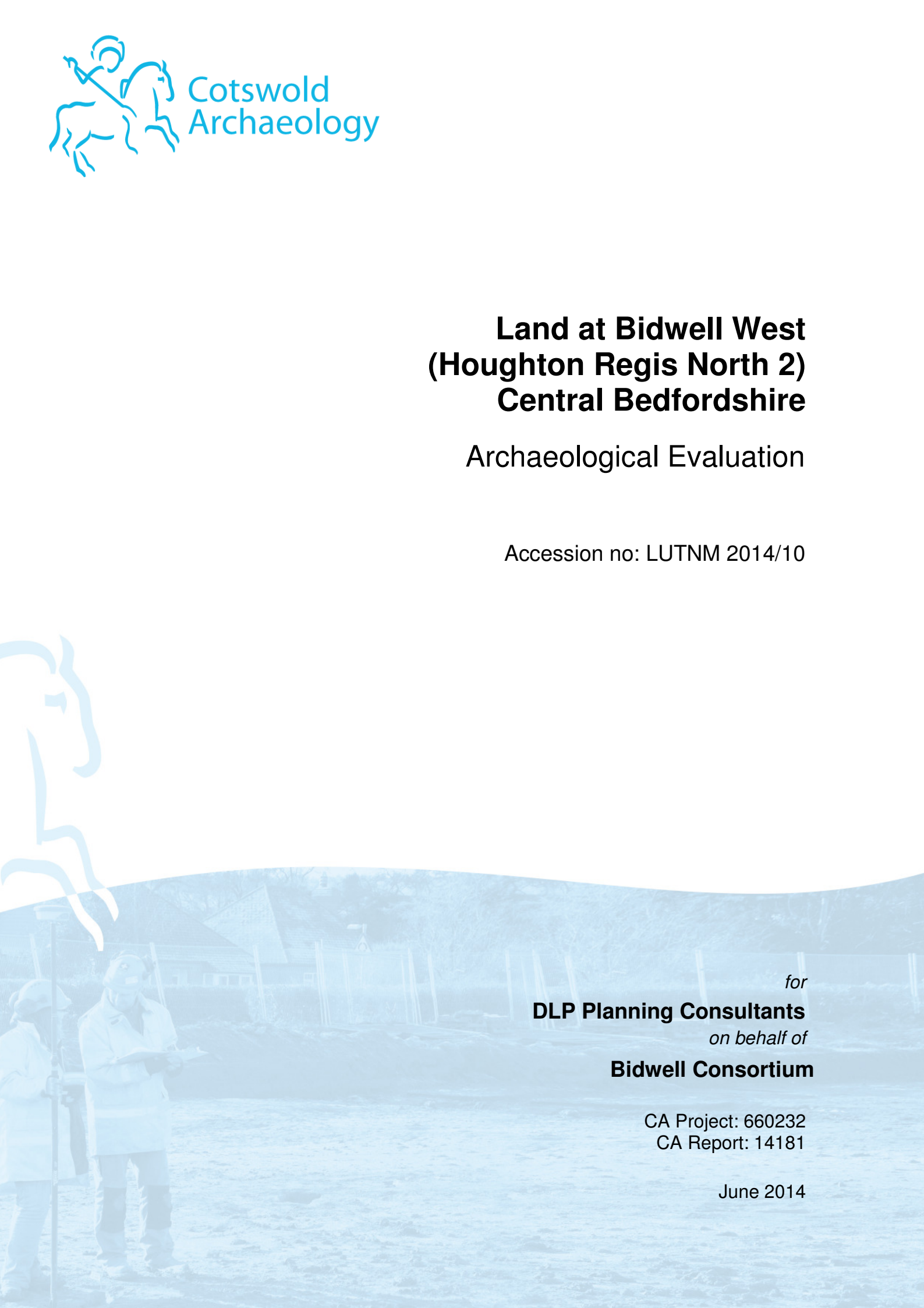


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## SUMMARY

<b>Project Name:</b>	Bidwell West (Houghton Regis North 2)
<b>Location:</b>	Houghton Regis, Central Bedfordshire
<b>NGR:</b>	NGR: TL 0077 2424
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In March and April 2014, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of farmland near Bidwell, Houghton Regis, Central Bedfordshire. The evaluation, which was commissioned by DLP Planning Consultants, acting on behalf of Bidwell Consortium, was undertaken prior to the submission of a planning application for the mixed-use development of the site. The evaluation was preceded by a geophysical survey and desk-based assessment, which identified areas of prehistoric/Roman settlement in the northern part of the site and the remains of a medieval open field system and post-medieval/modern land boundaries across the much of the proposed development area.

The earliest evidence for human activity was located on the crest of the chalk scarp in the southern part of the site and dates to the Early Neolithic. This comprised a small pit containing pottery, flint flakes, burnt hazelnut shells and charcoal. At the foot of the scarp there was a more substantial feature cut by a small ditch that provided artefactual evidence for Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age activity. Confirming geophysical survey results, the evaluation demonstrated the presence of an Iron Age and a Roman settlement at the northern edge of the site; beyond the site, these had previously been investigated as part of the evaluation for the A5/M1 Link Road. The site of a second Roman settlement was confirmed just north of Thorn Road, east of Thorn Spring.

The remains of a medieval open field system, comprising blocks of parallel furrows on varying alignments, were encountered across the northern and central parts of the site. A sequence of ditches parallel and to the south of Thorn Road, marking the edge of an area of common land, may date from the late medieval period. This open landscape was subsequently enclosed in the post-medieval and modern periods.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In March and April 2014, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of farmland near Bidwell, Houghton Regis, Central Bedfordshire (site centred on NGR: TL 0077 2424; Fig. 1). The evaluation, which was commissioned by DLP Planning Consultants, acting on behalf of Bidwell Consortium, was undertaken prior to the submission of a planning application for the mixed-use development of the site. A summary of the results has been incorporated into the *Environmental Statement* (CA 2014a) that will be submitted as part of the proposed application.
- 1.2 The scope of the evaluation was outlined in the *Brief for a Programme of Archaeological Field Evaluation of Land at Bidwell West (Houghton Regis North 2), Bedfordshire*, issued by Martin Oake, Central Bedfordshire Council's Archaeological Advisor (CBCAA 2014). The archaeological evaluation was requested as the proposed development area is considered to be "archaeologically sensitive [and] in a rich multi-period archaeological landscape" (CBCAA 2014, 3). A *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) for the project was prepared by CA (2014b) and approved by CBCAA. The evaluation was preceded by a geophysical survey (PCG 2014) and desk-based assessment (CA 2014b), which identified areas of prehistoric/Roman settlement in the northern part of the site and the remains of a medieval open field system and post-medieval/modern land boundaries across the much of the proposed development area.
- 1.3 All work was carried out in accordance with the WSI (CA 2014c) and abided by the Institute for Archaeologist's (IfA) *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008), the English Heritage procedural documents *Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (English Heritage 1991) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (EH 2006) The fieldwork was monitored by Martin Oake, with site visits being made on 4th, 11th and 25th April 2014.

### **The site**

- 1.4 The proposed development area encloses an area of c. 175ha, and comprises an irregular block of arable farmland, divided into fields by hedgerows and roads, and a disused quarry, Puddlehill Quarry, designated as a *Site of Special Scientific Interest* (SSSI). The site is located to the west of Bidwell, Houghton Regis, approximately 1.5km to the north of Dunstable town centre (Fig. 1). The site is bounded by Watling

Street (A5) and a sewage plant to the west, agricultural land to the north, Bedford Road (A5120) and housing on the western fringes of Houghton Regis to the east and a reservoir to the south. The site spans the crest of the ridge and north-facing scarp of the Chiltern Hills and a low lying area at the foot of the scarp. The highest point of the site, at 140m above Ordnance Datum (aOD), is on the crest of the scarp slope, the ground descending to 100m aOD at the northern edge of the site. The Icknield Way crosses the site from south-west to north-east, roughly following the line of the chalk escarpment.

- 1.5 The bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Cretaceous rocks of the Zig Zag Chalk Formation and Totternhoe Stone Member in the area of the former quarry and along its northern edge, with rocks of the West Melbury Marly Chalk Formation underlying the lower ground at the base of the escarpment. There are no superficial deposits within the site apart from a thin band of clay, silt, sand and gravel of Head deposits running along Ouzel Brook, east to west through the site (BGS 2014).

#### ***Archaeological background***

- 1.6 The archaeological and historical background of the site has been presented in the Heritage Desk-Based Assessment (DBA) prepared by CA (2014b), from which the following summary has been taken.
- 1.7 There are nineteen previously recorded heritage assets located within the proposed development site. These consist of evidence for Neolithic, Iron Age, Roman and Saxon occupation discovered in Puddlehill Quarry between 1951-65, now all destroyed; Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman and medieval evidence identified during archaeological investigations for the A5-M1 Link Road in 2007; medieval cropmarks and earthworks indicating a possible moated site and its green, as well as a trackway, the medieval settlement of Thorn and its green, part of the medieval settlement of Bidwell, and medieval findspots; and post-medieval and modern quarries and earthworks, and a windmill and a pillbox, now both destroyed.
- 1.8 A geophysical survey of the proposed development area has recently been undertaken as part of the current programme of archaeological evaluation (PCG 2014). The survey indicated a range of anomalies throughout the site, including pits and ditches, some of which form enclosures or other features. Of particular interest are two areas in the northern part of the site, to the south-west of Thorn Farm and north of Thorn Spring, where geophysical survey in advance of the construction of

the A5-M1 Link Road identified the remains of Iron Age and Roman settlement (NA 2008a). With the exception of one trial trench that extended into the current site, subsequent trial trench evaluation was confined to the route of the road corridor to the north of the site (NA 2008b), so the current site has not been subject to intrusive investigation in this area.

### **Archaeological objectives**

1.9 The objectives of the evaluation, as outlined in the WSI (CA 2014), were to:

- establish the location, extent, nature, character and date of any buried archaeological features or deposits that may be present;
- establish the integrity and state of preservation of any buried archaeological features or deposits that may be present.

The results of the evaluation will assist CBCAA in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

In assessing the results and the significance of any buried remains, reference has been made to:

- *Research and Archaeology: a Framework for the Eastern Counties 1: Resource Assessment* (Glazebrook 1997);
- *Research and Archaeology: a Framework for the Eastern Counties 2: Research Agenda and Strategy* (Brown and Glazebrook 2000);
- *Bedfordshire Archaeology, Research and Archaeology: Resource Assessment, Research Agenda and Strategy* (Oake et al. 2007);
- *Research and Archaeology Revisited: A Revised Framework for the East of England* (Medlycott 2011).

### **Methodology**

1.12 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 147 trenches (7350 linear metres) in the locations approved by CBCAA (Fig. 2). The trenches, which were 50m long by 2m wide, were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica 1200 series SmartRover GPS and surveyed in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 4: Survey Manual* (2012).



- 1.13 The trenches were excavated using mechanical excavators fitted with a 2.0m wide toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the geological 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* (2013). All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with *Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately After Excavation* (CA 1995).
- 1.14 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with *Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* (CA 2003); twelve 40 litre soil samples were taken, predominately from prehistoric and Roman deposits.
- 1.15 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Newport Pagnell. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Luton Museum under accession number LUTNM 2014/10, along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

## 2. RESULTS

### *Introduction*

- 2.1 The evaluation comprised the excavation and investigation of 147 trial trenches (each 50m long, 7350 linear metres) in the locations shown in Figure 2. The results are summarized in Table 1 below and in the accompanying text; context details of the features and deposits encountered in the trial trenches are presented in Appendix A. The results have been presented so that they relate to the proposed development areas shown on the development master plan; where necessary, they are cross-referenced with the geophysical survey areas.

Table 1: Summary of archaeology by area

<b>Development Area</b>	<b>Trenches</b>	<b>Geophysical Survey Area</b>	<b>Archaeology</b> (trench no. in parenthesis)
Employment Area	29-43	A1	MIA/IA settlement (29, 30-33, 35) Furrows Post-med/modern ditches (39, 43) Undated (38, 40-43)
Local Centre	82,83,86	A8	Med/post-med land boundary (83) Undated features (82, 86)
School	85, 87-89	A8	Prehistoric/Roman cremation? (85) Iron Age ditches (87, 88) Med/post-med channel? (88)
Playing Fields	134-147	A10	LBA/EIA feature (143) Furrows Post-med field boundary (map) (138) Undated ditches (141, 142)
Residential 1	24-28	A1	Furrows Post-med/modern field boundaries
Residential 2	15-23	A3	Roman settlement (13-15) Furrows Post-med/modern ditches (17, 18, 21, 23)
Residential 3	1-5, 9-14	A3	Roman ditches (3, 10) Furrows Post-med/modern ditch (map) (10) Undated ditches (4, 12)
Residential 4	44, 45, 49-51	A6	Furrows Modern ditch (44, 50)
Residential 5	52, 60-71	A6	Furrows Undated pond (66) Undated ditch (69)
Residential 6	53-58	A6	Furrows Modern ditch (55) Undated ditches (54, 59)
Residential 7	6-8, 46-48	A4, A5	Roman settlement (7, 8) Furrows Undated ditches and ponds (6, 46, 48)
Residential 8	75-77	A7	Furrows Field boundary (map) (76)
Residential 9	72-74	A7	Med/post-med channel? (74) Med/post-med enclosure? (72, 73) Post-med field boundary (map) (74)
Residential 10	79-81, 84	A8	Med/post-med ditch (80)
Residential 11	90-94, 99, 101	A10	Furrows Post-med ditch (91) Undated features (92, 94, 101)
Residential 12	95-98, 100, 102-106	A10	Roman ditches (96) Furrows Undated ditches (95, 100)
Residential 13	107-115	A10	Roman ditches (115) Furrows
Residential 14	122-125, 128, 132	A11	Post-med hollow (122) Undated hollow (124)
Residential 15	126, 127, 129-131	A11	Early Neolithic pit (131) Post-med quarry pit (131)
Residential 16	116-121	A11	No archaeology
Wildlife Trust VC	133	A11	No archaeology

### **General stratigraphy**

- 2.2 Geologically and topographically the site can be divided into three broad zones: the chalk scarp in the south part of the site; the vale and floodplain of Ouzel Brook in the centre; and the low chalky clay ridge to the north of the floodplain.
- 2.3 On the scarp, removal of the ploughsoil exposed the surface of the chalk at a depth of approximately 0.25m below current ground level (bcgl). Subsoil was intermittent, filling shallow hollows in the surface of the bedrock. The geophysical survey results show a dendritic pattern of diffuse anomalies aligned downslope on the scarp face; excavation demonstrated that these were naturally-formed features created by erosional processes, which had subsequently silted up with colluvium. Hand and machine excavation through the colluvium in selected trenches showed that it was up to 2.3m thick and overlay the chalk.
- 2.4 In the vale and on the floodplain of Ouzel Brook, the geology changed to chalky white, yellowish-white or greyish-brown clay or silty clay, with occasional outcrops of solid chalk near the foot of the scarp. Approaching the brook, the clay fraction increased and the geology was predominately white or yellowish-white chalky clay with occasional patches of chalky gravel. There were only intermittent areas of subsoil and the geology was generally overlain by c. 0.3m of ploughsoil.
- 2.5 To the north of Thorn Road there was a slight rise in ground level, where the geology changed to predominately greyish-white chalky clay marl, with intermittent outcrops of soft, weathered chalk. Thin subsoil, with an average thickness of c. 0.10m, had developed over this horizon and this was overlain by ploughsoil, typically 0.3m thick.

### **Employment Area (Trenches 29-43)**

- 2.6 The site of the proposed Employment Area (2.6ha) and surrounding landscaped areas comprises the centre and western end of a large arable field, bounded by Watling Street (A5) to the west and Thorn Road to the south (Figs 2 and 2a). The results of the geophysical survey (Survey Area A1) show a pattern of anomalies in this area, which have been interpreted as the remains of a prehistoric settlement, elements of which have been previously investigated as part of the evaluation for the A5/M1 Link Road, to the north of the current site (NA 2008a; 2008b). The evaluation confirmed the presence of a prehistoric enclosure and associated

features, dated by pottery to the Iron Age, predominately the Middle Iron Age, with some evidence for Roman activity. The remains of medieval/post-medieval ploughing were also recorded.

### **Iron Age**

#### *Trench 29*

- 2.7 At the north end of the trench was ditch 2903, which corresponds with the south side of a large rectilinear enclosure shown on the geophysical survey results. It was aligned north-east to south-west, had a stepped concave profile and measured 2.3m wide by 1.26m deep (Fig. 3). The lower fills contained sherds of Romano-British pottery.

#### *Trench 30*

- 2.8 At the north end of the trench was a wide ditch, 3012, that corresponded with the north-west side of the rectilinear enclosure shown on the geophysical survey results. It had a V-shaped profile and measured 2.8m wide by 1.2m deep (Fig. 4). Sherds of pottery recovered from its fills predominately dates to the Middle Iron Age.

- 2.9 Four pits were identified within the enclosure, 3003, 3004, 3006 and 3007. They all extended beyond the limits of the trench so their full extent could not be determined. Two of the pits were excavated: pit 3004 measured 1.1m wide by 0.48m deep and its fill, 3019, contained a small sherd of possible Iron Age pottery; pit 3007 measured 0.7m wide by 0.25m deep and five sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery were recovered from its fill, 3024.

- 2.10 Other features in this trench, which are all considered to date to the Iron Age, comprised two small ditches, 3016 and 3029, which had largely been truncated by the large enclosure ditch 3012, and two postholes, 3005 and 3010.

#### *Trench 31*

- 2.11 Corresponding with a ring ditch shown on the geophysical survey results, ditch 3109 measured 0.75m wide by 0.32m deep. A small pit/posthole, 3105, with a diameter of c. 0.6m and depth of 0.12m, was identified c. 7m to the north-east of the ditch. Sherds of Iron Age pottery were recovered from both features.

*Trench 32*

- 2.12 An irregular linear feature near the centre of the trench, 3203, interpreted as either an animal burrow or root disturbance, contained seven sherds of Iron Age pottery. Given the quantity of pottery in the fill of this feature, it is likely that this is the terminal of a small ditch or several intercutting small pits of Iron Age date.

*Trench 33*

- 2.13 Extending down the centre of the trench on a north-east to south-west alignment was ditch 3303 (Fig. 5). It turned to the north-west at either end, suggesting that it may be the south-east side of an enclosure, measuring approximately 16m along this side. The ditch had a relatively steep-sided, V-shaped profile with a concave base and measured 0.84m wide by 0.43m deep. Sherds of Iron Age pottery were recovered from its fills, 3310 and 3311.
- 2.14 Ditch 3303 was cut at right angles by ditch 3317, which corresponds with the south-west side of the rectilinear enclosure shown on the geophysical survey results. It had a width of 2.1m (not fully excavated, see Trench 29).
- 2.15 Parallel and approximately 5m to the west of the enclosure ditch was ditch 3309. This measured 0.84m wide by 0.44m deep and its fill contained sherds of Iron Age pottery.
- 2.16 A small, slightly curvilinear ditch with a width of *c.* 0.4m, 3302, was identified at the north-east end of the trench. This was not excavated but it is likely to be contemporary with the other Iron Age features in this trench; its shape tentatively suggests that it may be part of a roundhouse ring ditch.

*Trench 35*

- 2.17 Two ditches, 3503 and 3511, and three possible postholes/small pits, 3505, 3507 and 3509, were identified in the south-west half of the trench. The ditches appear to correspond with weak linear geophysical anomalies that extend south-eastwards from a series of small Iron Age enclosures at the northern edge of the site.
- 2.18 Ditch 3503 was aligned east to west and measured 0.7m wide by 0.31m deep. It appeared to converge to the north-west with ditch 3511, a shallow feature

measuring 0.4m wide by 0.09m deep. The postholes were not excavated, but are considered to be contemporary with the prehistoric ditches immediately to the west.

#### *Trench 42*

- 2.19 The southern edge of a pit, 4209, was exposed at the south-west end of the trench. Its full extent could not be determined, but it was over 2.7m wide and had a depth of at least 0.54m. Its upper fill, 4210, contained an assemblage of Iron Age pottery (fifty-three sherds) and worked flint.

#### *Trench 43*

- 2.20 Passing through the centre of the trench on a north-east to south-west alignment was ditch 4303. This had a steep-sided, V-shaped profile with a narrow concave base and measured 0.8m wide by 0.45m deep. It was cut by a shallow ditch on the same alignment, 4309, measuring 0.5m wide by 0.13m deep. Sherds of Iron Age pottery were recovered from both features, including sherds of Middle Iron Age date.

