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Preface

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Key Terms

Throughout this report the following terms or abbreviations are used:

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| CAA | Council Archaeological Advisor |
| IfA | Institute for Archaeologists |
| LPA | Local Planning Authority |
| HER | Historic Environment Record |



Non-Technical Summary

A planning application to Kettering Borough Council for residential development on land off Higham Road, Burton Latimer was granted on appeal by the Secretary of State (AN/2010/109602/01-L01). Previous non-intrusive evaluation work indicated that the site has considerable potential for the preservation of Iron Age and Roman archaeological remains. As a result, a condition was attached to the planning permission requiring the implementation of a programme of archaeological work. The nature of the work required to fulfil the condition was set out in briefs issued by Northamptonshire County Council's County Archaeological Advisor (CAA). The first stage of that work comprised intrusive archaeological field evaluation in the form of trial trenching. This report presents the results of the work.

Albion Archaeology was commissioned by CgMs Consulting Ltd, on behalf of David Wilson Homes (South Midlands), to undertake the trial trenching. It comprised the investigation of seventeen 50m-long trial trenches within the 8ha development area. The trench layout was designed to investigate geophysical anomalies and to test the apparently "blank" part of the site.

The trial trenching located numerous furrows in the eastern part of the development area, indicating the location of medieval open fields. A small number of undated or modern features were also identified. However, the most significant evidence comprised part of a Romano-British settlement.

The settlement was located in the western part of the development area (Trenches 10 – 17) and extended over c. 1.8ha. It comprised a polygonal ditched enclosure with peripheral activity to the north. Pottery suggests that it was occupied between the 2nd and 4th centuries AD, with no evidence for a late Iron Age precursor or continuity into the Saxon period. The enclosure was subdivided by a series of ditches. Many of the ditches had been redug, indicating continuity in layout over time. One possible roundhouse and a variety of possible stone walls/drains were identified.

The finds assemblage was relatively large for an evaluation. It comprised 6.7kg of pottery, the majority of which comprised locally made vessels with small quantities of regional and continental imports. It also included ceramic building material, metal objects (mainly late Roman copper alloy coins and iron objects), ferrous smithing slag (including a hearth bottom), smelting slag, animal bone and oyster shell.

Based on the animal bone and charred plant remains it seems likely that the occupants of the settlement were farmers. However, the presence of metallurgical debris suggests that iron-working was also undertaken within the settlement.

The discovery of a Romano-British farmstead within the western part of the development area is significant because, although such settlements are relatively common in the region, they 'are very unevenly distributed and poorly understood' (Cooper 2006, 143).



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 *Planning Background*

A planning application to Kettering Borough Council for residential development on land off Higham Road, Burton Latimer was granted on appeal by the Secretary of State (AN/2010/109602/01-L01).

A condition attached to the planning permission required the implementation of a scheme of archaeological investigation as a consequence of the development. A brief was issued by Northamptonshire County Council's County Archaeological Advisor (CAA), setting out the programme of work required to fulfil the condition (NCC 2010a). This will comprise three stages:

- Stage I: archaeological field evaluation of the site to locate, define and characterise any archaeological remains that exist.
- Stage II: appraisal of the results of the field evaluation and their significance with regard to the proposed development. This is likely to lead to a programme of pre-construction investigation and recording of archaeological remains which will be unavoidably destroyed by the development. Any such work will be secured by a further CAA brief.
- Stage III: implementation of the pre-construction archaeological investigation and recording.

The CAA also issued a brief for the Stage I archaeological field evaluation (NCC 2010b), which took the form of trial trenching.

1.2 *Site Location, Topography and Geology*

Burton Latimer lies on the east side of the River Ise, one of a small number of south-flowing tributaries of the River Nene that drain the boulder clay covered watershed between the Nene and the Welland. The site lies on the south-east fringes of the town (Figure 1). It is c.8ha in extent and is centred on NGR SP 9030 7450. It is bounded by Higham Road to the south and by White Lodge Farm to the east. The western boundary dog-legs around the Brooks Close development and then trends north, maintaining a buffer to the brook and the Harvest Close development to the west. The north-eastern boundary of the site is currently arable fields and the site itself has been under arable cultivation in recent years.

Topographically the site slopes gently down towards the brook from c. 75m OD in the south-east to c. 60m OD in the north-west. The geology of the area is complex and consists of bands of the lower estuarine series heading towards the brook with Northamptonshire ironstone forming the western boundary. The recent geophysical survey noted the presence in the ploughsoil of either Blisworth or Wellingborough Limestone and sandstone of the Stamford Member (ArchaeoPhysica 2010, 2). The northern part of the site contains a former open-cast mine restored to agriculture (NCC 2010a).



1.3 **Archaeological Background**

The archaeological potential of the site has been highlighted by a number of previous studies:

- Archaeological desk-based assessment (JSAC 2000)
- Geophysical survey (GSB 2000, ArchaeoPhysica 2010)

Together, these suggest that the western part of the site contains significant archaeological evidence. In particular, the 2010 geophysical survey has led to the identification of a complex of anomalies in the vicinity of the brook, indicating the presence of ditches, pits and possible masonry walls (Figure 2).

Within the site itself the HER records the discovery in 1954 of approximately 120 3rd-century AD coins, together with late Roman pottery, iron slag, animal bone and ceramic building material during the excavation of a silage pit. This material was almost certainly recovered from the area of geophysical anomalies. Complementary dating evidence is provided by a fieldwalking survey of the site undertaken in 2001 (CgMs 2010) where Roman pottery was found entirely within the area of the geophysical anomalies. It comprised a mixed assemblage of grey-wares, colour-coated wares and shelly wares dated to the 2nd–4th centuries AD.

With the exception of furrows, few geophysical anomalies are visible across the remainder of the site. The 2001 fieldwalking produced small quantities of medieval and post-medieval pottery, interpreted as a manuring scatter.

Approximately 1km to the north-east of the site a rectangular complex of smaller enclosures, pits and other features, dating from the 1st–4th centuries AD, was excavated in advance of construction of the Burton Wold Farm Farm (Edgeworth 2008). This probably represents a low status clayland farmstead.

1.4 **Project Objectives**

The project objectives were described in the Project Proposal (Albion 2010) and are, therefore, only summarised here.

Northamptonshire has benefitted from the results of English Heritage's National Mapping Programme (Deegan and Foard 2007, 81-135). The research context for Roman Northamptonshire is provided by Jeremy Taylor (Cooper ed. 2006, 137-159).

Within this research framework the specific aims of the trial trenching were to:

- establish the location, extent, nature and date of the archaeological features already identified at the site by non-intrusive evaluation;
- establish the integrity and state of preservation of the archaeological features at the site;
- recover artefacts to assist in the development of type series within the region;
- identify palaeo-environmental remains which could help to determine local environmental conditions.



1.5 Archiving

The archive of finds and records generated during the project will be archived to the standards outlined in Appendix 3 of English Heritage's *Management of Archaeological Projects*. Details of the project and its findings have been submitted to the OASIS database (reference albionar1-91300) in accordance with the guidelines issued by English Heritage and the Archaeology Data Service.

The integrated project archive (including both artefacts/ecofacts and project documentation) will be prepared upon approval of this report. As the NCC brief notes, there is currently no archaeological archive depository able to accept material from this part of the county, although the issue is being actively addressed and it is hoped that suitable facilities will be available within 3-5 years.



2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Introduction

The methodological approach to the project was detailed in the Project Proposal (Albion 2010) and was approved by the CAA. It was designed to conform to the requirements of *Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment* (DCLG 2010) and the accompanying Practice Guide (DCLG/EH 2010). The archaeological investigation was conducted in accordance with appropriate national and regional standards and guidelines including:

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| • IfA | <i>Code of Conduct</i> |
| | <i>Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation</i> |
| • Albion Archaeology | <i>Procedures Manual: Volume 1 Fieldwork</i> (2nd edn, 2001) |
| • Archaeological Archive Forum | <i>Archaeological Archives: A Guide to best practice in creation, compilation, transfer and curation</i> (2007) |
| • English Heritage | <i>Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment</i> (2009) |

2.2 Implementation

The archaeological investigation and recording were undertaken between 8th and 20th December 2010. A total of seventeen 50m-long trenches were opened (Figure 1). The trench layout was designed to investigate geophysical anomalies and to test the apparently “blank” parts of the site.

The trenches were opened by a mechanical excavator fitted with a flat-edged 2.2m-wide ditching bucket, operated by an experienced driver, under close archaeological supervision. The overburden was removed down to the top of undisturbed geological or archaeological deposits, whichever was encountered first. The spoil heaps were scanned for artefacts. All deposits were recorded in a unique number sequence, using Albion Archaeology’s *pro forma* sheets. The trenches were subsequently drawn and photographed as appropriate.

2.3 Monitoring

The CAA monitored the work on Wednesday 15th December. The following was agreed:

- Complete hand excavation and recording of the features in progress
- Dig a segment across the enclosure ditch in Trench 12
- Investigate the two ‘spreads’ in Trench 13 and 14
- Dig a segment across the possible curving ditch in Trench 14
- Take five ecofact samples discussed (and more if the extra segments contain deposits of environmental potential)
- No need to excavate the contingency trenches



3. RESULTS

3.1 Introduction

All archaeological features located in the trenches are shown on Figure 3 and detailed descriptions of individual contexts are provided in Appendix 1. The following section summarises the results, focussing on the Romano-British settlement in the western part of the development area. The medieval open fields and undated features are also briefly described. Note: numbers in brackets are used as follows [***] = feature number, (***) = fill number, {*} = geophysical anomaly.

3.2 The Romano-British Settlement

Trenches 10 – 17 in the western part of the development area identified the remains of a Romano-British settlement, as had been suggested by the geophysical survey (ArcheoPhysica 2010) and the Roman pottery and other finds from the site (CgMs 2010). The spatial distribution of features and finds suggests that the domestic core of the settlement was within a ditched enclosure, with peripheral activity extending to the north and east. The main components of the settlement are discussed below, with further detail available in the context appendix and finds reports.

3.2.1 The ditched enclosure (Figure 4)

The core of the Romano-British settlement appears to have been enclosed by a large ditch. This was identified as geophysical anomaly {9} and was investigated within Trenches 11, 12 and 17. Its form and dimensions varied slightly between these trenches (see sections on Figure 4).

Within Trench 17 to the south of the development area, the ditch [1704] was in excess of 2m wide and 0.8m deep. No trace of re-cutting was evident and the single silty clay fill was homogeneous and sterile (confirmed by ecofact sample 2). No contemporary features were identified within 20m of the ditch and it may, therefore, be located away from the focus of domestic activity.

Further north, within Trench 12, the ditch was shallower, but contained more domestic debris. Ditch [1215] had been re-cut twice [1213 and 1211] and the combined width of the ditches was in excess of 3m. A total of 378g of pottery was recovered from ditch [1215] and its recuts. It also produced a fragment of roof tile, a fragment of flue tile and a copper alloy coin of Constantine. Ecofact sample 1 from recut [1211] contained small quantities of poorly preserved charred grain and weeds.

In the northernmost Trench 11, ditch [1103] was only 0.45m deep and 1.3m wide. No evidence of re-cutting was visible, but the ditch produced 205g of pottery, 21g of animal bone, 6.2g of ferrous slag, and an iron strip (RA3).

The trenching has confirmed that geophysical anomaly {9} is the settlement's main enclosure ditch. No obvious return for the enclosure was located to the west, suggesting that it may have been located beyond the limit of the development area. The greater quantity of finds from Trenches 11 and 12



suggests that they are closer to the settlement's core. The relative paucity of finds from Trenches 15 and 17 suggests that the enclosed area is not entirely given over to domestic activity.

3.2.2 Internal divisions (Figure 5)

The geophysical survey identified a number of linear geophysical anomalies {10}, {11}, {16}, *etc* within the settlement enclosure. The trial trenching identified a greater number — at least 12 ditches. These are likely to be broadly contemporary with the enclosure and may represent internal subdivisions. The majority were aligned NW-SE and were located in Trenches 11 and 14. Although many were aligned parallel to medieval furrows, they were interpreted as ditches because they were much more substantial, better defined and had much darker fills. They were 0.4–0.55m deep in Trench 11 and 0.3–0.8m deep in Trench 14.

