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## SUMMARY

**Project Name:** Land off Cheltenham Road  
**Location:** Evesham, Worcestershire  
**NGR:** SP 0315 4250  
**Type:** Evaluation  
**Date:** 7 – 21 June 2012  
**Planning Reference:** W/10/1760  
**Location of Archive:** To be deposited with Worcestershire County Museum  
**Site Code:** CEV12

An archaeological evaluation and metal detector survey were undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in June 2012 on land off Cheltenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire. Thirty-five trenches were excavated.

A small number of archaeological features was identified across the site, comprising mainly pits and ditches. There was a single broad and deep ditch of Middle Iron Age date and a later pit with numerous fragments of animal bone. Further ditches, gullies and discrete features investigated were either natural features, undated or of post-medieval date.

In the northeast and south of the site there was extensive evidence for ridge and furrow, modern land use and the planting of trees.



## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In June 2012 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for Persimmon Homes South Midlands at land off Cheltenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire (centred on NGR: SP 0315 4250; Fig. 1). The evaluation was carried out as a condition (no. 3) of outline planning consent for residential development (Wychavon District Council (WDC) planning reference W/10/1760).
- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a *brief* for phased programme of archaeological work (Phase 1) prepared by Mike Glyde (Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service ((WAAS 2012)), the archaeological advisor to Wychavon District Council and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2012) and approved by Mr Glyde. The fieldwork also followed the *Requirements and Guidelines for Archaeological Projects in Worcestershire* (Worcestershire Historic Environment and Archaeology Service 2010), the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008), the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991) and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (EH 2006).

### ***The site***

- 1.3 The site is situated on the southern edge of Evesham, Worcestershire, approximately 1 mile to the southeast of the town centre. It is bounded by Hamilton Road to the north, Corn Mill Road to the south and the River Isbourne to the west. The site lies at approximately 32m AOD. However the ground level drops away to the southwest to 26m AOD.
- 1.4 The site is approximately 5.5ha in size., and is effectively divided into four quarters by a trackway running north-south, and a fenced boundary running approximately east-west across the site. The northwest quarter of the site is open grass and scrub land. Four small modern depot buildings lie in its northern extreme, within an area of hard-standing. In the western extreme there are the remains of few now demolished glasshouses. The southwest quarter is currently planted with small trees in regular rows, within grass and scrub vegetation. In the southwest corner there are some small allotment plots and associated buildings. The northeast quarter is largely

under more mature tree cover, with small areas of open grass and scrub on the north and south sides. The southeast quarter forms allotment gardens. Due to the high water table level and ground conditions the site is prone to flooding.

- 1.5 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Lower Lias Clay of the Jurassic period. This is overlain across the majority of the site by Pleistocene Head deposits, which comprise poorly sorted rock and clay hillwash deposited during the thawing of seasonally frozen ground during cold stages of the British Quaternary. Deposits of alluvium are mapped by the BGS (2012) close to the course of the River Isbourne, to the west of the site. Grey brown clays were identified across most of the site during the archaeological evaluation works.

### ***Archaeological background***

- 1.6 The site was previously the subject of a desk-based assessment and reference should be made to that document for the detailed background (CA 2008). A summary is included below. In addition, an updated HER search has been undertaken in light of the time elapsed since the compilation of the desk-based assessment. The additional information is integrated within the summary below.
- 1.7 No archaeological remains were known within the site (CA 2012). An area of Romano-British settlement is recorded c. 730m to the south of the site, adjacent to the modern A46. Roman pottery has been recovered from the grounds of Evesham College and from evaluation works at Davies Road, both on the eastern side of Cheltenham Road, but no Roman features have been identified in archaeological investigations. The medieval manor of Great and Little Hampton may have been located in the same place as the 18th-century manor house, around 250m north of the site. There was no evidence for medieval settlement or other features within the site.
- 1.8 Subsequent to the trial trenching and metal detecting surveys reported on herein, Archaeological Surveys were commissioned to undertake a Magnetometer survey in order to attempt to further define archaeological features revealed during the trial trenching. The results of the survey are considered further within the results and discussion sections below, and the detailed methodology and data are presented in separately within a stand-alone report (AS 2012).

***Archaeological objectives***

- 1.9 The objectives of the evaluation were to establish the character, quality, date and extent of any archaeological remains or deposits surviving within the site. This information will assist Wychavon District Council in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource, and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

***Metal detecting methodology***

- 1.10 A metal detecting survey was undertaken prior to the commencement of intrusive groundworks by Archaeological Surveys (finds from the work were assessed and reported on by CA finds specialists). The equipment used to carry out the survey was a Compass X200T metal detector and Penmap RTK GPS. The frequency of operation was 14KHz with a coil diameter of 300mm. The search mode was set to all metal non-motion, ferrous and nonferrous objects, determined by use of a meter. Non-motion survey mode requires a manual ground balance set up procedure although is considered to provide superior sensitivity and depth compared to motion automatic ground balance.
- 1.11 The survey area was split into a series of parallel transects set out using RTK GPS. Transects were marked on the field surface using polypropylene ropes. Metal detecting progressed along each transect by sweeping the search head as close to the surface as possible and allowing for approximately 30% overlap in order to produce a consistent sample. Each sweep covered a width of 2m (1m each side of the centre of the transect). An appropriate working offset was employed either side of any upstanding metal fences, power lines or other obstructions in order to avoid unnecessary interference.
- 1.12 Finds were removed solely from the topsoil horizon using a trowel and care was taken to fill in and level holes after the retrieval of artefacts. The location of any artefacts that survived beneath the topsoil was recorded by GPS for recovery during the subsequent hand excavations. During the metal detector survey any deposits exposed or excavated were scanned for artefacts, bones, teeth, etc. All significant artefacts were recorded. Each object that has been recorded was allocated a unique ID number. All works were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) coordinates using Penmap RTK GPS. All finds were bagged separately and related to the artefact record. All artefacts were recovered and retained for processing and analysis in

accordance with Technical Manual 3 Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation (CA 1995).

