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Archaeological trial trench evaluation on land at
Chesterton Gardens, Sydenham,
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Project type	Trial trench evaluation		
Previous work	Geophysical survey (Wessex Archaeology 2013)		
Current land use	Arable land		
Future work	Unknown		
Monument type and period	Medieval ridge and furrow/modern		
Significant finds	None		
PROJECT LOCATION			
County	Warwickshire		
Site address	Chesterton Gardens, Sydenham, Leamington Spa		
Easting Northing	SP 33255 63840		
Area (sq m/ha)	6.7ha		
Height aOD	c55-70m above Ordnance Datum		
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WARWICKSHIRE**

Abstract

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1 INTRODUCTION

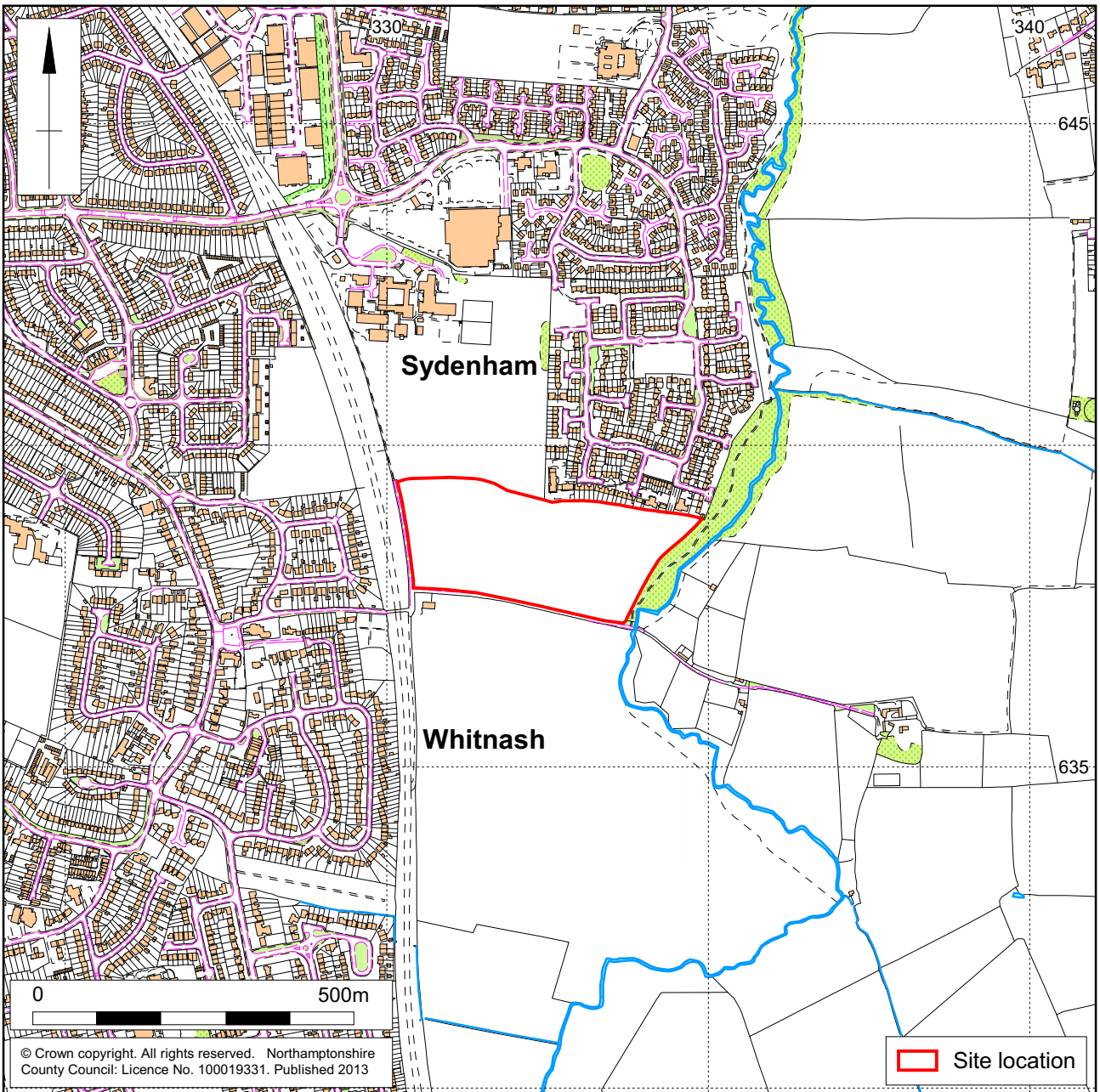
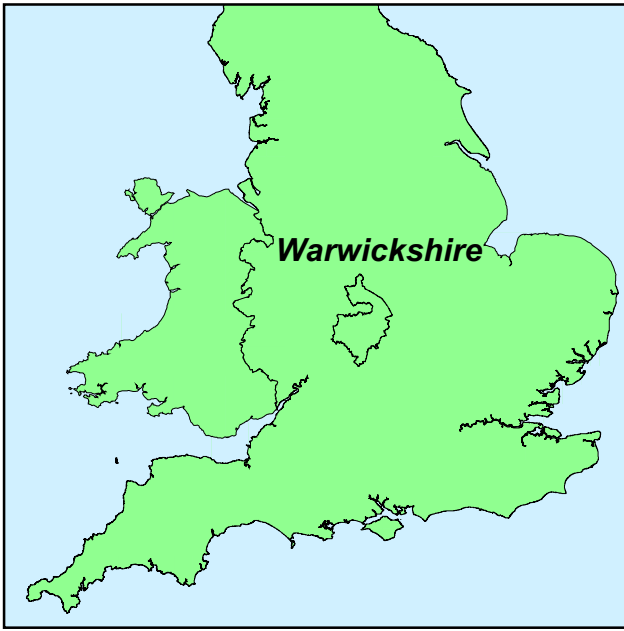
Northamptonshire Archaeology was commissioned by Prospect Archaeology to undertake an archaeological trial trench evaluation of land at Chesterton Gardens, Sydenham, Leamington Spa (NGR: SP 33255 63840, Fig 1). The work was undertaken in accordance with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