Within Trench 13 it was evident that NE-SW enclosure sub-division ditches survived under a build-up of up to 1m of subsoil and colluvium that is likely to be partially the product of medieval ploughing. A similar situation was observed in Trench 10 to the north. This masking layer may account for the under-representation of smaller ditches identified by the geophysical survey.

Of particular note was ditch [1405] at the south-west end of Trench 14, corresponding to geophysical anomaly {11}. It was significantly deeper than the other internal sub-division ditches (see section on Figure 5) and the fill sequence may be indicative of possible re-cutting. This ditch also produced a relatively large quantity of finds: pottery (1.6kg), brick and roof tile (1.8kg), animal bone (2.3kg) and ferrous slag (171g). It is likely that this ditch represents a major sub-division of the settlement enclosure, or possibly an earlier phase of boundary ditch. The volume and unabraded nature of the finds suggest that the ditch lies close to the domestic core of settlement. No significant features were identified to the south-west of this ditch.

Ecofact sample 3 from ditch [1408] produced small quantities of poorly preserved charred grain and weeds. Trench 14 also contained ditch [1412] — the only curving ditch found during the evaluation. It may represent a roundhouse and is described in more detail below.

3.2.3 Possible structural elements (Figure 6)

Curving ditch [1412] had a projected diameter of *c.* 9m and, as such, could possibly represent a drainage ditch around a roundhouse. It was, however, somewhat larger than such features typically are (see section on Figure 5)

A possible structural element was also represented in the trenches in the form of possible stone wall foundations and a stone-lined drain. Both types of features were aligned NE-SW and were constructed from rough-hewn fragments of limestone that are likely to have been locally derived; limestone bedrock was identified in Trenches 6 and 7.

The foundations were present in Trenches 10, 12 and 13 and recorded as [1005], [1203] and [1305] respectively. Possible wall foundations [1005] and [1305] in



Trenches 10 and 13 both comprised roughly coursed, tightly packed limestone fragments. They were 0.35–0.55m wide and over 0.25m deep (see photos on Figures 6 and 8). Although 93m apart, their similarities and alignment suggest they could be part of the same wall. This and the absence of a parallel wall suggest they may represent a boundary wall rather than buildings. Partial excavation of foundation [1305] produced 0.2kg of pottery, 45g of animal bone, 0.5kg of ferrous slag, two copper alloy coins, an iron sheet fragment, an iron strip and 0.42g of roof tile.

The stone foundation in Trench 12 consisted of a wide trench [1203] that contained an uncoursed assortment of limestone fragments (see section on Figure 6). As such, it may represent a partially robbed foundation or a stone-filled drain. No finds were recovered. It is likely this feature may, in part, be responsible for the high magnetic readings in the vicinity of geophysical anomaly {16}, although the extent of the foundation cannot be ascertained.

Drain (1315) was identified within foundation cut [1312], at the eastern end of Trench 13. Although partly disturbed, the drain appeared to be carefully constructed of two parallel rows of upright limestone fragments set on edge, capped by a larger, horizontal fragment (see photo and section on Figure 6). The drain was approximately 0.4m wide and in excess of 0.2m deep, set into the base of the 0.8m wide construction cut. The feature was only partially excavated to preserve its integrity, but it produced 0.9kg of pottery, 175g of animal bone; 201g of roof tile and an iron nail or staple. Ecofact sample 4 taken from the in-filled drain void produced very small quantities of poorly preserved charred grain and weeds. The drain corresponds with the masonry-type geophysical anomaly {19}, {21}.

3.2.4 Other internal activity (Figure 7)

A total of six possible pits and seven post holes were identified within the ditched enclosure. All were sub-circular and relatively small, generally less than 0.25m deep (see sections on Figure 7). They only produced small quantities of artefacts: two post holes in Trench 11 produced a total of 7g of pottery; a small pit in Trench 12 produced 10g of pottery and an iron nail; whilst an isolated pit in Trench 16 produced 2g of pottery and 17g of animal bone. No meaningful pattern could be discerned in the distribution of these features.

The apparent absence of large pits or hearth-type features in the trenches may not be real as the geophysical survey identified a number of possible examples.

3.2.5 Activity outside the enclosure

Evidence was recovered for activity outside the settlement enclosure. To the east two ephemeral ditches/gulleys were identified in Trench 12 (Figure 7), but both were sterile.

More evidence for activity was located to the north of the enclosure, in the form of five ditches, *e.g.* [1009], and a NE-SW aligned wall [1004] (Figure 8). Significantly, wall [1005] truncated ditch [1009] indicating that they are not contemporary and demonstrating a sequence of development within the settlement. None of the features in Trench 10 produced finds and they lacked



any evidence of domestic debris (as indicated by the absence of charred remains in ecofact sample 5).

The majority of these peripheral features are likely to be associated with agricultural activity, such as field boundaries, although the lack of re-cutting in the northern boundary ditch [1103], and the presence of the wall foundation [1005] within Trench 10 could suggest settlement expansion, northwards, beyond the enclosure ditch.

3.3 Medieval Open Fields

Traces of medieval furrows were identified in the majority of the trenches. They were generally *c.* 1.8m wide and less than 0.2m deep with irregular profiles. Their distribution largely matches that revealed by the geophysical survey — anomalies {4} and {5} on a 6–8m spacing. The furrows were largely absent from the westernmost trenches. They may have ended in a headland that broadly corresponds with geophysical anomaly {6}. The build-up of soils into the headland, colluvial action, and subsequent modern ploughing has produced an artificial terrace, *c.* 30m wide, parallel to the river. This was transected by Trenches 10 and 13 which revealed up to 1m of overburden. Enhanced preservation of archaeological features is possible beneath this build-up.

3.4 Undated and Modern Activity

To the east of the settlement two undated ditches were identified in Trenches 8 and 7 (Figure 3). They were relatively shallow and contained similar fills to the furrows but were on different alignments. Ditch terminal [803] was aligned NE-SW and may correspond to [704] in Trench 7. This in part corresponds to linear geophysical anomaly {1} which was interpreted as a service trench.

Ditch [805] was recorded in Trench 3 as ditch [302]. Although not visible on the geophysical survey and not shown on the first edition Ordnance Survey map, it is likely that these ditches relate to late post-medieval enclosures, as they are parallel to the surviving modern field boundaries.

The largest feature [1111] within Trench 11 is at least, in part, an area of modern disturbance. It was approximately 4m wide and ditch-like in plan. However, on hand excavation it was only 0.2m deep. It produced 55g of Romano-British pottery, 23g of roof tile and three copper alloy coins. Significantly it contained a cast iron service pipe, a length of angle-iron (possible a fence post) and the remains of aluminium foil wrappers. The feature appears to have been excavated mechanically as the imprint of machine-bucket teeth were visible in the base. It is likely that iron items within this trench produced some of the strong magnetic geophysical anomalies {19 – 21} that were interpreted as denoting the presence of a brick- or tile-built structure in this area. Although there is no obvious interpretation for this feature, it is possible it was created at the time of the discovery of the coin hoard in 1954.

To the south of the development area geophysical anomaly {3}, investigated within Trench 1, proved to be a cast iron service pipe.



3.5 Artefacts

3.5.1 Introduction

The evaluation produced a sizeable finds assemblage comprising mainly pottery, ceramic building material and animal bone. Fourteen metal objects, and small quantities of ferrous slag, fired clay, oyster shell and modified flint were also recovered (Table 1). All datable artefacts are of Roman origin, mainly of the 2nd to early 4th century.

| Tr. | Feature | Description | Context | Finds Summary |
|------|---------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 8 | 800 | Topsoil | 800 | Ferrous slag (144g) |
| 11 | 1103 | Ditch | 1104 | Pottery (205g); animal bone (21g); ferrous slag (6g); iron strip |
| | 1105 | Ditch | 1106 | Pottery (500g); animal bone (180g); roof tile (193g) |
| | 1109 | Post hole | 1110 | Pottery (6g) |
| | 1111 | Modern disturbance | 1112 | Pottery (55g); roof tile (23g); copper alloy coin x3 |
| | 1113 | Ditch | 1114 | Pottery (132g); animal bone (869g) |
| 12 | 1117 | Post hole | 1118 | Pottery (1g) |
| | 1211 | Ditch | 1212 | Pottery (207g); animal bone (343g); roof tile (257g); hammerscale (<1g); copper alloy coin |
| | 1213 | Ditch | 1214 | Pottery (65g); animal bone (103g); fired clay (18g) |
| | 1215 | Ditch | 1216 | Pottery (106g) |
| | 1217 | Pit | 1218 | Pottery (10g); iron nail x1 |
| 13 | 1301 | Subsoil | 1301 | Pottery (49g); animal bone (42g) |
| | 1303 | Ditch | 1304 | Pottery (591g); animal bone (1,707g); shell (28g); iron sheet |
| | 1305 | Foundation trench | 1306 | Pottery (184g); animal bone (45g); ferrous slag (481g); shell (8g); copper alloy coin; iron sheet; iron strip |
| | | | 1307 | Pottery (54g); roof tile (42g); flint (14g); copper alloy coin |
| | 1308 | Ditch | 1309 | Pottery (542g); animal bone (113g); brick and roof tile (318g); iron nail x1 |
| 1310 | Ditch | 1311 | Pottery (5g); animal bone (4g) | |
| 14 | 1312 | Foundation trench | 1313 | Pottery (936g); animal bone (175g); roof tile (201g); hammerscale (<1g); iron nail or staple |
| | 1316 | Ditch | 1317 | Pottery (270g); animal bone (119g); roof tile (237g) |
| | 1403 | Ditch | 1404 | Pottery (649g); animal bone (193g); iron strip |
| 15 | 1405 | Ditch | 1406 | Pottery (1,325g); animal bone (1,926g); brick & roof tile (1,676g); shell (24g); burnt flint (37g) |
| | | | 1407 | Pottery (300g); animal bone (396g); ferrous slag (171g); roof tile (100g) |
| 16 | 1408 | Ditch | 1409 | Pottery (459g); animal bone (350g); roof tile (354g); hammerscale (<1g) |
| 17 | 1408 | Ditch | 1410 | Pottery (52g); animal bone (87g); shell (18g); roof tile (256g) |
| 17 | 1412 | Ditch | 1413 | Pottery (25g); animal bone (517g); shell (30g) |
| 15 | 1503 | Ditch | 1504 | Fired clay (14g) |
| 16 | 1604 | Pit | 1605 | Pottery (2g); animal bone (17g) |
| 17 | 1704 | Ditch | 1703 | Animal bone (290g); hammerscale (<1g) |

Table 1: Artefact summary by trench and feature

3.5.2 Pottery

A total of 321 pottery sherds, weighing 6.7kg were recovered. These were examined by context and quantified using minimum sherd count and weight. The pottery survives in fair condition, with moderate surface abrasion, and has an average sherd weight of 21g. In the absence of a standardised Roman type series for Northamptonshire, 29 fabric types were identified using common names and type codes in accordance with the Bedfordshire Ceramic Type Series,



currently maintained by Albion Archaeology (Table 2). Where relevant, reference has been made to the National Roman Fabric Reference Collection (NRFRC; Tomber and Dore 1998). No pre- or post-Roman pottery was recovered. The assemblage compares well with that recovered from nearby Burton Wold wind farm (Webster 2008, 38-39).