### ***Trial trenching methodology***

- 1.13 Thirty-five trenches, were excavated, each 30m long by 1.8m wide, with the exception of Trenches 12, 20 and 21 that were each 15m long by 1.8m wide, in the locations shown in Figure 2. The original trial trenching scheme comprised the excavation of 36 trial trenches, representing a 4% sample of the areas available for survey. However, with the approval of Mike Glyde, one trench that had been proposed in the field close to the River Isbourne (Trench 2) was omitted for ecological reasons. All Trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using a Leica 1200 series SmartRover GPS and surveyed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 5.1 *Survey Manual* (2012).
- 1.14 All 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* (2007).
- 1.15 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Milton Keynes. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Worcestershire County Museum, along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix E, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

## **2. RESULTS (FIGS 3-8)**

- 2.1 The geological substrate was predominately light to mid yellowish grey or greyish brown clay; superficial deposits of sandy clay were recorded on the lower ground at the western edge of the site. The overlying subsoil was very thick and identified across all trenches; it consisted of mid brown silty clay with occasional pebbles and was rarely more than 0.6m thick. The topsoil, which was typically c. 0.3m thick, was mid to dark brownish-grey silty clay.



- 2.2 The evaluation revealed a possible settlement enclosure ditch relating to the Middle Iron Age towards the north of the site. Undated features were identified in Trenches 10, 11, and 12. Trenches 12, 13, 29, 32 and 33 had evidence for the existence of ridge and furrow on an east-west alignment spaced approximately every 2m. Trenches 5, 14, 16, 21, 30 and 31 did not have any archaeological, modern or natural features. All remaining trenches had numerous land drains on a southeast-northwest alignment. The post-medieval use of the site as orchards and allotment gardens resulted in numerous tree-boles and natural disturbances across all trenches. Some of the archaeological and agricultural features appeared to correlate with anomalies indicated by the Magnetometer survey, the results of which are shown on Figures 2 and 3 and considered further below.

***Trench 9 (Figs 2 & 3)***

- 2.3 A modern field boundary ditch, 904, was revealed on a broadly east-west alignment, correlating with an anomaly containing magnetically enhanced material detected by the Magnetometer survey.

***Trench 10 (Figs 2, 3 & 4)***

- 2.4 Undated ditch 1016 was 1.2m wide and lay on an east-west alignment. Persistent heavy rain during the evaluation, combined with poor drainage, led to the trench flooding, and following discussions with Mike Glyde it was decided not to attempt to excavate the ditch. A number of redundant modern land drains also crossed the trench, and a broadly east-west furrow and tree-hole were identified. None of the above features was identified during the Magnetometer survey, although linear anomalies on the same alignment as the furrow were identified further to the east.

***Trench 11 (Figs 2, 3 & 5)***

- 2.5 Broad, very deep undated ditch, 1118, lay on a north-south alignment at the centre of the trench. The ditch had two fills 1121 and 1117. Narrow, shallow gully 1120 cut ditch ditch 1118. No artefacts were retrieved from its fill, 1119. Towards the east end of the trench was a broad and shallow ditch, 1104. It had moderate concave sides and a flat base. It had one silty clay fill from which no artefacts were recovered. It is possible that this was a natural feature since its sides were difficult to distinguish from the surrounding natural substrate. Its location correlates with the identification of a geophysical anomaly.

**Trench 12 (Figs 2, 3 & 6)**

- 2.6 The Magnetometer results revealed the presence of cultivation marks and several short positive linear and discrete anomalies in the vicinity of Trench 12 that may represent ditch and pit like features (AS 2012, 8). Small undated pit, 1204, with a diameter of 0.4m and depth of 0.16m, was located c. 2m to the east of a furrow. West of the furrow, undated pit 1208 was 0.9m long, 0.7m wide and 0.21m deep.

**Trench 18 (Figs 2, 3 & 7)**

- 2.7 Near the centre of the trench a broad ditch, 1804, with irregular, poorly-defined edges, lay on an east-west orientation. Due to the high water table level and fast flooding of the trench it was not possible to fully excavate. However, excavating the first 0.2m yielded a modern tile fragment and a piece of post-medieval clay pipe.

**Trench 19 (Figs 2, 3 & 8)**

- 2.8 Towards the north end of the trench was a broad, deep ditch, on an east-west alignment, measuring over 2.15m wide and 1.12m deep, and correlating with an anomaly containing magnetically enhanced material detected by the Magnetometer survey. The ditch had at least six fills, suggesting long term use. Twenty-two sherds of pottery, probably representing fragments of a single vessel of likely Middle Iron Age date, were recovered from its upper fill 1912. Pit 1910 cut 1912, and was approximately 0.6m long, 0.5m wide and 0.4m deep. Numerous animal bone fragments were recovered from its fill 1911, including a virtually complete pig skeleton. Approximately 2 metres south of ditch 1907 was ditch 1905. It was 1.8m long 1.5m wide and 0.38m deep. A single fragment of medieval floor tile was recovered from its fill, 1906. A broadly east-west anomaly detected by the Magnetometer survey at the north end of Trench 19 was not identified during the evaluation.

**Medieval ridge and furrow**

- 2.9 In broad correlation with the magnetometer results, regularly spaced furrows, the remains of an open field system, were recorded in the north and southwest of the site. The furrows were typically 1-2m wide and, when excavated, were up to 0.25m deep. The alignment of the furrows varied, indicating that the site covers parts of numerous open fields. Nineteenth-century ceramic land drains were noted across the site; their alignment shows no relation to that of the furrows, suggesting that in most cases they had been inserted after the ridge and furrow earthworks had been ploughed out or levelled.

