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<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project title	Earthwork Survey at Clevedon Site 120	
Short description (250 words maximum)	Northamptonshire Archaeology were commissioned by CgMs (Newark) to undertake an archaeological earthwork survey at Clevedon Site 120, Somerset. The survey identified a range of features associated with previous land use including possible structural remains, pond and garden features and agricultural remains.	
Project type	Earthwork survey	
Previous work		
Future work	Unknown	
Monument type and period	Undated earthworks	
Significant finds	.	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
County	Somerset	
Site address	Tickenham Road, Clevedon, Somerset	
Easting Northing	342300 171400	
Area	3ha	
Height OD	6m AOD	
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End date	April 2007	
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# ARCHAEOLOGICAL EARTHWORK SURVEY

## CLEVEDON SITE 120

### SOMERSET

#### *Abstract*

*An earthwork survey undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology at Clevedon Site 120 identified a range of features associated with previous land use including possible structural remains, pond and garden features and agricultural remains.*

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

Northamptonshire Archaeology were commissioned by CgMs (Newark) to undertake an archaeological earthwork survey at Clevedon Site 120, Somerset (centred on NGR 342300 171400, Fig 1). The survey took place on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

## **2 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The site occupies a triangular field approximately 3ha in area. It is bounded to the west by Court Lane, to the north by Tickenham Road and to the south-east by the M5 Motorway. The site is situated on land sloping gently from north (at approximately 6.2m aOD) to south (at approximately 5.5m aOD), on the edge of Clevedon Moor, an area of drained wetland at the northern limits of the Somerset Levels. Land use is currently pasture.

To the immediate north of the site is Clevedon Court, a Grade I Listed Building. The western part of the field surveyed lies within the registered garden area of Clevedon Court, which is Listed at Grade II\* status in English Heritage's Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

### 3 EARTHWORK SURVEY

#### Objectives and methodology

The aim of the survey was to establish the extent of surviving earthwork features and to record their degree of survival.

Works were undertaken in accordance with *Recording Archaeological Field Monuments: A Descriptive Specification* (RCHME 1999) and a methodology prepared by Northamptonshire Archaeology (unreferenced).

Data collection was through Differential GPS (Leica System 1200) systems. All readings were taken on Ordnance Survey OSGB36 National Grid and related to Ordnance Survey datum. A total of 255 points were recorded to a 3D accuracy of <20mm. Tops and bottoms of slopes were surveyed at nominally 5m intervals, although this was increased where necessary to elucidate particularly important or complex features. The resulting data was plotted using MapInfo.

#### Gazetteer of features (Figs 2-4)

Table 1: Gazetteer of features

Feature	Description
(a)	Broad flat-topped bank aligned east-west, 32m long, 8m wide and 0.32m high
(b)	North-south aligned west-facing scarp 34m long, 5m wide and 0.28m high
(c)	East-west aligned south-facing scarp 13m long, 3.5m wide and 0.2m high
(d)	Irregular eroded ovoid mound 15m x 11m, 0.29m high
(e)	Broad flat-topped bank aligned east-west, 46m long, 10m wide and

	0.2m high
(f)	L-shaped scarp facing south and west, possibly defining a platform measuring 14m x 13m and 0.26m high
(g)	Irregular ovoid mound at eastern end of platform (f), 18m x 10m, 0.25m high
(h)	Area of parallel north-south aligned grips (shallow spade-dug drainage channels), each approximately 0.6m wide and 0.2m deep
(i)	L-shaped scarp facing south and west, possibly defining platform measuring 33m x 17m and 0.3m high
(j)	North-south aligned west-facing scarp 23m long, 4m wide and 0.22m high
(k)	Flat-topped bank aligned east-west, 71m long, 6.5 wide and 0.15m high
(l)	Area of parallel east-west aligned grips (shallow spade-dug drainage channels), each approximately 0.6m wide and 0.2m deep
(m)	North-south aligned east-facing scarp 28m long, 3m wide and 0.42m high

#### 4 DISCUSSION

The survey has demonstrated the survival of a series of features at Clevedon Site 120. Features (a), (b), (c) and (e) are likely to relate to former fishponds on the site, shown on the 1841 Tithe Map (kindly supplied by David Fogden).

Features (h), (k), (l) and (m) relate to former agricultural activity. Field boundary ditches corresponding with the positions of features (k) and (m) are shown on the 1841 Tithe and 1887 Ordnance Survey maps.

Features (f) and (g) may relate to former gardens or possibly relate to former structures. An area of formal garden is shown in this area on the 1887 Ordnance Survey map.