| Fabric type (NRFRC) | Common name | Sherd No. | Context/Sherd No. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| R01 | Samian ware | 9 | (1104):1, (1106):1, (1304):3, (1306):1, (1313):2, (1406):1 |
| R02 | Mica-gilded ware | 1 | (1406):1 |
| R03A (VER WH) | Verulamium region white ware | 1 | (1407):1 |
| R03E | Fine white ware | 2 | (1406):2 |
| R05A | Orange sandy ware | 3 | (1304):2, (1313):1 |
| R05B | Fine orange ware | 1 | (1304):1 |
| R05C | Orange micaceous | 1 | (1406):1 |
| R06A | Nene Valley grey ware | 45 | (1104):7, (1106):1, (1112):1, (1114):4, (1218):2, (1301):5, (1304):2, (1306):1, (1309):1, (1311):1, (1313):6, (1317):1, (1404):1, (1406):8, (1407):2, (1409):1, (1410):1 |
| R06B | Coarse grey ware | 8 | (1104):6, (1304):1, (1307):1 |
| R06C | Fine grey ware | 42 | (1110):2, (1112):1, (1114):1, (1214):1, (1304):2, (1306):3, (1309):2, (1313):9, (1317):2, (1404):4, (1406):5, (1407):6, (1409):1, (1410):2, (1605):1 |
| R06D | Micaceous grey ware | 36 | (1104):1, (1106):1, (1112):1, (1114):1, (1212):3, (1304):3, (1306):6, (1313):5, (1404):1, (1406):10, (1407):2, (1409):2 |
| R06E | Calcareous grey ware | 1 | (1406):1 |
| R06H | White-slipped grey ware | 3 | (1106):3 |
| R07B | Sandy black ware | 4 | (1104):1, (1301):1, (1313):1, (1407):1 |
| R07C | Gritty black ware | 5 | (1104):1, (1106):3, (1114):1 |
| R09A (PNK GT) | Pink-grogged ware | 1 | (1313):1 |
| R11 | Oxfordshire oxidised ware | 2 | (1406):2 |
| R11D (OXF RS) | Oxfordshire colour-coated ware | 6 | (1216):1, (1304):1, (1406):4 |
| R12A (LNV WH) | Nene Valley mortaria | 1 | (1309):1 |
| R12B (LNV CC) | Nene Valley colour-coarsed ware | 31 | (1104):2, (1212):2, (1214):2, (1216):2, (1304):2, (1306):3, (1307):2, (1313):4, (1317):2, (1404):1, (1406):7, (1410):1, (1413):1 |
| R13 | Shelly ware | 98 | (1104):4, (1106):9, (1114):3, (1212):2, (1214):3, (1216):2, (1304):8, (1306):2, (1307):1, (1309):4, (1313):12, (1317):1, (1404):12, (1406):19, (1407):7, (1409):8, (1410):1 |
| R14 | Red-brown harsh sandy ware | 1 | (1406):1 |
| R17 | Smooth orange sandy ware | 2 | (1309):2 |
| R21 | Unsourcesd mortaria | 3 | (1212):1, (1304):1, (1317):1 |
| R28 | Gritty calcareous ware | 1 | (1406):1 |
| R31 | Lumpy white ware | 9 | (1313):1, (1404):3, (1406):4, (1407):1 |
| R35 | Roman grog-tempered ware | 2 | (1407):1 |
| R35A | Roman grog-tempered ware and mica | 1 | (1406):1 |
| R38 | Unsourcesd colour-coated ware | 1 | (1118):1 |

Table 2: Pottery type series



The largest pottery group derived from the fills of ditch [1405], which yielded 1.6kg. Within this deposit, a number of vessels are represented by more than single sherds and several full vessel profiles are reconstructable, suggesting the pottery has not moved far from its place of original use. All other pottery deposits weighed less than 1kg, with the smallest, from post hole [1117], weighing only 1g.

The assemblage is primarily local in character, and is dominated by vessels in reduced sand-tempered coarse wares which constitute 43% of the pottery (by weight). Shell-tempered wares total 30% of the assemblage, and are within the general South Midlands tradition of shelly pottery, for which a local source is implied. A small quantity of Roman grogged ware, used mainly for larger storage-type vessels also occurs. Other vessel forms are jars of varying sizes, including chunky roll rim jars, supplemented by bowls and dishes, some of the latter with burnished motifs. A number of the jars are sooted, indicating use as cooking pots. Most appear to fall within a 2nd to 3rd-century date range. A single sherd of a 2nd-century mica-gilded dish is likely to derive from the lower Nene region.

Mortarium fragments are single examples from the Nene Valley, Oxfordshire and the Mancetter-Hartshill kilns. No other 'specialised' pottery forms are represented.

Fine ware imports comprise nine undiagnostic samian sherds, of probable central Gaulish origin. All are abraded and one rouletted footring has evidence for repair. Regional imports are eight late Roman colour-coated sherds from Oxfordshire, including a rouletted bowl, and three sherds likely to derive from Hadham, Hertfordshire. Nene Valley colour-coated wares total 10% of the assemblage; a range of forms is represented, including flanged bowls, folded beakers, everted rim jars, and plain rim dishes. Two of the latter are painted.

3.5.3 Ceramic building material

Thirty-three brick and tile fragments weighing 3.6kg were recovered, the majority deriving from the fills of ditch [1405]. Twenty-four shell-tempered examples are mainly flanged roof tiles (*tegulae*), with curved roof tiles (*imbrices*), combed flue tiles and brick fragments being less well represented. Shelly tile fabric is similar to the shelly pottery, and at least some examples may derive from the same source. Nine pieces of sand-tempered building material also occur. Fragments are fairly sizeable, with an average weight of 111g, and generally unabraded. The *tegulae* range in thickness from 13–22mm, *imbrices* from 16–22mm and brick fragments from 30–70mm.

Two sand-tempered, amorphous fired clay fragments (32g) derived from ditches [1213] and [1503].

3.5.4 Other finds

Registered artefacts comprise six copper alloy objects (including five late Roman coins), and six iron items. They derive mainly from the fills of foundation trench [1305] and modern disturbance [1111] (Table 3). Two incomplete flat-headed iron timber nails of Manning type 1B (1985, 134-137),



derived from pit [1217] and ditch [1308]. The sorted residues of environmental samples taken from ditches [1211], [1408], [1704] and foundation trench [1313] yielded approximately 2g of flake and spheroidal hammerscale. Ferrous smithing slag, including part of a hearth bottom, and dense smelting slag (total weight 802g) were recovered from ditches [1103], [1405], topsoil (800) and foundation trench [1305]. The latter yielded a damaged secondary flint flake (14g) and the fill of ditch [1405] an unmodified burnt flint nodule (37g).

| Registered Artefact | Description | Context |
|---------------------|--|---------|
| 1 | Copper alloy coin; ?AE4 House of Valentinian | 1307 |
| 2 | Copper alloy coin; ?Radiate; PAX reverse | 1112 |
| 3 | Tapering iron strip fragment | 1104 |
| 4 | Copper alloy coin with silver wash; ?Radiate | 1114 |
| 5 | Copper alloy coin; ?Radiate; PAX reverse | 1112 |
| 6 | Tapering iron strip fragment (?knife blade) | 1404 |
| 7 | Iron staple or nail fragment | 1313 |
| 8 | Copper alloy coin; AE4 House of Constantine. Rev. Gloria exercitvs - 2 standards | 1212 |
| 9 | Tapering iron strip fragment | 1306 |
| 10 | Iron sheet fragments | 1306 |
| 11 | Copper alloy ?stud fragment | 1306 |
| 12 | Iron sheet or strap fragment | 1304 |

Table 3: Registered Artefacts



3.6 Ecofacts

3.6.1 Faunal remains

The faunal assemblage comprises 352 fragments weighing 7.4kg, the majority deriving from the fills of ditches [1405] and [1303], which respectively yielded 2.3kg and 1.7kg. All other bone deposits weighed less than 1kg, with the smallest weighing only 4g. Bone preservation is good, with little surface erosion, although the fragmented nature of the assemblage is reflected in an average bone weight of 21g. Diagnostic species are cattle and sheep, probably adult, represented by long bone, rib, vertebra, scapula, pelvis, phalanx, mandible, tooth and horn core fragments. No butchery marks were observed. Seven oyster shell fragments (108g) derived from ditches in Trenches 13 and 14.

3.6.2 Ecofact samples

Five bulk soil samples were collected for the potential recovery of environmental evidence (Table 4).

| Sample no. | Context no. | Feature | Reason for sampling | Quantity sampled (ltrs) |
|------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 1212 | Enclosure ditch recut 1211 | CPR | 20 |
| 2 | 1703 | Enclosure ditch 1704 | Control | 20 |
| 3 | 1409 | Sub-division ditch 1408 | CPR | 20 |
| 4 | 1314 | Drain 1315 | Control | 20 |
| 5 | 1008 | Ditch 1009 to north | Control | 20 |

Note. CPR= charred wood or plant remains visible, control= no visible environmental potential

Table 4: Ecofact samples

The samples were taken where charred material was visible and as controls. They were taken from two enclosure ditch fills (1212) and (1409), and a possible drain fill (1314), located within the enclosure, and two other ditch fills (1008) and (1703) on the periphery of the settlement. All samples were processed by a combination of flotation onto a 0.3mm sieve and wet-sieving of the residue through a 1mm mesh. Both the flots and residues were dried and the latter sorted for biological remains and artefacts. The flots were examined using a binocular microscope with a magnification of up to x40.

Three of the samples produced small amounts of identifiable but generally poorly preserved charred plant remains with the results shown in Table 5. There were a few cereal grains of hulled wheat, emmer or spelt (*Triticum dicoccum/spelta*) and a tentative identification of hulled barley (cf. *Hordeum vulgare*). This evidence, albeit limited, agrees with previous archaeobotanical research which indicates that spelt wheat and hulled barley were the main cereals cultivated during the Roman period (Greig 1991, 309); it was not possible, however, to establish the hulled wheat species from these samples because of the absence of diagnostic chaff fragments. These grains may have been accidentally burnt during the final stages of crop-processing (de-husking of the hulled wheats) and food preparation.

A small number of weed seeds were also identified in the samples, from *Rumex* spp. (docks), *Medicago/Trifolium* spp. (medicks/clover), *Sherardia arvensis* (field madder), which grows in light calcareous loams, *Carex* sp. (sedge) and Poaceae (indeterminate grasses). These seeds are probably the residues of arable



weeds separated by sieving from the grain and used as fuel, suggesting crop-cleaning activities close-by.

The small charred plant assemblages in the ditch /drain fills (1212), (1409) (1314) may be indicative of small scale crop-processing/food preparation activities taking place nearby, with the burnt remains then being deposited in these features along with other settlement-type debris (charcoal, animal bone, pottery, burnt clay, slag/hammerscale). The absence of charred botanical material and little other debris from the fills (1008) and (1703) of two peripheral ditches suggests that little activity was taking place in the vicinity of these features.

| | Sample number | 1 | 3 | 4 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Context number | 1212 | 1409 | 1314 |
| | vol flot (ml) | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Cereal grains | | | | |
| <i>Triticum dicoccum/spelta</i> | emmer/spelt wheat | 2 | 1 | |
| <i>Triticum</i> sp. | wheat | 1 | 1 | |
| cf. <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. | ?hulled barley | 1 | | |
| Cerealia | indet. cereal | 2 | 1 | |
| Cerealia | indet cereal fragments <2mm | ++ | + | + |
| Other plant/weed seeds | | | | |
| <i>Rumex</i> spp. | dock | | 18 | 3 |
| <i>Medicago/Trifolium</i> spp. | medicks/clovers | 1 | 1 | |
| <i>Sherardia arvensis</i> L. | field madder | | 1 | |
| <i>Carex</i> sp. | sedge | 1 | | |
| <i>Euphrasia/Odontites</i> sp. | eyebright/bartsia | | | 1 |
| Poaceae indet. | grasses (small seeds) | | 1 | |
| Poaceae indet. | grasses (large seeds) | 2 | | |
| indeterminate | seeds | + | + | |
| indeterminate | wood charcoal | ++ | ++ | ++ |
| Total | | 10 | 24 | 4 |

Key: + = 1=10 items; ++ = 11-50 items

Table 5: Summary of charred plant remains from ecofact samples

The paucity and low density of botanical material in the samples does not allow any detailed examination of human activities at the site or comments on the character of the settlement. The presence of charred remains does, however, show that human activities were taking place close-by and if the site is subject to open area excavation further sampling may enhance and clarify understanding of the nature of these activities and possibly the agricultural basis (if any) of the settlement.



4. DISCUSSION

4.1 *The Romano-British Settlement*

The evaluation located a Romano-British settlement within the western part of the development area. It extended over *c.* 1.8ha and comprised a polygonal ditched enclosure with peripheral activity to the north (Figure 9). Pottery suggests that it was occupied between the 2nd and 4th centuries, with no evidence for a late Iron Age precursor or continuity into the Saxon period. The ditched enclosure is somewhat unusual in that it is polygonal rather than rectilinear, as is the norm for this region (Taylor 2006), *e.g.* the settlement at nearby Burton Wold Farm (Edgeworth 2008). The reason for this is uncertain but may reflect the location of the settlement on a slightly flatter part of the valley side. The recutting of a number of ditches indicates continuity in layout, with the same boundaries being re-established again and again.

The interior of the ditched enclosure appears to have been sub-divided by a series of ditches. It contained areas of dense features and others that appeared devoid of activity. However, even where the density of features appeared very low, *e.g.* Trench 16, the density and quantity of domestic debris in adjacent Trench 14, only *c.* 3m away, suggests the “blank” evidence may be misleading.