The scope of works was outlined and detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation prepared by Northamptonshire Archaeology (NA 2013). Northamptonshire Archaeology is an Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) Registered Organisation and all works were conducted in accordance with the procedural documents of English Heritage (EH 2006; 2008) and the appropriate standards and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (IfA 2008a-b).

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Location and geology

The site occupied a single field, approximately 6.7ha in area, located south of Sydenham on the eastern side of Royal Leamington Spa. It is bounded to the west by a railway line, to the north by agricultural land and housing, to the east by a small stream, which flows north to join the River Leam, and to the south by Greenfield Road. The land is currently under arable cultivation and lies at c.55-70m aOD. The site generally slopes down from the north-west to the south-east, with a shallow valley running approximately north south across the centre of the site. The solid geology is Mercia Mudstone (BGS 1984).



Scale 1:10,000

Site location Fig 1

2.2 Historical and archaeological background

A geophysical survey of the site has previously been undertaken (Wessex Archaeology 2013). This identified a number of anomalies of possible archaeological interest; interpreted as ditches perhaps forming parts of former field systems, although they may represent the remnants of ridge and furrow ploughing. The survey concluded that it was unlikely that any significant archaeological features would be encountered. The Warwickshire Planning Archaeologist requested further evaluation to investigate anomalies recorded during the geophysical survey of the site. This was in line with the planning permission requirements.

2.3 Planning Background

Planning permission was granted on appeal on April 16th 2013 (APP/T3725/A/13/2190334) for residential development comprising 209 dwellings with associated garages, parking facilities, infrastructure, public open space, allotments, landscaping and access at land south of St Fremund Way. This was subject to a number of conditions including Condition 9 which states:

No development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a written programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority.

