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SUMMARY

Project Name: Land at Falmouth

Location: Falmouth, Cornwall

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Archaeology Data Service (ADS)

Site Code: FALM17

In October 2017, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Falmouth, Cornwall.

The evaluation identified a series of ditches, pits and postholes in the central, southern and western areas of the site. Artefactual material was scarce and could not generally be closely dated, but a one trench contained a concentration of pits/postholes and a possible hearth which have tentatively been interpreted as the remains of one or more prehistoric roundhouses

Also recorded were a series of late post-medieval/modern boundary/drainage ditches. The eastern part of the site was found to contain extensive modern made ground deposits.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In October 2017, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Falmouth, Cornwall (centred at NGR: 179017 033776; Fig. 1). The evaluation was commissioned by the Church Commissioners for England.
- 1.2 The evaluation results will inform a planning application for a large-scale residential development at the site. The scope of the evaluation was defined in consultation with Charles Johns, Cornwall Council Historic Environment Planning (CCHEP).
- 1.3 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2017) and approved by Charles Johns. The evaluation was also in line with Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (ClfA 2014), Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation (Historic England 2015) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide (Historic England 2016).
- 1.4 The evaluation fieldwork was monitored by Charles Johns, including a site visit on 24 October 2017.

The site

- 1.5 The evaluation site is located on the northern outskirts of Falmouth. It is approximately 13.34ha in extent and currently comprises agricultural land divided over several fields. A railway line runs through the centre of the site on a northwest/south-east alignment. The site is bordered to the north by the A39, to the west by Union Road and to the south and east by sports and industrial estates.
- 1.6 The underlying bedrock geology of the site is mapped as Mylor Slate Formation (hornfelsed slate and hornfelsed siltstone) of the Devonian period. No superficial deposits are recorded in the main body of the site, although there is a small area of alluvial clays, silts, sands and gravels in the site's north-eastern corner (BGS 2017).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 The evaluation site has been the previous subject of a heritage desk-based assessment (Cotswold Archaeology 2016) and a geophysical survey (AOC 2017). The following text is summarised from these sources.

Prehistoric (pre-AD 43)

2.2 A possible prehistoric enclosure has been recorded at Tregoniggie (c. 1km south of the evaluation site), and evidence of Iron Age activity has been recorded at Round Ring, Penryn (c. 0.76km north-west of the evaluation site).

Roman (AD 43-AD 410)

2.3 Examples of defended farmsteads and small estate centres have been identified elsewhere within the Fal estuary landscape, although in the immediate environs of Falmouth known Roman activity is generally limited to findspots of coin hoards. A Roman bronze fibula (a brooch or pin) was found in a field c. 0.2km north-west of the evaluation site.

Early medieval (AD 410-1066) and medieval (1066-1539)

- 2.4 The evaluation site lies c. 0.68km south-east of the historic core of Penryn and c. 1.6km north-west of the historic core of Falmouth.
- 2.5 The sites of possible early medieval estates or farmsteads are known c. 0.5km and c. 0.8km from the evaluation site.
- 2.6 Evidence of medieval field systems has been recorded within the broader landscape of the evaluation site.

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

- 2.7 Historic cartographic sources indicate that the evaluation site was farmland throughout the post-medieval and modern periods.
- 2.8 The railway line running through the site is the Falmouth Branch Line, which opened in 1863. A bridge over the railway (also built in 1863) connects the two parcels of land within the site.

2.9 During World War II, the landscape surrounding the site was a focus for military maritime activity. A now-demolished pillbox was recorded within the site on aerial photographs taken in 1946.

Geophysical survey

- 2.10 The geophysical survey of the evaluation site recorded a former field system that predates any available historic mapping. A number of linear and curvilinear trends and anomalies were identified within these boundaries, but it is unclear whether they are related.
- 2.11 In addition, three linear anomalies corresponding to former field boundaries depicted on historic cartographic sources were noted, as was a large area of magnetic disturbance which could in part be related to the former World War II pillbox located in the north-eastern part of the site.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 As defined by the WSI (Cotswold Archaeology 2017), the objective of the evaluation was to provide information about the archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality. The information gathered will enable Cornwall Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage assets within the site, consider the impact of any proposed development upon that significance, and, if appropriate, develop strategies to avoid or minimise conflict between heritage asset conservation and any development proposals, in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (DCLG 2012).

4. METHODOLOGY

4.1 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 34 trenches (Fig. 2). Of these, 21 trenches were 50m long and 13 trenches were 30m long. All trenches were 2.3m wide. The trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies, as well as to give a representative sample of the remainder of the site. The locations of T2, T3, T5, T8, T9, T12 and T34 were adjusted on site from the locations specified in the WSI (Cotswold Archaeology 2017) in order to avoid overhead power lines. The length of

T12 was reduced from 50m to 30m to avoid an underground service and an overhead power line.

- 4.2 All trenches were excavated by a 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.
- 4.3 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites. All recovered artefacts were processed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation.
- 4.4 The evaluation archive will be held by CA until such time as all archaeological works at the site have been confirmed as completed. CA will then prepare a combined project archive. CA will make arrangements with the Royal Cornwall Museum for the deposition of the archive and, subject to agreement with the legal landowner(s), the artefact collection. A digital archive will be prepared and submitted to the Archaeological Data Service (ADS).
- 4.5 A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

RESULTS

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts can be found in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered during the evaluation are provided in Section 6 and Appendix B. Figures 2–5 show the trenches and the recorded archaeological features in plan.
- 5.2 The natural geological substrate generally comprised greyish shillet and mudstone with patches of orangey silty sand. It was encountered at depths of 0.45m–0.85m

below the present ground level (bpgl) and was typically overlain by subsoil and topsoil, although in T4, T5, T8 and T9 the natural was overlain directly by the topsoil.

- 5.3 Excavation in T28–T34 (in the north-eastern part of the site) was halted at 1.1m bpgl without encountering the natural substrate. These seven trenches featured modern made ground layers to depth. The western edge of this modern disturbance was identified in T21 as a steep cut. Modern made ground layers were also recorded in T21 and T27.
- 5.4 Archaeological features were identified in T1, T3, T6, T7, T8, T10, T11, T12, T13, T14, T15, T16, T17, T18, T19, T20, T21, T24 and T26. These trenches are discussed in more detail below. Most of the archaeological features were cut into the natural substrate, but ditches 1005 (T10) and 1804 (T18) were cut into the subsoil.

Trench 1

5.5 Shallow ditch 103 (Fig. 6, Sec. AA) was north-east/south-west orientated, with irregular sides and an uneven base. Ditch 103 was 0.85m wide and 0.17m deep and contained a single undated sedimentary fill (104). This ditch corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

Trench 3

- 5.6 Ditch 304 (Fig. 6, Sec. CC) lay to the north-west of ditch 302. It had steep sides and a concave base and contained a single silty fill (305), from which a single sherd of prehistoric pottery was retrieved. Ditch 304 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly and appeared to be the continuation of ditch 103 (T1).
- 5.7 Two north-east/south-west aligned ditches were identified in T3. Ditch 302 (Fig. 6, Sec. BB) measured 1.4m in width and 0.19m in depth. This ditch had moderate sloping sides and a flat base and contained a single undated silty fill (303). Ditch 302 correlated to part of a sub-rectangular geophysical anomaly.

Trench 6

5.8 Ditch 603 (Fig. 7, Sec. DD) was north-west/south-east orientated, with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. A small amount of late post-medieval/modern pottery was recovered from its single fill (602). Ditch 603 corresponded closely to a linear geophysical anomaly.

Trench 7

North/south aligned ditch 704 (Fig. 7, Sec. EE) was 1.35m wide and 0.25m deep, with moderate sloping sides and a concave base. It contained a single silty fill (703) which produced late post-medieval/modern artefacts. Ditch 704 was in the broad location of a geophysical anomaly, although its alignment differed slightly.

Trench 8

5.10 North-west/south-east orientated ditch 802 had steep sides and a flat base. It measured 0.85m in width and 0.3m in depth and contained a single undated sedimentary fill (803). Ditch 802 was in the location of a linear geophysical anomaly and is likely to represent the continuation of ditch 603 (T6).

Trench 10

- 5.11 Shallow ditch 1003 was north-east/south-west orientated. This ditch was 0.45m wide and 0.05m deep, with a single undated fill (1004).
- 5.12 Ditch 1003 was sealed by a subsoil layer, which was cut by shallow north-west/south-east aligned ditch 1005. Ditch 1005 measured 0.51m in width and 0.17m in depth. It contained a single charcoal-rich fill (1006), which produced no finds.
- 5.13 Both of the ditches in T10 corresponded to geophysical anomalies.

Trench 11

5.14 Ditch 1103 (unexcavated) ran through the central part of T11 on a north-east/south-west alignment. This ditch was 0.9m wide and corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly. Its continuation was investigated as ditch 1403 (T14).

Trench 12

- 5.15 A total of 29 cut features was identified in T12 (Fig. 8). A pit and six postholes were exposed in the southern end of the trench:
- 5.16 Shallow posthole 1227 was 0.07m deep, with a single undated fill (1226). It was truncated by sub-circular pit 1225 (Fig. 9, Sec. JJ), which had moderate sloping sides and a flat base and measured 0.7m in width and 0.24m in depth. Pit 1225 contained two silty fills (1224 and 1223), the uppermost of which (1223) yielded three sherds of prehistoric pottery.