As at Burton Wold Farm (Edgeworth 2008) no buildings were positively identified. The curving ditch in Trench 14 is a candidate for a roundhouse and such buildings are known to remain in use during the Roman period in this region (Taylor 2006, 146). In fact, Hingley believes that roundhouses may have been very common throughout lowland Britain during the 1st and 2nd centuries and that at some sites they may have continued to be built into the 3rd and 4th centuries (1989, 31). Several possible stone walls were identified. They were narrower than those at Higham Ferrers *e.g.* those part of Building 10810 (Lawrence and Smith 2009, 125-6) and the absence of parallel walls suggest that those at Burton Latimer were not part of buildings. The walls in Trenches 10 and 13 may represent a major boundary wall on the west side of the settlement where no enclosure ditch was clearly identified.

Although a stone-lined drain was identified similar to those within structure 13030 at Higham Ferrers (Lawrence and Smith 2009, 105), indicating a degree of sophistication in building techniques. However, insufficient brick and tile were recovered to suggest the presence of substantial buildings in anything other than timber. Generally speaking, the Roman period in this region saw a change in building architecture from circular to rectilinear plan, and from timber construction to the increasing use of stone. However, these developments were gradual and there were some geographic variations (Taylor 2006, 146). It is, therefore, possible that the apparent absence of rectangular or stone buildings at Burton Latimer may be a result of its location within the Ise valley away from the more densely settled Nene valley.

Only a relatively small number of pits and post holes were identified. However, it is possible that large pits and hearths could be present especially under the subsoil/colluvial build up to the west.



The finds assemblage was relatively large, given that it was derived from an evaluation. It comprised mainly pottery (6.7kg), ceramic building material (3.6kg) and animal bone. The pottery assemblage comprises mainly locally made vessels with small quantities of regional and continental imports. It compares well with that recovered from nearby Burton Wold Farm (Webster 2008, 38-39). In addition, smaller quantities of metal objects (late Roman copper alloy coins and iron nails and strips/sheets), ferrous smithing slag (including a hearth bottom), smelting slag and oyster shell were recovered.

It is likely that the occupants of the settlement were farmers. The relative importance of animal husbandry as opposed to arable farming is impossible to determine on the basis of the evaluation evidence. All that can be said is that both the faunal remains (dominated by cattle and sheep) and cereal remains (dominated by spelt wheat and hulled barley) are typical of the region. However, the presence of cereal remains may be significant because the nearby Burton Wold Farm settlement produced no such evidence. This led the excavator to suggest that the settlement may have been more focussed on animal husbandry and to suggest that the Boulder Clays may have been more suited to animal grazing than arable farming (Edgeworth 2008, 41). The evidence from Burton Latimer is very limited but may point to economic variations between different nearby farming communities.

The presence of slag and hammer-scale indicates that smithing and smelting were undertaken by the occupants of the settlement. Taylor noted that although iron working was common on sites in the region, its development and extent were poorly understood (Taylor 2006, 152). It is possible that the number of miscellaneous fragments of strips/sheets could represent scrap metal collected for reworking. A similar interpretation was put forward for a comparable group of iron objects, albeit in much greater numbers, found in pits at Kempston Church End, Bedfordshire (Dawson 2004, 54). It is interesting that all the metallurgical debris was recovered from the ditched enclosure rather than on its periphery; Hingley has noted smithing areas 'were often situated in the periphery of enclosed sites' (1997, 12) for which Henderson suggested both practical and symbolic reasons (1992, 114). The actual scale of iron working at the settlement is not easily deduced from the quantity of metallurgical residues recovered. The occurrence of iron working within the agricultural landscape of Northamptonshire is well attested by the presence of debris on other sites, *e.g.* Harringworth (Jackson 1981) and Wakerley (Jackson and Ambrose 1978). It is, however, interesting that the nearest contemporary site at Burton Wold Farm produced no such evidence. This may suggest that specific farmsteads in a locality may have specialised in iron working, while others specialised in other craft activities, such as pottery manufacture.

Brief mention should be made of the 3rd-century coin hoard discovered in 1954, partly because its possible findspot was located within Trench 11 together with three more coins. Coin hoards of this date are quite common with over 250 known in Britain. As with the Burton Latimer hoard, few are found within archaeological investigations. A recent exception was Childerley Gate, Cambridgeshire where a hoard was found in a pit on an otherwise 'typical'



farmstead (Abrams and Ingham 2008, 91 and 96). In general, the composition and provenance of hoards can be extremely varied, suggesting that their burial and loss can be the result of different factors (Abrams and Ingham 2008, 91). However, it is clear that the presence of a hoard does not *per se* indicate that a site is of higher status or religious in nature.

4.2 The Wider Landscape

The aerial photographic evidence for the Iron Age and Roman landscape is still highly fragmented especially on the Northamptonshire clays. The Burton Latimer site was not first discovered due to cropmarks but by the chance discovery of a coin hoard. It is becoming increasingly clear that the county was intensively occupied — characterised by large-scale agricultural landscapes, in some cases associated with pottery and iron production. In places, neighbouring sites, as at Burton Latimer, were no more than 1km or 2km apart, although not all were necessarily in use at the same time.

Associated with this agricultural landscape was an extensive network of roads and trackways, villas and the development of many local market and religious centres. It has been suggested that one of these roads ran northwards from Irchester on the Nene, along the east bank of the Ise near Burton Latimer and on towards the possible Roman small town located on the northern edge of Kettering (Taylor 2002, 6; Lawrence and Smith 2009, fig. 7.8). Similarly, the known and potential villas are densely concentrated along the River Nene and the valleys of minor tributaries, like the Ise. Although the Burton Latimer site appears to represent a low status farmstead at least one such high status site is known from the Ise valley — the Rushton Roman villa, c. 2km to the north-west of Kettering (Edwards *et al.* 2002, 277–278).



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6. APPENDIX 1: TRENCH SUMMARY



Trench: 1

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.5 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90425/74265

OS Grid Ref.: SP90445/74219

Reason: To investigate a service pipe located by geophysics.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 100 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 101 | Subsoil | Friable mid orange brown clay silt 0.2m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 102 | Natural | Firm light brown yellow clay silt occasional small stones Plus occasional patches of clay. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 103 | Furrows | Linear dimensions: max breadth 1.8m, max depth 0.1m, min length 2.2m Mattock testing revealed a maximum depth of 0.1m. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 104 | Fill | Friable mid orange brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 2

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.35 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90385/74275

OS Grid Ref.: SP90433/74289

Reason: To test an area devoid of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 200 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 201 | Natural | Firm mid yellow clay silt | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 202 | Furrows | Linear dimensions: max breadth 1.8m, max depth 0.1m, min length 2.2m Mattock testing suggests a maximum depth of 0.1m. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 203 | Fill | Friable mid orange yellow silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 3

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.35 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90455/74359

OS Grid Ref.: SP90454/74309

Reason: To test an area devoid of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 300 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 301 | Natural | Firm mid yellow orange silty clay | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 302 | Ditch | Linear E-W sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.5m, max depth 0.4m, min length 2.2m Continuation of ditch [805] within Trench 8. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 303 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown silty clay occasional small stones Slightly greyer than adjacent furrows [304]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 304 | Furrows | Linear dimensions: max breadth 1.8m, max depth 0.2m, min length 2.2m Mattock testing suggests a maximum depth of 0.2m. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 305 | Fill | Friable mid orange brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 4

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.25 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90457/74386

OS Grid Ref.: SP90507/74386

Reason: To test an area devoid of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|----------|---------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 400 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 401 | Subsoil | Friable light brown yellow clay silt occasional small stones 0.1m thick -only visible in W part of trench. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 402 | Natural | Firm light yellow clay silt moderate small stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 5

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.25 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90456/74480

OS Grid Ref.: SP90456/74430

Reason: To test an area devoid of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 500 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 501 | Natural | Firm light grey brown clay silt occasional large stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 502 | Furrows | Linear dimensions: max breadth 1.8m, max depth 0.15m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 503 | Fill | Friable light orange brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 6

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.25 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90478/74497

OS Grid Ref.: SP90524/74516

Reason: To test an area devoid of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 600 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt moderate flecks stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 601 | Natural | Firm light orange yellow clay silt frequent small stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 602 | Furrows | Linear E-W dimensions: max breadth 1.5m, max depth 0.15m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 603 | Fill | Friable mid orange clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 7

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.3 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90506/74423

OS Grid Ref.: SP90534/74465

Reason: To test an area devoid of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|----------|---------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 700 | Topsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 701 | Natural | Firm light yellow brown clay silt frequent small-medium stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 702 | Furrow | Linear dimensions: max breadth 2.m, max depth 0.1m, min length 2.2m Mattock testing revealed a maximum depth of 0.1m . | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 703 | Fill | Friable mid orange yellow silty silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 704 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.8m, max depth 0.4m On same alignment as ditch terminal [803] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 705 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown silty clay occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 8

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90432/74399

OS Grid Ref.: SP90429/74350

Reason: To test an area devoid of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 800 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 801 | Subsoil | Friable mid yellow grey clay silt 0.1m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 802 | Natural | Firm light orange brown silty clay With occasional grey clay patches. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 803 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: steep base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.m, max depth 0.4m, min length 2.m Ditch terminated to the SW. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 804 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown silty clay occasional large stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 805 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: flat dimensions: max breadth 1.5m, max depth 0.3m, min length 2.2m Slightly irregular in plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 806 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 807 | Furrows | Linear E-W sides: irregular base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 2.3m, max depth 0.1m, min length 2.2m Mattock testing revealed a maximum depth of 0.1m. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 808 | Fill | Friable mid orange brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 9

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.4 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90423/74186

OS Grid Ref.: SP90472/74199

Reason: To test an area devoid of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 900 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 901 | Natural | Friable light brown yellow clay silt occasional small stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 10

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.35 m. Max: 1. m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90377/74525

OS Grid Ref.: SP90419/74498

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|----------|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1000 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1001 | Subsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt 0.2-0.7m thick. Probably contains a colluvial component. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1002 | Natural | Firm light yellow brown clay silt moderate flecks manganese staining | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1005 | Foundation trench | Linear NE-SW sides: steep dimensions: max breadth 0.34m, min length 2.2m Foundation cut for wall 1004. Not fully excavated. Cuts ditch [1009]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1003 | Fill | Friable mid brown clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1004 | Wall | Firm light brown grey limestone frequent large stones Roughly hewn limestone blocks in irregular courses. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1009 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE sides: steep base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.6m, max depth 0.41m, min length 2.2m Only side of ditch within trench. Cut by foundation [1005]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1006 | Upper fill | Friable mid orange brown silty clay 0.11m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1007 | Main fill | Friable mid blue grey silty clay 0.12m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1008 | Lower fill | Friable mid yellow brown silty clay 0.22m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1011 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.9m, max depth 0.3m, min length 2.2m Cuts ditch [1015]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1010 | Fill | Friable light blue white sandy clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1015 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: 45 degrees base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, max depth 0.39m, min length 2.2m Cut by ditch [1011]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1012 | Upper fill | Firm mid grey brown silty clay occasional flecks manganese staining 0.19m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1013 | Main fill | Firm mid grey grey sandy clay 0.1m thick | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1014 | Lower fill | Firm mid blue grey silty clay 0.15m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1016 | Ditch | Linear NNE-SSW dimensions: max breadth 1.9m, min length 2.1m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1017 | Fill | Light yellow white clay silt | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1018 | Fill | Light yellow brown clay silt | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1019 | Natural interface | Linear NNE-SSW dimensions: max breadth 1.35m, min length 2.1m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1020 | Fill | Mid orange brown clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 11

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.5 m. Max: 0.8 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90353/74441