### **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

- 2.21 The remains of medieval/post-medieval ridge and furrow ploughing were recorded in most of the trenches in this area. The furrow bases, which were spaced c. 8m apart and were typically between 1m-3m wide and up to 0.29m deep, were aligned north-west to south-east and corresponded with a series of parallel, linear anomalies shown on the geophysical survey results.

### **Undated**

#### *Trench 36*

- 2.22 Near the centre of the trench was a possible posthole, 3607, with a diameter of 0.30m and depth of 0.07m.

#### *Trench 38*

- 2.23 In the north-east half of the trenches were two small, parallel ditches on a north-west to south-east alignment, 3805 and 3807. The easternmost ditch, 3805, measured 0.47m wide by 0.17m deep; ditch 3807, which was located c. 3m to the west, was wider and shallower, measuring 0.84m wide by 0.08m deep.
- 2.24 A posthole, 3803, with a diameter of 0.45m and depth of 0.19m, was identified at the north-east end of the trench.

*Trench 39*

- 2.25 Parallel to the furrows, on a north-west to south-east alignment, ditch 3911 measured 1.9m wide by 0.70m deep and had steep, near vertical sides and a roughly flat base. It was cut by at least one furrow, indicating a medieval or pre-medieval date for the feature.

*Trench 40*

- 2.26 Ditch 4003, which was situated at the west end of the trench, was aligned north-east to south-west and measured 0.7m wide by 0.22m deep. It had an irregular, pitted profile, suggesting that it may be a grubbed-out hedgerow.

*Trench 41*

- 2.27 Extending along the central part of the trench on a north to south alignment, ditch 4103 measured 0.6m wide by 0.21m deep and had a concave profile. It was cut by a furrow, indicating a medieval or pre-medieval date for the feature.

*Trench 42*

- 2.28 Ditch 4203, which was located at the south-west end of the trench, was aligned roughly north to south and measured 0.7m wide by 0.26m deep. In the centre of the trench was a similarly-sized ditch on an east to west alignment, 4211, its eastern end truncated by a large area of modern disturbance. Parallel to a furrow at the north-east end of the trench was ditch 4207, which measured 0.87m wide by 0.13m deep.

***Local Centre (Trenches 82, 83 and 86)***

- 2.29 Three trenches were excavated in the area of the proposed Local Centre, which comprises a 1.9ha block of arable farmland, currently part of a large rectangular field adjacent and to the south of Thorn Road (Figs. 2 and 2d). The results of the geophysical survey of this area (Survey Area A8) indicated one potential ditch near the centre of the field and three linear anomalies, interpreted as land drains. The potential ditch was found to comprise a sequence of ditches on the same alignment, corresponding with a medieval/post-medieval land boundary shown on historic maps of the area.

**Medieval/post-medieval***Trench 83*

- 2.30 Passing through the northern end of the trench on an east to west alignment was a broad ditch that appeared to have been recut on at least two occasions. This feature corresponds with the linear anomaly, interpreted as a ditch, shown on the geophysical survey results and on the 1766 Parish Map of the area (Fig. 14). A probable continuation of the ditch was also identified in Trenches 80 and 88, to the east and west respectively. Although small sherds of prehistoric pottery were recovered from the first recut, post-medieval tile and brick were recovered from the subsequent recut, so it is likely that the ditches date to the medieval/post-medieval period and that the prehistoric pottery is residual.
- 2.31 The initial cut of the ditch, 8302, was approximately 2.3m wide and at least 0.7m deep (base not attained). The lower fill, 8303, was mid grey clay that was probably deposited as water borne sediment within the ditch. The northern edge of this ditch was truncated by an offset recut, 8306, which was 0.48m deep and had a broad, steep-sided, V-shaped profile. Its northern edge was largely truncated by the subsequent recut, 8309, but it would have had a width of c. 1.3m. Two small sherds of prehistoric pottery were recovered from two of its clayey fills. The final recut, 8309, had a broad, moderately steep-sided concave profile and measured approximately 3.0m wide by 0.62 m deep. Post-medieval roof tile was recovered from its basal fill and a fragment of post-medieval brick from one of its upper fills. There is a possibility that the ditch was recut on one more occasion (recut 8316), but the siltier, more humic fill (8317) suggests that the open ditch may have been deliberately backfilled and levelled off in more recent times.

### **Undated**

#### *Trench 82*

- 2.32 Passing through the north-west end of the trench on a north to south alignment was a small ditch, 8204, measuring 0.65m wide by 0.27m deep. The northern edge of a second ditch on an east to west alignment, 8202, was identified at the south-east end of the trench (not excavated).
- 2.33 Approximately 10m to the south-east of ditch 8204 was a cluster of six postholes, 8206, 8208, 8210, 8212, 8214 and 8216. Within the narrow confines of the trench it was not possible to determine if they were the remains of a possible timber building or other structure, but postholes 8208, 8210 and 8212 appeared to be in an approximate east to west alignment. The postholes ranged in size from 0.23m to



0.51m and were up to 0.23m deep. There was an isolated posthole of a similar size, 8218, near the south-eastern end of the trench.

#### *Trench 86*

- 2.34 The terminal of a small, curvilinear ditch, 8604, was located near the centre of the trench. It measured 0.21m wide by 0.33m deep and had a V-shaped profile. The terminal was cut by a small pit or posthole, 8609, that had a diameter of 0.34m and depth of 0.38m.
- 2.35 Towards the north-west end of the trench was pit 8606, which had a diameter of 0.68m and depth of 0.19m.

#### **School (Trenches 85, 87-89)**

- 2.36 The site of the proposed school, which covers an area of 2.5ha, is located adjacent and to the south of Thorn Road and comprises the western third of a large rectangular arable field (Figs. 2 and 2d). There were no geophysical anomalies highlighted as being of potential archaeological interest in this area (Survey Area A8), although excavation revealed possible Iron Age activity in the north-west corner of the field, in Trenches 87 and 88, a possible prehistoric/Roman cremation burial in Trench 85, and a sequence of parallel intercutting ditches in Trench 87 (probably a continuation of those investigated in Trenches 80 and 83). There were no archaeological remains in Trench 89.

#### **Prehistoric/Roman**

##### *Trench 85*

- 2.37 Towards the southern end of the trench there was a cluster of four roughly circular or oval features, 8502, 8503, 8504 and 8505, varying in size from c. 0.2m in diameter to over 1.0m long by 0.6m wide. They were filled with dark grey silty clay and feature 8505 contained fragments of burnt bone, suggesting that it may be the ploughed out remains of a cremation burial, although the bone was too fragmented to be certain that the remains were human. The features were not excavated and when the trench was backfilled it was covered with terram to protect it and mark its location, should it be re-exposed.

##### *Trench 87*



- 2.38 Passing through the west end of the trench on a north to south alignment, ditch 8702 measured 0.66m wide by 0.17m deep and had a shallow concave profile. A sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered from its fill, 8702.
- 2.39 A similar, though slightly wider ditch, 8706, was encountered at the opposite end of the trench, where it extended northwards and then turned to the north-west. Adjacent to ditch 8706 was pit 8708, which was sub-rectangular in plan, had steep, near vertical sides, a flat base and measured 0.97m wide by 0.40m deep. Approximately 3.0m to the east was an elongated, steep-sided pit, 8713, which measured 1.53 m long by 0.95m wide by 0.85m deep. Although these features are undated, their proximity to ditch 8702, which may be Iron Age in date, suggests that they may be contemporary.

#### *Trench 88*

- 2.40 Near the centre of the trench were two converging ditches, 8803 and 8808. Ditch 8803 was aligned roughly east to west and measured 1.1m wide by 0.45m deep. Two sherds of Iron Age pottery were recovered from one of its fills, 8806. Ditch 8808, which was on a more north-westerly alignment and measured 1.4m wide by 0.56m deep, is undated but it is likely to be contemporary with ditch 8803.

### **Medieval/post-medieval**

#### *Trench 88*

- 2.41 Passing through the south-west end of the trench was a complex sequence of roughly parallel, intercutting ditches, 8812, 8814, 8816, 8818 and 8822. They were of a comparable size and on roughly the same alignment as the sequence of ditches investigated in Trenches 80 and 83.

#### ***Playing fields (Trenches 134 -147)***

- 2.42 The site of the proposed playing fields encompasses most of the western half of a large arable field bordering the south bank of Ouzel Brook and extending south to the northern edge of Bluewaters Woodland Nature Reserve (Figs 2, 2d and 2f). The adjacent field to the south-west was originally intended to be included in the playing fields area, but was subsequently assigned to the Wildlife Trust, so evaluation was not required there. Geophysical survey (Survey Area A10) clearly shows the remains of medieval furrows, with the typical reversed-S pattern of striations across the field.

- 2.43 Fourteen trenches were excavated in this area, which revealed late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age features in Trench 143, a post-medieval/modern field boundary in Trench 138 and undated ditches in Trenches 141 and 142. Medieval furrows were recorded in the majority of the trenches, except for those bordering Ouzel Brook. No archaeological remains were encountered in Trenches 134, 135 and 136.

### **Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age**

#### *Trench 143*

- 2.44 Passing through the northern half of the trench on a north-east to south-west alignment was feature 14305, which measured 1.8m wide by at least 0.9m deep (base not attained), had steep, near vertical sides and was filled with a sequence of deposits (Fig. 12). Its full extent could not be established within the trench so it is not certain if this feature is a ditch or a pit. It was cut along its central axis by ditch 14302, which measured 1.3m wide by 0.60m deep. This had an asymmetrical profile, with a gently sloping eastern edge and a steep, almost vertical western edge and its basal fill contained fourteen sherds of Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery.

### **Medieval furrows**

- 2.45 The remains of medieval furrows were identified in all of the trenches in this area apart from those on the northern side of the field, close to Ouzel Brook (Trenches 134-136 and 138). They were aligned north-east to south-west and were generally spaced c. 8m apart.

### **Post-medieval/modern**

#### *Trench 138*

- 2.46 Passing through the centre of the trench on an east to west alignment were two collinear ditches, 13802 and 13804, which continued east into Trench 91. The earlier of the two ditches, 13802, measured 1.3m wide by 0.37m deep and had a broad, V-shaped profile with a concave base. Ditch 13804, which was offset to the north and is probably a recut of the earlier ditch, measured 1.4m wide by 0.52m deep and had steep, near vertical sides and a flat base. This contained a variable sequence of silty clay fills and the charcoal-flecked upper fill, 13810, contained fragments of animal bone. The ditches correspond with a field boundary shown on historic maps of the area.

### **Undated**

*Trench 141*

- 2.47 Near the centre of the trench was ditch 14102, which was aligned east to west and measured 0.7m wide by 0.29m deep.

*Trench 142*

- 2.48 Situated between two furrows and on the same north-east to south-west alignment was ditch 14202, which measured 0.5m wide by 0.23m deep.

**Residential Area 1 (Trenches 24-28)**

- 2.49 The proposed site of Residential Area 1 (4.5ha) consists of an L-shaped block of arable farmland to the north of Thorn Road, bordering Thorn Farm to the east and north (Figs. 2 and 2a). The ground slopes gradually to the south from c. 105m at the northern edge of the site to 100m aOD adjacent to Thorn Road. The geophysical survey results (Survey Area A1) shows a former field boundary, ploughed-out medieval/post-medieval ridge and furrow and areas of modern disturbance. The evaluation confirmed the presence of these features.

**Medieval/post-medieval furrows***Trenches 24-26*

- 2.50 Medieval/post-medieval furrows, corresponding with a series of north-west to south-east aligned linear anomalies shown on the geophysical survey results, were recorded in Trenches 24-26. They were aligned northwest to south-east and were spaced c. 6m apart.

**Post-medieval/modern***Trench 24*

- 2.51 At the north-east end of the trench was a shallow linear ditch, 2403, which corresponds with a linear anomaly shown on the geophysical results. The ditch was aligned east to west, had an irregular, shallow profile and measured 1.4m wide by up to 0.22m deep. The base of the ditch was pitted by numerous tree/shrub roots, suggesting that the ditch is probably a former field boundary, grubbed out in recent years. A sherd of residual Roman pottery and a fragment of Roman brick were recovered from its fill, 2404.

*Trench 25*

- 2.52 Three ditches were identified in this trench, running parallel to the north-west to south-east aligned furrows. Ditch 2513, a former field boundary, was situated at the

south-west end of the trench and corresponds with a broad, linear geophysical anomaly and a field boundary shown on historic mapping. Ditch 2511, which was located c. 4m to the east, measured 1.0m wide by 0.40m deep and its upper fill, 2512, contained a residual sherd of Roman pottery and five pieces of fired clay. Ditch 2503, which was located near the centre of the trench, measured 1.7m wide by 0.32m deep and had a broad, concave profile.

#### *Trench 27*

- 2.53 At the north-west end of the trench on a north-east to south-west alignment was ditch 2703, which measured 0.9m wide by 0.32m deep. Parallel and c. 20m to the south of this was ditch 2709, a former field boundary measuring approximately 2.0m wide, which is shown on the geophysical survey results and on historic mapping. In the south half of the trench was ditch 2706, which was aligned north-west to south-east and measured 0.7m wide by 0.20m deep.

#### *Trench 28*

- 2.54 Passing through the centre of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment was the continuation of the former field boundary ditch investigated in Trench 24.

### ***Residential Area 2 (Trenches 13-23)***

- 2.55 Located between Thorn Farm and Thorn Spring, to the north of Thorn Road, Residential Area 2 comprises an arable field covering c. 6ha. In this report, the area includes a strip of land to the north of Thorn Spring that is shown as landscaping on the development plan (Figs. 2, 2b and 2d). The ground was flat and low-lying, at the edge of the floodplain of Ouzel Brook, at c. 100m aOD. Eleven trenches were excavated in this area, three of which targeted geophysical anomalies interpreted as the remains of prehistoric/Roman settlement. The presence of a Roman enclosure was confirmed at the northern edge of the site.

### **Roman**

#### *Trench 13*

- 2.56 Although not clearly shown on the geophysical survey results, passing through the centre of the trench were three ditches of Roman date. The ditch corresponding with the enclosure targeted by this trench was not investigated as it lay beneath a farmer's 'tramline' (see Trench 14).

- 2.57 Ditch 1316 had a broad, shallow, concave profile and measured 1.6m wide by 0.26m deep (Fig. 6). A small quantity of Roman pottery and a residual sherd of Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery was recovered from its fills. Its east edge was truncated by ditch 1321, which had a steep-sided, V-shaped profile with a relatively wide flat base and measured 1.8m wide by 0.73m deep. Roman pottery was recovered from its upper fills, 1326 and 1327. The west edge of ditch 1321 cut an irregular, amorphous feature, 1314, that was interpreted as being of natural formation (not shown in Fig. 6).
- 2.58 Approximately 3m to the east of ditch 1321 was ditch 1303, which was on roughly the same alignment. Within the trench this had largely been truncated by a post-medieval/modern ditch (see below), but it had a depth of 0.76m and its width is estimated at 2.3m. A small quantity of Roman pottery was recovered from its fills.

#### *Trench 14*

- 2.59 Corresponding with the enclosure ditch shown on the geophysical survey results, the ditch was found to comprise three small ditches, 1407, 1409 and 1411. Subsequent recutting had removed much of ditch 1407 and its full profile could not be determined, but it appears to have been broad and shallow, measuring only 0.13m deep. Its east edge was truncated by ditch 1409, which had a broad, relatively steep-sided concave profile and measured 0.9m wide by 0.25m deep. The ditch cutting its west edge, 1411, had a steep-sided, V-shaped profile and measured 0.4m wide by 0.26m deep. Both of these ditches contained sherds of 1st century Roman pottery.
- 2.60 Although undated but probably contemporary with the enclosure, ditch 1402 had a steep-sided, V-shaped profile and measured 0.8m wide by 0.38m deep.

#### *Trench 15*

- 2.61 Two recut ditches on a north-west to south-east alignment were identified in Trench 15. The geophysical survey results show an area of magnetic disturbance in this location, which has masked any anomalies that may have been apparent. At the south-west end of the trench, ditch 1507 had a steep-sided V-shaped profile with a narrow concave base and measured 1.5m wide by 0.89m deep. Its recut, 1514, which was offset to the east, had a similar profile but it was smaller, measuring 1.1m wide by 0.59m deep. Roman pottery and residual sherds of Iron Age pottery were recovered from its fills.

- 2.62 Near the centre of the trench, ditch 1505 was largely truncated by the recut, 1502, and only a small remnant of the base survived; it would have had a depth of 0.41m. The recut measured 1.0m wide by 0.59m deep and had a steep-sided, V-shaped profile. Fragments of Roman ceramic building material (brick/tile) were recovered from its fills, 1503 and 1504.
- 2.63 Possibly associated with the Roman ditches, posthole 1519 had a diameter of 0.39m and depth of 0.17m.

### **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

- 2.64 Ploughed-out ridge and furrow earthworks, corresponding with a series of weak, parallel geophysical anomalies on a north-west to south-east alignment, were recorded in Trenches 13-20.

### **Post-medieval/modern**

#### *Trench 13*

- 2.65 Cutting Roman ditch 1303, recut ditch 1307/1312 was aligned north-west to south east (on a slightly more westerly alignment than the Roman ditch), measured 1.8m wide by 0.48m deep and had a broad concave profile. Its recut, 1312, was offset slightly to the east and measured 1.2m wide by 0.49m deep. Post-medieval brick and tile and post-medieval pottery dating to the late 17th to 18th century were recovered from its fills

#### *Trench 17*

- 2.66 Passing through the north-east end of the trench on a north-west to south-east, ditch 1704 had a steep-sided, concave profile and measured 1.1m wide by 0.49m deep. Sherds of late 17th to 18th-century pottery were recovered from its fill, 1705. The ditch was cut at right angles by ditch 1702, which was of a similar size and profile.

#### *Trench 18*

- 2.67 Parallel to the furrows, on a north-west to south-east alignment, were two small ditches, 1802 and 1804. Ditch 1802 measured 0.7m wide by 0.18m deep; ditch 1804 was slightly smaller, with a width of 0.5m and depth of 0.10m.

#### *Trench 21*

- 2.68 At the southern end of the trench was ditch 2102, which corresponds with the former field boundary shown on the geophysical survey results and historic mapping. It was aligned north-east to south-west, had a V-shaped profile with a narrow concave base and measured 1.9m wide by 1.04m deep. A ceramic land drain had been inserted into the base of the ditch.

#### *Trench 23*

- 2.69 Passing through the centre of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment was ditch 2302. It was c. 1.1m wide and its dark silty fill contained modern refuse, including a complete modern glass jam jar.

### ***Residential Area 3 (Trenches 1-5, 9-12)***

- 2.70 Residential Area 3 comprises the east end of a large arable field (c. 3.3ha) to the north-east of the medieval earthworks at Thorn Spring, north of Thorn Road (Figs. 2 and 2b). The ground in this area was relatively flat and lay at c. 102m aOD. Nine trenches were excavated in this area, revealing the remains of a probable Roman field system, medieval/post-medieval furrows and former post-medieval and modern field boundaries.

### **Roman**

#### *Trench 3*

- 2.71 At the east end of the trench were a small ditch and a pit. The ditch, 306, was aligned north-west to south-east and measured 0.7m wide by 0.23m deep. The oval pit, 302, was situated adjacent to the ditch and measured 0.88m long by 0.75m wide by 0.66m deep. It had steep, near vertical sides and its fills contained Romano-British pottery, pieces of fired clay and fragments of animal bone. Although the ditch is undated, its proximity to the pit suggests that it is contemporary.

#### *Trench 10*

- 2.72 Near the centre of the trench, ditch 1003 was aligned north-east to south-west and measured 0.55m wide by 0.12m deep. A sherd of Romano-British pottery and pieces of fired clay were recovered from its fill. It is possible that the ditch continues into Trench 4, where it terminates. To the south of ditch 1003 and on more of an easterly alignment was ditch 1006. This measured 1.2m wide by 0.24m deep and its fill, 1007, contained sherds of 1st to 2nd-century pottery.



### **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

- 2.73 Medieval/post-medieval furrows were recorded in all of the trenches in this area except for Trench 9. The furrows, which were aligned north-west to south-east, corresponded with the series of parallel, linear anomalies shown on the geophysical survey results.

