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## SUMMARY

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| **Project Name:** | Hatch Farm |
| **Location:** | Winnersh, Berkshire |
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An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in October 2015 at Hatch Farm, Winnersh, Berkshire. Fifty-two 50 x 1.8m trenches were excavated during two phases of trial trench evaluation out of a possible sixty-three trenches specified. Forty-seven trenches were proposed for the Phase I trial trenching, of which eight trenches could not be machine excavated. Phase I machining commenced on 05/10/15. Sixteen trenches were proposed for the Phase II trial trenching, of which three trenches could not be machine excavated. Phase II machining commenced on 12/10/15. Of the sixty-three trial trenches in total, eleven trenches were not machine excavated due to topographical obstructions, such as scrubland, woodland and a public right of way located at the Site. All recording and backfill of both Phases I and II machining was completed on 23/10/15.

Archaeological features were identified within twenty-five trenches during the trial trench evaluation; **Trench 36** within **Field 2**, **Trench 28**, **32** and **42** within **Field 3**, **Trench 9**, **10**, **11**, **13**, **14**, **18**, **20**, **21**, **22**, **23** and **25** within **Field 4**, **Trench 1**, **2**, **3**, **4**, **5**, **7**, **51** and **57** within **Field 5**, **Trench 41** and **47** within **Field 6**.

In **Field 4**, **Trench 22** revealed, centrally and to the north within the trench, two possible rectilinear structures, with the discovery of a series of linear gullies interpreted as possible beamslots and a posthole alignment. A ditch, several pits and a quarry pit were also identified to the south, amounting to eighteen archaeological features found within the trench. Immediately to the west of **Trench 22**, a substantial ditch containing a large assemblage of both domestic and industrial finds was found within **Trench 23**. The evidence suggests there is a possible extension northwards of settlement activity dating from the 1st century BC/AD "transitional" period contemporary with the archaeology found within the

adjacent southern field during the previous trial trench evaluation undertaken by Wessex Archaeology in 2007.

**Trench 47**, located upon high ground in **Field 6**, identified two ditches, perpendicular to each other and several postholes and small pits. The morphology and fill characters of natural infilling of the features suggests a prehistoric date for the archaeology. **Trench 32** was also located upon high ground in **Field 3**. The trench identified a series of re-cut ditches, perpendicular to each other very similar in plan to those found in **Trench 47**, although the ditches within **Trench 32** comprised a more substantial width in profile. It is unclear whether the features found indicate simple boundary ditches, or whether they also represent an area of settlement activity to suggest an enclosure ditch.

Isolated features to indicate further settlement activity were found in **Fields 2**, **4** and **5**. Within **Trench 36**, **Field 2**, a shallow pit containing a rich upper fill of charcoal was found next to an unexcavated possible pit located nearby to the north. Within **Trench 13**, **Field 4**, a curvilinear gully and a heat affected charcoal rich hearth were identified. In **Trench 25**, **Field 4**, a small charcoal isolated and undated pit may be contemporary with the archaeology found within **Trench 22** and **23**. In **Trench 4**, **Field 5**, located upon lower terrain on the projected floodplain, two undated gullies were identified.

Isolated undated ditches were identified within **Fields 3**, **4**, **5** and **6**. Based on their morphology and fill characteristics, these are assumed to be related to later prehistoric/early Romano-British field boundaries/drainage perhaps managing the floodplain levels and may reflect an extension of the potential settlement landscape identified further south. This organisation of the landscape can also be seen by the discovery of a potential trackway identified within **Trench 3**, **Field 5** and **Trench 18**, **Field 4**. In **Trench 2**, **Field 5**, a 1st Century AD Romano-British potsherd was recovered from a secure ditch fill and similar was recovered from a ditch within **Trench 14**, **Field 4**. Both ditches, although located within separate but neighbouring fields, are positioned on a similar alignment. There was evidence of re-cutting in many of the more substantial ditches where the presence of post-medieval ceramic pipework suggests a continuation of a pre-existing field system. In **Trench 10**, a glazed ware pot base dating from the 17th to 18th century AD was recovered from one of the ceramic land drains cutting into an earlier undated ditch. It is possible but by no means proven, that such field boundary ditches were first constructed during the Roman conquest period and continued in usage until post-medieval times. Post-medieval and modern land drainage was identified within **Trench 23** and within many of the trenches across the Site.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In October 2015 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for Armour Heritage Ltd acting on behalf of Persimmon Homes Thames Valley and Bovis Homes Ltd (centred on NGR: 477300 170600), and hereafter referred to as the Site (**see Figure. 1**). The work was carried out with reference to a Planning Application O/2006/8687 which has been granted by Wokingham Borough Council for a mixed used residential led development of the Site.

1.2 An archaeological desk based assessment (DBA) was completed in 2006 (Wessex Archaeology 2006), which assessed the known archaeological and historical background within a 1km study area centred on the Site. A geophysical survey was carried out in 2006 (Stratascan 2006) and a subsequent first phase of evaluation in 2007 (Wessex Archaeology 2007). A *Written Scheme of Investigation: Archaeological Field Evaluation* (WSI) (AH 2015) was completed in 2015.

1.3 The archaeological evaluation was carried out in accordance with a *Written Scheme of Investigation: Archaeological Field Evaluation* (WSI) (AH 2015) and approved by the Archaeological Officer Berkshire Archaeology (AOBA) Ellie Leary for Berkshire County Council (BCC) prior to the commencement of fieldwork. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (CIfA 2014), the *Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (English Heritage 1991), the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (MORPHE): *Project Manager's Guide* (EH 2006). The evaluation was managed CA Project Manager Richard Greatorex to include a site visit. The work was monitored by Ellie Leary (AOBA) and the consultant, Sue Farr, of Armour Heritage Ltd. Trenches were completed and backfilled to the satisfaction of the Consultant, the Client and the AOBA.

### *The site*

1.4 The Site is located immediately to the south-west of Winnersh within Winnersh Parish, and the administrative Borough of Wokingham, between the towns of Wokingham to the south-east and Reading to the west. It is bounded to the south by the M4 motorway, to the north-west by Lower Earley Way (B3270) and to the immediate east by modern residential development. A public right of way is located to the south-east of the Site (**see Figure. 1**).

1.5 The Site comprises a triangular area of land measuring approximately 49 hectares, and is presently under arable cultivation with some pasture and a tree plantation of *c*. 1 hectare in the eastern side of the Site and another on the western boundary.

1.6 The Site lies on a gentle north east facing slope, rising from *c*. 40 to *c*. 50m above Ordnance Datum (aOD), with a channel of the River Loddon flowing northwards to the immediate west of the Site.

1.7 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as London Clay with overlying drift geology comprising Valley Gravel (Geological Survey of England and Wales, Reading Sheet 268, 1946; BGS Online 2015). The trial trench evaluation confirmed the geological sequence of the site.

## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 The archaeological background is predominantly based on the Wessex Archaeology Desk Based Assessment (DBA) undertaken in 2006 and Armour Heritage Ltd *Written Scheme of Investigation: Archaeological Field Evaluation* (WSI) undertaken in 2015 with additional information added during compilation of this report.

*Prehistoric (Pre AD43)*

2.2 Palaeolithic activity is evidenced by findspots of flint tools, comprising handaxes, recovered from glacial gravel deposits, and includes a probable handaxe recovered during drainage works at Loddon Bridge, and a Lower Palaeolithic handaxe recovered from Lynch Hill Gravel in the garden of 442 Reading Road (Wessex Archaeology 1993) *c.* 300m to the east of the Site.

2.3 Although limited, evidence for Mesolithic activity is recorded within the vicinity of the Site, and includes a flint microlith to the south and a flint trachet axe head 1km to the west. A further collection of both Mesolithic and Neolithic flints were recovered from the river gravels during groundwork associated with the M4 Link Road to the north of Winnersh (McGovern 1973). A Neolithic flint knife has also been found on allotments near Lodden Bridge.

2.4 To the south west, a probable Late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age ring ditch has been noted as a cropmark. Two further cropmarks of a potentially similar date were also recorded, along with an indistinct ring ditch now under housing to the west.

2.5 Further evidence of Bronze Age activity was noted during trial trenching undertaken by Wessex Archaeology in 2007 across the Area of High Archaeological Potential (AHAP), with six sherds of Late Bronze Age pottery recovered from later Roman features. A find spot consisting of two Late Bronze Age urns is also recorded on the Historic Environment Record (HER) to the east of the Site.

2.6 Evidence of Iron Age occupation in the vicinity of the Site is limited to nine sherds of Middle to Late Iron Age pottery recovered during the evaluation of the Area of High Archaeological Potential (AHAP) (Wessex Archaeology 2007).

2.7 Evidence of a possible prehistoric, albeit undated field system was recorded during the earlier 2007 trenching (*ibid*.), and was smaller than the overlying later post-medieval system.

2.8 Overall, although the evidence for prehistoric activity is limited, the finds and features noted above suggest the exploitation of the landscape on the gravel terraces of the River Lodden throughout the prehistoric period. The proximity of the River Lodden indicates the potential for palaeoenvironmental remains including alluvial sequences and waterlogged deposits.

*Romano-British (AD43 - AD410)*

2.9 The evaluation of the Area of High Archaeological Potential (AHAP) (Wessex Archaeology 2007) recorded two enclosures of Romano-British date, one on the high ground in the south east of the AHAP, and a smaller enclosure to the north east, slightly further down slope. A further five sites of this date are recorded in proximity to the Site and include find spots comprising coins and pottery, along with a possible Roman road in the north east of the Site.

*Saxon and later activity*

2.10 No direct evidence for early medieval (Saxon) activity is recorded within or near to the Site, although the place-name Wokingham may be derived from the Old English meaning ‘homestead of the people of Wocc’ (Astill 1978).

2.11 Winnersh, located historically in Hurst Parish, began to provide a focus for activity in the area during the medieval period, and seven sherds of medieval pottery were recovered during the evaluation in 2007 on the Site (Wessex Archaeology 2007).

2.12 A post-medieval sub-rectangular field system was recorded during the evaluation (*ibid.*) and corresponds with the 1842 tithe map for the Site which shows how the 1807 *Enclosure Act* had consolidated many of the former larger open fields into the more recognisable modern landscape of small regular fields with straight boundaries.

2.13 The majority of the fields within the Site are listed as arable, although several are recorded as either meadow of pasture. The 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1883 shows a fieldscape very similar to the modern one. Although several of the boundaries shown on the tithe map, have been removed to form the larger open fields in evidence today.

*Undated cropmarks*

2.14 A number of undated cropmarks are recorded on the HER and NMR, and include a double ditched linear visible as dark marks in the crop to the immediate east of the Site and a curving linear cropmark.

*Aerial photography*

2.15 Although a number of features have been transcribed from aerial photographs within the Area of High Archaeological Potential (AHAP), there are considerably less elsewhere within the Site.

2.16 A series of straight or gently curving linear features coincide with the location of some of the apportionment boundaries recorded on the Hurst Parish tithe map of 1842 to the east of the 2007 evaluation undertaken by Wessex Archaeology. Although several do not directly correlate with field boundaries on the mapping, they are consistent with the enclosed fieldscape and overall layout, and may have been removed by 1842.

2.17 In the west of the Site, a possible trackway of unknown date is visible as a cropmark. The feature is defined by a pair of parallel ditches extending for 65m, but is reduced to a single ditch within the Site itself.

2.18 Traces of ridge and furrow are of likely post-medieval date as the spacing between the furrows is relatively narrow, and the somewhat limited evidence indicates this ploughing observed the post-medieval plots.

2.19 Several other possible archaeological features are noted in the central area of the Site. All are delineated by short linear ditches and likely associated with post-medieval field systems and/or drainage.

## 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 The objectives of the evaluation were to provide information about the archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality. In accordance with the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (CIfA 2014), the evaluation was designed to be minimally intrusive and minimally destructive to archaeological remains. The information gathered will enable Berkshire County Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset, consider the impact of the proposed development upon it, and to avoid or minimise conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the development proposal, in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (DCLG 2012).

## 4. METHODOLOGY

4.1 Fifty-two trial trenches were machine excavated in October 2015. Eleven trenches were not machine excavated. All machine excavated trenches measured approximately 50m x 1.8m; **Trenches 33** – **36** in **Field 2**, **Trench 27** - **32** and **42** in **Field 3**, **Trench 9** – **26** and **45** in **Field 4**, **Trench 1** - **7** in **Field 5**, **Trench 41** and **47** in **Field 6** (see **Figures 2** - **7**).

4.2 Within **Field 1**, **Trench 37** – **40**, **43**, **44** and **46** were trench locations that were inaccessible during the evaluation due to dense scrubland and woodland or a public right of way within the vicinity preventing access. **Trench 7** was extended several metres west and **Trench 57** was extended several metres north and south in order to safely excavate and fully investigate features found within each trench (see **Figure 2**).

4.3 **Trench 33** in **Field 2** was moved approximately 5m west due to an overhanging canopy of mature deciduous trees within the vicinity (see **Figure. 3**).

4.4 Within **Field 3**, **Trench 29** was moved approximately 5m east due to dense scrub located within the vicinity. **Trench 42** was moved approximately 20m west due to an overhanging canopy of mature deciduous trees and dense woodland within the vicinity. **Trench 32** was extended several metres north and south in tow locations in order to safely excavate and fully investigate features found within the trench (see **Figure 4**).

4.5 Within **Field 4**, **Trench 12** was shortened approximately 12m from the east side due to the original location of the trench observed to encroach upon a Great Crested Newt pond. **Trench 22** was moved approximately 10m west adjacent to **Trench 23** location due to an overhanging canopy of mature deciduous trees and a nearby non-public footpath (**see Figure 5**).

4.6 **Trench 48**, **49** and **50** in **Field 5** were inaccessible during the evaluation due to dense scrubland and woodland within the vicinity preventing access (**see Figure 6**).

4.7 All excavated trial trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica GPS and modified accordingly. The final completed trench survey was recorded using Leica GPS in accordance with CA Technical Manual 4 *Survey Manual*.

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4.8 Due regard for known services was undertaken prior to, during excavation and upon completion of the work at the Site. All work was undertaken in accordance with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and *Safe Systems of Work for – Excavations, Working Outdoors*, *Avoiding Overhead Services & Underground Services* and correct PPE worn at all times.

4.9 An ecology specialist was present at all times during machine excavation and backfill of the trial trenching, to include trenches located within the Great Crested Newt area; **Trench 9**, **10**, **12**, **13**, **14**, **16**, **17**, **19** and **20** in **Field 4** and **Trench 1**, **2**, **3**, **4** and **5** in **Field 5** (see **Figures 5 & 6**).

4.10 All trial trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual*.

4.11 Deposits were assessed for their palaeo-environmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* and were sampled and processed. All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with Technical Manual 3 *Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.

4.12 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Andover and Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Berkshire Museums Service along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within **Appendix D**, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

## 5. RESULTS (FIGURES 2-21)

5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts and the finds are contained within **Appendices A**, **B**, **C** & **D** respectively.

5.2 All trenches containing archaeology have been grouped into specific field numbers, (**Field 2** – **6**) depending on which field they were located. Trenches located within **Field 1** were not machine excavated (see **Figures 2** - **7**).

5.3 **Trench 37**, **38**, **39**, **40**, **43**, **44** and **46** in **Field 1**, **Trench 8**, **48**, **49** and **50** in **Field 5** were not machine excavated due to dense scrubland and woodland or a public right of way within the vicinity preventing access (see **Figures 2** & **6**).

5.4 Archaeological features were identified during the trial trench evaluation within twenty-five trenches; **Trench 36** within **Field 2**, **Trench 28**, **32** and **42** within **Field 3**, **Trenches 9**, **10**, **11**, **13**, **14**, **18**, **20**, **21**, **22**, **23** and **25** within **Field 4**, **Trench 1**, **2**, **3**,

**4**, **5**, **7**, **51** and **57** within **Field 5**, Trench **41** and **47** within **Field 6** (**see Figures. 3 - 7**)

5.5 No archaeological features or deposits were found during the trial trench evaluation within twenty-seven trenches; **Trenches 33**, **34** and **35** within **Field 2**, **Trenches 27**, **29**, **30** and **31** within **Field 3**, **Trench 12**, **15**, **16**, **17**, **19**, **24**, **26** and **45** within **Field 4**, **Trenches 6**, **52**, **53**, **54**, **55**, **56**, **58**, **59**, **60**, **61**, **62** and **63** within **Field 5** (see **Figures. 3 - 6**)

5.6 Artefact evidence was recovered from **Trench 28** in **Field 3**, **Trenches 10**, **14**, **16**, **22** and **23** in **Field 4** and **Trenches 1**, **2** and **5** in **Field 5** (see **Figure 2**).

5.7 Land drains were identified within all the trenches with exception of **Trench 62** in **Field 5** and **Trench 41** in **Field 6** (see **Figure 2**).

5.8 Tree-throws were identified within **Trench 36** in **Field 2**, **Trenches 27**, **28**, **29**, **30**, **31** and **42** in **Field 3**, **Trenches 11**, **12**, **23** and **24** in **Field 4**, Trench **7**, **53**, **54**, **55**, **57** and **59** in **Field 5** and **Trench 47** in **Field 6** (**see Figure. 3 - 6**)

5.9 Within **Field 5**, a modern pit was found within **Trench 1**, two modern postholes were found within **Trench 2**, a single modern posthole was found within **Trench 3**. All the modern features identified contained organic material. A modern service was identified within **Trench 55** (see **Figure 6**).

**FIELD 2**

***Trench 36 (Figures 2, 3 & 8)***

5.10 **Trench 36** was located to the south in **Field 2** and contained two archaeological features; possible pit **3603** and pit **3605**.

5.11 Pit **3605** was circular in plan, located centrally within the trench and extended south into the trench baulk. The shallow pit comprised gradual sloping sides, a flat base and contained a single silty charcoal rich fill **3606**. No finds were identified. **A soil sample was recovered from fill 3606, and has been retained**. The morphology and fill characteristics of pit **3605** suggest it is likely to represent a hearth of possible prehistoric date. The feature is similar to hearth **1306** (**Trench 13**). No heat affected

clay was identified at its base and it is likely that pit **3605** may represent a single episode of temporary settlement activity.

5.12 Possible pit **3603** was circular in plan and located to the east within the trench. The pit contained a single unexcavated fill **3604**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of pit **3603** suggest it is likely to represent a feature of possible prehistoric date but this remains unproven.

