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Preface

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Structure of this Report

Section 1 serves as an introduction to the site, describing its location, archaeological background and the aims and methodology of the project. Section 2 presents the results, which are synthesised in Section 3. Section 4 is a bibliography. Detailed trench summaries are given in the Appendix 1. Appendix 2 contains photographic plates providing information on brick walls present on the site.



Key Terms

Throughout this document the following terms or abbreviations are used:

ECC Essex County Council

Client ORS plc

HER Historic Environment Record

HEM Essex County Council's Historic Environment Management

Team

IfA Institute for Archaeologists
LPA Local Planning Authority

Procedures Manual Procedures Manual Volume 1 Fieldwork, 2nd ed, 2001

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Non-Technical Summary

In March 2009, ORS plc submitted a planning application (UTT/0400/09) to Uttlesford District Council for the development of 130 residential units on land at Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden. As part of the preparations for submitting that application ORS plc commissioned Albion Archaeology to prepare an archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA). This was designed to provide baseline information to the client and it highlighted the potential for archaeological remains within the area.

Subsequently, a brief for archaeological field evaluation, in the form of trial trenching, was prepared by the Historic Environment Management Team (HEM) (ECC 2010). A Written Statement of Investigation (WSI) for the works was submitted by Albion Archaeology and approved by the HEM. The objective of the evaluation was to determine the extent, condition, date, nature and significance of any archaeological remains within the Development Area (DA).

The DA lies on the eastern edge of Saffron Walden (Figure 1) and is currently in use as arable farmland. Copt Hall Farm once occupied the north-west part of the site. It was demolished in the late 20th century. Deeds dating from 1492 (Essex County Record Office) refer to the existence of a "Copt Hall" at this location, suggesting that remains of a medieval farmstead might have been preserved at this location.

The evaluation at Ashdon Road exposed the extensive demolished remains of Copt Hall Farmhouse, located within a landscape of post-medieval boundary ditches. No traces of an earlier, medieval farmstead were revealed. Along the southern boundary of the site an ancient palaeochannel was revealed. It runs parallel to The Slade and represents a predecessor of that watercourse.



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Planning Background

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1.2 Site Location and Description

The development area (DA) lies on the eastern edge of Saffron Walden (Figure 1) and is currently in use as arable farmland. It is c. 5.35ha in size, and is centred on NGR TL 5520 3870. Copt Hall Farm once occupied part of the site (Figure 2); this farm complex was demolished in the late 20th century.

To the north, the site is bounded by Ashdon Road, to the east by wire fencing and a petrol storage depot, to the south by The Slade and to the west by a mixed hedgerow.

The geology of the area consists of superficial "head" deposits, consisting of mixed clay, silt, sand and gravel. The underlying bedrock consists of Lewes nodular chalk formation, Seaford chalk formation and undifferentiated chalk.

1.3 Archaeological Background

The archaeological potential of the DA and a wider study area (a radius of 1km around its centre point) is presented in detail in Albion's desk-based assessment (Albion Archaeology 2009).

In summary, very few archaeological remains from the prehistoric to the medieval periods were recorded within the study area. Isolated findspots of prehistoric pottery (HER 6726) and Roman pottery (HER 6727) have been catalogued by the Essex HER. A Roman silver coin (HER 264) has been found within the DA.

The DA lies at the periphery of any potential Anglo-Saxon and medieval settlement of Saffron Walden and was assessed as having low potential for remains of those periods. Copt Hall, which stood within the north-western part of the DA, is documented from 1492 onwards but may even be earlier in date



(ECC 2010). Maps show the hall, later turned into a farm, on the site until 1921. Local anecdotal evidence suggests that it was demolished in 1969/70. A sharp rise in the local topography in the north-western part of the DA suggested that sub-surface remains associated with the buildings were still present. A cropmark indicating this can be seen on Google maps

(http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&tab=wl. (Accessed on 27/8/2010).

Bordering the eastern limit of the DA is the now dismantled railway line of the Saffron Walden to Audley End Branch (HER 372). This was opened in 1865 and closed in 1964. Immediately east of the DA are the remains of a platform built in 1957 for the benefit of the Acrow Engineering Works. Part of the branch line forked to the east to an Air Ministry siding (HER 40475) that was built in 1939 to serve an underground fuel storage depot (HER 40476). The sidings and six large subterranean tanks capped by earthen banks still appear on aerial photographs.

The archaeological potential of the DA from the prehistoric to the modern periods was summarised in the desk-based assessment in the following table, which also gave an indication of the relative significance of any remains from those periods when considered on a regional/national basis. The conclusions presented within the table have only been slightly altered by the current investigation (Section 3).

Period	Potential for finding	Relative significance of
	archaeological remains	archaeological remains
	(Low, Moderate, High)	on a regional/national
		level
		(Low, Moderate, High)
Prehistoric (before AD43)	Low-Moderate	High
Roman $(AD43 - c.AD450)$	Low	High
Anglo-Saxon (c.AD450-AD1066)	Low	High
Medieval (AD1066-AD1550)	Low-Moderate	Low-moderate
Post-medieval (AD1550-AD1900)	Low	Low
Modern (AD1900-present)	Low	Low



2. TRIAL TRENCHING

2.1 Introduction

The trial trenching took place between 4th and 15th October 2010, comprising the excavation of 35 trenches on a gridded layout (Figure 2). The trenches were generally 40m long and 2.1m wide. In the north-west of the DA the trenches were targeted on the sub-surface remains of Copt Hall Farm.

A total of 5% of the c. 5.35ha DA was sampled through the trenches.

2.2 Methodology

Throughout the project the standards set out in the following documents were adhered to:

- IfA's Code of Conduct (2010)
- IfA's Standards and Guidance for Field Evaluation (2008)
- Albion Archaeology's *Procedures Manual for Archaeological Fieldwork* and the Analysis of Fieldwork Records (2001)
- English Heritage's Management of Archaeological Projects (1991)

The locations of the trenches were marked out on the ground in advance of machine excavation. Overburden was removed using a mechanical excavator, fitted with a toothless ditching bucket and operating under close archaeological supervision. The deposits were removed down to either the top of archaeological deposits or undisturbed geological deposits, whichever was encountered first. In Trench 1 and parts of Trenches 8 and 10 the demolition and subsequent capping layers on the site of the former farm exceeded a depth of 1.2m and, therefore, could not be completely removed for Health & Safety reasons.

Any potential archaeological remains were noted, cleaned, excavated by hand and recorded using Albion Archaeology's *pro forma* sheets. The trenches were subsequently drawn, and photographed as appropriate. All deposits were recorded using a unique recording number sequence commencing at 100 for Trench 1, 200 for Trench 2 *etc*. Deposits revealed during the trial trenching are summarised below.

The trenches were backfilled following the agreement of the HEM.

2.3 Overburden and Undisturbed Geological Deposits

Overburden consisted of a 0.25m thick, friable, dark brown, sandy clay with occasional small chalk fragments and flint nodules. In most trenches this overlay a colluvial subsoil, 0.10–0.45m thick, which consisted of mid orange brown silty clay with occasional to moderate flint and chalk fragments.

The exposed geological deposits consisted of white chalk gravel with patches of reddish silty gravel.



2.4 Palaeochannel

A palaeochannel, up to 15m wide and 1.15m deep, was exposed in Trenches 4, 5, 13, 14, 24, 25 and 33 (Figure 3). It contained a thick deposit of dark reddish brown sandy silt over a primary deposit of reddish brown silty gravel. The channel ran parallel to the existing watercourse along the southern perimeter of the site and most likely represents an ancient channel of that stream.

In trenches 31, 32 and 34 a sterile orange brown sandy silt, up to 0.6m thick, was removed before natural chalk and gravel were reached. The sterile nature of the deposit suggests that it formed through natural processes, rather than by human action. It could represent a continuation of the palaeochannel, even though the material was slightly different in nature to the main palaeochannel fills.

2.5 Boundary Ditches

The eastern boundary ditch of the post-medieval Copt Hall Farm was revealed on an N-S alignment in Trenches 10 and 12 (Figure 7), recorded as segments [1021] and [1202]/[1205] respectively. This boundary is clearly depicted on the 1825 Enclosure map (Figure 5) and possibly on the earlier 1777 survey (Albion 2009, fig. 3). In Trench 12, the ditch clearly displayed maintenance and re-cutting over time.