OS Grid Ref.: SP90384/74479

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|----------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1100 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1101 | Subsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt Ranges from 0.3m thick to the SW to 0.7m thick to the NE. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1102 | Natural | Firm light brown orange clay silt occasional small stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1103 | Ditch | Curving linear NW-SE sides: 45 degrees base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.3m, max depth 0.45m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1104 | Fill | Firm mid brown grey silty clay moderate flecks charcoal, moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1105 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.2m, max depth 0.39m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1106 | Backfill | Firm mid brown grey silty clay moderate flecks charcoal, moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1107 | Posthole | Sub-square sides: steep base: flat dimensions: max depth 0.09m, max diameter 0.42m Very shallow tentative posthole cut. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1108 | Backfill | Friable mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1109 | Posthole | Oval NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.3m, max depth 0.06m, max length 0.7m Tentative posthole. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1110 | Backfill | Firm mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1111 | Modern disturbance | Linear NW-SE sides: steep base: flat dimensions: max breadth 4m, max depth 0.2m, min length 2.2m Area of modern disturbance containing a 80mm diameter cast iron pipe and discarded angle-iron fence post(?). Machine bucket tooth marks visible along base. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1112 | Backfill | Firm mid brown grey silty clay moderate small-medium stones Contained aluminium foil visible in vicinity of iron pipe and a length of angle-iron. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1113 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE sides: 45 degrees base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.7m, max depth 0.55m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1114 | Fill | Firm mid brown grey silty clay occasional flecks charcoal, moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1115 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 2m, min length 2.2m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1116 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown silty clay | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1117 | Posthole | Circular sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.15m, max diameter 0.6m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1118 | Backfill | Friable mid grey brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1119 | Treethrow | Irregular sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: min depth 0.1m, min diameter 2.2m General number given to an area of root disturbed natural. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1120 | Fill | Friable mid brown grey silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1121 | Treethrow | Sub-oval sides: irregular base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.2m, max diameter 1.5m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1122 | Fill | Friable light grey brown silty clay Slightly mottled with manganese flecks. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 12

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90378/74447

OS Grid Ref.: SP90420/74419

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|----------|----------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1200 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1201 | Subsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt 0.1 to 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1202 | Natural | Firm light yellow brown clay silt | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1203 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: near vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.8m, max depth 0.28m, min length 2.2m Possible foundation cut. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1204 | Backfill | Friable dark brown grey clay silt frequent flecks charcoal, moderate small-medium stones Contained frequent fragments of limestone; possible disturbed foundation. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1205 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: 45 degrees base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.75m, max depth 0.45m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1206 | Fill | Friable mid yellow brown silty silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small-large stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1207 | Posthole | Sub-circular NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max depth 0.1m, max diameter 0.45m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1208 | Backfill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1209 | Ditch | Linear E-W sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.44m, max depth 0.17m, min length 4.5m Cut by ditch [1211] and possibly cut by pit [1229]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1210 | Fill | Friable mid blue brown clay silt moderate small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1211 | Ditch | Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 1.4m, max depth 0.46m, min length 2.5m Cuts ditches [1209] and [1213]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1212 | Fill | Friable dark brown grey clay silt frequent small-medium stones, occasional large stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1213 | Ditch | Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.75m, max depth 0.38m, min length 2.5m Cut ditch [1215] and is cut by ditch [1211]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1214 | Fill | Friable light yellow grey clay silt frequent flecks charcoal, occasional small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1215 | Ditch | Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: min breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.5m, min length 2.5m Cut by ditch [1213] and by pit [1217]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1216 | Fill | Friable light yellow grey clay silt frequent flecks charcoal, moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1217 | Pit | Rectangular NW-SE sides: steep base: flat dimensions: min breadth 0.57m, max depth 0.24m, max length 1.09m Cuts ditch [1215]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1218 | Fill | Friable light blue brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1219 | Ditch | Linear N-S sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.45m, max depth 0.19m, max length 2.5m Not very well defined. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1220 | Fill | Friable mid orange brown clay silt moderate small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1221 | Ditch | Linear N-S dimensions: max breadth 1.9m, min length 2.2m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1222 | Fill | Friable mid orange brown silty clay | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1223 | Posthole | Circular dimensions: max depth 0.25m, max diameter 0.5m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1224 | Fill | Mid grey brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 12

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90378/74447

OS Grid Ref.: SP90420/74419

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1225 | Posthole | Oval N-S sides: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.25m, max depth 0.3m, max length 0.45m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1226 | Fill | Mid grey brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1227 | Ditch | Linear NNE-SSW dimensions: max breadth 0.75m, min length 1.3m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1228 | Fill | Mid grey brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1229 | Ditch | Linear E-W dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, min length 8.m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1230 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt occasional flecks charcoal, moderate small stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1231 | Pit | Circular dimensions: max breadth 0.7m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1232 | Fill | Mid orange brown clay silt occasional flecks charcoal, occasional small stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1233 | Natural interface | Rectangular NNE-SSW dimensions: max breadth 0.3m, max length 1.1m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1234 | Fill | Light orange brown clay silt occasional medium stones, occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1235 | Natural interface | Linear NNE-SSW dimensions: max breadth 3.65m, min length 2.2m Natural geological variation. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1236 | Natural | Mid yellow orange clay silt frequent small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1237 | Natural interface | Linear NNE-SSW dimensions: max breadth 2.1m, min length 2.2m Natural geological variation. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1238 | Natural | Mid yellow brown clay silt frequent small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1239 | Treethrow | Curving linear dimensions: max breadth 1.m, max depth 0.3m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1240 | Fill | Dark orange brown clay silt occasional medium stones, occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 13

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.2 m. Max: 1.1 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90317/74452

OS Grid Ref.: SP90359/74424

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|----------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1300 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1301 | Subsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt 0.2m to 0.7m thick. Probable mix of subsoil and colluvial material. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1302 | Natural | Firm light yellow brown silty silt Changes to a dark reddish brown ironstone at NW end. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1303 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.83m, max depth 0.16m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1304 | Fill | Friable mid brown grey sandy silt moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1305 | Foundation trench | Linear NE-SW sides: vertical base: flat dimensions: max breadth 0.55m, min depth 0.25m, min length 2.2m Not fully excavated as stone wall (1306) was left in situ. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1306 | Wall | Compact light brown white limestone frequent medium-large stones Base of wall, at least 0.25m deep. Comprised irregularly coursed fragments of limestone. Survives 0.35m BGL. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1307 | Backfill | Friable mid grey brown sandy silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1308 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: convex base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.15m, max depth 0.54m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1309 | Fill | Friable mid brown grey silty clay moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1310 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.65m, max depth 0.15m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1311 | Fill | Friable light brown grey silty clay moderate small-large stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1312 | Foundation trench | Linear NE-SW sides: steep dimensions: max breadth 1.8m, min depth 0.35m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1313 | Backfill | Friable mid brown grey silty clay occasional small-medium stones Disturbed backfill of foundation cut [1312] containing displaced fragments of limestone from drain (1315). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1315 | Drain | Hard light grey white limestone frequent medium-large stones Drain comprising two parallel vertical rows of limestone capped by a horizontal slab. Heavily disturbed. Not fully excavated. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1314 | Fill | Friable mid brown grey silty clay Material contained within drain 1315. Partially excavated for environmental sample. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1316 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 3.3m, max depth 0.5m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1317 | Fill | Friable mid brown grey silty clay moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1318 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: convex base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.7m, min breadth 1.m, max depth 0.3m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1319 | Fill | Friable mid brown grey silty clay moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1320 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: 45 degrees base: concave dimensions: max breadth 0.7m, max depth 0.4m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1321 | Fill | Friable light brown grey clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 14

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.55 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90312/74384

OS Grid Ref.: SP90343/74423

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1400 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1401 | Subsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt 0.2m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1402 | Natural | Firm mid orange brown silty clay | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1403 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.65m, max depth 0.32m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1404 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt frequent small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1405 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: steep base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.2m, max depth 0.77m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1406 | Upper fill | Friable dark grey brown sandy silt frequent small-large stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1407 | Lower fill | Friable mid orange brown sandy silt frequent small-large stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1408 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.5m, max depth 0.35m, max length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1409 | Upper fill | Friable dark grey black clay silt frequent flecks charcoal, moderate small-medium stones 0.35m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1410 | Lower fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt occasional flecks charcoal, moderate small-medium stones 0.28m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1411 | Subsoil | Compact mid yellow brown clay silt moderate small-medium stones Layer of subsoil at NE end of trench. Cut by ditch [1412] and [1408]. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1412 | Ditch | Curving linear NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.35m, max depth 0.65m, min length 7.3m Curves to the NW. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1413 | Fill | Firm mid grey yellow clay silt frequent flecks charcoal, occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1414 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 2.5m, min depth 0.35m, min length 2.2m On alignment of furrow but depth suggests it is a ditch. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1415 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1416 | Gulley | Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, min depth 0.35m, max length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1417 | Fill | Friable dark grey brown clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1418 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 1.4m, min depth 0.35m, min length 2.2m On alignment of furrow but depth suggests it is ditch. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1419 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1420 | Gulley | Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, min depth 0.35m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1421 | Fill | Friable mid green brown clay silt moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1422 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 1.5m, min depth 0.3m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1423 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt moderate small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1424 | Ditch | Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 1.m, min depth 0.35m, min length 2.2m On alignment of furrow but depth suggests it is ditch. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1425 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt frequent small-large stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1426 | Posthole | Sub-circular dimensions: max depth 0.3m, max diameter 0.4m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 14

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.55 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90312/74384

OS Grid Ref.: SP90343/74423

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|----------|----------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1427 | Backfill | Friable light grey brown clay silt frequent flecks charcoal, frequent small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1428 | Gulley | Linear NW-SE dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, min depth 0.35m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1429 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 15

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.3 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90352/74404

OS Grid Ref.: SP90394/74377

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|----------|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1500 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1501 | Subsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt 0.1m to 0.3m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1502 | Natural | Firm mid orange silty clay | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1503 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max breadth 1.9m, max depth 0.48m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1504 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown silty clay occasional small-medium stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1505 | Pit | Circular sides: steep base: uneven dimensions: max depth 0.54m, max diameter 0.8m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1506 | Fill | Friable mid brown grey clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1507 | Pit | Circular sides: concave base: flat dimensions: max depth 0.2m, max diameter 0.65m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1508 | Fill | Friable mid brown grey clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1509 | Pit | Sub-oval N-S sides: steep base: v-shaped dimensions: max breadth 0.5m, max depth 0.25m, max length 1.m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1510 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1511 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 0.9m, min length 2.2m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1512 | Fill | Friable dark grey brown silty clay | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1513 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW dimensions: min breadth 0.8m, min length 2.2m Slightly disturbed at NE end near baulk. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1514 | Fill | Friable dark grey brown silty clay Included occasional lumps of pale yellowish brown clay. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1515 | Treethrow | Irregular sides: irregular base: uneven dimensions: min breadth 2.2m, min depth 0.15m, max length 3.5m General number given to an area of root disturbance. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1516 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 16

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.4 m. Max: 0.9 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90297/74383

OS Grid Ref.: SP90339/74358

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1600 | Topsoil | Friable dark yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones 0.29m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1601 | Subsoil | Firm light grey brown sandy silt moderate small-medium stones 0.38m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1602 | Colluvium | Compact mid grey brown sandy silt 0.17m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1603 | Natural | Compact mid brown orange silty sand frequent small-medium stones | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1604 | Pit | Sub-circular sides: concave base: concave dimensions: max diameter 0.68m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1605 | Fill | Friable mid grey brown clay silt frequent flecks charcoal, occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



Trench: 17

Max Dimensions: Length: 50.00 m. Width: 2.20 m. Depth to Archaeology Min: 0.35 m. Max: 0.6 m.

