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## SUMMARY

<b>Project name:</b>	Widham Farm
<b>Location:</b>	Purton, Swindon, Wiltshire
<b>NGR:</b>	409229 188334
<b>Type:</b>	Evaluation
<b>Date:</b>	11–21 April 2022
<b>Planning reference:</b>	Wiltshire Council planning ref: PL/2021/06918
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In April 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Widham Farm, Purton, Wiltshire. A total of 10 trenches were excavated.

The evaluation recorded an intensive concentration of Roman features in the north-western part of the site, including ditches, pits/postholes and probable occupation spreads. Patches of stone may also represent the remnants of surfacing/trackways. Large quantities of pottery were recovered from this area, the majority of which dated to the mid/late 1st–2nd centuries AD. The nature of the finds assemblage is suggestive of domestic activity, although small quantities of ironworking slag recovered from Tr2 may indicate some limited industrial activity.

While it was clear that the main concentration of Roman activity was within the north-western part of the site, a small number of outlying Roman ditches were also recorded. There were also some undated ditches which may also be Roman in date, although there was no clear evidence for this. At least one ditch and a possible broad furrow were probably medieval in date.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In April 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Widham Farm, Purton, Wiltshire (centred at NGR: 409229 188334; Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken for SLR Consulting Ltd.
- 1.2. The evaluation results will inform a planning application for residential development of the site which has been made to Wiltshire Council (planning ref: PL/2021/06918).
- 1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined by Neil Adam, Assistant County Archaeologist, Wiltshire Council Archaeology Service. The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2022) and approved by Neil Adam.
- 1.4. The evaluation was also in line with: *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020), *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation* (Historic England 2015) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment: The MoRPHE Project Managers' Guide* (Historic England 2015).

### The site

- 1.5. The application site lies on the western side of Station Road, on the north-eastern outskirts of Purton. The site currently comprises a series of pasture fields. It is bounded to the north-east by Widham Grove House and a railway line; to the north-west by properties fronting Locks Lane; to the west by Common Farm; to the south and south-west by residential estates; and to the east by Station Road. Two residential plots fronting Station Road are present within the south-western corner of the site. Widham Farm is within – but excluded from – the south-western part of the application site.
- 1.6. The application site is relatively level at c. 90m AOD, although it slopes downwards slightly towards the west and south-west.
- 1.7. The underlying bedrock geology of the application site is mapped as Oxford Clay Formation mudstone, which formed in the Jurassic Period. No superficial deposits are recorded at the site (BGS 2022).

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## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The application site has been the subject of two desk-based archaeological assessments (CPM 2004; Waterman CPM 2008) and a geophysical survey (Archaeological Services WYAS 2009). The following text is summarised from these sources.

### Prehistoric (pre-AD 43)

- 2.2. Neolithic flint tools have been found c. 460m south of the application site. Undated earthworks c. 440m and c. 750m north-east of the application site may be prehistoric in date, although this is uncertain. Similarly, an undated field system recorded c. 910m north-west of the application site may also be prehistoric in origin.

### Roman (AD 43 – AD 410)

- 2.3. There is evidence that Purton was the site of a small Roman town. The application site is some 1.3km north-east of this putative Roman settlement. The nearest known Roman activity is represented by findspots of pottery (c. 650m north-east of the application site) and tile (c. 760m north-west of the application site).

### Medieval (1066 – 1539)

- 2.4. The application site is over 1km north-east of the medieval settlement at Purton. A medieval farmstead is recorded c. 190m west of the application site and the 1923 Ordnance Survey map shows a medieval moated site c. 75m south of the application site.

### Post-medieval (1540–1800) and modern (1800–present)

- 2.5. Historic cartographic sources indicate that the application site has changed little since at least the mid-18th century, although there has been some rearrangement of internal field boundaries.

### Geophysical survey

- 2.6. The geophysical survey identified no anomalies clearly indicative of underlying archaeological features, although some limited discrete anomalies were of unknown origin. A small number of linear anomalies were probably associated with former post-medieval field boundaries and ploughing regimes.

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### 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The general objective of the evaluation was to provide further information on the likely archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date and state of preservation. This information will enable Wiltshire Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any archaeological heritage assets within the site, consider the impact of the proposed development upon that significance and, if appropriate, develop strategies to avoid or minimise conflict between heritage asset conservation and the development proposals, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2021).
- 3.2. The specific objective of the evaluation is to ground test the geophysical survey results (Archaeological Services WYAS 2009).

### 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of ten trenches (Fig. 2). All trenches measured 30m x 1.8m with the exception of Tr2 (see below). The trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies and to provide a representative sample of the remainder of the site. There were the following variations to the trench plan set out in the WSI (CA 2022):
- Tr2 was extended to the north, south, east and west in an attempt to define the limits of archaeological features exposed in this area;
  - Tr4–Tr6 were not excavated due to the presence of livestock;
  - Tr8 and Tr9 were relocated due to presence of a live service; and
  - Tr13 was relocated as its original location was inaccessible.
- 4.2. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid co-ordinates using Leica GPS. Overburden was stripped from the trenches by a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was conducted under archaeological supervision to the top of the natural substrate, which was the level at which archaeological features were first encountered.
- 4.3. Archaeological features/deposits were investigated, planned and recorded in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.



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- 4.4. Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential and samples were taken in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*.
- 4.5. Artefacts were processed in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.
- 4.6. CA will make arrangements with Swindon Museum & Art Gallery for the deposition of the site archive and, subject to agreement with the legal landowner(s), the artefact collection. A digital archive will also be prepared and deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS). The archives (museum and digital) will be prepared and deposited in accordance with *Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020).
- 4.7. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

## 5. RESULTS

- 5.1. This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered from the site are given in Section 6 and Appendix B.

### General stratigraphy

- 5.2. The natural geological substrate comprised orange-brown clay. It was exposed in all trenches at a depth of 0.2m–0.6m below present ground level. It was sealed by 0.09m–0.4m of yellow-brown silty clay subsoil, which was covered in turn by 0.11m–0.25m of modern topsoil.

### Trench 2 (Figs. 3–5)

- 5.3. Tr2 contained an extensive spread of archaeological features, comprising ditches, pits, postholes and possible occupation layers. These are shown on Fig. 3 and are listed in Appendix A. The majority of these features were recorded in plan only (with the agreement of Neil Adam), but the following features were hand-excavated:
- 5.4. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 203 was 0.97m wide and 0.37m deep. It contained two fills (204 and 205). Four sherds of Roman pottery and one sherd of medieval pottery were recovered from fill 205.

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- 5.5. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 209 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 1.01m wide and 0.12m deep. It had a single fill (210), from which two sherds of late prehistoric pottery and one sherd of Roman pottery were recovered.
- 5.6. North/south aligned ditch 229 survived to 0.64m in width and 0.22m in depth. It had a single fill (230), from which two sherds of Roman pottery were recovered. Ditch 235 may have represented the eastern side of ditch 229. Ditch 235 survived to 1.5m in width and 0.29m in depth. It contained a single fill (238), from which 96 sherds of Roman pottery and one sherd of medieval pottery were recovered. Fill 238 also included a number of mudstone cobbles.
- 5.7. Ditches 229 and 235 were cut by ditch 231, which was 1.23m wide and 0.29m deep. Ditch 231 had a single fill (232), which contained 67 Roman pottery sherds and a concentration of mudstone cobbles (236) towards its base.
- 5.8. A total of 331 Roman pottery sherds were recovered from Tr2, along with small amounts of late prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval pottery.

#### **Trench 3 (Fig. 6)**

- 5.9. East-west aligned ditch 305 was 0.77m wide and 0.19m deep. It contained a single undated fill (306), from which nine sherds of Roman pottery were recovered. Ditch 305 was truncated on its southern side by ditch 307, which was 0.72m wide and 0.25m deep. Ditch 307 had a single fill (308), from which one Roman pottery sherd and two medieval pottery sherds were recovered.
- 5.10. Pit 303 was 0.88m wide and 0.39m deep. Its single undated fill (304) contained one sherd of Roman pottery, seven sherds of medieval pottery and a fragment of quern stone.

#### **Trench 7 (Fig. 7)**

- 5.11. North/south aligned ditch 703 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 0.34m wide and 0.1m deep, with a single undated fill (704).

#### **Trench 10 (Figs. 8 and 9)**

- 5.12. A 0.15m-thick spread of silty clay (1014) was present in the northern half of the trench. This deposit was cut by pit 1011, which was 0.8m wide and 0.5m deep, with two undated fills (1012 and 1013). Pit 1011 was truncated by north/south aligned

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ditch 1007, which was 0.71m wide and 0.29m deep. Ditch 1007 contained a single undated fill (1008), from which ten sherds of Roman pottery were recovered.

- 5.13. East-west aligned ditch 1003 was 0.86m wide and 0.37m deep, with a single undated fill (1004).
- 5.14. East-west aligned ditch 1005 was 0.87m wide and 0.27m deep, with two undated fills (1006 and 1015).
- 5.15. A further possible east/west aligned ditch (1009) was recorded, although the irregular sides and base of this feature might indicate that it is a natural feature. It was 1.14m wide and 0.32m deep, with a single undated fill (1010).

#### **Trench 11 (Figs. 10 and 11)**

- 5.16. North-north-east/south-south-west aligned ditch 1103 terminated within the trench. This ditch was 0.57m wide and 0.08m deep, with a single undated fill (1104).
- 5.17. Two parallel, north/south-aligned linear features lay immediately adjacent to each other in the eastern half of the trench. Ditch 1108 was 1m wide and 0.38 deep, with a single undated fill (1107). Feature 1105 was 5.2m wide and 0.46m deep, with two undated fills (1109 and 1110); fill 1109 contained seven sherds of medieval pottery. It is possible that 1105 represented a natural feature or a broad furrow, rather than a ditch. Features 1108 and 1107 were overlain by a 0.46m-thick silty clay deposit (1106) which was only present in this area of the trench. Deposit 1106 contained seven sherds of medieval pottery.