### ***The Finds***

- 2.10 A quantity (22 sherds, Appendix B) of late prehistoric pottery was recovered from deposit 1912. A single vessel appears to be represented, which occurs in a coarse fossil shell-tempered fabric. The form appears to be a jar of rounded or barrel-shaped form with an expanded (pushed out) base angle. A Middle Iron Age date would seem likely on the basis of the fabric and form characteristics.
- 2.11 Other recovered artefactual material is limited to a small and abraded fragment of floor tile of medieval type from ditch 1905. Glaze to the upper surface is worn to reveal a light coloured clay underslip.

### ***The Animal Bones***

- 2.12 Animal bones were recovered from context 1911, and amounted to a grand total of 1,144g. The material was dominated by bones from pig (Appendix C). These derived from a minimum of two individuals. One animal was aged 1½ – 2 years (Grant 1982; Vretemark 1997) and was likely to have been virtually complete. The second animal was disposed of as part of general refuse. Additionally, two poorly preserved fragments of cattle maxillary molar teeth, and a caprovine astragalus were present in the material. No cut marks were observed on any of the bones. It is difficult to interpret the assemblage, but the lack of butchery marks may suggest that it represent remains of naturally deceased animal disposed of since it was not deemed suitable for consumption.

### ***The Metal Detector Survey***

- 2.13 The metal-detected objects are listed in Appendix D. With the exception of a copper alloy strap end of medieval type (no. 13), all of the items recovered are of relatively recent date.
- 2.14 Strap-end no. 13 is of tongue-shaped form with a bi-concave upper edge and pointed lower end. It has been constructed from two plates of copper alloy sheet, with a forked separator plate between and a single rivet at the upper edge. The front and back plates are plain. On the basis of occurrences from London (Egan and Pritchard 1991, 145) strap-ends of this form date no earlier than the late 13th century and continue in use throughout the 14th century AD.

### 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The trial trench evaluation revealed the presence of a possibly late prehistoric ditch, and undated archaeological remains in the north central area of the site. The recovery of Middle Iron Age pottery from the upper fill of ditch 1907, suggests that this feature may have formed part of a prehistoric enclosure, or was part of a field boundary in close proximity to a settlement area. A subsequent Magnetometer survey failed to clearly define the extent and plan form of such an enclosure or field system, and the extent of any prehistoric activity on the site therefore remains unknown. The broad and deep ditch encountered in Trench 11 may also conceivably relate to early activity on the site, but as it was not possible to excavate this during the course of the evaluation this cannot be verified, and indeed a function as a natural palaeochannel cannot be ruled out.
- 3.2 The presence of late prehistoric pottery is noteworthy, given that no previous prehistoric activity has been identified either within the site or the immediate area (see *Archaeological Background* above; CA 2008). The remaining undated linear features had an east-west alignment, similar to that of the medieval furrows and modern land drains. The undated discrete features may potentially be associated with prehistoric activity, but cannot be ascribed to any period with certainty.

### 4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Vasilis Tsamis, assisted by Rob Scott, Mark Patenall and Paolo Clemente. The report was written by Vasilis. The finds report was written by Ed McSloy. The illustrations were prepared by Jon Bennett. The archive has been compiled by Vasilis Tsamis, and prepared for deposition by James Johnson. The project was managed for CA by Simon Cox.

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**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

## Trench 1

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
100	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish brown clay loam			0.22	
101	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay loam			0.29	
102	Layer	Natural: Light greyish brown clay			n/k	
103	Cut	Land drain	3	0.5	n/e	
104	Fill	Fill of land drain				
105	Cut	Cut of land drain	3	0.5	n/e	
106	Fill	Fill of land drain				
107	Cut	Cut of land drain	2	0.2	n/e	
108	Fill	Fill of land drain				
109	Cut	Cut of land drain	2	0.2	n/e	
110	Fill	Fill of land drain				

## Trench 3

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
300	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.18	
301	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.30	
302	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish blue sandy clay			0.10+	
303	Cut	Cut of land drain	3	0.5	n/e	
304	Fill	Fill of land drain				
305	Cut	Cut of land drain	3	0.5	n/e	
306	Fill	Fill of land drain				

## Trench 4

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
400	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.16	
401	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.16	
402	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish blue sandy clay			0.10+	
403	Cut	Cut of land drain	2.6	0.6	n/e	modern
404	Fill	Fill of land drain				
405	Cut	Cut of gully	2.6	0.6	0.14	modern
406	Fill	Fill of land drain			0.14	
407	Cut	Cut of gully	1.8	0.56	0.14	modern
408	Fill	Fill of gully			0.14	

## Trench 5

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
500	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.16	
501	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.23	
502	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish blue sandy clay			0.10+	

## Trench 6

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
600	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.27	
601	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.33	
602	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish blue sandy clay			0.10+	
603	Cut	Cut of land drain	7	0.56	n/e	modern
604	Fill	Fill of land drain			n/e	
605	Cut	Cut of land drain	3.7	0.5	n/e	modern
606	Fill	Fill of land drain			n/e	

## Trench 7

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
700	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.24	
701	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.10	
702	Layer	Natural: Mid greyish blue sandy clay			0.26	
703	Layer	Natural: Mid reddish yellow sandy clay			0.10+	
704	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.26	n/e	modern
705	Fill	Fill of land drain			n/e	
706	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.26	n/e	modern
707	Fill	Fill of land drain			n/e	

## Trench 8

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
800	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.22	
801	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.12	
802	Layer	Alluvium: Mid yellowish brown silty clay			0.20	
803	Layer	Natural: Mid reddish yellow clay			0.15+	
804	Fill	Mid brown silty clay			n/e	
805	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.8	0.6	0.22	modern
806	Fill	Mid brownish grey clay			n/e	
807	Cut	Cut of gully	1.8	0.4	0.08	modern

## Trench 9

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
900	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.3	
901	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.2	
902	Layer	Natural: Mid reddish yellow clay			0.10+	
903	Fill	Fill of 904. Light grey sandy clay			n/e	
904	Cut	Cut of modern field boundary ditch	30	1.4	n/e	