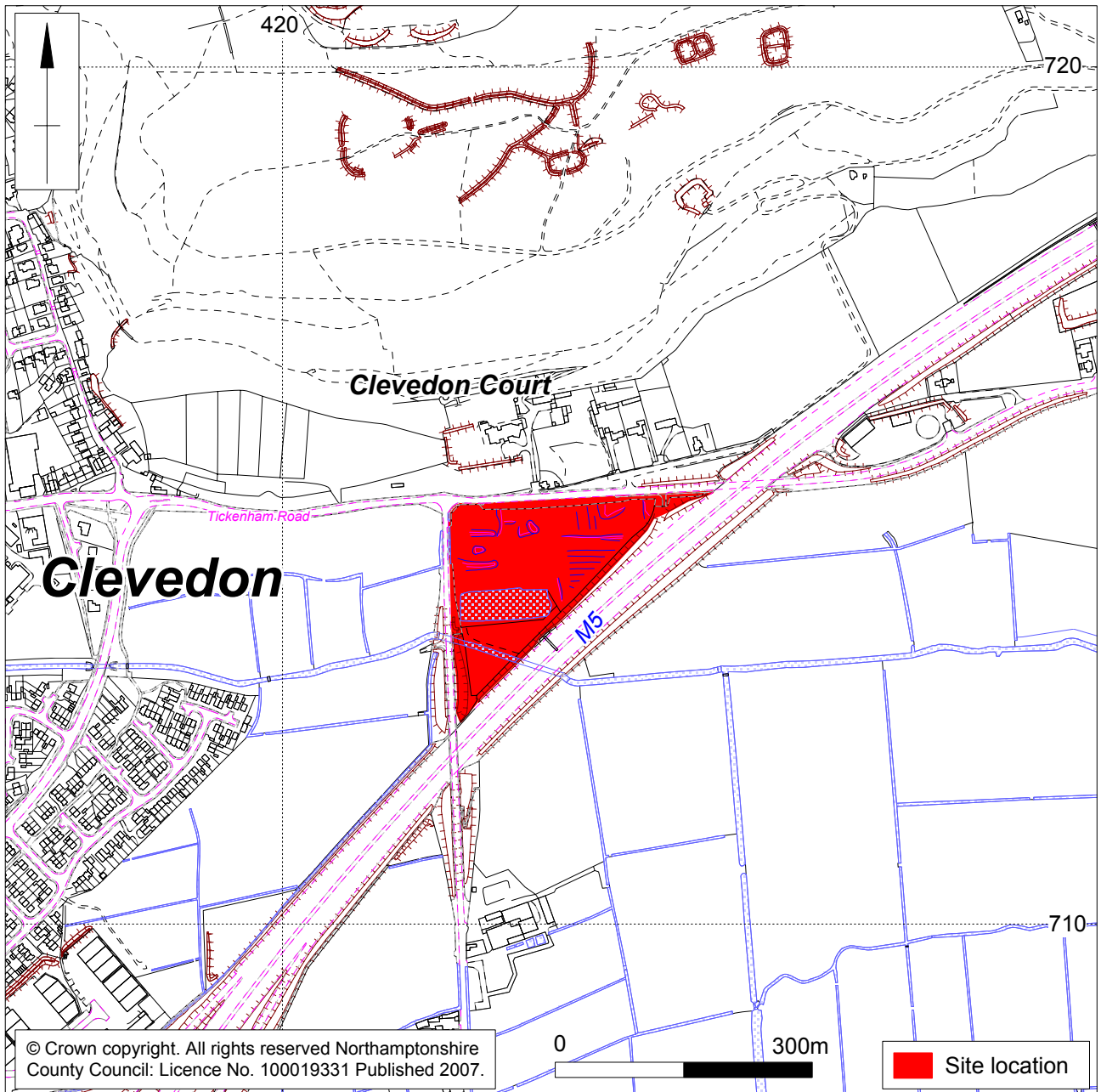
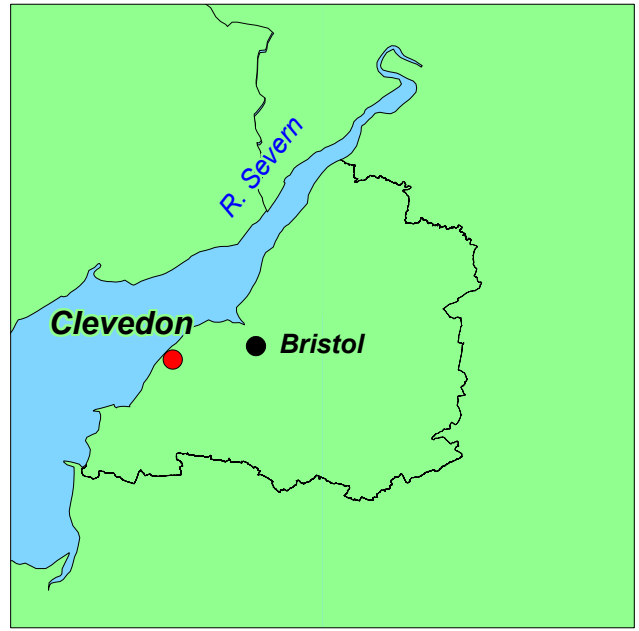
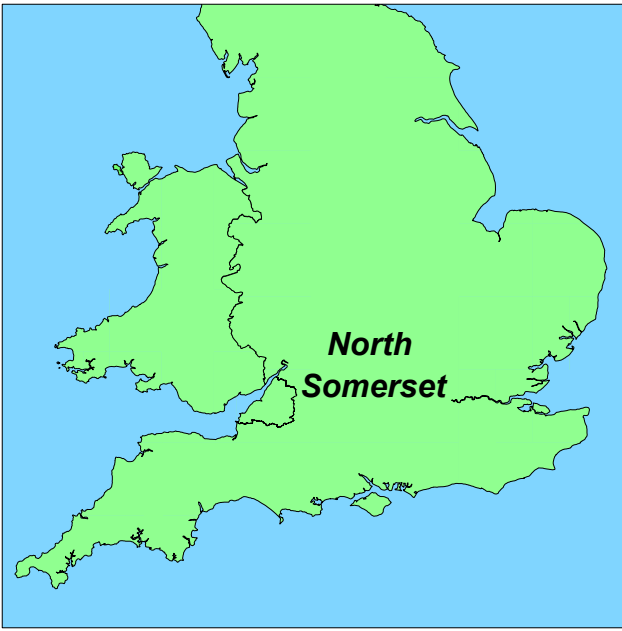
The position of feature (i) corresponds closely with an apparent building and yard shown on the 1841 Tithe and 1887 Ordnance Survey maps.