5.13 Five land drains and two tree throws were found within **Trench 36**.

**FIELD 3**

***Trench 28 (Figures 2, 4 & 10)***

5.14 **Trench 28** was located to the south in **Field 3**.

5.15 Ditch terminus **2803** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench extending northwards from the southern trench baulk limits. The ditch terminus was orientated north/south, comprised an irregular shaped profile with a flat base. The ditch terminus contained a single fill **2804** within which a single burnt flint fragment was recovered (**Appendix B**). Ditch **2803** is likely to be contemporary with possible Ditch **4203** (**Trench 42**) located further south in **Field 3**; both appear to be on a similar alignment.

5.16 Three land drains and a single treethrow were found within **Trench 28**.

***Trench 32 (Figures 2, 4, 9 & 10)***

5.17 Trench **32** was located to the north in **Field 3** and contained five archaeological features; ditch **3203** with ditch re-cut **3206**, pit **3208**, ditch **3210** and ditch **3212**.

5.18 Ditch **3203** was curvilinear in plan and located centrally within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with a flat base. The ditch contained a secondary deposit, fill **3204**, with a final upper fill **3205**. Ditch **3203** was cut by ditch **3206** which contained a single fill **3207** and orientated on a similar alignment completing the stratigraphic sequence. No finds were identified from both ditch **3203** and ditch **3206**. It is likely that fill **3204** represents possible bank erosion from the east side. The morphology and fill characteristics of ditch

**3203** and ditch **3206** suggest they are likely to form part of a boundary or enclosure ditch of possible prehistoric date. Both ditches are broadly perpendicular to ditch **3212** and ditch **3210** located further east.

5.19 Pit **3208** was circular in plan and located to the east within the trench. The small pit comprised a U-shaped profile, with gradual sides and contained a single fill **3209**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of pit **3208** suggest it is likely to represent settlement activity possibly associated with the other archaeology identified within the trench which is considered to be of possible prehistoric date.

5.20 Ditch **3212** was linear in plan and located at the eastern end of the the trench. The ditch became flooded during the evaluation but the feature was orientated broadly north-west/south-east, comprised a U-shaped profile with a possible flat base. The ditch contained fill **3213**. Ditch **3212** was cut by ditch **3210** to the west which contained a single fill **3211** and was orientated on a similar alignment. Ditch **3212** was cut by a modern land drain **3214** which was also orientated on a similar alignment. No finds were recovered from either ditch **3212** or ditch **3210**.

5.21 Ditch **3206** is similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditches **903** and **905**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

5.22 Five land drains were found within Trench **32**, two of which cut ditch **3206** and ditch **3210**.

***Trench 42 (Figures 2 & 4)***

5.23 Trench **42** was located to the south in **Field 3**. The trench was moved approximately 10 metres west due to its original location encroaching within mature deciduous woodland.

5.24 Ditch **4203** was linear in plan and located to the east within the trench. The ditch was orientated north/south and contained an unexcavated fill **4204**. Ditch **4203** is likely to be contemporary with possible ditch Terminus **2803** (**Trench 28**) located

further north in **Field 3**; both appear to be on a similar alignment. A single sherd of 17th to 18th century AD pottery was recovered from topsoil **4200** (**Appendix B**).

5.25 Ditch **4203** is similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditches **903** and **905**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** in **Field 3**.

5.26 Two land drains and a single treethrow were found within **Trench 42**.

## FIELD 4

### *Trench 9 (Figures 2, 5 & 11)*

5.27 Trench **9** was located to the east in **Field 4**.

5.28 Ditch **905** was linear in plan and located to the north within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile and contained a secondary fill **906** and a final upper fill **907**. It is likely that fill **906** represents possible bank erosion from the east side. No finds were identified. Ditch **905** was cut by a modern land drain **908** which was orientated on a similar alignment to ditch **905**.

5.29 Ditch **903** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west and contained an unexcavated fill **904**. No finds were identified. Ditch **903** and ditch **1002** (**Trench 10**) located further north-east in **Field 4**; both appear to be on a similar alignment.

5.30 Ditch **903** and **905** are similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

5.31 Three land drains were found within **Trench 9**.

### *Trench 10 (Figures 2, 5 & 11)*

5.32 **Trench 10** was located to the east in **Field 4**.

5.33 Ditch **1002** was linear in plan and located to the north within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a V-shaped profile and contained a

fill **1003**. No finds were identified. Ditch **1002** was cut by a modern land drain **1004** which was orientated on a similar alignment to Ditch **1002**. A well preserved glazed pot base was recovered from fill **1005**, land drain **1004**.

5.34 Ditch **1002** is similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditch **903** and **905**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

***Trench 11 (Figures 2 & 5)***

5.35 Trench **11** was located to the north in **Field 4**.

5.36 Ditch **1102** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west and contained an unexcavated fill **1103**. No finds were identified.

5.37 Ditch **1102** is similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditch **903** and **905**, ditch **1002** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

5.38 Five land drains and a single treethrow were found within **Trench 11**.

***Trench 13 (Figures 2, 5, 12 & 13)***

5.39 Trench **13** was located to the north in **Field 4** and contained two archaeological features; gully **1303** and hearth **1306**. The trench was moved several metres west due to its original location situated near to a mature deciduous tree canopy and footpath used by the general public.

5.40 Gully **1303** was broadly curvilinear in plan and located centrally within the trench several metres from Hearth **1306**. The gully was orientated east/west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradually sloping sides, contained a primary fill **1304**, and a secondary upper fill **1305**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of gully **1303** suggest it is likely to represent settlement activity associated with hearth **1306** and of possible prehistoric date.

5.41 Hearth **1306** was circular in plan, located centrally within the trench and extended west into the trench baulk. The shallow pit comprised gradual sloping sides, a flat base and contained a heat affected primary deposit **1307** and a tertiary charcoal rich fill **1308**. No finds were identified. **A soil sample was recovered from pit 1306, from fill 1308, and has been retained**. The morphology and fill characteristics of Hearth **1306** suggest it is likely to be of possible prehistoric date. The feature is similar to hearth **3605** (**Trench 36**). The heat affected clay **1307** identified at its base is likely to represent continued firing of the feature typical of more permanent continued settlement activity.

5.42 Three land drains were found within **Trench 13**.

***Trench 14 (Figures 2, 5, 13 & 21)***

5.43 **Trench 14** was located to the north in **Field 4**.

5.44 Ditch **1403** was linear in plan and located to the west within the trench. The ditch was orientated north/south but appeared to turn eastwards, comprised a V-shaped profile with gradually sloping sides and contained a primary fill **1404** and two secondary deposits, fill **1405** and **1406** respectively. Two sherds of Roman oxidised ware were recovered from ditch fill **1406** with vessel forms comprising jars only. Fineware types or diagnostic forms enabling reliably closer dating were absent. However, the pottery can be broadly dated to the late 1st to 2nd, to early 3rd centuries AD (**Appendix B**). A single fragment of cattle radius (a bone of the lower limb) was also recovered from ditch fill **1406** (**Appendix C**). Ditch **1403** was cut by a modern land drain **1407** which was orientated on a similar alignment to the ditch. Ditch **1403** and ditch **203** (**Trench 2**) located further north in **Field 5**; both appear to be on a similar alignment.

5.45 Ditch **1403** is similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditch **903** and **905**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

5.46 Two land drains were found within **Trench 14**.

***Trench 18 (Figures 2, 5 & 14)***

5.47 Trench **18** was located to the south in **Field 4** and contained three archaeological features; ditch **1803**, ditch **1805** and ditch **1807**. All three ditches were orientated east/west and contained similar fill characteristics.

5.48 Ditch **1803** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench. The ditch was orientated east/west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual sides and a flat base. The ditch contained a single compact fill **1804**. No finds were identified and two lands drains cut the ditch.

5.49 Ditch **1805** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench. The ditch was orientated east/west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual sides. The ditch contained a single compact fill **1806**. No finds were identified.

5.50 Ditch **1807** was linear in plan and located to the north within the trench. The ditch was orientated east/west and contained a single compact unexcavated fill **1808**. No finds were identified.

5.51 The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of ditch **1803**, ditch **1805** and ditch **1807** suggest they are likely to form part of a boundary or possible trackway of prehistoric date.

5.52 Five land drains were found within **Trench 18**.

***Trench 20 (Figures 2 & 5)***

5.53 **Trench 20** was located to the north in **Field 4**.

5.54 Ditch **2003** was linear in plan and located to the west within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides and a flat base. The ditch contained a single compact fill **2004**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of ditch **2003** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary of prehistoric date.

***Trench 21 (Figures 2, 5 & 14)***

5.55 Trench **21** was located to the south in **Field 4** and contained two archaeological features; posthole **2102** and ditch **2104**.

5.56 Posthole **2102** was circular in plan and located centrally within the trench immediately east of ditch **2104**. The posthole comprised a U-shaped profile and contained a single fill **2103**. No finds were identified.

5.57 Ditch **2104** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench immediately west of posthole **2102**. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides. The ditch contained a single compact fill **2105**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of ditch **2003** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary of prehistoric date.

5.58 Five land drains were found within **Trench 21**.

***Trench 22 (Figures 2, 5, 15, 16, 19 & 20)***

5.59 **Trench 22** was located to the south in **Field 4**. The trench was moved approximately 15 metres west at its southern end due to its original location situated near to a mature deciduous tree canopy and footpath used by the general public. The trench contained eighteen archaeological features to include;

- Three gullies; gully **2205**, gully **2207** and gully **2213**.
- Ten postholes; posthole **2209**, posthole **2211**, posthole **2215**, posthole **2217**, posthole **2219**, posthole **2221**, posthole **2223**, posthole **2225**, posthole **2227** and posthole **2229**.
- Other features found within the trench include; two pits; pit **2231** and pit **2235**, quarry pit **2235**, ditch **2239** and posthole **2237**.

5.60 Gully **2205** was linear in plan and located to the north within the trench. The gully was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides and contained a single fill **2206**. A probable ovoid beaker in fine grogged type was recovered from deposit **2206** dating to the 1st century BC/AD. The linear morphology and fill characteristics of gully **2205** suggest it is likely to form part of a possible boundary or structure, such as a beam-slot foundation to indicate settlement activity contemporary with gully **2207** located immediately to the south. The gully was assigned a feature number **2203**.

5.61 Gully **2207** was linear in plan and located to the north within the trench. The gully was orientated north-west/south-east and contained an unexcavated fill **2208**. The linear morphology and fill characteristics of gully **2207** suggest it is likely to form part of a possible boundary or structure, such as a beam-slot foundation to indicate settlement activity contemporary with Gully **2205** located immediately to the north. The gully was assigned a structure number **2203**.

5.62 Gully **2213** was L-shaped in plan and located to the north within the trench. The gully was orientated north-east/south-west and appeared to turn and extend north-west from the north side beyond the trench limit. The gully comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides and contained a single fill **2214**. Two small sherds of Roman pottery were recovered from fill **2214** (**Appendix B**). The linear morphology and the fill characteristics of gully **2213** indicate it is likely to form part of a boundary or structure, such as a beam-slot foundation which suggests settlement activity. The gully was assigned a structure number **2204** which is likely to include posthole **2209**, posthole **2209**, posthole **2211**, posthole **2215**, posthole **2217**, posthole **2219**, posthole **2221**, posthole **2223**, posthole **2225**, posthole **2227** and posthole **2229**.

5.63 Ten postholes were circular or sub-circular and located centrally within the trench. They were orientated north-east/south-west and located on a similar alignment to gully **2213**. These included; posthole **2209** (unexcavated but seven fragments of undated fired clay were recovered from fill **2210**), posthole **2211** (unexcavated), posthole **2215** (unexcavated), posthole **2217** (unexcavated), posthole **2219**, posthole **2221** (unexcavated), posthole **2223** (unexcavated but a potsherd dating to the 1st century BC/AD was recovered), posthole **2225** (unexcavated), posthole **2227** (unexcavated) and posthole **2229**, two of which were hand excavated, posthole **2219** and posthole **2229**. Posthole **2219** comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual sides and contained as single fill **2210**. Posthole **2229** comprised a U-shaped profile with steep sides and contained as single fill **2230**. The posthole alignment suggests they may have formed part of a possible fence line or indicate a structural element such a timber supports to hold the weight of a roof. The ten postholes were assigned a structure number **2204** which is likely to include gully **2213**.

5.64 Pit **2231** was sub-circular in plan and located centrally within the trench. The pit contained an unexcavated fill **2232**. No finds were identified. The pit was cut by a land drain to the west.

5.65 Pit **2233** was irregular in plan and located to the south within the trench. The pit contained an unexcavated fill **2234**. The pit is likely to represent quarrying indicative of settlement activity. Full extent of the feature was not established.

5.66 Pit **2235** was circular in plan and located to the south within the trench between possible quarry pit **2235** and Ditch **2239**. The pit contained an unexcavated fill **2236**. No finds were identified.

5.67 Ditch **2239** was linear in plan and located to the south within the trench. The shallow ditch was orientated north-west/south-east, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual sides and contained a single fill **2240**. Ditch **2239** cut Posthole **2237**. The ditch appears to be parallel with possible Structure **2204** located to the north (see paragraghs 5.62 & 5.63). Roman grey and oxidised wares were recorded in **Trench 22**. The largest group comprising 22 sherds recovered from ditch fill **2240** includes a number of reduced sandy types differing in inclusion type/coarseness and firing. Identifiable vessel forms from this group comprised jars only. Fineware types or diagnostic forms enabling reliably closer dating were absent. However, the pottery can be broadly dated to the late 1st to 2nd, to early 3rd centuries AD (**Appendix B**).

5.68 Posthole **2237** was cut but ditch **2239**. The full extent of the posthole was not established but the feature contained as single fill **2238**. No finds identified.

5.69 Iron nails, almost certainly of post-medieval or modern date was recovered from topsoil **2200**. Six land drains were found within **Trench 22**. Two of the land drains appear to continue into **Trench 23**.

***Trench 23 (Figures 2, 5, 15, 16 & 20)***

5.70 **Trench 23** was located to the south in **Field 4**.

5.71 Ditch **2303** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides. The ditch contained a primary fill **2304**, and two tertiary deposits, fill **2305** and fill **2306**. A soil sample was recovered (Sample **6404**) from fill **2305** within

ditch **2303**. The sample contained no plant macrofossil material, but did contain a moderate assemblage of very poorly-preserved charcoal identified as possible oak (*Quercus*) and possible alder/hazel (*Alnus glutinosa/Corylus avellana*). The absence of any further artefactual or ecofactual material means no further interpretation of function can be made other than suggesting this deposit is a dump of domestic/industrial firing debris (**Appendix C**). Ditch **2303** was heavily cut by land drain **2307**. The morphology and fill characteristics of ditch **2303** suggest it is likely that it formed part of a boundary or enclosure ditch associated with the features identified within **Trench 22**.

5.72 Thirty-four sherds of pottery were recovered from ditch **2303** (fills **2304** – **6**) within **Trench 23**. Grog, quartz and flint-tempered fabrics are represented, the latter including a coarsely-gritted type comparable to Silchester wares, which are a common component of 1st century BC/AD assemblages from Silchester. The levels of fragmentation inhibited identification of the vessel form. However one jar with short, everted rim was recorded in the coarser flint-tempered fabric from ditch fill **2304**. In other fabrics bowls of shouldered or carinated form and with neck cordons were identifiable in finer flint-tempered fabric from ditch fill **2305**. Also from the latter fill a sherd in a reduced sandy greyware fabric was recovered from deposit **2305** and suggests post-conquest dating. The form in this instance is a carinated cup/small bowl which would accord with dating in the second half of the 1st century AD (**Appendix B**).

5.73 A number of fragmentary fired clay objects and miscellaneous fired/burnt clay were also recovered from within **Trench 23**, the largest quantities date from the Late Iron Age/Early Roman period ditch fills **2303** - **5**. Identifiable among the objects are loomweight fragments, the largest from deposit **2304** probably of pyramidal form. A group of bar-like object fragments were recovered from fill **2305** and are tentatively identified as kiln furniture. Their form and dimensions are consistent with kiln bars of the kind associated with pottery kilns dating to the 1st or 2nd centuries AD. The presence of such items is evidence of pottery manufacture in the area, although pottery wasters or other related material was not recovered (**Appendix B**). One piece, a very weathered clast of ironworking slag approximately 250g in weight was recovered from fill **2305**. In addition to the ironworking slag, a quantity (approximately 1000g) of a natural ferricrete was recovered (**paragraph 6.9 & 6.10**). Animal bone was recovered from **2306** but the species was unidentifiable (**Appendix C**).

5.74 Five land drains and a single treethrow were found within **Trench 23**. Two of the land drains appear to continue into **Trench 22**.

***Trench 25 (Figures 2, 5 & 14)***

5.75 Trench **25** was located to the south in **Field 4**.

5.76 Pit **2503** was circular in plan and located to the east within the trench. The small pit comprised a U-shaped profile and contained a primary fill **2504** and two tertiary deposits; fill **2505** and charcoal rich fill **2506** respectively. No finds were identified. **Two soil samples were recovered from Pit 2503, from fill 2505 and 2506, and have been retained**.

**FIELD 5**

***Trench 1 (Figures 2 & 6)***

5.77 **Trench 1** was located to the east in **Field 5**.

5.78 Ditch **102** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench. The ditch was orientated north/south and contained an unexcavated fill **103**. No finds were identified. Ditch **102** and ditch **406** (**Trench 4**) located further south in **Field 5**; both appear to be on a similar alignment. The morphology and fill characteristics of ditch **102** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary ditch rather than a defensive feature of possible prehistoric date.

5.79 Flat roof tile comprising a hard orange fabric were recovered from topsoil **100**. Dating potentially spans the later medieval to 18th/19th centuries, but with a 16th century or later date most likely (**Appendix B**). A modern possible test pit was found to the west and seven land drains within **Trench 1**.

***Trench 2 (Figures 2, 6 & 17)***

5.80 **Trench 2** was located to the south in **Field 5**.

5.81 Ditch **203** was linear in plan and located to the north within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-west/south-east, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradually sloping sides and contained a single fill **204**. A single grog-tempered slightly

abraded sherd was recovered from fill **204** and is most likely to date to the middle to late 1st century AD (**Appendix B**). Ditch **203** and ditch **1403** (**Trench 14**) located further south in **Field 4**; both appear to be on a similar alignment.