- 5.17 Posthole 1231 (Fig. 10, Sec. LL) lay to the immediate south of pit 1225. This posthole was 0.4m wide and 0.27m deep, with steep sides and a flat base. Its single fill (1230) contained disturbed packing stones and yielded five sherds of prehistoric pottery.
- 5.18 Posthole 1235 (Fig. 10, Sec. LL) was 0.44m wide and 0.26m deep, with vertical sides and a flat base. It contained a sequence of three fills (1234, 1233 and 1232). Three sherds of prehistoric pottery were recovered from lowermost fill 1234; uppermost fill 1232 featured several large disturbed packing stones.
- 5.19 Southern postholes 1263 and 1265 were not excavated.
- 5.20 Shallow ditch 1229 (Fig. 9, Sec. KK) lay to the north of the features described above. Ditch 1229 was north-east/south-west orientated and measured 0.47m in width and 0.07m in depth. It featured a single sandy fill (1228), from which no finds were recovered.
- 5.21 A cluster of 21 discrete features, comprising pits/postholes and a possible hearth, was exposed in the central/north-central part of T12:
- 5.22 Undated posthole 1222 was truncated by sub-oval cut feature 1217, which has been provisionally interpreted as a hearth. Hearth 1217 (Fig. 8, Sec. II) was 0.9m long, 0.66m wide and 0.12m deep. It contained two undated fills: basal fill 1216 was charcoal-rich and contained several large stones in its central part; upper fill 1215 was a deposit of fine orange sand, possibly representing a deliberate backfill of the feature after its last use.
- 5.23 The postholes in the central/north-central part of T12 were generally circular to suboval in plan, with steep sides and concave bases. They ranged from 0.18m–0.46m in diameter, and from 0.07m–0.41m in depth. They generally contained dark single fills. Some featured disturbed packing stones (e.g. posthole 1207; Fig. 8, Sec. HH). Posthole 1205 (Fig. 8, Sec. GG) featured a postpipe (1203). Small quantities of prehistoric pottery were recovered from the fills of postholes 1207 (fill 1206), 1209 (fill 1208; Fig. 8, Sec. HH), 1214 (fill 1212) and 1237 (fill 1236; Fig. 10, Sec. MM).

Trench 13

5.24 North-east/south-west aligned ditch 1303 (Fig. 7, Sec. FF) was 0.68m wide and 0.19m deep, with irregular sides and an uneven base. No finds were recovered from its single fill (1304). Ditch 1303 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

Trench 14

5.25 North-east/south-west orientated ditch 1403 (Fig. 11, Sec. NN) measured 0.92m in width and 0.37m in depth. It contained an undated sedimentary fill (1404). Ditch 1403 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

Trench 15

5.26 North-east/south-west aligned ditch 1503 (Fig. 11, Sec. OO) was 0.7m wide and 0.45m deep, with moderate sloping sides and a flat base. It contained a single undated fill (1504). Ditch 1503 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

Trench 16

- 5.27 Ditches 1603 and 1605 (Fig. 11, Sec. PP) lay immediately adjacent to each other in the central part of T16.
- 5.28 Ditch 1605 was north-west/south-east orientated and had steep sides and an uneven base. This ditch measured 1.92m in width and 0.82m in depth and contained a sequence of four sedimentary fills (1606, 1607, 1608 and 1609), all of which were undated artefactually.
- 5.29 Ditch 1605 was cut by east/west aligned ditch 1603. Ditch 1603 was 0.92m wide and 0.3m deep, with a broad U-shaped profile. It contained a single fill (1604), which produced no dating evidence. Ditch 1603 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly.

Trench 17

5.30 North-east/south-west orientated ditch 1703 (Fig. 12, Sec. QQ) was 0.82m wide and 0.45m deep. It contained a single silty fill (1704), from which a single fragment of modern glass was retrieved. Ditch 1703 lay on the line of a geophysical anomaly.

Trench 18

5.31 North-east/south-west orientated ditch 1806 (unexcavated) corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly. Its continuation was investigated as ditch 1703 (T17). 5.32 Ditch 1806 was sealed by a subsoil layer, which was cut by north-east/south-west aligned ditch 1804. Ditch 1804 was 0.63m wide and 0.19m deep. It contained a single fill (1805), from which post-medieval clay pipe was recovered.

Trench 19

5.33 North/south orientated ditch 1903 (Fig. 12, Sec. RR) was 0.55m wide and 0.35m deep, with a single undated silty fill (1904). Ditch 1903 corresponded closely to a linear geophysical anomaly.

Trench 20

5.34 Curved east/west orientated ditch 2005 (Fig. 12, Sec. SS) was 0.41m width and 0.16m deep, with a single undated fill (2006). It was cut by north-east/south-west orientated ditch 2003, which was 0.65m wide and 0.28m deep, with a U-shaped profile and flat base. Ditch 2003 contained a single fill (2004), from which no finds were retrieved.

Trench 21

- 5.35 Circular pit 2103 (Fig. 13, Sec. TT) was partially exposed in the north-western part of T21. This pit had regular, moderately-sloping sides and a flat, even base. It measured 1.7m in width and 0.25m in depth, and contained a sequence of three undated fills (2104, 2105 and 2106). Basal fill 2104 was a dark, charcoal-rich silty clay. The sides of the pit were heat affected.
- 5.36 The south-eastern half of T21 featured a substantial area of modern disturbance (2107), which was in excess of 1.1m in depth.

Trench 24

- 5.37 A series of three intercutting ditches (2404, 2408 and 2410) and a pit (2406) were exposed in the south-western end of T24.
- 5.38 Ditch 2404 was north-east/south-west aligned and measured 1.3m in width and 0.2m in depth. It contained single undated fill (2403). Ditch 2404 was truncated by parallel ditches 2408 and 2410 (see below) and by circular pit 2406. Pit 2406 was 0.65m wide and 0.25m deep. It contained a single fill (2405) which produced a sherd of 18th century pottery.

- 5.39 North-west/south-east orientated ditches 2408 and 2410 were not hand excavated. Their continuations were investigated in T26 (2603 and 2605).
- 5.40 The three ditches identified in T24 displayed a broad correspondence with the geophysical survey results.

Trench 26

- 5.41 Parallel ditches 2603 and 2605 lay towards the central part of T26 on a north-west/south-east alignment. Both ditches had been detected by the previous geophysical survey.
- 5.42 Ditch 2603 had moderate sloping sides and concave base, and was 1.3m wide and 0.35m deep (Fig. 13, Sec. UU). This ditch featured a single sedimentary fill (2604), from which two sherds of pottery of probable medieval date were recovered.
- 5.43 Ditch 2605 was 1.7m wide and 0.52m deep. It contained two undated fills (2606 and 2607).
- 5.44 A 0.2m thick sandy deposit (2608) was identified between ditches 2603 and 2605. This deposit has been interpreted as the possible remnants of bank material associated with the two parallel ditches. No finds were recovered from deposit 2608.

THE FINDS

Pottery

- 6.1 A total of 39 sherds of pottery (291g) was recovered from 14 contexts across seven trenches. The material ranges in date from the prehistoric period to the modern era.
- 6.2 Sherds in a gabbroic or gabbroic and rock-gritted fabric were recovered from T3 (ditch 304; one sherd, 11g) and T12 (postholes 1207, 1209, 1214, 1231, 1235 and 1237, and pit 1225; 19 sherds, 202g). All are abraded body sherds of prehistoric date, but could not be dated more closely.
- 6.3 Two body sherds (16g) in an oxidised, micaceous coarseware fabric from ditch 2603 (T26) are abraded but of probable medieval date. Three sherds in a micaceous

coarseware fabric with green glaze, from ditch 704 (T7) and the topsoil of T1, are also of medieval date but found with later material.

6.4 Pottery of post-medieval and modern date comprises tin-glazed earthenware, salt-glazed earthenware, glazed red earthenware, pearlware, and refined white wares in plain and transfer-printed examples (14 sherds, 47g). This material came from the topsoil of T1, ditch 603 (T6), ditch 704 (T7) and pit 2406 (T24).

Other finds

- 6.5 Other prehistoric finds comprise a single flint flake from ditch 704 (T7) that cannot be closely dated.
- 6.6 Other post-medieval finds include four stem fragments (16g) from clay tobacco pipes, found in ditches 704 (T7) and 1804 (T18); and a small fragment (8g) from a glazed tile, from ditch 603 (T6).
- 6.7 Other modern finds comprise a ceramic decorative knob, possibly from a drawer or similar, from the topsoil of T1; and a single piece of clear, colourless vessel glass, from ditch 1703 (T7).

7. DISCUSSION

- 7.1 The evaluation identified a series of ditches, pits and postholes in the central, southern and western areas of the site. Artefactual material was scarce and could not generally be closely dated, but there was evidence for prehistoric, medieval and late post-medieval/modern activity at the site. The eastern part of the site was found to contain extensive modern made ground deposits to a depth beyond 1.2m bpgl.
- 7.2 There was a fair correspondence between the evaluation results and the previous geophysical survey (AOC 2017). The majority of the ditches exposed by the evaluation had been detected by the geophysical survey, although there was a small number of ditches and pits/postholes which had not been detected. There were also several geophysical anomalies which were not found to correspond to below-ground archaeological features.

Prehistoric (pre-AD 43)

- 7.3 Prehistoric material was retrieved from features in T3 and T12 only.
- 7.4 Ditch 302 (T3) was undated artefactually but correlated closely to an enclosure-type geophysical anomaly. A single prehistoric pottery sherd was recovered from ditch 304 (also T3); there is, however, the possibility that this was residual/redeposited in a later feature.
- 7.5 T12 contained a concentration of pits/postholes and a possible hearth. Several of these features contained prehistoric pottery. They have tentatively been interpreted as the remains of one or more roundhouses.
- 7.6 There is no known previous evidence for prehistoric activity in the immediate vicinity of the evaluation site, although a possible prehistoric enclosure has been recorded at Tregoniggie (c. 1km south of the evaluation site) and evidence of Iron Age activity has been recorded at Round Ring, Penryn (c. 0.76km north-west of the evaluation site) (CA 2016).

Medieval (1066-1539)

7.7 Ditch 2603 (T26) contained two sherds of medieval pottery; these are abraded, however, and are likely to be residual/redeposited in a later feature. Further residual/redeposited medieval sherds were recovered from T1 and T7. These artefacts suggest low-level background medieval activity at the site.

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

7.8 Post-medieval and modern artefacts were recovered from ditches in T6, T7, T10, T17 and T18, and from a pit in T24. These are suggestive of agricultural activity and former boundary/drainage features. The site is not clearly depicted on the 1840 tithe map of the area, but no corresponding boundaries are visible on later 19th century cartographic sources (CA 2016).

8. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Jonathan Orellana, assisted by Christina Tapply, George Gandham and Jake Godfrey. This report was written by Jonathan Orellana. The finds report was written by Grace Jones. The report illustrations were prepared by Charlotte Patman. The project archive has been compiled by and prepared for deposition by Jessica Cook. The project was managed for CA by Derek Evans.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No.	Cont. No.	Туре	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
1	100	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	LC18-C19
1	101	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.15	
1	102	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet with patches of orangey sand				
1	103	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, irregular shallow sides and uneven base	>0.95	0.85	0.17	
1	104	fill	103	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown silty clay	>0.95	0.85	0.17	
2	200	layer		topsoil	dark brown sandy silt			0.3	
2	201	layer		subsoil	light orangey brown silty sand			0.35	
2	202	layer		natural substrate	shillet and mudstone with patches of orangey brown sand				
3	300	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
3	301	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet with patches of orangey sand				
3	302	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, moderate sloping sides and flat base	>0.7	1.4	0.19	
3	303	fill	302	single fill of ditch	mid orangey brown sandy silt	>0.7	1.4	0.19	
3	304	cut		ditch	NE/SW aligned, step sides and concave base	>0.7	0.9	0.46	
3	305	fill	304	single fill of ditch	mid orangey brown sandy clay	>0.7	0.9	0.46	Prehistoric
4	400	layer		topsoil	dark brown sandy silt			0.3	
4	401	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown silty sand with occasional				
5	500	layer		topsoil	dark brown sandy silt			0.3	
5	501	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown silty sand with occasional				
6	600	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
6	601	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent pebbles and patches of mudstone				
6	602	fill	603	single fill of ditch	mid greyish brown sandy silt		0.9	0.16	LC18-C19
6	603	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides and concave base		0.9	0.16	
7	700	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
7	701	layer		subsoil	mid orangey brown sandy silt			0.10	
7	702	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent patches of mudstone				
7	703	fill	704	single fill of ditch	dark greyish brown silty sand	>0.7	1.35	0.25	LC18-C19
7	704	cut		ditch	N/S orientated, moderate sloping sides and concave base	>0.7	1.35	0.25	
8	800	layer		topsoil	loose dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
8	801	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet and small stones within a reddish brown sand				
8	802	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides and flat base	>0.85	0.85	0.3	
8	803	fill	802	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy silt	>0.85	0.85	0.3	
7	900	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.35	
9	901	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown clayey sand with patches of greyish shillet				
10	1000	layer		topsoil	dark brown sandy silt			0.3	
10	1001	layer		subsoil	mid orangey brown silty sand			0.24	
10	1002	layer		natural substrate	mid yellowish grey silty sand with patches of shillet				
10	1003	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, concave base	>0.9	0.45	0.05	
10	1004	fill	1003	single fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy silt	>0.9	0.45	0.05	
10	1005	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides and concave base	>3.2	0.51	0.17	

Trench	Cont.	Туре	Fill of	Context	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
No. 10	No. 1006	fill	1005	interpretation single fill of ditch	dark brown silty sand with frequent charcoal fragments	>3.2	0.51	0.17	
11	1100	layer		topsoil	loose dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.25	
11	1101	layer		subsoil	light mid yellowish brown sandy clay			0.35	
11	1102	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet with occasional patches of reddish clay				
11	1103	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, not excavated	>2.2	0.9		
11	1104	fill	1103	fill of ditch	light reddish brown sandy silt	>2.2	0.9		
12	1200	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
12	1201	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown silty sand			0.1	Prehistoric
12	1202	layer		natural substrate	brownish red silty sand with frequent patches of shillet				
12	1203	fill	1205	postpipe fill	dark brown sandy silt	0.13	0.13	0.05	
12	1204	fill	1205	fill of posthole	light grey sandy silt	0.25	0.25	0.16	
12	1205	cut		posthole	circular in plan, steep sides, flat base	0.25	0.25	0.16	
12	1206	fill	1207	fill of posthole	light grey sandy silt, containing packing stones	0.25	0.25	0.2	Prehistoric
12	1207	cut		posthole	circular in plan, steep sides, concave base	0.25	0.25	0.2	
12	1208	fill	1209	fill of posthole	light grey sandy silt	0.24	0.24	0.08	Prehistoric
12	1209	cut		posthole	circular in plan, moderate sloping sides, concave base	0.24	0.24	0.08	
12	1210	fill	1211	fill of posthole	mid greyish brown silty sand	0.37	0.37	0.11	
12	1211	cut		posthole	sub-circular in plan, steep sides, flat base	0.37	0.37	0.11	
12	1212	fill	1214	postpipe fill	dark blackish brown sandy silt	0.2	0.2	0.06	Prehistoric
12	1213	fill	1214	fill of posthole	mid brown sandy silt with frequent packing stones	0.35	0.35	0.33	
12	1214	cut		posthole	circular in plan, steep sides and concave base	0.35	0.35	0.33	
12	1215	fill	1217	fill of hearth	mid orangey brown silty sand	0.55	0.55	0.05	
12	1216	fill	1217	fill of hearth	dark brownish black sandy silt	0.9	0.66	0.12	
12	1217	cut		hearth	sub-oval in plan, moderate sloping sides, flat base	0.9	0.66	0.12	
12	1218	fill	1219	fill of posthole	mid orangey brown sandy silt	0.1	0.1	0.08	
12	1219	cut		posthole	circular in plan, steep sides, concave base	0.1	0.1	0.08	
12	1220	fill	1222	fill of posthole	medium sized granite packing stones	0.3	0.3	0.09	
12	1221	fill	1222	fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.35	0.35	0.1	
12	1222	cut		posthole	circular in plan, moderate sloping sides, concave base	0.35	0.35	0.1	
12	1223	fill	1225	2nd fill of pit	mid brown silty sandy silt	0.75	0.75	0.2	Prehistoric
12 12	1224 1225	fill	1225	1st of pit pit	light grey sandy silt sub-circular in plan, moderate	0.5	0.5	0.1	
42	4220	£:11	4227	fill of partition	sloping sides, flat base	0.2	0.3	0.07	
12 12	1226 1227	fill	1227	fill of posthole posthole	mid brown sandy silt circular in plan, moderate sloping	0.3	0.3	0.07	
12	1228	fill	1229	fill of ditch	sides, flat base mid reddish brown sandy silt	>1.32	0.47	0.07	
12	1229	cut	1223	ditch	NE/SW orientated, moderate sloping	>1.32	0.47	0.07	
12	1230	fill	1231	fill of posthole	sides, flat base mid brown sandy silt	0.4	0.47	0.07	Prehistoric
12	1231	cut	.201	posthole	circular in plan, steep sides, flat	0.4	0.4	0.27	
12	1232	fill	1235	fill of posthole	base mid brown sandy silt	0.51	0.35	0.06	
12	1232	fill	1235	fill of posthole	dark blackish brown sandy silt	0.51	0.43	0.06	
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12	1234	fill	1235	fill of posthole	light greyish brown silty sand	0.51	0.3	0.16	Prehistoric

Trench No.	Cont. No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
12	1236	fill	1237	fill of posthole	light greyish brown sandy silt	0.29	0.29	0.41	Prehistoric
12	1237	cut		posthole	sub-circular in plan, steep sides, tapered base	0.29	0.29	0.41	
12	1238	fill	1239	fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.18	0.18		
12	1239	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.18	0.18		
12	1240	fill	1241	fill of posthole	mid orangey brown sandy silt with packing stones	0.26	0.26		
12	1241	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.26	0.26		
12	1242	fill	1243	fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.22	0.22		
12	1243	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.22	0.22		
12	1244	fill	1245	fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.25	0.25		
12	1245	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.25	0.25		
12	1246	fill	1247	fill of posthole	mid reddish brown sandy silt	0.27	0.27	0.19	
12	1247	cut		posthole	sub-circular in plan, steep sides, concave base	0.27	0.27	0.19	
12	1248	fill	1249	fill of posthole	dark greyish brown sandy silt	0.34	0.34		
12	1249	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.34	0.34		
12	1250	fill	1251	fill of posthole	light greyish brown sandy silt with packing stones	0.24	0.24		
12	1251	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.24	0.24		
12	1252	fill	1253	fill of posthole	light greyish brown sandy silt	0.22	0.22		
12	1253	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.22	0.22		
12	1254	fill	1255	fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.4	0.4		
12	1255	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.4	0.4		
12	1256	fill	1257	fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.3	0.3		
12	1257	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.3	0.3		
12	1258	fill	1259	fill of posthole	mid greyish brown sandy silt	0.4	0.4		
12	1259	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.4	0.4		
12	1260	fill	1261	fill of posthole	mid orangey brown sandy silt	0.24	0.24		
12	1261	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.24	0.24		
12	1262	fill	1263	fill of posthole	mid brown sandy silt	0.33	0.33		
12	1263	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.33	0.33		
12	1264	fill	1265	fill of posthole	dark brown silty sand	0.4	0.4		
12	1265	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.4	0.4		
12	1266	fill	1267	fill of posthole	mid grevish brown sandy silt	0.35	0.35		
12	1267	cut		posthole	circular in plan, not excavated	0.35	0.35		
13	1300	layer		topsoil	loose mid brownish grey sandy silt	3.20		0.3	
13	1301	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.2	
13	1302	layer		natural substrate	small and medium sized mudstones within a reddish sand				
13	1303	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, irregular sides, uneven base	>2.6	0.68	0.19	
13	1304	fill	1303	fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy silt	>2.6	0.68	0.19	
14	1400	layer		topsoil	loose mid brownish grey sandy silt			0.3	
14	1401	layer		subsoil	mid yellowish grey sandy silt			0.15	
14	1402	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet with patches of reddish sandy clay				
14	1403	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, steep sides, concave base	>1.2	0.92	0.37	
14	1404	fill	1404	fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy clay	>1.2	0.92	0.37	
15	1500	layer		topsoil	loose dark brownish grey sandy silt			0.2	
15	1501	layer		subsoil	mid yellowish grey sandy silt		\Box	0.1	
15	1502	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet with patches				
		cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, moderate sloping	>1	0.7	0.45	