## **6. THE FINDS**

- 6.1. Artefactual material, comprising pottery, ceramic building material, fired clay, metal, industrial waste and stone was hand-recovered from 35 deposits. The material is listed by context in Appendix B and is described below. The artefacts have been recorded by deposit and sherd count, weight, type, and morphological characteristics according to each find category. The recording undertaken is in accordance with the ClfA Finds Toolkit (ClfA 2022). The unworked, burnt flint has been discarded following recording.

### **Pottery**

- 6.2. A total of 406 sherds weighing a combined total of 5,738g was hand-recovered from 30 deposits. The large majority of the pottery dates to the Roman period, with small

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numbers of sherds dating to the Late Prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval periods. The assemblage is moderately well broken-up, containing few vessels reconstructable below shoulder level. Surface survival tends to be good, with minimal abrasion recorded. Fabric codes used for recording are defined in Appendix B (Table B2). Where appropriate for the Roman material, codes relate to the National Roman Fabric Reference Collection (Tomber and Dore 1998).

#### *Late Prehistoric–Roman*

- 6.3. Pottery of late prehistoric to Roman date was recovered from six deposits within Tr2. This pottery comprised flint (FLI), quartz tempered (QZ FL, QT) and vesicular (VESF) fabrics. These sherds are likely redeposited as they all came from Roman and medieval-dated contexts.

#### *Roman*

- 6.4. Pottery dating to the Roman period makes up the majority of the assemblage, amounting to 364 sherds (5,405g). Much of the Roman assemblage was recovered from Tr2, with some material from Tr3 and Tr10. The overall fabric range of Roman pottery is set out in Table B2 (Appendix B) and is consistent with what would be expected from a rural site in North Wiltshire.
- 6.5. The majority of the assemblage is made up of local or regional coarsewares. Greywares dominate in a fabric (WIL RE) characteristic of North Wiltshire manufacture (121 sherds, 1,009g), together with grog-tempered wares, some produced in the Savernake area (SAV GT) (60 sherds, 2,407g); these all probably date to the mid-1st–2nd/3rd centuries AD (Seager Smith 2001, 235). A soft-fired grog-tempered type (GT), present as small bodysherds, probably represents an early ‘transitional’ type dating to the earlier or middle 1st century AD.
- 6.6. Among the greywares, identifiable vessel forms mostly comprised jars (27 vessels). Tableware bowl forms included a carinated form in GRO RE from fill 1008 of ditch 1007 (Tr10) and two S-profiled forms in WIL RE fabric from deposit 206 and fill 238 of ditch 235 (Tr2), the latter comparable to examples from Wanborough (ibid. 285, Fig 95, no. 398). Three sherds (17g) of greyware from fill 238 of ditch 235 (Tr2) feature clay rustication, a surface treatment most common to the period c. AD 70–150 (ibid. 283, Fig 94, no. 377).
- 6.7. All the identifiable Savernake vessel forms were of jars, including some larger vessels probably used for storage. Four sherds (54g) of South-east Dorset Black

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Burnished Ware (DOR BB1) were recorded from the fills of ditches 231 and 235 (Tr2). This regional type typically dates to after c. AD 120. The jar rim from fill 232 (ditch 231) was from an earlier style vessel, probably no later than the earlier 3rd century (Holbrook and Bidwell 1991, 95–6). Much of the remaining assemblage consists of mainly local coarsewares (fabric types LOC BS, WIL OX, VES).

- 6.8. A small number of fine and specialist wares were recovered. A single sherd (3g) of North Wiltshire Colour-Coated ware (WIL CC) was recovered from topsoil deposit 200 (Tr2). It is an indented beaker form and features clay roughcast decoration. Large quantities of this fabric type were recovered from Wanborough and date from the early 2nd century AD (Seager Smith 2001, 240–1).
- 6.9. Gaulish Samian fabrics amount to seven sherds (28g), most being of Central Gaulish (Lezoux) type (LEZ SA2) and dating to the 2nd century AD. The identified forms in this type comprised a dish with a beaded rim and a Drag. 33 cup from fill 232 (ditch 231, Tr2). In addition, a sherd of South Gaulish (La Graufesenque) type (LGF SA) Drag. 36 dish, probably dating c. AD 70–110, and a Central Gaulish (Les Martres de Veyre) Drag. 18/31R dish of c. AD 100–150, were both recovered from possible occupation deposit 206 (Tr2). Two worn fragments (126g) of North Gaulish whiteware (mortaria) (NOG WH), a type typically dating to the second half of the 1st century AD from British contexts, were recorded from topsoil 200 and occupation deposit 206 (both Tr2).

#### *Medieval and post-medieval*

- 6.10. Pottery post-dating the Roman period was represented by 46 sherds (365g). Medieval pottery was recovered from 11 features in Tr2, two features in Tr3 and two features in Tr11. A proportion appears to be intrusive within Roman dated deposits, possibly introduced as the result of agricultural processes. The medieval group comprised unglazed coarsewares only. The most common type (POLQC) is characterised by coarse polished quartz inclusions and is almost certainly local in origin. Smaller numbers of sherds identifiable as of Kennet Valley/East Wiltshire (KEN) and Minety (MINETY) type were also present; again, these are of relatively local origins. Identifiable vessel forms comprised entirely of jars in KEN and MINETY fabrics. All the medieval material was broadly datable in the 12th–15th century range.

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- 6.11. Post-medieval/modern pottery was recovered from fill 226 of feature 225 (Tr2) and includes two sherds (41g) of glazed red earthenware (GRE) dating to the mid-16th–18th/early 19th century and one sherd (2g) of late 18th/19th century yellow ware (YEL).

#### **Ceramic Building Material (CBM)**

- 6.12. Five fragments of ceramic building material were recorded. They are in a soft, orange, very fine fabric typical of products dating to the Roman period. The fragments are abraded and have lost either one or both surfaces, and at 29 and 32mm thick, they are likely to belong to bricks rather than flat tiles. Two joining fragments were found in topsoil 200, one in deposit 206, another in fill 256 of ditch 255, and one in fill 264 of feature 263.

#### **Fired clay**

- 6.13. A total of 28 fragments (203g) of fired clay were recorded. The majority were of a soft sandy orange fabric and were too formless to be able to identify their function. A possible fragment of ceramic plate was recovered from fill 232 of ditch 231 (Tr2).

#### **Stone**

- 6.14. Three stone items were recovered. These include a fragment (found in fill 304 of pit 303; Tr3) with a small section of flat and pecked surface, that is clearly the grinding surface of a quern. It could be from either a saddle quern or rubber, but it is likely to be from a rotary quern given the Roman date adjacent contexts. The quern is made from a slightly pebbly feldspathic quartz cemented Old Red Sandstone. It probably originated in the Beacon Hill area of the Mendips in Somerset. Querns from the Mendips were distributed across the region during the Iron Age and especially during the Roman period.
- 6.15. Two small fragments (35g and 7g) of grey roofing slate were found in fill 226 of cut 225 (Tr2) and in topsoil 100. It is likely that these are both modern tiles. The fragment from 226 might be an intrusion.

#### **Other finds**

- 6.16. Six iron nails were recovered. Two from topsoil deposit 1001 (Tr10) are small horseshoe types, with flat heads (Goodall 2011, type D). One is missing the tip but the other has a 'modern'-style clenching of the late medieval period onwards (Clark 1995, Fig 70b). The remainder includes a short stud from fill 282 of pit 281 (Tr2) with a rectangular head (25mm long, head 17mm x 7mm) and three large nails

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fragments, their surviving lengths measuring 91mm, 73mm and 21mm. The latter was found in fill 222 of feature 221 (Tr21); the other two from are from the topsoil and subsoil in Tr2 (200 and 201).

- 6.17. Small pieces of industrial residue from fill 274 of cut 273 (Tr2) and fill 276 of cut 275 (Tr2) are identifiable as indeterminate ironworking slag.

### Summary

- 6.18. A moderately large artefactual assemblage was recovered during the evaluation. Pottery was by far the dominant find type, with the majority dating to the Roman period. There were also some finds from the late prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval periods. The majority of this material was recovered from Tr2, although some came from Tr3, Tr10 and Tr11.
- 6.19. The Roman pottery is comparable in its range to previously recorded assemblages in the area and draws mainly from local coarsewares, including SAV GT and WIL RE. It also includes regional sources such as DOR BB1 and imported samian and NOG WH fabrics. Most indications are that the pottery relates to activity in the mid or later 1st–2nd centuries AD.
- 6.20. The limited presence of finewares and specialist wares may be an indication of low status; however, this is a feature of most North Wiltshire rural settlement assemblages. Most of the identifiable forms are jars, with some bowls, dishes and platters, suggesting domestic activity in the area. The quantities of other artefactual material, most notably the quern fragment, further support the presence of Roman domestic activity in the area. The small quantities of ironworking slag may indicate some industrial activity, although the nature and scale of this activity are unclear.

## 7. DISCUSSION

- 7.1. The evaluation recorded an intensive concentration of Roman features in the north-western part of the site (Tr2), including ditches, pits/postholes and probable occupation spreads. Patches of stone may also represent the remnants of surfacing/trackways. Large quantities of pottery were recovered from this trench, the majority of which dated to the mid/late 1st–2nd centuries AD. The nature of the finds assemblage is suggestive of domestic activity, although small quantities of ironworking slag recovered from Tr2 may indicate some limited industrial activity.