### **Post-medieval/modern**

#### *Trench 10*

- 2.74 A ditch, 1010, was located towards the south-east end of the trench. It is the remains of a post-medieval/modern field boundary shown on late 20th-century maps of the area and corresponds with a linear geophysical anomaly that crosses the southern part of the field from north-east to south-west.

### **Undated**

#### *Trench 4*

- 2.75 Passing through the north-east end of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment was ditch 411, which measured 0.6m wide by 0.27m deep and had a steep-sided, U-shaped profile. The ditch may be a continuation of ditch 306 to the north-west.
- 2.76 At the south-west end of the trench was the north-east terminal of a small ditch, 403, that may be a continuation of ditch 1003 to the south-west. It measured approximately 0.9m wide by 0.28m deep and had steeply sloping sides and a flat base. It was cut at right-angles by ditch 405, which was of a similar size and profile. Approximately 6m to the north-east was a parallel ditch, 407, which measured 0.6m wide by 0.21m deep and had a shallow concave profile.

#### *Trench 12*

- 2.77 Near the centre of the trench was a shallow pit, 1207. Its full size could not be determined as it extended beyond the limits of the trench, but it had a width of c. 0.7m and a depth of 0.17m. Its two charcoal-rich fills contained burnt pebbles and a fragment of animal bone. Two postholes, 1203 and 1205, were located to the south-west; these had diameters of c. 0.22m and were up to 0.12m deep.

### **Residential Area 4 (Trenches 44-45, 49-51)**

- 2.78 Located in the north-east corner of the site, Residential Area 4 (3ha) comprises the west part of a large arable field (Figs. 2 and 2c). The ground in this area was flat

and lay at around the 105m OD contour. The remains of a medieval/post-medieval open field system and modern field boundaries were encountered in the five trenches in this area.

### **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

- 2.79 Although not immediately apparent from the results of the geophysical survey, furrows were encountered in all of the trenches in this area (Survey Area A6). The furrows in Trenches 44 and 49 showed a general north-east to south-west alignment, whereas those in the southern part of the field (Trenches 45, 50 and 51) were on a north-west to south-east orientation, demonstrating that there were two open fields in this area.

### **Modern**

#### *Trench 44*

- 2.80 Cutting the south edge of a furrow near the centre of the trench was ditch 4404. It was on the same alignment as the furrow (north-east to south-west), measured 0.7m wide by 0.38m deep and had a steep-sided, U-shaped profile.

#### *Trench 50*

- 2.81 Ditch 5003 passed through the centre of the trench on a north-east to south-west alignment. It corresponds with a former field boundary shown on the geophysical survey results (Survey Area A6) and on modern maps of the area.

### **Residential Area 5 (Trenches 52, 59-71)**

- 2.82 Situated in the north-east corner of the site, Residential Area 5 (c. 7ha) comprises the east part of a large arable field and a strip of arable farmland to the east, bordering Bedford Road (A5120) (Figs. 2 and 2c). The ground in this area was relatively flat and lay between the 101m and 107m OD contours. Fourteen trenches were excavated in this area, revealing the remains of a medieval/post-medieval open field system and undated ditches that were probably former field boundaries.

### **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

- 2.83 Medieval/post-medieval furrows were recorded across the entire area, their alignment corresponding with the series of parallel, linear anomalies shown on the geophysical survey results (Survey Area A6). They were generally aligned north-west to south-east, although in the central/southern part of the site there was a block of furrows on a north-east to south-west alignment, forming part of a second

open field. This appears to have been enclosed by a field boundary ditch at a later date and the enclosed field may have been further subdivided by two smaller ditched boundaries.

### **Undated**

#### *Trench 66*

- 2.84 Other than two furrows passing through the west end of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment, the only other feature of note was a large, silt-filled depression, interpreted as a pond, 6607, at the eastern end. The feature is shown as a large discrete anomaly on the geophysical survey results and excavation showed that it had a depth in excess of 0.67m. No dating evidence was recovered from the pond. The investment required to drain this particular part of the site is possibly represented by the high number of field drains located within Trench 66.

#### *Trench 69*

- 2.85 Ditch 6903 extended down the west end of the trench on a north-east to south-west alignment, on a slightly more north-easterly alignment than the furrows in this area. It measured 0.55m wide by 0.25m deep and was most likely cut for drainage purposes.

### **Residential Area 6 (Trenches 53-58)**

- 2.86 Residential Area 6 (2.9ha) comprises the south part of a large arable field adjacent and to the north of Thorn Road, opposite Bidwell Spinney (Figs. 2 and 2c). The ground is flat and lies at c. 101m aOD. The evaluation confirmed the results of the geophysical survey (Survey Area A6), which show furrows and former field boundaries across this part of the site.

### **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

- 2.87 The remains of medieval/post-medieval furrows were recorded in all of the trenches in this area. They were aligned north-west to south, spaced c. 6-8m apart and correspond with the series of parallel, linear anomalies shown in the geophysical survey results (Survey Area A6).

### **Modern**

#### *Trench 55*

- 2.88 Cutting the east edge of a furrow at the east end of the trench was a ditch, 5503. It was aligned north-west to south-east, on the same alignment as the furrow, and it



was 0.8m wide. Its fill contained fragments of clay pipe and other modern refuse (not retained).

## **Undated**

### *Trench 54*

- 2.89 Passing through the centre of the trench on a roughly east to west alignment was ditch 5411, which measured 0.48m wide by 0.36m deep. It was cut by a smaller ditch, 5409, which was on a north to south alignment and measured 0.3m wide by 0.30m deep.
- 2.90 Towards the east end of the trench was the north-western terminal of ditch 5403, which was aligned north-west to south-east and measured 0.46m wide by 0.18 deep. It was cut by ditch 5405, which measured 0.78m wide by 0.57m deep.

### *Trench 59*

- 2.91 Two small, converging ditches were encountered in the north-west part of the trench. Ditch 5905 measured 0.45m wide by 0.21m deep and had a shallow concave profile. Ditch 5903 was wider and deeper, at 0.70m wide by 0.44m deep with a steep-sided, concave profile.

## ***Residential Area 7 (Trenches 6-8, 46-48)***

- 2.92 The proposed site of Residential Area 7 (3.2ha) comprises two small arable fields bordering the north side of Thorn Road, adjacent and to the east of the medieval earthworks at Thorn Spring (Figs. 2 and 2c). The ground is flat and low-lying, at c. 100m aOD. In the western field, indistinct geophysical anomalies (Survey Area A4) were demonstrated by the excavation of Trenches 7 and 8 to be the remains of a Roman settlement. Elsewhere, two former ponds, possible furrows and undated ditches were encountered, few of which were shown on the geophysical survey results.

## ***Romano-British***

### *Trench 7*

- 2.93 In Trench 7 there was a complex of intercutting ditches and pits, containing pottery dating to the Roman period, as well as a small quantity of animal bone (Fig. 8). Excavation of the features was hampered by ground water, which seeped into the features at a depth just below the stripped surface. The larger ditches are probably the remains of enclosures and several of the smaller ditches, 708 and 710, were

slightly curvilinear, suggesting that they may be the remains of at least two roundhouses. The larger enclosure ditch, 703, was over 2.0m wide; it was hand-excavated to a depth of 0.4m and augering showed that it had a depth in excess of 0.85m.

#### *Trench 8*

- 2.94 At the west end of the trench were two parallel, linear ditches on an east to west alignment, 810 and 812 (Fig. 9). Romano-British pottery and animal bone was recovered from both features. Ditch 810 measured approximately 1.4m wide by 0.45m deep; ditch 812 was not excavated but it had a width of 1.5m. A ditch on a north to south alignment, 804, was identified at the east end of the trench; this had a width of 0.5m (not excavated) and Romano-British pottery was recovered from its surface.
- 2.95 Near the centre of the trench was a small, shallow pit, 806, measuring 1.4m long by 0.7m wide by 0.15m deep. The pottery recovered from the pit dates to the late 2nd to the 4th century AD.

#### **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

- 2.96 Two possible furrows on a north-west to south-east alignment were recorded near the centre of the Trench 46.

#### **Undated**

##### *Trench 6*

- 2.97 There were no archaeological features in this trench, but there were extensive deposits of silt and water-logged wood filling a large depression at its western end, possibly filling an infilled pond.

##### *Trench 46*

- 2.98 A large, irregular feature, possibly a former pond, 4605, was located in the centre of the trench. It measured 15.2m long by 0.43m deep, had gradually sloping sides and a flat base and extended beyond the confines of the trench to the north and south.

##### *Trench 48*

- 2.99 Two parallel, linear ditches passed through this trench on a north-east to south-west alignment. Ditch 4803 measured approximately 1.0m wide by 0.28m deep; ditch 4805 was slightly larger, measuring 1.2m wide by 0.31m deep.

### **Residential Area 8 (Trenches 75 -77)**

- 2.100 The proposed site of Residential Area 8 is situated to the south of Thorn Road and comprises the eastern half of an arable field bordering Bidwell Farm to the east (Figs. 2, 2c and 2e). The results of a geophysical survey of this area (Survey Area A7) show a possible rectangular enclosure in the northern part of the field and a sinuous anomaly, corresponding with a field boundary shown on historic maps, extending across the southern part of the field from east to west. The evaluation confirmed the results of the geophysical survey, although it was not possible to confirm that the features that created the 'enclosure' anomaly were associated.

### **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

#### *Trenches 75 and 76*

- 2.101 Furrows were recorded in Trench 75 and 76. They were aligned north to south and spaced c. 6-8m apart.

### **Post-medieval/modern**

#### *Trench 76*

- 2.102 Passing through the centre of the trench on a north-east to south-west alignment was ditch 7603, which corresponded with the sinuous anomaly shown on the geophysical survey results. The ditch, which was also recorded in Trenches 74 and 77, was 3.7m wide (not excavated, see Trench 77).

#### *Trench 77*

- 2.103 In the southern half of the trench, ditch 7702 was the south-westwards continuation of ditch 7603. It measured 2.9m wide by over 0.88m deep (base not attained) and had very steep sides. The silty lower fill of the ditch, 7703, had the characteristics of a water lain deposit, suggesting that it held standing water, probably throughout the year. The upper fill contained sherds of 16th to 18th-century pottery and fragments of post-medieval brick/tile.

### **Residential Area 9 (Trenches 72-74, 78)**

- 2.104 The proposed site of Residential Area 9 comprises the western side of an arable field bordering Thorn Road to the north and Bidwell Farm to the east (Figs. 2, 2c and 2e). The geophysical survey results of this area (Survey Area A7) show a possible rectangular enclosure in the northern part of the field, a linear anomaly

extending south-westwards from the south-west corner of the possible enclosure and a sinuous anomaly extending across the southern part of the field from east to west. The latter corresponds with a field boundary shown on historic maps. Four trenches were excavated in this area (Trenches 72-74 and 78)

### **Medieval/post-medieval**

#### *Trench 72*

- 2.105 Passing through the west end of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment were two parallel ditches, spaced c. 8m apart. The westernmost ditch, 7204 was c. 1.7m wide (not excavated); ditch 7202 measured 1.9m wide by 0.09m deep.
- 2.106 Near the centre of the trench and corresponding with the geophysical anomaly interpreted as the north side of a possible enclosure was ditch 7205. It measured c. 2.2m wide and a ceramic land drain had been inserted along its southern edge.

#### *Trench 73*

- 2.107 Corresponding with the linear geophysical anomaly that had been interpreted as the south side of a possible enclosure was ditch 7306, which had been recut on two occasions, 7310 and 7313. The original ditch had a steep-sided, V-shaped profile and prior to recutting would have measured c. 1.1m wide by 0.47m deep. The first recut, 7310, which was offset to the south and truncated the southern edge of the original ditch, had a broader, deeper, steep-sided, V-shaped profile, with an estimated width of 1.6m and depth of 0.72m. The final recut, 7313, was offset to the south, had a steep-sided, U-shaped profile and measured 0.81m wide by 0.75m deep. A fragment of late medieval/post-medieval peg tile was recovered from the upper fill, 7312, of the first recut of the ditch.
- 2.108 Cutting the northern edge of ditch 7306 was ditch 7302, which was aligned north-east to south-west and measured 0.57m wide by 0.14m deep. Approximately 11m to the north was ditch 7304, which was aligned roughly east to west and measured 0.67m wide by 0.16m deep.

#### *Trench 74*

- 2.109 At the south end of the trench was ditch 7417, which was aligned north-east to south-west and measured over 2.3m wide (Fig. 10). This ditch, which was also recorded in Trenches 75 and 77, corresponds with the sinuous anomaly shown on

the geophysical survey results and the field boundary shown on historic maps of the area.

- 2.110 The linear geophysical anomaly passing through the north end of the trench was shown to be a large ditch, possibly an artificial water channel, with two parallel stone walls extending along its northern side. The ditch or channel, 7402, was aligned north-east to south-west and measured over 4m wide by at least 0.45m deep (base not attained). Within the narrow limits of the trench it was not possible to interpret the feature with any certainty and it is likely that its width may be far greater, its northern edge possibly lying close to the southernmost wall, giving it a width of c. 8m. The lower fills (as excavated), 7406 and 7405, comprised bluish-grey and yellowish-brown clay, a fine grained sediment typically deposited in water. The upper fills, 7404 and 7403, were siltier and contained quantities of post-medieval roof tile.
- 2.111 The walls, 7407 and 7408, were aligned north-east to south-west and were constructed from uncoarsed blocks of hard chalk set within foundation trenches 7410 and 7412. Wall 7408 appear to have been robbed and the trench backfilled with chalk rubble. They were spaced 1.8m apart and the space between had been packed with a 0.10m thick layer of dark brown silty clay, 7409. The foundations trenches measured 0.7m wide by 0.4m deep and the unshaped blocks appear to have been bonded with sandy mortar. Rubble layers from the demolition of the superstructure, 7415 and 7416, overlay the wall foundations.

#### *Trench 78*

- 2.112 Passing through the east end of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment was a recut ditch, 7802/7804. The ditch is probably the continuation of a field boundary shown on the geophysical survey results to the south of Ouzel Brook. The original cut of the ditch, 7802, was 0.48m deep; prior to recutting, it would have had a width of c. 1.3m. The recut, 7804, was offset to the east and truncated the eastern side of the original ditch. It measured 1.6m wide by 0.51m deep and had a steep-sided, concave profile. A fragment of a peg tile, dateable to the late medieval/post-medieval period, was recovered from the fill of the original ditch and a post-medieval tile fragment was found in the fill of the recut.



**Residential Area 10 (Trenches 79-81, 84)**

- 2.113 Bordering the south side of Thorn Road, Residential Area 10 comprises an L-shaped block of land, currently part of a rectangular arable field, the greater part of which will be taken for the new school and Local Centre (Figs. 2 and 2d). Four trenches were excavated in this area; a ditch, corresponding with a former field boundary shown on historic maps and probably from the medieval/post-medieval period, was identified in Trench 80; there were no archaeological remains in the other trenches.

**Medieval/post-medieval***Trench 80*

- 2.114 Passing through the western end of the trench on an east to west alignment was a wide, linear ditch, 8002, probably comprising a series of parallel, intercutting ditches. The westwards continuation of this feature probably extends into Trench 83, where it was shown to have been recut on at least two occasions, and further west into Trench 88.

**Residential Area 11 (Trenches 90-94, 99, 101)**

- 2.115 Residential Area 11 comprises a strip of arable farmland extending southwards from the south bank of Ouzel Brook to the northern edge of the Bluewaters Nature Reserve (Figs. 2, 2c and 2e). This area will border the proposed Playing Fields to the west. Seven trenches were excavated in this area, revealing medieval/post-medieval furrows, a post-medieval/modern field boundary ditch and nine undated ditches.

**Medieval/post-medieval furrows***Trenches 90-93, 99 and 101*

- 2.116 Furrows were recorded in Trenches 90-93, 99 and 101. They were aligned north-east to south-west and were spaced c. 8m apart.

**Post-medieval/modern***Trench 91*

- 2.117 A recut ditch, 9106/9102, on a north-east to south-west alignment, was identified at the northern end of the trench. The original ditch, 9106, measured 0.86m wide by 0.42m deep and had a steep-sided, concave profile. The recut, 9102, which was offset to the south, had a broad, asymmetrical, V-shaped profile and measured

1.5m wide by 0.58m deep. Fragments of post-medieval brick were recovered from one of its fills, 9104.

### ***Undated***

#### *Trench 92*

- 2.118 Passing through the centre of the trench on a west-north-west to east-south-east alignment was a slightly sinuous ditch, 9204. It had a broad, moderately steep-sided V-shaped profile with a concave base and measured 0.65m wide by 0.35m deep. Two flint flakes were recovered from its fill, 9205.

#### *Trench 94*

- 2.119 Three undated ditches, one of which had been recut, were identified in Trench 94. The largest of these was ditch 9408, which was aligned north to south, had short, steeply sloping sides and a broad flat base and measured 2.8m wide by 0.46m deep. Approximately 5m to the east of this was ditch 9406, which was on a more north-westerly alignment, had a steep-sided, concave profile and measured 1.1m wide by 0.32m deep. Ditch 9402, which was recut by ditch 9404, was located near the west end of the trench. It measured 0.6m wide by 0.59m deep and had steep, near vertical sides and a roughly flat base. The recut, 9404, was offset to the west and measured 0.64m wide by 0.29m deep.

#### *Trench 101*

- 2.120 On a north-west to south-east alignment at the south-west end of the trench, ditch 10102 measured 0.48m wide by 0.22m deep. Approximately 14m to the north-east was ditch 10104, which was on roughly the same alignment and measured at least 0.45m wide by 0.42m deep; it was partly masked by a furrow and its western side was truncated by a land drain, so its full profile could not be determined. Its north-east edge was cut by ditch 10106, which had a broad, V-shaped profile and measured 0.86m wide by 0.32m deep.
- 2.121 Approximately 17m to the north-east of ditch 10106 and on a more northerly alignment was ditch 10112, which had a steep-sided, flat-based profile, measured 1.5m wide by 0.64m deep and was filled with a sequence of six deposits. Its south-west edge was cut by ditch 10119, which measured 1.1m wide by 0.5m deep and had a steep-sided V-shaped profile.

**Residential Area 12 (Trenches 95-98, 100, 102-106)**

- 2.122 The proposed site of Residential Area 12 is located in the east part of the site and comprises part of a large arable field to the north of Bluewaters Nature Reserve, west of Bidwell Farm (Figs. 2 and 2e). Ten trenches were excavated in the area. There was tentative evidence for Roman activity in this area, comprising two intercutting ditches containing Roman pottery, medieval/post-medieval furrows, a post-medieval/modern field boundary and an undated ditch. No archaeological remains were encountered in Trenches 97, 98 and 102 to 106.

**Roman***Trench 96*

- 2.123 Romano-British pottery was recovered from two intercutting ditches at the north end of the trench. The earlier of the two ditches, 9602, was aligned north to south, measured 0.33m wide by 0.20m deep and had a steep-sided, concave profile. It was cut by ditch 9604 which measured 0.73m wide by 0.29m deep with a flat based profile.

**Medieval/post-medieval furrows***Trenches 102, 103, 105 and 106*

- 2.124 Furrows were recorded in Trenches 102, 103, 105 and 106. They were aligned north-west to south-east and were spaced c. 8m apart.

**Post-medieval/modern***Trench 100*

- 2.125 Ditch 10002 passed the rough the southern part of the trench on an east-north-east to west-south-west alignment, measured 2.3m wide by 0.55m deep and had a stepped, concave profile.

**Undated***Trench 95*

- 2.126 Ditch 9503, which passed through the centre of the trench on a north-east to south-west alignment, measured 0.7m wide by 0.12m deep.

**Residential Area 13 (Trenches 107-115)**

- 2.127 Residential Area 13 comprises an irregular block of arable land on the eastern edge of the site, backing on to properties that border Bidwell Lane (Figs. 2 and 2e). Nine

trenches were excavated in this area, revealing Roman activity and medieval/post-medieval plough furrows.

## **Roman**

### *Trench 115*

- 2.128 Romano-British pottery was recovered from intercutting ditches 11504 and 11506, which were aligned north-north-west to south-south-east. Ditch 11504 measured 0.6m wide by 0.28m deep and had a steep concave profile; ditch 11506 was larger, measuring 1.7m wide by 0.32m deep.

