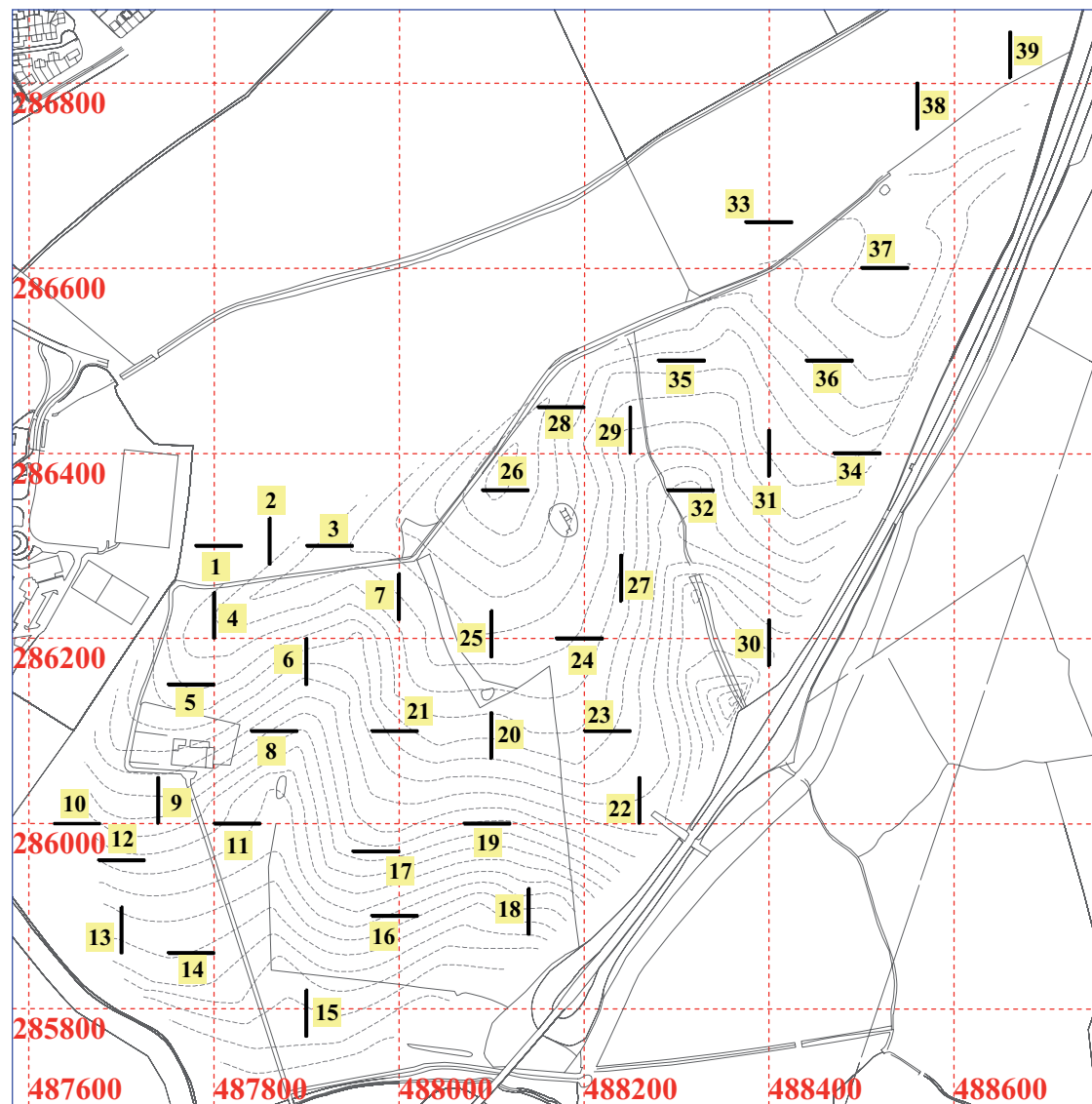
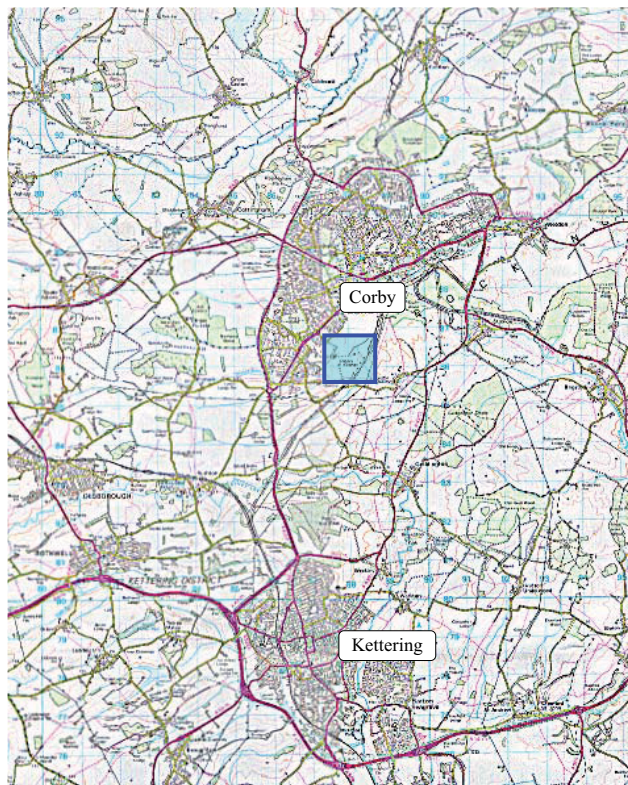