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- 7.2. While it was clear that the main concentration of Roman activity was within Tr2, outlying Roman ditches were recorded in Tr3 and Tr10. There were also undated ditches in Tr7, Tr10 and Tr11 which may also be Roman in date, although there was no clear evidence for this. In Tr11, at least one of the ditches and a possible broad furrow were probably medieval in date.
- 7.3. There was a poor correspondence with the geophysical survey results (Archaeological Services WYAS 2009). None of the limited anomalies recorded by the survey were found to match below-ground archaeological features. Similarly, none of the features recorded by the evaluation, including the extensive Roman activity in Tr2, had been detected by the geophysical survey.

## 8. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 8.1. Fieldwork was undertaken by Francesco Catanzaro and Agata Kowalska, assisted by Chris J. Ellis, Tim Street, Chris Brown, Rebecca Metcalfe and Tessa Blaikie. This report was written by Derek Evans and Francesco Catanzaro. The finds report was written by Alejandra Gutiérrez and Claire Collier-Jones. The report illustrations were prepared by Ken Lymer. The project archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Richard Paxford. The project was managed for CA by Derek Evans.

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## APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.25	
1	101	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling and rare flint inclusions		0.14	
1	102	Layer		Natural	Light orange brown clay, friable. Frequent light grey clay mottles, flecks of Mn, rare flint			
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.23	
2	201	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling and rare flint inclusions		0.12	
2	202	Layer		Natural	Light orange brown clay, friable. Frequent light grey clay mottles, flecks of Mn, rare flint			
2	203	Cut		Ditch	N-S oriented, concave sides, flat base	0.97	0.37	
2	204	Fill	203	Fill	Light blue grey sandy clay, compact. Occasional flint, rare charcoal flecks inclusions.	0.61	0.09	RB
2	205	Fill	203	Fill	Dark grey blue sandy silt, friable. Frequent flint and occasional charcoal flecks inclusions	0.82	0.28	MC2
2	206	Deposit		?Occupation layer	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous flecks and flint inclusions	N/A	0.18	
2	207	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	0.9	>0.1	
2	208	Fill	207	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.9	>0.1	RB
2	209	Cut		Ditch	N-S oriented, concave sides, flat base	1.01	0.12	
2	210	Fill	209	Ditch fill	Dark grey blue silty clay, friable. Rare charcoal flecks and flint inclusions	1.01	0.12	MC1-C2
2	211	Cut		?Pit	Sub-circular in plan. Not excavated	0.55	>0.1	
2	212	Fill	211	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.55	>0.1	
2	213	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	0.5	N/A	
2	214	Fill	213	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.5	N/A	
2	215	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	0.78	>0.13	
2	216	Fill	215	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.78	>0.13	
2	217	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	>0.45	>0.13	
2	218	Fill	217	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	>0.45	>0.13	
2	219	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	0.62	>0.14	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
2	220	Fill	219	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.62	>0.14	
2	221	Cut		?Pit	Large feature(s) irregular in plan. Not excavated	>1.8	>0.1	
2	222	Fill	221	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	>1.8	>0.1	MC1-C2
2	223	Cut		?Ditch	Linear in plan. Not excavated	0.8	>0.18	
2	224	Fill	223	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.8	>0.18	RB
2	225	Cut		?Pit	Large feature, irregular in plan. Not excavated	>1.8	>0.13	
2	226	Fill	225	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	>1.8	>0.13	LC17-C18
2	227	Cut		?Pit	Sub-circular in plan. Not excavated	0.78	>0.12	
2	228	Fill	227	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.78	>0.12	
2	229	Cut		Ditch	N-S oriented, linear in plan	0.64	0.22	
2	230	Fill	229	Ditch fill	Light grey clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottles and Mn flecks, rare mudstones	0.64	0.22	RB
2	231	Cut		Ditch	N-S oriented, concave sides and base	1.23	0.29	
2	232	Fill	231	Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottles, moderate charcoal flecks; contains mudstone cobbles (236)	1.23	0.29	MC1-C2
2	233	Cut		?Ditch	Curvilinear in plan, not excavated	1.22	>0.06	
2	234	Fill	233	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	1.22	>0.06	
2	235	Cut		Ditch	N-S oriented, concave sides and base.	1.23	0.29	
2	236	Fill	231	Part of ditch fill 232	Spread of mudstone cobbles within fill 232	0.45	0.28	
2	237	Cut		Pit	Sub-oval in plan concave sides and base. Not fully excavated	2.2	0.2	
2	238	Fill	235	Ditch fill	Light grey clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottles and Mn flecks, moderate charcoal flecks, mudstone inclusions	1.5	0.29	EMC2
2	239	Cut		Ditch	N-S oriented, linear in plan. Not excavated	1.06	>0.1	
2	240	Fill	239	Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	1.06	>0.1	RB
2	241	Cut		Pit	Sub-circular in plan. Not excavated	0.5	N/A	
2	242	Fill	241	Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.5	N/A	
2	243	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	>0.46	>0.06	
2	244	Fill	243	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	>0.46	>0.06	
2	245	Cut		?Ditch	Linear in plan. Not excavated	0.5	>0.11	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
2	246	Fill	245	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.5	>0.11	
2	247	Cut		?Pit	Irregular in plan. Not excavated	1.12	N/A	
2	248	Fill	247	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	1.12	N/A	RB
2	249	Cut		?Pit	Sub-circular in plan. Not excavated	0.7	N/A	
2	250	Fill	249	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.7	N/A	C12-C15
2	251	Cut		?Pit	Sub-circular in plan. Not excavated	0.62	N/A	
2	252	Fill	251	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.62	N/A	C12-C15
2	253	Cut		?Ditch	Linear in plan, N-S oriented. Not excavated	0.7	>0.13	
2	254	Fill	253	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.7	>0.13	
2	255	Cut		?Ditch	Linear in plan, N-S oriented. Not excavated	0.8	N/A	
2	256	Fill	255	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.8	N/A	
2	257	Cut		?Pit	Sub-circular in plan. Not excavated	>0.83	>0.07	
2	258	Fill	258	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	>0.83	>0.07	RB
2	259	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	0.42	N/A	
2	260	Fill	259	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.42	N/A	
2	261	Cut		?Pit	Irregular in plan. Not excavated	1.2	>0.06	
2	262	Fill	261	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	1.2	>0.06	RB
2	263	Cut		?Ditch	Irregular in plan, NE-SW oriented. Not excavated	1.15	>0.05	
2	264	Fill	263	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	1.15	>0.05	C12-C15
2	265	Cut		?Ditch	E-W oriented, linear in plan. Not excavated	2.1	>0.07	
2	266	Fill	265	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	2.1	>0.07	MC1-C2
2	267	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	0.71	N/A	
2	268	Fill	267	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.71	N/A	
2	269	Cut		?Ditch	NE-SW and E-W oriented, linear in plan. Not excavated	N/A	>0.05	
2	270	Fill	270	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	N/A	>0.05	
2	271	Cut		?Pit	Irregular in plan. Not excavated	2.55	>0.06	
2	272	Fill	271	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	2.55	>0.06	RB

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
2	273	Cut		?Pit	Irregular in plan. Not excavated	2.88	>0.06	
2	274	Fill	273	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	2.88	>0.06	C12-C15
2	275	Cut		?Ditch	N-W and E-W oriented, linear in plan. Not excavated	2.3	>0.05	
2	276	Fill	275	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	2.3	>0.05	C12-C15
2	277	Cut		?Pit	Irregular in plan. Not excavated	2.44	>0.05	
2	278	Fill	277	?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	2.44	>0.05	
2	279	Cut		?Ditch	Linear in plan, NW-SE oriented. Not excavated	1.1	>0.06	
2	280	Fill	279	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	1.1	>0.06	RB
2	281	Cut		?Pit	Sub-oval in plan. Not excavated	0.62	N/A	
2	282	Fill		?Pit fill	Dark grey silty clay, friable. Rare micaceous and charcoal flecks, and flint inclusions	0.62	N/A	RB
3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.24	
3	301	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling and rare flint inclusions		0.25	
3	302	Layer		Natural	Light orange brown clay, friable. Frequent light grey clay mottles, flecks of Mn, rare flint			
3	303	Cut		Pit	Sub-oval in plan, NE-SW oriented, rounded sides and flat base	0.88	0.39	
3	304	Fill	303	Pit fill	Mid brown grey clay silt, friable. Frequent flint and occasional charcoal flecks inclusions	0.88	0.39	C12-C15
3	305	Cut		Ditch	E-W oriented, rounded sides, flat base.	0.77	0.19	
3	306	Fill	305	Ditch fill	Mid yellow grey clay silt, friable. Rare flint, slate and charcoal flecks inclusions	0.77	0.19	LIA-C1
3	307	Cut		Ditch	E-W oriented, rounded sides and concave base.	0.72	0.25	
3	308	Fill	307	Ditch fill	Mid yellow grey clay silt, friable. Rare flint, and charcoal flecks inclusions	0.72	0.25	C12-C15
7	700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.11	
7	701	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling and rare flint inclusions		0.09	
7	702	Layer		Natural	Light orange brown clay, friable. Frequent light grey clay mottles, flecks of Mn, rare flint			
7	703	Layer		Ditch	NW-SE oriented, concave sides, flat base	0.34	0.1	
7	704	Layer	703	Ditch fill	Light blue grey silty clay, friable. Rare flecks of charcoal and Mn inclusions	0.34	0.1	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
8	800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.2	
8	801	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling, occasional limestones and rare Mn flecks inclusions		0.4	
8	802	Layer		Natural	Light orange yellow silty clay, compact. Occasional limestones and blue grey clay mottles			
9	900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.15	
9	901	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling, occasional limestones and rare Mn flecks inclusions		0.15	
9	902	Layer		Natural	Light orange yellow silty clay, compact. Occasional limestones and blue grey clay mottles			
10	1000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.16	
10	1001	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling and rare flint inclusions		0.16	
10	1002	Layer		Natural	Light orange brown clay, friable. Frequent light grey clay mottles, flecks of Mn, rare flint			
10	1003	Cut		Ditch	Linear in plan, E-W oriented, rounded sides, flat base	0.86	0.37	
10	1004	Fill	1003	Ditch fill	Mid yellow grey silty clay, friable. Rare flint and quartz inclusions	0.86	0.37	
10	1005	Cut		Ditch	Linear in plan, E-W oriented, straight sides, flat base	0.87	0.27	
10	1006	Fill	1005	Ditch fill	dark grey brown clay with rare charcoal flecks inclusions	0.49	0.27	
10	1007	Cut		Ditch	Linear in plan, E-W oriented, rounded sides and base	0.71	0.29	
10	1008	Fill	1007	Ditch fill	Light grey silty clay, firm. Rare limestones and charcoal flecks inclusions	0.71	0.29	C2+
10	1009	Cut		Ditch	Irregular in plan, E-W oriented, irregular sides and base.	1.14	0.32	
10	1010	Fill	1009	Ditch fill	Dark grey clay, compact. Frequent charcoal flecks inclusions	1.14	0.32	
10	1011	Cut		Pit	Steep sides, rounded base.	0.8	0.5	
10	1012	Fill	1011	Pit fill	Mid grey silty clay, firm. Rare limestone and charcoal flecks inclusions	0.8	0.33	
10	1013	Fill	1011	Pit fill	Light grey yellow clay silt, firm. Rare limestones inclusions	0.55	0.15	
10	1014	Deposit		Natural deposit	Dark grey silty clay, firm. Occasional limestone, rare charcoal flecks inclusions	2.45	0.15	
10	1015	Fill	1005	Ditch fill	Mid grey brown clay, compact. Rare charcoal flecks inclusions	0.6	0.26	
11	1100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.15	