## Trench 10

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1000	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.25	
1001	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.25	
1002	Layer	Natural: Light greyish brown clay			0.10+	
1003	Fill	Fill of 1004, mid greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1004	Cut	Cut of tree bole	1.8	1.4	n/e	
1005	Fill	Fill of 1006, mid brownish grey sandy clay			n/e	
1006	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.7	0.2	n/e	modern
1007	Fill	Fill of 1008, mid brownish grey sandy clay			n/e	
1008	Cut	Cut of furrow	1.8	1.5	n/e	
1009	Fill	Fill of 1010, mid greyish yellow sandy clay			n/e	
1010	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.35	n/e	modern
1011	Fill	Fill of 1012, mid yellowish grey sandy clay			n/e	
1012	Cut	Cut of land drain	2.5	0.3	n/e	modern
1013	Fill	Fill of 1014, mid greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1014	Cut	Cut of land drain	2.6	0.2	n/e	modern
1015	Fill	Fill of 1016, light greyish brown clay			n/e	
1016	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.8	1.2	n/e	undated
1017	Fill	Fill of 1018, light greyish clay			n/e	
1018	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.2	0.4	n/e	undated

## Trench 11

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1100	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.25	
1101	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.25	
1102	Layer	Natural: Light greyish brown clay			0.10+	
1103	Fill	Fill of 1104, light brownish grey sandy clay			n/e	
1104	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.8	1.3	n/e	undated
1105	Fill	Fill of 1106, mid greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1106	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.45	0.3	n/e	
1107	Fill	Fill of 1108, mid greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1108	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.55	0.45	n/e	
1109	Fill	Fill of 1110, mid greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1110	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.6	0.3	n/e	
1111	Fill	Fill of 1112, mid greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1112	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.6	0.4	n/e	
1113	Fill	Fill of 1114, mid greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1114	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.9	0.5	n/e	
1115	Fill	Fill of 1116, mid greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1116	Cut	Cut of tree bole	1.1	0.8	n/e	
1117	Fill	Fill of 1118, mid greyish brown clay			0.45	
1118	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.8	4	1.23	undated
1119	Fill	Fill of 1120, mid greyish brown clay			n/e	
1120	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.8	0.7	n/e	undated
1121	Fill	Fill of 1118, light greyish brown clay			0.28	



## Trench 12

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1200	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.2	
1201	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.2	
1202	Layer	Natural: Light greyish brown clay			0.1+	
1203	Fill	Fill of 1205, mid greyish brown clay			n/e	
1204	Cut	Cut of possible posthole	0.4	0.34	n/e	undated
1205	Fill	Fill of 1206, light greyish brown sandy clay			n/e	
1206	Cut	Cut of furrow	2.5	1.8	n/e	
1207	Fill	Fill of 1208, mid greyish brown clay			n/e	
1208	Cut	Cut of pit	0.9	0.7	n/e	undated
1209	Fill	Fill of 1210, light greyish clay			n/e	
1210	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.6	0.4	n/e	

## Trench 13

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1300	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.3	
1301	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.30	
1302	Layer	Natural: Light greyish brown clay			0.10+	
1303	Fill	Fill of 1304, light brownish grey clay			n/e	
1304	Cut	Cut of tree bole	1.8	1.3	n/e	
1305	Fill	Fill of 1306, light brownish grey clay			n/e	
1306	Cut	Cut of tree bole	3.2	1.8	n/e	
1307	Fill	Fill of 1308, mid brownish yellow clay			n/e	
1308	Cut	Cut of tree bole	1.4	1	n/e	
1309	Fill	Fill of 1310, light brownish grey clay			n/e	
1310	Cut	Cut of furrow	1.8	0.7	n/e	
1311	Fill	Fill of 1312, mid brownish yellow clay			n/e	
1312	Cut	Cut of furrow	1.6	0.3	n/e	

## Trench 14

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1400	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.25	
1401	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.40	
1402	Layer	Natural: Light greyish brown clay			0.10+	

## Trench 15

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1500	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.20	
1501	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.40	
1502	Layer	Natural: Light greyish brown clay			0.10+	
1503	Fill	Fill of 1504, light brownish grey clay			n/e	
1504	Cut	Cut of tree bole	1.3	0.95	n/e	
1505	Fill	Fill of 1506, light brownish grey clay			n/e	
1506	Cut	Cut of tree bole	1.8	1.15	n/e	
1507	Fill	Fill of 1508, light brownish grey clay			n/e	
1508	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.4	0.3	n/e	

1509	Fill	Fill of 1510, light brownish grey clay			n/e	
1510	Cut	Cut of tree bole	2.5	1.8	n/e	

## Trench 16

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1600	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.20	
1601	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.40	
1602	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	

## Trench 17

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1700	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.20	
1701	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.15	
1702	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.15+	
1703	Fill	Fill of 1704, mid brownish yellow clay			0.25	
1704	Cut	Cut of natural disturbance	0.6	0.3	0.25	
1705	Fill	Fill of 1706, mid brownish yellow clay			0.20	
1706	Cut	Cut of natural disturbance	2	0.7	0.20	
1707	Fill	Fill of 1708, mid brownish yellow clay			0.21	
1708	Cut	Cut of natural disturbance	1.8	1	0.21	

## Trench 18

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1800	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.22	
1801	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.26	
1802	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.7	n/e	
1803	Fill	Fill of 1802, mid brown clay			n/e	
1804	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.8	1.9	0.20+	Post-medieval
1805	Fill	Fill of ditch 1804, light yellowish brown clay			0.20+	
1806	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	