5.82 Ditch **203** is similar in morphology to ditch **503**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditches **903** and **905**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

5.83 Two modern postholes and four land drains were found within **Trench 2**, one of which cut ditch **203**.

***Trench 3 (Figures 2, 6 & 17)***

5.84 Trench **3** was located to the south in **Field 5** and contained two ditches; Ditch **303** with re-cut **305** and ditch **308**.

5.85 Ditch **303** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench, to the north of ditch **308**. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with steep to gradual sides and was re-cut by ditch **305**. The re-cut feature contained a primary fill **306** and a final upper fill **307**. No finds were identified from either ditch **303** or re-cut ditch **305**. It is likely that ditch **303**, re-cut ditch **305** and ditch **308** define and form part of a possible trackway; both were located approximately 5m apart. A land drain cut re-cut ditch **305** obliquely.

5.86 Ditch **308** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench, to the south of ditch **303**. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual and contained a single fill **309**. No finds were identified from ditch **308**. It is likely that ditch **308**, ditch **303** and re-cut ditch **305** define and form part of a possible trackway; both were located approximately 5m apart. Immediately to the north of ditch **308** a ceramic land drain was identified and located on a similar alignment.

5.87 A modern posthole and three further land drains were identified within **Trench 3**.

***Trench 4 (Figures 2, 6 & 17)***

5.88 **Trench 4** was located to the south in **Field 5** and contained two ditches and two possible gullies; ditch **406** and ditch **409** and gullies **402** and **404**.

5.89 Ditch **406** was linear in plan and located to the west within the trench. The ditch was orientated north/south, comprised an irregular shaped profile with steep sides and a flat base. The ditch contained a tertiary fill **408** and a final secondary upper fill **407**. Ditch **406** is likely to be contemporary with ditch **102** (**Trench 1**) located further north in **Field 5**; both appear to be on a similar alignment. Ditch **409** located to the east within **Trench 4** is orientated on a similar alignment to ditch **406** and ditch **102**.

5.90 Ditch **409** was linear in plan and located to the east within the trench. The ditch was orientated north/south and contained an unexcavated fill **410**. No finds were identified. Ditch **409** is likely to be contemporary with ditch **406** located to the west within **Trench 4** and ditch **102** (**Trench 1**) located further north in **Field 5**; all three ditches appear to be on a similar alignment. The morphology and fill characteristics of ditch **409** suggests it likely forms part of a boundary ditch rather than a defensive feature of possible prehistoric date.

5.91 Gully **402** was linear in plan and located to the east of gully **404** within the trench. The gully was orientated north-west/south-east, comprised a U-shaped profile with steep sides. The gully contained a single compact fill **403**. No finds were identified. Gully **402** is likely to be contemporary with gully **404**; both appear to be perpendicular in plan. The function of gully **402** and **404** was not identified but natural infilling of the gullies suggests a possible prehistoric date.

5.92 Gully **404** was linear in plan and located to the west of gully **402**, adjacent to ditch **406** within the trench. The gully was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual sides and a flat base. The gully contained a single compact fill **405**. No finds were identified. Gully **404** is likely to be contemporary with gully **402**; both appear to be perpendicular in plan. The function of gully **404** and **402** was not identified but natural infilling of the gullies suggests a possible prehistoric date.

5.93 Five land drains were identified within **Trench 4**.

***Trench 5 (Figs 2, 6 & 17)***

5.94 **Trench 5** was located to the south in **Field 5**.

5.95 Ditch **503** was linear in plan and located centrally within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides and a flat base. The ditch contained a primary fill **504** and a tertiary fill **505**. Flat roof tile comprising a hard orange fabric were recovered from ditch fill **505**. Dating potentially spans the later medieval to 18th/19th centuries, but with a 16th century or later date most likely (**Appendix B**). A single fragment of bone was also recovered from fill **505** (**Appendix B**). Fill **506** indicated evidence for either animal disturbance or tree root damage seen by the irregular humic formation of the ditch fill. Ditch **503** was orientated perpendicular to ditch **203** (Trench 2) located further west and orientated the same as the ditch **303** and ditch **308** located further north-west in **Field 5**.

5.96 Ditch **503** is similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditch **903** and **905**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

5.97 A single land drain was identified within **Trench 5**.

***Trench 7 (Figures 2, 6 & 17)***

5.98 **Trench 7** was located centrally in **Field 5**.

5.99 Ditch **703** was linear in plan, located to the west within the trench and was carefully machine excavated. The ditch was orientated north/south, comprised a V-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides. The ditch contained a primary fill **706** and two secondary fills, **704** and **705** respectively. No finds were identified. Fill **705** was cut by a modern land drain **708** which was orientated on a similar alignment to Ditch **703**. Ditch **703** and ditch **5703** (**Trench 57**) located further north in **Field 5**; both appear to be on a similar alignment.

5.100 Ditch **703** is similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditch **903** and **905**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

5.101 Two land drains and two tree throws were found within **Trench 7**.

***Trench 51 (Figures 2 & 6)***

5.102 **Trench 51** was located to the north in **Field 5**.

5.103 Ditch **5103** was linear in plan and located to the east within the trench. The ditch was orientated north-east/south-west and contained an unexcavated fill **5104**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of the ditch suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary ditch rather than a defensive feature of possible prehistoric date.

5.104 Four land drains were found within **Trench 51**.

***Trench 57 (Figures 2 & 6)***

5.105 Trench **57** was located centrally in **Field 5**.

5.106 Ditch **5703** was linear in plan, located centrally within the trench and was carefully machine excavated but not fully recorded. The ditch was orientated north/south and contained a similar ditch profile and fill sequence to ditch **703**, comprising a V-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides. No finds were identified. The upper fill **5704** was cut by a modern land drain which was orientated on a similar alignment to ditch **703**. Ditch **5703** and ditch **703** (**Trench 7**) located further south in **Field 5**; both appear to be on a similar alignment.

5.107 Ditch **5703** is similar in morphology to ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **703** in **Field 5**, ditches **903** and **905**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**.

5.108 Three land drains and a single tree throw were found within **Trench 57**.

**FIELD 6**

***Trench 41 (Figures 2 & 7)***

5.109 **Trench 41** was located to the north in **Field 5**.

5.110 Ditch **4103** was linear in plan and located to the east within the trench. The ditch was orientated north/south and contained an unexcavated fill **4104**. No finds were identified.

***Trench 47 (Figures 2, 7 & 18)***

5.111 Trench **47** was located to the north in **Field 5**.

5.112 Trench **47** contained six archaeological features; Ditch **4703** and Ditch **4705,** Posthole **4708** and Posthole **4712** and two small features, Pit/Posthole **4710** and Pit/Posthole **4714**.

5.113 Ditch **4703** was linear in plan and located to the east within the trench. The ditch was orientated east/west, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides. The ditch contained a single compact fill **4704**. No finds were identified. Ditch **4703** is orientated perpendicular to **4705** located further east within the trench. The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of ditch **4703** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary or enclosure ditch rather than a defensive feature of possible prehistoric date.

5.114 Ditch **4705** was linear in plan and located to the east within the trench. The ditch was orientated north/south, comprised a U-shaped profile with gradual to steep sides. The ditch contained a primary compact fill **4706** and a secondary upper fill **4707**. No finds were identified. Ditch **4705** is orientated perpendicular to **4703** located further west within the trench. The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of ditch **4705** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary or enclosure ditch rather than a defensive feature of possible prehistoric date.

5.115 Posthole **4708** was circular in plan and was located immediately west of ditch **4705**. The posthole comprised a U-shaped profile, with steep sides and contained a single compact fill **4709**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of posthole **4708** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary or settlement activity possibly associated with ditch **4705** of possible prehistoric date.

5.116 Pit/posthole **4710** was sub-circular in plan and was located immediately west of posthole **4712**. The small pit/posthole comprised a U-shaped profile, with gradual to steep sides and contained a single compact fill **4711**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of pit/posthole **4710** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary or settlement activity possibly associated with ditch **4703** of possible prehistoric date.

5.117 Posthole **4712** was circular in plan and was located immediately west of Ditch **4703**. The posthole contained a single unexcavated compact fill **4713**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of Posthole **4712** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary or settlement activity possibly associated with ditch **4703** of possible prehistoric date.

5.118 Pit/Posthole **4714** was oval in plan and was located immediately west of Pit/Posthole **4710**. The posthole contained a single unexcavated compact fill **4715**. No finds were identified. The morphology and fill characteristics of natural infilling of Pit/Posthole **4714** suggest it is likely to form part of a boundary possibly associated with ditch **4703** of possible prehistoric date.

5.119 A single land drain and tree throw were found within **Trench 47**.

## 6. THE FINDS

6.1 Small quantities of artefactual material were recorded from 19 deposits, with further material recovered as unstratified finds (**Table 1**). Pottery was recorded from 13 deposits and provides the main source of dating (**Appendix A & B**).

*Pottery*

6.2 A total of 77 sherds (896g) was recovered, the large majority from the southern part of **Field 4** (**Trenches 22** and **23**). Condition (surface preservation) is generally good, although the group is well-fragmented. The large majority of the pottery dates to the Late Iron Age or earlier Roman periods. Material where dating may span the Pre-Roman Iron Age and Early Roman periods, is categorised as 'transitional'. The 'transitional' types are mostly from **Trenches 22**-**23** ditch fills, including 34 sherds from Ditch **2303** (fills **2304 – 6**). An 'outlier' is from **Trench 2** ditch fill **204**, which consists of a slightly abraded sherd in a grog-tempered fabric, and for which a mid/late 1st century AD date is probable. Among the material from **Trenches 22**-**23** grog, quartz and flint-tempered fabrics are represented. Included is a coarsely-gritted flint-tempered type (CFT) which is comparable to Silchester wares, which are a common component of 1st century BC/AD assemblages from Silchester and its environs (Timby 2000, 239–43). The levels of fragmentation inhibits identification of vessel forms, however one jar with short, everted rim was recorded in the coarser

flint-tempered fabric CFT from ditch fill **2304**. In other fabrics bowls of shouldered or carinated form and with neck cordons were identifiable in finer flint-tempered fabric FFT from ditch fill **2305** and a probable ovoid beaker in fine grogged type GTF from deposit **2206** (**Table 1**, **Appendix B**).

6.3 For the most part the 'transitional' pottery types occur in isolation from 'Romanised' reduced and oxidised wares which are likely to signify dating after *c*. AD 50/70. One sherd in a reduced sandy fabric (greyware GW1) was however recorded from deposit **2305** and suggests post-conquest dating. The form in this instance is a carinated cup/small bowl which would accord with dating in the second half of the 1st century AD.

6.4 Roman grey and oxidised wares were recorded from four deposits in Trench **14** and **22**, mostly as small groups of 1–2 sherds. The largest group (22 sherds), from ditch fill **2240**, includes a number of reduced sandy types differing in inclusion type/coarseness and firing. Identifiable vessel forms from this group comprise jars only. Fineware types or diagnostic forms enabling reliably closer dating are absent, however broadly earlier Roman (later 1st to 2nd/earlier 3rd centuries) is considered likely.

6.5 Pottery which post-dates the Roman period is confined to a small number of sherds of post-medieval/modern type which recovered from topsoil deposits of land drain fills (**Tables 1 – 2**, **Appendix B**).

*Other finds: fired clay*

6.6 A number of fragmentary fired clay objects and miscellaneous fired/burnt clay were recovered, the largest quantities from the Late Iron Age/Early Roman-dated Ditch **2303** (fills **2303 - 5**). Identifiable among the objects are loomweight fragments, the largest (deposit **2304**) probably of pyramidal form, weighing 704g and its base measurement 110mm x 80mm. A group of bar-like object fragments from fill **2305** are tentatively identified as kiln furniture. The form and dimensions are consistent with kiln bars of the kind associated with pottery kilns dating to the 1st or 2nd centuries AD. In use kiln bars are arranged radially across a central pedestal and a ledge in the kiln walls to form a temporary floor. The presence of such items is evidence of pottery manufacture in the area, although pottery wasters or other related material was not recovered (**Table 1**, **Appendix B**).

*Ceramic Building Material*

6.7 Quantities of flat roof tile all in a hard orange fabric were recorded mainly as unstratified finds from **Trench 4** and, in small quantities from were recorded from topsoil deposit **100** and ditch fill **503**. Dating potentially spans the later medieval to 18th/19th centuries, but with a 16th century or later date most likely.

*Metal finds*

6.8 Objects of metal are limited to iron nails, almost certainly of post-medieval or modern date, recorded from topsoil (**2200**) and land drain deposits (**2310**).

*Metallurgical residues (Dr T.P. Young)*

6.9 One piece, a very weathered clast of ironworking slag approximately 250g in weight was recorded from Late Iron Age/Early Roman-dated ditch **2303** (fill **2305**). The slag is dense with large vesicles, however the vesicles and other voids have infilled with a hard white sandy clay, which makes interpreting their morphology difficult. There are a few curving boundaries within the slag that may be original - perhaps suggesting some original flow lobes. An interpretation as a flow-lobed smelting slag, perhaps from the interior of an Iron Age style non-slag-tapping furnace, would seem possible. As the piece lacks diagnostic morphology, it could also, although less likely be a fragment from a very large smithing hearth cake.

6.10 In addition to the ironworking slag from deposit **2305** a quantity (approximately 1000g) of a natural ferricrete was recovered. Such material, effectively a dense iron pan that has formed in sand flint-rich gravel, may have formed prior to its integration into this ditch fill or within the deposit.

## 7. THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

7.1 One environmental sample (35 litres of soil) was retrieved with the intention of recovering evidence of industrial or domestic activity and material for radiocarbon dating. The sample was processed by standard flotation procedures (CA Technical Manual No. 2).

*Late Iron Age/Early Roman*

7.2 Sample **6404** was recovered from fill **2305** within Ditch **2303**. The sample contained no plant macrofossil material, but did contain a moderate assemblage of very poorly-

preserved charcoal identified as possible oak (*Quercus*) and possible alder/hazel (*Alnus glutinosa/Corylus avellana*). The absence of any further artefactual or ecofactual material means no further interpretation of function can be made other than suggesting this deposit is a dump of domestic/industrial firing debris (**Table 1**, **Appendix C**).

*Animal Bone*

7.3 A total of three fragments (77g) of animal bone were recovered from the fills of Ditch **1403** and Ditch **2303** dating respectively to possibly the Roman period. The bone was poorly preserved, displaying surface erosion due to exposure to the elements and both historical and modern damage. However, it was possible to identify the fragment recovered from Roman deposit **1406** as the proximal end of a cattle radius (a bone of the lower for limb). The remaining two fragments recovered from Roman deposit **2306**, were unidentifiable to species (**Table 2**, **Appendix C**).

7.4 It is possible that these fragments have an origin in butchery or domestic waste, but due to the combination of poor preservation and low recovery, it is likely that the material is residual in nature; hence it has not possible to make any confident interpretative inference.

7.5 A single fragment (14g) of bone was also recovered from deposit **505**, the fill of Ditch **503**. It was not possible to make a species identification and there was no direct association with any datable artefacts. However, the fragment shows a similar level of preservation as the datable bone and is likely to originate from the same activities.

## 8. DISCUSSION

8.1 Archaeological features were identified within twenty-five trenches during the trial trench evaluation; **Trench 36** within **Field 2**, **Trench**es **28**, **32** and **42** within **Field 3**; **Trenches 9**, **10**, **11**, **13**, **14**, **18**, **20**, **21**, **22**, **23** and **25** within **Field 4**; Trenches **1**, **2**, **3**, **4**, **5**, **7**, **51** and **57** within **Field 5**, Trench **41** and **47** within **Field 6**.

8.2 **Fields 2**, **4**, **5** and **6** contained archaeological remains to indicate settlement activity during the trial trench evaluation. **Fields 3**, **4**, **5** and **6** showed evidence for possibly a late prehistoric/Romano-British agricultural landscape mostly consisting of a field

boundary ditches and trackways. Archaeological potential diminished to the north-west of the Site.

8.3 In **Field 4**, Trench **22** revealed, centrally and to the north within the trench, two possible rectilinear structures, with the discovery of several possible simple beamslot features and a posthole alignment. A ditch, several pits and a quarry pit were also identified to the south, amounting to eighteen archaeological features found within the trench. Hand excavated examples have been securely dated to the 1st and 2nd century AD. Immediately to the west of **Trench 22**, a single but substantial ditch located within **Trench 23**, can be dated to the second half of the 1st century AD. Ditch **2303** contained a large assemblage of both domestic and industrial finds to include pottery, fired clay, loom weight fragments, kiln bars and iron slag which have positively dated the feature to this period. A soil sample recovered from the ditch identified oak and possible alder/hazel to suggest this deposit is a dump of domestic/industrial firing debris to further indicate and industrial use at the Site. It is likely the ditch forms part of a much larger settlement activity found directly east within **Trench 22** during the trial trench evaluation (Cunliffe 2005).

8.4 **Trench**es **22** and **23** were located upon higher ground to the south in **Field 4**. The evidence suggests there is a possible extension northwards of settlement activity contemporary with the archaeology found within the adjacent southern field during the previous trial trench evaluation in 2007 (Wessex Archaeology 2007). The projected archaeology of possible beamslot structures, gullies, pits and postholes found within **Trench 22** are similar to features found at a Roman site excavated at Whittington Way, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire in 2008 (John Moore Heritage Services 2008).

8.5 **Trench 47**, located upon high ground in **Field 6**, identified two ditches, perpendicular to each other and several postholes and small pits. It is unclear whether the features found indicate simple boundary ditches, or whether they represent an area of settlement activity to suggest an enclosure ditch. No material or dating evidence was identified. The morphology and fill characters of natural infilling of the features suggests and prehistoric date for the archaeology.

8.6 **Trench 32** was also located upon high ground in **Field 3**. The trench identified a series of re-cut ditches, perpendicular to each other very similar in plan to those

found in **Trench 47**, although the ditches within **Trench 32** comprised a more substantial width profile. It is unclear whether the features found indicate simple boundary ditches, or whether they also represent an area of settlement activity to suggest an enclosure ditch. A single small undated pit was identified. No material or dating evidence was found. The morphology and fill characters of natural infilling of the earlier features prior to re-cutting suggests and prehistoric date for the archaeology.