Trench	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
11	1101	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling, occasional limestones and rare Mn flecks inclusions		0.12	
11	1102	Layer		Natural	Light orange yellow silty clay, compact. Occasional limestones and blue grey clay mottles			
11	1103	Cut		Ditch	Linear in plan, NW-SE oriented, concave sides, flat base	0.57	0.08	
11	1104	Fill	1103	Ditch fill	Light blue grey silty clay, friable. Frequent orange silt mottles, occasional flint, rare charcoal flecks	0.57	0.08	
11	1105	Cut		?Ditch	Linear in plan, N-S oriented, straight sides and flat base.	5.2	0.46	
11	1106	Deposit		Deposit	Dark grey silty clay, firm. Occasional limestones and rare charcoal flecks inclusions		0.46	C12-C15
11	1107	Fill	1108	Ditch fill	Light yellow grey clay silt, firm. Occasional limestone and rare charcoal flecks inclusions	1	0.38	
11	1108	Cut		Ditch	Linear in plan, N-S oriented, steep sides flat base	1	0.38	
11	1109	Fill	1105	?Ditch fill	Dark grey silt, soft. Rich of humic inclusions, rare limestones	1.8	0.18	C12-C15
11	1110	Fill	1105	?Ditch fill	Mid yellow brown silty clay, firm. Rare limestones and charcoal flecks.	5.2	0.3	
12	1200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.15	
12	1201	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling, occasional limestones and rare Mn flecks inclusions		0.1	
12	1202	Layer		Natural	Light orange yellow silty clay, compact. Occasional limestones and blue grey clay mottles			
13	1300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown silty clay, friable. Frequent Fe mottling and rare limestones inclusions		0.16	
13	1301	Layer		Subsoil	Light yellow brown clay, compact. Frequent light grey clay mottling, occasional limestones and rare Mn flecks inclusions		0.1	
13	1302	Layer		Natural	Light orange yellow silty clay, compact. Occasional limestones and blue grey clay mottles			

## APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Context	Material	Fabric	Comments	Count	Weight	Spot-date
100	Stone		roofing slate, small fragment	1	7	
200	LPRE-Roman pottery	FLI		1	8	LC1-C2
	Roman pottery	GRO RE		1	7	
	Roman pottery	GT		1	5	
	Roman pottery	GW1	burnt?	1	6	
	Roman pottery	GW1	poss sw bb1, dish rim x1	1	14	
	Roman pottery	LOC BS	Jar/bowl rim x1	4	27	
	Roman pottery	NOG WH	mortarium base sherd; worn	1	69	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT		16	235	
	Roman pottery	VES	Jar rim x1	2	38	
	Roman pottery	WIL CC	clay rough casted; folded beaker	1	3	
	Roman pottery	WIL OX	Bowl rim x1, jar/bowl rim x1	7	48	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	Jar rim x2, platter rim x1	15	90	
	Roman pottery	WS1		1	4	
	CBM		brick/tile, soft, fine orange fabric; only 1 surface survives; surviving W 29mm; abraded	2	141	
	Iron		large nail	1	11	
201	Iron		nail, large nail with round head	1	27	
205	Roman pottery	GRO RE	abraded	2	102	RB; Med
	Roman pottery	GT	abraded	1	5	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	abraded	1	7	
	Medieval pottery	POLQ	Abraded	1	1	
	Fired/burnt clay			1	4	
206	LPRE-Roman pottery	QZ FL	Jar rim x1	1	6	EMC2; med
	Roman pottery	GT		1	2	
	Roman pottery	GW1	Dish/bowl rim x1	1	14	
	Roman pottery	LGF SA	Dish rim x1	2	39	
	Roman pottery	LMV SA	Dish rim x1	1	16	
	Roman pottery	LOC BS		1	12	
	Roman pottery	NOG WH	mortarium base sher, worn	1	57	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	1 sherd with scored lattice	1	556	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	diagonal scoring to shoulder, large jar rim x1	2	194	
	Roman pottery	WIL OX		6	43	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	Dish rim x1, jar rim x1	18	182	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	as Wanborough fig. 95 no 398, bowl rim x1	1	18	
	Medieval pottery	POLQ	Jar rim x1	3	32	
	Fired/burnt clay			1	15	
	CBM		Brick/tile frag	1	3	
208	Roman pottery	SAV GT	abraded	1	26	RB
210	Roman pottery	LEZ SA2	Dish rim x1	1	1	MC1-C2
	LPRE pottery	QZ FL		2	25	
	Fired/burnt clay			2	8	
222	Prehistoric pottery	QT	?date	1	2	MC1-C2
	Roman pottery	GRO RE		6	207	
	Roman pottery	GT		2	12	
	Roman pottery	GT	handmade	1	14	
	Roman pottery	LOC BS		7	102	
	Roman pottery	LOC BSc	Platter rim x1	1	26	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT		3	28	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	Abraded, large jar rim x1	1	86	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	neck cordon on 1 sherd	3	42	
	Roman pottery	VES	Jar rim x1	1	4	
	Roman pottery	WIL OX		3	4	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	Jar rim x1	10	68	
	Medieval pottery	POLQ		1	18	
	Fired/burnt clay			5	16	



Context	Material	Fabric	Comments	Count	Weight	Spot-date
222	Iron		nail with point missing; surviving L 21mm; round head 6mm D	1	1	
224	Roman pottery	SAV GT		1	23	RB
226	Post Medieval pottery	GRE		2	41	LC17-C18
	Post Medieval pottery	YEL		1	2	
	Roman pottery	GRO RE		1	6	
	Roman pottery	GT		1	6	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	abraded	2	90	
	Roman pottery	WIL OX	abraded	1	1	
	Fired/burnt clay			2	6	
	Stone		roofing slate, small fragment	1	35	
230	Roman pottery	GW1		2	11	RB
232	Roman pottery	DOR BB1	Jar rim x1 EV1/2	3	48	MC1-C2
	Roman pottery	GRO RE	Jar rim x2	2	55	
	Roman pottery	GT		1	14	
	Roman pottery	GW1	Jar rim x1	1	31	
	Roman pottery	LEZ SA2		1	4	
	Roman pottery	LEZ SA2	makers stamp illegible, cup 33	1	7	
	Roman pottery	LOC BS	Dish/bowl rim x1, jar rim x1	7	56	
	Roman pottery	OX1	?globular bowl with collar	1	0	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	Large jar rim x1, jar rim x2	11	702	
	Roman pottery	WIL OX	Jar rim x1	11	54	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	Jar rim x3	26	271	
	Roman pottery	WS1		2	7	
	Fired/burnt clay			5	53	
	Fired/burnt clay		Ceramic plate?	1	52	
238	LPRE-Roman pottery	FLI		2	16	EMC2
	Roman pottery	DOR BB1	burnish lattice	1	6	
	Roman pottery	GRO RE	Jar rim x1	4	43	
	Roman pottery	GT		6	46	
	Roman pottery	GW1		7	41	
	Roman pottery	GW1	burnt	2	24	
	Roman pottery	LEZ SA2		1	1	
	Roman pottery	LOC BS	Jar/bowl rim x1	4	13	
	Roman pottery	LOC BS	neck cordon , jar rim x1	1	7	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	Jar rim x1	16	383	
	Roman pottery	VES		1	1	
	Roman pottery	WIL OX	Bowl rim x2	10	106	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	Jar rim x3	34	217	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	S-shaped form, bowl rim x1	1	6	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	clay rustication	3	17	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	cordon neck, jar rim x3	3	40	
	Medieval pottery	POLQ		1	1	
	Fired/burnt clay			10	48	
240	Roman pottery	GRO RE	Jar rim x1	1	25	RB
	Roman pottery	LOC BS		1	4	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE		3	16	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	neck cordon, jar rim x1	1	7	
248	Roman pottery	GW1		1	8	RB
250	Roman pottery	LOC BS		1	4	C12-C15
	Medieval pottery	POLQ		1	11	
252	Medieval pottery	VES		1	5	C12-C15
256	CBM		soft, fine orange fabric; no surfaces survive; surviving W 32mm; abraded	1	53	
258	Roman pottery	LOC BS		1	7	RB
262	Roman pottery	LOC BS		1	3	RB
	Roman pottery	WIL OX		1	2	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE		1	3	
264	Medieval pottery	KEN		1	6	C12-C15
	Roman pottery	WIL OX		1	3	
	CBM		Brick/tile frag	1	1	
266	Roman pottery	GRO RE		4	102	MC1-C2
	Roman pottery	WIL RE		2	15	