## **Medieval/post-medieval furrows**

### *Trenches 107-114*

- 2.129 Furrows were recorded in Trenches 107-114. They were aligned north-west to south-east and were spaced c. 6-8m apart.

## **Residential Area 14 (Trenches 122 -125, 128, 132)**

- 2.127 Residential Area 14 is situated towards the base of the scarp on a north to north-west-facing slope, bordering Bluewaters Nature Reserve (Figs. 2 and 2f). Thick deposits of colluvium, up to 2m thick, were recorded in Trenches 123-125 and 128. A natural hollow, 13202, was identified in the centre of Trench 132, corresponding with a dendritic anomaly shown on the geophysical survey results.

## **Post-medieval/modern**

### *Trench 122*

- 2.128 Passing through the centre of the trench on a north-west to south-east alignment was a broad ditch or hollow, 12203, measuring c. 4.1m wide by 1.4m deep. Due to the steep topography of the scarp to the north and north-west, its western edge was indistinct and merged into the general slope. A fragment of post-medieval roof tile was recovered from its fill, 12204.

## **Undated**

### *Trench 124*

- 2.129 Similar to the feature encountered in Trench 122, a broad ditch or hollow, 12403, was encountered near the centre of Trench 124. It was on roughly the same alignment and measured approximately 5.1m wide.



**Residential Area 15 (Trenches 126, 127, 129-131)**

- 2.130 Residential Area 15 is located at the southern edge of the site, on the upper slope near the crest of the scarp, adjacent to the Puddle Hill Quarry (Figs. 2 and 2f). The ground is undulating, with broad, naturally-formed hollows eroded into the scarp face. These hollows are clearly seen on the geophysical survey results as a series of large, dendritic anomalies aligned downslope. Investigation of these features in Trenches 126, 127 and 129 demonstrated that they had silted up with thick deposits of colluvium, to a depth of over 2.0m. Archaeological features were only encountered in Trench 131.

**Early Neolithic***Trench 131*

- 2.131 Near the centre of the trench was a small, shallow pit, 13102, with a diameter of c. 0.64m and depth of 0.09m (Fig. 13). Its fill, 13103, contained sherds of coarse, flint-tempered prehistoric pottery, pieces of fired clay, five flint blades and flint debitage, an assemblage that probably dates to the Early Neolithic period.

**Post-medieval**

- 2.132 *Trench 131*

In the north-western half of the trench was the southern edge of a large pit, 13104, measuring over 5m wide. The fill of the pit, probably a quarry pit, contained sherds of 16th to 18th-century pottery.

**Residential Area 16 (Trenches 116-121)**

- 2.133 Residential Area 16 comprises a roughly rectangular plot of arable land in the south-east corner of the site (Figs. 2 and 2f). It straddles a spur of high ground that projects northwards from the crest of the scarp and slopes steeply to the north, west and east. There were no archaeological features in any of the six trenches that were excavated in this area. A layer of colluvium up to 0.7m thick was recorded in Trenches 116 to 118.

**Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre (Trench 133)**

- 2.134 The site of the proposed Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre is located in the southern part of the site, near the crest of the north-facing scarp and close to the northern edge of the former chalk pit (Figs. 2 and 2f). No archaeological features were recorded in this trench, although sherds of 2nd to 4th-century Roman pottery were recovered

from a 0.9m thick layer of colluvium, 13301, that had accumulated in a dip in the slope.

### 3 THE FINDS AND PALEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

#### *The finds by Jacky Somerville*

- 3.1 Finds recovered from evaluation included pottery, ceramic building material, glass, clay tobacco pipe and worked flint. Codings for Roman fabrics given in the text (in parenthesis) and Appendix B, Table 1 correspond to the Bedfordshire pottery type series (Parminter and Slowikowski 2004).

#### **Pottery**

##### *Prehistoric*

- 3.2 Pit fill 13103 produced ten bodysherds in a handmade, coarse, shell-tempered fabric. The sherds are unfeathered and not closely dateable, although would be consistent with an Early Neolithic date for the deposit which is suggested by associated lithics (see below).
- 3.3 A total of 18 sherds in a coarse flint-tempered fabric (F01A) was recovered from ditch fills 8308 and 14304. The sherds from fill 14304 derive from a thick-walled vessel with a flat base, which is most likely Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age in date. Material from 8308 consisted of very small scraps, which are tentatively assigned to a Middle Bronze Age to Early Iron Age date on the basis of temper and firing characteristics.
- 3.4 A bodysherd from a carinated vessel form was identified from ditch fill 3311. The fabric was fine sandy type (F26), which is commonly associated with carinated forms of the Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age. Ditch fill 1318 produced two unfeathered bodysherds in a coarse shell-tempered fabric (F16), a type which is elsewhere dated to the Early Iron Age (Parminter and Slowikowski 2004, 444).
- 3.5 A total of 199 sherds of pottery in a coarse sandy fabric (F29) were recorded (Appendix B, Table 1). Elsewhere in the county fabric F29 is associated with pottery of Early to Middle Iron Age date (*ibid.*, 446). Identifiable forms included a globular vessel with a simple, upright rim from pit fill 3022, a slack-shouldered jar with a simple, upright rim from pit fill 3024, and (neck-less) barrel-shaped vessel from ditch

fill 1509. The vessel forms are consistent with Middle Iron Age dating (4th to 1st centuries BC). Such dating is supported by instances, albeit rarely of vertical scoring of the kind typical for pottery of this period from the East Midlands region and extending southwards (Elsdon 1992). Scoring was recorded on a total of four sherds from ditch fills 3027 and 4310. One vessel which featured dimpled decoration was recorded from pit fill 4210. Dimpled decoration can occur in the Early Iron Age, although is most often associated with later Middle Iron Age styles (c. 2nd to 1st centuries BC).

- 3.6 Other pottery which is considered broadly Iron Age was recorded (Appendix B, Table 1): eight sherds in an organic and sandy fabric (F19) was noted from three deposits; ditch fill 2905 produced seven unfeatured bodysherds in a reduced, grog-tempered fabric (F06); a total of six sherds in a quartzite-tempered fabric, recovered from four deposits; shelly type (F07), was recorded from three deposits; and limestone-tempered, quartz sand-and-limestone tempered and shell-and-limestone tempered fabrics were recovered from four deposits or as unstratified finds.

#### *Roman*

- 3.7 A total of 136 sherds of Roman pottery was recorded from 34 deposits (Appendix B, Table 1). A proportion comprises 'transitional' (Late Iron Age to Early Roman) types which span the early to middle 1st century AD. Included among this grouping and recorded from five are eight sherds in wheel-thrown grog-tempered fabric (F06). One sherd from ditch fill 1412 featured vertical combed decoration and a rimsherd from a necked jar was recorded in ditch fill 9605. Four sherds of pottery in a grog-and-limestone tempered fabric, dating to the 1st or 2nd century, were recovered from gully fill 1007. Most unusual among this transitional/early Roman group was a probable platter copy in a fine red-slipped fabric probably imitating Gallo-Belgic *Terra Rubra* from gully fill 707.
- 3.8 A total of 61 sherds of shelly ware (R13) was recorded in 13 deposits. Forms represented include a medium-mouthed necked jar from 709 and jars with triangular rims from gully fill 1004 and ditch fill 1510. Wheel-thrown shell-tempered wares of this type represent a very long-lived tradition, beginning before the conquest and continuing throughout the Roman period. Harrold, north Bedfordshire, was a major manufacturing centre for this ware type across the Roman period (Parminter and Slowikowski 2004, 452).

- 3.9 Much of the remainder of the Roman pottery is broadly dateable and consists primarily of locally-produced reduced coarsewares. A total of 21 sherds sandy black ware (R07B) were recovered from nine deposits. This locally produced pottery dates to the late 1st to 4th centuries (*ibid.*, 450), although some forms represented (a lid-seated jar from ditch fill 712, and a cordoned vessel from posthole fill 3018) are most typically earlier Roman.
- 3.10 A total of 23 sherds of coarse grey ware (R06B) were recovered from ten deposits. Identifiable forms included a flat rim dish or bowl from ditch fill 706 and a necked jar from gully fill 707. A total of ten sherds of fine grey ware (R06C) were recorded in two deposits, including rimsherds from medium-mouthed necked jars in topsoil 700 and ditch fill 711. A further three sherds from fill 711 featured cordons on the necks of the vessels. These fabrics were produced locally and are dateable from the later 1st century onwards (*ibid.*, 449). A single bodysherd in a grogged greyware (R06F) was recorded from ditch fill 1412
- 3.11 Oxidised types, also likely to be local in origin include smooth orange fabric (R17) recovered from three deposits; Single sherds of orange sand-tempered ware (R05A), which dates to the 2nd to late 3rd centuries (*ibid.*, 449), were recorded in ditch fills 1319 and 2512. Ditch fill 712 produced two unfeatured bodysherds of fine buff gritty ware (R10B), which is thought to date to the late 1st to late 2nd centuries in Bedford (*ibid.*, 451).
- 3.12 A small proportion of the Roman group consists of regionally-traded types, most of which probably date to the Late Roman period after c. 220/250 AD: Colluvium 13301 produced three unfeatured bodysherds of Southeast Dorset Black-burnished ware (R07A). This ware type typically dates to the later second to fourth centuries (Davies *et al.* 107, 1994) when occurring outside Dorset. Gritty black fabric (R07C), which may be a locally manufactured type imitating of Black-burnished ware, was represented by an unfeatured bodysherd recovered from gully fill 2604.
- 3.13 A single sherd from the base of a mortarium in Oxford red-slipped ware (R11D) was recovered from topsoil 700. Mortaria in this fabric were manufactured in Oxford from the mid 3rd to 4th centuries (Young 1977, 127).
- 3.14 Topsoil 700 and ditch fill 711 produced a total of four sherds of Lower Nene Valley colour coated ware (R12B). Those from topsoil 700 were from a wide-mouth,



necked jar and that from fill 711 was part of a lid from a castor box. This pottery type was produced in the area of modern day Peterborough from the mid 2nd to 4th centuries (Tomber and Dore 1998, 118), though the forms represented are late Roman (probably 4th-century) types.

- 3.15 Single sherds of pink grogged ware (R09A) were recorded in three deposits. The bodysherd from 709 was from a storage jar and it displayed incised decoration in the form of a wavy line between two horizontal bands. This ware type dates to the late 2nd to 4th centuries (Parminter and Slowikowski 2004, 450).

### **Medieval**

- 3.16 Tree bole 14405 produced one unfeatured bodysherd in an unglazed sandy coarseware fabric.

### **Post-medieval/modern**

- 3.17 A total of eleven sherds of glazed earthenware were recorded in four deposits and a single sherd of unglazed earthenware from pit fill 13105. Both pottery types are 16th to 18th-century in date.
- 3.18 Ditch fill 1705 produced two bodysherds of tin-glazed earthenware, which was manufactured during the late 17th and 18th centuries.
- 3.19 Two bodysherds of yellow slipware were recorded in backfill deposit 1313. This type of pottery was produced at Bristol, Staffordshire and other centres during the late 17th and 18th centuries.
- 3.20 A single sherd of porcelain, which dates to the 18th to 19th centuries, was recorded in pit fill 11509.

### **Ceramic building material**

- 3.21 Single fragments of Roman ceramic building material were recovered in seven deposits. All were too fragmentary for further classification.
- 3.22 Ceramic building material of late medieval/post-medieval date, totalling 100 fragments, were recorded in 25 deposits. These included fragments identified as brick, peg tile and flat roof tile (Appendix B, Table 1).

### **Glass**

- 3.33 Two items of modern glass were recovered: a complete jam jar was from ditch fill 2303 and a fragment from a vessel in ditch fill 4310. The latter fragment was intrusive in a deposit containing a substantial amount of prehistoric pottery.

### **Clay tobacco pipe**

- 3.34 Single fragments of clay tobacco pipe stem were recorded in ditch fill 2904 and furrow fill 3812. That from fill 3812 featured moulded decoration at the bowl end. Clay tobacco pipes were in use from the late-16th to the late-19th centuries, with the mould-decorated pipes commonly 19th-century in date.

### **Worked flint**

- 3.35 A total of 93 worked flint items was recorded in 13 deposits, in addition to 20 pieces of unworked, burnt flint from five deposits. The latter were all recovered from bulk soil samples. Almost all of the worked lithics were recovered as residual finds in deposits with Iron Age and Roman dates, or from deposits with no other dateable material.
- 3.36 The majority of the flints represented knapping waste, in the form of flakes, blades, chips, shatter and a core fragment. However, a burin, which would have been used for working bone or antler, was recorded in ditch fill 1512. This is not a dateable item.
- 3.37 Pit fill 13103 contained 38 worked flints in reasonably fresh, undamaged condition, including five blades and several flakes produced using soft hammer percussion. These are aspects of Mesolithic and Early Neolithic flint knapping technology: as these lithics were found associated with early prehistoric pottery, an Early Neolithic date is likely.

### **The faunal remains** *by Andy Clarke*

- 3.38 Animal bone numbering 334 fragments (4582g) was recovered from 71 deposits associated in the main with artefacts relating to the Iron Age and Roman periods. Bone was also recovered associated with prehistoric and post-medieval artefacts but in such low numbers that they can only serve to confirm the presence on site of the species detailed in Appendix B, Table 2. For the purpose of this report, the bones were identified to species and skeletal element using an osteological

reference collection as well as standard reference literature (Schmid 1972, Hillson 1996), and quantified by fragment count and weight. Where modern breakage was observed and re-fitting was possible, those fragments were recorded as a single bone. Any material not confidently phased is not discussed beyond the details set out in Appendix B, Table 2.

- 3.39 The bones were generally in a very poor state of preservation and highly fragmented. This has rendered 69.7% of the assemblage unidentifiable beyond the level of 'large' or 'medium mammal' and severely limiting the interpretative potential of the assemblage.

### Iron Age

- 3.40 A total of 122 fragments (1129g) were recovered from 18 deposits (Appendix B, Table 2). While it was possible to identify remains of pig (*Sus scrofa sp.*) and horse (*Equus caballus*), cattle (*Bos taurus*) and ovicaprid (*Ovis aries/Capra hircus*) are clearly the dominant the domestic species. In all cases the species present are represented by mainly meat-poor skeletal elements. Marks from the butchery process were evident on a rib fragment from an unidentified, medium-sized mammal recovered from deposit 3311.

### Roman

- 3.41 The Roman period of the site produced the largest quantity of bone with 130 fragments (1706g) recovered from 24 deposits. Ovicaprid bones dominate, accounting for 54.7% of the identifiable material and are represented by both meat-rich and meat-poor elements. No actual cut marks were in evidence but the historical fracture patterns observed are indicative of the butchery process.
- 3.42 Cattle bones account for 26% of the identifiable material and were likewise represented by meat-rich and meat-poor elements, displaying similar fracture patterns to those seen in the ovicaprid remains.
- 3.43 The remains of pig and horse were also identified but in such small numbers, two and four fragments respectively, that no interpretative data could be obtained beyond confirming the presence of these species on site.
- 3.44 Two fragments identified as a rabbit (*Lepus curpaeums*) ulna and pelvis were recovered from deposit 1007. In comparison to the rest of the assemblage these fragments were in an excellent state of preservation and as such are considered to be intrusive.



- 3.45 Although only a single undated fragment was recovered, the presence of dogs (*Canis familiaris*) can be inferred throughout the occupation of the site taken given that much of the assemblage has clearly been gnawed.
- 3.46 A total of 384g of animal bone was also recovered from ten environmental samples. In common with the main assemblage the bone was poorly preserved and very highly fragmented. Only a single bone was identifiable to species, being a partial pig molar from deposit 303.

### Results

- 3.47 The animal bones recovered from site are indicative of domestic butchery waste. However, it is the Roman phase that includes waste not only from the preparation of carcasses, but also from their dismemberment into individual cuts of meat.
- 3.48 In both phases beef and mutton were evidently most important in terms of protein, with pork only making a minor contribution to the diet.

### *Palaeoenvironmental evidence by Sarah Cobain*

- 3.49 Twelve environmental samples were retrieved from archaeological deposits with the intention of recovering evidence of industrial, agricultural or domestic activity and material for radiocarbon dating. The samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (CA Technical Manual No. 2); the results are presented in Appendix B, Tables 3 and 4.

### Early Neolithic

- 3.50 Sample 14 was retrieved from fill 13103 within pit 13102. A small number of moderately well preserved hazelnut shells (*Corylus avellana*) and a small amount of well-preserved charcoal identified as hawthorn/rowan/crab apple (*Crataegus monogyna/Sorbus/Malus sylvestris*) and cherry sp. (*Prunus*) was recovered. This material is indicative of discarded firing debris; the presence of hazelnut may suggest the material is domestic in origin, but a larger assemblage would be needed to confirm this assertion.

### Late Bronze Age-Early Iron Age

- 3.51 Sample 8 was recovered from fill 14304 within ditch 14302. The flot contained no plant macrofossil remains and a moderate assemblage of well-preserved charcoal identified as maple (*Acer campestre*), hawthorn/rowan/crab apple and cherry sp.

This material is indicative of discarded firing debris, although the lack of any other ecofacts means no further interpretation can be made.

### **Iron Age**

- 3.52 Sample 6 was recovered from fill 4210 within pit 4209. A single poorly-preserved indeterminate cereal grain and a small amount of poorly-preserved charcoal was recovered. It was only possible to identify one fragment of hawthorn/rowan/crab apple charcoal. The small quantity and poor preservation of the remains suggests they accumulated from wind-blown hearth debris. The assemblage is too small to make any further conclusions regarding activities on site.

### **Roman**

- 3.53 Sample 2 was retrieved from 303 within pit 302. This pit contained a moderate number of moderately well-preserved wheat (*Triticum*), barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) and indeterminate cereal grains and a moderate assemblage of well-preserved beech, oak and hawthorn/rowan/crab apple charcoal fragments. The cereal remains within this sample are indicative of crop processing or food preparation waste. The absence of any cereal chaff or other herbaceous taxa means it is not possible to ascertain what stage of processing was being undertaken.
- 3.54 Sample 1 was recovered from fill 2908 within ditch 2903 and Sample 12 from colluvium deposit 13301; they contained no charcoal or plant macrofossil remains. The paucity of the material within this samples means no interpretative information regarding activities on site can be ascertained.

### **Undated**

- 3.55 Sample 13 was retrieved from deposit 12702 and contained a single possible barley grain and hazelnut shell. Moderate amounts of well-preserved charcoal identified as oak (*Quercus*) and hawthorn/rowan/crab apple were also identified. This material is indicative of discarded firing debris and the presence of hazelnut and barley grain may suggest the material is domestic in origin, but a larger assemblage would be needed to confirm this assertion.
- 3.56 Sample 3 was taken from 1209 and sample 4 from fill 1208 within pit 1207. No plant macrofossils were identified, but a moderate amount of well-preserved charcoal identified as maple, alder/hazel (*Alnus glutinosa/Corylus avellana*) and hawthorn/rowan crab apple was recovered. This material is indicative of discarded

firing debris, although the lack of any other ecofacts means no further interpretation can be made.

- 3.57 Sample 5 was recovered from fill 5906 within ditch 5905, Sample 10 from fill 9504 within ditch 9503 and Sample 15 from colluvium deposit 12201. No charcoal or plant macrofossil remains were recovered from any of these samples and as a result, no further interpretation information regarding activities on site can be provided.

## 4. DISCUSSION

### *Introduction*

- 4.1 The geophysical survey of the site undertaken by PCG (2014) had shown a pattern of anomalies that could be ascribed to former land use. These included: the sites of two prehistoric/Roman settlements, elements of which had been investigated by an earlier evaluation along the route of the proposed A5/M1 Link Road to the north of the site (NA 2008a; 2008b); an undefined site to the north of Thorn Road and east of Thorn Spring; a possible rectilinear enclosure in an area where a medieval moated site may have been located (CA 2014); the remains of a medieval/post-medieval open field system; and a pattern of former field boundaries.
- 4.2 In general, the evaluation confirmed the results of the geophysical survey, although in the low-lying area bordering Ouzel Brook, a number of features, including Iron Age remains, a possible cremation burial and a former field boundary, were encountered that were not shown on the geophysical survey. The reason for this is probably accounted for by the high clay fraction in the fills of these features, with the fills being similar in composition to the surrounding chalky clay substrate.