8.7 Isolated features to indicate further settlement activity were found in **Field 2** and **4**. Within **Trench 36**, **Field 2**, a shallow pit containing a rich upper fill of charcoal was found next to an unexcavated possible pit located nearby to the north. No finds were identified from both features. **The charcoal pit was sampled and has been retained**. Within **Trench 13**, **Field 4**, a curvilinear gully and a heat affected charcoal rich hearth were identified. Both features were hand excavated but failed to reveal any finds. **The hearth was sampled and has been retained**. It is unclear whether these two features were associated and contemporary with one another. The morphology and fill characters of natural infilling of the gully suggests and prehistoric date. The heat affected clay identified at the base of the hearth is likely to represent continued firing of the feature typical of more permanent settlement activity. In **Trench 25**, **Field 4**, a small charcoal isolated and undated pit may be contemporary with the archaeology found within **Trenches 22** and **23**. **The hearth was sampled and has been retained**. It is unclear whether the features found within **Trench**es **13**, **25** and **36** represent isolated temporary or a much more permanent settlement activity.

8.8 Isolated undated ditches were identified within **Fields 3**, **4**, **5** and **6**. The width and/or profile of the ditch found in **Trench 23** is similar to the examples identified; ditch **203**, ditch **503**, ditch **703**, ditch **5703** in **Field 5**, ditch **903** and **905**, ditch **1002**, ditch **1102** and ditch **1403** in **Field 4** and ditch **3206**, ditch **3210,** ditch **3212** and ditch **4203** in **Field 3**. In **Trench 2**, Field **5**, a 1st Century AD Romano-British potsherd was recovered and found securely within ditch **203** as well as within a ditch **1403**. Both ditches, although located within separate but neighbouring fields, are positioned on a similar alignment. Based on the morphology and fill characteristics, it is likely the ditches date to the late prehistoric/Romano-British "transitional" period, typifying an organised agricultural landscape of field boundaries and drainage reflecting an extension of a potential extensive contemporary settlement landscape found further south in 2007. This organisation of the landscape can also be seen by the potential

trackway evidence identified within **Trench 3**, **Field 5** and **Trench 18**, **Field 4** (Aston 1985).

8.9 In Trench **4**, **Field 5**, located upon lower terrain on the projected floodplain, two undated gullies were found. Hand excavation of the two features failed to confirm a positive date. Their function remains uncertain and one of which was cut by a later linear field boundary ditch suggesting a Roman date. It is unclear whether the gullies found within the trench represent temporary isolated or a much more permanent settlement activity.

8.10 There was evidence of re-cutting into many of the more substantial ditches found within **Trench**es **9**, **10** and **14** in **Field 4** and **Trench 3**, **7** and **57** for example, seen by the presence of ceramic pipework to suggest a continuation of a pre-existing field system. This suggests a continuation of a pre-existing landscape. In **Trench 10**, a well preserved glazed ware pot base dating from the 17th to 18th century AD was recovered from one of the ceramic land drains cutting into an earlier undated ditch. Post-medieval and modern land drainage was identified within **Trench 23** and within many of the trenches across the Site.

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**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS** (ARCHAEOLOGY HIGHLIGHTED GREY/BOLD)

| Trench No. | Context No. | Type | Fill of | Context interpretation | Description | L (m) | W (m) | Depth/thickness (m) | Spot-date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid brown sandy silt, with gravel | 50.5 | 1.9 | 0-0.4 | Modern |
| 1 | 101 | Layer | | Natural | Light yellowish-brown sandy gravel, with patches of light grey sand and dense gravel | 50.5 | 1.9 | 0.4-0.5 | |
| **1** | **102** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **N-S aligned ditch** | **>1.95** | **1** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **1** | **103** | **Fill** | **102** | **Fill** | **Compact, light grey silty sand, with gravel** | **>1.95** | **1** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Mid greyish-brown clayey silt | 50.6 | 1.9 | 0-0.24 | Modern |
| 2 | 201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Mid yellowish-brown silty clay, with sparse, sub-rounded stones | 50.6 | 1.9 | 0.24-0.34 | |
| 2 | 202 | Layer | | Natural | Two types present: compact, mid brown silty clay, with gravel; very compact mid yellowish-grey clay, with occasional, sub-rounded stones | 50.6 | 1.9 | 0.34-0.46 | |
| **2** | **203** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NW-SE aligned ditch** | **>1.9** | **1.38** | **0.23** | **C1** |
| **2** | **204** | **Fill** | **203** | **Fill** | **Compact, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with moderate amount of sub-rounded stones** | **>1.9** | **1.38** | **0.23** | **C1** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown sandy silt, with moderate, sub-rounded flint | 50 | 2 | 0-0.14 | Modern |
| 3 | 301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy silt, with moderate, sub-rounded flint | 50 | 2 | 0.14-0.28 | |
| 3 | 302 | Layer | | Natural | Mid orangey-brown clayey sand, with moderate, sub- | 50 | 2 | 0.28-0.49 | |

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| | | | | | angular flint and iron panning | | | | |
| **3** | **303** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned, truncated 'U' shaped ditch** | **>1.9** | **0.6** | **0.2** | **Undated** |
| **3** | **304** | **Fill** | **303** | **Fill** | **Compact, light yellowish brown sandy/silty clay, with sub-rounded/angular flint and ironstone** | **>1.9** | **0.6** | **0.2** | **Undated** |
| **3** | **305** | **Cut** | | **Ditch Re-cut** | **Re-cut of ditch [303]** | **>1.9** | **0.9** | **0.26** | **Undated** |
| **3** | **306** | **Fill** | **305** | **1st Fill** | **Light grey silty clay, with yellowish-brown mottling** | **>1.9** | **0.7** | **0.06** | **Undated** |
| **3** | **307** | **Fill** | **305** | **2nd Fill** | **Friable, mid grey silty clay, with yellowish-brown mottling and moderate flint and other stones** | **>1.9** | **0.9** | **0.18** | |
| **3** | **308** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned, wide, shallow ditch** | **>2** | **1.38** | **0.4** | **Undated** |
| **3** | **309** | **Fill** | **308** | **Fill** | **Friable, light greyish-brown clayey sand, with iron panning and sub-angular flint** | **>2** | **1.38** | **0.4** | **Undated** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-angular flint | 50 | 1.8 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 4 | 401 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid orangey-brown silty sand, with sub-angular gravel and flint | 50 | 1.8 | 0.3-0.46 | |
| **4** | **402** | **Cut** | | **Gully** | **NW-SE aligned gully** | **>4.4** | **0.35** | **0.16** | **Undated** |
| **4** | **403** | **Fill** | **402** | **Fill** | **Friable, light greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-angular flint** | **>4.4** | **0.35** | **0.16** | **Undated** |
| **4** | **404** | **Cut** | | **Gully** | **NE-SW aligned gully, cut by larger ditch [406]** | **>1.8** | **0.38** | **0.08** | **Undated** |
| **4** | **405** | **Fill** | **404** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy silt, with iron panning** | **>1.8** | **0.38** | **0.08** | **Undated** |

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| | | | | | **and sub-angular flint. Cut by [406]** | | | | |
| **4** | **406** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **N-S aligned ditch, cutting earlier ditch [404]** | **>1.8** | **1.08** | **0.45** | **Undated** |
| **4** | **407** | **Fill** | **406** | **2nd Fill** | **Friable, light greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-angular flint and charcoal flecks** | **>1.8** | **1.08** | **0.3** | **Undated** |
| **4** | **408** | **Fill** | **406** | **1st Fill** | **Compact, light greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-angular flint and gravel** | **>1.8** | **0.88** | **0.23** | **Undated** |
| **4** | **409** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NW-SE aligned ditch, possibly associated with and parallel to [406]** | **>1.8** | **>1.4** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **4** | **410** | **Fill** | **409** | **Fill** | **Compact, light greyish-brown clayey silt, with rounded/angular gravel and charcoal flecks** | **>1.8** | **>1.4** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| 4 | 411 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid orangey-grey silty clay, with moderate angular/rounded gravel and flint | 50 | 1.8 | | |
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| 5 | 500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, light/mid brown sandy silt, with sub-angular gravel | 50 | 1.8 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 5 | 501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid brown sandy silt, with sub-angular gravel | 50 | 1.8 | 0.25-0.34 | |
| 5 | 502 | Layer | | Natural | Light yellowish-brown silty sand, with patches of light yellow sand, mid brown sandy clay and gravel | 50 | 1.8 | 0.34-0.45 | |
| **5** | **503** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned ditch. Heavily disturbed by bioturbation, burrowing and/or tree rooting** | **>1.9** | **1.95** | **0.54** | **Pmed Residual** |

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| **5** | **504** | **Fill** | **503** | **1st Fill** | **Compact, dark grey silty sand, with sub-angular gravel** | **>1.9** | **0.55** | **0.05** | **Undated** |
| **5** | **505** | **Fill** | **503** | **2nd Fill** | **Compact, light greyish-brown silty sand, with sub-angular gravel** | **>1.9** | **1.58** | **0.46** | **Undated** |
| **5** | **506** | **Fill** | **503** | **3rd Fill** | **Compact, mid brownish-grey silty sand, with sub-angular gravel. Heavily disturbed by bioturbation, burrowing and/or tree rooting** | **>1.9** | **1.95** | **0.38** | **Undated** |
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| 6 | 600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Loose, mid greyish-brown silt. No inclusions | 50.5 | 2 | 0-0.29 | Modern |
| 6 | 601 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 50.5 | 2 | 0.29-0.5 | |
| 6 | 602 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with light grey patches, gravel and ironstone inclusions | 50.5 | 2 | 0.5-0.7 | |
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| 7 | 700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, with gravel | 49.8 | 2 | 0-0.27 | Modern |
| 7 | 701 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 49.8 | 2 | 0.27-0.38 | |
| 7 | 702 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with gravel | 49.8 | 2 | 0.38-0.49 | |
| **7** | **703** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **N-S aligned possible field boundary ditch. Cut by a land drain** | **>7.2** | **2.53** | **0.66** | **Undated** |
| **7** | **704** | **Fill** | **703** | **2nd Fill** | **Compact, mid orangey-brown sandy silt, with angular gravel and flint** | **>7.2** | **2.53** | **0.17** | **Undated** |
| **7** | **705** | **Fill** | **703** | **3rd Fill** | **Compact, light brownish-grey sandy silt, with sub-angular** | **>7.2** | **2.53** | **0.26** | **Undated** |

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| **7** | **706** | **Fill** | **703** | **1st Fill** | **Compact, mid brownish-grey silty sand, with moderate gravel** | **>7.2** | **2.53** | **0.23** | **Undated** |
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| 9 | 900 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-rounded flint | 50 | 2 | 0-0.28 | Modern |
| 9 | 901 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-rounded flint | 50 | 2 | 0.28-0.44 | |
| 9 | 902 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, light greyish-brown silty sand, with sub-rounded flint and patches of orange clayey sand towards the north | 50 | 2 | 0.44+ | |
| **9** | **903** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned ditch. Same as [1002]** | **>1.9** | **2.25** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **9** | **904** | **Fill** | **903** | **Fill** | **Compact, mid yellowish-brown sandy clay, without inclusions** | **>1.9** | **2.25** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **9** | **905** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned ditch. Cut by land drain [908]** | **>1.9** | **1.79** | **0.5** | **Undated** |
| **9** | **906** | **Fill** | **905** | **1st Fill** | **Compact, mid yellowish-brown silty clay, without inclusions** | **>1.9** | **1.04** | **0.15** | **Undated** |
| **9** | **907** | **Fill** | **905** | **2nd Fill** | **Friable, light/mid yellowish-grey clayey silt, with sparse charcoal flecks. Cut by a land drain [908]** | **>1.9** | **1.79** | **0.5** | **Undated** |
| 9 | 908 | Cut | | Land drain | NE-SW aligned cut for a land drain. Cuts earlier ditch [905] | >1.9 | 0.37 | 0.34 | Modern |
| 9 | 909 | Fill | 908 | Tertiary fill | Compact, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, without inclusions | >1.9 | 0.37 | 0.34 | Modern |
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| 10 | 1000 | Layer | | Topsoil | Compact, mid | 51.8 | 2 | 0-0.22 | Modern |

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| | | | | | greyish-brown clayey silt, with angular stones | | | | |
| 10 | 1001 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, light brownish-yellow clayey silt, with occasional ironstone and pebble inclusions | 51.8 | 2 | 0.22-0.54 | |
| **10** | **1002** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned ditch, cut by later land drain. Same as [903]** | **>2** | **1.54** | **0.54** | **Undated** |
| **10** | **1003** | **Fill** | **1002** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid greyish-brown silty sand, with sub-angular gravel** | **>2** | **1.54** | **0.54** | **Undated** |
| 10 | 1004 | Cut | | Land drain | NE-SW aligned cut for a land drain. Cuts [1002] | >2 | 1.08 | 0.54 | **C17-C18** |
| 10 | 1005 | Fill | 1004 | Fill | Friable, light greyish-brown silty sand, with sub-angular gravel | >2 | 1.08 | 0.54 | **C17-C18** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 1100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Compact, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with sub-angular stones | 52 | 2 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 11 | 1101 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid brownish-yellow silty clay, with gravel | 52 | 2 | 0.3-0.51 | |
| **11** | **1102** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned ditch** | **>2** | **2.3** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **11** | **1103** | **Fill** | **1102** | **Fill** | **Compact, mid yellowish-brown sandy silt, with gravel** | **>2** | **2.3** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
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| 12 | 1200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, with gravel | 37.5 | 2 | 0-0.36 | Modern |
| 12 | 1201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid yellowish-brown silt, without inclusions | 37.5 | 2 | 0.36-0.48 | |
| 12 | 1202 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid yellowish-brown sandy silt, with gravel | 37.5 | 2 | 0.48-0.53 | |
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| 13 | 1300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid brown sandy | 39.5 | 1.85 | 0-0.2 | Modern |

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| | | | | | silt, with sub-angular gravel | | | | |
| 13 | 1301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid brownish-grey sandy silt, with sub-angular gravel | 39.5 | 1.85 | 0.2-0.32 | |
| 13 | 1302 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, light yellowish-brown sandy clay, with occasional patches of light brown sandy gravel and dark brown sandy clay | 39.5 | 1.85 | 0.32-0.42 | |
| **13** | **1303** | **Cut** | | **Ditch/Gully** | **NE-SW aligned ditch/gully (slightly curvilinear)** | **>1.95** | **0.73** | **0.36** | **Undated** |
| **13** | **1304** | **Fill** | **1303** | **1st Fill** | **Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy clay, with sub-angular gravel** | **>1.95** | **0.52** | **0.2** | **Undated** |
| **13** | **1305** | **Fill** | **1303** | **2nd Fill** | **Friable, light brownish-grey sandy clay, with sub-angular gravel** | **>1.95** | **0.73** | **0.18** | **Undated** |
| **13** | **1306** | **Cut** | | **Hearth** | **Sub-rounded, shallow pit with an uneven base** | **>0.46** | **1.52** | **0.21** | **Undated** |
| **13** | **1307** | **Fill** | **1306** | **1st Fill** | **Compact, mid brownish-red clay. Likely affected by heat** | **>0.46** | **1.34** | **0.08** | **Undated** |
| **13** | **1308** | **Fill** | **1306** | **2nd Fill** | **Friable, dark brownish-black clayey silt, charcoal-rich with sub-angular flint** | **>0.46** | **1.52** | **0.13** | **Undated** |
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| 14 | 1400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-angular flint | 50 | 2 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 14 | 1401 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-angular flint | 50 | 2 | 0.3-0.54 | |
| 14 | 1402 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, light greyish-brown sand, with sub-angular flint and gravel, and patches of gravelly darker | 50 | 2 | 0.54-0.59 | |

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| | | | | | sand and orangey clayey sand | | | | |
| **14** | **1403** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NW-SE aligned ditch which turns to E. Cut by land drain** | **>2** | **1.45** | **0.73** | **Undated** |
| **14** | **1404** | **Fill** | **1403** | **1st Fill** | **Friable, dark greyish-brown coarse sand, with gravel and flint** | **>0.5** | **0.7** | **0.2** | **Undated** |
| **14** | **1405** | **Fill** | **1403** | **2nd Fill** | **Compact, mid greyish-orange sandy silt, with sub-angular gravel. Similar to surrounding natural** | **>2** | **1.03** | **0.16** | **Undated** |
| **14** | **1406** | **Fill** | **1403** | **3rd Fill** | **Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-angular flint. Cut by land drain [1407]** | **>2** | **1.45** | **0.42** | **Undated** |
| 14 | 1407 | Cut | | Land drain | NW-SE aligned cut for a land drain, into earlier ditch [1403] and on same alignment. | >2 | 0.86 | 0.54 | Modern |
| 14 | 1408 | Fill | 1407 | Fill | Compact, mid brown silty sand, with sub-angular gravel | >2 | 0.88 | 0.55 | Modern |
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| 15 | 1500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid brownish-grey silt, without inclusions | 51.2 | 2 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 15 | 1501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 51.2 | 2 | 0.3-0.46 | |
| 15 | 1502 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, light yellowish-grey clayey silt, with gravel | 51.2 | 2 | 0.46-0.53 | |
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| 16 | 1600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, with gravel | 50.3 | 2 | 0-0.26 | Modern |
| 16 | 1601 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid yellowish-grey clayey silt, with gravel | 50.3 | 2 | 0.26-0.34 | |
| 16 | 1602 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, light brownish-yellow silty clay, | 50.3 | 2 | 0.34-0.37 | |