Fig. 1: Site and trench location plan

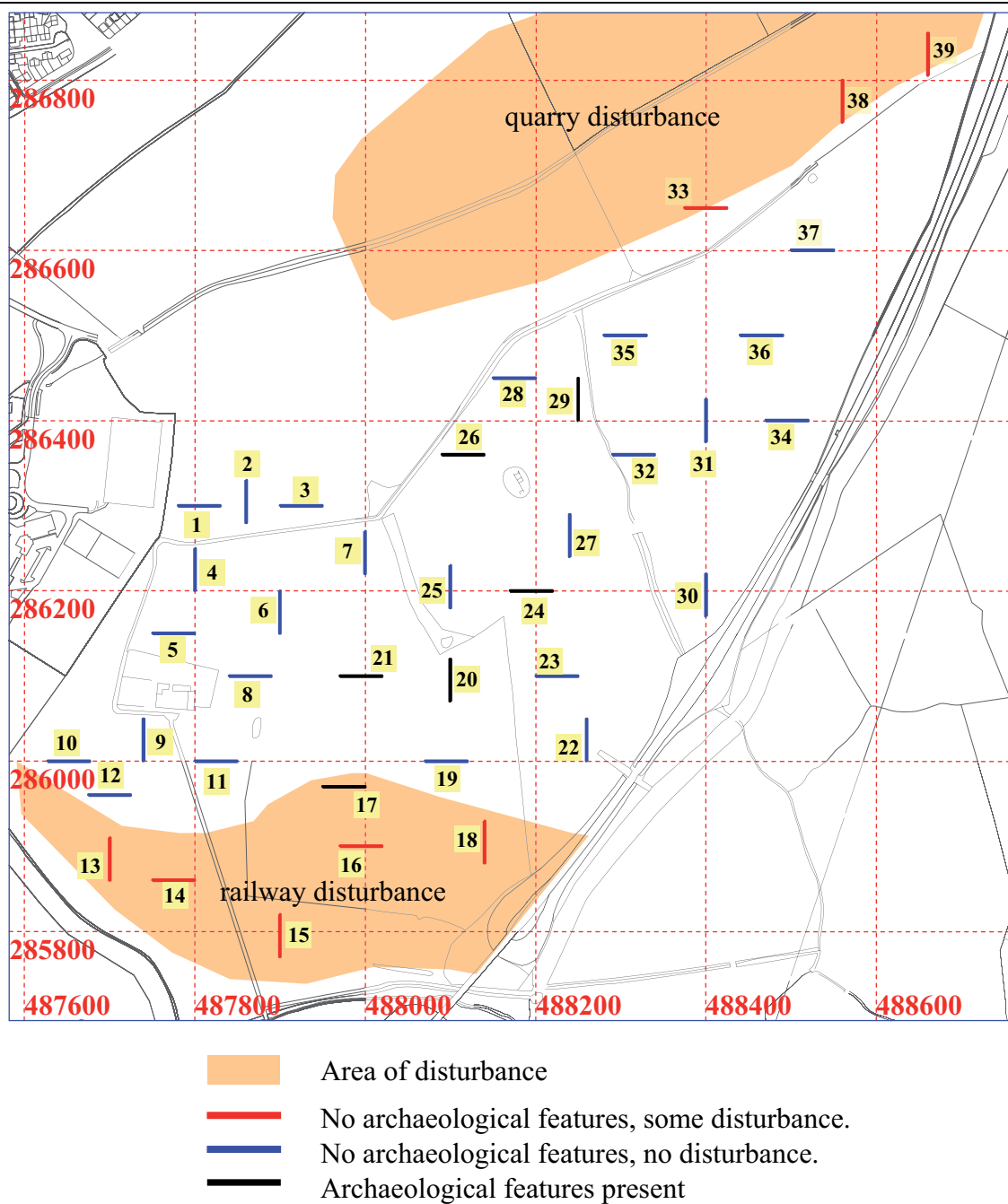


Fig. 2: Extent of modern disturbance.