Co-ordinates: OS Grid Ref.: SP90375/74355

OS Grid Ref.: SP90417/74327

Reason: To test an area of geophysical anomalies.

| Context: | Type: | Description: | Excavated: | Finds Present: |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1700 | Topsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt occasional small stones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1701 | Subsoil | Friable mid yellow brown clay silt 0.1 to 0.2m thick. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1702 | Natural | Firm light orange brown clay silt | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1704 | Ditch | Linear NE-SW sides: stepped base: concave dimensions: max breadth 2.3m, max depth 0.8m, min length 2.2m Probably consists of multiple re-cuts but fill (1703) is homogeneous. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1703 | Fill | Firm mid grey brown clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1705 | Treethrow | Irregular NE-SW sides: concave base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 0.75m, max depth 0.18m, min length 1.55m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1706 | Fill | Plastic mid yellow brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1707 | Treethrow | Irregular NE-SW sides: irregular base: uneven dimensions: max breadth 1.15m, max depth 0.3m, min length 1.25m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1708 | Fill | Plastic mid orange brown silty clay | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1709 | Natural interface | Linear NE-SW dimensions: max breadth 0.75m, min length 1.5m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1710 | Fill | Mid orange brown clay silt frequent flecks manganese staining | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1711 | Furrow | Linear NW-SE dimensions: min breadth 1.25m, max depth 0.15m, min length 17.5m | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1712 | Fill | Mid orange brown clay silt frequent flecks manganese staining | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1713 | Natural interface | Assymetrical NNE-SSW dimensions: max breadth 2.3m, min length 2.2m | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1714 | Fill | Light yellow white clay silt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

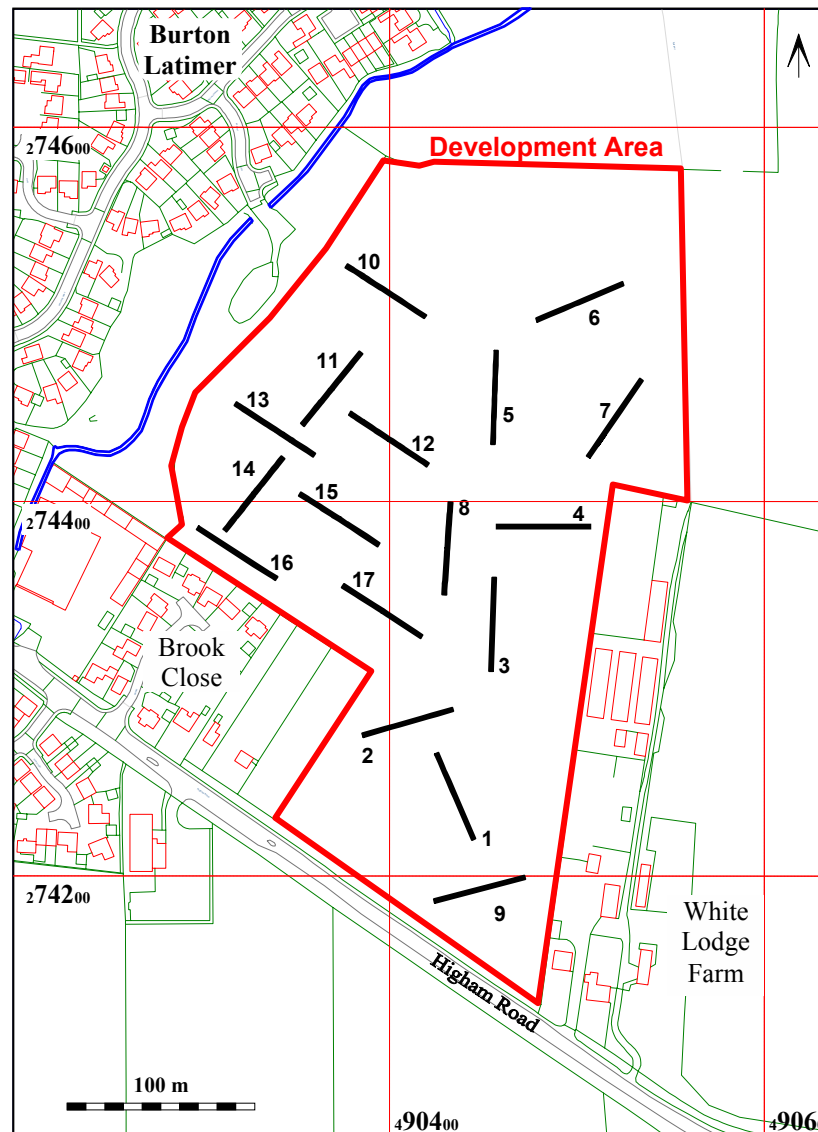
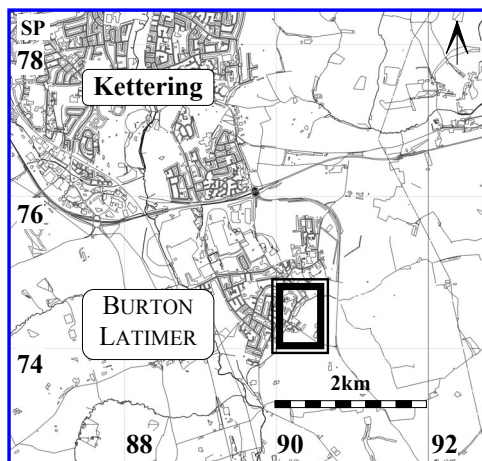
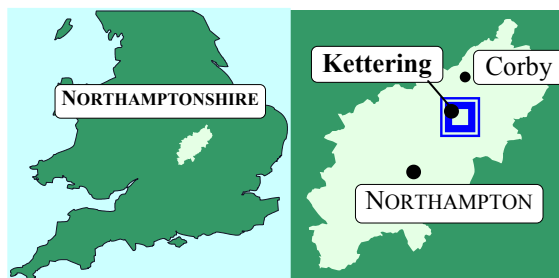


Figure 1: Site location plan and trench layout

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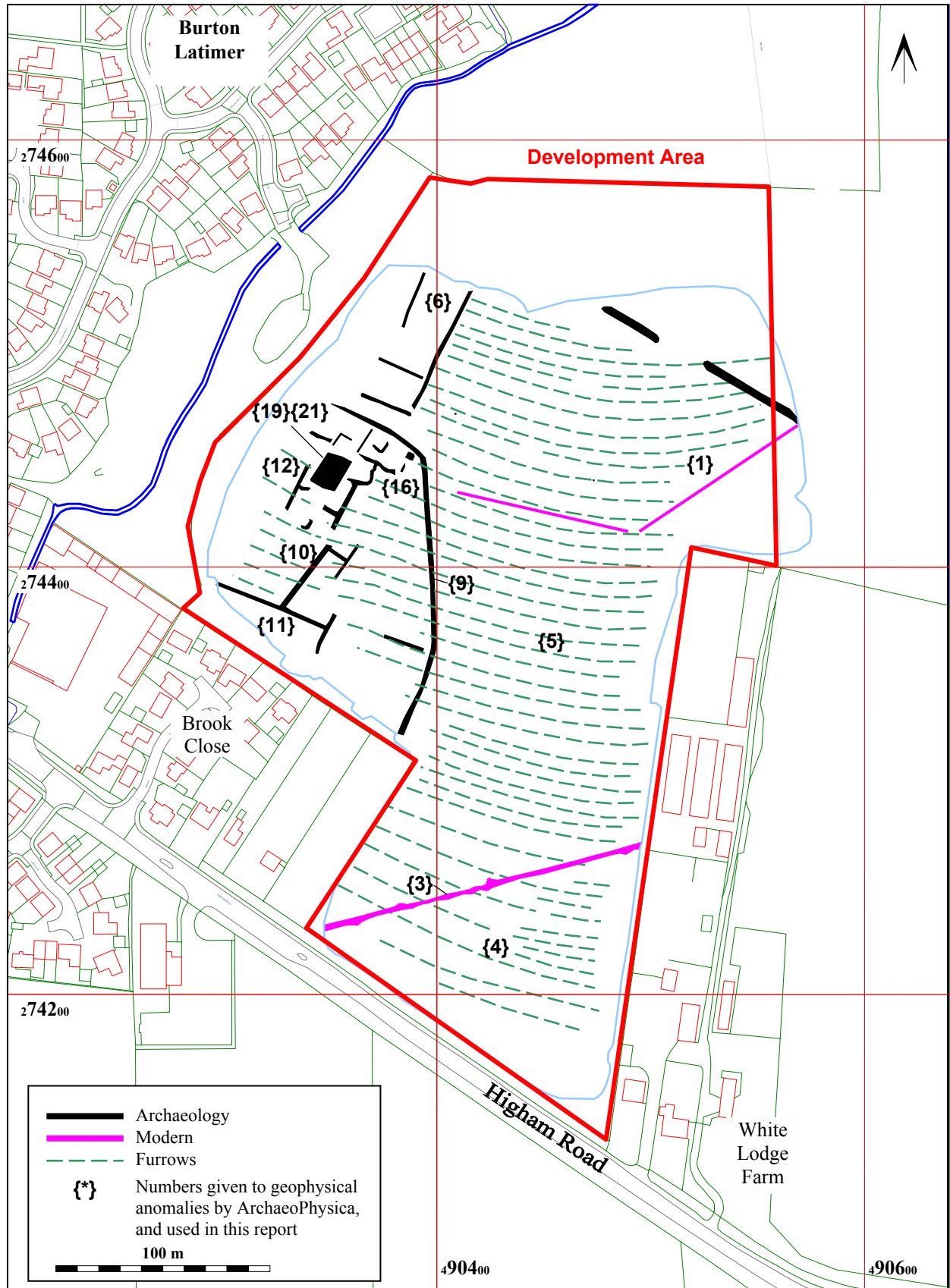


Figure 2: Geophysical survey interpretation

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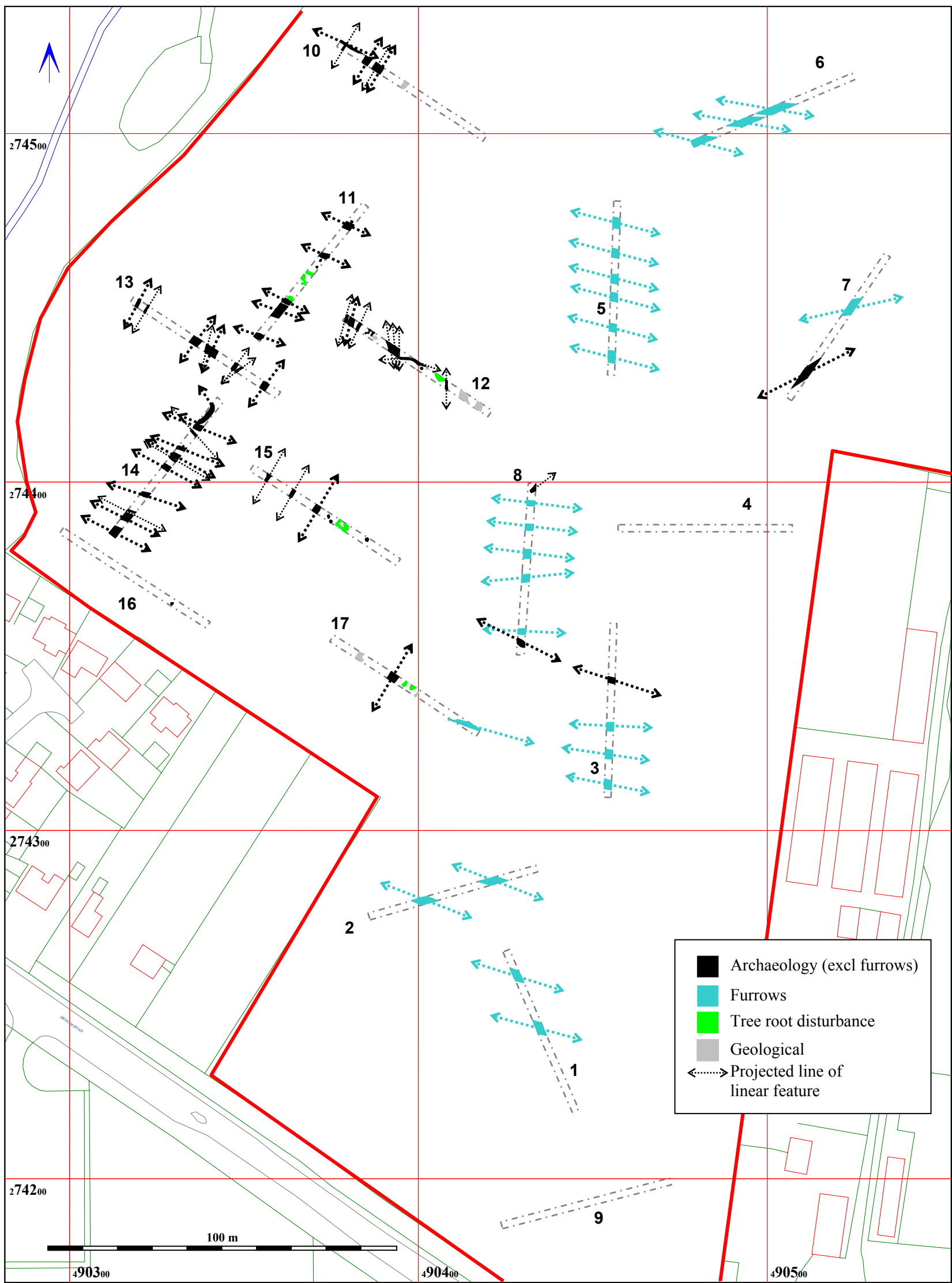