Trench No.	Cont. No.	Туре	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
15	1504	fill	1504	fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy silt	>1	0.7	0.25	
16	1600	layer		topsoil	mid brownish grey sandy silt			0.35	
16	1601	layer		subsoil	light brownish red silty clay			0.2	
16	1602	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet with patches of reddish sandy clay				
16	1603	cut		ditch	E/W orientated, steep sides, U- shaped profile	>1.74	0.92	0.3	
16	1604	fill	1603	fill of ditch	dark brown sandy clay	>1.74	0.92	0.3	
16	1605	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, steep sides, uneven base	>0.75	1.92	0.82	
16	1606	fill	1605	fill of ditch	mid grey sandy clay	>0.75	0.95	0.45	
16	1607	fill	1605	fill of ditch	mid brownish pink sandy clay	>0.75	1.1	0.12	
16	1608	fill	1605	fill of ditch	light yellowish brown sandy clay	>0.75	1.92	0.25	
16	1609	fill	1605	fill of ditch	light brown sandy clay	>0.75	1.92	0.35	
17	1700	layer		topsoil	dark brownish sandy silt			0.25	
17	1701	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown silty sand			0.3	
17	1702	layer		natural substrate	mid yellowish grey silty sand with frequent patches of shillet				
17	1703	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, steep sides and flat base	>0.85	0.82	0.45	
17	1704	fill	1703	fill of ditch	mid reddish brown silty clay	>0.85	0.82	0.45	
18	1800	layer		topsoil	dark brown sandy silt			0.35	
18	1801	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.15	
18	1802	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown silty sand with patches of mudstone				
18	1803	fill	1804	fill of ditch	mid orangey brown sandy silt		0.62	0.19	
18	1804	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, moderate sloping sides, flat base		0.62	0.19	
18	1805	fill	1806	fill of ditch	light brown sandy silt		0.92		
18	1806	cut		ditch	E/W aligned, not excavated		0.92		
19	1900	layer		topsoil	dark brown sandy silt			0.4	
19	1901	layer		subsoil	mid reddish brown sandy silt			0.3	
19	1902	layer		natural substrate	mid greyish brown silty sand with patches of shillet				
19	1903	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, steep sides, flat base	>0.7	0.55	0.35	
19	1904	fill	1903	fill of ditch	mid orangey brown sandy silt	>0.7	0.55	0.35	
20	2000	layer		topsoil	dark brown sandy silt			0.45	
20	2001	layer		subsoil	mid orangey brown sandy silt			0.3	
20	2002	layer		natural substrate	shillet with patches of mid yellowish grey silty				
20	2003	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, steep sides, U shaped profile, flat base	>1	0.65	0.28	
20	2004	fill	2003	fill of ditch	mid greyish brown sandy silt	>1	0.65	0.28	
20	2005	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides, flat base	>1	0.41	0.16	
20	2006	fill	2005	fill of ditch	dark blackish brown, sandy silt with frequent charcoal fragments	>1	0.41	0.16	
21	2100	layer		topsoil	loose mid greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
21	2101	layer		subsoil	light reddish grey silty clay			0.2	
21	2102	layer		natural substrate	light grey sandy clay with outcrops of mudstone sand shillet				
21	2103	cut		pit	circular in plan, regular sloping sides, flat base	>0.7	1.7	0.25	
21	2104	fill	2103	1st fill of pit	dark blackish grey sandy clay	>0.7	1.55	0.05	
21	2105	fill	2103	2nd fill of pit	light yellowish brown sandy clay	>0.7	1.7	0.15	
21	2106	fill	2103	3rd fill of pit	mid reddish brown sandy clay	>0.7	1.7	0.13	
21	2107	layer		made ground	firm gravel and shillet within a mid			>1.1	

Trench No.	Cont. No.	Туре	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
22	2200	layer		topsoil	mid greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
22	2201	layer		subsoil	mid orangey brown sandy silt			0.3	
22	2202	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown sand with patches of shillet				
23	2300	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.35	
23	2301	layer		subsoil	mid orangey brown silty clay			0.25	
23	2302	layer		natural substrate	mid orangey brown sand with patches of shillet				
24	2400	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.4	
24	2401	layer		subsoil	mid orangey brown sandy silt			0.1	
24	2402	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet and mudstone				
24	2403	fill	2404	fill of ditch	mid brown sandy silt	>0.8	1.3	0.2	
24	2404	cut		ditch	NE/SW orientated, moderate sloping sides, concave base	>0.8	1.3	0.2	
24	2405	fill	2406	fill of pit	dark reddish brown sandy silt	>0.35	0.65	0.25	C18
24	2406	cut		pit	circular in plan, steep sides, concave base	>0.35	0.65	0.25	
24	2407	fill	2408	fill of ditch	dark reddish brown sandy silt		1.6		
24	2408	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, not excavated		1.6		
24	2409	fill	2410	fill of ditch	dark brown sandy silt		1.36		
24	2410	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, not excavated		1.36		
25	2500	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.35	
25	2501	layer		natural substrate	firm greyish shillet with patches of orangey brown sand				
26	2600	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
26	2601	layer		subsoil	mid yellowish brown sandy silt			0.15	
26	2602	layer		natural substrate	light greyish brown shillet with patches of reddish sand				
26	2603	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides, concave base	>1	1.3	0.35	
26	2604	fill	2603	fill of ditch	mid reddish brown sandy silt	>1	1.3	0.35	?medieva
26	2605	cut		ditch	NW/SE orientated, moderate sloping sides, concave base	>0.7	1.7	0.52	
26	2606	fill	2605	fill of ditch	dark greyish brown sandy silt	>0.7	1.4	0.3	
26	2607	fill	2605	fill of ditch	mid orangey brown sandy silt	>0.7	1.3	0.26	
26	2608	deposit		bank material	mid yellowish brown sandy silt	>0.7	1.1	0.2	
27	2700	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.35	
27	2701	layer		made ground	gravel and shillet within a grey sand			>0.2	
27	2702	layer		natural substrate	mid greyish brown sand with patches of shillet				
28	2800	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
28	2801	layer		made ground	mix greyish shillet and sand			0.3	
28	2802	layer		made ground	mix of mid greyish brown sand and shillet			>0.5	
29	2900	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
29	2901	layer		made ground	mid greyish shillet and sand			0.3	
29	2902	layer		made ground	mix of mid greyish brown sand and shillet			>0.5	
30	3000	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
30	3001	layer		made ground	mixed of mid greyish brown sand and shillet			>0.7	
31	3100	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
31	3101	layer		made ground	mix of grey sand and shillet				
31	3102	layer		made ground	mix of mid orangey brown sand, shille and mudstone			0.2	
32	3200	layer	<u> </u>	topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
32	3201	layer		made ground	mid brown silty sand with small stones and shillet			0.3	