### *Neolithic/Bronze Age*

- 4.3 The earliest evidence for human activity was located on the crest of the chalk scarp in the southern part of the site, adjacent to Puddlehill Quarry (Trench 131). This activity has been dated to the Early Neolithic and comprises a small pit containing pottery, flint flakes, burnt hazelnut shells and charcoal. Pits of this date were discovered during quarrying at the site between 1951 and 1965 (CA 2014) and the pit found by the current evaluation is an outlier of this group.

- 4.4 At the foot of the scarp, in the area of the proposed playing fields, there was a more substantial feature cut by a small ditch that provided artefactual evidence for Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age activity (Trench 143). This evidence comprised fourteen sherds of Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery, recovered from the basal fill of the small ditch. The deep, steep-sided feature, either a ditch or a large pit, and the small ditch were not detected by the geophysical survey so their full extent and former function is unknown.

### **Iron Age**

- 4.4 Confirming the geophysical survey results, the evaluation demonstrated the presence of an Iron Age settlement at the northern edge of the site, to the west of Thorn Farm. Beyond the site, this had previously been investigated as part of the evaluation for the A5/M1 Link Road (NA 2008a; 2008b). The main element of the settlement was a roughly rectilinear enclosure, enclosing an area of approximately 0.3ha. The location of the entrance is unclear from the geophysical survey results, but it is likely to be on the south or east side, possibly masked by furrows. Investigation within the enclosure found a ditch that may form one side of a small enclosure that predates the main enclosure, along with a scatter of pits and postholes. Pottery recovered from these features predominately dates to the Middle Iron Age, although some later Iron Age and Roman material was found, suggesting continuity of settlement into the Late Iron Age/early Roman period.
- 4.5 To the north of the enclosure there were two ring ditches and a ditch system that is probably a continuation of the complex of small enclosures close to the northern edge of the site. Again, pottery from these features was predominately Middle Iron Age in date.

### **Roman**

- 4.6 The remains of Roman settlement were found in two locations, to the north and east of Thorn Spring, and a dispersed system of ditches in the north-east and east parts of the site were probably the remains of Roman field systems. The northern settlement appears to date to the early Roman period, to the 1st and 2nd centuries AD; the eastern settlement has a broader date range, with occupation extending from the 1st century into the 4th century AD.
- 4.7 The site to the north of Thorn Spring extended beyond the northern limit of the site, into the area that had been evaluated for the A5/M1 Link Road (NA 2008a; 2008b).

Within the current site, it comprised part of a sub-rectangular enclosure, with an internal area of at least 0.2ha, divided into at least two areas by an internal ditch. Other than the ditch, which is shown on the geophysical survey results, no other internal features were encountered, although domestic occupation is inferred by the small assemblage of Roman pottery, predominately dating to the early Roman period, and cattle and sheep/goat bones recovered from excavated features.

- 4.8 The settlement to the east of Thorn Spring was buried beneath a greater depth of soil, in a low-lying area close to a former pond, where groundwater hampered excavation. Ditches and pits were investigated, but it was not possible to relate these to the geophysical survey results with any certainty as the plots were indistinct, probably due to the greater depth of overburden. A relatively sizeable assemblage of Roman pottery was recovered from the excavated features, predominately dating to the 1st and 2nd centuries AD, but including some later material dating to the 3rd and 4th centuries.
- 4.9 Small ditches containing occasional sherds of Roman pottery were encountered in the north-east corner of the site and close to Bidwell Farm, on its eastern edge. Masked by furrows, many of the ditches are not shown on the geophysical survey results and it is not possible to determine their full extent, but it is likely that they are the remains of a Roman agricultural ditch system.

### ***Medieval***

- 4.10 The remains of a medieval open field system, comprising a series of parallel furrows on varying alignments, were encountered across the northern and central parts of the site. Several open fields can be seen on the geophysical survey results, with the selions (individual strips) on either a north-west to south-east or north-east to south-west alignment. The field system would probably have been attached to the royal manor of Houghton Regis and the hamlets of Bidwell and Thorn, the site of the latter lying in the northern part of the site, in the area of Thorn Farm.
- 4.11 A sequence of ditches parallel and to the south of Thorn Road correspond with a former boundary that marked the boundary between meadows bordering Ouzel Brook (the 'Great Meadow') and a green at Thorn. It is possible that the earliest cuts of the ditch date to the medieval period and that the boundary was recut throughout the post-medieval and modern periods. The ditch is shown on the 1766 and 1848 Parish map of Houghton Regis and was probably backfilled in modern times.



### **Post-medieval and modern**

- 4.12 The medieval open field system was subsequently enclosed, probably from the 18th century onwards, although some of the less-regular field boundaries may date from the medieval period and mark the boundaries between woodland, open fields and meadows. The remains of a stone-built structure were located to the west of Bidwell Farm, to the south of a building shown on 19th-century maps of the area. Too little of the structure was exposed in the trench to be certain of its function, but it may be associated with a ditch or channel immediately to its south. A relatively large quantity of late medieval/post-medieval tile was recovered from the site of this structure, so it is likely to have been a building with a tiled roof.
- 4.13 The land has remained in agricultural use until the current time and has undergone a range of land improvements, including the insertion of field drains and the removal of hedgerows to suit the needs of modern mechanised farming.

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## APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Context	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D/T (m)	Spot date
<b>Trench 1</b>						
100	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.36	
101	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.12	
102	Geology	Firm mid yellowish-orange clayey silt with chalky gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
103	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2.1+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
104	Furrow		2.1+		n.e	
105	Furrow		2.1+		n.e	
106	Furrow		2.1+		n.e	
<b>Trench 2</b>						
200	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.25	
201	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.15	
202	Geology	Firm yellowish-orange clayey silt with chalky gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
203	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2.0+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
204	Furrow		2.0+		n.e	
<b>Trench 3</b>						
300	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.35	
301	Geology	Mid whitish-grey chalky clay with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
302	Pit	Oval in plan with concave profile	0.75+	0.88+	0.66	Roman
303	Fill of 302	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	0.64+	0.80	0.24	
304	Fill of 302	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	0.75+	0.88+	0.45	
305	Fill of 302	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	0.20+	0.40	0.21	
306	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, moderately concave profile	2.0+	0.70	0.23	Roman?
307	Fill of 306	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.70	0.23	
308	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
309	Furrow		2+		n.e	
310	Furrow		2+		n.e	
311	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 4</b>						
400	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.22	
401	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-brown clay	-	-	0.17	
402	Geology	Mid whitish-grey chalky clay with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
403	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, straight sided	1.30+	0.87+	0.28	Roman?
404	Fill of 403	Mid/Light greyish-brown silty clay	1.30+	0.87+	0.28	
405	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	1.40+	0.82	0.24	Undated
406	Fill of 405	Mid/Light greyish-brown silty clay	1.40+	0.82	0.24	
407	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	1+	0.60	0.21	Undated
408	Fill of 407	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.60	0.21	
409	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW, concave base	1+	0.64	0.04	Undated
410	Fill of 409	Mid/Light greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.64	0.04	
411	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NNE-SSW, concave base	1+	0.60	0.27	Undated
412	Fill of 411	Mid orangey-grey silty clay	1+	0.60	0.27	
413	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
414	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 5</b>						
500	Topsoil	Mid blackish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.32	
501	Subsoil	Mid orangey-brown clay	-	-	0.20	
502	Geology	Mid greyish-brown clay with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
503	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+	2	n.e	Medieval/post-

						medieval
<b>Trench 6</b>						
600	Topsoil	Mid/Dark brown silty clay	-	-	0.25	
601	Subsoil	Light brownish-yellow silt	-	-	0.15	
602	Geology	Yellowish-grey clay with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
603	Pond?		4.90	1.5+		
604	Fill of 603					
<b>Trench 7</b>						
700	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey silt	-	-	0.25	
701	Subsoil	Light greyish-yellow clay	-	-	0.20	
702	Geology	Light yellowish-grey clay with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
703	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	10-	2+	0.32+	Roman
704	Fill of 703	Light/Mid greyish-orange clayey silt			0.25-	
705	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	1.8+	1.30	0.25	Roman
706	Fill of 705	Light/Mid greyish-orange clayey silt	1.8+		0.25-	
707	Fill of 708	Light greyish-orange clayey silt	1.2	0.30		
708	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE			n.e	MC1-LC1
709	Fill of 710	Light greyish-orange clayey silt	3	0.30	n.e	
710	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE			n.e	LC2-C4
711	Fill of 713	Dark greyish-orange fine silty clay	1.80+	1.20	0.30	
712	Fill of 713	Bluish-grey fine sandy silt	1.80+	0.84	0.20	
713	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NNW-SSE	1.80+	1.20	0.38	LC1-C2
714	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	1.80+	0.30	n.e	
715	Fill of 716	Dark brownish-grey silty clay		0.70	0.15	
716	Ditch terminal	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE		0.70	0.15	Roman
717	Ditch terminal	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE			n.e	
718	Pit	Circular in plan			n.e	Roman
719	Fill of 718	Dark brownish-grey silty clay			n.e	
<b>Trench 8</b>						
800	Topsoil	Dark brown silty clay	-	-	0.25	
801	Subsoil	Mid brown clayey silt	-	-	0.35	
802	Geology	Yellowish-grey clay	-	-	-	
803	Fill of 804	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1.80+	0.50	n.e	
804	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NNW-SSE	1.80+	0.50	n.e	Roman
805	Fill of 806	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1.40	0.70	0.15	
806	Pit	Oval in plan, concave base	1.40	0.70	0.15	LC2-C4
807	Fill of 810	Greyish-brown silty clay	1.80+	1.1	0.20	
808	Fill of 810	Orangey-grey silty clay	1.80+	1.16	0.20	
809	Fill of 810	Greyish-yellow silty clay	1.80+	0.92	0.12	
810	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave base	1.80+	1.40	0.45	Roman
811	Fill of 812	Greyish-brown silty clay		1.5	n.e	
812	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W		1.5	n.e	Roman
<b>Trench 9</b>						
900	Topsoil	Dark blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.28	
901	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-brown clay	-	-	0.15	
902	Geology	Mid yellowish-brown clay with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
903	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	1	0.50	
904	Fill of 903	Mid greyish brown clay	1+	1	0.50	
905	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2.5+	1.8	n.e	Modern
906	Fill of 905	Mid greyish brown clay	2.5+	1.8	n.e	
<b>Trench 10</b>						
1000	Topsoil	Mid blackish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
1001	Subsoil	Mid orangey-brown clay	-	-	0.20	
1002	Geology	Light/Mid brownish-grey clay with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
1003	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW, concave profile	1.20+	0.55	0.12	Roman

1004	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown silty clay	1.20+	0.55	0.12	
1005	Layer	Mid orangey brown clay	1.20+	1.25+	0.10	
1006	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave base	1+	1.16	0.24	Roman
1007	Fill of 1006	Mid greyish brown clay	1+	1.16	0.24	
1008	Layer	Mid orangey brown clay	0.30+	0.48+	0.08	
1009	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE			n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
1010	Ditch					Modern
1011	Fill of 1010					
<b>Trench 11</b>						
1100	Topsoil	Mid blackish brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
1101	Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clay	-	-	0.20	
1102	Geology	Light/Mid brownish grey clay	-	-	-	
1103	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
1104	Furrow		2+			
<b>Trench 12</b>						
1200	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.30	
1201	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown clay	-	-	0.10	
1202	Geology	Mid orangey-brown clayey sand with stone and chalky clay inclusions	-	-	-	
1203	Posthole	Oval in plan, flat base	0.41	0.20+	0.09	Undated
1204	Fill of 1203	Mid greyish-brown mottled with orangey-brown	0.41	0.20+	0.09	
1205	Posthole	Oval in plan, moderately concave base	0.57	0.25+	0.12	Undated
1206	Fill of 1205	Mid orangey brown silty clay	0.57	0.25+	0.12	
1207	Pit	Circular/oval in plan, concave base	1.26+	0.70	0.17	Undated
1208	Fill of 1207	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	0.40+	0.60	0.10	
1209	Fill of 1207	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1.26+	0.70	0.17	
1210	Layer	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	-	0.23	
1211	Furrow	Aligned E-W	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 13</b>						
1300	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.21	
1301	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown clay	-	-	0.16	
1302	Geology	Mid yellowish-brown clay with stone and chalky clay inclusions	-	-	-	
1303	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	2.34	0.76	Roman
1304	Fill of 1303	Mid grey with brown mottling sandy clay	1+	1.04	0.47	
1305	Fill of 1303	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1+	0.73	0.43	
1306	Fill of 1303	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1+	0.34	0.26	
1307	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	1.81	0.48	Post-med/ modern
1308	Fill of 1307	Light brownish-grey silty clay	1+	1.17	0.43	
1309	Fill of 1307	Mid grey silty clay	1+	1.02	0.39	
1310	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave base	1+	0.77	0.29	Undated
1311	Fill of 1310	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.77	0.29	
1312	Ditch re-cut	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	1.15	0.49	Post-med/ modern
1313	Fill of 1312	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	1+	1.15	0.49	
1314	Geological feature	Irregular linear in plan, irregular/concave sided	1+	1.90	0.62	
1315	Fill of 1314	Mid yellowish-brown/grey silty/sandy clay	1+		0.62	
1316	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	1.61	0.26	Roman
1317	Fill of 1316	Mid brownish-grey sandy clay	1+	0.64	0.23	
1318	Fill of 1316	Mid brownish-grey clay	1+	1.23	0.24	
1319	Fill of 1316	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1+	1.49	0.19	

1320	Fill of 1316	Mid grey clay	1+	1.22	0.09	
1321	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, flat base	1.5+	1.79	0.73	Roman
1322	Fill of 1321	Mid greyish-brown sandy clay	1.5+	1.02	0.60	
1323	Fill of 1321	Mid brownish-grey sandy clay	1.5+	0.55	0.24	
1324	Fill of 1321	Dark brownish-grey clay	1.5+	1.07	0.34	
1325	Fill of 1321	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1.5+	0.91	0.21	
1326	Fill of 1321	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1.5+	0.72	0.18	
1327	Fill of 1321	Mid grey mottled with brown silty clay	1.5+	1.32	0.27	
<b>Trench 14</b>						
1400	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.28	
1401	Geology	Mid yellowish-brown clay with mid whitish-grey chalky clay inclusions	-	-	-	
1402	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	1.80+	0.78	0.38	Roman
1403	Fill of 1402	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1.80+	-	0.20	
1404	Fill of 1402	Light brownish-grey silty clay	1.80+	-	0.29	
1405	Furrow	Aligned N-S	1.80+	2.45	0.21	Medieval/post-medieval
1406	Fill of 1405	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1.80+	2.45	0.21	
1407	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, flat base	1+	0.47+	0.13	Roman
1408	Fill of 1407	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1+	0.47+	0.13	
1409	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, flat base	1+	0.87	0.25	Roman
1410	Fill of 1409	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.87	0.25	
1411	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	0.37	0.26	Roman
1412	Fill of 1411	Dark greyish brown silty clay	1+	0.37	0.26	
<b>Trench 15</b>						
1500	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.27	
1501	Geology	Light yellowish-white clay	-	-	-	
1502	Ditch (recut)	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1.10+	1	0.54	Roman
1503	Layer	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	1.10+	1.31	0.21	
1504	Fill of 1502	Mid whitish-brown silty clay	1.10+	1	0.54	
1505	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, flat base	1.10+	0.69	0.37	Roman
1506	Fill of 1505	Mid whitish-brown silty clay	1.10+	0.69	0.37	
1507	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	1.52	0.89	Roman
1508	Fill of 1507	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.64	0.18	
1509	Fill of 1507	Light greyish-brown silty clay	1+	1.18	0.25	
1510	Fill of 1507	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.73	0.10	
1511	Fill of 1507	Mid whitish-brown silty clay	1+	1.23	0.33	
1512	Fill of 1507	Light whitish-brown silty clay	1+	0.84	0.33	
1513	Fill of 1507	Mid yellowish-brown silty clay	1+	0.52	0.25	
1514	Ditch (recut)	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SE, concave base	1+	1.06	0.59	Roman
1515	Fill of 1514	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1+	1.05	0.34	
1516	Fill of 1514	Light greyish-brown silty clay	1+	1	0.34	
1517	Fill of 1514	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.69	0.18	
1518	Fill of 1514	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.44	0.21	
1519	Posthole	Oval in plan, concave base	-	0.39	0.17	Roman
1520	Fill of 1519	Light greyish-brown silty clay	-	0.39	0.17	
1521	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+	2.20	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
1522	Furrow		2+	2.69	n.e	
1523	Furrow		2+	2.25	n.e	
1524	Furrow		2+	2.24	n.e	
1525	Furrow		2+	1.91	n.e	
<b>Trench 16</b>						
1600	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.35	
1601	Geology	Light yellowish-white clay	-	-	-	

1602	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+	1.83	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
1603	Furrow		2+	3.31	n.e	
1604	Furrow		2+	1.42	n.e	
1605	Furrow		2+	2.70	n.e	
1606	Furrow		2+	2.20	n.e	
1607	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 17</b>						
1700	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.31	
1701	Geology	Light brownish-white clay	-	-	-	
1702	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S	1.12+	0.69	0.31	Post-med/modern
1703	Fill of 1702	Light brownish white clay	1.12+	0.69	0.31	
1704	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2.42+	1.12	0.49	Post-med/modern
1705	Fill of 1704	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	2.42+	1.12	0.49	
1706	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2.47+	1.02	0.10	Medieval/post-medieval
1707	Fill of 1706	Mid greyish brown silty clay	2.47+	1.02	0.10	
1708	Furrow	Aligned N-S	1.82+	3.32	n.e	
1709	Furrow		1.82+	4.76	n.e	
1710	Furrow		1.82+	2.82	n.e	
<b>Trench 18</b>						
1800	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
1801	Geology	Light brownish-white clay	-	-	-	
1802	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	0.72	0.18	Post-med/modern
1803	Fill of 1802	Mid brownish-grey clay	1+	0.72	0.18	
1804	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	0.90+	0.52	0.10	Post-med/modern
1805	Fill of 1804	Light brownish-grey clay	0.90+	0.52	0.10	
1806	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	1.82+	2.40	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
1807	Furrow		1.82+	3.70	n.e	
1808	Furrow		1.81+	2.30	n.e	
<b>Trench 19</b>						
1900	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.30	
1901	Geology	Light brownish-grey clay	-	-	-	
1902	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	1.85+	2.30	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
1903	Furrow		1.85+	3.30	n.e	
<b>Trench 20</b>						
2000	Topsoil	Mid blackish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.37	
2001	Geology	Light brownish-grey clay	-	-	-	
2002	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	1.90+	4.50	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
2003	Furrow		1.90+	4	n.e	
2004	Furrow		1.90+	2.70	n.e	
<b>Trench 21</b>						
2100	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.24	
2101	Geology	Mid yellowish-grey clay	-	-	-	
2102	Hedgerow	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	1.90+	2.30		Post-med/modern
2103	Fill of 2102	Mid greyish-yellow clay	1.90+	2.30		
<b>Trench 22</b>						
2200	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.35	
2201	Geology	Light/Mid yellowish-grey clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 23</b>						
2300	Topsoil	Mid blackish grey silty clay	-	-	0.30	
2301	Geology	Light brownish-grey clay	-	-	-	
2302	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	0.85+	1.10	n.e	Modern
2303	Fill of 2302	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	0.85+	1.10	n.e	
<b>Trench 24</b>						
2400	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.19	
2401	Subsoil	Mid greyish-white silty clay	-	-	0.18	
2402	Geology	Light whitish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
2403	Hedgerow	Linear in plan, aligned SW-NE	4.10+	1.41	0.22	Post-med/modern
2404	Fill of 2403	Mid brownish grey silty clay	4.10+	1.41	0.22	