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266	Medieval pottery	POLQ		3	11	
272	Roman pottery	LOC BS		1	11	RB
	Roman pottery	VES	Jar rim x1	3	9	
	Roman pottery	WIL RE	abraded	1	1	
274	LPRE-Roman pottery	VESF		1	9	C12-C15
	Medieval pottery	KEN		1	2	
	Roman pottery	GT		1	3	
	Roman pottery	GW1		1	3	
	Industrial waste		Heavy iron slag	1	43	
276	Medieval pottery	KEN		6	29	C12-C15
	Medieval pottery	Minety		1	6	
	Medieval pottery	POLQC		3	61	
	Industrial waste		Tap slag; iron	1	31	
	Fired Clay			1	1	
278	Roman pottery	SAV GT	abraded	1	13	
	Medieval pottery	POLQC	Jar rim x1	6	23	
280	Roman pottery	LOC BS		1	24	RB
	Roman pottery	VES		3	3	
282	Roman pottery	WIL RE	abraded	1	51	RB
	Iron		nail, short stud 25mm L, with long, flat rectangular head 17x7mm; not bent	1	4	
304	Medieval pottery	KEN		1	17	C12-C15
	Medieval pottery	MEDS		1	5	
	Medieval pottery	Minety	Jar rim x1	5	23	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	Abraded, jar rim x1	1	14	
	Stone		quern; fragment with part of flat pecked and slightly worn grinding surface. No edges survive, and nor does the other face, 37mm T x 52mm x 72mm. Old Red Sandstone	1	169	
306	Roman pottery	FLIF	Jar rim x1	1	18	LIA-C1
	Roman pottery	GT	base ring	1	34	
	Roman pottery	VES		7	29	
308	Medieval pottery	Minety		1	3	C12-C15
	Medieval pottery	POLQ		2	8	
	Roman pottery	SAV GT	abraded	1	15	
1001	Iron		horseshoe nail	1	4	
	Iron		horseshoe nail	1	1	
1008	Roman pottery	GRO RE	Jar rim x1, bowl rim x1	6	67	C2+
	Roman pottery	GT	Platter rim x1	3	54	
	Roman pottery	LOC BS	Jar rim x1	1	8	
1106	Medieval pottery	Minety	Jar rim x1	2	20	C12-C15
	Medieval pottery	POLQC		5	42	
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**Table B1: Finds concordance**

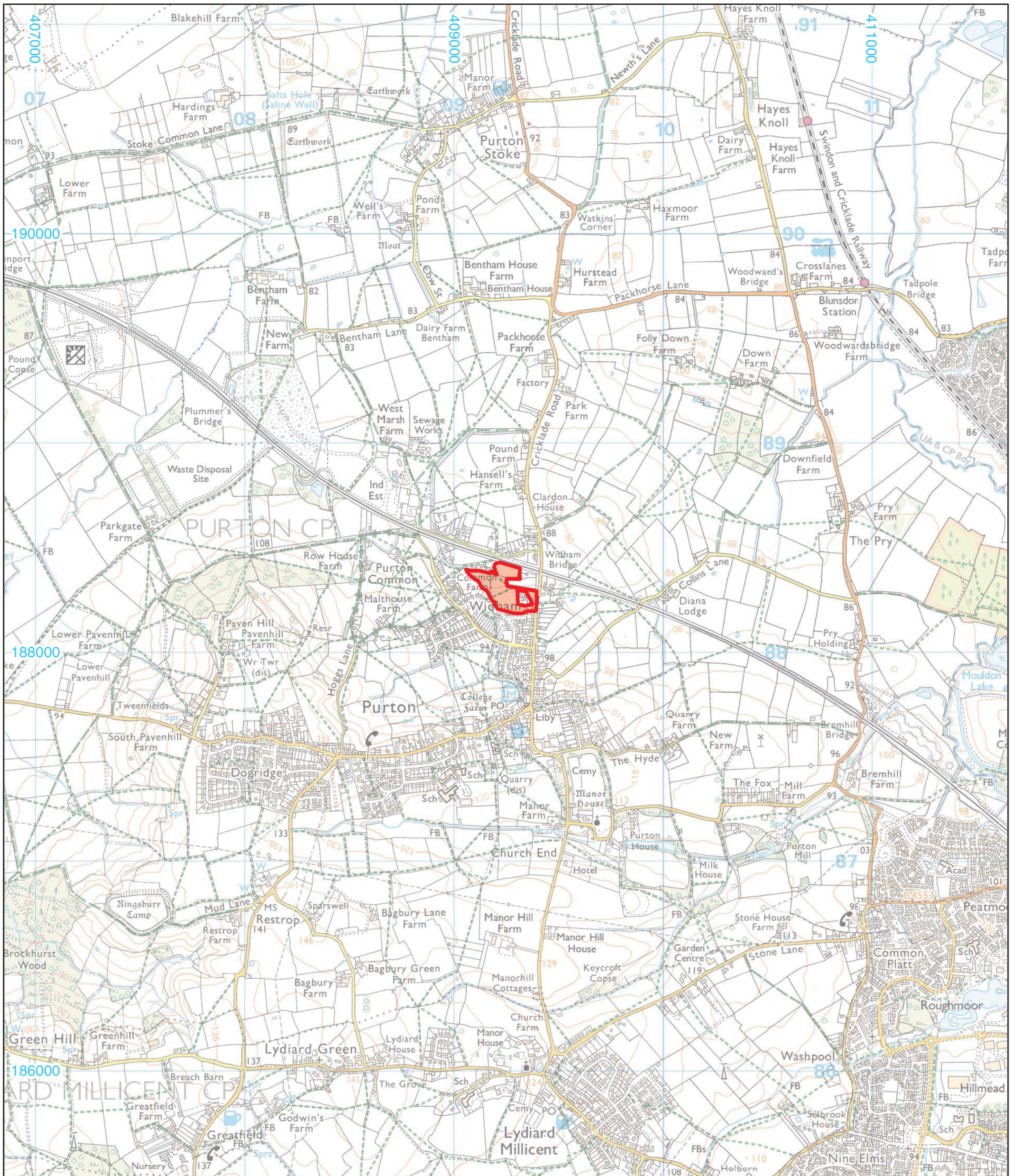
Period	Fabric*	Description	No.	Weight (g)
Late Prehistory- Roman	FLI	Flint tempered	3	24
	QZ FL	Quartz with flint tempered	3	31
	VESF	Vesicular (fine)	1	9
	QT	Quartzite tempered	1	2
<i>Sub-total</i>			8	66
Roman	<b>DOR BB1</b>	Southeast Dorset Black-burnished ware	4	54
	FLIF	Fine flint tempered	1	18
	GRO RE	Grogged greywares	27	614
	GT	Grog tempered	19	195
	GW1	Sandy greyware (unsourced)	17	152
	<b>LEZ SA2</b>	Central Gaulish (Lezoux) samian	4	13
	<b>LGF SA</b>	South Gaulish (La Graufesenque) samian	2	39
	<b>LMV SA</b>	Central Gaulish (Les Martres de Veyre)	1	16
	LOC BS	Wiltshire burnished black	31	278
	LOC BSc	Local black sandy coarse	1	26
	<b>NOG WH</b>	North Gaulish whiteware (mortaria)	2	126
	OX1	Roman sandy oxidized	1	1
	<b>SAV GT</b>	Savernake ware	60	2407
	VES	Vesicular (leached limestone/shell)	17	84
	WIL CC	Wiltshire colour coated ware	1	3
	WIL OX	Wiltshire oxidized ware	40	261
	WIL RE	Wiltshire reduced	121	1009
WS1	White slipped oxidized ware (local)	3	11	
<i>Sub-total</i>			352	5307
Medieval	KEN	Kennet Valley ware	9	54
	MEDS	Medieval Sandy coarseware	1	5
	MINETY	Minety ware	9	52
	POLQ	Polished quartz tempered	10	74
	POLQC	Polished quartz tempered (coarser)	23	206
	VES	Vesicular (leached limestone)	1	5
<i>Sub-total</i>			43	332
Post-Medieval	GRE	Glazed red earthenware	2	41
	YEL	Yellow ware	1	2
<i>Sub-total</i>			3	43
<b>Total</b>			<b>406</b>	<b>5738</b>

**Table B2: Pottery summary quantification by fabric**

*\*codes in bold correspond to NRFRC types (Tomber and Dore 1998)*

## APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project name	Widham Farm, Purton, Swindon, Wiltshire	
Short description	<p>In April 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Widham Farm, Purton, Wiltshire. A total of 10 trenches were excavated.</p> <p>The evaluation recorded an intensive concentration of Roman features in the north-western part of the site, including ditches, pits/postholes and probable occupation spreads. Patches of stone may also represent the remnants of surfacing/trackways. Large quantities of pottery were recovered from this area, the majority of which dated to the mid/late 1st–2nd centuries AD. The nature of the finds assemblage is suggestive of domestic activity, although small quantities of ironworking slag recovered from Tr2 may indicate some limited industrial activity.</p> <p>While it was clear that the main concentration of Roman activity was within the north-western part of the site, a small number of outlying Roman ditches were also recorded. There were also some undated ditches which may also be Roman in date, although there was no clear evidence for this. At least one ditch and a possible broad furrow were probably medieval in date.</p>	
Project dates	11–21 April 2022	
Project type	Field evaluation	
Previous work	Desk-based archaeological assessment (CPM 2004) Desk-based archaeological assessment (Waterman CPM 2008) Geophysical survey (Archaeological Services WYAS 2009)	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site location	Widham Farm, Purton, Swindon, Wiltshire	
Study area (m <sup>2</sup> /ha)	1.2ha	
Site co-ordinates	409229 188334	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator	N/A	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Derek Evans	
Project Supervisor	Francesco Catanzaro and Agata Kowalska	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>		
	Roman domestic settlement	
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>		
	None	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	<b>Intended final location of archive</b>	<b>Content</b>
Physical	Swindon Museum & Art Gallery	Ceramics, other artefacts
Paper	Swindon Museum & Art Gallery	Site recording forms
Digital	Archaeology Data Service (ADS)	Databases, digital photos, survey data, etc.
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
Cotswold Archaeology 2022 <i>Land at Widham Farm, Purton, Wiltshire: Archaeological Evaluation</i> CA typescript report <b>CR1035</b>		