Figure 3: Plan of all features

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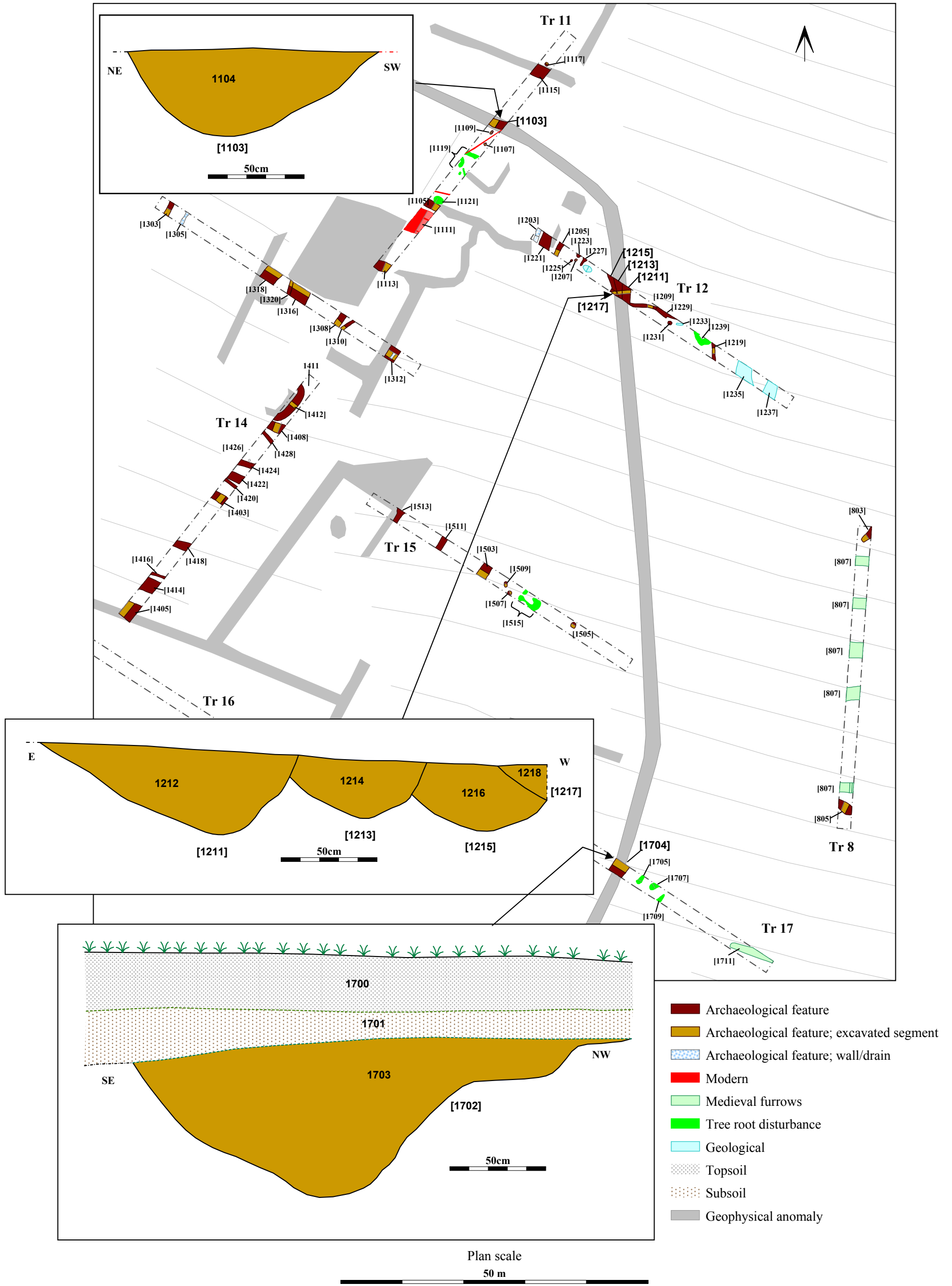


Figure 4: Close-up plan of domestic focus with sections of enclosure ditch

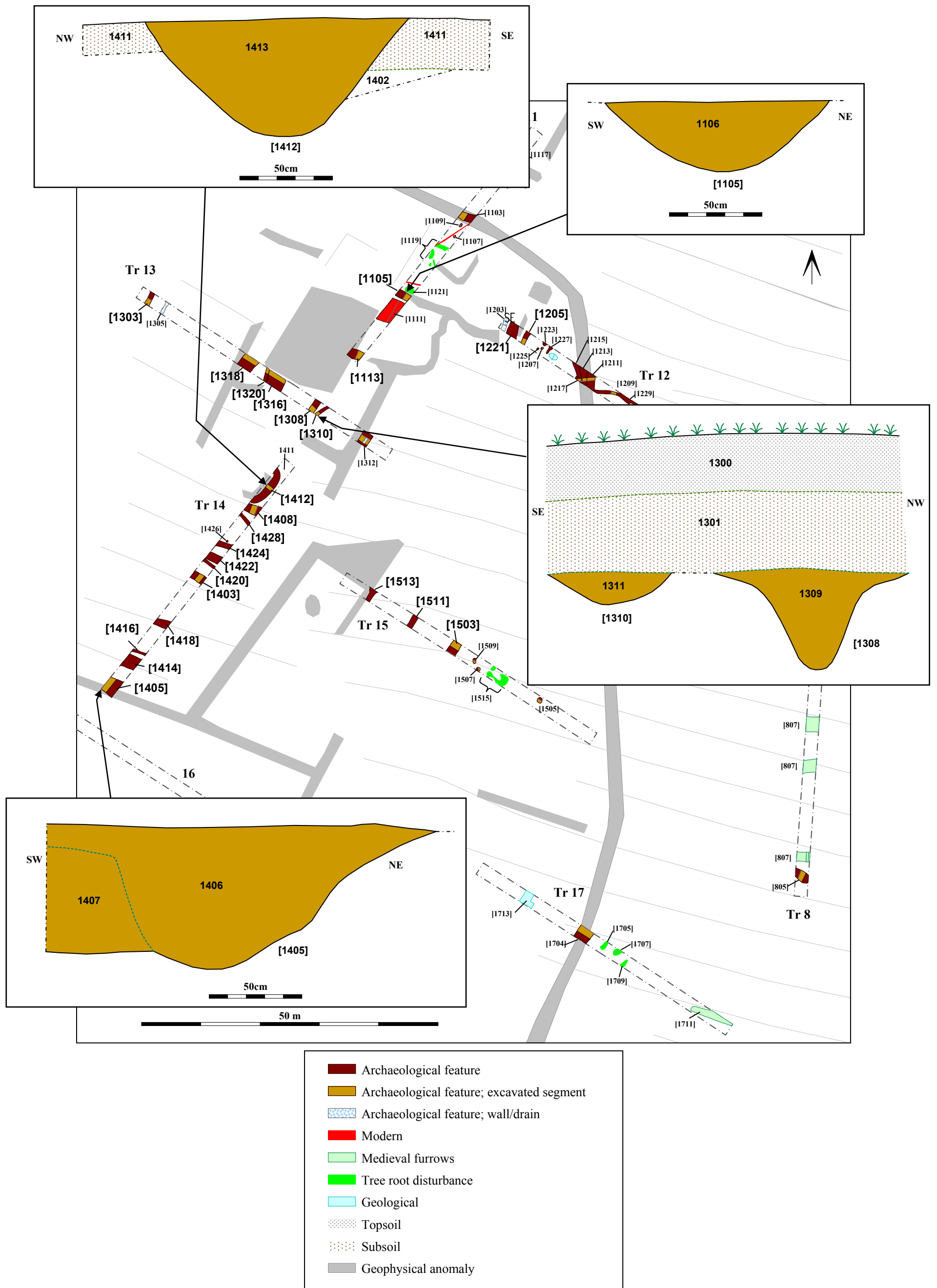
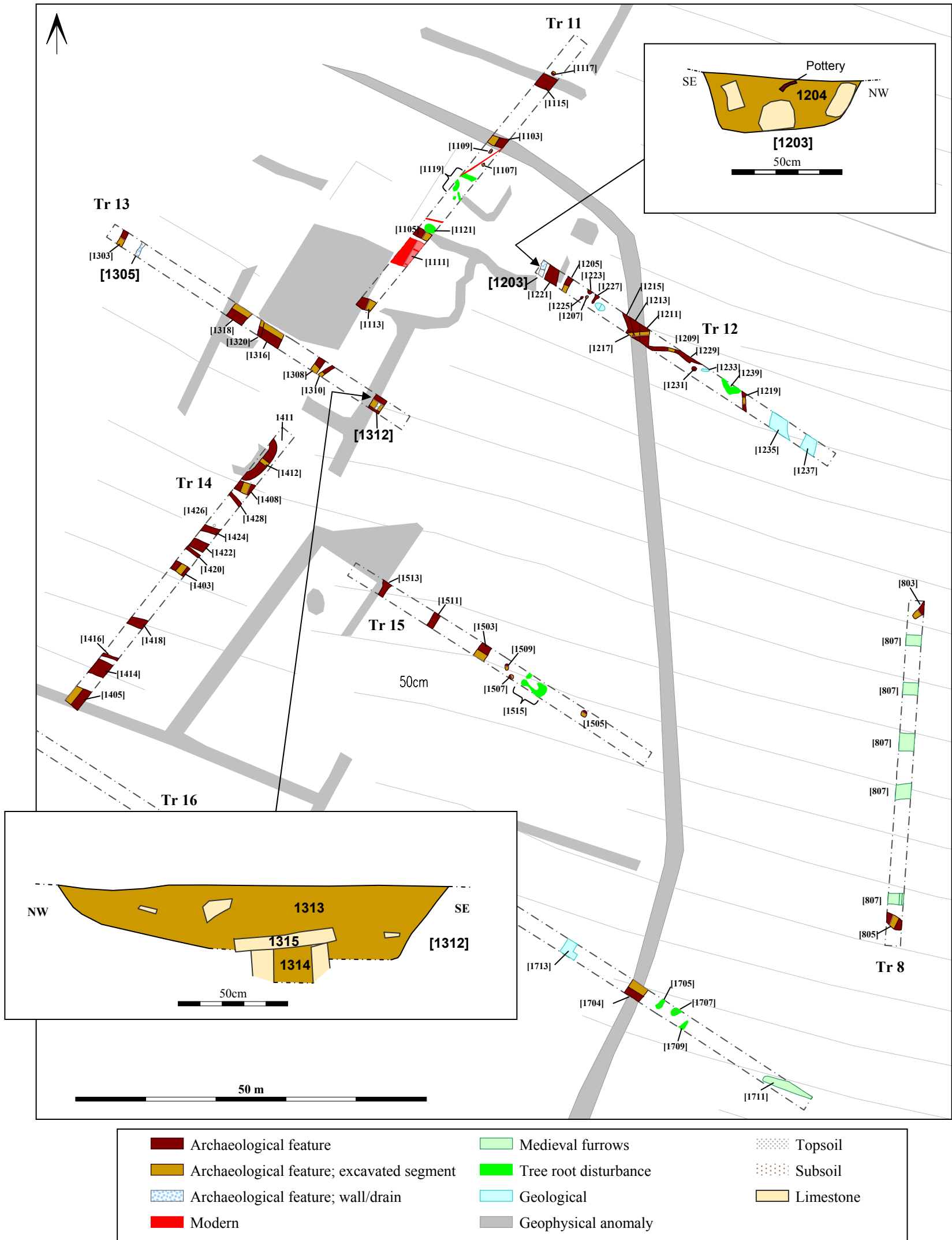


Figure 5: Close-up plan of domestic focus with sections of internal sub-division ditches



Feature [1312] with drain 1315



Wall [1305]

Figure 6: Close-up plan of domestic focus with sections and photos of selected stone structures