## Trench 19

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1900	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.22	
1901	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.20	
1902	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	
1903	Cut	Cut of modern land drain	1.8	0.2	n/e	
1904	Fill	Secondary fill of 1903			n/e	
1905	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.8	1.5	0.38	medieval
1906	Fill	Secondary fill of 1905			0.38	
1907	Cut	Cut of ditch	1.8	2.15	1.12	Middle Iron Age
1908	Fill	Tertiary fill of ditch 1910			0.21	
1909	Fill	Secondary fill of ditch 1905			0.17	
1910	Cut	Cut of pit	0.58	0.60	0.36	Iron Age
1911	Fill	Deliberate backfill of pit 1911			0.36	

1912	Fill	Secondary fill of ditch 1907			0.35	
1913	Fill	Secondary fill of ditch 1907			0.31	
1914	Fill	Secondary fill of ditch 1907			0.26	
1915	Fill	Secondary fill of ditch 1907			0.21	
1916	Fill	Primary fill of ditch 1907			0.14	

## Trench 20

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2000	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.25	
2001	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.15	
2002	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	
2003	Fill	Fill of 2004, mid yellowish brown silty clay			n/e	
2004	Cut	Cut of natural disturbance	0.6	0.5	n/e	
2005	Fill	Fill of 2006, mid yellowish brown silty clay			n/e	
2006	Cut	Cut of natural disturbance	0.6	0.5	n/e	

## Trench 21

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2100	Layer	Modern overburden			0.11	
2101	Layer	Modern overburden			0.21	
2102	Layer	Modern overburden			0.21	
2103	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	

## Trench 22

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2200	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.35	
2201	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay			0.26	
2202	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	
2203	Cut	Cut of natural disturbance				
2204	Fill	Fill of 2203, mid reddish brown silty clay				
2205	Cut	Cut of tree bole				
2206	Fill	Fill of 2206, mid yellowish grey silty clay				
2207	Cut	Cut of shrub bole				
2208	Fill	Fill of 2207, mid greyish brown silty clay				
2209	Cut	Cut of pit				undated
2210	Fill	Fill of 2209, light yellowish brown silty clay				
2211	Cut	Cut of tree bole				
2212	Fill	Fill of 2211, light yellowish brown sandy clay				
2213	Cut	Cut of tree bole				
2214	Fill	Fill of 2213, mid reddish brown silty clay				
2215	Cut	Cut of land drain	7	0.28	n/e	modern
2216	Fill	Fill of 2215, mid yellowish grey silty clay			n/e	

## Trench 23

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2300	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.22	

2301	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.26	
2302	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	
2303	Cut	Cut of land drain				modern
2304	Fill	Fill of 2303				
2305	Cut	Cut of land drain				modern
2306	Fill	Fill of 2305				
2307	Cut	Cut of geo-technical pit				modern
2308	Fill	Fill of 2307				

## Trench 24

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2400	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.24	
2401	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.28	
2402	Layer	Natural: Light reddish brown clay			0.10+	
2403	Cut	Cut of geo-technical pit				modern
2404	Fill	Fill of 2403				
2405	Cut	Cut of land drain				modern
2406	Fill	Fill of 2405				

## Trench 25

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2500	Layer	Topsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.20	
2501	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.40	
2502	Layer	Natural: Light reddish brown clay			0.10+	
2503	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.2	n/e	modern
2504	Fill	Fill of 2503, mid brownish grey silty clay			n/e	
2505	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.4	n/e	modern
2506	Fill	Fill of 2505, mid brownish grey silty clay			n/e	
2507	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.2	n/e	modern
2508	Fill	Fill of 2507, mid brownish grey silty clay			n/e	

## Trench 26

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2600	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.19	
2601	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.29	
2602	Layer	Natural: Light reddish brown clay			0.10+	
2603	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.25	n/e	modern
2604	Fill	Fill of 2603, mid brownish grey silty clay			n/e	

## Trench 27

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2700	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.12	
2701	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.22	
2702	Layer	Natural: Light reddish brown clay			0.10+	
2703	Cut	Cut of land drain			n/e	modern
2704	Fill	Fill of 2703, mid brownish grey silty clay			n/e	

2705	Cut	Cut of land drain			n/e	modern
2706	Fill	Fill of 2705, mid brownish grey silty clay			n/e	
2707	Cut	Cut of land drain			n/e	modern
2708	Fill	Fill of 2707, mid brownish grey silty clay			n/e	

## Trench 28

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2800	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.07	
2801	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.46	
2802	Layer	Natural: Light reddish brown clay			0.10+	
2803	Cut	Cut of modern cable trench			n/e	modern
2804	Fill	Fill of 2803			n/e	

## Trench 29

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2900	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.20	
2901	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay			0.39	
2902	Layer	Natural: Light reddish brown clay			0.10+	
2903	Cut	Cut of land drain	1.8	0.55	n/e	modern
2904	Fill	Fill of 2903, light grey silty clay			n/e	
2905	Cut	Cut of furrow	1.8	0.8	n/e	
2906	Fill	Fill of 2905, light brownish grey silty clay			n/e	

## Trench 30

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3000	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.21	
3001	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay			0.23	
3002	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.12+	

## Trench 31

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3100	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.21	
3101	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay			0.38	
3102	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	

## Trench 32

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3200	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.24	
3201	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay			0.22	
3202	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	
3203	Cut	Cut of furrow				
3204	Fill	Fill of 3203, light brownish grey silty clay				
3205	Cut	Cut of land drain				modern
3206	Fill	Fill of 3205, light grey silty clay				

## Trench 33

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3300	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.24	
3301	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay			0.19	
3302	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	
3303	Cut	Cut of furrow				
3304	Fill	Fill of 3303, light brownish grey silty clay				
3305	Cut	Cut of furrow				
3306	Fill	Fill of 3305, light brownish grey silty clay				
3307	Cut	Cut of furrow				
3308	Fill	Fill of 3307, light brownish grey silty clay				