Reason: As an archaeological evaluation has been carried out that identified several features of archaeological interest, condition 9 requires the further work to be carried out.

3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 Objectives

The main aim of the evaluation was to determine if archaeological remains were present within the application area.

The specific objectives of the investigation, as stated in the Written Scheme of Investigation, were to provide further information on (NA 2013):

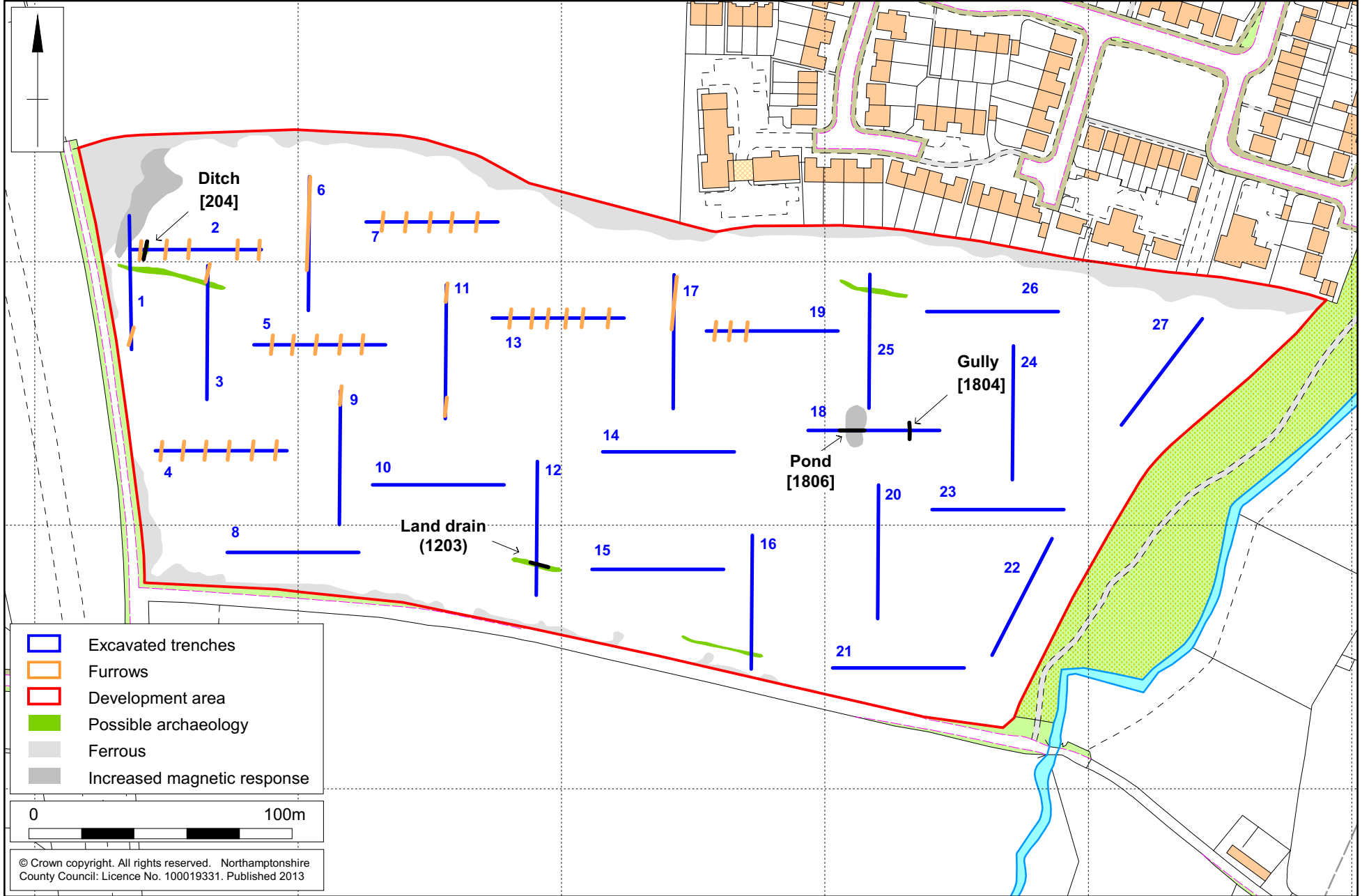
- The location, extent, nature and date of any archaeological features or deposits that may be present;
- The integrity and state of preservation of any archaeological features or deposits that may be present.