Three further boundary ditches were recorded. Ditch [1903]/[1905] was on an E-W alignment in Trench 19; ditches [2002], [3402] and [3503] were on a N-S alignment in Trenches 20, 34 and 35 respectively (Figure 4). These boundary ditches are depicted on the 1825 Enclosure map (Figure 5). By 1840 they had fallen out of use, as they are not shown on the Tithe map (Albion Archaeology 2009, fig. 5). Only the easternmost boundary ditch [3503] continued in use until the latter part of the 19th century, although it is not shown on the 25-inch OS map of 1897.

The excavated ditch segments contained artefacts dating to the post-medieval and modern periods (Section 2.7).

2.6 Copt Hall Farm

Trenches 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the north-western corner of the DA were targeted on the remains of Copt Hall Farm (Figures 2, 3 and 6). Elements of the farm were revealed in all of these trenches, as well as in Trenches 11 and 18.

Trench 1 was excavated to a depth of 1.2m. No structural remains were revealed. The trench contained a series of demolition layers consisting of chalk rubble with large fragments of concrete, decayed timber fragments, rubber tyres, metal piping, plastic sheeting and other modern debris.

At the western end of the trench this demolition debris overlay a layer of dark humic soil (103), exposed at a depth of 1.2m below present ground level (*c*. 68.8m OD). The 1879 OS map shows that Trench 1 extends into a former orchard (Figure 2) and this layer probably represents an imported garden soil.



Trenches 8, 9 and 10 also contained up to 1.2m of demolition debris. It comprised a mixture of mid orange/brown sandy clay with moderate flint nodules and brick rubble and re-deposited chalk rubble (Figure 8, Sections 1 and 2).

In situ remains of the farm buildings in the form of brick wall foundations, an internal brick surface, the remains of a well and external concrete yard surfaces were exposed within Trenches 8, 9, 10 and 11 (Figures 6, 8, 9, 10).

Most exposed wall segments match well with walls depicted on the 1897 OS map (Figure 7). There are a few exceptions — most notably walls [1011] and [1029] in Trench 10 and wall [815] in Trench 8 which do not appear on the 1897 map. These are internal walls and were, therefore, probably not surveyed. It is unlikely that they represent walls of an earlier farm building.

Trench 7, located to the south of the main farm complex, contained two shallow and very straight gullies, interspersed with postholes, which may have formed the foundations for outhouses and barn buildings, related to Copt Hall Farm (Figures 6 and 9). The dark fill of the gullies and postholes contained remains of very soft, rotten wood, which suggests that the buildings were built of timber.

Two of the postholes had a very distinctive, dark post-pipe, with remains of rotten timber posts, set within a large, sub-rectangular post-pit filled with redeposited chalk (Figure 9). These postholes were part of the suggested barn building and may represent large corner posts. Postholes of a similar nature were also recorded in Trench 10, parallel to a brick wall. They may represent the remains of a lean-to, outhouses or sheds.

Postholes [710] and [712] (Figure 10) and a short gully [705] with a terminus to the north had distinctively lighter and more compact clayey fills than the relatively modern features discussed above (Figure 6). The gully was truncated by the wall foundation for one of the barn buildings. The function of these features is unclear. It is possible that they were related to an earlier phase of building at the farm.

Within in the core area of the farmstead, undisturbed geological deposits were only exposed in Trench 9 at a depth of 1.20m below present ground level. Section 1 on Figure 8 illustrates the depth of the surviving *in situ* remains.

2.7 Artefacts

The evaluation produced a finds assemblage comprising mainly pottery and ceramic building material of post-medieval and later date.

2.7.1 Pottery and ceramic building material

Eleven pottery sherds, weighing 87g, were recovered. Post-medieval ditch [3503] yielded single undiagnostic sherds of glazed earthenware, brown salt-glazed stoneware and creamware (total weight 19g). Modern features [911] and



[1905] contained white salt-glazed stoneware, German stoneware from Westerwald, and five sherds from a creamware plate (total weight 68g).

Ceramic building material comprises sixteen sand-tempered, post-medieval peg tile fragments (814g) and two contemporary pieces of brick (175g), recovered from ditches [1205], [1905], and [3503]. Roof tiles range in thickness from 14-17mm, and the presence of square holes on some fragments indicates the use of iron nails as a means of attachment. Mortar along the broken edge of one piece indicates reuse. The moulded brick fragments measure between 35-40mm in thickness, and may derive from paviours/floor tiles. They are abraded and mortared, indicating use.

2.7.2 Other finds

Post-medieval ditch [3503] yielded a clay pipe stem, a piece of modern roofing slate and a neck fragment from a cylindrical wine bottle, the latter datable to the late 17th–19th centuries. A wine bottle sherd of indeterminate form and a body sherd from a late 18th–early 20th-century moulded octagonal glass bottle derived from ditch [1205]. A wine bottle rim (Noel Hume type 21) datable from 1770–1800 was recovered from modern ditch [1905]. Modern pit [911] yielded an incomplete, wire wound, headed sewing pin. The object has a moulded head and white metal plating, and is likely to be of post-medieval date.

2.7.3 Ecofacts

An incomplete pig skeleton (1.2kg) of probable post-medieval or later date was recovered from pit [702]. Modern pit [911] yielded nine abraded long bone fragments (37g) probably deriving from a sheep.

Tr.	Feature	Description	Context	Spot date*	Finds Summary	
7	702	Pit	703	Undated	Animal bone (1.2kg)	
9	911	Pit	912	Modern	Pottery (46g); animal bone (37g);	
					copper alloy sewing pin	
12	1205	Ditch	1207	Post-medieval	Ceramic roof tile (155g); vessel glass (16g)	
19	1905	Ditch	1906	Modern	Pottery (22g); ceramic roof tile & brick (650g);	
					vessel glass (40g)	
35	3503	Ditch	3504	Post-medieval	Pottery (19g); ceramic roof tile (184g); clay pipe (8g);	
					vessel glass (10g); roofing slate (25g)	

^{* -} spot date based on date of latest artefact in context

Table 1: Artefact summary by trench and feature



3. SYNTHESIS

The bulk of the remains encountered during the evaluation relate to demolition layers and sub-surface remains associated with Copt Hall Farm. The farmhouse was set within a landscape of (associated) post-medieval boundary ditches.

All excavated remains of the farm consisted of brick walls and surfaces, concrete yard surfaces and modern service pipes. Collectively these date to the modern period. The only potential exceptions comprise two postholes [710] and [712] and a short gully [705]. These were stratigraphically earlier than the majority of the structural remains and could represent the remains of earlier structures on the site. However, no datable artefactual material was retrieved from them, and their function and precise date of use remain unclear. It is not possible to associate them with the "Copt Hall" referred to in deeds dating to 1492.

Local anecdotal evidence suggests that the farm was demolished in 1969/70. There was relatively little brick rubble on the site, suggesting that the brick was most likely taken off site to be disposed of or re-used elsewhere. All the surviving *in situ* walls seem to have been cut off at ground level, leaving some external concrete and internal brick surfaces in place, but disturbing and uprooting others. The structural remains of the farm complex occur at *c*. 70m OD.

The site was not completely cleared following demolition; layers of rubble were revealed in almost every trench in the north-western corner of the DA. There is also a marked rise in the topography in this corner of the field due to the presence of this "made" ground. It is possible that some of the material was piled up and moved towards the western boundary of the DA as the demolition layers in Trench 1 were particularly thick and mixed with more general rubbish.

In summary, the results of the evaluation have allowed a re-appraisal of earlier (Albion Archaeology 2009) predictions about the potential of this site to contain significant remains. The table below summarises the revised archaeological potential of the DA:

Period	Potential for finding	Relative significance of
	archaeological remains	archaeological remains
	(Low, Moderate, High)	on a regional/national
		level
		(Low, Moderate, High)
Prehistoric (before AD43)	Low	High
Roman $(AD43 - c.AD450)$	Low	High
Anglo-Saxon (c.AD450-AD1066)	Low	High
Medieval (AD1066-AD1550)	Low	Low - moderate
Post-medieval (AD1550-AD1900)	High	Low
Modern (AD1900-present)	High	Low



Essentially, the DA contains remains of post-medieval / modern date which are only of local significance.