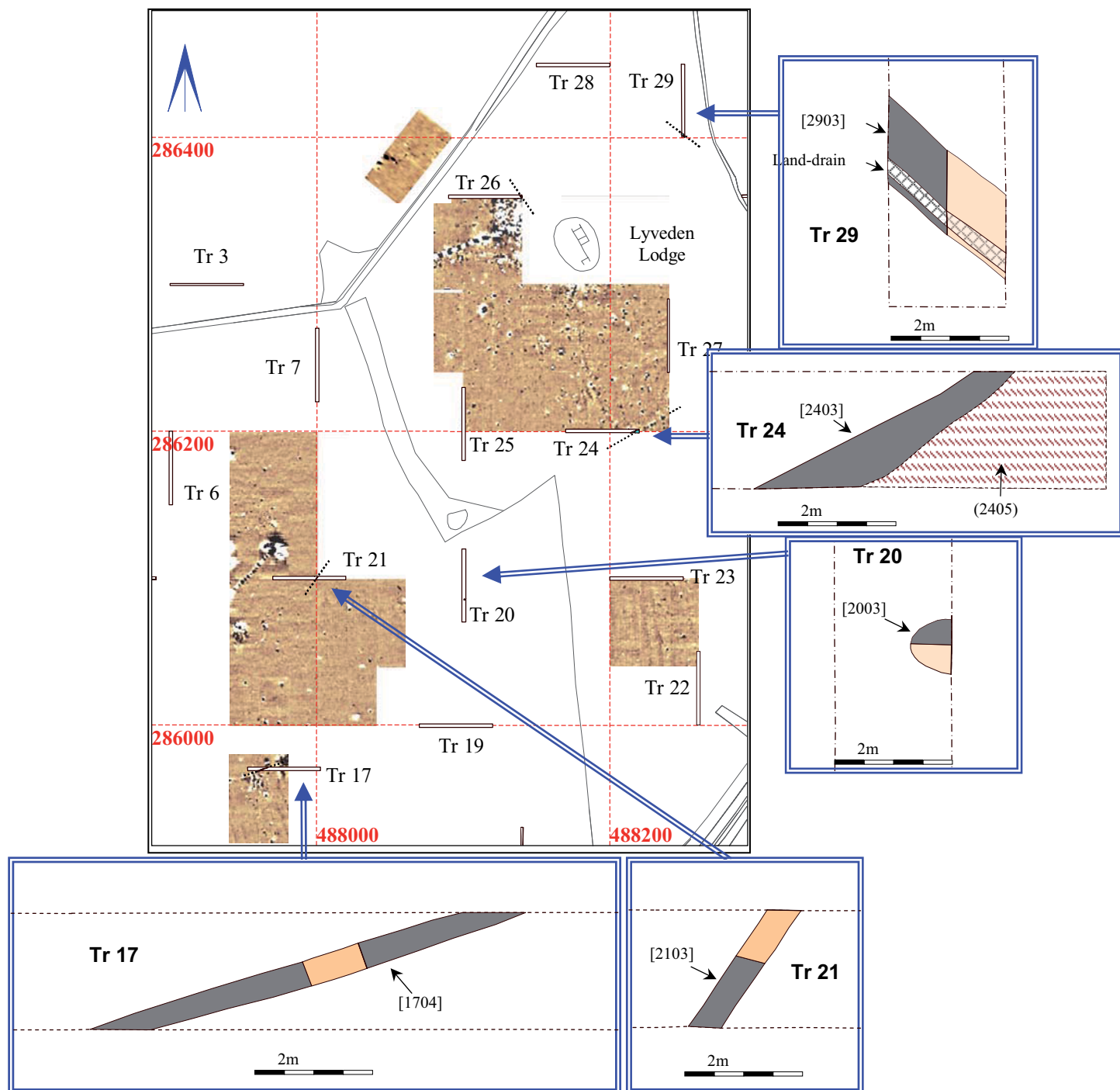


Fig. 3: Detailed trench plans