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| | | | | | with gravel and mid brown patches | | | | |
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| 17 | 1700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown clayey silt, without inclusions | 51.3 | 2 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 17 | 1701 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid greyish-yellow silty clay, without inclusions | 51.3 | 2 | 0.3-0.37 | |
| 17 | 1702 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid yellowish-brown silty sand, with gravel | 51.3 | 2 | 0.37-0.43 | |
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| 18 | 1800 | Layer | | Topsoil | Loose, mid brown sandy silt, with sub-angular gravel | 50.7 | 2 | 0-0.2 | Modern |
| 18 | 1801 | Layer | | Subsoil | Loose, light brown sandy silt, with sub-angular gravel | 50.7 | 2 | 0.2-0.39 | |
| 18 | 1802 | Layer | | Natural | Compact light greyish-brown silty sand, with gravel and patches of orange and brown gravel deposits | 50.7 | 2 | 0.39-0.48 | |
| **18** | **1803** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **E-W aligned ditch, cut by two land drains** | **>3.1** | **1.04** | **0.24** | **Undated** |
| **18** | **1804** | **Fill** | **1803** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid grey sandy silt, with brown flecks and sub-angular gravel** | **>3.1** | **1.04** | **0.24** | **Undated** |
| **18** | **1805** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **E-W ditch, likely contemporary to [1803] and [1807]** | **>3.1** | **0.72** | **0.22** | **Undated** |
| **18** | **1806** | **Fill** | **1805** | **Fill** | **Friable, light grey sandy silt, with brown flecks and sub-angular flint** | **>3.1** | **0.72** | **0.22** | **Undated** |
| **18** | **1807** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **E-W aligned ditch** | **>2.31** | **0.89** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **18** | **1808** | **Fill** | **1807** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with stones** | **>2.31** | **0.89** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
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| 19 | 1900 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid brownish-grey silt, without inclusions | 50 | 2 | 0-0.39 | Modern |
| 19 | 1901 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 50 | 2 | 0.39-0.48 | |
| 19 | 1902 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown silty clay, with mid brown and light grey patches, and gravel. Variable throughout | 50 | 2 | 0.48-0.52 | |
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| 20 | 2000 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid blackish-grey clayey silt, with sub-angular stones | 50 | 2 | 0-0.24 | Modern |
| 20 | 2001 | | | | **VOID** | | | | |
| 20 | 2002 | Layer | | Natura | Compact, mid yellowish-brown silty clay, with patches of gravelly clay throughout | 50 | 2 | 0.24-0.46 | |
| **20** | **2003** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned possible ditch** | **>2** | **0.95** | **0.32** | **Undated** |
| **20** | **2004** | **Fill** | **2003** | **Fill** | **Compact, light bluish-grey, with flecks of orange and sub-angular stones** | **>2** | **0.95** | **0.32** | **Undated** |
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| 21 | 2100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with sub-angular stones | 43.1 | 2 | 0-0.23 | Modern |
| 21 | 2101 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, light brownish-grey and mid brownish-yellow clayey silt, with patches of sandy gravel and angular stones | 43.1 | 2 | 0.23-0.41 | |
| **21** | **2102** | **Cut** | | **Post-hole** | **Slightly irregular, oval in plan. Possible post-hole** | **0.35** | **0.41** | **0.22** | **Undated** |
| **21** | **2103** | **Fill** | **2102** | **Fill** | **Loose, light-bluish-grey silty clay, with rare** | **0.35** | **0.41** | **0.22** | **Undated** |

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| | | | | | **charcoal flecks** | | | | |
| **21** | **2104** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned ditch** | **>2** | **1.24** | **0.33** | **Undated** |
| **21** | **2105** | **Fill** | **2104** | **Fill** | **Compact, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with rounded stones** | **>2** | **1.24** | **0.33** | **Undated** |
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| 22 | 2200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown clayey silt, with sub-rounded stones | 47.2 | 2 | 0-0.27 | Modern |
| 22 | 2201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Compact, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with sub-rounded stone inclusions | 47.2 | 2 | 0.27-0.42 | |
| 22 | 2202 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid yellowish-brown silty clay, with patches of gravel | 47.2 | 2 | 0.42-0.49 | |
| **22** | **2203** | **Feature** | | **Possible Structure** | **Structure suggested by the orientation of [2205] and [2207]** | **>4** | **>2.1** | **-** | |
| **22** | **2204** | **Feature** | | **Possible Structure** | **Possible timber structure, with a NE-SW alignment, including [2209], [2211], [2213], [2215], [2217], [2219], [2221], [2223], [2225], [2227] & [2229]** | **>30** | **>1** | **-** | |
| **22** | **2205** | **Cut** | | **Gully - Possible Beam slot** | **NE-SW aligned linear feature, may form part of a structure, along with [2207]** | **1** | **0.37** | **0.13** | **C1** |
| **22** | **2206** | **Fill** | **2205** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid brownish-grey silty clay, with sub-rounded stones and charcoal flecks** | **1** | **0.37** | **0.13** | **C1** |
| **22** | **2207** | **Cut** | | **Gully - Possible Beam slot** | **NW-SE aligned gully, forming a possible structure, along with [2205]** | **>2.1** | **0.48** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **22** | **2208** | **Fill** | **2207** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid brownish-grey sandy silt, with moderate, sub-rounded** | **>2.1** | **0.48** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |

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| | | | | | stones. Possibly same as (2206) | | | | |
| 22 | 2209 | Cut | | Post-hole/pit | Large post-hole or small pit | 0.61 | 0.63 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2210 | Fill | 2209 | Fill | Compact, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with moderate sub-rounded stones and charcoal flecks | 0.61 | 0.63 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2211 | Cut | | Post-hole | Post-hole | 0.41 | 0.32 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2212 | Fill | 2211 | Fill | Compact, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with moderate sub-rounded stones | 0.41 | 0.32 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2213 | Cut | | Gully - Possible Beam slot | NE-SW aligned linear feature which turns NW-SE | >3.3 | 0.63 | 0.21 | RB |
| 22 | 2214 | Fill | 2213 | Fill | Loose, light greyish-brown silty sand, with mid yellowish-grey mottling and gravel | >3.3 | 0.63 | 0.21 | RB |
| 22 | 2215 | Cut | | Post-hole | Circular post-hole | 0.46 | 0.45 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2216 | Fill | 2215 | Fill | Friable, mid brownish-grey silty sand, with sub-angular stones | 0.46 | 0.45 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2217 | Cut | | Post-hole | Oval post-hole | 0.58 | 0.55 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2218 | Fill | 2217 | Fill | Friable, mid brownish-grey sandy silt, with sub-angular stones | 0.58 | 0.55 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2219 | Cut | | Post-hole | Circular post-hole | 0.73 | 0.68 | 0.19 | Undated |
| 22 | 2220 | Fill | 2219 | Fill | Friable, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with common, sub-rounded stones | 0.73 | 0.68 | 0.19 | Undated |
| 22 | 2221 | Cut | | Post-hole | Oval post-hole | 0.65 | 0.48 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2222 | Fill | 2221 | Fill | Friable, mid brownish-grey sandy silt, with sub-angular stones | 0.65 | 0.48 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2223 | Cut | | Post-hole | Oval post-hole | 0.55 | 0.28 | Unexcavated | C1 |
| 22 | 2224 | Fill | 2223 | Fill | Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-angular stones | 0.55 | 0.28 | Unexcavated | C1 |
| 22 | 2225 | Cut | | Post-hole | Circular post-hole | 0.53 | 0.51 | Unexcavated | Undated |

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| 22 | 2226 | Fill | 2225 | Fill | Friable, mid brownish-grey sandy silt, with sub-angular stones | 0.53 | 0.51 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2227 | Cut | | Post-hole | Circular post-hole | 0.37 | 0.35 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2228 | Fill | 2227 | Fill | Friable, mid brownish-grey sandy silt, with sub-angular stones | 0.37 | 0.35 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2229 | Cut | | Post-hole | Circular post-hole | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.26 | Undated |
| 22 | 2230 | Fill | 2229 | Fill | Loose, mid brownish-grey silty sand, with sub-rounded pebbles | 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.26 | Undated |
| 22 | 2231 | Cut | | Pit | Irregular oval pit | 1.9 | 1.21 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2232 | Fill | 2231 | Fill | Loose, light brownish-grey, with mid reddish-brown mottling and sub-angular stones | 1.9 | 1.21 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2233 | Cut | | Quarry pit | Irregular pit, possibly quarrying | >1.68 | 2.7 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2234 | Fill | 2233 | Fill | Compact, dark brownish-grey sandy silt, with common, sub-rounded stones, humic material and possible redeposited chert | >1.68 | 2.7 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2235 | Cut | | Post-hole | Oval post-hole | 0.74 | 0.6 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2236 | Fill | 2235 | Fill | Compact, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with gravel | 0.74 | 0.6 | Unexcavated | Undated |
| 22 | 2237 | Cut | | Post-hole | Oval post-hole | 0.43 | 0.25 | 0.05 | Undated |
| 22 | 2238 | Fill | 2237 | Fill | Friable, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, without inclusions | 0.43 | 0.25 | 0.05 | Undated |
| 22 | 2239 | Cut | | Ditch | NW-SE aligned ditch | >2 | 0.87 | 0.2 | LC1-C2+ |
| 22 | 2240 | Fill | 2239 | Fill | Compact, mid brownish-grey silty clay, with mid yellow mottling and moderate, sub-rounded stones | >2 | 0.87 | 0.2 | LC1-C2+ |

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| 23 | 2300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown clayey silt, with sub-rounded stones | 51 | 2 | 0-0.28 | Modern |
| 23 | 2301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Compact, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with sub-rounded stones | 51 | 2 | 0.28-0.44 | |
| 23 | 2302 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid yellowish-brown silty clay, with patches of gravel throughout | 51 | 2 | 0.44-0.52 | |
| **23** | **2303** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned possible enclosure ditch. Cut by a land drain** | **>2.3** | **1.29** | **0.48** | **C1** |
| **23** | **2304** | **Fill** | **2303** | **1st Fill** | **Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy clay, with sub-angular gravel, and domestic/industrial waste** | **>2.3** | **1.04** | **0.16** | **C1** |
| **23** | **2305** | **Fill** | **2303** | **2nd Fill** | **Compact, mid grey sandy clay, with angular gravel, burnt flint, and domestic/industrial waste** | **>2.3** | **0.62** | **0.23** | **MLC1 C1** |
| **23** | **2306** | **Fill** | **2303** | **3rd Fill** | **Friable, light/mid brownish-grey clayey sand, with angular gravel and domestic waste** | **>2.3** | **1.1** | **0.18** | **C1** |
| 23 | 2307 | Cut | | Land drain | NW-SE cut for a land drain, through ditch [2303] | >2 | 0.4 | >0.47 | Modern |
| 23 | 2308 | Fill | 2308 | Fill | Loose, dark grey silty sand, with sub-angular gravel | >2 | 0.4 | >0.47 | Modern |
| 23 | 2309 | Cut | | Land drain | Possible NW-SE cut for a land drain | >10 | 0.45 | 0.07 | **mC16-C18** |
| 23 | 2310 | Fill | 2309 | Fill | Friable, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with rounded flint | >10 | 0.45 | 0.07 | **mC16-C18** |
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| 24 | 2400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown | 50.3 | 2 | 0-0.3 | Modern |

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| | | | | | silt, with gravel | | | | |
| 24 | 2401 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown silt, with gravel | 50.3 | 2 | 0.3-0.45 | |
| 24 | 2402 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid yellowish-brown sandy silt, with gravel and light grey patches | 50.3 | 2 | 0.45-0.56 | |
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| 25 | 2500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, without inclusions | 50.4 | 1.9 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 25 | 2501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Compact, mid yellowish-brown silty clay, with moderate, sub-rounded stones | 50.4 | 1.9 | 0.3-0.54 | |
| 25 | 2502 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, light brownish-yellow clay, with light grey mottling and moderate, sub-rounded stones | 50.4 | 1.9 | 0.52+ | |
| **25** | **2503** | **Cut** | | **Pit** | **Oval pit** | **0.68** | **0.74** | **0.17** | **Undated** |
| **25** | **2504** | **Fill** | **2503** | **1st Fill** | **Compact, mid brownish-yellow, with mid grey mottling and sparse, sub-rounded stones** | **0.68** | **0.66** | **0.06** | **Undated** |
| **25** | **2505** | **Fill** | **2503** | **2nd Fill** | **Friable, mid yellowish-grey silty clay, with moderate charcoal flecking** | **0.68** | **0.53** | **0.11** | **Undated** |
| **25** | **2506** | **Deposit** | **2503** | **3rd Fill** | **Friable, dark greyish-black silty clay deposit, with ~80% charcoal** | **0.68** | **0.37** | **0.05** | **Undated** |
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| 26 | 2600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 49.5 | 2 | 0-0.29 | Modern |
| 26 | 2601 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 49.5 | 2 | 0.29-0.4 | |
| 26 | 2602 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid yellowish-brown sandy silt, with gravel | 49.5 | 2 | 0.4-0.44 | |

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| 27 | 2700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid brown silty clay, with sparse, sub-angular/ rounded gravel | 49.8 | 2 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 27 | 2701 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid orangey-grey clay, with patches of gravel | 49.8 | 2 | 0.25+ | |
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| 28 | 2800 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-rounded flint | 50 | 2 | 0-0.33 | Modern |
| 28 | 2801 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-rounded flint | 50 | 2 | 0.33-0.67 | |
| 28 | 2802 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid orangey-brown sand, with sub-angular flint | 50 | 2 | 0.67-0.71 | |
| **28** | **2803** | **Cut** | | **Ditch Terminus** | **NE-SW aligned possible terminus of ditch** | **>1.16** | **0.7** | **0.12** | **Undated** |
| **28** | **2804** | **Fill** | **2803** | **Fill** | **Friable, light greyish-brown sandy silt, with sub-rounded flint** | **>1.16** | **0.7** | **0.12** | **Undated** |
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| 29 | 2900 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid brown silty clay, with sparse sub-rounded/ angular gravel | 37.4 | 2 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 29 | 2901 | Layer | | Subsoil | Compact, mid greyish-brown silty clay, with sparse sub-rounded/ angular gravel | 37.4 | 2 | 0-0.25 | |
| 29 | 2902 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid orangey/greyish -brown sand, with patches of gravel | 37.4 | 2 | 0.25-0.5 | |
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| 30 | 3000 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid brown silty sand, with sub-angular gravel | 47.6 | 2 | 0-0.34 | Modern |
| 30 | 3001 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, light brownish-grey clayey sand, with sub- | 47.6 | 2 | 0.34-0.65 | |

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| | | | | | angular gravel | | | | |
| 30 | 3002 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, light brown clayey sand, with gravel, patches of mid orangey-brown sandy clay and mid orange gravel deposits | 47.6 | 2 | 0.65-0.73 | |
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| 31 | 3100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, with gravel | 50.2 | 2 | 0-0.35 | Modern |
| 31 | 3101 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 50.2 | 2 | 0.35-0.43 | |
| 31 | 3102 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 50.2 | 2 | 0.43-0.54 | |
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| 32 | 3200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Loose, mid greyish-brown silt, with gravel | 51.7 | 2 | 0-0.32 | Modern |
| 32 | 3201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 51.7 | 2 | 0.32-0.41 | |
| 32 | 3202 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid reddish-brown silty clay, with gravel | 51.7 | 2 | 0.41-0.52 | |
| **32** | **3203** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned ditch** | **>7.3** | **2.5** | **0.47** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3204** | **Fill** | **3203** | **1st Fill** | **Loose, mid yellowish-brown, with light yellowish-brown and mid greyish-brown mottling, and sparse, sub-rounded stones. Cut by [3206]** | **>7.3** | **1** | **0.39** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3205** | **Fill** | **3203** | **2nd Fill** | **Loose, light grey clayey silt, with sparse, sub-rounded stones. Cut by [3206]** | **>7.3** | **0.83** | **0.27** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3206** | **Cut** | | **Ditch re-cut** | **NE-SW aligned ditch cutting into the fills of earlier ditch [3203]** | **>7.3** | **1.07** | **0.36** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3207** | **Fill** | **3206** | **Fill** | **Loose, light grey sandy silt, with common,** | **>7.3** | **1.07** | **0.36** | **Undated** |

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| | | | | | **sub-angular stones** | | | | |
| **32** | **3208** | **Cut** | | **Pit** | **Sub-circular pit, cut by a land drain** | **0.62** | **0.53** | **0.17** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3209** | **Fill** | **3208** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid brownish-grey sandy silt, with sparse, sub-rounded stones and ironstone** | **0.62** | **0.53** | **0.17** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3210** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NW-SE aligned, ditch, cutting earlier ditch [3212]** | **>6.8** | **1.12** | **0.27** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3211** | **Fill** | **3210** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid greyish-brown silty sand, with common, sub-angular gravel** | **>6.8** | **1.12** | **0.27** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3212** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NW-SE aligned, possible boundary ditch, cut by [3210] and [3214]** | **>6.8** | **1.8** | **0.47** | **Undated** |
| **32** | **3213** | **Fill** | **3212** | **Fill** | **Loose, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with sparse, sub-rounded/sub-angular stones. Cut by [3214]** | **>6.8** | **1.8** | **0.47** | **Undated** |
| 32 | 3214 | Cut | | Land drain | NE-SW aligned land drain | >6.8 | 0.4 | 0.46 | Modern |
| 32 | 3215 | Fill | 3214 | Fill | Friable, mid reddish-brown sandy silt | >6.8 | 0.4 | 0.46 | Modern |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | 3300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid-greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 53.6 | 2 | 0-0.27 | Modern |
| 33 | 3301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, without inclusions | 53.6 | 2 | 0.27-0.43 | |
| 33 | 3302 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid reddish-brown clay, without inclusions | 53.6 | 2 | 0.43-0.49 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | 3400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid yellowish-brown silt, without inclusions | 46.6 | 2 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 34 | 3401 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 46.6 | 2 | 0.3-0.45 | |

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| 34 | 3402 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown silty clay, with gravel | 46.6 | 2 | 0.45-0.58 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | 3500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 49.6 | 2 | 0-0.22 | Modern |
| 35 | 3501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 49.6 | 2 | 0.22-0.31 | |
| 35 | 3502 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with gravel | 49.6 | 2 | 0.31-0.4 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | 3600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid brown silty sand, with sparse, angular gravel | 49 | 2 | 0-0.27 | Modern |
| 36 | 3601 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, light brownish-grey clayey sand, with sparse, sub-angular gravel | 49 | 2 | 0.27-0.47 | |
| 36 | 3602 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, light brownish-grey clayey sand, with common gravel and patches of light grey clayey sand | 49 | 2 | 0.47-0.58 | |
| **36** | **3603** | **Cut** | | **Pit** | **Possible pit** | **1.55** | **1.3** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **36** | **3604** | **Fill** | **3603** | **Fill** | **Compact, light greyish-brown clayey silt, with common, sub-angular gravel. Possible geology** | **1.55** | **1.3** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **36** | **3605** | **Cut** | | **Hearth** | **Circular pit, showing evidence of burning** | **>0.9** | **0.9** | **0.05** | **Undated** |
| **36** | **3606** | **Fill** | **3605** | **Fill** | **Loose, dark grey clayey sand** | **>0.9** | **0.9** | **0.05** | **Undated** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | 4100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid brown silty clay, with sparse, sub-angular/ rounded gravel | 51.1 | 2 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 41 | 4101 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid yellowish-brown | 51.1 | 2 | 0.25-0.4 | |