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5. APPENDIX 1 – TRENCH SUMMARIES



Max Dimensions: Length: 36.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 1.2 m. Max: 1.2 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 54993: Northing: 38804)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55029: Northing: 38804)

Reason: To target and evaluate the sub-surface remains of Copt Hall Farm.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Fin	nds Present:
100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
101	Make up layer	Friable mid brown white silty chalk	✓	
102	Demolition layer	Loose dark grey brown clay silt moderate small-medium ceramic building material, moderate large concrete, moderate small-medium stones Also contains lumps of wood, fragmented wooden beams, rubber tyres, plastic sheeting, metal pipes.	✓	
103	Buried topsoil	Friable dark brown clay silt Garden soil in base of trench.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.65 m. Max: 1.2 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55008: Northing: 38787)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55008: Northing: 38747)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Fine	ds Present:
200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
201	Buried topsoil	Firm mid orange brown clay silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small stones	✓	
202	Subsoil	Firm dark brown grey clay silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small stones Only located in northern half of trench. Most likely same as (103), buried garden soil.	✓	
203	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.77 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 54988: Northing: 38732)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55028: Northing: 38732)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds	Present:
300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
301	Subsoil	Firm mid grey brown clay silt with moderate flecks of chalk and occasional small stones.	✓	
302	Palaeochannel	Firm mid orange brown clay silt with moderate medium to large stones. Edge of palaeochannel deposit	✓	
303	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.35 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55028: Northing: 38696)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55068: Northing: 38696)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Present:
500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	
501	Palaeochannel	Friable mid to dark reddish brown sandy silt with occasional to moderate small stones.	V



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.25 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55048: Northing: 38711)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55048: Northing: 38751)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Preser	nt:
600	Palaeochannel	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
601	Palaeochannel	Friable mid to dark reddish brown sandy silt with occasional to moderate small stones.	✓	
602	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55028: Northing: 38766)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55068: Northing: 38766)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small chalk, occasional small stones	✓	
701	Natural	White chalk Chalk.		
702	Pit	Sub-oval N-S sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, max depth 0.1m, max length 1.m Cuts end of gully [705]. Burial pit.	✓	
703	Fill	Friable mid orange brown sandy clay moderate small chalk, moderate small stones Fill of [702]. Similar to fill (707) of gully [705].	✓	\checkmark
704	Animal skeleton	Articulated animal skeleton (piglet) with head in north (not retained). Not all limbs and long bones survived. Truncated by [708].	✓	
705	Gulley	Linear NE-SW sides: steep base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.45m, max depth 0.18m, max length 0.75m Irregular rounded terminus in NE. Function unclear. Seems to be earlier than the clearly 20th remains nearby.	✓	
706	Fill	Dark brown clay silt moderate small chalk Lower fill of gully [705]. Unclear whether this is root disturbance.	~	
707	Fill	Friable mid orange brown clay silt moderate flecks chalk, moderate small stones Main fill of gully [705]. Natural infill, no finds.	✓	
708	Gulley	Linear E-W base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.3m, max depth 0.05m, max length 15.m Very shallow 'scoop' shaped profile. Foundation gully for a lightweight building. Has very shallow post pads along its length.	✓	
709	Fill	Loose dark brown sandy clay moderate small chalk, moderate small stones Fill of [708]. Natural decay and infill of 'imprint' of building with topsoil, possibly after its removal.		
710	Posthole	Rectangular sides: vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.45m, max depth 0.18m, max length 0.43m Rounded corners. Lighter fill seems to suggest earlier date than the dark brown 20th century remains. But no finds so date unclear.	✓	
711	Fill	Loose mid orange brown clay silt frequent small chalk, frequent small stones Some root disturbance. Natural infill. Posthole, pair with [712].	e 🗸	
712	Posthole	Rectangular sides: vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.45m, max diameter 0.14m, max length 0.4m Rounded corners, some root disturbace. Posthole, pair with [710].	✓	
713	Fill	Loose mid orange brown clay silt frequent small chalk, frequent small stones	✓	
714	Gulley	Curving linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 0.3m, max length 2.5m, min length 2.m EW curving at 90 degrees to NS alignment. Rectangular gully, forms a structure with postholes [716] and [718] to the West.		
715	Fill	Loose dark brown clay silt moderate small chalk Moderate fragments of soft decayed wood. Fill of [714]. Decay of structure in-situ and mixing with topsoil.		
717	Fill	Friable dark brown clay silt occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, moderate small stones Deposit of posthole [716]. Rotting in situ.	✓	
718	Postpipe	Circular sides: vertical dimensions: max breadth 0.4m, min depth 0.3m, max length 0.45m Not fully excavated. Forms a structure with posthole [716] and gully [714].	x	
719	Fill	Friable dark brown clay silt occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, moderate small stones Large remains of wooden post in South edge of feature. Fill of postpipe (718). Rotting of post in situ.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55028: Northing: 38766)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55068: Northing: 38766)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Present:
720	Pit	Sub-rectangular N-S dimensions: max breadth 6.4m, max length 2.1m Fills seem to sterile to be related to farm but could be quarry for construction-capping materials. Large pit-like feature- unexcavated.	
721	Fill	Compact mid orange brown silty clay frequent large chalk Deliberate infill of large feature [720].	
722	Fill	Friable mid orange brown sandy silt occasional small chalk, moderate small stones Main fill of large feature [720].	
723	Postpipe	Rectangular dimensions: max breadth 0.6m, max length 0.6m Not excavated. Construction cut for postpipe [716].	
716	Postpipe	Circular sides: vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.3m, max depth 0.22m max length 0.4m Post-pipe within a larger construction cut [723]. Posthole, part of structure with gully [714] and posthole [718].	
724	Fill	Compact light brown white silty chalk Very similar to surrounding natural, slightl brown colour due to mixing with silt and dark band around edges. Deliberate post packing with natural re-deposited chalk.	у 🗆 🗆
725	Postpipe	Rectangular dimensions: max breadth 1.1m, max length 1.05m Unexcavated. Cut construction for postpipe [718].	
726	Packing	Compact light brown white silty chalk Very similar to surrounding natural, slightlight brown colour due to mixing with silt and dark band around edges. Deliberate post packing with compacted chalk.	у 🗆



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.8 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55049: Northing: 38774)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55049: Northing: 38820)

Reason: To target and evaluate the sub-surface remains of Copt Hall Farm.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Pr	esent:
800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small chalk, occasional small stones	✓	
801	Natural	Chalk.		
802	Make up layer	White chalk Redeposited chalk, capping layer over demolition material.	✓	
803	Make up layer	White chalk Redeposited chalk, capping layer over demolition material.	✓	
804	Make up layer	Compact mid orange brown sandy clay occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, moderate small stones Dumped material including some demolition rubble. Capping of demolished farm.	V	
805	Dump material	Friable mid orange brown silty clay occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, occasional small stones Capping/dumped layer over demolished farm.	V	
806	Dump material	Friable light orange brown silty clay moderate medium ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, occasional small stones Dump layer of redeposited subsoil mixed with some demolition material. Covers remains of farm.	✓	
807	Dump material	Sandy clay occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, moderate small stones Dump layer, see (805) and (806).	✓	
808	Dump material	Silty clay occasional flecks chalk Clayey dump layer over demolished remains of Copt Hall Farm.	✓	
809	Demolition layer	Mid orange brown sandy clay moderate medium ceramic building material Disturbed brick structure. Demolition layer.	✓	
810	Brickwork	Brick, machine made standard, disturbed, only visible in section. Remains of a demolished brick structure.	✓	
811	Dump material	Loose light brown white silty chalk moderate medium ceramic building material, moderate small sand Plastic sheeting present. Dump layer over demolished farm remains.	V	
812	Service Trench	Irregular dimensions: max breadth 1.m, max depth 0.2m In section only, irregular linear. Service trench.	✓	
813	Fill	Loose moderate medium ceramic building material, moderate medium stones Metapipe. Fill of [812]. Modern service pipe (disused 1970).	ıl 🗸	
814	Brickwork	Brick wall.		
815	Brickwork	Brick wall.		
816	Brickwork	Brick wall, stub, pad.		
817	Demolition layer	Loose dark brown sandy silt frequent medium ceramic building material Metal wheel and bicycle present		
818	Demolition layer	Dark brown black sandy silt occasional medium ceramic building material, frequent medium charcoal Frequent coal and burnt wood fragments, occasional cinders. Demolition feature.		
819	Concrete	Cemented Concrete, disturbed and truncated by demolition activity.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 1.2 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55030: Northing: 38820)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55070: Northing: 38820)

Reason: To target and evaluate the sub-surface remains of Copt Hall Farm.