2405	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
2406	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 25</b>						
2500	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown firm silty clay	-	-	0.38	
2501	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-grey firm silty clay with chalk	-	-	0.02	
2502	Geology	Mid greyish-white friable clay with chalk	-	-	-	
2503	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, flat base	2+	1.66	0.32	Post-med/modern
2504	Fill of 2503	Mid whitish-yellow silty clay	2+	0.41	0.11	
2505	Tree bowl	Oval in plan, concave base		2.58	0.67	
2506	Fill of 2505	Mid whitish-brown silty clay		2.58	0.67	
2507	Fill of 2503	Mid yellowish-white silty clay	2+	1.64	0.24	
2508	Fill of 2503	Dark yellowish-white silty clay	2+	0.62	0.17	
2509	Furrow	Aligned SW-SE	2+			Medieval/post-medieval
2510	Fill of 2509	Mid/Dark greyish brown silty clay	2+			
2511	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	2+	1.01	0.40	Post-med/modern
2512	Fill of 2511	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	2+	1.01	0.29	
2513	Ditch	Field boundary				Post-med/modern
2514	Fill of 2513	Mid/Dark greyish brown silty clay				
2515	Fill of 2511	Light greyish-brown silty clay	2+	0.51	0.26	
2516	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 26</b>						
2600	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
2601	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.22	
2602	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
2603	Furrow	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	0.39	0.10	Medieval/post-medieval
2604	Fill of 2603	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt	2+	0.39	0.10	
<b>Trench 27</b>						
2700	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.27	
2701	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.73	
2702	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
2703	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW, concave base	2+	0.87	0.32	Post-med/modern
2704	Fill of 2703	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	2+	0.87	0.22	
2705	Fill of 2703	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	2+	0.63	0.10	
2706	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S	2+	0.70	0.20	Post-med/modern
2707	Fill of 2706	Mid yellowish-brown	2+	0.70	0.15	
2708	Fill of 2706	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	2+	0.38	0.05	
2709	Ditch	Field boundary		4.52	-	Post-med/modern
<b>Trench 28</b>						
2800	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
2801	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.15	
2802	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
2803	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	1.84+	1.07+		Post-med/modern
2804	Fill of 2803	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1.84+	1.07+		
<b>Trench 29</b>						
2900	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.36	
2901	Subsoil	Mid greyish-white silty clay	-	-	0.04	
2902	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
2903	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SE, concave base	1.85+	2.28	1.26	Iron Age
2905	Fill of 2903	Light whitish-grey silty clay	1.85+	2.26	0.09	
2906	Fill of 2903	Mid whitish-grey silty clay	1.85+	0.52	0.08	
2907	Fill of 2903	Mid whitish-grey silty clay	1.85+	1.40	0.22	
2908	Fill of 2903	Light grey silty clay	1.85+	2.19	0.25	

<b>Trench 30</b>						
3000	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown clayey silt	-	-	0.28	
3001	Geology	Light greyish-white silty clay	-	-	-	
3002	Fill of 3003	Dark greyish-brown clayey silt			n.e	
3003	Pit	Circular in plan				Iron Age?
3004	Pit	Oval in plan, concave base	1.40	1.10+	0.48	Iron Age
3005	Posthole	Circular in plan, concave base	0.31	0.31	0.23	Iron Age
3006	Pit	Oval in plan			n.e	
3007	Pit	Circular in plan, concave base	0.85	0.70-	0.25	MIA
3010	Posthole	Oval/irregular in plan, concave base	0.52	0.50	0.16	IA
3011	Geological	Elongated irregular oval in plan				
3012	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW, concave base	2+	2.75	1.20	MIA/LIA
3013	Fill of 3006	Dark brownish-grey silty clay				
3016	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	1.80-	0.60	0.12	
3017	Fill of 3010	Greyish-brown clay	0.52	0.50	0.16	
3018	Fill of 3005	Light greyish-brown clay	0.31	0.31	0.23	
3019	Fill of 3004	Mid/Dark brownish-grey clay and silt	0.54-	0.98-	0.12	
3020	Fill of 3004	Whitish-grey chalky clay	0.50	0.30	0.26	
3021	Pit recut	Circular in plan, concave base	0.90-	0.40-	0.36	Iron Age
3022	Fill of 3021	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	0.90-	0.40-	0.36	
3023	Fill of 3007	Brownish-white chalky clay		0.20	0.10	
3024	Fill of 3007	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	0.85	0.70-	0.25	
3025	Fill of 3012	Light greyish-white silty clay		0.84	0.32	
3026	Fill of 3012	Mid greyish-brown, silty chalky clay		1.20	0.30	
3027	Fill of 3012	Dark greyish-brown clayey chalky silt		2.75	0.56	
3028	Fill of 3016	Light and dark grey silty chalky clay		0.60	0.12	
3029	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W			n.e	MIA
3030	Fill of 3029				n.e	
<b>Trench 31</b>						
3100	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
3101	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.11	
3102	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
3105	Pit	Circular in plan, concave base	0.67	0.56	0.12	Iron Age
3106	Fill of 3105	Dark blackish-brown clayey silt	0.67	0.56	0.08	
3109	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2+	0.75	0.32	Iron Age
3110	Fill of 3110	Mid greyish-brown clayey silt	2+	0.75	0.25	
3111	Fill of 3105	Mid greyish-brown clayey silt	0.67	0.43	0.04	
3112	Fill of 3109	Dark greyish-brown clayey silt	2+	0.21	0.07	
3113	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
3114	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3115	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 32</b>						
3200	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown clayey silt	-	-	0.31	
3201	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.07	
3202	Geology	Light greyish-white silty clay	-	-	-	
3203	Ditch?	Irregular linear	0.89+	0.38	0.10	Iron Age
3204	Fill of 3203	Dark blackish-brown clayey silt	0.89+	0.38	0.10	
3205	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+			Medieval/post-medieval
3206	Furrow		2+			
3207	Furrow		2+			
3208	Furrow		2+			
3209	Furrow		2+			
3210	Fill of 3205		2+			
3211	Fill of 3206		2+			
3212	Fill of 3207		2+			
3213	Fill of 3208		2+			
3214	Fill of 3209		2+			

<b>Trench 33</b>						
3300	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown clayey silt	-	-	0.34	
3301	Geology	Light whitish-grey clayey silt	-	-	-	
3302	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S	1.80+		n.e	Iron Age
3303	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE turning SW		0.88	0.43	Iron Age
3304	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	1.80+		n.e	
3309	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	1.80+	0.84	0.44	Iron Age
3310	Fill of 3303	Dark brown clayey silt		0.88	0.26	
3311	Fill of 3303	Mid/Dark brownish-grey clayey silt		0.50	0.18	
3312	Fill of 3313	Greyish-brown clayey silt		0.58	0.22	
3313	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SW, concave base		0.58	0.22	Iron Age
3314	Fill of 3315	Mid/Dark brownish-grey silty clay		0.50-	0.16	
3315	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base		0.50-	0.16	
3316	Fill of 3317	Mid greyish-brown silty clay			0.20-	
3317	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE				Iron Age
3318	Fill of 3319	Dark brown silty clay		0.44	0.18	
3319	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW		0.44	0.18	Iron Age
3320	Residual furrow ridge	Light greyish-white chalky clay			0.10	Medieval/post-medieval
3321	Fill of 3309	Dark brownish-grey silty clay		0.80	0.24	
3322	Fill of 3309	Mid greyish-brown silty clay		0.56	0.16	
3323	Furrow	Aligned E-W	1.80+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
3324	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 34</b>						
3400	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
3401	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.15	
3402	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
3403	Furrow	Aligned SW-NE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
3404	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3405	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3406	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3407	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3407	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 35</b>						
3500	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey clayey silt	-	-	0.29	
3501	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.06	
3502	Geology	Chalk	-	-	-	
3503	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	1+	0.71	0.31	
3504	Fill of 3503	Mid greyish brown, clay		0.71	0.31	
3505	Pit/Ditch terminal	Irregular oval in plan			n.e	
3506	Fill of 3505				n.e	
3507	Ditch terminal	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE			n.e	
3508	Fill of 3507				n.e	
3509	Posthole/Pit	Circular in plan			n.e	
3510	Fill of 3509				n.e	
3511	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW				Medieval/post-medieval
3512	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
3513	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
3514	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
3515	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
<b>Trench 36</b>						
3600	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.32	
3601	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown clay	-	-	0.04	
3602	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
3605	Geological	Irregular linear	0.95+	0.16+	0.13	
3606	Fill of 3605	Mid greyish-brown clay	0.95+	0.16+	0.13	
3607	Posthole	Circular in plan, concave profile	0.30	0.30	0.07	Undated
3608	Fill of 3607	Mid greyish-brown clay	0.30	0.30	0.07	
3609	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE			n.e	Medieval/post-medieval

<b>Trench 37</b>						
3700	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.36	
3701	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.11	
3702	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
3703	Furrow	Aligned E-W	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
3704	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3705	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3706	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 38</b>						
3800	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.38	
3801	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.03	
3802	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
3803	Posthole	Circular in plan	0.49+	0.45	0.19	Undated
3804	Fill of 3803	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	0.49+	0.45	0.19	
3805	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NNW-SSE	2+	0.47	0.17	Undated
3806	Fill of 3805	Dark brownish-black silty clay	2+	0.47	0.17	
3807	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NNW-SSE, concave profile	2+	0.84	0.08	Undated
3808	Fill of 3807	Light greyish-brown silty clay	2+	0.84	0.08	
3809	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+	1.39	0.13	Medieval/post-medieval
3810	Fill of furrow	Light brownish-grey silty clay	2+	1.39	0.13	
3811	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+	2.17	0.15	
3812	Fill of 3811	Mid greyish-brown clay	2+	2.17	0.15	
3813	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	
3814	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3815	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 39</b>						
3900	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.36	
3901	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.03	
3902	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
3903	Hedgerow	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2+	0.82	0.07	Post-med/modern
3904	Fill of 3904	Mid yellowish-brown clay	2+	0.82	0.07	
3905	Hedgerow	Irregular linear, aligned E-W	2+	0.78	0.21	Post-med/modern
3906	Fill of 3905	Mid yellowish-brown clay	2+	0.78	0.21	
3907	Geological	Linear in plan, aligned NNE-SSW		0.50		
3908	Fill of 3907	Brown clay		0.50		
3909	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2+	0.87	0.10	Undated
3910	Fill of 3909	Mid yellowish-brown clay	2+	0.87	0.10	
3911	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	1.90	0.70	Medieval/pre-medieval
3912	Fill of 3911	Mid greyish-brown clay	1+	1.70	0.23	
3913	Fill of 3911	Mid greyish-brown clay	1+	1.98	0.48	
3914	Fill of 3911	Mid brownish-grey clay	0.50+	0.40	0.12	
3915	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+	1.38+	0.22	
3916	Fill of 3915	Mid greyish-brown clay	2+	1.38+	0.22	
3917	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
3918	Furrow		2+		n.e	
3919	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 40</b>						
4000	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.29	
4001	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.20	
4002	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay	-	-	-	
4003	Hedgerow	Irregular linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	3.41+	0.71	0.22	Undated
4004	Fill of 4003	Light greyish-brown silty clay	2+	0.63	0.22	
4005	Fill of 4003	Mid whitish-grey silty clay	2+	0.34	0.07	
<b>Trench 41</b>						
4100	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown clayey silt	-	-	0.30	
4101	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.12	
4102	Geology	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	-	
4103	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	0.60	0.21	Medieval/pre-medieval

4104	Fill of 4103	Mid whitish-brown silty clay	1+	0.60	0.21	
4105	Furrow	Aligned E-W	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
4106	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 42</b>						
4200	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.08	
4201	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.03	
4202	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
4203	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned SE-NW	1.90+	0.73	0.26	Undated
4204	Fill of 4203	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1.90+	0.73	0.26	
4205	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+	1.26	0.31	Medieval/post-medieval
4206	Fill of 4205	Mid greyish-brown clayey silt	2+	1.26	0.31	
4207	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	0.87	0.13	Undated
4208	Fill of 4207	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt	2+	0.87	0.13	
4209	Pit	Oval in plan, aligned N-S	0.78+	2.72	0.54	Iron Age
4210	Fill of 4209	Dark brownish-grey silty clay		2.72	0.45	
4211	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2+	0.70	0.45	Undated
4212	Fill of 4211	Mid greyish-brown clayey silt	2+	0.70	0.45	
4213	Fill of 4209	Mid greyish-brown silty clay		2.60	0.15	
4216	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
4217	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 43</b>						
4300	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.32	
4301	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.06	
4302	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
4303	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW, flat base	1.65+	0.80	0.45	Iron Age
4304	Fill of 4303	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	0.47+	0.18	0.02	
4305	Fill of 4303	Mid whitish-grey silty clay		0.55	0.23	
4306	Fill of 4303	Mid brownish-grey silty clay		0.44	0.09	
4307	Fill of 4303	Mid whitish-grey silty clay		0.39	0.24	
4308	Fill of 4303	Mid brownish-grey silty clay		0.32	0.12	
4309	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	1.85+	0.50	0.13	Iron Age
4310	Fill of 4309	Mid greyish-brown silty clay		0.50	0.13	
<b>Trench 44</b>						
4400	Topsoil	Mid grey silty clay	-	-	0.26	
4401	Geology	Light brownish-grey chalk	-	-	-	
4402	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2.10+	1.94	0.19	Medieval/post-medieval
4403	Fill of 4402	Light greyish-brown silty clay	2.10+	1.94	0.19	
4404	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2.10+	0.67	0.38	Modern
4405	Fill of 4404	Mid whitish-grey silty clay		0.67	0.38	
4406	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2.10+	2.30+	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
4407	Furrow		2.10+	1.80+	n.e	
4408	Furrow		2.10+	1.40+	n.e	
4409	Furrow		2.10+	2.10+	n.e	
<b>Trench 45</b>						
4500	Topsoil	Mid grey silty clay	-	-	0.32	
4501	Geology	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
4504	Furrow	Aligned NE-SE	1.90+	2	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
4505	Furrow		1.90+	1.70	n.e	
4506	Furrow		1.90+	2.10	n.e	
<b>Trench 46</b>						
4600	Topsoil	Mid grey silty clay	-	-	0.32	
4601	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.07	
4602	Geology	Light yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
4605	Pond	Irregular in plan, flat base	15.2	1.90+	0.43+	Undated
4606	Fill of 4605	Mid bluish-grey clay	15.2	1.90+	0.43+	
4607	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	1.90+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
4608	Furrow		1.90+		n.e	
<b>Trench 47</b>						
4700	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.29	
4701	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.22	
4702	Geology	Light yellowish-brown silty clay	-	-	-	

4704	Deposit (natural origin)	Light greyish-brown silty clay	1.90+	2.83	0.24	
<b>Trench 48</b>						
4800	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey sandy clay	-	-	0.29	
4801	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.21	
4802	Geology	Light yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
4803	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave base	1.90+	1	0.28	Undated
4804	Fill of 4803	Mid yellowish-grey clay	1.90+	1	0.28	
4805	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned WNW-ESE	1.90+	1.23	0.31	Undated
4806	Fill of 4805	Mid brownish-grey clay	1.90+	1.23	0.31	
4807	Furrow	Aligned E-W	1.90+	2.80	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
4808	Furrow		1.90+	1.90	n.e	
4809	Furrow		1.90+		n.e	
<b>Trench 49</b>						
4900	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.32	
4901	Subsoil	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.10	
4902	Geology	Light whitish-grey silty/chalky clay	-	-	-	
4903	Furrow	Aligned N-S			n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 50</b>						
5000	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
5001	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.22	
5002	Geology	Light yellowish-grey chalky clay	-	-	-	
5003	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2+			Modern
5004	Fill of 5003	Dark brown silty clay	2+			
5005	Furrow	Aligned E-W	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5006	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 51</b>						
5100	Topsoil	Mid grey silty clay	-	-	0.30	
5101	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.05	
5102	Geology	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
5103	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5104	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5105	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 52</b>						
5200	Topsoil	Mid brown clay	-	-	0.24	
5201	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-brown clay	-	-	0.08	
5202	Geology	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
5203	Furrow	Aligned NW-SW	1.85+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5204	Furrow		1.85+		n.e	
5205	Furrow		1.85+		n.e	
<b>Trench 53</b>						
5300	Topsoil	Mid brown clay	-	-	0.24	
5301	Subsoil	Light brown clay	-	-	0.11	
5302	Geology	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
5303	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5304	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5305	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5308	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 54</b>						
5400	Topsoil	Mid blackish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.24	
5401	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey clay	-	-	0.07	
5402	Geology	Mid greyish-white chalky clay	-	-	-	
5403	Ditch terminal	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	0.80+	0.46	0.18	Undated
5404	Fill of 5403	Mid brownish-grey clay	0.80+	0.46	0.18	
5405	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W turning N-S	1.20+	0.78+	0.57	Undated
5406	Fill of 5405	Mid brownish-grey clay	1.20+	0.78+	0.20	
5407	Fill of 5405	Mid yellowish-brown clay	1.20+	0.78+	0.32	
5408	Fill of 5405	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	0.70+	0.50+	0.16	
5409	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	0.60+	0.30+	0.30	Undated
5410	Fill of 5409	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	0.60+	0.30+	0.30	

5411	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	1+	0.48+	0.36+	Undated
5412	Fill of 5411	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.35+	0.20	
5413	Fill of 5411	Mid yellowish-brown clay	1+	0.45+	0.18	
5414	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5415	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5416	Furrow					
<b>Trench 55</b>						
5500	Topsoil	Mid blackish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
5501	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown clay	-	-	0.10	
5502	Geology	Mid greyish-white chalky clay	-	-	-	
5503	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	0.80	n.e	Modern
5504	Fill of 5503	Mid greyish brown clay	2+	0.80	n.e	
5505	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5506	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 56</b>						
5600	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
5601	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.56	
5602	Geology	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
5603	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5604	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5605	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5606	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5607	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 57</b>						
5700	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
5701	Subsoil	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.06	
5702	Geology	Light yellowish-grey silty/chalky clay	-	-	-	
5703	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5704	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5705	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5706	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5707	Furrow		2+		n.e	
5708	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 58</b>						
5800	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.29	
5801	Subsoil	Light greyish-brown clayey silt	-	-	0.08	
5802	Geology	Light yellowish-grey silty/chalky clay	-	-	-	
5803	Furrow	Aligned N-S	1.80+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
5804	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
5805	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
5806	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
<b>Trench 59</b>						
5900	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.26	
5901	Subsoil	Light greyish-brown clayey silt	-	-	0.09	
5902	Geology	Chalk	-	-	-	
5903	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S	1.80+	0.70	0.44	Undated
5904	Fill of 5903	Mid brownish-grey clay	1.80+	0.70	0.44	
5905	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	1.80+	0.45	0.21	Undated
5906	Fill of 5905	Dark brownish-grey clay	1.80+	0.45	0.21	
5907	Furrow	Aligned E-W	1.80+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 60</b>						
6000	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.28	
6001	Subsoil	Light greyish-brown clay	-	-	0.14	
6002	Geology	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
6003	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	1.80+	1.28	0.18	Medieval/post-medieval
6004	Fill of 6003	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1.80+	1.28	0.18	
6005	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	1.80+		n.e	
6006	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
6007	Furrow		1.80+		n.e	
<b>Trench 61</b>						
6100	Topsoil	Mid brown clay	-	-	0.27	

6101	Subsoil	Light greyish-brown clay	-	-	0.16	
6102	Geology	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
6103	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	1.85+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
6104	Furrow		1.85+		n.e	
6105	Furrow		1.85+		n.e	
6106	Furrow		1.85+		n.e	
6107	Furrow		1.85+		n.e	
<b>Trench 62</b>						
6200	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.32	
6201	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
6202	Geology	Clay	-	-	-	
6203	Furrow	Aligned E-W	2+	5.30	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
6304	Furrow		2+		n.e	
6205	Furrow		2+	1.82	n.e	
<b>Trench 63</b>						
6300	Topsoil	Mid brown clay	-	-	0.27	
6301	Geology	Light brownish-grey chalky clay	-	-	-	
6302	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
6303	Furrow		2+		n.e	
6304	Furrow		2+		n.e	
6305	Furrow		2+		n.e	
6306	Furrow		2+		n.e	
6307	Furrow		2+		n.e	
6308	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 64</b>						
6400	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.34	
6401	Subsoil	Mid orangey-brown silty clay	-	-	0.24	
6402	Geology	Light greyish-orange silty clay	-	-	-	
6403	Furrow	Aligned E-W and N-S	2+	5.40+	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
6404	Furrow		2+	1.21	n.e	
6405	Furrow		2+	5.30	n.e	
<b>Trench 65</b>						
6500	Topsoil	Mid brown clay	-	-	0.27	
6501	Subsoil	Light greyish-brown clay	-	-	0.31	
6502	Geology	Light brownish-white chalky clay	-	-	-	
6503	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
6504	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 66</b>						
6600	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.26	
6601	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.18	
6602	Geology	Light yellowish-grey silty clay with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
6603	Fill of 6607	Light greenish-brown clay	5+	2+	0.13	
6604	Fill of 6607	Dark brown/black clay	11+	2+	0.10	
6605	Fill of 6607	Dark greenish-brown silty clay	5+	2+	0.25+	
6606	Fill of 6607	Mid greyish-brown clay with sandstone	4+	2+	0.10	
6607	Pond		5+	2+	0.28+	Undated
6608	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	
6609	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 67</b>						
6700	Topsoil	Mid grey silty clay	-	-	0.34	
6701	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.14	
6702	Geology	Light greyish-brown chalky clay	-	-	-	
6703	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 68</b>						
6800	Topsoil	Mid brown clay	-	-	0.30	
6801	Subsoil	Light greenish-brown clay	-	-	0.07	
6802	Geology	Light greyish-brown chalky clay	-	-	-	
6803	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+	1.20	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
6804	Furrow		2+	2	n.e	
6805	Furrow		2+	1	n.e	
6806	Furrow		2+	2	n.e	