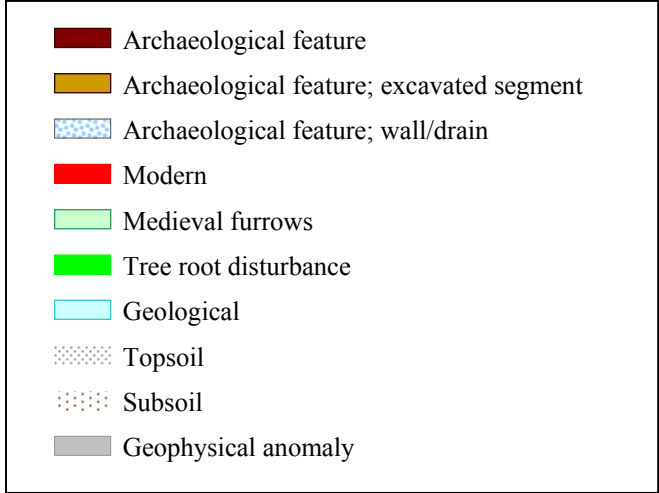
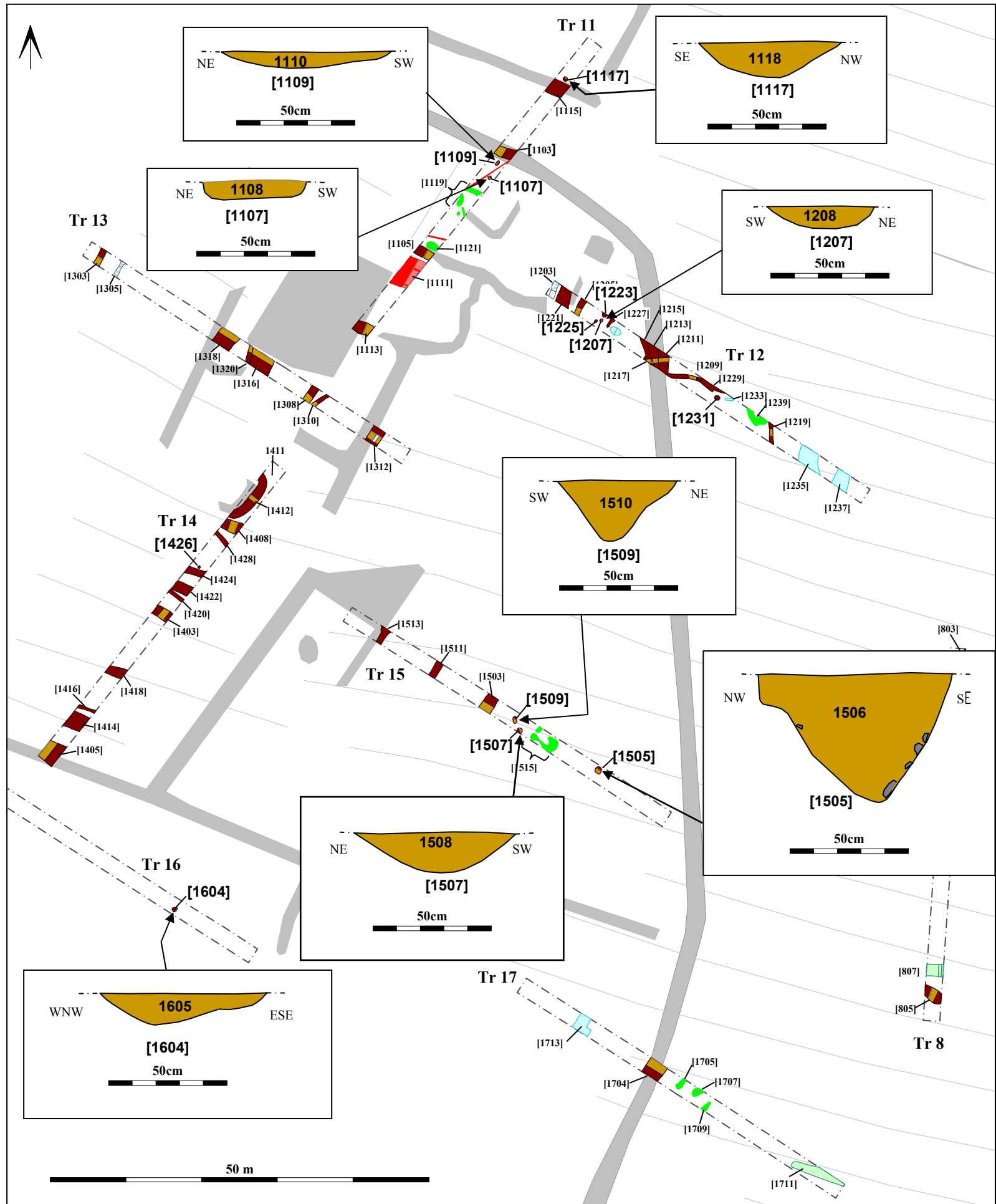


Figure 7: Close-up plan of domestic focus with sections of pits and post holes

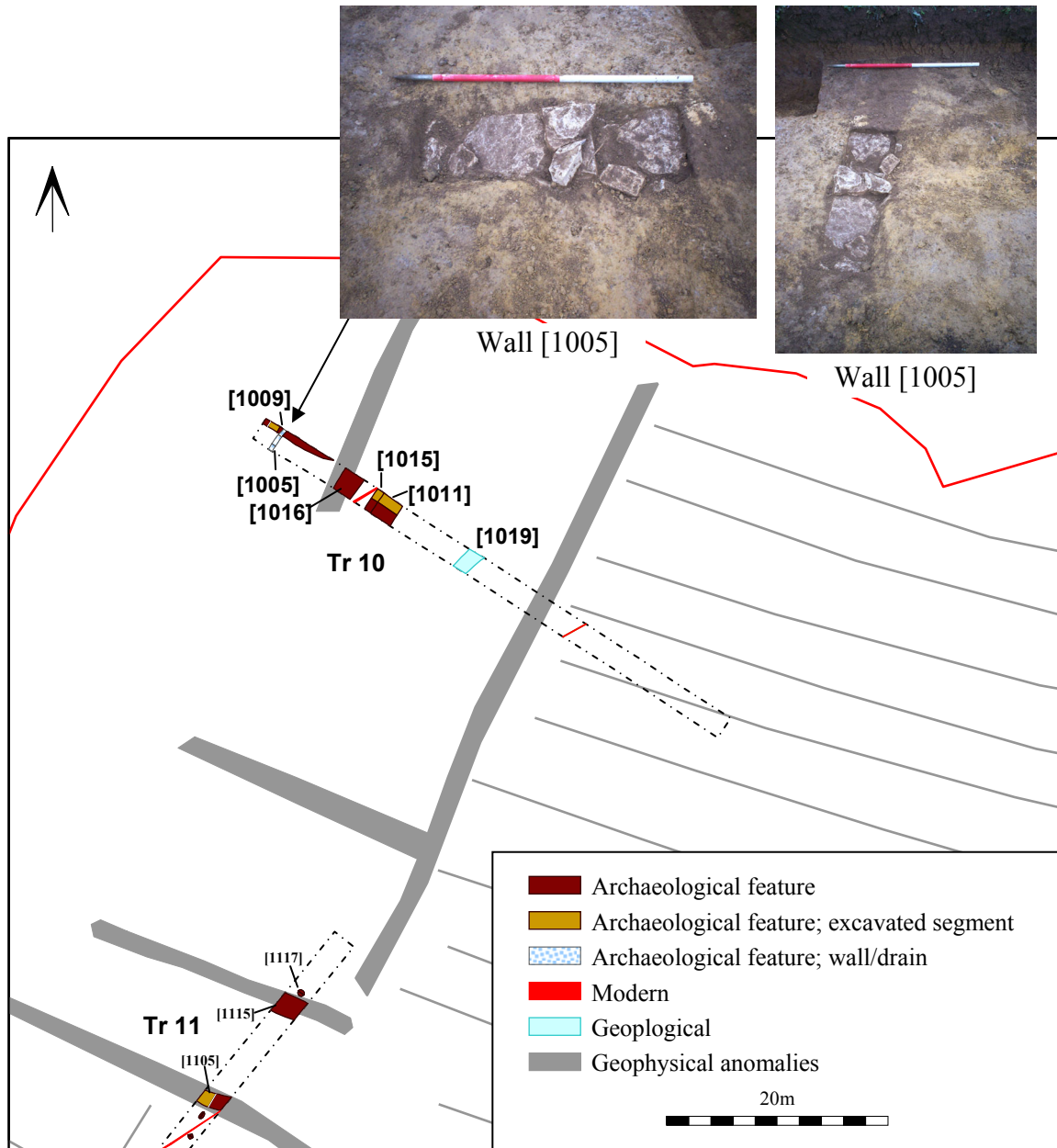


Figure 8: Close-up of Trench 10 with photos of wall [1005]

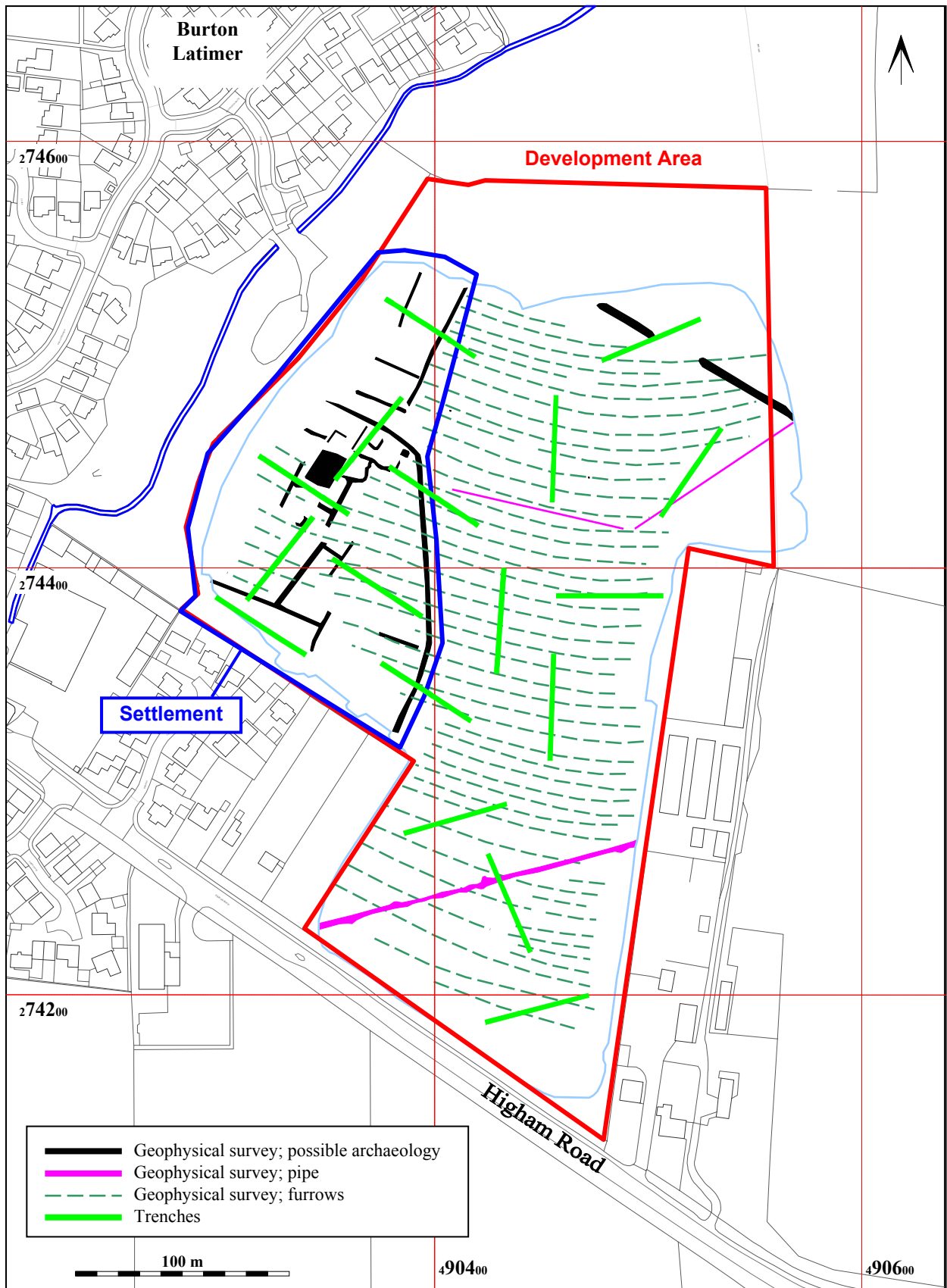


Figure 9: All features plan showing area of Romano British settlement

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