## Trench 34

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3400	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.26	
3401	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay			0.23	
3402	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	
3403	Cut	Cut of tree bole	1.7	0.9	n/e	
3404	Fill	Fill of 3403, light yellowish brown sandy clay			n/e	
3405	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.5	0.4	n/e	
3406	Fill	Fill of 3405, light yellowish brown sandy clay			n/e	
3407	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.95	1.1	n/e	
3408	Fill	Fill of 3407, light yellowish brown sandy clay			n/e	

## Trench 35

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3500	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.22	
3501	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay			0.23	
3502	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.16+	
3503	Cut	Cut of tree bole	1.1	0.8	n/e	
3504	Fill	Fill of 3503, light yellowish brown sandy clay			n/e	
3505	Cut	Cut of tree bole	0.9	0.7	n/e	
3506	Fill	Fill of 3505, light yellowish brown sandy clay			n/e	

## Trench 36

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3600	Layer	Topsoil: Dark greyish brown clay			0.25	
3601	Layer	Subsoil: Mid yellowish brown clay			0.45	
3602	Layer	Alluvium: Mid greyish brown clay			0.20	
3603	Layer	Natural: Light yellowish brown clay			0.10+	
3604	Cut	Cut of natural disturbance	1.9	0.4	n/e	
3605	Fill	Fill of 3603, mid reddish brown clay			n/e	
3606	Cut	Cut of natural disturbance	0.3	0.3	n/e	
3607	Fill	Fill of 3605, mid reddish brown clay			n/e	
3608	Cut	Cut of land drain	3.5	0.3	n/e	modern
3609	Fill	Fill of 3503, mid reddish brown s clay			n/e	

**APPENDIX B: THE FINDS**

Context	Description	Count	Weight(g)	Spot-date
1906	Medieval floor tile	1	36	C13-C16
1912	Prehistoric pottery: coarse fossil shell-tempered Animal bone	22	280	MIA

**APPENDIX C: THE ANIMAL BONE**

Element	BOS	S/G	SUS	MM
Cranial	-	-	6	-
Loose teeth	2	-	3	-
Mandible	-	-	4	-
Atlas	-	-	1	-
Axis	-	-	1	-
Cerv.vert.	-	-	7	-
Thor.vert.	-	-	5	-
Lumb.vert.	-	-	12	-
Ribs	-	-	42	-
Scapula	-	-	6	-
Humerus	-	-	6	-
Radius	-	-	1	-
Ulna	-	-	2	-
Carpal	-	-	2	-
Coxae	-	-	3	-
Femur	-	-	3	-
Calcaneus	-	-	1	-
Astragalus	-	1	-	-
Tarsal	-	-	1	-
Metatarsal	-	-	1	-
Metapodial	-	-	2	-
Phalanx 1	-	-	3	-
Phalanx 2	-	-	2	-
Phalanx 3	-	-	1	-
Indet.	-	-	-	58
Total:	2	1	115	58
Weight (g):	15.20	4.75	1,036.27	87.70

Identified species and skeletal elements in the animal bone material recovered from context 1911.  
 BOS = cattle; S/G = caprovine; SUS = pig; MM = medium sized mammal.

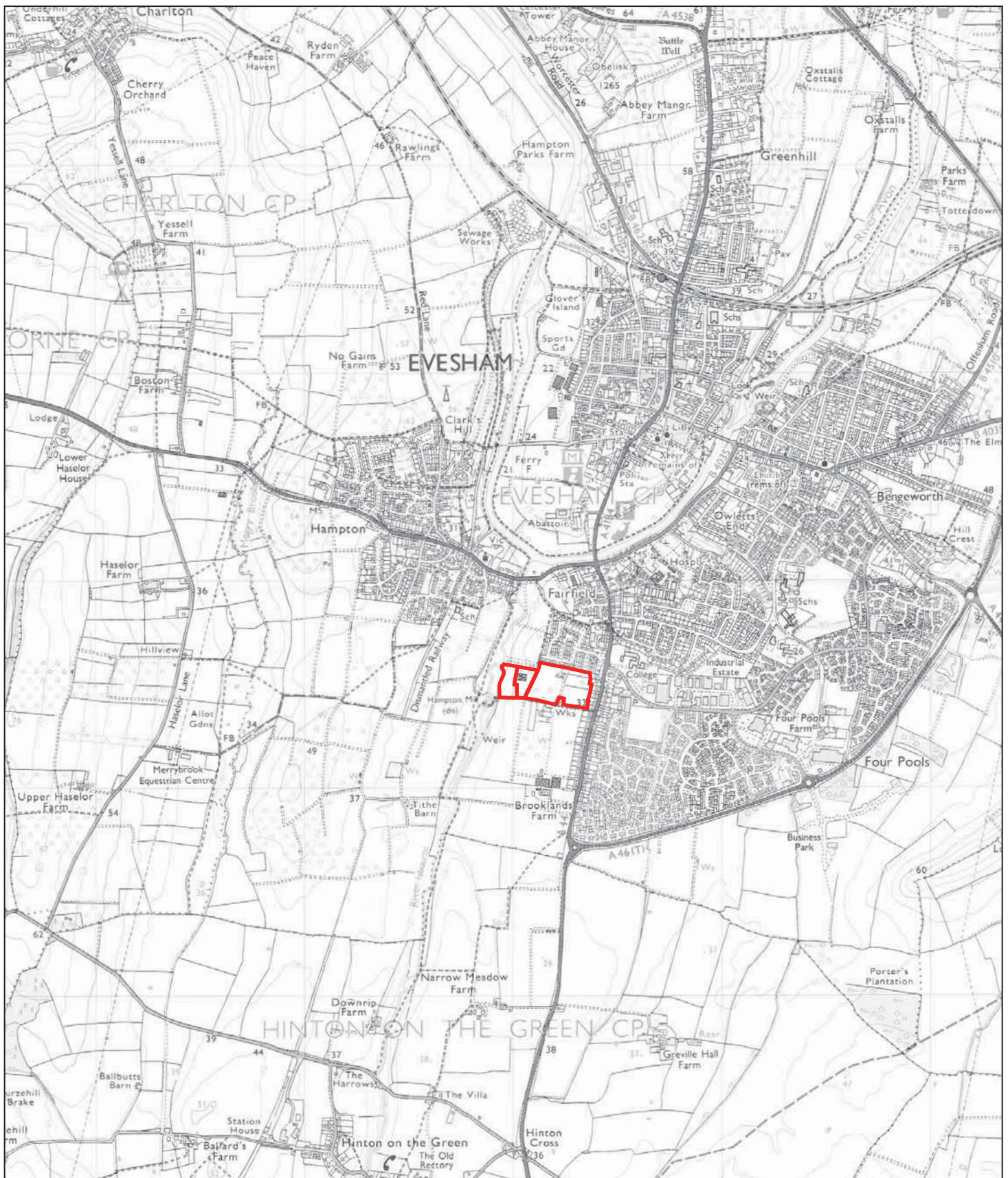
**APPENDIX D: THE METAL DETECTOR FINDS**