6807	Furrow		2+	1	n.e	
6808	Furrow		2+	2	n.e	
6809	Furrow		2+	1+	n.e	
<b>Trench 69</b>						
6900	Topsoil	Mid brown clay	-	-	0.25	
6901	Subsoil	Light brown clay	-	-	0.15	
6902	Geology	Greyish-white chalky clay	-	-	-	
6903	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	9+	0.55	0.25	Undated
6904	Fill of 6903	Mid orangey-brown silty clay	9+	0.55	0.25	
6907	Furrow	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+			Medieval/post-medieval
6908	Fill of 6907	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	2+			
<b>Trench 70</b>						
7000	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.26	
7001	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.12	
7002	Geology	Light whitish-grey silty chalky clay	-	-	-	
7003	Furrow	Aligned E-W			n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
7004	Furrow				n.e	
<b>Trench 71</b>						
7100	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.34	
7101	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.21	
7102	Geology	Light whitish-grey chalky clay	-	-	-	
7103	Furrow	Aligned E-W			n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 72</b>						
7200	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.26	
7201	Geology	White marl sandy clay	-	-	-	
7202	Ditch	Aligned N-S	2.10+	1.89	0.09	Medieval/post-medieval
7203	Fill of 7202		2.10+	1.89	0.09	
7204	Ditch	Aligned N-S and E-W	2.10+	1.60	n.e	
7205	Ditch		2.10+	3	n.e	
7206	Fill of 7205					
<b>Trench 73</b>						
7300	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown sandy clay	-	-	0.33	
7301	Geology	Bluish white marly chalk with orange brown lenses	-	-	-	
7302	Ditch	Curvilinear in plan, aligned SW curving N	3.1+	0.57	0.14	Medieval/post-medieval
7303	Fill of 7302	Brown silty clay	3.1+	0.57	0.14	
7304	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned ENE-WSW	2.10+	0.67	0.16	Medieval/post-medieval
7305	Fill of 7304	Brown silty clay	2.10+	0.67	0.16	
7306	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave base	2+	0.51	0.47	Medieval/post-medieval
7307	Fill of 7306	Light whitish-grey to brown silty clay	2+	0.38	0.26	
7308	Fill of 7306	Light brown silty clay	2+	0.15	0.26	
7309	Fill of 7306	Brown silty clay	2+	0.80	0.46	
7310	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave base	2+	0.80	0.72	Medieval/post-medieval
7311	Fill of 7310	Light grey/brown silty clay	2+	0.55	0.35	
7312	Fill of 7310	Brown silty clay	2+	0.80	0.41	
7313	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave profile	2+	0.81	0.75	Medieval/post-medieval
7314	Fill of 7313	Mid grey silty clay	2+	0.80	0.23	
7315	Fill of 7313	Brown silty clay	2+	1.81	0.54	
<b>Trench 74</b>						
7400	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
7401	Geology	Bluish white chalk	-	-	-	
7402	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2.10+	1.60	0.30	Medieval/post-medieval
7403	Fill of 7402	Mid brown silty clay		1.60	0.25	
7404	Fill of 7402	Dark brown silty clay		1.60	0.07	
7405	Fill of 7402	Yellowish-blue clay		0.40	0.20	
7406	Layer	Mixed blue grey silty clay	2+	0.30+	0.19+	

7407	Wall	Whitish-grey chalk blocks in orange brown sandy matrix	2+	0.66	0.43	Medieval/post-medieval
7408	Wall (robbed)	Whitish-grey chalk blocks in orange brown sandy matrix	2+	0.90	0.40	Medieval/post-medieval
7409	Redeposited material	Dark brown silty clay	2+	0.67	0.10	
7410	Construction cut for wall 7408	Linear vertical sided, flat based	2+	0.70	0.12	Medieval/post-medieval
7411	Packing for wall	Mottled orangey-brown to whitish-grey sandy clay	2+	0.70	0.12	
7412	Construction trench for wall 7407	Linear vertical sides with flat base	2+	0.85	0.40	Medieval/post-medieval
7413	Packing for wall	Brown clay	2+	0.25	0.12	
7414	Redeposited Geology	Mid yellowish-brown sandy clay		2.40	0.13	
7415	Demolition spread	Light grey chalky clay			0.21	
7416	Demolition spread	Orangey-brown sandy clay			0.15	
<b>Trench 75</b>						
7500	Topsoil	Brownish-grey sandy clay	-	-	0.33	
7501	Geology	Bluish-white marly clay	-	-	-	
7502	Furrow	Aligned N-S and E-W	2.10+	2+	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
7503	Furrow		2.10+	7	n.e	
<b>Trench 76</b>						
7600	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown sandy clay	-	-	0.32	
7601	Geology	Gravelly marly chalk yellowish-brown gravelly sandy clay	-	-	-	
7602	Redeposited material	Mid brown silty clay		3.69		
7603	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S	2.10+	1.80		Post-med/modern
7604	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2.10+	2.29	0.08	Medieval/post-medieval
7605	Fill of 7604	Mid brown silty clay	2.10+	2.29	0.08	
7606	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2.10+		n.e	
<b>Trench 77</b>						
7700	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown	-	-	0.30	
7701	Geology	Mid yellowish-brown gravelly sandy clay	-	-	-	
7702	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2.10+	2.88	0.88	Post-med/modern
7703	Fill of 7702	Brown silty clay		2.88	0.88	
7704	Fill of 7702	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay		2.88	0.50	
<b>Trench 78</b>						
7800	Topsoil	Mid brown sandy clay	-	-	0.3	
7801	Geology	Brown silty clay	-	-	-	
7802	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	0.58	0.48	Medieval/post-medieval
7803	Fill of 7802	Light/mid grey silty clay	2+	0.58	0.48	
7804	Ditch (recut)	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	1.60	0.51	Medieval/post-medieval
7805	Fill of 7804	Mid grey/brown silty clay	2+	1.60	0.51	
<b>Trench 79</b>						
7900	Topsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt	-	-	0.28	
7901	Geology	Light whitish/orangey-brown clayey silt with gravel inclusions	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 80</b>						
8000	Topsoil	Mid/dark brown clayey silt	-	-	0.29	
8001	Geology	Light whitish brown silty clay	-	-	-	
8002	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NEE-SWW	2+	15.90+	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
8003	Fill of 8002	Light greyish-brown firm silty clay			n.e	
<b>Trench 81</b>						
8100	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt	-	-	0.26	

8101	Geology	Mid greyish-brown clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 82</b>						
8200	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt	-	-	0.25	
8201	Geology	Light greyish/whitish brown silty clay	-	-	-	
8202	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	2+	2.2+	n.e	Undated
8203	Fill of 8202	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	2+	2.2+	n.e	
8204	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	2.36+	0.65	0.27	Undated
8205	Fill of 8204	Mid brownish-grey silty clay		0.65	0.27	
8206	Posthole	Circular in plan, flat base	0.51	0.40	0.19	Undated
8207	Fill of 8206	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	0.51	0.40	0.19	
8208	Posthole	Circular in plan, flat base	0.45	0.38	0.10	Undated
8209	Fill of 8208	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	0.45	0.38	0.10	
8210	Posthole	Circular in plan, flat base	0.45	0.44	0.23	Undated
8211	Fill of 8210	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	0.45	0.44	0.23	
8212	Posthole	Circular in plan, concave base	0.33	0.23	0.12	Undated
8213	Fill of 8212	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	0.33	0.23	0.12	
8214	Posthole	Circular in plan, straight sided	0.42	0.32	0.23	Undated
8215	Fill of 8214	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	0.42	0.32	0.23	
8216	Posthole	Circular in plan, concave profile	0.31	0.32	0.14	Undated
8217	Fill of 8216	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	0.31	0.32	0.14	
8218	Posthole					
8219	Fill of 8218					
<b>Trench 83</b>						
8300	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.25	
8301	Geology	Light whitish-brown chalky clay	-	-	-	
8302	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2+	2.28+	0.50+	Post-med/ modern
8303	Fill of 8302	Mid grey clay			0.23+	
8304	Fill of 8302	Mid grey clay			0.28	
8305	Fill of 8302	Mid grey clay with brown mottling			0.41	
8306	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	2+	0.88+	0.48	Post-med/ modern
8307	Fill of 8306	Mid grey clay			0.09	
8308	Fill of 8306	Mid grey clay			0.45	
8309	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave profile	2+	3.02	0.62	Post-med/ modern
8310	Fill of 8309	Light grey clay			0.19	
8311	Fill of 8309	Mid brownish-grey clay			0.17	
8312	Fill of 8309	Light greyish-brown silty clay			0.29	
8313	Fill of 8309	Mid brownish-grey silty clay			0.36	
8314	Fill of 8309	Light brown silty clay			0.26	
8315	Fill of 8309	Light brownish-grey clay			0.07	
8316	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave profile	1+	1.38	0.32	Post-med/ modern
8317	Fill of 8316	Mid greyish-brown silty clay			0.32	
<b>Trench 84</b>						
8400	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt	-	-	0.20	
8401	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.10	
8402	Geology	Light whitish-brown clay	-	-	-	
8403	Undulation in Geology	Irregular linear in plan, aligned N-S	2+	2.80+	0.51	
8404	Subsoil within undulation	Mid grey silty clay			0.51	
<b>Trench 85</b>						
8500	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.28	
8501	Geology	Mid yellowish-grey clay with chalk	-	-	-	
8502	Pit?	Irregular oval cut		0.2	n.e.	
8503	Pit?	Irregular oval cut		0.5	n.e.	
8504	Pit?	Irregular cut		1.0	n.e.	
8505	Cremation ?	Irregular oval cut		0.5	n.e.	Prehistoric/Roman
8506	Fill of 8505	Dark grey silty clay with burnt	-	-	n.e.	

		bone				
8507	Fill of 8503	Dark grey silty clay	-	-	n.e.	
8508	Fill of 8504	Dark grey silty clay	-	-	n.e.	
8509	Fill of 8585	Dark grey silty clay	-	-	n.e.	
<b>Trench 86</b>						
8600	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt	-	-	0.28	
8601	Geology	Light whitish-brown chalky clay	-	-	-	
8604	Ditch terminal	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	0.49+	0.21	0.33	Undated
8605	Fill of 8604	Mid blackish-brown silty clay	0.49+	0.21	0.33	
8606	Pit	Oval in plan, concave base	0.68	0.68	0.19	Undated
8607	Fill of 8606	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	0.54		0.12	
8608	Fill of 8606	Mid greyish-yellow silty clay	0.68		0.19	
8609	Pit	Oval in plan, concave base	1.04	0.34	0.38	Undated
8610	Fill of 8609	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	0.84	0.34	0.24	
8611	Fill of 8609	Mid greyish-yellow silty clay	0.78	0.34	0.38	
<b>Trench 87</b>						
8700	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.25	
8701	Geology	Light yellowish-grey sandy clay	-	-	-	
8702	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned SW-NE, concave profile	2.18+	0.66	0.17	Iron Age?
8703	Fill of 8702	Mid yellowish-brown sandy clay	2.18+	0.66	0.17	
8706	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S	2.32+	0.84	0.19	Iron Age?
8707	Fill of 8706	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	2.32+	0.84	0.19	
8708	Pit	Rectangular in plan		0.97	0.40	Iron Age?
8709	Fill of 8708	Dark greyish-blue silty clay			0.14	
8710	Fill of 8708	Mid greyish-blue silty clay			0.19	
8711	Fill of 8708	Mid yellowish-brown silty clay			0.13	
8712	Fill of 8708	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay			0.18	
8713	Pit	Oval in plan, concave profile	1.53	0.95+	0.85	Iron Age?
8714	Fill of 8713	Dark bluish-brown silty clay		0.95+	0.48	
8715	Fill of 8713	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	1.53	0.55+	0.49	
8716	Fill of 8713	Bluish-white sandy clay	1.95	0.35+	0.09	
<b>Trench 88</b>						
8800	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey sandy clay	-	-	0.28	
8801	Subsoil	Light greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.09	
8802	Geology	Light whitish-grey clay with mid yellowish-brown clay lenses	-	-	-	
8803	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned WSW-ENE	1.80+	1.14	0.45	Iron Age
8804	Fill of 8803	Mid yellowish-brown/light grey clay	1+	0.79	0.42	
8805	Fill of 8803	Light grey mottled clay	1+	0.68	0.34	
8806	Fill of 8803	Mid bluish-grey clay	1+	0.96	0.33	
8807	Fill of 8803	Mid brownish-grey mottled clay	1+	0.68	0.15	
8808	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2.40+	1.40		Iron Age?
8809	Fill of 8808	Mid brownish-grey mottled clay	2.40+	1.40		
8811	Alluvial	Light bluish-grey clay	2.60+	1.80		
8812	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2.44+	0.36		Medieval/post-medieval
8813	Fill of 8812	Light greyish brown clay	2.44+	0.36		
8814	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2.70+	1.60		Medieval/post-medieval
8815	Fill of 8814	Light brownish grey clay	2.70+	1.60		
8816	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2.50+	0.70		Medieval/post-medieval
8817	Fill of 8816	Mid greyish-brown clay	2.50+	0.70		
8818	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	3.20+	0.95	0.44+	Medieval/post-medieval
8819	Fill of 8818	Light bluish-grey clay	3.20+	0.95	0.44+	
8821	Alluvial	Light bluish-grey mottled clay	2.60+	1.25	0.22	
8822	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	1.40+	0.60+		Medieval/post-medieval
8823	Fill of 8822	Mid brownish-grey clay				
8824	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S,	1.80+	0.56	0.16	Medieval/post-

		concave profile				medieval
8825	Fill of 8824	Light brownish-grey clay	1.80+	0.56	0.16	
8826	Pit	Oval in plan, concave profile	0.47+	0.50+	0.66	Undated
8827	Fill of 8826	Mid brownish/bluish-grey clay	0.47+	0.50+	0.66	
8828	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S	0.70+	0.40	n.e	Undated
8829	Fill of 8828	Light brownish-grey clay	0.70+	0.40	n.e	
<b>Trench 89</b>						
8900	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
8901	Geology	Light brownish-grey clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 90</b>						
9000	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.35	
9001	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.09	
9002	Geology	Light greyish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
9003	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+	1.67	0.23	Medieval/post-medieval
9004	Fill of 9003	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	2+	1.67	0.23	
9005	Layer	Mid brown clayey silt		7.1	0.05	
<b>Trench 91</b>						
9100	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.32	
9101	Geology	Light greyish-white mottled clay with chalk	-	-	-	
9102	Ditch (recut)	Linear in plan, aligned SW-NE, concave base	2+	1.48	0.58	Post-med/modern
9103	Fill of 9102	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	1+	1.16	0.58	
9104	Fill of 9102	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1+	0.90	0.14	
9105	Fill of 9102	Light greyish-brown silty clay	1+	1.20	0.14	
9106	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned SW-NE	1+	0.86	0.42	Post-med/modern
9107	Fill of 9107	Mid greyish-brown, silty clay	-	0.86	0.42	
<b>Trench 92</b>						
9200	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.25	
9201	Geology	Mid yellowish chalk	-	-	-	
9202	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+	3.30+	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
9203	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	
9204	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	1+	0.65	0.35	Undated
9205	Fill of 9204	Light greyish-brown clayey silt	1+	0.65	0.35	
<b>Trench 93</b>						
9300	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.28	
9301	Geology	Light greyish-yellow clay with chalk	-	-	-	
9302	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+	1.09	0.06	Medieval/post-medieval
9303	Fill of 9302	Mid brownish grey silty clay	2+	1.09	0.06	
<b>Trench 94</b>						
9400	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.33	
9401	Geology	Light greyish-yellow clay with chalk	-	-	-	
9402	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	2+	0.59	0.59	Undated
9403	Fill of 9402	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	2+	0.59	0.59	
9404	Ditch (recut)	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	1+	0.64	0.29	Undated
9405	Fill of 9404	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	0.64	0.29	
9406	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	1+	1.08	0.32	Undated
9407	Fill of 9406	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	1+	1.08	0.32	
9408	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, flat base	1+	2.76	0.46	Undated
9409	Fill of 9408	Light greyish-brown silty clay	1+	2.50	0.20	
9410	Fill of 9408	Dark brownish-black silty clay	1+	2.76	0.26	
9411	Fill of 9408	Mid brownish-red silty clay	1+	2.52	0.26	
<b>Trench 95</b>						
9500	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
9501	Geology	Light greyish-yellow clay with chalk	-	-	-	
9502	Alluvium	Light bluish-grey clay				

9503	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave base	1+	0.73	0.12	Undated
9504	Fill of 9503	Mid greyish-brown silty clay			0.12	
9505	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+			Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 96</b>						
9600	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.29	
9601	Geology	Light whitish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
9602	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	2+	0.33	0.20	Roman
9603	Fill of 9602	Light grey clay	2+	0.33	0.20	
9604	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave base	2+	0.73	0.29	Roman
9605	Fill of 9604	Mid bluish-grey silty clay	2+	0.73	0.29	
9608	Furrow	Aligned SE-NW	2+	1.40	n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
9609	Furrow		2+			
9610	Furrow		2+	0.80	n.e	
<b>Trench 97</b>						
9700	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown sandy clay	-	-	0.25	
9701	Geology	Mid orange sandy clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 98</b>						
9800	Topsoil	Brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.33	
9801	Layer	Mid bluish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.19	
9802	Geology	Mid orange sandy clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 99</b>						
9900	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.27	
9901	Subsoil	Mid yellowish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.43	
9902	Geology	Light greyish-brown clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 100</b>						
10000	Topsoil	Brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.28	
10001	Geology	Yellowish-blue chalk till	-	-	-	
10002	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned SW-NE	2+	2.30	0.55	Post-medieval/modern
10003	Fill of 10002	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	1+	1.20	0.42	
10004	Fill of 10002	Mid brown silty clay	1+	1.18	0.31	
10005	Layer	Light bluish-grey clayey silt				
<b>Trench 101</b>						
10100	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
10101	Geology	Light greyish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
10102	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	0.48	0.22	Undated
10103	Fill of 10102	Mid/Light grey silty clay	1+	0.48	0.10	
10104	Ditch	Concave base	0.60+	0.45+	0.42	Undated
10105	Fill of 10104	Mid greyish-brown clayey silt	0.60+	0.45+	0.42	
10106	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	0.86	0.32	Undated
10107	Fill of 10106	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1+	0.86	0.32	
10108	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+	4.40	0.15	Medieval/post-medieval
10109	Fill of 10108	Mid grey with white/yellow mottling silty clay	0.60+	0.59+	0.15	
10112	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, flat base	2+	1.47	0.64	Undated
10113	Fill of 10112	Light grey with white/yellow mottling silty clay	1+	0.31	0.33	
10114	Fill of 10112	Light grey silty clay	1+	0.39	0.22	
10115	Fill of 10112	Mid grey with white/yellow mottling silty clay	1+	0.87	0.32	
10116	Fill of 10112	Light grey mottled with yellow clay	1+	0.86	0.32	
10117	Fill of 10112	Light grey clay	1+	0.78	0.22	
10118	Fill of 10112	Mid grey sandy clay	1+	0.95	0.23	
10119	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned N-S, concave profile	2+	1.13	0.50	Undated
10120	Fill of 10119	Mid grey clay	1.50+	0.72	0.28	
10121	Fill of 10119	Mid grey with brown/yellow mottling clayey silt	1.50+	1.13	0.36	
10122	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-