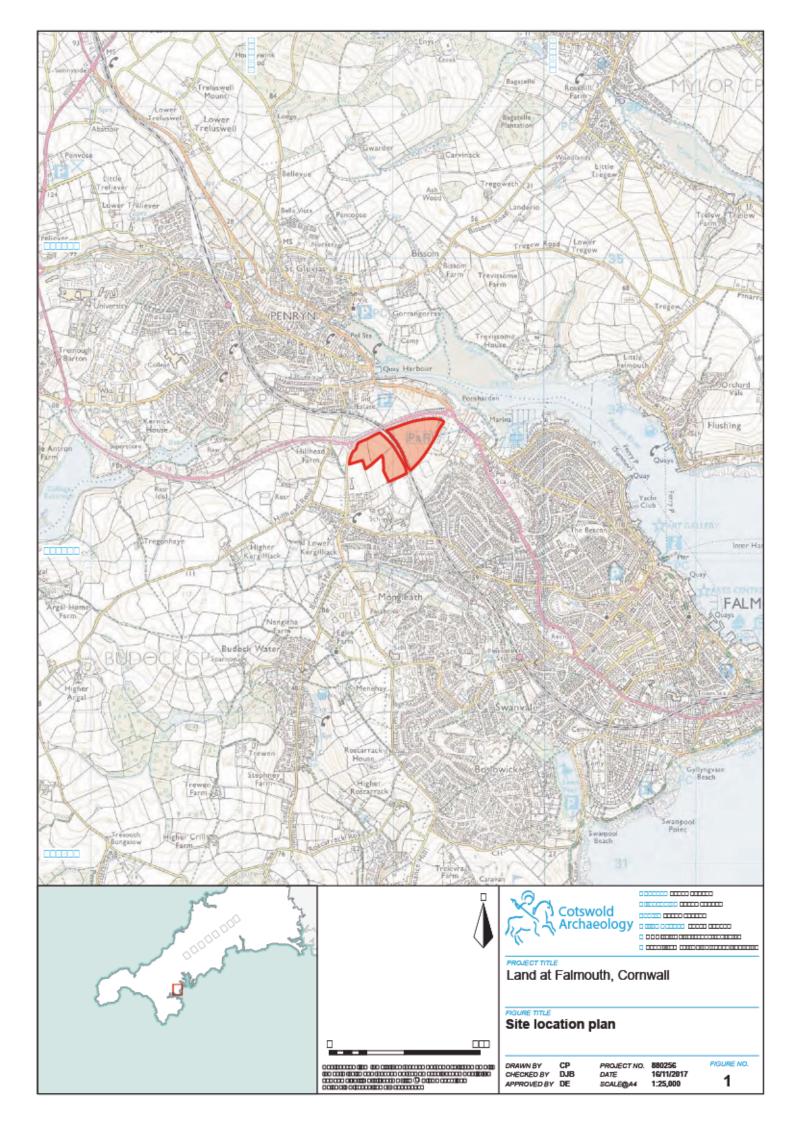
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32	3202	layer		made ground	mid grey sandy clay with small stones and shillet			0.3	
32	3203	layer		made ground	mix of pink brown and with shillet			>0.2	
33	3300	layer		topsoil	dark greyish brown sandy silt			0.3	
33	3301	layer		made ground	mix of mid grey clay with orangey sand and shillet			0.3	
33	3302	layer		made ground	mix of greyish brown sandy silt with shillet			>0.5	
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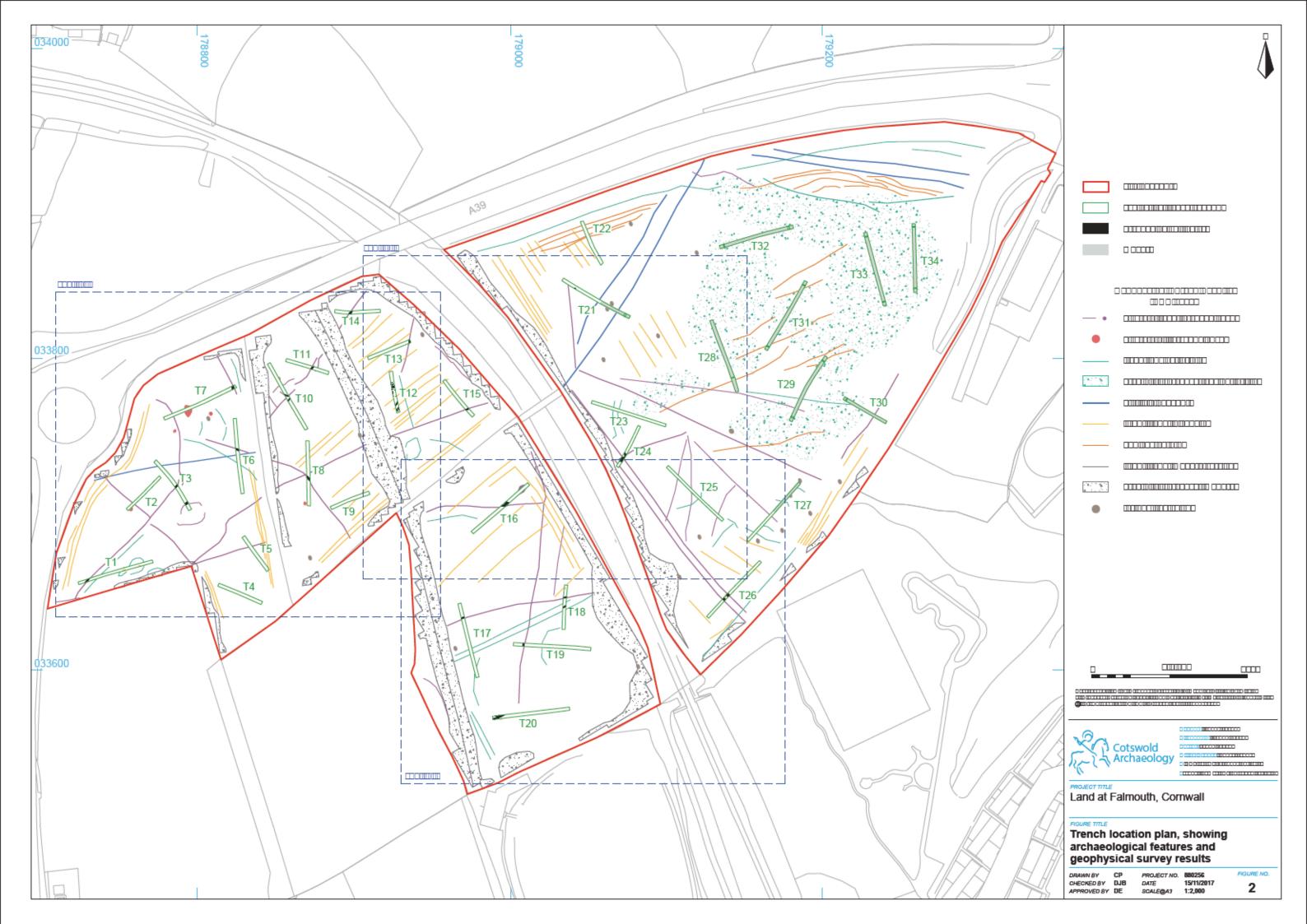
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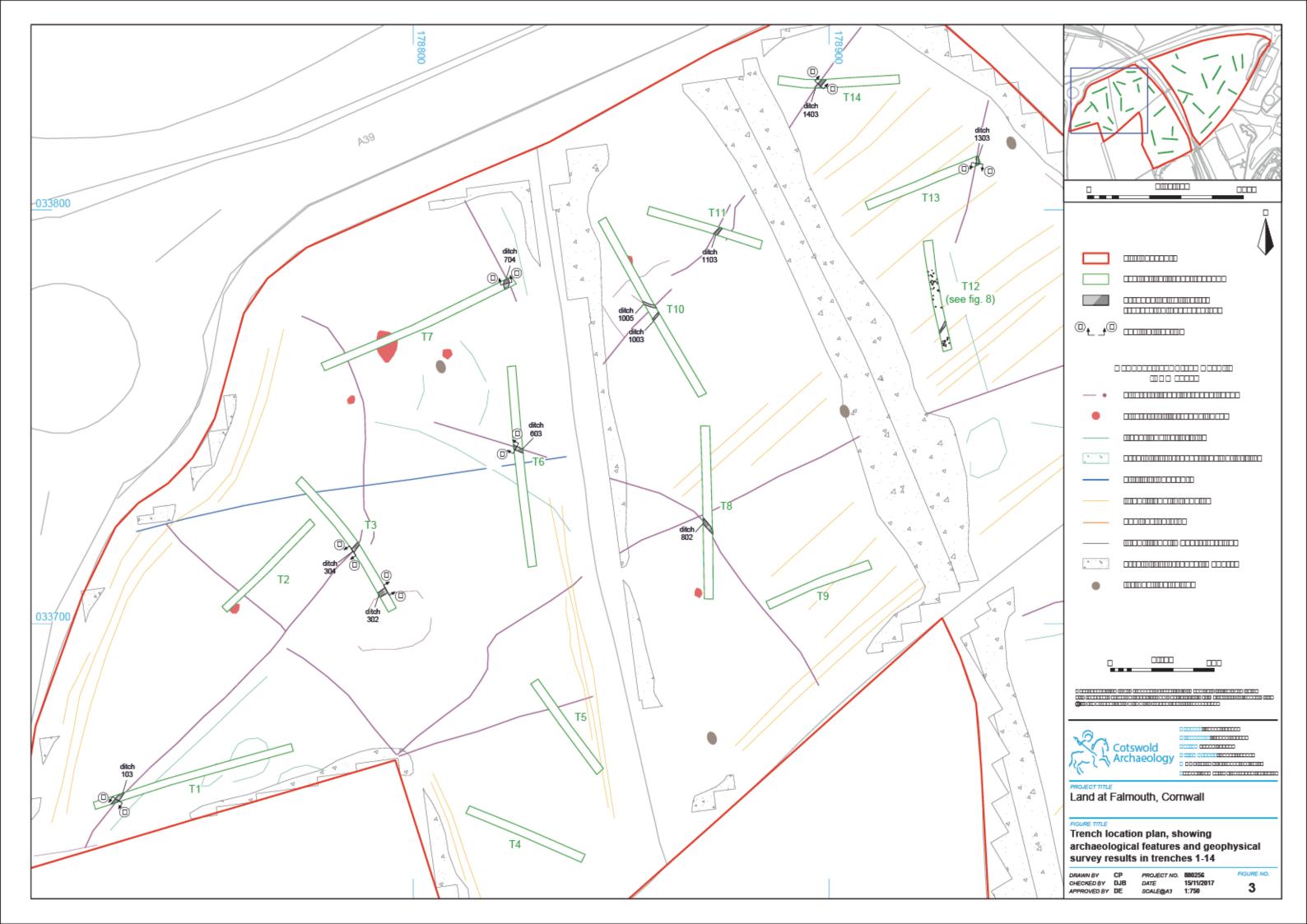
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100	Topsoil	Pottery	Refined whiteware Transfer-printed refined whiteware Salt-glazed earthenware	1 1 1	2 3 8	LC18-C19
			Micaceous glazed coarseware (medieval)	1	3	
		Ceramic object	White, decorative fitting, possible drawer handle	1	61	
305	Ditch 304	Pottery	Gabbroic fabric	1	11	Prehistoric
602	Ditch 603	Pottery	Refined whiteware Tin-glazed earthenware	3 1	15 1	LC18-C19
		СВМ	Glazed tile	1	8	
703	Ditch 704	Pottery	Transfer-printed refined whiteware	1	1	LC18-C19
			Refined whiteware Glazed red earthenware	2	3 11	
			Pearlware	2	11 2	
			Micaceous fabric with green glaze (medieval)	2	12	
		Clay pipe	Stem fragments	3	10	
		Flint	Flake	1	19	
1201	Subsoil	Pottery	Gabbro and rock-gritted fabric	4	30	Prehistoric
1206	Posthole 1207	Pottery	Gabbro and rock-gritted fabric	1	6	Prehistoric
1208	Posthole 1209	Pottery	Gabbroic fabric	1	6	Prehistoric
1212	Posthole 1214	Pottery	Gabbroic fabric	1	9	Prehistoric
1223	Pit 1225	Pottery	Gabbroic fabric	2	50	Prehistoric
			Gabbro and organic-tempered sherd	1	20	
1230	Posthole 1231	Pottery	Gabbbro and rock-gritted fabric	5	37	Prehistoric
1234	Posthole 1235	Pottery	Gabbro and rock-gritted fabric	3	39	Prehistoric
1236	Posthole 1237	Pottery	Gabbro and rock-gritted fabric	1	5	Prehistoric
1704	Ditch 1703	Glass	Clear, colourless, vessel	1	1	
1803	Ditch 1804	Clay pipe	Stem fragment	1	6	Post-medieval
2405	Pit 2406	Pottery	Salt-glazed earthenware	1	1	C18
2604	Ditch 2603	Pottery	Micaceous oxidised coarseware	2	16	?medieval