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| | | | | | sandy/clayey silt, with sparse, sub-angular/ rounded gravel | | | | |
| 41 | 4102 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, yellowish gravel, with orangey-brown sand | 51.1 | 2 | 0.4-0.55 | |
| **41** | **4103** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **N/S aligned ditch** | **>2** | **0.8** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **41** | **4104** | **Fill** | **4103** | **Fill** | **Mid yellowish-greyish brown silty/sandy clay, with rare, sub-angular/ rounded gravel** | **>2** | **0.8** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | 4200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silty clay, with sparse, sub-angular/ rounded gravel | 52 | 2 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 42 | 4201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid orangey-brown sandy silt, with gravel | 52 | 2 | 0-0.25 | |
| 42 | 4202 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid orangey-brown clay, with patches of yellowish gravel | 52 | 2 | 0.25-0.5 | |
| **42** | **4203** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **N/S aligned ditch** | **>2** | **1.4** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **42** | **4204** | **Fill** | **4203** | **Fill** | **Friable, mid brown silty clay, with sparse, sub-angular/ rounded gravel** | **>2** | **1.4** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | 4500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 51.7 | 2 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 45 | 4501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with gravel | 51.7 | 2 | 0.25-0.39 | |
| 45 | 4502 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid yellowish-brown sandy silt, with gravel | 51.7 | 2 | 0.39-0.5 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 47 | 4700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, dark greyish-brown clayey silt, with sparse, sub-rounded stones | 51.2 | 2 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 47 | 4701 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, | 51.2 | 2 | 0.25-0.63 | |

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| | | | | | light/mid brownish-grey silty clay, with abundant, sub-rounded stones | | | | |
| 47 | 4702 | Layer | | Natural | Loose, mid yellowish-brown sandy gravel, with loose, light greyish-yellow sandy gravel in middle of trench | 51.2 | 2 | 0.63-0.8 | |
| **47** | **4703** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **E-W aligned possible enclosure ditch, or field boundary. May be associated with [4705]** | **>2.63** | **0.97** | **0.23** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4704** | **Fill** | **4703** | **Fill** | **Loose, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with common, sub-rounded stones** | **>2.63** | **0.97** | **0.23** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4705** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **N-S aligned possible boundary or enclosure ditch. May be associated with ditch [4703]** | **>2** | **1.53** | **0.47** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4706** | **Fill** | **4705** | **1st Fill** | **Friable, light greyish-brown sandy silt, with common, sub-rounded flint, and sparse gravel** | **>2** | **1.03** | **0.26** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4707** | **Fill** | **4705** | **2nd Fill** | **Friable, light greyish-brown sandy silt, with sparse, sub-angular flint** | **>2** | **1.53** | **0.21** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4708** | **Cut** | | **Post-hole** | **Oval post-hole, possibly associate with nearby ditch [4705]** | **0.38** | **0.23** | **0.19** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4709** | **Fill** | **4708** | **Fill** | **Loose, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with common, sub-rounded stones** | **0.38** | **0.23** | **0.19** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4710** | **Cut** | | **Pit/Posthole** | **Oval pit** | **0.94** | **0.57** | **0.23** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4711** | **Fill** | **4710** | **Fill** | **Loose, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with common, sub-rounded stones** | **0.94** | **0.57** | **0.28** | **Undated** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **47** | **4712** | **Cut** | | **Pit/Posthole** | **Oval pit, possibly associated with pit [4710]** | **0.24** | **0.27** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4713** | **Fill** | **4712** | **Fill** | **Loose, mid brownish-grey clayey silt, with abundant, sub-rounded stones** | **0.24** | **0.27** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4714** | **Cut** | | **Pit/Posthole** | **Oval pit, possibly associated with pits [4710] and [4712]** | **1.17** | **0.44** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **47** | **4715** | **Fill** | **4714** | **Fill** | **Loose, mid greyish-brown clayey silt, with abundant sub-rounded stones** | **1.17** | **0.44** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | 5100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 50.3 | 2 | 0-0.38 | Modern |
| 51 | 5101 | Layer | | Subsoil | Compact, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with sparse gravel | 50.3 | 2 | 0.38-0.6 | |
| 51 | 5102 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with occasional gravel | 50.3 | 2 | 0.6-0.7 | |
| **51** | **5103** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **NE-SW aligned ditch** | **>1.8** | **0.86** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| **51** | **5104** | **Fill** | **5103** | **Fill** | **Compact, light brownish-grey sandy silt, without inclusions** | **>1.8** | **0.86** | **Unexcavated** | **Undated** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 5200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Loose, light greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 50.5 | 1.8 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 52 | 5201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with common gravel | 50.5 | 1.8 | 0.25-0.6 | |
| 52 | 5202 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with light grey patches, and common gravel | 50.5 | 1.8 | 0.6-0.65 | |
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| 53 | 5300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 51.7 | 2 | 0-0.27 | Modern |
| 53 | 5301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid | 51.7 | 2 | 0.27-0.5 | |

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| | | | | | reddish-brown clayey silt, with common gravel | | | | |
| 53 | 5302 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with light grey patches, and common gravel and ironstone | 51.7 | 2 | 0.5-0.65 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | 5400 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, with rare gravel | 50.2 | 1.8 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 54 | 5401 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with rare gravel | 50.2 | 1.8 | 0.3-0.55 | |
| 54 | 5402 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with grey patches, and common gravel and ironstone | 50.2 | 1.8 | 0.55-0.74 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 55 | 5500 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 53.1 | 2 | 0-0.22 | Modern |
| 55 | 5501 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with common gravel | 53.1 | 2 | 0.22-0.43 | |
| 55 | 5502 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with light grey patches and common gravel | 53.1 | 2 | 0.43-0.55 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 56 | 5600 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 51.3 | 2 | 0-0.31 | Modern |
| 56 | 5601 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with common gravel | 51.3 | 2 | 0.31-0.48 | |
| 56 | 5602 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with common gravel | 51.3 | 2 | 0.48-0.55 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 57 | 5700 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, with common gravel | 49.7 | 2 | 0-0.34 | Modern |
| 57 | 5701 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown | 49.7 | 2 | 0.34-0.63 | |

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| | | | | | clayey silt, with occasional gravel | | | | |
| 57 | 5702 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with light grey patches and common gravel | 49.7 | 2 | 0.63-0.74 | |
| **57** | **5703** | **Cut** | | **Ditch** | **N-S aligned ditch, cut by a land drain** | **>3.77** | **0.9** | **>0.18** | **Undated** |
| **57** | **5704** | **Fill** | **5703** | **Fill** | **Friable, light greyish-brown sandy silt, with abundant, sub-rounded flint. Cut by a land drain** | **>3.77** | **0.9** | **>0.18** | **Undated** |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 58 | 5800 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 51.7 | 2 | 0-0.34 | Modern |
| 58 | 5801 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with sparse grave | 51.7 | 2 | 0.34-0.5 | |
| 58 | 5802 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown silty clay, with common gravel | 51.7 | 2 | 0.5-0.59 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 59 | 5900 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 51 | 2 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 59 | 5901 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with sparse gravel | 51 | 2 | 0.3-0.5 | |
| 59 | 5902 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown silty clay, with common gravel | 51 | 2 | 0.5-0.6 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 60 | 6000 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, with sparse gravel | 51 | 2 | 0-0.38 | Modern |
| 60 | 6001 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with sparse gravel | 51 | 2 | 0.38-0.5 | |
| 60 | 6002 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown sandy silt, with common gravel | 51 | 2 | 0.5-0.63 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 61 | 6100 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown | 50.4 | 2 | 0-0.33 | Modern |

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| | | | | | silt, with sparse gravel | | | | |
| 61 | 6101 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with common gravel | 50.4 | 2 | 0.33-0.5 | |
| 61 | 6102 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown silty clay, with common gravel | 50.4 | 2 | 0.5-0.6 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 62 | 6200 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 49 | 2 | 0-0.3 | Modern |
| 62 | 6201 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish brown clayey silt, with sparse gravel | 49 | 2 | 0.3-0.65 | |
| 62 | 6202 | Layer | | Natural | Compact, mid reddish-brown silty clay, with sparse gravel inclusions | 49 | 2 | 0.65-0.78 | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 63 | 6300 | Layer | | Topsoil | Friable, mid greyish-brown silt, without inclusions | 50.3 | 2 | 0-0.25 | Modern |
| 63 | 6301 | Layer | | Subsoil | Friable, mid reddish-brown clayey silt, with sparse gravel | 50.3 | 2 | 0.25-0.4 | |
| 63 | 6302 | Layer | | Natural | Friable, mid reddish-brown silty clay, with sparse gravel | 50.3 | 2 | 0.4-0.53 | |

**APPENDIX B: THE FINDS**

**Table 1**: Finds concordance

| Context | Class | Count | Weight | Description* | Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Us. 4 | post-med cbm | 6 | 567 | brick flat tile | - |
| 100 | post-med cbm | 2 | 45 | flat roof tile | Pmed |
| 505 | post-med cbm | 1 | 23 | flat roof tile | Pmed |
| 204 | transitional pottery | 1 | 44 | **gt** | MLC1 |
| 1005 | post-med pottery | 1 | 98 | **gre** | C17-C18 |
| 1406 | Roman pottery | 2 | 19 | **ox1** | |
| 1600 | post-med pottery | 2 | 3 | **gre** | C18-C19 |
| | post-med pottery | 1 | 16 | **refwh** | |
| 2200 | iron object | 1 | | nail | |
| | post-med cbm | 1 | 18 | flat roof tile | |
| 2206 | transitional pottery | 2 | 4 | **gtf** | C1 |
| | transitional pottery | 2 | 28 | **gt** | |
| | transitional pottery | 1 | 1 | **qzf** | |
| | transitional pottery | 1 | 4 | **qzf** | |
| | fired clay | 4 | 14 | Misc. fragments | |
| 2210 | fired clay | 7 | 111 | object | |
| 2214 | Roman pottery | 2 | 8 | **gw3** | RB |
| 2224 | transitional pottery | 1 | 16 | **gt** | C1 |
| | Roman pottery | 1 | 6 | **gw3** | |
| 2240 | Roman pottery | 12 | 97 | **gw1** | LC1-C2+ |
| | Roman pottery | 4 | 11 | **gw2** | |
| | Roman pottery | 1 | 33 | **gw3** | |
| | Roman pottery | 3 | 25 | **gw3** | |
| | Roman pottery | 1 | 27 | **ggw** | |
| | Roman pottery | 1 | 7 | **gw4** | |
| | fired clay | 3 | 17 | Misc. fragments | |
| 2304 | transitional pottery | 1 | 33 | **cft** | C1 |
| | transitional pottery | 3 | 15 | **qzf** | |
| | transitional pottery | 1 | 10 | **fft** | |
| | fired clay | 1 | 60 | object – loomweight frag? (perf) | |
| | fired clay | 1 | 750 | object - loomweight frag? (large, ?pyramidal) | |
| | fired clay | 2 | 13 | object – lmwt frag? (perf) | |
| | burnt flint | 1 | 68 | | |
| 2305 | transitional pottery | 1 | 15 | **fft** | MLC1 |
| | transitional pottery | 1 | 15 | **fft** | |
| | transitional pottery | 14 | 70 | **fft** | |
| | transitional pottery | 2 | 11 | **qzf** | |
| | transitional pottery | 2 | 63 | **cft** | |
| | Roman pottery | 1 | 5 | **gw1** | |
| | Metallurgical res. | | 1260 | ironworking | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | fired clay | 1 | 348 | bar; 63mm x 63mm | |
| | fired clay | 2 | 347 | bar; 58mm x 60mm | |
| | fired clay | 1 | 81 | bar; 36mm x 40mm | |
| | fired clay | 11 | 239 | fragments | |
| | fired clay | 1 | 225 | object fragment | C1 |
| 2306 | transitional pottery | 1 | 42 | **grog/ls** | C1 |
| | transitional pottery | 1 | 9 | **qz** | |
| | transitional pottery | 1 | 47 | **gt** | |
| | transitional pottery | 4 | 39 | **fft** | |
| | transitional pottery | 1 | 18 | **fft** | |
| | transitional pottery | 1 | 22 | **cft** | |
| | fired clay | 1 | 5 | Misc. fragments | |
| 2310 | post-med pottery | 1 | 2 | **gre** | mC16-C18 |
| | iron object | 1 | | nail | |
| 2340 | cbm | 2 | 3 | small brick/tile frags | |
| 2804 | burnt flint | 1 | 17 | | |
| 4200 | post-med pottery | 1 | 23 | **gre** | C17-C18 |

* pottery fabrics shown in bold are described in table 2.

**Table 2**: Pottery summary and fabrics key

| Period | Fabric | Description | Ct. | Wt.(g) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 'transitional' | cft | Flint-tempered (coarse) | 4 | 118 |
| | fft | Flint-tempered (fine) | 22 | 167 |
| | grog/ls | Grog-tempered (with limestone) | 1 | 42 |
| | gt | Grog-tempered (medium/coarse) | 5 | 135 |
| | gtf | Grog-tempered (fine) | 2 | 4 |
| | qz | Quartz-tempered | 1 | 9 |
| | qzf | Quartz-tempered (fine) | 7 | 31 |
| Roman | gw1 | Greyware (medium sandy) | 13 | 102 |
| | gw2 | Greyware (fine, silt-sized quartz) | 4 | 11 |
| | gw3 | Black-firing (medium sandy) | 7 | 72 |
| | gw4 | Greyware (soft with red margins) | 1 | 7 |
| | ox1 | Oxidised (medium sandy) | 2 | 19 |
| | ggw | Greyware (with grog) | 1 | 27 |
| post-med / modern | fre | Frechen stoneware | 1 | 10 |
| | gre | Red earthenware (glazed) | 5 | 126 |
| | refwh | Refined whiteware | 1 | 16 |

## APPENDIX C: THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

**Table 1**: Charcoal Identifications

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Context number** | | | 2305 |
| **Feature number** | | | 2303 |
| **Sample number (SS)** | | | 6404 |
| **Flot volume (ml)** | | | 6 |
| **Sample volume processed (l)** | | | 18 |
| **Soil remaining (l)** | | | 20 |
| **Period** | | | LIA/ER |
| **Charcoal quantity** | | | +++ |
| **Charcoal preservation** | | | Poor |
| **Family** | **Species** | **Common Name** | |
| Betulaceae | *Alnus glutinosa* (L.) Gaertn./ *Corylus avellana* L. | Alder/Hazel | ?5 |
| Fagaceae | *Quercus petraea* (Matt.) Liebl./*Quercus robur* L. | Sessile Oak/ Pedunculate Oak | ?5 |
| | | **Number of Fragments:** | 10 |

Key

LIA/ER = Late Iron Age/Early Roman

+ = 1–4 fragments; ++ = 4–20 items; +++ = 21–49 items; ++++ = 50–99 items; +++++ = 100–500 items; ++++++ = >500 items

**Table 2:** Identified animal species by fragment count (NISP) and weight and context.

| Cut | Fill | BOS | LM | Ind | Total | Weight (g) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Roman** | | | | | | |
| 1403 | 1406 | 1 | | | 1 | 74 |
| **Post-medieval** | | | | | | |
| 2303 | 2306 | | | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| **Undated** | | | | | | |
| 503 | 505 | | 1 | | 1 | 14 |
| **Total** | | **1** | **1** | **2** | **4** | |
| **Weight** | | **74** | **14** | **3** | **91** | |

BOS = cattle; LM = cattle size animal; Ind = indeterminate

**APPENDIX D: OASIS REPORT FORM**

| **PROJECT DETAILS** | |
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| Project Name | Hatch Farm, Winnersh, Berkshire |
| Short description | An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in October 2015 at Hatch Farm, Winnersh, Berkshire. Fifty-two 50 x 1.8m trenches were excavated during two phases of trial trench evaluation out of a possible sixty-three trenches specified. Forty-seven trenches were agreed during Phase I trial trenching, of which eight trenches could not be machine excavated. Phase I machining commenced on 05/10/15. Sixteen trenches were agreed during Phase II trial trenching, of which three trenches could not be machine excavated. Phase II machining commenced on 12/10/15. Of the sixty-three trial trenches in total, eleven trenches were not machine excavated due to topographical obstructions, such as scrubland, woodland and a public right of way located at the Site. All recording and backfill of both Phase I and Phase II machining was completed on 23/10/15.<br><br>Archaeological features were identified within twenty-five trenches during the trial trench evaluation; Trench 36 within Field 2, Trench 28, 32 and 42 within Field 3, Trench 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 25 within Field 4, Trench 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 51 and 57 within Field 5, Trench 41 and 47 within Field 6.<br><br>In Field 4, Trench 22 revealed, centrally and to the north within the trench, two possible rectilinear structures, with the discovery of a series of gullies interpreted as possible beamslots and a posthole alignment. A ditch, several pits and a quarry pit were also identified to the south, amounting to eighteen archaeological features found within the trench. Immediately to the west of Trench 22, a substantial ditch containing a large assemblage of both domestic and industrial finds was found within Trench 23. The evidence suggests there is a possible extension northwards of settlement activity dating from the 1st century BC/AD “transitional” period contemporary with the archaeology found within the adjacent southern field during the previous trial trench evaluation undertaken by Wessex Archaeology in 2007.<br><br>Trench 47, located upon high ground in Field 6, identified two ditches, perpendicular to each other and several postholes and small pits. The morphology and fill characters of natural infilling of the features suggests and prehistoric date for the archaeology. Trench 32 was also located upon high ground in Field 3. The trench identified a series of re-cut ditches, perpendicular to each other very similar in plan to those found in Trench 47, although the ditches within Trench 32 comprised a more substantial width in profile. It is unclear whether the features found indicate simple boundary ditches, or whether they also represent an area of settlement activity to suggest an enclosure ditch.<br><br>Isolated features to indicate further settlement activity were found in Field 2, 4 and 5. Within Trench 36, Field 2, a shallow pit containing a rich upper fill of charcoal was found next to an unexcavated possible pit located nearby to the north. Within Trench 13, Field 4, a curvilinear gully and a heat affected charcoal rich hearth were identified. In Trench 25, Field 4, a small charcoal isolated and undated pit may be contemporary with the archaeology found within Trench 22 and 23. In Trench 4, Field 5, located upon lower terrain on the projected floodplain, two undated gullies were found.<br><br>Isolated undated ditches were identified within Field 3, 4, 5 and 6. Based on their morphology and fill characteristics, these are assumed to be related to later prehistoric or perhaps Romano-British |