The excavation was carried out within the parameters suggested by the research priorities set out for the West Midlands (EH 1997; Watt 2011; <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/iaa/departments/archaeology/research/wmrrfa/index.aspx>).

3.2 Methodology

Twenty-seven trial trenches were excavated in reference to a trench plan prepared by Northamptonshire Archaeology and approved by the Warwickshire County Council Planning Archaeologist. Trenches 1, 17 and 25 had to be shifted south to avoid a track that was in use by the farmer. This was approved by the Planning Archaeologist. The trial trench locations were recorded using Leica System 1200 Global Positioning

Scale 1:2000 (A4)



The excavated trenches Fig 2

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System (GPS) survey equipment. The trenches were positioned to investigate potential areas of archaeology identified by the geophysical survey, as well as possible 'blank' areas (Fig 2).

A mechanical excavator fitted with a ditching bucket was used to remove overburden to archaeological levels or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. The trenches were cleaned sufficiently to enable the identification and definition of possible archaeological features. Deposits were examined by hand excavation to determine their nature. Recording followed standard NA procedures as described in the *Fieldwork Manual* (NA 2011). Deposits were described on *pro-forma* sheets to include measured and descriptive details of the context, its relationships and interpretation. A photographic record was compiled using 35mm black and white film, and colour digital images.

4 THE EXCAVATED EVIDENCE

4.1 General stratigraphy

The natural substrate was quite changeable across the site. In general, in the western half of the site and in the south-east, the natural substrate was mid brown-red silty clay with occasional small rounded stones. In the north-east, and some of the central trenches, the natural substrate was mid red-brown silty sand with frequent small rounded stones and occasional manganese flecking. The natural substrate was encountered at a depth of 0.18-0.36m, with the shallower depths generally coinciding with areas of silty clay natural substrate.

The natural substrate was overlain by mid to dark brown-grey topsoil. This tended to change from loamy clay to loamy sand depending on the underlying natural substrate.

4.2 The excavated remains

The anomalies highlighted by the geophysical survey were all targeted by the evaluation (Wessex Archaeology 2013). The anomaly aligned south-south-west to north-north-east in Trench 2 coincides with a wide U-shaped ditch [204]. The ditch was 1.04m wide and 0.46m deep, filled by dark red-brown silty clay, with frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small pebbles (203). No finds were recovered from this feature but its western edge was truncated by a furrow, [206], 2.30m wide and 0.24m deep. Ditch [204] and furrow [206] were on the same alignment (Fig 3).



Ditch [204] and furrow [206], looking north Fig 3

Trench 18 exposed part of a large shallow pit or pond, [1806], which was the cause of the increased magnetic response in the area. This was 9.45m wide and extended beyond the trench, with a gently sloping profile and flat base, 0.34m deep and filled by mid orange-brown silty clay with frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small stone inclusions (1805) (Fig 4), from which late 18th-century pottery was recovered. There was also a slightly curving linear gully in Trench 18, which was not evident on the geophysical survey. This gully, [1804], was steep-sided with a wide irregular base, 0.55m wide and 0.35m deep, on a north-north-west south-south-east alignment, filled by mid brown-red silty sand with rare charcoal flecks and small pebbles, (1803) (Fig 5).