Topsoil Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones	Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
Wall N.S aligned brick wall with crumbly light beige lime mortar. Only foundtion, no coursing visible.	900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones	V	
Nest aligned brick wall with crumbly light beige lime mortar. Only foundtion,	901	Natural	Chalk		
Internal surface Thin yellow bricks laid on edge. Surface heavily disturbed by demolition of farm. Lies between walls (803) and (804).	903	Wall			
Demolition layer	904	Wall			
material, frequent small charcoal, frequent small-medium stones Also contains frequent fragments of wood, iron rods and demolition debris. Posthole Circular sides: vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.63m, max depth 0.38m, max length 0.56m Compact chalk moderate small ceramic building material Post packing. Post was keyed into wall (804). Pit Sub-rectangular sides: 45 degrees base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.15m, max depth 0.3m, max length 0.2m Post pipe. Pit Sub-rectangular sides: 45 degrees base: flat dimensions: max breadth Pit Louis max depth 0.16m, max depth 0.16m, max length 1.4m Possible post pad due to flat bricks set into base of pit. Pit Pitable mid grey brown sandy clay moderate medium ceramic building material, frequent fleeks chalk, frequent medium chalk, moderate fleeks charcoal, moderate small charcoal, moderate small stones Deliberate infilit with demolition material. Pitable mid yellow brown sandy clay frequent fleeks chalk, moderate small stones Re-deposited subsoil. Pitable mid yellow brown sandy clay frequent fleeks chalk, moderate small stones Re-deposited subsoil. Pitable mid yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium ceramic building material, occasional small-medium stones Chalk capping. Re-deposited geological deposit, near sterile. Pitable mid yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium ceramic building material, frequent medium chalk, moderate small stones Disase capping of well. Pitable mid yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium ceramic building material, frequent small chalk, moderate small stones Disase capping of well. Pitable mid yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium natural flint cobbles. No Pitable mid yellow brown sandy clay moderate small stones Disase capping of well. Pitable mid yellow brown sandy cla	905	Internal surface	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
depth 0.38m, max length 0.56m	906	Demolition layer	material, frequent small charcoal, frequent small-medium stones Also	✓	
Fill Friable mid grey sandy clay occasional small-medium charcoal Decayed post in situ. Post was keyed into wall (804).	907	Posthole		✓	
Post was keyed into wall (804). Postpipe Square sides: vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.15m, max depth 0.3m, max length 0.2m Post pipe. Sub-rectangular sides: 45 degrees base: flat dimensions: max breadth 1.104m, max depth 0.15m, max length 1.4m Possible post pad due to flat bricks set into base of pit. Fill Friable mid grey brown sandy clay moderate medium ceranic building material, frequent flecks chalk, frequent medium chalk, moderate flecks charcoal, moderate small charcoal, moderate small stones Deliberate infill with demolition material. Priable mid yellow brown sandy clay frequent flecks chalk, moderate small stones Re-deposited subsoil. Compact chalk occasional medium ceramic building material, occasional small-medium stones Chalk capping. Re-deposited geological deposit, near sterile. Well Circular masonry. Well. Compact light yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium ceramic building material, frequent small chalk, moderate small stones Disuse capping of well. Wall Square red brick with compact but crumbly beige lime mortar, no coursing visible, only foundation. Wall Linear, E-W aligned red brick wall. No coursing visible. Wall Linear, Salligned, made of small and medium natural flint cobbles. No coursing visible, only foundation. Abuts wall (919) in north. Wall Rectangular pad made of red and yellow brick bonded with lime mortar. No coursing, only foundation.	908	Fill	Compact chalk moderate small ceramic building material Post packing.	✓	
Pit Sub-rectangular sides: 45 degrees base: flat dimensions: max breadth 1.04m, max depth 0.16m, max length 1.4m Possible post pad due to flat bricks set into base of pit. Fill Friable mid grey brown sandy clay moderate medium ceramic building material, frequent flecks ethalk, frequent medium chalk, moderate flecks charcoal, moderate small charcoal, moderate small stones Deliberate infill with demolition material. Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay frequent flecks chark, moderate small stones Re-deposited subsoil. Plump material Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay frequent flecks chalk, moderate small stones Re-deposited subsoil. Compact chalk occasional medium ceramic building material, occasional small-medium stones Chalk capping. Re-deposited geological deposit, near sterile. Circular masonry. Well. Circular masonry. Well. Compact light yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium ceramic building material, frequent small chalk, moderate small stones Disuse capping of well. Make up layer Compact mid orange brown clay frequent small chalk Mall Square red brick with compact but crumbly beige lime mortar, no coursing visible, only foundation. Mall Linear, E-W aligned, made of small and medium natural flint cobbles. No coursing visible, only foundation. Abuts wall (919) in north. Rectangular pad made of red and yellow brick bonded with lime mortar. No coursing, only foundation. Posthole Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max length 0.6m Modern. Only partially excavated, not bottomed.	909	Fill		tu.	
1.04m, max depth 0.16m, max length 1.4m Possible post pad due to flat bricks set into base of pit.	910	Postpipe		✓	
frequent flecks chalk, frequent medium chalk, moderate flecks charcoal, moderate small charcoal, moderate small stones Deliberate infill with demolition material. Priable mid yellow brown sandy clay frequent flecks chalk, moderate small stones Re-deposited subsoil. Dump material Compact chalk occasional medium ceramic building material, occasional small-medium stones Chalk capping. Re-deposited geological deposit, near sterile. Priable Circular masonry. Well.	911	Pit	1.04m, max depth 0.16m, max length 1.4m Possible post pad due to flat	✓	
stones Re-deposited subsoil. 914 Dump material Compact chalk occasional medium ceramic building material, occasional small-medium stones Chalk capping. Re-deposited geological deposit, near sterile. 915 Well Circular masonry. Well. 916 Fill Compact light yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium ceramic building material, frequent small chalk, moderate small stones Disuse capping of well. 917 Make up layer Compact mid orange brown clay frequent small chalk 918 Wall Square red brick with compact but crumbly beige lime mortar, no coursing visible, only foundation. 919 Wall Linear, E-W aligned red brick wall. No coursing visible. 920 Wall Linear, N-S alligned, made of small and medium natural flint cobbles. No coursing visible, only foundation. Abuts wall (919) in north. 921 Wall Rectangular pad made of red and yellow brick bonded with lime mortar. No coursing, only foundation. 922 Posthole Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max length 0.6m Modern. Only partially excavated, not bottomed.	912	Fill	frequent flecks chalk, frequent medium chalk, moderate flecks charcoal, moderate	✓	✓
small-medium stones Chalk capping. Re-deposited geological deposit, near sterile. 915 Well Circular masonry. Well. 916 Fill Compact light yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium ceramic building material, frequent small chalk, moderate small stones Disuse capping of well. 917 Make up layer Compact mid orange brown clay frequent small chalk 918 Wall Square red brick with compact but crumbly beige lime mortar, no coursing visible, only foundation. 919 Wall Linear, E-W aligned red brick wall. No coursing visible. 920 Wall Linear, N-S alligned, made of small and medium natural flint cobbles. No coursing visible, only foundation. Abuts wall (919) in north. 921 Wall Rectangular pad made of red and yellow brick bonded with lime mortar. No coursing, only foundation. 922 Posthole Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max length 0.6m Modern. Only partially excavated, not bottomed.	913	Dump material		✓	
916 Fill Compact light yellow brown sandy clay moderate small-medium ceramic building material, frequent small chalk, moderate small stones Disuse capping of well. 917 Make up layer Compact mid orange brown clay frequent small chalk 918 Wall Square red brick with compact but crumbly beige lime mortar, no coursing visible, only foundation. 919 Wall Linear, E-W aligned red brick wall. No coursing visible. 920 Wall Linear, N-S alligned, made of small and medium natural flint cobbles. No coursing visible, only foundation. Abuts wall (919) in north. 921 Wall Rectangular pad made of red and yellow brick bonded with lime mortar. No coursing, only foundation. 922 Posthole Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max length 0.6m Modern. Only partially excavated, not bottomed.	914	Dump material	small-medium stones Chalk capping. Re-deposited geological deposit, near	✓	
material, frequent small chalk, moderate small stones Disuse capping of well. 917 Make up layer Compact mid orange brown clay frequent small chalk 918 Wall Square red brick with compact but crumbly beige lime mortar, no coursing visible, only foundation. 919 Wall Linear, E-W aligned red brick wall. No coursing visible. 920 Wall Linear, N-S alligned, made of small and medium natural flint cobbles. No coursing visible, only foundation. Abuts wall (919) in north. 921 Wall Rectangular pad made of red and yellow brick bonded with lime mortar. No coursing, only foundation. 922 Posthole Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max length 0.6m Modern. Only partially excavated, not bottomed.	915	Well	Circular masonry. Well.		
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visible, only foundation. 919 Wall Linear, E-W aligned red brick wall. No coursing visible. 920 Wall Linear, N-S alligned, made of small and medium natural flint cobbles. No coursing visible, only foundation. Abuts wall (919) in north. 921 Wall Rectangular pad made of red and yellow brick bonded with lime mortar. No coursing, only foundation. 922 Posthole Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max length 0.6m Modern. Only partially excavated, not bottomed.	917	Make up layer	Compact mid orange brown clay frequent small chalk	✓	
920 Wall Linear, N-S alligned, made of small and medium natural flint cobbles. No coursing visible, only foundation. Abuts wall (919) in north. 921 Wall Rectangular pad made of red and yellow brick bonded with lime mortar. No coursing, only foundation. 922 Posthole Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max length 0.6m Modern. Only partially excavated, not bottomed.	918	Wall	, , ,		
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coursing, only foundation. 922 Posthole Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max length 0.6m Modern. Only partially excavated, not bottomed.	920	Wall	, 9 ,		
partially excavated, not bottomed.	921	Wall			
923 Fill Brick lining, forming a square with a hole in the middle. Post packing.	922	Posthole	, ,	<u>✓</u>	
	923	Fill	Brick lining, forming a square with a hole in the middle. Post packing.	✓	