Record	Material	Type	Date	Count	Weight	Comments
1	lead	waste		1	71	large angular lump
2	lead	solder bar		1	39	Solder bar?
3	lead	object		1	15	Unidentified
4	copper alloy	button	C19-C20	1	8	domed
5	lead	waste		1	92	
6	copper alloy	badge	C19-C20	1	4	wreath shaped with central floral motif and leaf sprigs forming cross
7	copper alloy	lamp fitting	C19-EC20	1	6	wick holder?
8	copper alloy	button	C20	1	3	Stamped 'Denis Sprig Button Patent'
9	copper alloy	Livery button	C20	1	8	With castle keep; reverse 'Armfield and co Ltd. Birmingham'
10	lead	tube		1	26	broken off end section of lead tube/pipe
11	copper alloy	sheet		1	7	sheet with cut-outs and drilled holes
12	copper alloy	token	EC20?	1	4	leg. reads 'George Cole Market Gardiner Evesham' (known from 1911 census)
13	copper alloy	strap end	LC13-C14	1	3	tongue-shaped with pointed tip and single rivet
15	copper alloy	fitting	C19-C20	1	7	gun furniture?
16	lead	strip		1	15	length of partially rolled lead strip
17	lead	waste		1	10	
18	lead	waste		1	69	
19	copper	washer	C20	1	11	
20	lead	waste		1	25	small wedge shape
21	lead	button		1	9	two central holes
22	Tin?	button cover?	C20	1	1	damaged, painted black
23	copper alloy	strap loop	C18?-C20	1	3	D-shaped strap loop
24	lead	waste		1	3	
25	lead	toy	C19-C20	1	7	horse and rider fragment
26	copper alloy	padlock	LC19-C20	1	16	small padlock
27	lead	waste		1	23	
28	lead	waste		1	27	
29	copper alloy	button	C19-C20	1	3	flat disc shaped; gilt facing
30	copper alloy	plate		1	4	similar to 11, plate off cut
31	copper alloy	button		1	5	White-metal plated



**APPENDIX E: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	Land off Cheltenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire	
Short description	<p>An archaeological evaluation and metal detector survey were undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in June 2012 on land off Cheltenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire. Thirty-five trenches were excavated.</p> <p>A small number of archaeological features was identified across the site, comprising mainly pits and ditches. There was a single broad and deep ditch of Middle Iron Age date and a later pit with numerous fragments of animal bone. Further ditches, gullies and discrete features investigated were either natural features, undated or of post-medieval date.</p> <p>In the northeast and south of the site there was extensive evidence for ridge and furrow, modern land use and the planting of trees.</p>	
Project dates	7 – 21 June 2012	
Project type	Field Evaluation	
Previous work	Desk-based assessment (CA 2008)	
Future work	N/K	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	Cheltenham Road, Evesham, Worcestershire	
Study area (M <sup>2</sup> /ha)	5.5ha	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	SP 0315 4250	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Simon Cox	
Project Supervisor	Vasileios Tsamis	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>	none	
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>	none	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>	Intended final location of archive Worcestershire County Museum	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical		Pottery, animal bone, metalwork
Paper		Proforma recording sheets and permatrace drawings
Digital		Digital photographs and digital survey data
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
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Site location plan

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- trench
- archaeology
- modern
- furrow
- treebole
- trench (unexcavated)
- geophysical survey results**
- Magnetometer survey boundary
- Positive linear anomaly - possible ditch-like feature
- Linear anomaly - of agricultural origin
- Discrete positive response - possible pit-like feature
- Positive anomaly - magnetically enhanced material
- Magnetic debris - spread of magnetically thermoremnant/ferrous material
- Magnetic disturbance from ferrous material
- Strong dipolar anomaly - ferrous object
- metal detector results**
- md 13 - medieval strap end