Trench 18 with pit/pond [1806] in centre, looking east Fig 4



Gully [1804], looking south Fig 5

The geophysical anomaly targeted in Trench 12 corresponds to a land drain which had a particularly large cut, 0.90m wide and 0.50m deep to the top of drain.

The linear anomaly that was targeted by Trenches 1 and 3, and the anomalies targeted by Trenches 16 and 25 were not apparent in the evaluation.

4.3 Ridge and furrow cultivation

Evidence of ridge and furrow cultivation was identified by a number of furrows exposed across various trenches. The furrows were mainly evident in the north-west of the site where the ground level was higher, but they also extended into the northern part of the shallow valley that ran across the site and extended up some of its west facing slope. Furrows were present in Trenches 1-7, 9, 11, 13, 17 and 19 (Fig 6).

The furrows were filled with mid orange-brown sandy silt with occasional charcoal flecks and small pebble inclusions. They were aligned south-south-west to north-north-east and were between 1.2m and 3.6m wide. Two of these furrows were excavated, the aforementioned [206], and one in Trench 5 which was 0.20m deep. A high proportion of the furrows had land drains running down the centre.



Trench 7, looking east Fig 6

5 POST-MEDIEVAL POTTERY by Tora Hylton

Four sherds of pottery weighing 22.7g were recovered from the fill (1805) of pit/pond [1806]. With the exception of one tiny sherd of utilitarian white earthenware, the assemblage comprises undiagnostic fragments of transfer-printed earthenware with a blue-white glaze. One Orient –inspired fragment is decorated with a willow pattern motif. This small group dates from the late 18th century.

6 DISCUSSION

The trial trench evaluation confirmed three of the six geophysical anomalies targeted by the trenching. Ditch [204] is probably the earliest feature exposed in the evaluation as it is truncated by a furrow. However, it is on the same alignment as the furrows, and may represent an earlier field boundary or agricultural feature. The anomaly in Trench 12 was caused by a land drain with a particularly large cut. The other geophysical anomaly confirmed by the evaluation was the area of increased magnetic response targeted by Trench 18. This was modern in date and may have been a pond or large pit. Trench 18 also uncovered Gully [1804], which was undated but its irregular base and loose sandy fill suggest that it may have been used for drainage; it was also on a similar alignment to the majority of land drains exposed by the evaluation.

Evidence of ridge and furrow cultivation was mainly evident on the higher ground in the north-west of the site on the silty clay natural substrate.

In conclusion, the evaluation trenching has confirmed the findings of the geophysical survey and shown that there were no additional archaeological remains on the site. It

confirmed the presence of ridge and furrow cultivation and identified the recorded anomalies but all but one were modern in origin.

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APPENDIX: CONTEXT INDEX

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
1	50m x 2m N-S	433036 263892	71.54- 71.19m	0.26- 0.34m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
101	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.26-0.34m thick.	
102	Natural	Firm mid brownish-red silty clay with frequent small and medium pebbles.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
2	50m x 2m W-E	433059 263905	71.39- 70.38m	0.23- 0.29m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
201	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.23-0.29m thick.	
202	Natural	Firm mid brownish-red silty clay with frequent small and medium pebbles. Frequent furrows noted, running on N-S alignment.		
203	Fill of 204	Firm dark reddish-brown silty clay with occasional small pebbles and frequent charcoal inclusions.		
204	Ditch	Linear feature running on N-S alignment. Truncated by furrow [206] on western edge of feature.	1.04m Wide 0.33m Deep >2.0m Long	
205	Fill of 204	Friable/firm mid orange-brown sandy silt with occasional small and medium pebble inclusions.		
206	Furrow	Shallow furrow running on NNE-SSW alignment.	Max depth 0.24m	