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 1.2 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55030: Northing: 38820)

> OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55070: Northing: 38820)

Reason: To target and evaluate the sub-surface remains of Copt Hall Farm.

Context: Type: **Description: Excavated: Finds Present:**

924 Fill

Loose mid yellow brown silty sand moderate small ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, moderate small stones Contained soft decayed wood near base.

In situ rotting of post.



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.7 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55058: Northing: 38804)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55108: Northing: 38804)

Reason: To target and evaluate the sub-surface remains of Copt Hall Farm.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1000	Wall	N-S aligned brick wall. Orange brick with light beige mortar.		
1001	Demolition layer	Loose light brown grey clay sand moderate small-medium ceramic building material, moderate flecks charcoal, moderate small stones Demolition rubble	✓	
1002	Dump material	Compact mid grey brown sandy clay frequent small-medium ceramic building material, frequent small chalk, frequent small stones	✓	
1003	Make up layer	Compact light grey brown sandy clay frequent small chalk, frequent small stones	✓	
1004	Topsoil	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt occasional small stones Topsoil.	✓	
1005	Posthole	Circular sides: vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.66m, max depth 0.45m, max length 0.6m	✓	
1006	Fill	Friable light grey silty chalk	✓	
1007	Postpipe	Friable dark brown black silt	✓	
1008	Internal surface	Concrete		
1009	Wall	Brick wall on N-S alignment.		
1010	Wall	Brick wall on N-S alignment.		
1011	Wall	Brick wall on E-W alignment. Extends throughout most of Trench 10. Only very bottom of foundation remains.		
1012	Posthole	Sub-rectangular dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, max length 0.6m		
1013	Fill	Friable light grey silty chalk Post packing.		
1026	Postpipe	Decayed wooden post in situ.		
1014	Posthole	Sub-rectangular dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, max length 0.6m		
1015	Fill	Friable mid grey silty chalk Post packing.		
1027	Postpipe	Decayed wooden post in situ.		
1016	Posthole	Circular dimensions: max diameter 0.35m		
1017	Fill	Friable dark grey brown sandy silt		
1018	Demolition layer	Loose mid brown sandy silt occasional small-medium ceramic building material, frequent medium chalk		
1019	Demolition layer	Friable mid brown sandy silt occasional small-medium ceramic building material, frequent medium chalk		
1020	Demolition layer	Friable mid brown sandy silt occasional small-medium ceramic building material, frequent medium chalk		
1021	Ditch	Linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 1.95m, min length 2.1m		
1022	Fill	Friable mid grey brown clay silt moderate flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones		
1023	Demolition layer	Friable mid brown sandy silt occasional small-medium ceramic building material, frequent medium chalk		
1024	Demolition layer	Mixture of black charcoal silty sand, white chalk rubble and redeposited mid brown sand silt wit occasional tile and brick fragments. Mixture of several demolition layers.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.7 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55058: Northing: 38804)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55108: Northing: 38804)

Reason: To target and evaluate the sub-surface remains of Copt Hall Farm.

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Pre	sent:
1025	Demolition layer	Compact light brown white chalk External dump. Capping with redeposited chalk.		
1028	Natural	White chalk Chalk with patches of orange sand and gravel.		
1029	Wall			



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 4. m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55088: Northing: 38787)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55088: Northing: 38747)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Present	t :
1100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V]
1101	Natural	Chalk.		Ī



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.45 m. Max: 0.45 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55068: Northing: 38732)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55108: Northing: 38732)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones	✓	
1201	Subsoil	Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small stones	V	
1202	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.97m, max depth 0.27m, min length 2.1m	V	
1203	Fill	Friable mid grey brown clay silt moderate flecks chalk, occasional small-medium stones	✓	
1204	Layer	Compact white chalk		
1205	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.24m, max depth 0.2m, min length 2.1m Only eastern side fully visible, stepped profile.	✓	
1206	Fill	Friable mid grey brown clay silt frequent flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones	✓	
1207	Fill	Firm mid grey brown clay silt occasional small stones	✓	✓
1208	Natural	Chalk,		



Max Dimensions: Length: 36.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.45 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55088: Northing: 38717)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55088: Northing: 38681)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Present:
1300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V
1301	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional to moderate flint fragments.	✓
1302	Palaeochannel	Friable mid to dark reddish brown sandy silt with occasional to moderate small stones.	V
1303	Palaeochannel	Silty flint gravel.	V
1304	Natural	Chalk.	



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.8 m. Max: 0.8 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55108: Northing: 38696)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55148: Northing: 38696)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Pr	esent:
1400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
1401	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional to moderate flint fragments.	✓	
1402	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.35 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55128: Northing: 38711)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55128: Northing: 38751)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Preser	ıt:
1500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V	
1501	Natural	Chalk.		J



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.48 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55108: Northing: 38766)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55148: Northing: 38766)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Present:
1600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	
1601	Subsoil	Friable mid orange sandy clay with occasional small stones and chalk fragments.	V



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.35 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55128: Northing: 38781)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55128: Northing: 38821)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones	✓	
1701	Natural	Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small stones Chalk.		
1702	Demolition layer	Friable mid grey brown sandy clay occasional small-medium ceramic building material, moderate small chalk, occasional large concrete, occasional small-medium stones		
1703	External surface	Concrete		
1704	Posthole	Rectangular dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max length 0.9m Unexcavated. Modern.		
1705	Fill	Friable mid grey brown sandy silt occasional small ceramic building material, occasional small stones Also contains occasional fragments of mortar.		
1706	Posthole	Rectangular dimensions: max breadth 0.4m, max length 0.4m		
1707	Fill	Friable mid grey brown sandy silt occasional small ceramic building material, occasional small chalk, occasional small stones Large fragment of wooden post in centre of fill.		
1708	Wall	Only two courses survive. Most likely header-stretcher bond.		
1709	Posthole	Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.25m, max length 0.3m		
1710	Fill	Friable mid grey brown sandy silt occasional small-medium burnt stones, occasional small chalk, occasional small stones Large fragment of a wooden post survives in centre of fill.	ıl 🗆	
1711	Posthole	Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.25m, max length 0.3m		
1712	Fill	Friable mid grey brown sandy silt occasional small-medium ceramic building material, occasional small chalk, occasional small stones		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.2 m. Max: 0.2 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55108: Northing: 38836)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55148: Northing: 38836)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated:	Finds Present:
1800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones		
1801	Natural	White chalk		
1802	Quarry	Linear E-W dimensions: min breadth 2.1m, min depth 1.m, min length 12.4m Only eastern edge visible in trench.	✓	
1803	Fill	Friable mid orange brown sandy clay moderate small chalk	✓	
1804	Fill	Friable mid orange brown sandy clay occasional small ceramic building material, moderate flecks chalk	✓	
1805	Posthole	Rectangular dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, max length 0.55m		
1806	Fill	Friable dark orange brown sandy clay occasional small ceramic building material, moderate small stones Also contains fragments of wood. In-situ decay of post.		
1807	Fill	Compact light brown white chalk Possible post packing.		
1808	Posthole	Rectangular dimensions: max breadth 0.35m, max length 0.38m		
1809	Fill	Compact mid brown white chalk Contains large central fragment of wood. Surviving post with chalk post packing.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.2 m. Max: 0.35 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55168: Northing: 38842)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55168: Northing: 38812)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds	inds Present:
1900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones	✓	
1901	Subsoil	Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small stones	✓	
1902	Natural	Compact white chalk Chalk with patches or orange sand.	✓	
1903	Ditch	Linear E-W sides: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.48m, max depth 0.32m, min length 1.m	✓	
1904	Fill	Firm mid yellow brown silty clay frequent flecks chalk, moderate small chalk	✓	
1905	Fill	Linear E-W sides: near vertical base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.06m, max depth 0.35m, min length 2.1m	✓	
1906	Fill	Firm mid grey brown clay silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones	✓	✓