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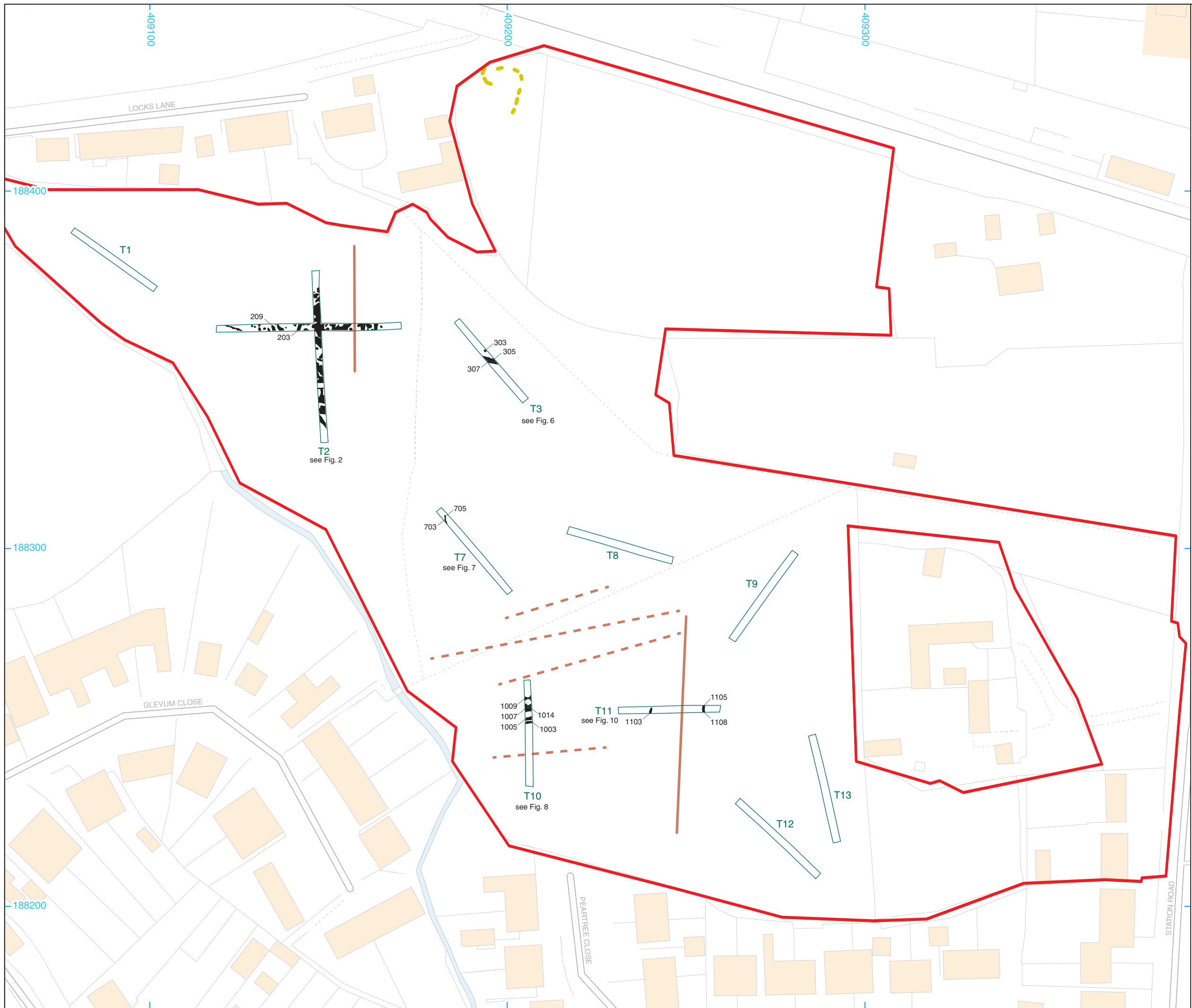


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Site location plan

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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature

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- Possible archaeological feature
- Agricultural linear
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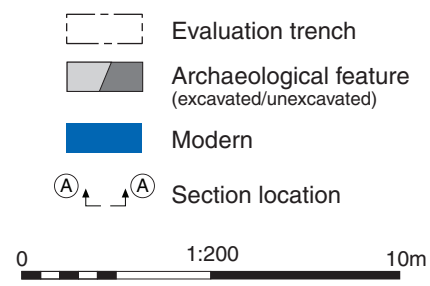
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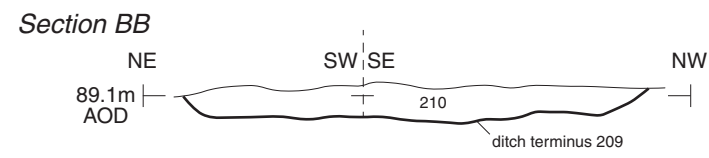
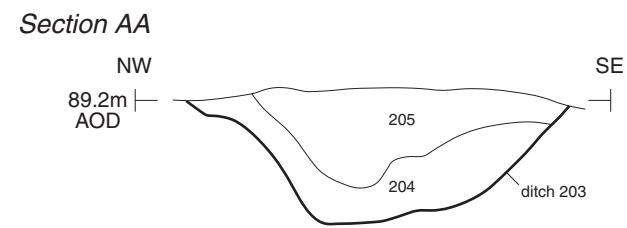




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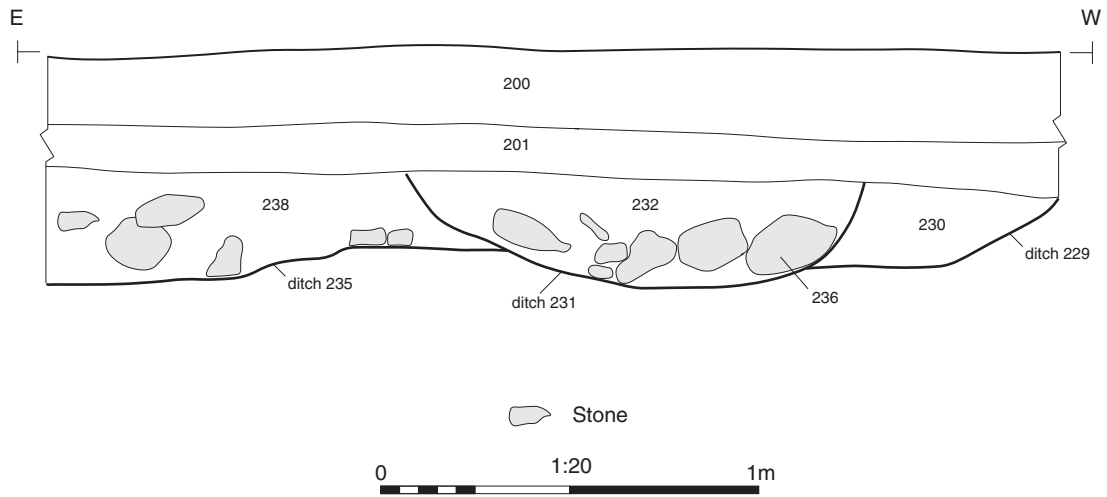






Ditches 235, 231 and 229, looking south (2m scale)

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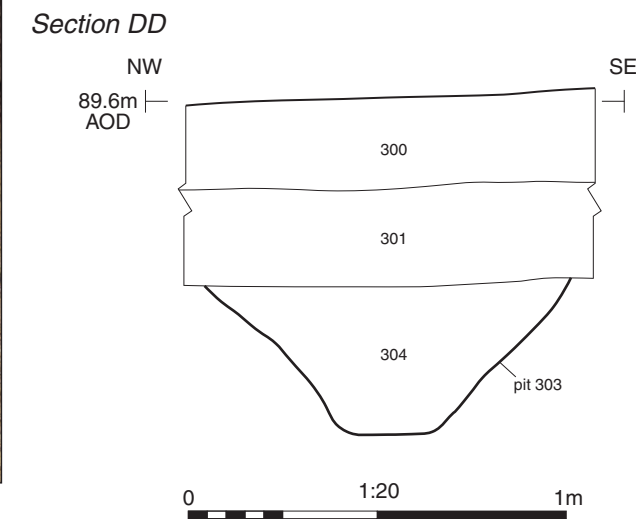
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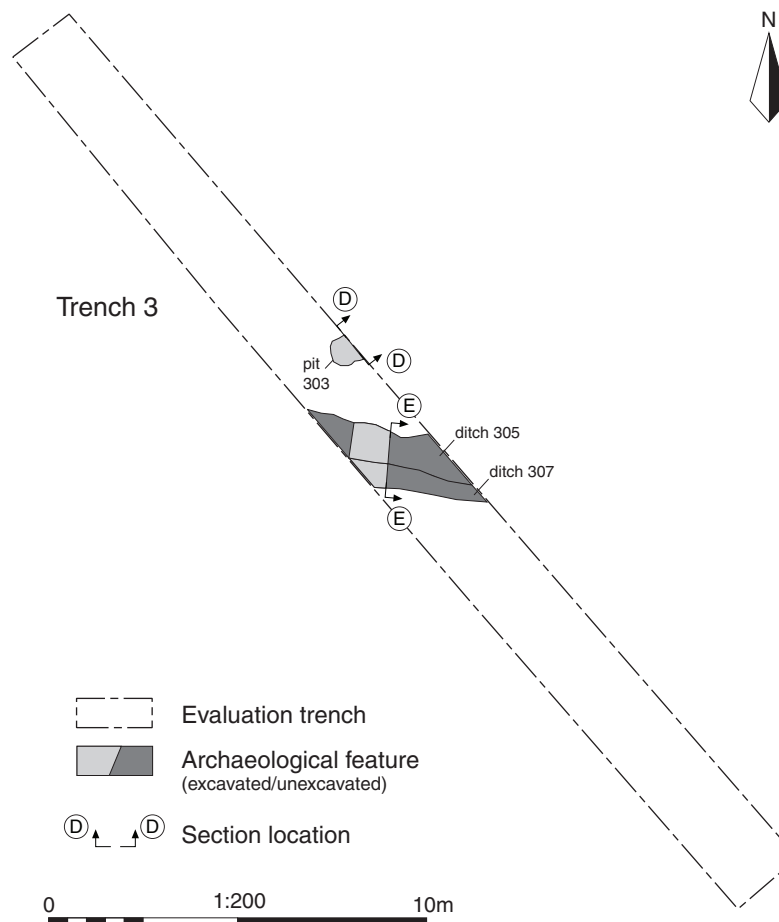
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Pit 303, looking north-east (0.5m scale)