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
3	50m x 2m N-S	433065 263874	70.71- 69.73m	0.22- 0.29m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
301	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.22-0.29m thick.	
302	Natural	Firm mid orange-red sandy clay with occasional small pebbles. Mottled with occasional patches of light grey silty clay.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
4	50m x 2m W-E	433070 263828	70.14- 68.08m	0.24- 0.27m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
401	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.24-0.27m thick.	
402	Natural	Firm mid brownish-red clayey silt with occasional small, medium and large pebbles. Frequent furrows noted on N-S orientation.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
5	50m x 2m W-E	433107 263867	69.57- 67.63m	0.23- 0.35m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
501	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.23-0.35m thick.	
502	Natural	Firm mid orange-red sandy clay with occasional small pebbles. Mottled with occasional patches of light grey silty clay. Frequent furrows noted on N-S alignment.		
503	Fill of 504	Mid orange-brown silty sand with occasional rounded stones and charcoal flecks.		
504	Furrow	Wide shallow furrow cut with flattish bottom.	2.20m wide 0.20m deep	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
6	50m x 2m N-S	433104 263909	70.50- 69.43m	0.25- 0.27m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
601	Topsoil	Dark brown-grey loamy clay	0.25-0.27m thick.	
602	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay, turning into dark brown-red silty clay with quite frequent rounded stone/gravel in the north of trench. One slightly curving furrow noted as running along the majority of the length of the trench, with land drain cut into it.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
7	50m x 2m W-E	433151 263915	69.62- 68.11m	0.29- 0.32m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
701	Topsoil	Dark brown-grey loamy clay	0.29-0.32m thick.	
702	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay. Five furrows noted, with land drains running down their centres.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
8	50m x 2m W-E	433097 263790	67.96- 65.51m	0.24- 0.26m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
801	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.24-0.26m thick.	
802	Natural	E end: firm mid brownish-orange clayey silt with frequent small and medium pebbles. W end: firm mid brownish-red clayey silt mottled with patches of light grey silty clay.		

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
9	50m x 2m N-S	433116 263828	67.69- 66.28m	0.28-0.36m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type Feature & type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
901	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.28-0.36m thick.	
902	Natural	Firm mid orangey-brown sandy silt with frequent small, medium and large pebbles. Turning to firm mid brownish red sandy clay N end.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
10	50m x 2m W-E	433154 263815	66.02- 63.65m	0.24-0.35m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type Feature & type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1001	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.24-0.35m thick	
1002	Natural	Firm mid orangey-brown sandy clay with frequent pebbles mottled with patches of mid red silty clay at E end.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
11	50m x 2m N-S	433156 263866	67.71- 65.52m	0.22-0.26m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type Feature & type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1101	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.22-0.26m thick	
1102	Natural	Centre: firm mid brown-red sandy clay with occasional small pebbles, with occasional mottles of light grey silty clay. N & S ends: friable mid orange-brown sandy silt with frequent pebbles and mottled with patches of light brown sandy silt.		

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
12	50m x 2m N-S	433191 263800	63.49- 61.80m	0.24-0.32m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type Feature & type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1201	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.24-0.32m thick	
1202	Natural	Firm mid orange-brown sandy clay with frequent small and medium pebbles mottled with patches of mid red silty clay, particularly at southern end.		
1203	Land drain	Modern land drain found in trench travelling ESE. Solid fill contained a large amount of redeposited natural.	0.90m wide 0.50m deep	Modern glass, pottery and tile noted.

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
13	50m x 2m W-E	433200 263879	66.56- 65.20m	0.26-0.32m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type Feature & type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1301	Topsoil	Mid brown-grey clayey loam.	0.26-0.32m thick	
1302	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay which gets sandier at east end of trench.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
14	50m x 2m W-E	433240 263828	62.73- 63.10m	0.22-0.35m
<i>Context</i>	<i>Context type Feature & type</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Artefacts/ Samples</i>
1401	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.22-0.35m thick	
1402	Natural	Mid orange-brown sandy clay with frequent small and medium pebbles, mottled with patches of mid red silty clay, particularly at western end of trench.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
15	50m x 2m W-E	433237 263783	61.35- 60.06m	0.25-0.34m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1501	Topsoil	Dark orange-brown sandy clayey silt with occasional small and medium pebbles, and charcoal flecks.	0.25-0.34m thick	
1502	Natural	Mid brown-orange silty clay with frequent small and medium pebbles		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
16	50m x 2m N-S	433272 263771	60.95- 58.62m	0.22-0.29m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1601	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.22-0.29m thick	
1602	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
17	50m x 2m N-S	433243 263870	66.78- 63.84m	0.25-0.34m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1701	Topsoil	Mid grey-brown loam.	0.25-0.34m thick	
1702	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay.		