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.25 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55148: Northing: 38802)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55188: Northing: 38802)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Pi	resent:
2000	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
2001	Natural	Chalk,		
2002	Ditch	Linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 0.35m, min length 2.1m		
2003	Fill	Firm mid grey brown clay silt occasional flecks chalk, occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.25 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55168: Northing: 38787)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (*Easting: 55168: Northing: 38747*)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Presen	t:
2100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V	Ī
2101	Natural	Chalk.		T



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55148: Northing: 38732)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55188: Northing: 38732)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Present	i:
2200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V	Ī
2201	Natural	Chalk.		Ţ



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55168: Northing: 38717)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (*Easting: 55168: Northing: 38677*)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Pr	esent:
2300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
2301	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional to moderate flint fragments.	✓	
2302	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.35 m. Max: 0.35 m.

Co-ordinates:

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Prese	ent:
2400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V	
2401	Palaeochannel	Mid to dark reddish brown sandy silt with occasional to moderate small stones.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 36.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.45 m. Max: 1.1 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55208: Northing: 38652)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55208: Northing: 38688)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds	Present:
2500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones	✓	
2501	Subsoil	Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small stones	✓	
2504	Palaeochannel	Linear E-W sides: irregular base: flat dimensions: max breadth 15.2m, max diameter 1.05m, min length 2.1m	✓	
2502	Fill	Friable mid red brown sandy silt moderate small stones, occasional small stones	✓	
2503	Fill	Compact mid red brown silty gravel		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55188: Northing: 38696)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55228: Northing: 38696)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Pr	esent:
2600	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
2601	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional to moderate flint fragments.	✓	
2602	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.45 m. Max: 0.45 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55208: Northing: 38711)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55208: Northing: 38751)

Context	: Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Prese	ent:
2700	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V	
2701	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional to moderate flint fragments.	✓	
2702	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55188: Northing: 38766)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55228: Northing: 38766)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Prese	ent:
2800	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V	
2801	Subsoil	Friable mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional small stones and chalk fragments.	✓	
2802	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.45 m. Max: 0.55 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55208: Northing: 38781)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55208: Northing: 38821)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds P	Present:
2900	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
2901	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional to moderate flint fragments.	✓	
2902	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 24.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 1. m. Max: 1.2 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55008: Northing: 38717)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55008: Northing: 38693)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Presen	t:
400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V	
401	Palaeochannel	Friable mid to dark reddish brown sandy silt with occasional to moderate small stones.	V	Ī
402	Palaeochannel	Silty flint gravel. Base fill of palaeochannel.	V	I
403	Natural	Chalk.		丁



Max Dimensions: Length: 37.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.25 m. Max: 0.25 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55250: Northing: 38733)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55250: Northing: 38736)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Presen	t:
3000	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	V	<u> </u>
3001	Natural	Chalk.	✓	T



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55230: Northing: 38726)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55270: Northing: 38726)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Pres	sent:
3100	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
3101	Subsoil	Mid orange brown clayey silt with occasional small stones and chalk fragments.	✓	
3102	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.6 m. Max: 0.65 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55250: Northing: 38716)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55250: Northing: 38676)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds	Present:
3200	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.	✓	
3201	Subsoil	Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small stones	✓	
3202	Redeposited natural	Light to mid orange brown sandy clay with occasional small stones. Fill of a large geological feature.	✓	
3203	Natural	Chalk.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55223: Northing: 38662)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (*Easting: 55255: Northing: 38662*)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Present:	
3300	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay with occasional small stones and fragments of chalk.		
3301	Palaeochannel	Firm mid reddish brown sandy silt with occasional small stones.		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55292: Northing: 38711)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55292: Northing: 38751)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Finds Present:		
3400	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones	V		
3401	Natural	Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small stones Chalk.			
3402	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.9m, max depth 0.25m, min length 2.1m	V		
3403	Fill	Firm mid grey brown sandy silt frequent flecks chalk, occasional small stones	✓		



Max Dimensions: Length: 40.00 m. Width: 2.10 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.28 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55272: Northing: 38766)

OS Grid Ref.: TL (Easting: 55312: Northing: 38766)

Context:	Type:	Description:	Excavated: Fi	nds Present:
3500	Topsoil	Friable dark brown sandy clay occasional small stones	✓	
3501	Subsoil	Friable mid yellow brown sandy clay occasional small stones	V	
3502	Natural	Compact white chalk Chalk.		
3503	Ditch	Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.9m, max depth 0.25m, min length 2.1m	✓	
3504	Fill	Firm mid grey brown sandy silt frequent flecks chalk, occasional small stones Contained a lump of coal.	✓	✓



1. APPENDIX 2 – SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF STRUCTURAL REMAINS

Plates to be viewed in conjunction with Figure 6



Plate 1: Trench 8. Wall 816



Plate 2: Trench 8. Wall 814





Plate 3: Trench 9. Wall 903 and surface 906 detail



Plate 4: Trench 9. Wall 904 detail and posthole 907





Plate 5: Trench 9. Walls 918, 919 and 920



Plate 6: Trench 9. Well 915



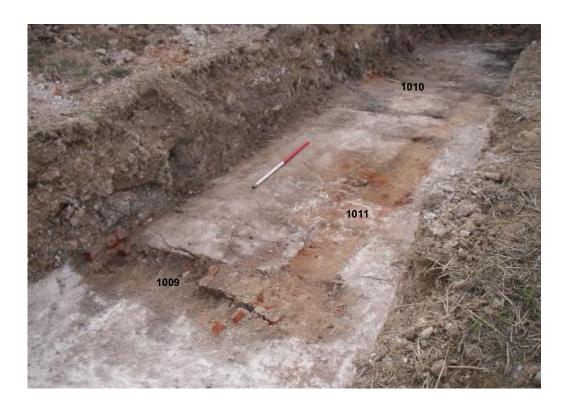


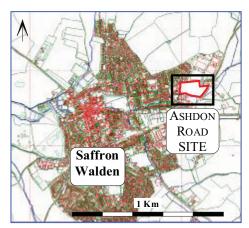
Plate 7: Trench 10. Walls 1009, 1010, 1011