Ditches 305 and 307, looking east (1m scale)



- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature (excavated/unexcavated)
- Section location

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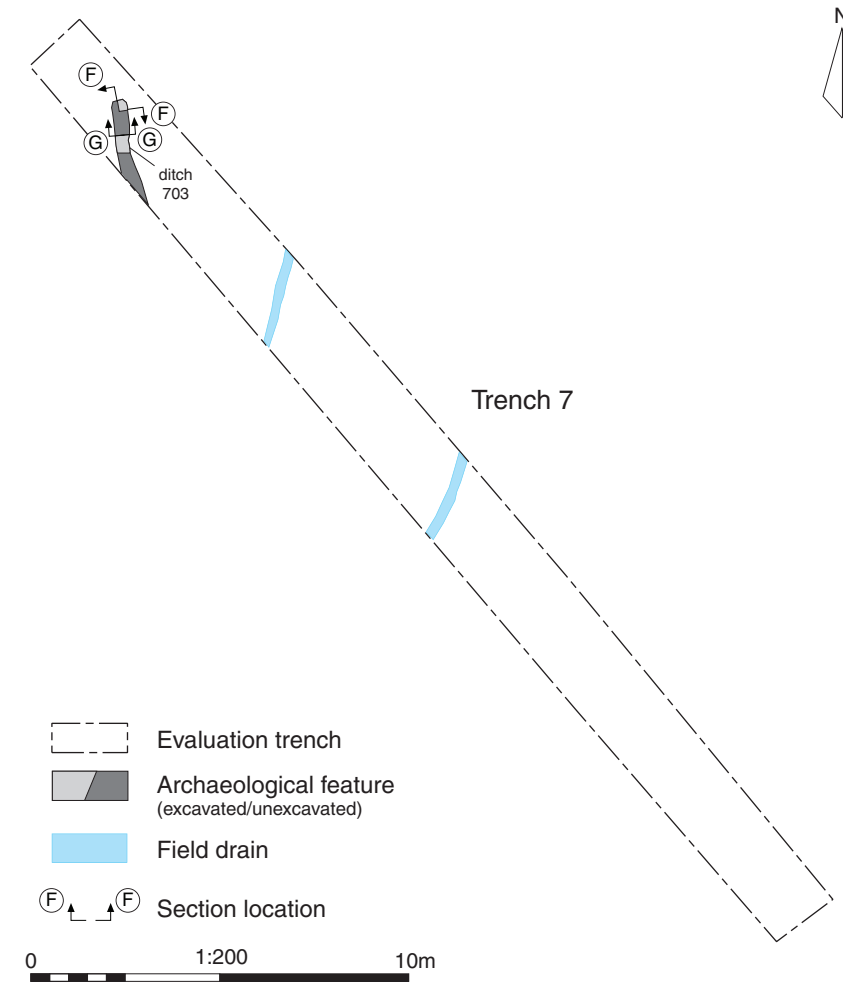
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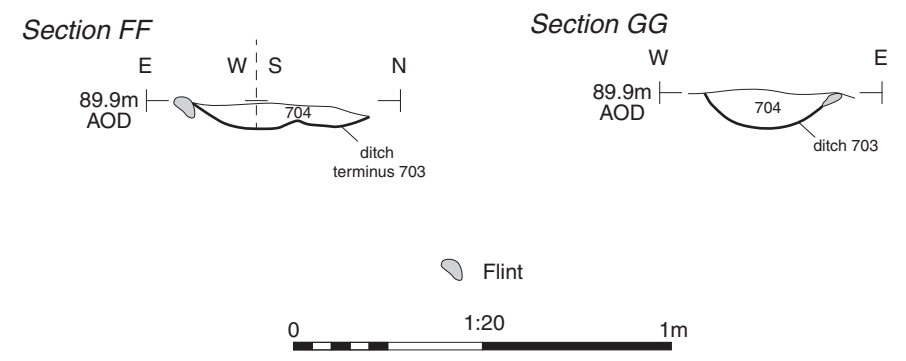
Trench 7, looking south-east (1m scales)



Ditch terminus (cut 703), looking south-west (0.2m scale)



- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature (excavated/unexcavated)
- Field drain
- Section location




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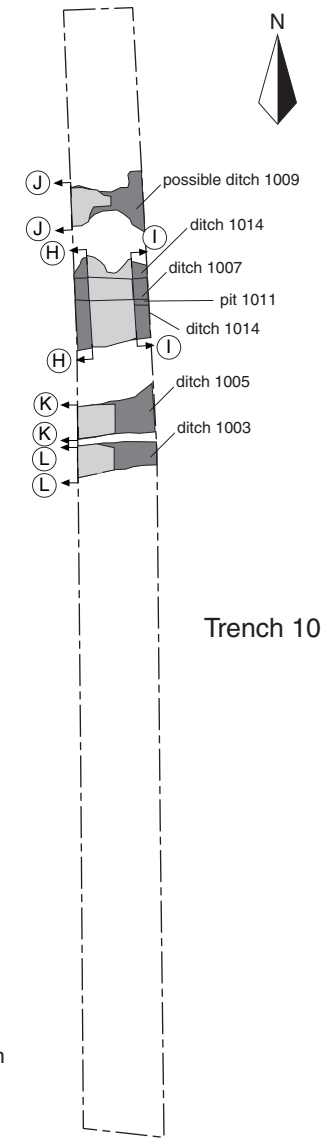
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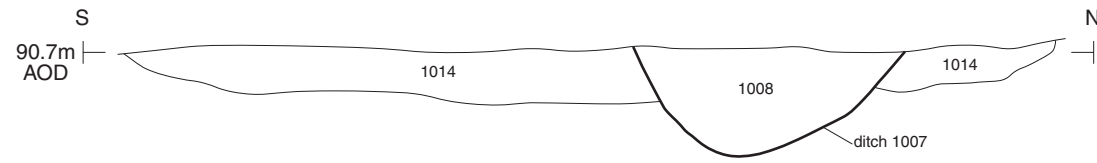
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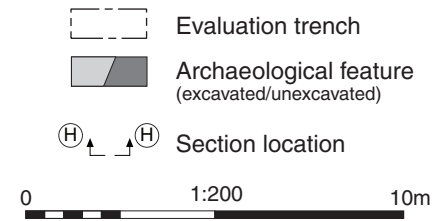
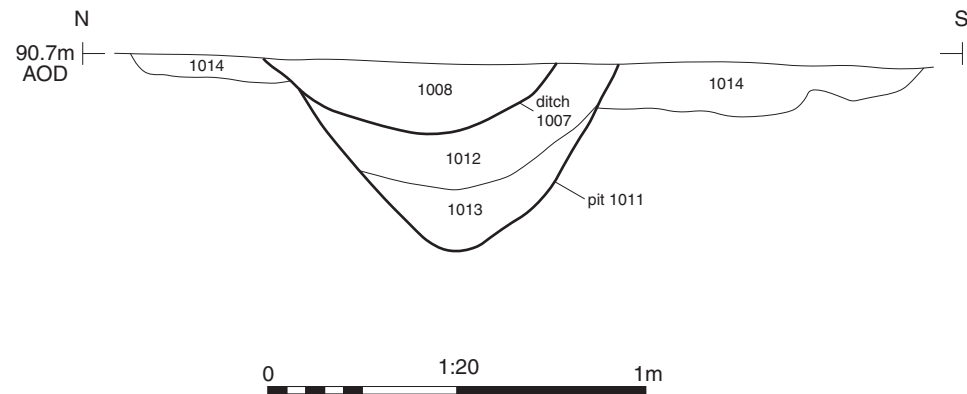
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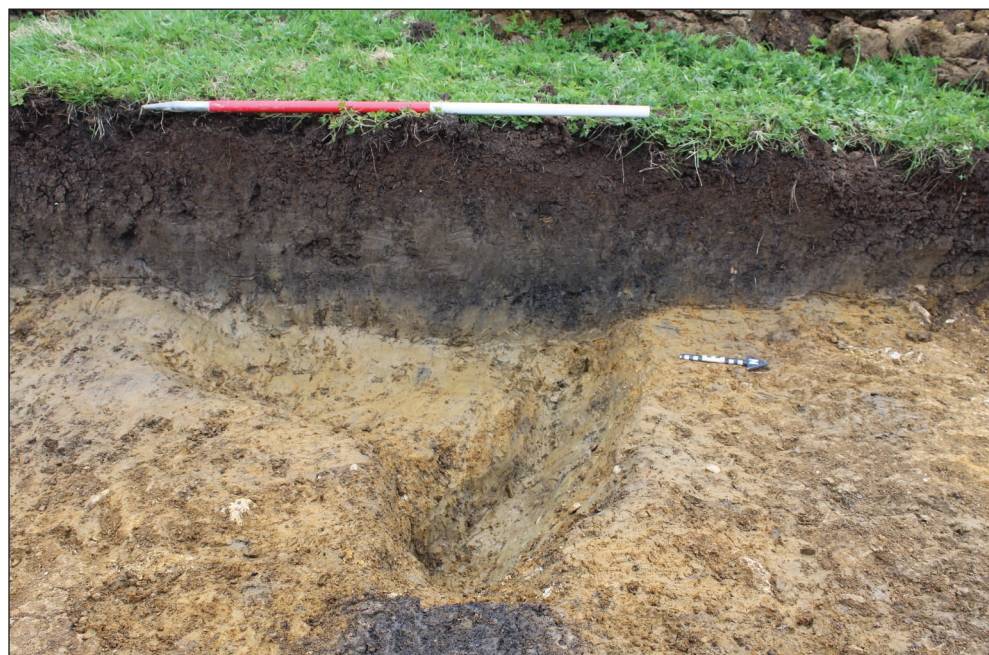