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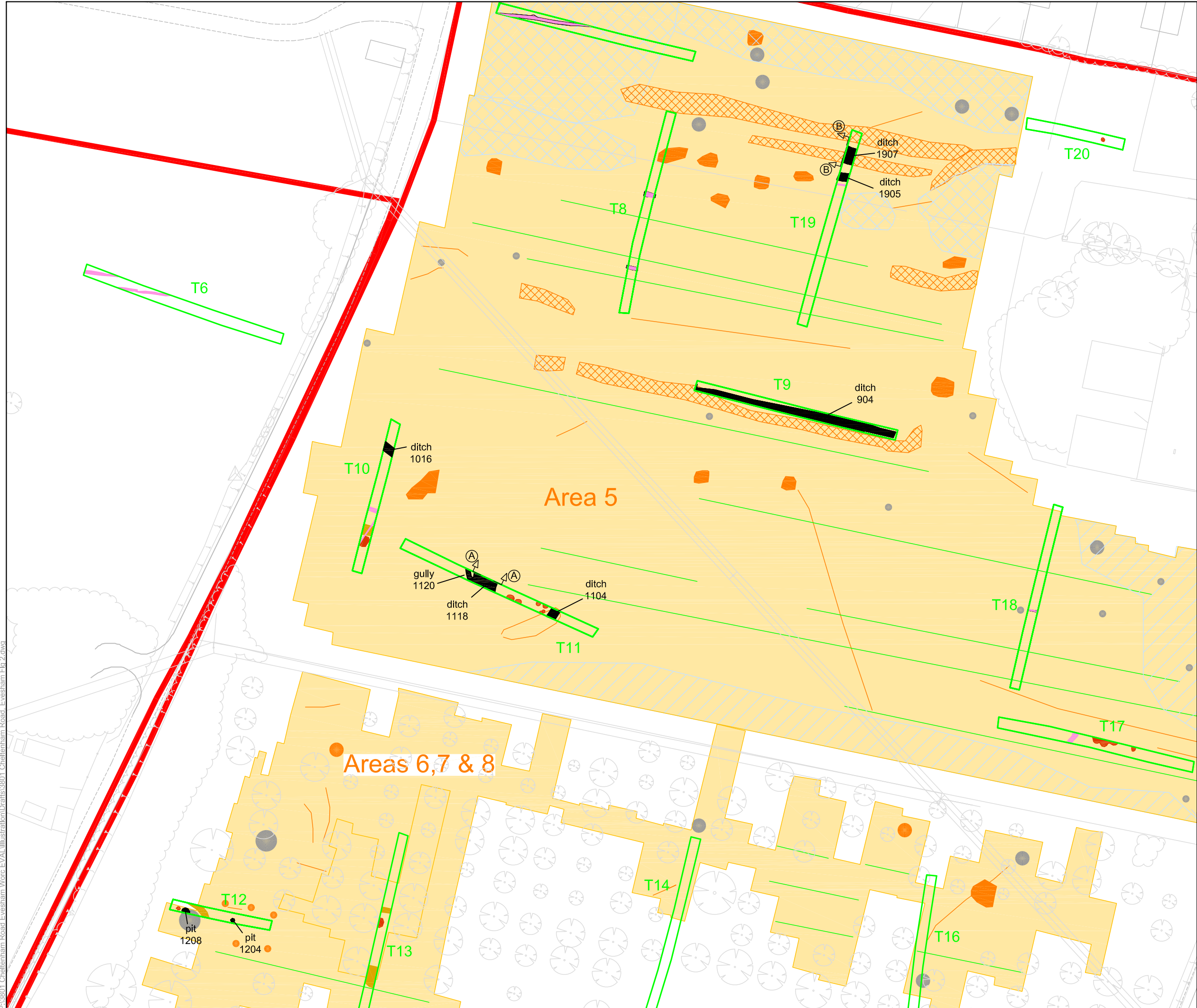
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#### 4 Trench 10, looking west (scales 1m)



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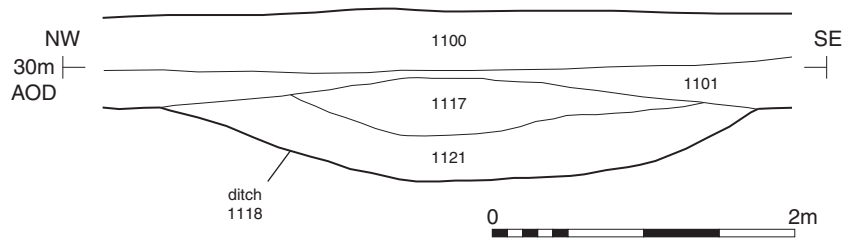
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Trench 11, section AA



Trench 11, ditch 1118, looking south-west



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## 6 Trench 12, looking east



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View of trench 18



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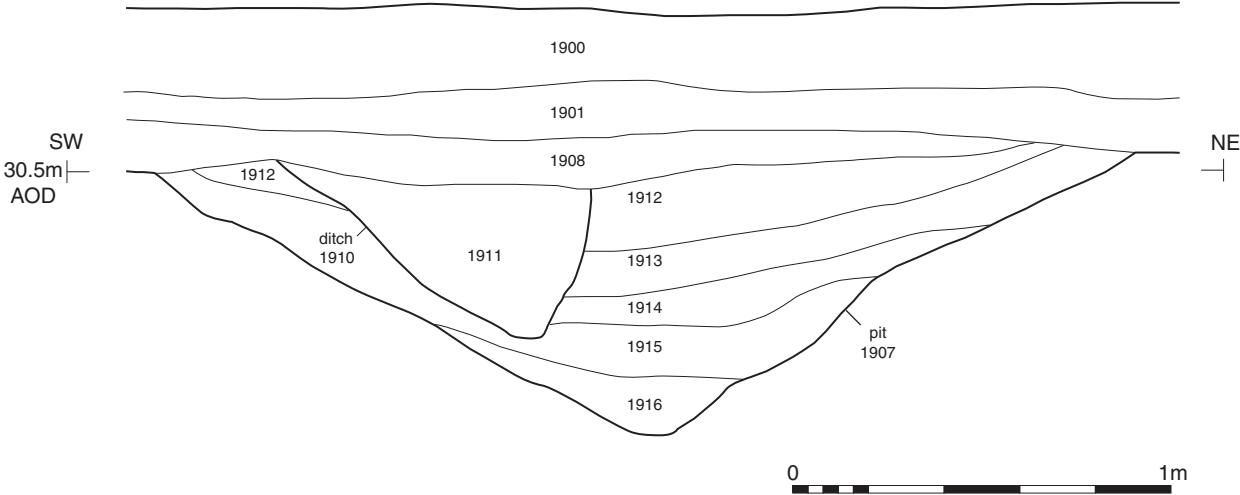
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Trench 19, section BB



Trench 19, south-east facing section of ditch



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