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| | organised agricultural landscape of field boundaries and drainage perhaps managing the floodplain levels and may reflect an extension of a potential settlement landscape found further south. This organisation of the landscape can also be seen by the discovery of a potential trackway identified within Trench 3, Field 5 and Trench 18, Field 4. In Trench 2, Field 5, a 1st Century AD Romano-British potsherd was recovered and found securely within a ditch fill thought to be a field boundary ditch as well as within a ditch found within Trench 14, Field 4. Both ditches, although located within separate but neighbouring fields, are positioned on a similar alignment. There was evidence of re-cutting in many of the more substantial examples seen by the presence of ceramic pipework to suggest a continuation of a pre-existing field system. In Trench 10, a glazed ware pot base dating from the 17th to 18th century AD was recovered from one of the ceramic land drain cutting into an earlier undated ditch. It is likely the field boundary ditches identified began during the Roman conquest period and continued up to the post-medieval times. Post-medieval and modern land drainage was identified within Trench 23 also and within many of the trenches across the Site. | |
| Project dates | 05 – 23 October 2015 | |
| Project type<br>(e.g. desk-based, field evaluation etc) | Trial trench evaluation | |
| Previous work<br>(reference to organisation or SMR numbers etc) | Trial trench evaluation (Wessex Archaeology 2007) | |
| Future work | Unknown | |
| **PROJECT LOCATION** | | |
| Site Location | Hatch Farm, Winnersh, Berkshire | |
| Study area ($M^2$/ha) | 49ha | |
| Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference) | NGR: 477300 170600 | |
| **PROJECT CREATORS** | | |
| Name of organisation | Cotswold Archaeology | |
| Project Brief originator | Armour Heritage Ltd | |
| Project Design (WSI) originator | Cotswold Archaeology | |
| Project Manager | Richard Greatorex | |
| Project Supervisor | Matt Nichol | |
| **MONUMENT TYPE** | Iron Age/Romano-British | |
| **SIGNIFICANT FINDS** | Enclosure ditch, rectilinear structure, isolated charcoal pits and field boundary ditches | |
| **PROJECT ARCHIVES** | Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)<br>Berkshire Museums Service | Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc) |
| Physical | | ceramics, animal bone, slag etc |
| Paper | | Context sheets, matrices etc |
| Digital | | Database, digital photos etc |
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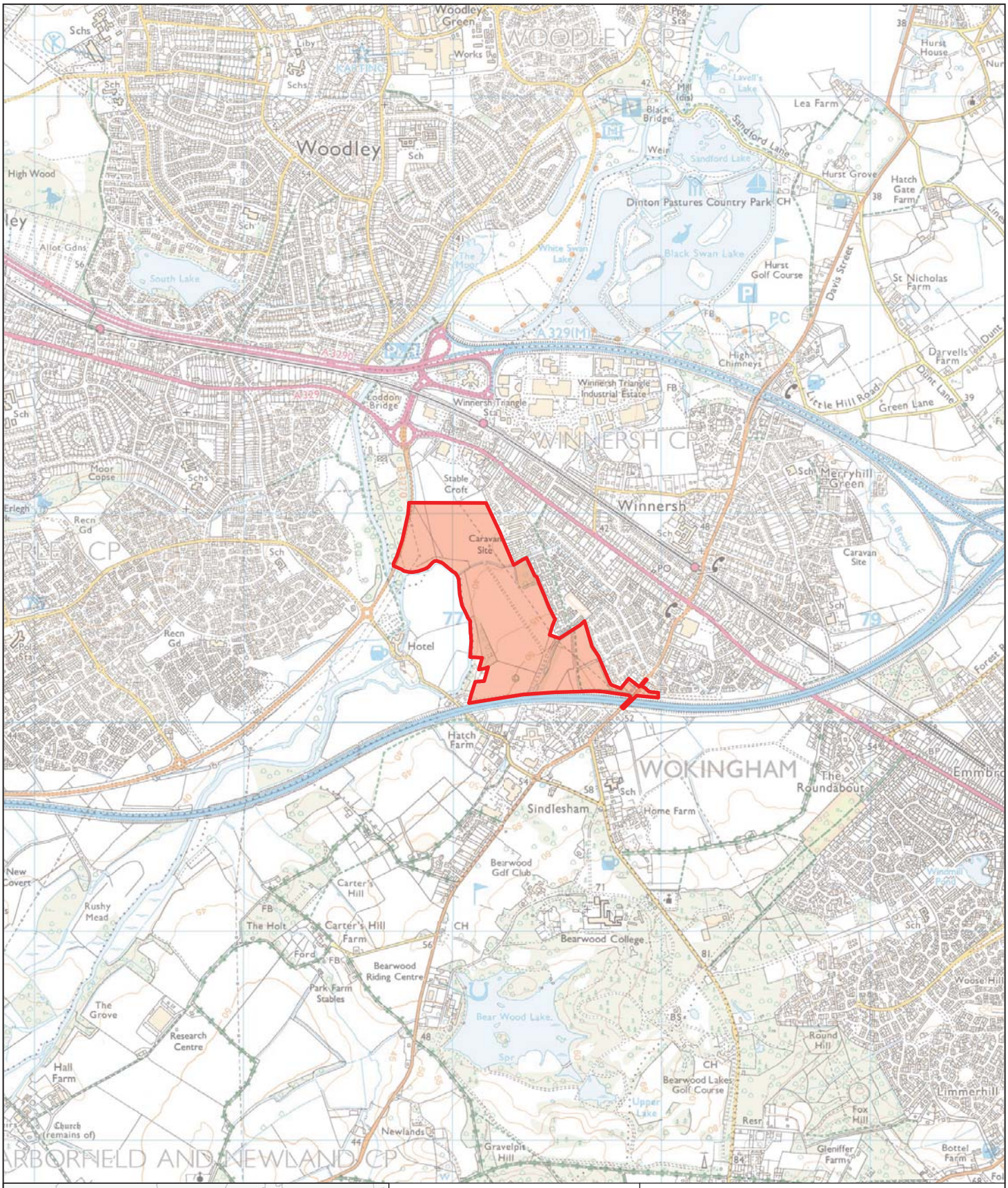



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**Site location plan**

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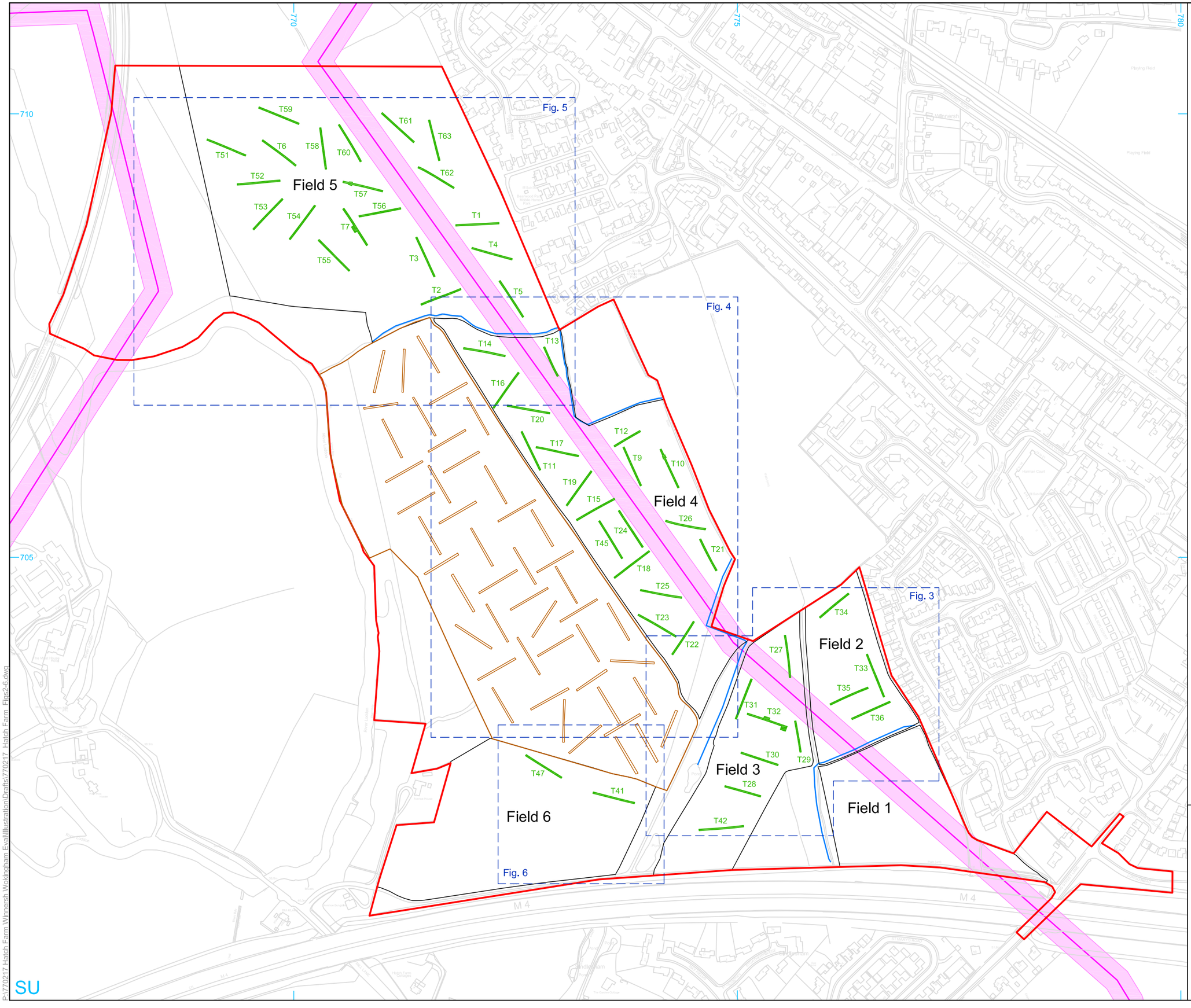




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**Trench location plan showing services and Field 1 to 6 locations**

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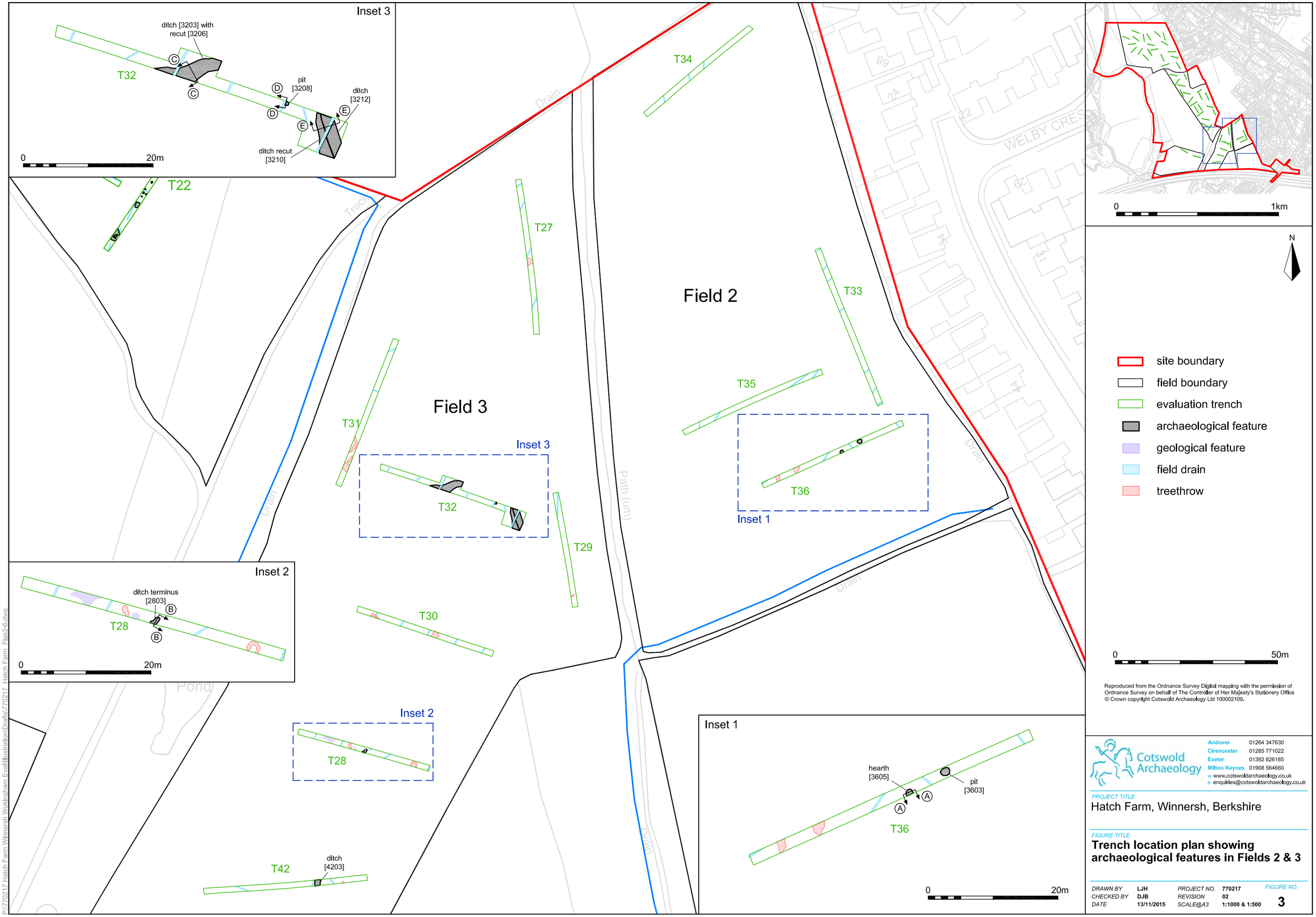




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**Trench location plan showing archaeological features in Fields 2 & 3**

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ditch [2003]
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T12
Inset 1
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T19
T15
T24
T45
T26
ditch [2104] (section NN)
posthole [2102]
T21
ditch [1805] (section LL)
T18
ditch [1807] (section MM)
ditch [1803] (section KK)
pit [2503] (section OO)
T25
Fig.14
T23
T22
Inset 2
gully [1002]
ditch [905]
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ditch [913]
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**Trench location plan showing archaeological features in field 5**

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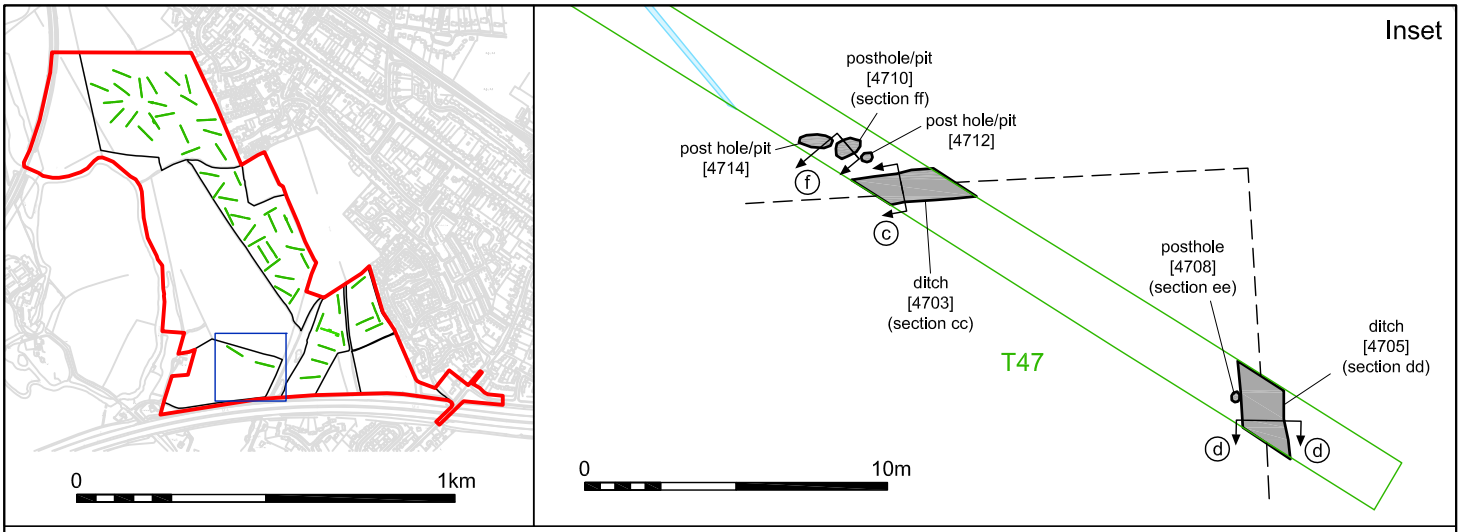