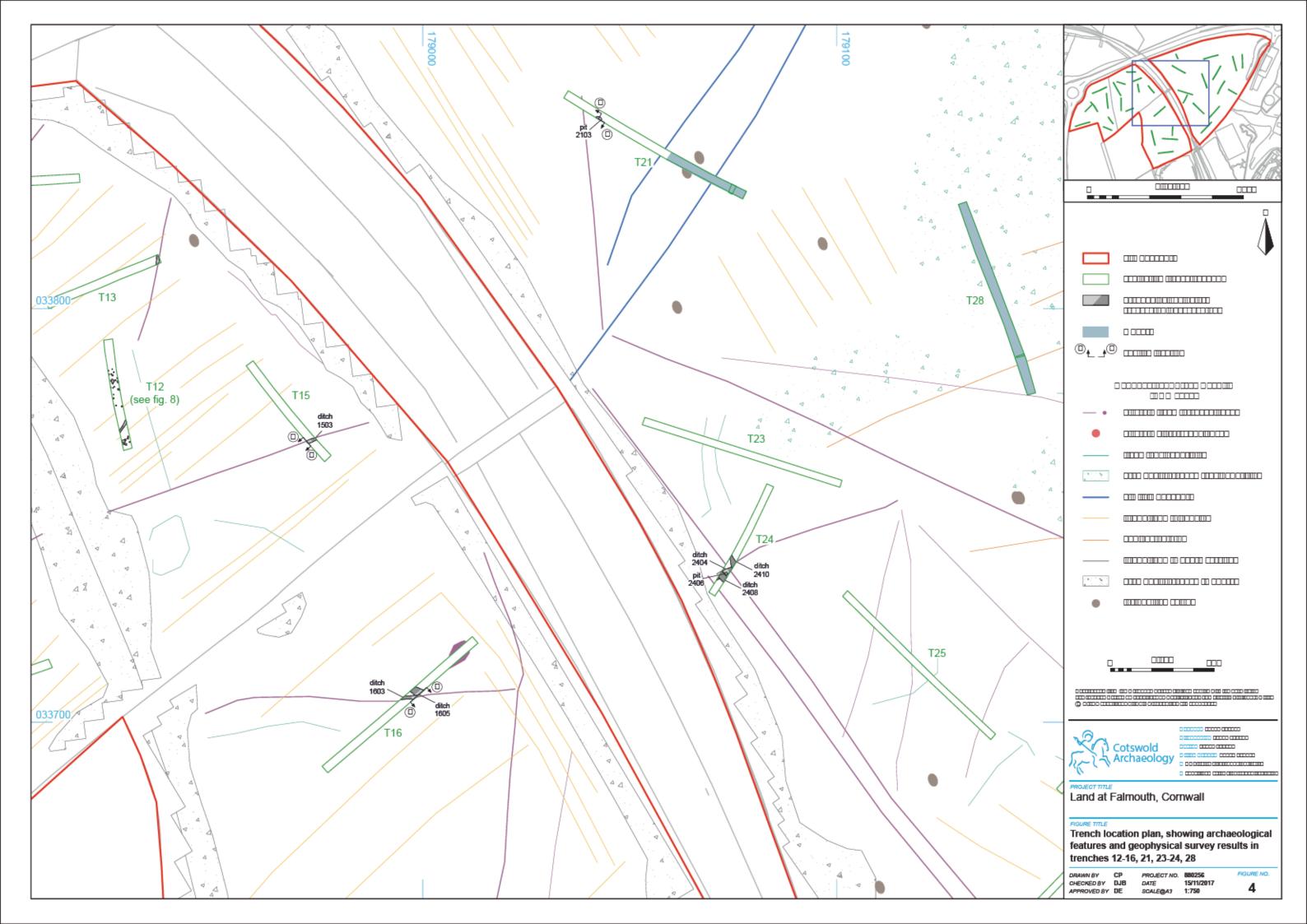
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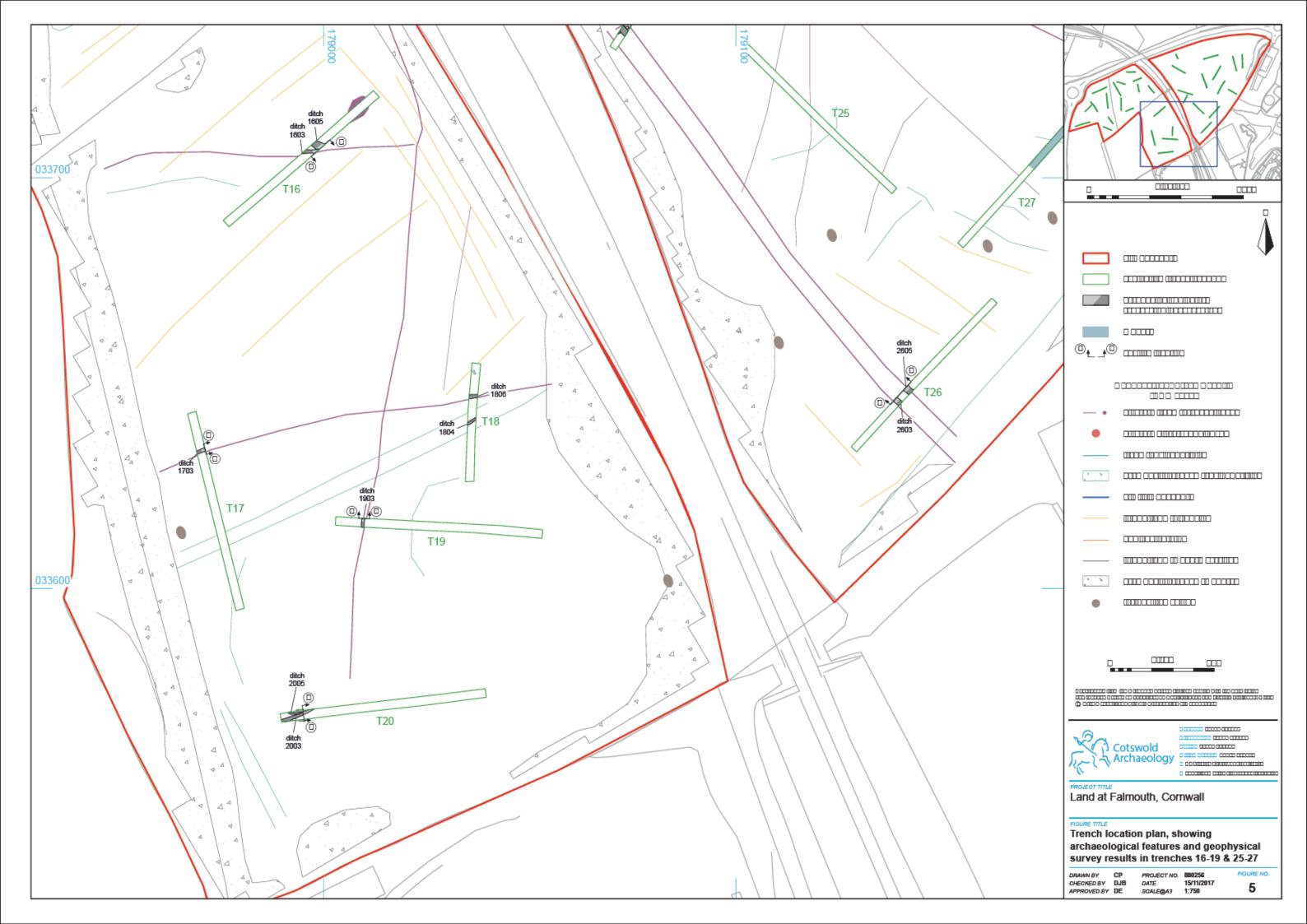
PROJECT DETAILS						
Project name	Land at Falmouth, Cornwall					
Short description	In October 2017, Cotswold Arch archaeological evaluation of land at Fal					
	The evaluation identified a series of ditches, pits and postholes in the central, southern and western areas of the site. Artefactual material was scarce and could not generally be closely dated, but a one trench contained a concentration of pits/postholes and a possible hearth which have tentatively been interpreted as the remains of one or more prehistoric roundhouses.					
	Also recorded were a series of boundary/drainage ditches. The easter to contain extensive modern made groups.	rn part of the site was found				
Project dates	16–27 October 2017					
Project type	Evaluation					
Previous work	Desk-Based Assessment, CA 2015 Geophysical Survey, AOC 2017					
Future work	uture work Unknown					
PROJECT LOCATION						
Site location	Land at Falmouth, Cornwall					
Study area (m²/ha)	c. 13.34ha					
Site co-ordinates	179017 033776					
PROJECT CREATORS						
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology					
Project brief originator	N/A					
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology					
Project Manager	Derek Evans					
Project Supervisor	Jonathan Orellana					
MONUMENT TYPE	None					
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None					
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive	Content				
Physical	Royal Cornwall Museum	Ceramics, clay pipe				
Paper	Royal Cornwall Museum	Trench forms, context sheets, section drawings				
Digital	Archaeology Data Service (ADS)	Digital survey, digital photos				
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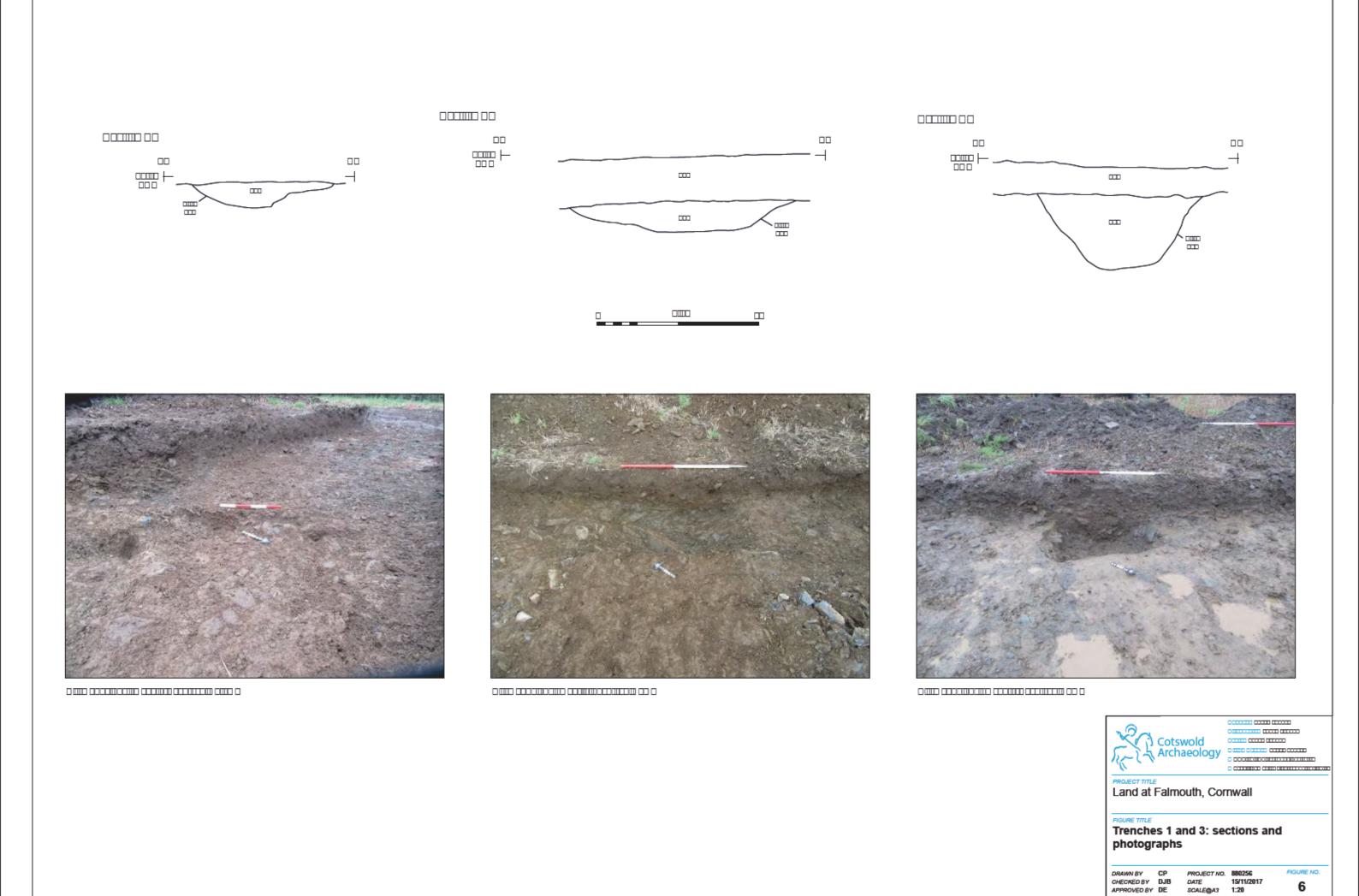