Plate 8: Trench 10. Walls 1009 detail







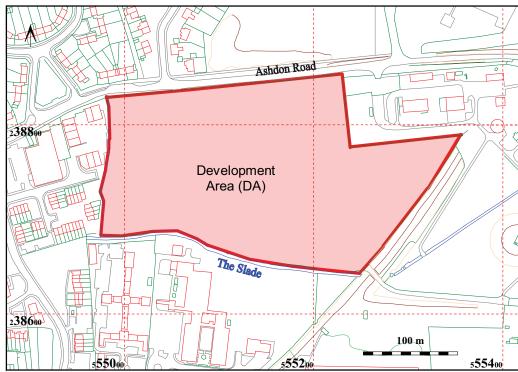
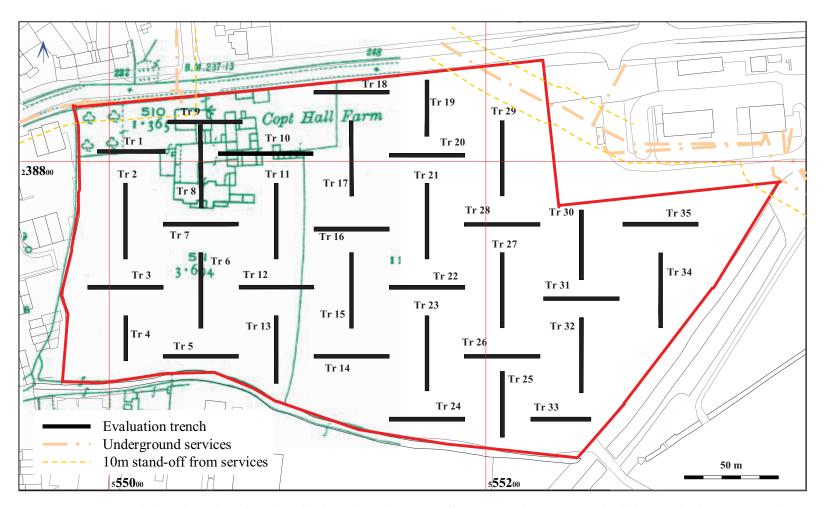


Figure 1: Site location plan

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 $\textbf{Figure 2:} \ \ \textbf{Trench location plan showing the location of Copt Hall Farm as shown on 2nd edition 25-inch OS map of 1897 \\ \textbf{Base map reproduced from the Ordnance Survey Map with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office, by Albion Archaeology, Central Bedfordshire Council. OS Licence No. 100017358(LA). © Crown Copyright.}$



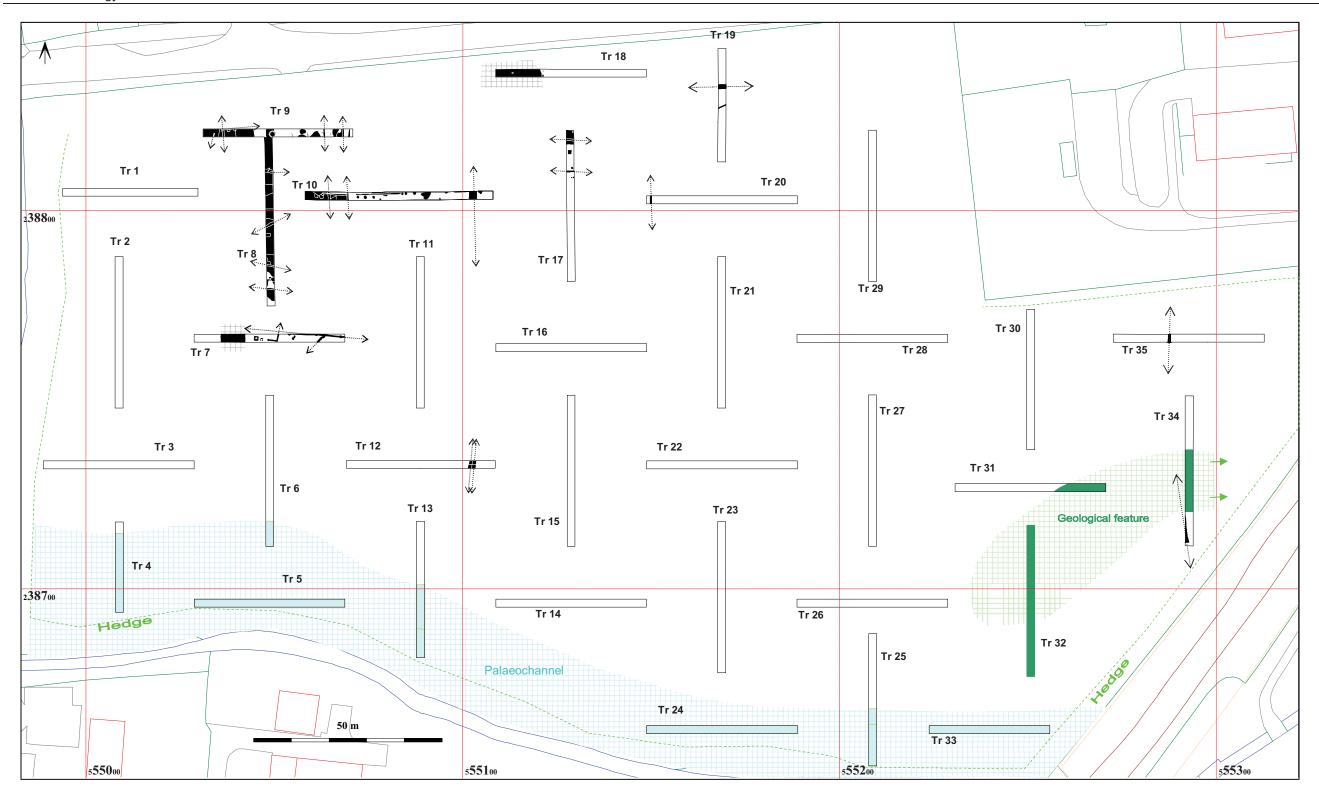


Figure 3: All features plan

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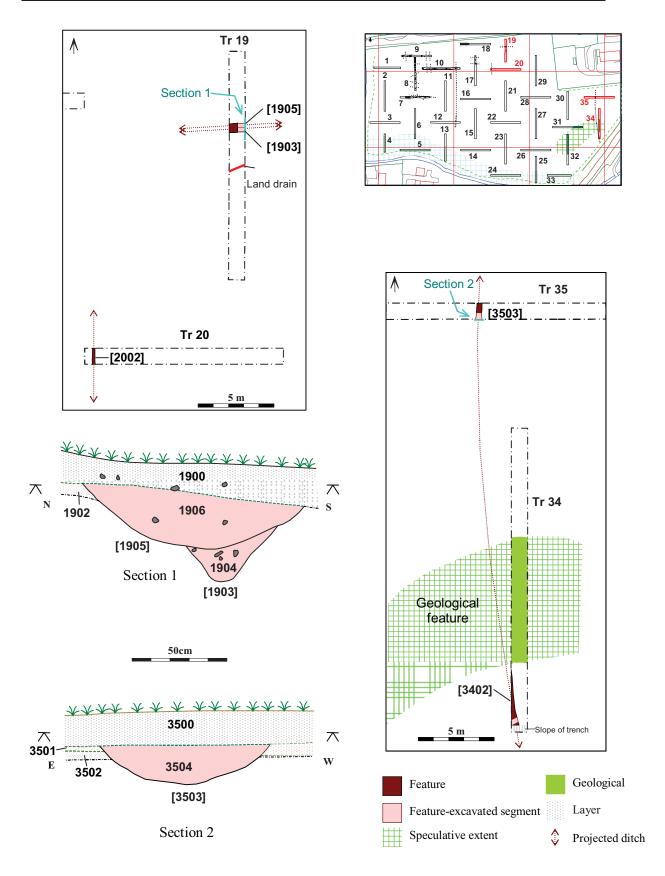