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
18	50m x 2m W-E	433319 263836	64.52- 64.16m	0.22-0.36m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1801	Topsoil	Mid red-brown loamy clay.	0.22-0.36m thick	
1802	Natural	Mid orange-red silty clay with occasional small pebbles.		
1803	Fill of 1804	Friable mid brown-red silty sand.	0.55m wide 0.35m thick	
1804	Gully	Slightly curvilinear, N-S, steep sides & wide irregular base.	0.55m wide 0.35m deep	
1805	Fill of 1806	Firm mid orange-brown loamy clay, frequent charcoal flecks and occasional small stone inclusions.	9.45m wide 0.34m thick	Pottery
1806	Pond/pit	Irregularly shaped oval in plan with gently sloping profile with flattish base.	9.45m wide 0.34m thick	

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
19	50m x 2m W-E	433280 263874	65.52- 66.41m	0.27-0.32m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
1901	Topsoil	Mid brown-grey loamy sand.	0.27-0.32m thick	
1902	Natural	Mid red-brown silty sand with frequent small rounded stones and occasional manganese flecks, turns to brown-red silty clay in west of trench.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
20	50m x 2m N-S	433320 263792	62.76- 58.80m	0.21-0.27m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2001	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.21-0.27m thick	
2002	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
21	50m x 2m W-E	433328 263746	58.19- 57.23m	0.21-0.33m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2101	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.21-0.33m thick	
2102	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
22	50m x 2m SW-NE	433375 263773	56.97- 57.95m	0.19-0.26m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2201	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.19-0.26m thick	
2202	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
23	50m x 2m W-E	433366 263806	61.82- 58.56m	0.18-0.31m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2301	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.18-0.31m thick	
2302	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles, changing to light red orange clayey silt, with patches of light grey clayey silt, in eastern end of trench.		

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
24	50m x 2m N-S	433371 263843	64.32- 61.02m	0.19-0.27m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2401	Topsoil	Firm dark reddish-brown sandy silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles and frequent root intrusions.	0.19-0.27m thick	
2402	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay with occasional small and medium pebbles.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
25	50m x 2m N-S	433317 263870	67.08- 65.37m	0.26-0.30m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2501	Topsoil	Mid brown-grey loamy sand.	0.26-0.30m thick	
2502	Natural	Mid red-brown silty sand with frequent small rounded stones and occasional manganese flecks, turns to brown-red silty clay in south of trench.		

Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
26	50m x 2m W-E	433364 863881	66.12- 63.89m	0.26-0.32m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2601	Topsoil	Mid brown-grey loamy sand.	0.26-0.32m thick	
2602	Natural	Mid red-brown silty sand with frequent small rounded stones and occasional manganese flecks, with patches of light brown-yellow silty sand, and patches of brown-red silty clay in east of trench.		

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Trench No	Length, width & alignment	NGR	Surface height	Depth of natural
27	50m x 2m SW-NE	433429 263859	59.36- 60.40m	0.23-0.28m
Context	Context type Feature & type	Description	Dimensions	Artefacts/ Samples
2701	Topsoil	Dark grey-brown loamy clay with occasional rounded stones.	0.23-0.28m thick	
2702	Natural	Mid brown-red silty clay in SW of trench turning to red-brown silty sand with frequent small rounded stones and occasional patches of above clay in NE.		



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