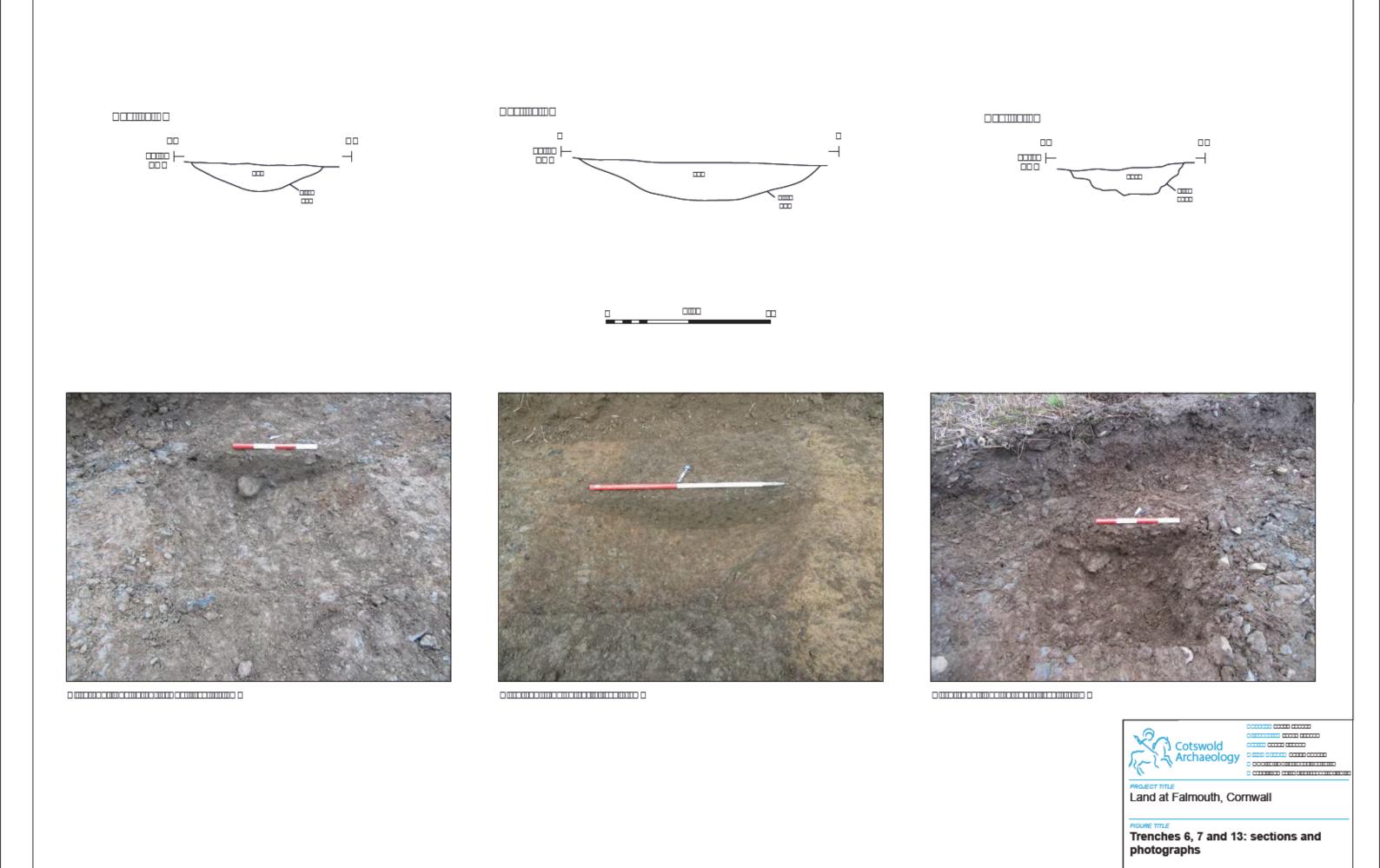




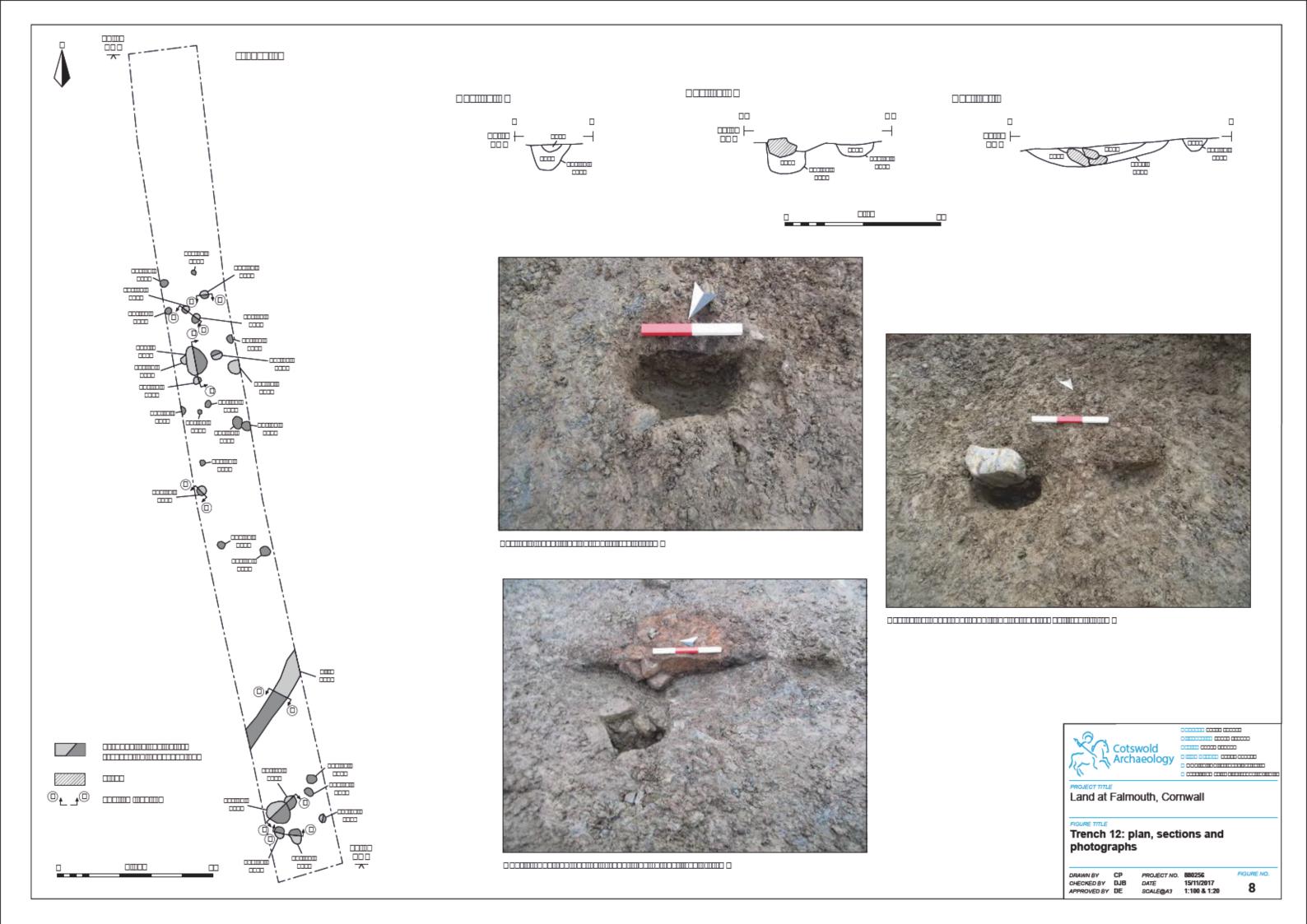








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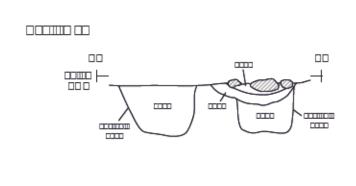