Features (d) and (j) may be of relatively recent origin.

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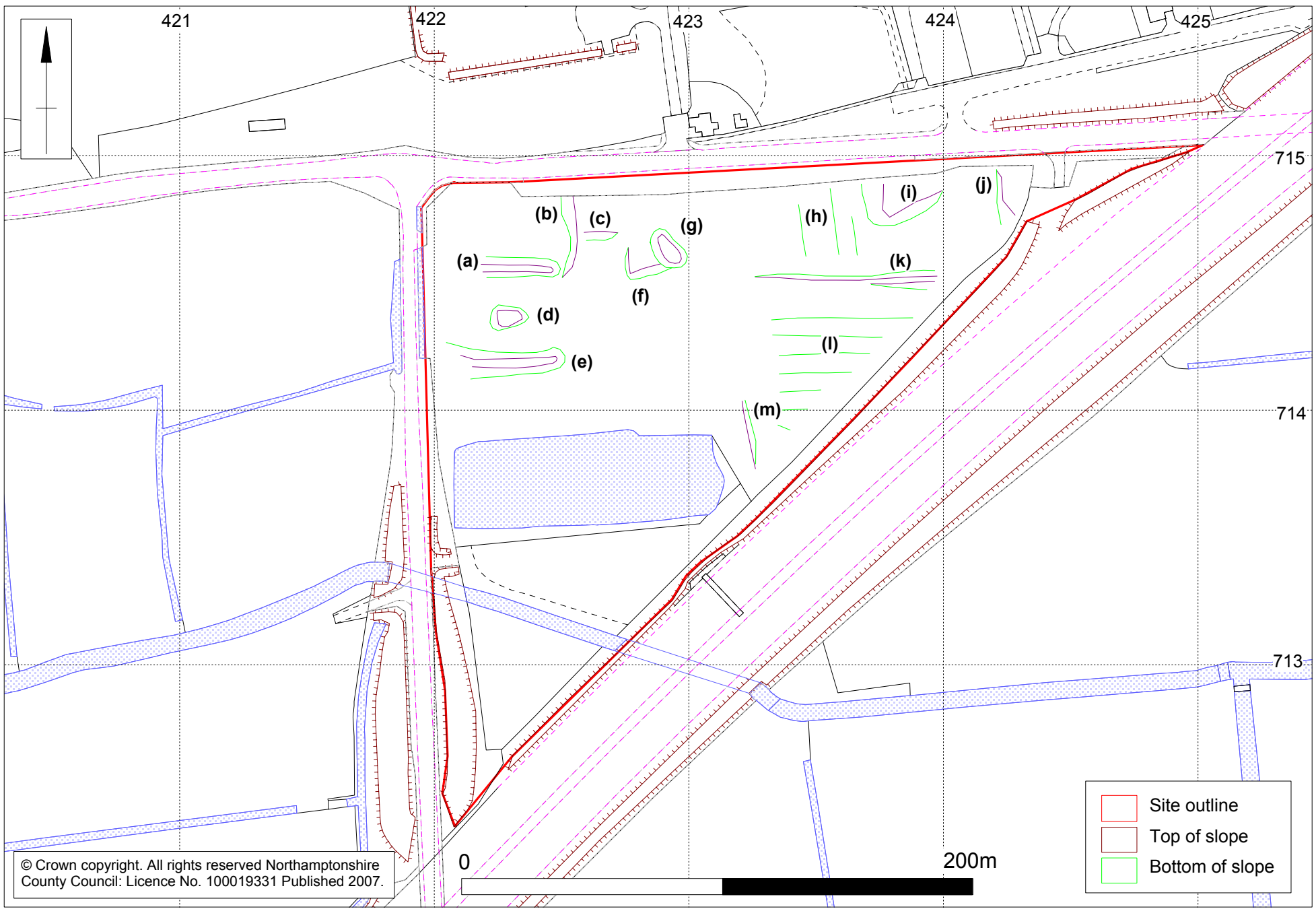


Scale 1:7500

Site location Fig 1

Scale 1:200

Earthworks survey  
Fig 2



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- Site outline
- Top of slope
- Bottom of slope