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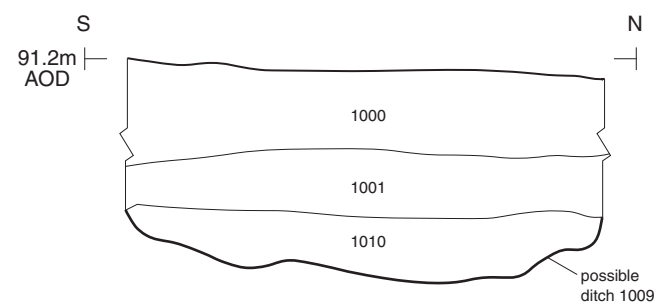


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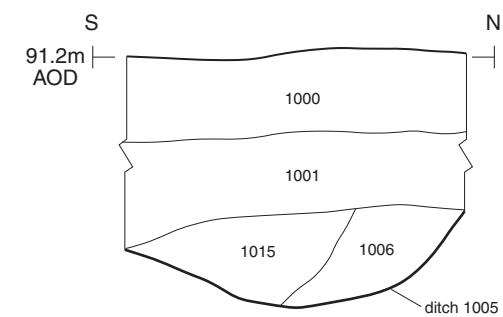


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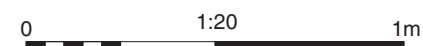
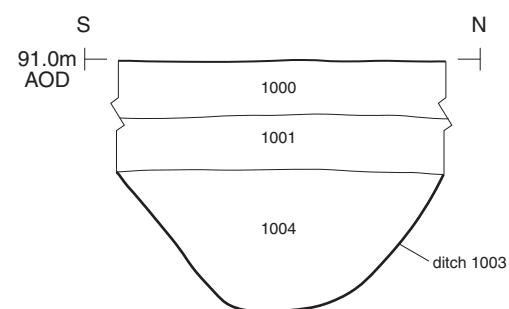
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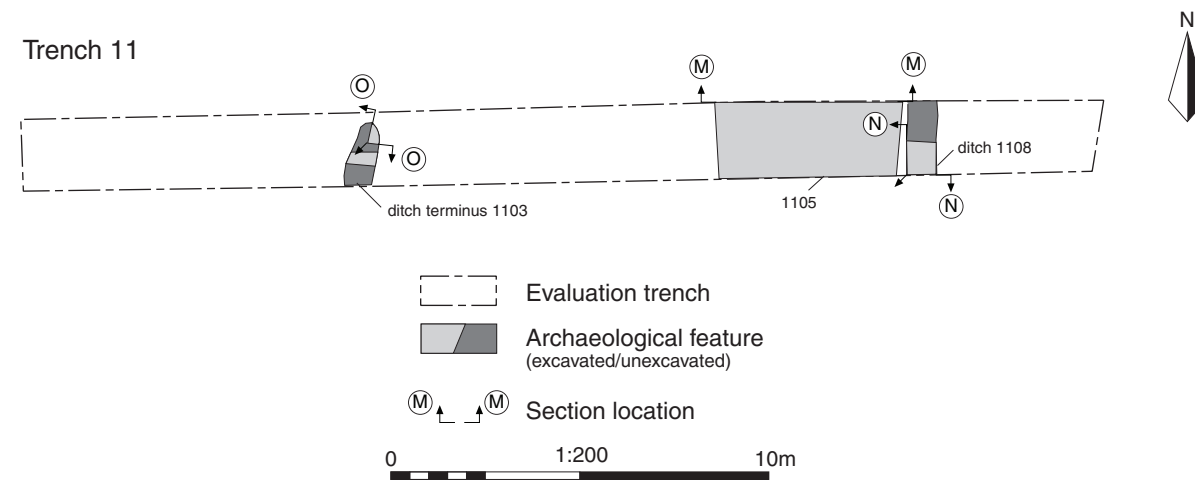
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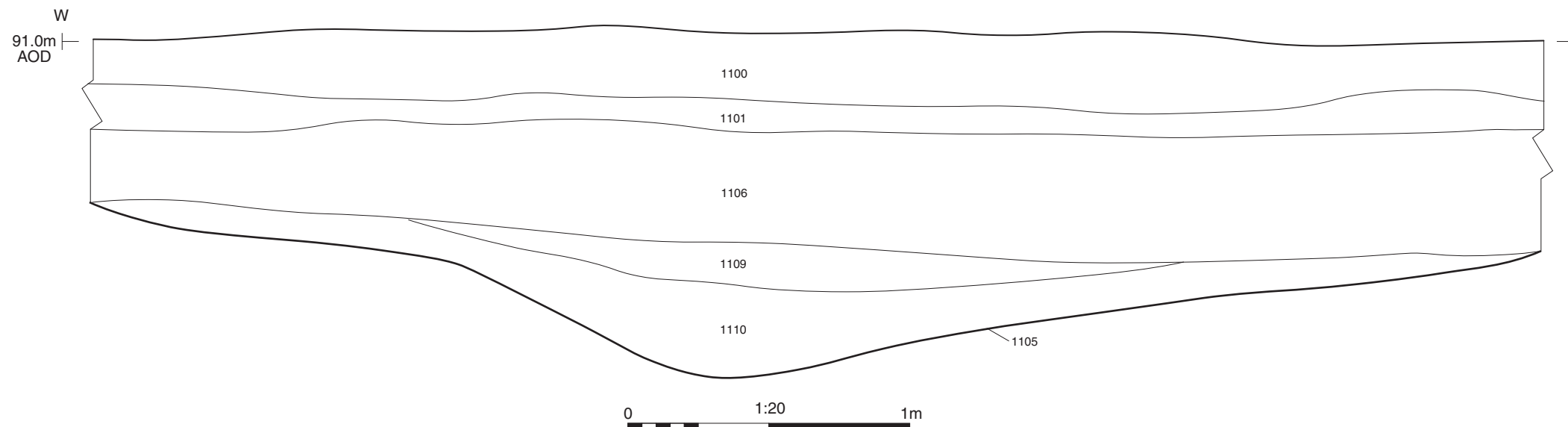
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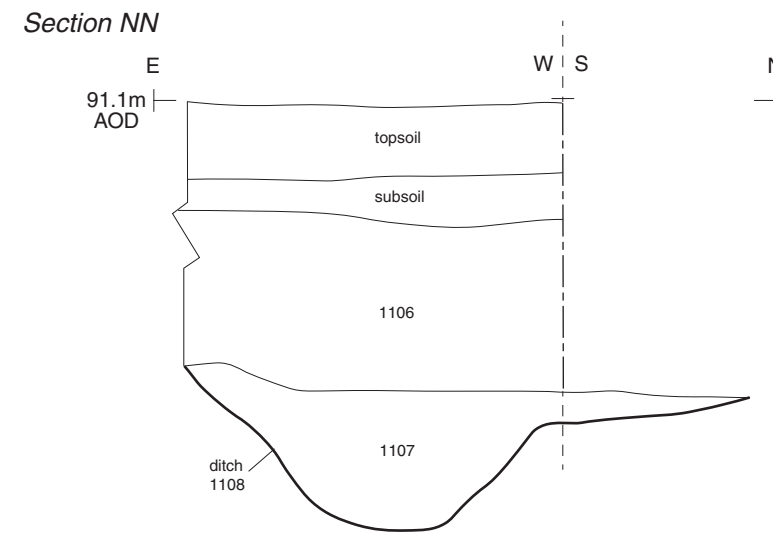


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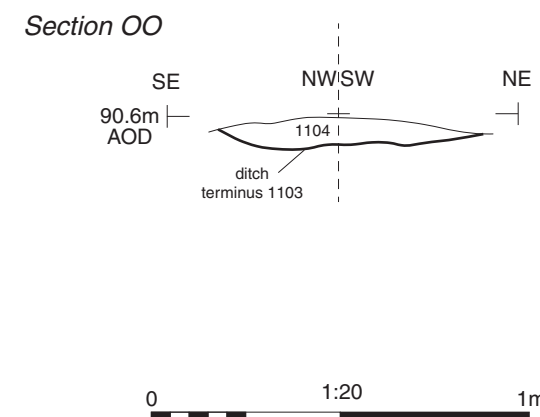




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Ditch terminus 1103, looking west (0.2m scale)



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