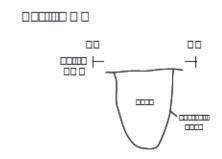


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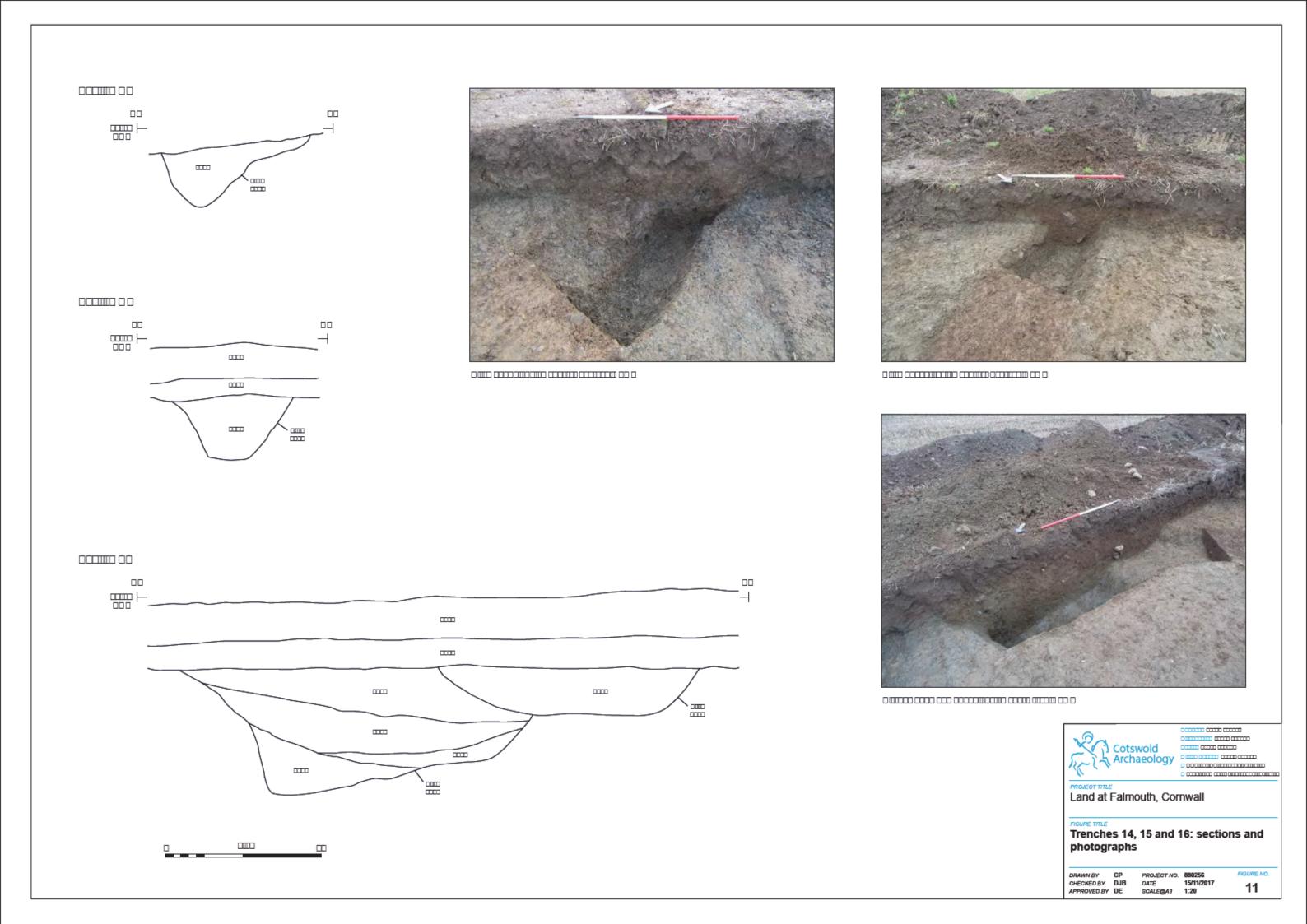


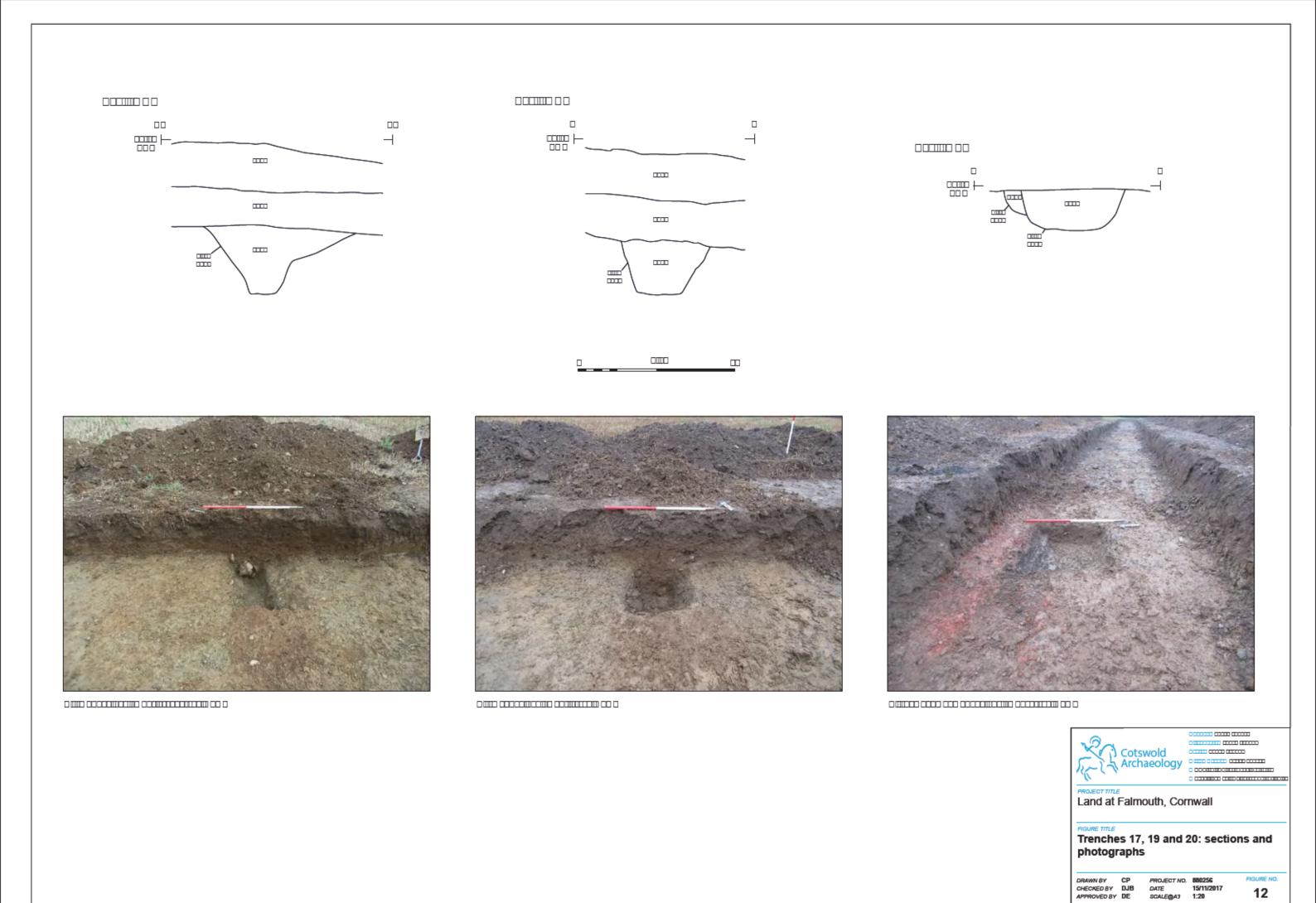
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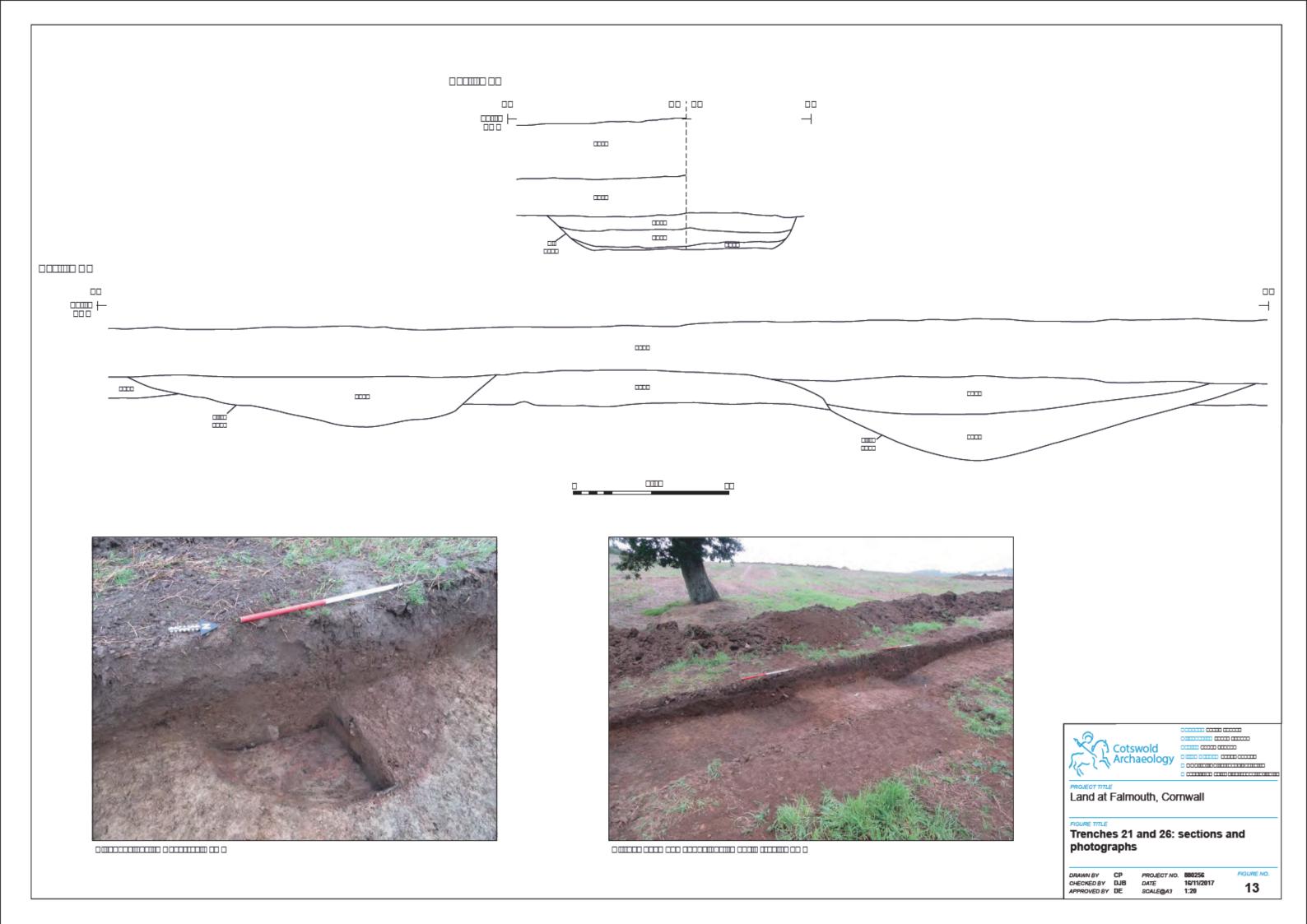
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