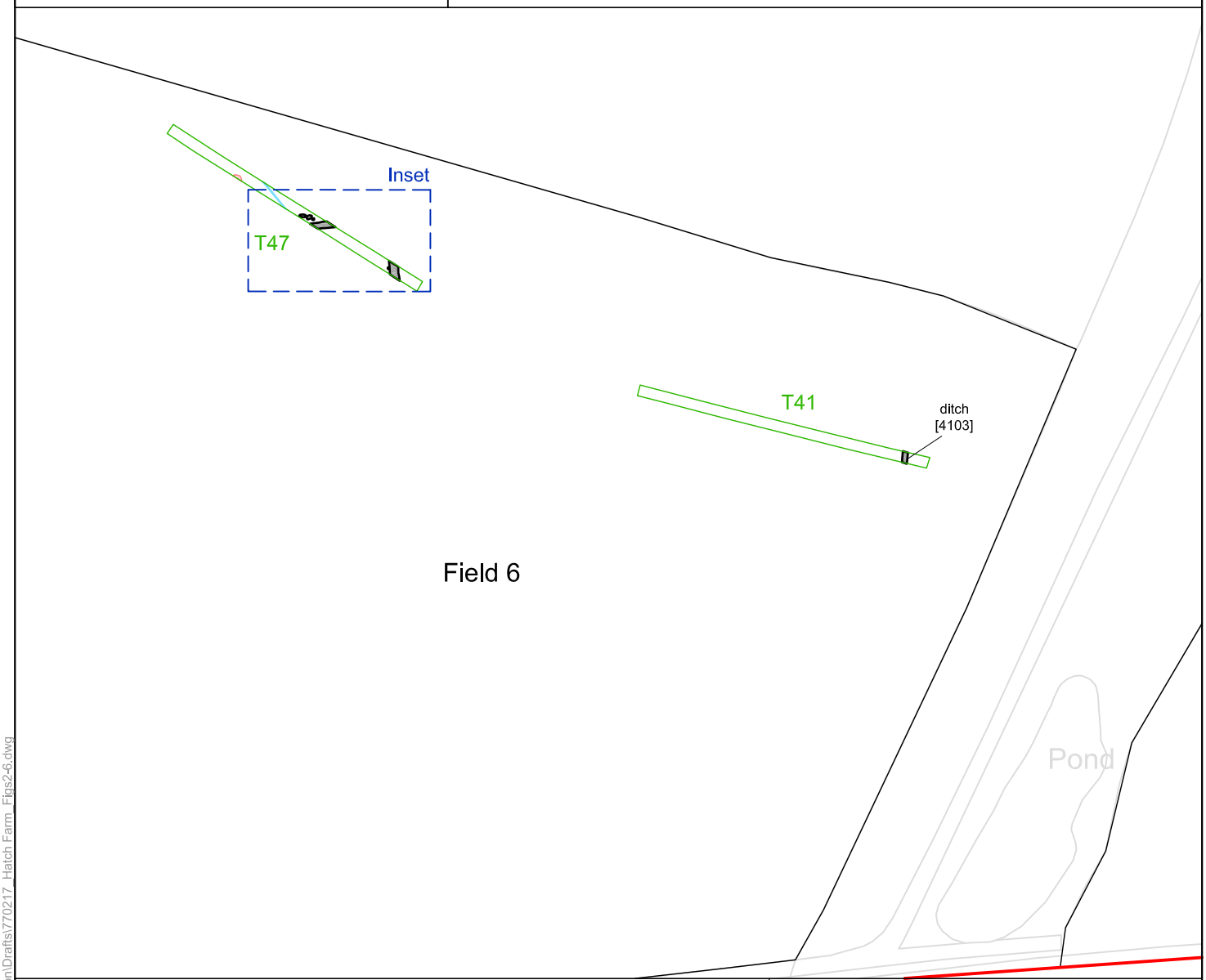


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**Trench location plan showing archaeological features in field 6**

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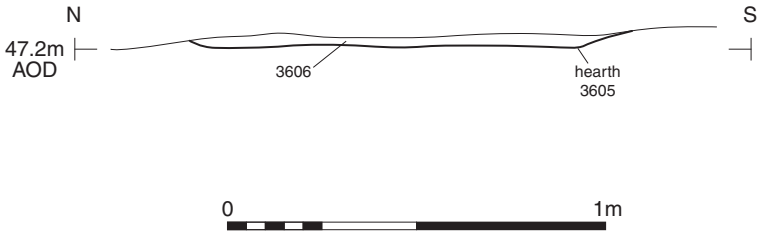


*Trench 36, north-west facing section of hearth [3605] (1m scale)*

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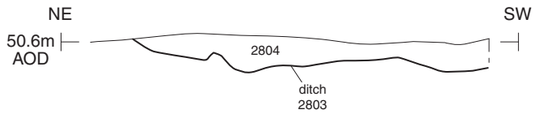


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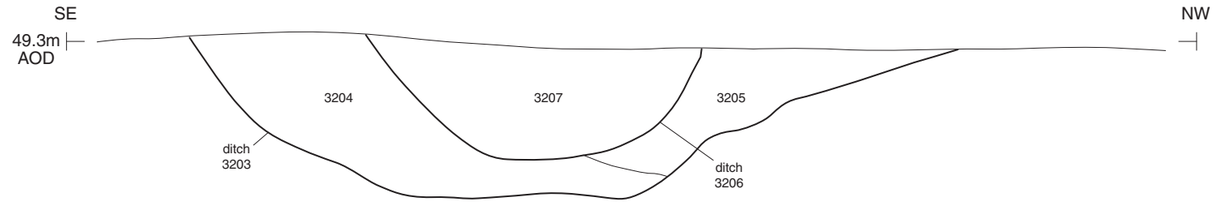


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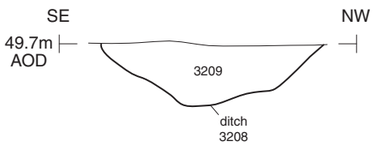


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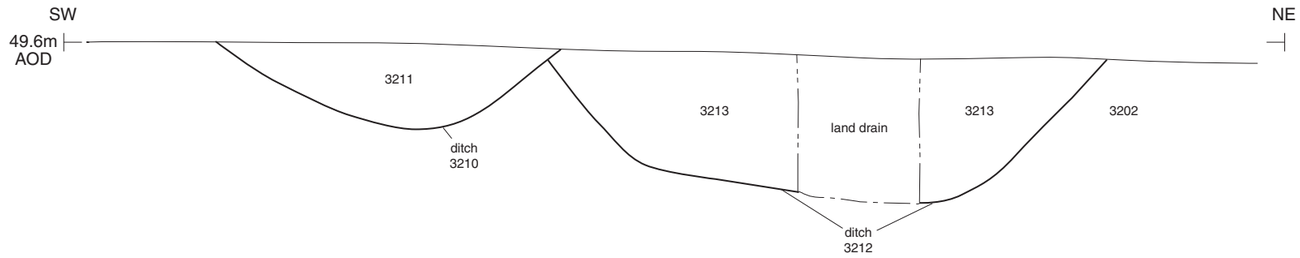


*Trench 32, general view, looking west (1m scales)*

*Trench 32, ditches [3203] & [3206], looking south-west (1m scale)*

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**Field 3, Trenches 28 & 32: sections and photographs**

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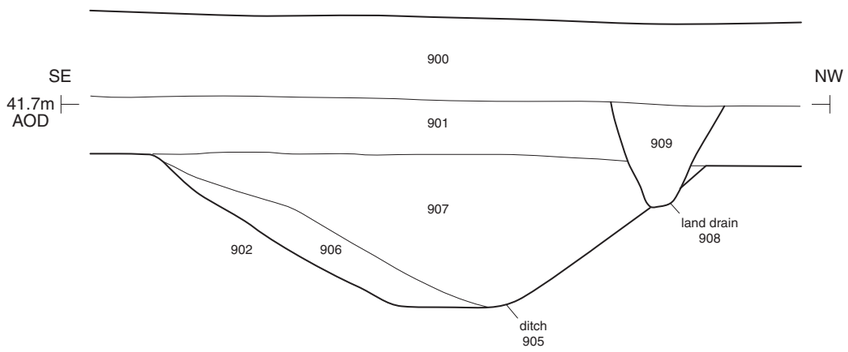


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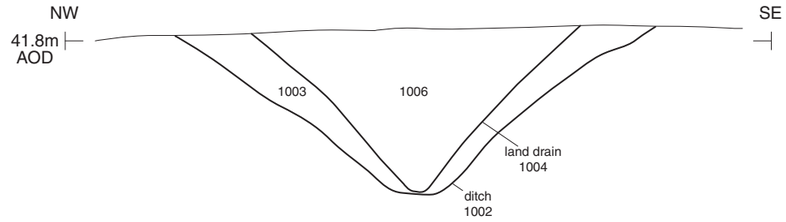


*Trench 9, ditch [905], looking west (1m scale)*

*Trench 10, ditch [1002], looking east (1m scale)*

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**Field 4, Trenches 9 & 10: sections and photographs**

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*Trench 13, general view, looking south (1m scales)*

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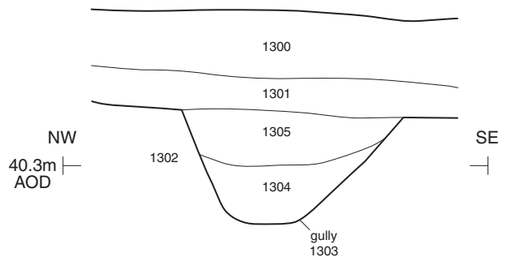


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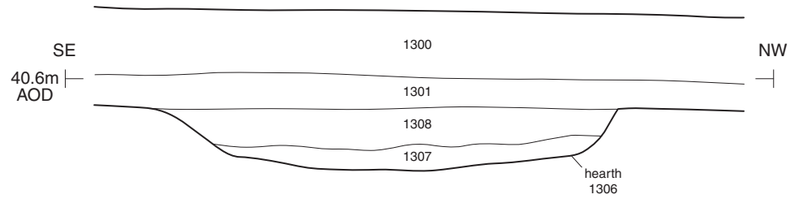


*Trench 13, gully [1303], looking north-east (1m scale)*

*Trench 13, hearth [1306], looking south-west (1m scale)*

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**Field 4, Trench 13: sections and photographs**

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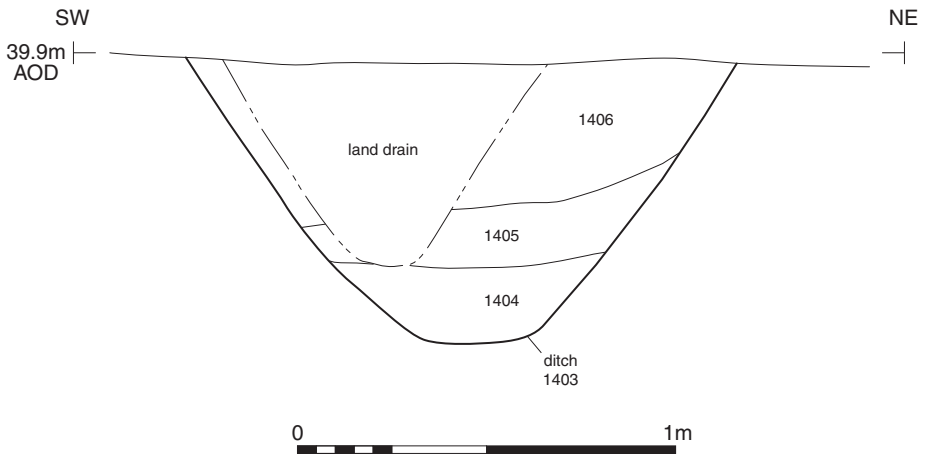


*Trench 14, ditch [1403], looking north-west (1m scale)*

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**Field 4, Trench 14: section and photograph**

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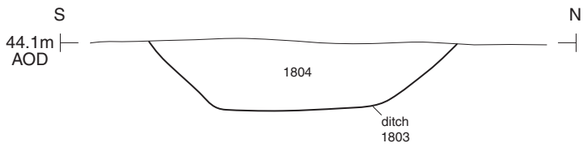


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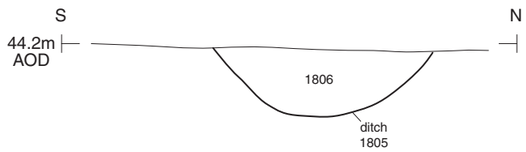


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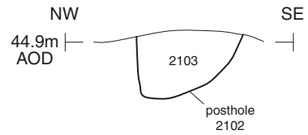


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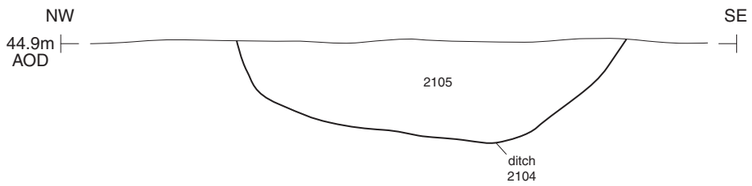


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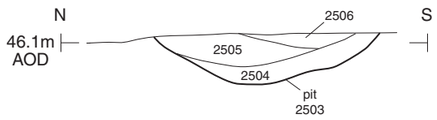




*Trench 18, ditch [1805], looking west (0.5m scale)*



*Trench 25, pit [2503], looking south-east (0.5m scale)*

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site boundary

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extrapolated feature

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**Trenches 22 & 23: plan**

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Field 4

T23

ditch [2303]

U

U

T22

gully beam slot [2205]

P

P

structure 2204

gully beam slot [2207]

gully beam slot [2213]

[2209] & [2211]

structure 2203

Q

Q

post hole [2215]

post hole [2217]

R

R

post hole [2221]

post hole [2219]

post hole [2223]

post hole [2225]

S

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post hole [2227]

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post hole [2237]

ditch [2239]

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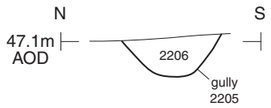


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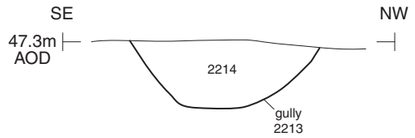


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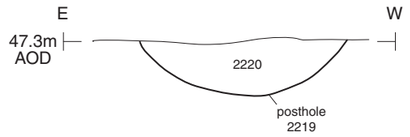


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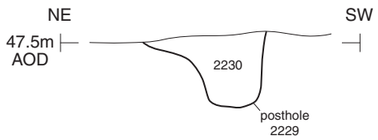


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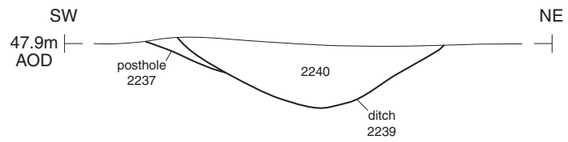


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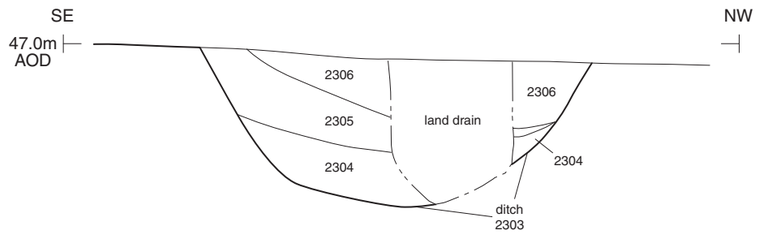


*Trench 22, general view, looking south-west (1m scales)*

*Trench 23, ditch [2303], looking south-west (1m scale)*

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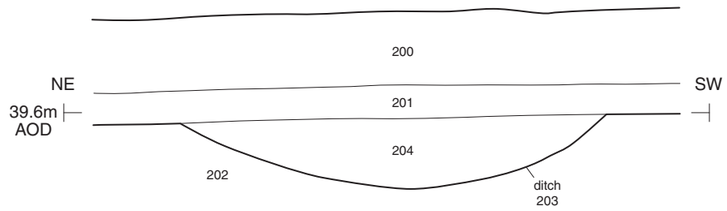


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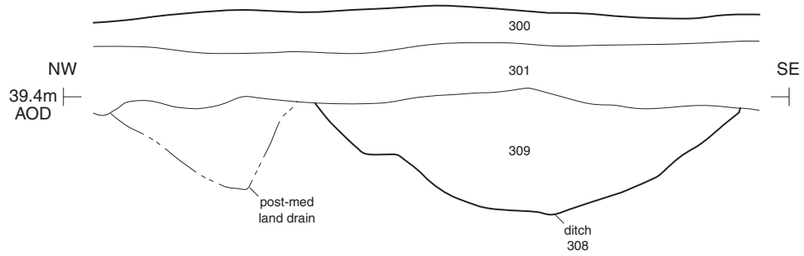


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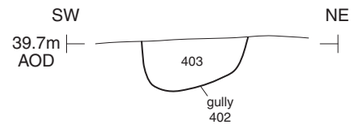


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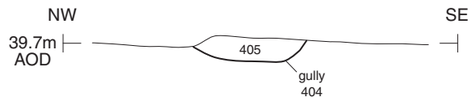


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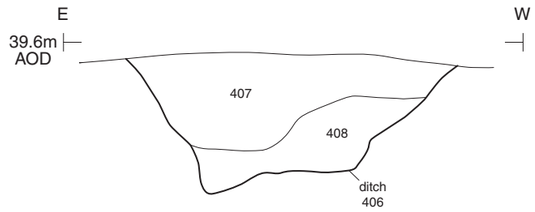


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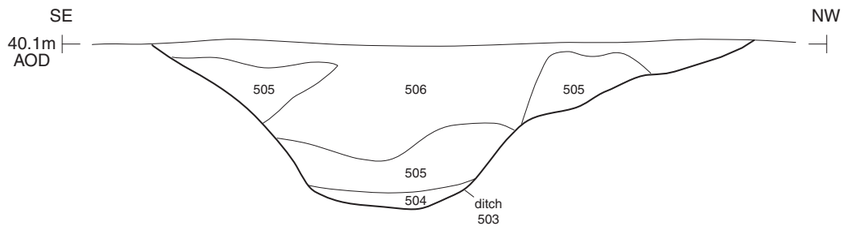


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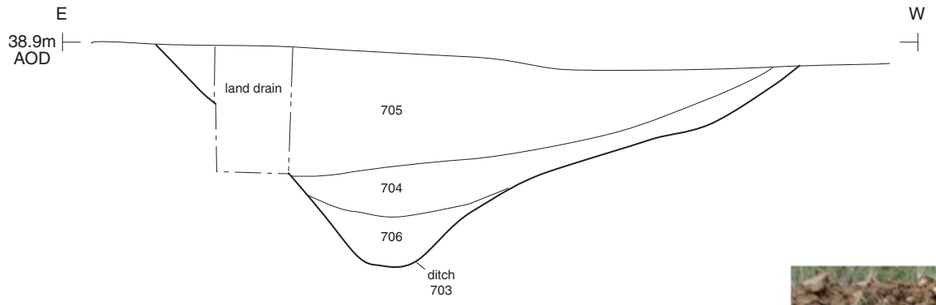


*Trench 2, ditch [203], looking south-east (1m scale)*

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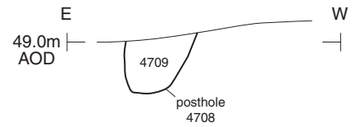


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*Trench 47, ditch [4705] & posthole [4708], looking south-east (0.2m scale)*

*Trench 47, ditch [4705], looking south (1m scale)*

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17 General view north-east towards Trench 22, Field 4

18 General view north towards Trenches 22 and 23, Field 4

19 General view south-east towards Trench 14 & Field 4

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