Figure 4: Boundary ditches, Trenches 19, 20, 34, and 35

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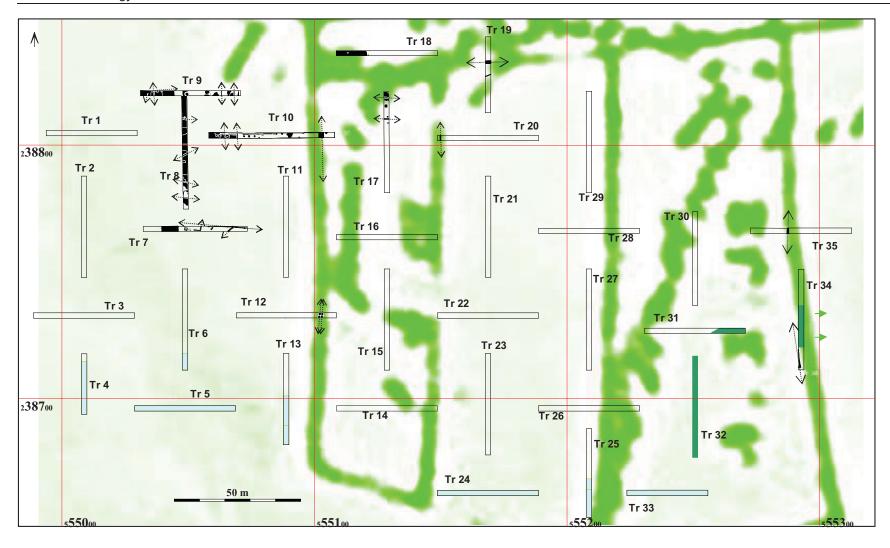
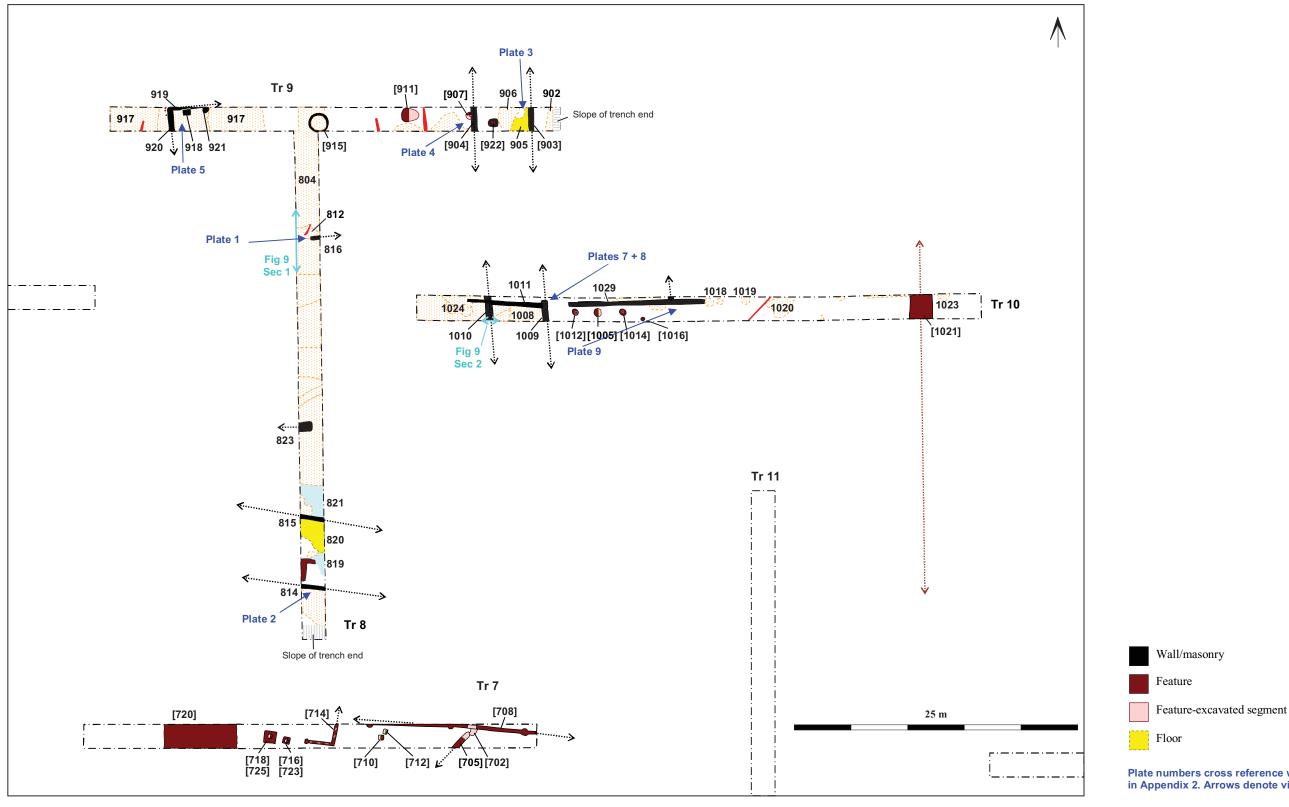


Figure 5: All features plan overlaid onto 1825 Enclosure map





Projected Plate numbers cross reference with wall photographs in Appendix 2. Arrows denote viewing direction.

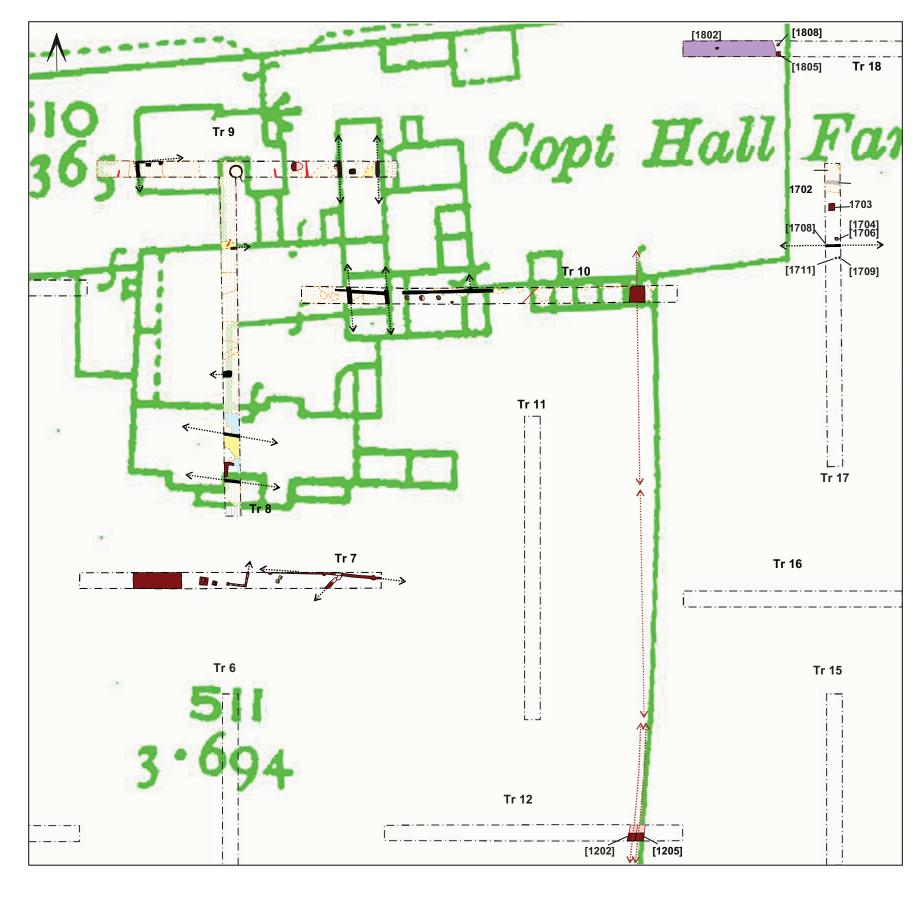
Concrete

Land drain/service

Demolition layers

Figure 6: Copt Hall Farm – remains of core farm complex in Trenches 7, 8, 9 and 10





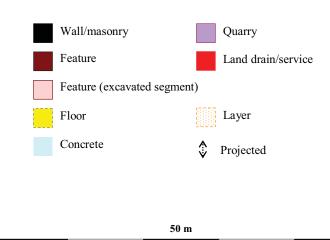
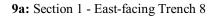
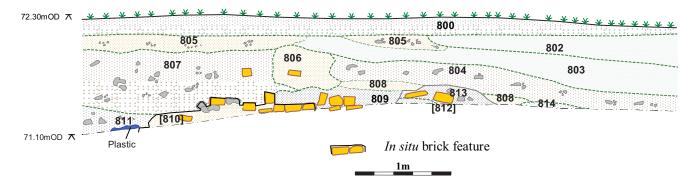


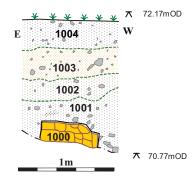
Figure 7: Farm complex overlaid onto 2nd edition OS map of 1897







9b: Section 2 - North-facing Trench 10





9c: Photo of section 1 Looking south-west (1m scale in background)



9d: Well at intersection of Trenches 9 and 10. Looking south (1m scale)



9e: Western end of Trench 10 Looking north-east (1m scale)

Figure 8: Sections and photographs illustrating the depth at which farm complex was encountered (for location of sections see Figure 6)





Figure 9: Postholes and foundation gully of possible barn building, Trench 7



Figure 10: Postholes [710] and [712], Trench 7