10123	Furrow		2+		n.e	medieval
10124	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 102</b>						
10200	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.27	
10201	Geology	Light greyish-white mottled with yellow clay with chalk	-	-	-	
10202	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+			Medieval/post-medieval
10203	Furrow		2+		0.02	
<b>Trench 103</b>						
10300	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.35	
10301	Geology	Light greyish-white mottled with yellow clay with chalk	-	-	-	
10302	Furrow	Aligned SE-NW	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
10303	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 104</b>						
10400	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.25	
10401	Geology	Light greyish-white mottled with yellow clay with chalk	-	-	-	
10402	Furrow	Aligned SE-NW	2+	2.3	0.23	Medieval/post-medieval
10403	Fill of 10402	Chalk silt with iron staining	2+	2	0.09	
10404	Fill of 10402	Brownish-grey silt	2+	2.30	0.09	
<b>Trench 105</b>						
10500	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.30	
10501	Geology	Light orangey-yellow clay with chalk	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 106</b>						
10600	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.34	
10601	Geology	Light greyish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
10602	Furrow	Aligned SW-NE	2+	1.40	0.10	Medieval/post-medieval
10603	Fill of 10602	Brown silty clay with chalk	2+	1.40	0.10	
10604	Furrow	Aligned SW-NE	2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 107</b>						
10700	Topsoil	Dark grey silt with frequent stone	-	-	0.32	
10701	Geology	Greyish-brown silty clay with pebbles	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 108</b>						
10800	Topsoil	Dark blackish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.26	
10801	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.05	
10802	Geology	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
10803	Furrow	Aligned N-S	4.85+	2.38	0.11	Medieval/post-medieval
10804	Fill of 10803	Light brownish-grey silty clay	4.85+	2.38	0.11	
10805	Hedgerow	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	4.65+	0.86	0.28	
10806	Fill of 10805	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	4.65+	0.86	0.28	
10807	Furrow					Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 109</b>						
10900	Topsoil	Dark blackish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.32	
10901	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	11	
10902	Geology	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	-	
10903	Furrow	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2+	1.31	0.09+	Medieval/post-medieval
10904	Fill of 10903	Dark blackish-brown clayey silt	2+	1.31	0.09+	
10905	Furrow	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2+	0.71	0.38	
10906	Fill of 10905	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	2+	0.71	0.38	
10907	Furrow	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2+	0.55	0.37	
10908	Fill of 10907	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	2+	0.55	0.37	
<b>Trench 110</b>						
11000	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
11001	Subsoil	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.15	
11002	Geology	Mid whitish-yellow clay	-	-	-	
11003	Hedgerow	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	2+	0.92	0.08	Post-med/modern
11004	Fill of 11003	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	2+	0.92	0.08	
<b>Trench 111</b>						
11100	Topsoil	Dark grey silt with stone	-	-	0.28	
11101	Subsoil	Brown silt with stone	-	-	0.06	

11102	Geology	Whitish-grey clay with pebbles	-	-	-	
11103	Geological	Irregular linear in plan, aligned N-S	2+	2	0.15	
11104	Fill of 11103	Dark grey silty clay	2+	2	0.15	
<b>Trench 112</b>						
11200	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt	-	-	0.28	
11201	Geology	Mid pinkish-brown clayey silt	-	-	-	
11202	Furrow	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	1.85	0.18	Medieval/post-medieval
11203	Fill of 11202	Mid greyish-brown clayey silt	2+	1.85	0.18	
11204	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+	2.08	0.22	
11205	Fill of 11204	Mid greyish-brown clayey silt	2+	2.08	0.22	
11206	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	
11207	Furrow		2+		n.e	
11208	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 113</b>						
11300	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay with stone	-	-	0.18	
11301	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.12	
11302	Geology	Mid greyish-pink with chalk	-	-	-	
11305	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	1+	2.20	0.30	Medieval/post-medieval
11306	Fill of 11306	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt		0.64	0.10	
11307	Fill of 11306	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt		2.20	1.30	
11308	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
11309	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 114</b>						
11400	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay with stone	-	-	0.23	
11401	Subsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.22	
11402	Geology	Mid greyish-pink with chalk	-	-	-	
11403	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
11404	Furrow		2+		n.e	
11405	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 115</b>						
11500	Topsoil	Dark brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.25	
11501	Subsoil	Mid grey clay	-	-	0.14	
11502	Subsoil	Light brownish-grey clay	-	-	0.09	
11503	Geology	Light whitish-grey clay with brown mottling	-	-	-	
11504	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SE, concave base	2.20+	0.55	0.28	Roman
11505	Fill of 11504	Light grey silty clay	2.20+	0.55	0.28	
11506	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, concave base	2.20+	1.67	0.52	Roman
11507	Fill of 11506	Mid grey silty clay	2.20+	1.67	0.52	
11508	Pit	Oval in plan with flat base	0.93+	0.78+	0.19	Undated
11509	Fill of 11508	Black clayey silt	0.93+	0.78+	0.19	
11510	Ditch terminal	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE, rounded profile flat base	1.60+	0.66	0.22	Undated
11511	Fill of 11510	Mid grey silty clay	1.60+	0.66	0.22	
11512	Furrow	Aligned NW-SE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 116</b>						
11600	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.26	
11601	Colluvium	Light grey silty clay	-	-	0.72	
11602	Geology	Light greyish-white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 117</b>						
11700	Topsoil	Mid grey silty clay	-	-	0.22	
11701	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.45	
11702	Colluvium	Light grey silty clay	-	-	0.45	
11703	Geology	Light greyish-white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 118</b>						
11800	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.41	
11801	Colluvium	Mid grey silty clay	-	-	0.59	



11802	Geology	Light greyish white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 119</b>						
11900	Topsoil	Dark grey brown clayey silt	-	-	0.30	
11901	Subsoil	Light reddish brown	-	-	0.75	
11902	Geology	Mid bluish-grey clay with chalk	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 120</b>						
12000	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.22	
12001	Geology	Light greyish-white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 121</b>						
12100	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay with small stones	-	-	0.28	
12101	Geology	Light greyish white clay mudstone with patches of orange sand	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 122</b>						
12200	Topsoil	Mid grey silty clay	-	-	0.38	
12201	Colluvium	Light brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.42	
12202	Geology	Light greyish white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
12203	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE				Post-med/modern
12204	Fill of 12203	Mid brownish-grey silty clay				
12205	Fill of 12203	Dark brownish-orange silty clay				
12206	Fill of 12203	Light greyish white silty clay with chalk				
12207	Fill of 12203	Mid greyish brown silty clay				
12208	Fill of 12203	Mid brownish-white silty clay				
12209	Fill of 12203	Light brownish-grey silty clay				
12210	Fill of 12203	Light brownish-grey silty clay				
<b>Trench 123</b>						
12300	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
12301	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.52	
12302	Colluvium	Mid whitish-brown silty clay	-	-	1.75	
12303	Geology	Mid yellowish-white boulder clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 124</b>						
12400	Topsoil	Mid grey clayey silt	-	-	0.23	
12401	Colluvium	Light grey silty clay	-	-	0.78+	
12402	Geology	Greyish-white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
12403	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NW-SE	2+	4.30	0.21	Undated
12404	Fill of 12403	Mid brown clayey silt	2+	4.30	0.21	
<b>Trench 125</b>						
12500	Topsoil	Mid grey clayey silt with stone	-	-	0.32	
12501	Colluvium	Light grey silty clay	-	-	1.30+	
12502	Geology	Greyish-white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 126</b>						
12600	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.27	
12601	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.32	
12602	Colluvium	Light grey silty clay	-	-	0.38	
12603	Geology	Light greyish-white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
12604	Natural feature	Linear in plan, aligned N-S	>2m	3.85	0.40	
12605	Fill of 12604	Mid greyish-brown silty clay				
12606	Fill of 12604	Mid brownish-grey silty clay				
<b>Trench 127</b>						
12700	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.32	
12701	Colluvium	Light grey silty clay	-	-	1	
12702	Natural feature	Geology channel	-	-	0.70	
12703	Fill of 12702	Mid brown clayey silt			0.60	
12704	Geology	Mid yellowish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 128</b>						
12800	Topsoil	Mid grey clayey silt	-	-	0.28	
12801	Colluvium	Light grey silty clay	-	-	>2	
12802	Geology	Mid yellowish white firm clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 129</b>						
12900	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.34	
12901	Subsoil	Light brown clayey silt	-	-	0.20	

12902	Colluvium	Light grey silty clay	-	-	0.50	
12903	Fill of 12904	Mid brown clayey silt	-	-	0.50	
12904	Natural feature					
12905	Geology	Mid yellowish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 130</b>						
13000	Topsoil	Mid brownish grey silty clay	-	-	0.24	
13001	Geology	Light greyish- white clay mudstone	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 131</b>						
13100	Topsoil	Light greyish brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
13101	Geology	Mid greyish-white clay and chalk	-	-	-	
13102	Pit	Circular in plan, flat base	0.67	0.62	0.09	Early Neolithic
13103	Fill of 13102	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt	0.67	0.62	0.09	
13104	Quarry pit	Large irregular cut		4+		Post-med/modern
13105	Fill of 13104	Mid grey silty clay		4+		
<b>Trench 132</b>						
13200	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
13201	Geology	Mid yellowish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
13202	Natural feature	Geology channel	2+	10	1.70	
13203	Fill of 13202	Mid brown silty clay	2+	10	1.70	
13204	Colluvium	Dark greyish brown silty clay				
<b>Trench 133</b>						
13300	Topsoil	Dark grey silty clay	-	-	0.28	
13301	Colluvium	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.68	
13302	Geology	Mid yellowish white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 134</b>						
13400	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.30	
13401	Geology	Mid yellowish-grey clay with chalk	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 135</b>						
13500	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.30	
13501	Geology	Light yellowish-brown silty clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 136</b>						
13600	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.38	
13601	Geology	Light greyish-brown silty clay with mid-bluish grey clay	-	-	-	
<b>Trench 137</b>						
13700	Topsoil	Dark grey silt	-	-	0.28	
13701	Geology	Whitish/brownish-grey chalk	-	-	-	
13702	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+	2.60	0.18	Medieval/post-medieval
13703	Fill of 13702	Whitish-brown/mid grey clay and chalky clay	2+	2.60	0.18	
13708	Furrow	Aligned N-S	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
13709	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 138</b>						
13800	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.40	
13801	Geology	Light yellowish-brown/mid brown silty clay	-	-	-	
13802	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned E-W, concave base	2+	1.32	0.37	Post-med/modern
13803	Fill of 13802	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	2+	1.32	0.37	
13804	Ditch	Aligned E-W with land drain	2+	1.43	0.52	Post-med/modern
13805	Fill of 13804	Dark greyish-brown clayey silt		0.64	0.16	
13806	Fill of 13804	Light yellowish-brown silty clay		0.58	0.09	
13807	Fill of 13804	Mid brownish-grey clayey silt		0.72	0.10	
13808	Fill of 13804	Mid brownish-grey silty clay		0.70	0.28	
13809	Fill of 13804	Mid brownish-grey silty clay		0.78	0.17	
13810	Fill of 13804	Mid brownish-grey silty clay		0.57	0.22	
<b>Trench 139</b>						
13900	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.25	
13901	Geology	Light greyish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
13902	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
13903	Furrow		2+		n.e	

13904	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 140</b>						
14000	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.28	
14001	Geology	Light greyish/yellowish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
14004	Furrow	Aligned SW-NE	2+			Medieval/post-medieval
14005	Furrow		2+			
<b>Trench 141</b>						
14100	Topsoil	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	-	-	0.27	
14101	Geology	Light greyish/yellowish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	
14102	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned SW-NE, concave profile	2.12+	0.69	0.29	Undated
14103	Fill of 14102	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	2.12+	0.69	0.29	
14104	Furrow	Aligned SW-NE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
14105	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 142</b>						
14200	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.27	
14201	Geology	Mid yellowish-white clay	-	-	-	
14202	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned SW-NE	2+	0.52	0.23	Undated
14203	Fill of 14202	Mid whitish-brown silty clay	2+	0.52	0.23	
14204	Furrow	Aligned SW-NE	2.24+	1.40		Medieval/post-medieval
14205	Furrow		2.26+	2.04		
14206	Furrow		2.10+	1.40		
14207	Furrow		2.10+	1.96		
14208	Furrow		2.03+	1.80		
<b>Trench 143</b>						
14300	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.28	
14301	Geology	Mid yellowish-white clay	-	-	-	
14302	Ditch	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2+	1.25	0.60	LBA/EIA
14303	Fill of 14302	Dark greyish-blue silty clay	1+	1.25	0.60	
14304	Fill of 14302	Mid bluish-grey silty clay	1+	1.08	0.50	
14305	Ditch/pit	Linear in plan, aligned NE-SW	2+	1.82	0.90+	LBA/EIA
14306	Fill of 14305	Mid bluish-grey silty clay	1+	0.83	0.30+	
14307	Fill of 14305	Light grey with yellow mottling	1+	1.17	0.47	
14308	Fill of 14305		1+	0.30	0.24	
14309	Fill of 14305		1+	0.87	0.36	
14310	Fill of 14305		1+	0.34	0.28	
14311	Fill of 14305		1+	0.79	0.50	
14312	Fill of 14305		1+	0.37	0.35	
14313	Fill of 14305		1+	1.05	0.56	
14314	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
14315	Fill of 14314		2+		n.e	
14316	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
<b>Trench 144</b>						
14400	Topsoil	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	
14401	Geology	Mid yellowish-white clay	-	-	-	
14402	Furrow	Aligned SW-NE	2+	0.84	0.14	Medieval/post-medieval
14403	Fill of 14402	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	2+	0.84	0.14	
14404	Geological	Linear in plan, aligned E-W	1.80+	0.82	0.18	
14405	Fill of 14404	Mid brownish-grey silty clay	1.80+	0.82	0.18	
14406	Furrow	Aligned SW-NE	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
14407	Furrow		2+		n.e	
14408	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 145</b>						
14500	Topsoil	Dark grey silt with pebbles	-	-	0.30	
14501	Geology	Whitish-grey chalk with orangey-brown mottling	-	-	-	
14502	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+	4.30	0.12	Medieval/post-medieval
14503	Fill of 14502	Whitish-grey/light-brown silt	2+	4.30	0.12	
<b>Trench 146</b>						
14600	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.30	

14601	Geology	Mid yellowish-white clay	-	-	-	
14604	Furrow	Aligned NE-SW	2+		n.e	Medieval/post-medieval
14605	Furrow		2+		n.e	
14606	Furrow		2+		n.e	
<b>Trench 147</b>						
14700	Topsoil	Dark greyish-brown silty clay	-	-	0.27	
14701	Geology	Light greyish-white clay with chalk	-	-	-	

## APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: Summary of finds by context and feature

Context	Feature	Description	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
303	Pit 302	Roman pottery: coarse grey ware; shelly ware Fired clay	23 3	67 2	RB
700	Topsoil	Roman pottery: Oxford colour coat; Nene Valley colour-coat; fine grey ware	5	108	C4
704	Ditch 703	Roman pottery: coarse grey ware	4	53	RB
706	Ditch 705	Roman pottery: coarse grey ware; shelly ware	6	98	RB
707	Ditch 708	Roman pottery: imitation Gallo-Belgic red-slipped ware; coarse grey ware	2	95	MC1-LC1
709	Ditch 710	Roman pottery: pink grogged ware; shelly ware; sandy black ware; smooth orange fabric	13	316	MC1-LC1
711	Ditch 713	Roman pottery: Nene Valley colour coat; pink grogged ware; fine grey ware; shelly ware; sandy black ware	30	243	LC2-C4
712		Roman pottery: coarse grey ware; shelly ware; sandy black ware; fine buff gritty ware	10	67	LC1-C2
715	Ditch 716	Roman pottery: coarse grey ware; shelly ware; smooth orange fabric	3	21	RB
803	Ditch 804	Roman pottery: quartz-and-shell tempered fabric	1	40	RB
805	Pit 806	Roman pottery: pink grogged ware	1	14	LC2-C4
807	Ditch 810	Roman pottery: black ware	1	4	RB
811	Ditch 812	Roman pottery: shelly ware; sandy black ware	5	72	RB
1004	Ditch 1003	Roman pottery: shelly ware	1	8	RB
		Fired clay	2	3	
1007	Ditch 1006	Roman pottery: grog-and-limestone tempered fabric	4	17	C1-C2
		Roman ceramic building material	1	23	
1209	Pit 1207	Burnt stone	13	825	-
1304	Ditch 1303	Roman pottery: coarse grey ware	1	19	RB
1305		Roman pottery: shelly ware; grog-tempered fabric	3	13	C1
1306		Roman pottery: coarse grey ware; shelly ware	3	8	RB
1309	Ditch 1307	Post-medieval ceramic building material: brick	1	709	Post-medieval
1313	Ditch 1312	Roman pottery: coarse grey ware	2	8	LC17-C18
		Post-medieval pottery: yellow slipware; glazed earthenware	10	73	
		Post-medieval ceramic building material: brick, tile	6	244	
1318	Ditch 1316	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse shelly ware; organic and sandy ware; quartz sand-and-limestone tempered fabric	10	62	LBA-EIA
1319		Roman pottery: orange sand-tempered ware; grog-tempered fabric	2	6	RB
		Roman ceramic building material	1	13	
1320		Roman pottery: sandy black ware Roman ceramic building material	2 1	5 0	RB
1326	Ditch 1321	Roman pottery: sandy black ware	1	11	RB
1327		Roman pottery: shelly ware	1	9	RB
1410	Ditch 1409	Roman pottery: grog-tempered fabric	1	6	C1
1412	Ditch 1411	Roman pottery: grog and sand grey ware; grog-tempered fabric	4	41	C1
1503	Ditch 1502	Roman ceramic building material	1	0	RB?
1504		Roman ceramic building material	1	1	RB?
1509	Ditch 1507	Late Prehistoric pottery: fine, sandy black fabric	1	21	IA
1510		Roman pottery: shelly ware	1	25	C1-C2
1511		Shell	2	3	-

Context	Feature	Description	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
1512		Worked flint: burin	1	9	Prehistoric
1515	Ditch 1514	Late Prehistoric pottery: shelly ware; organic and sandy ware	2	3	IA?
1517		Shell	6	0	
1705	Ditch 1704	Shell	5	1	-
		Post-medieval pottery: Tin-glazed earthenware	2	9	LC17-C18
		Post-medieval ceramic building material: tile	1	45	
2303	Ditch 2302	Modern glass: jam jar	1	242	Modern
2404	Hedgerow 2403	Roman pottery: shelly ware	1	31	RB
		Roman ceramic building material: brick	1	603	
2512	Ditch 2511	Roman pottery: orange sand-tempered ware	1	0	RB
		Fired clay	5	22	
2515		Shell	12	0	-
2604	Ditch 2603	Roman pottery: gritty black ware	1	3	RB
2707	Ditch 2706	Roman pottery: shelly ware	1	4	RB
2904	Furrow	Clay tobacco pipe: stem	1	2	C19
		Shell	4	4	
2905	Ditch 2903	Late Prehistoric pottery: grog-tempered ware	7	18	RB
		Roman ceramic building material	1	23	
		Fired clay	2	14	
2908		Roman pottery: sandy black ware	1	2	RB
		Worked flint: chips	2	0	
		Burnt flint	3	0	
		Burnt stone	1	67	
3017	Posthole 3010	Roman pottery: coarse grey ware	2	23	RB
		Worked flint: flake	1	8	
3018	Posthole 3005	Roman pottery: sandy black ware	1	2	C1-C2
3019	Pit 3004	Late Prehistoric pottery: quartzite-tempered fabric	1	2	IA?
3022	Pit 3021 (3004)	Late Prehistoric pottery: shelly ware; coarse sandy ware; quartzite-tempered fabric	15	306	MIA
3024	Pit 3007	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy ware	5	37	MIA
3025	Ditch 3012	Late Prehistoric pottery: fine, black-firing, quartz sand-tempered fabric; quartzite-tempered fabric; limestone-tempered fabric	6	32	MIA
3026	Ditch 3012	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy ware; fine, black-firing, quartz sand-tempered fabric; shell-and-limestone tempered fabric; quartz-and-limestone tempered fabric	14	97	IA
		Slag	1	399	
		Burnt stone	2	296	
3027		Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy ware; fine, black-firing, quartz sand-tempered fabric; shell-and-limestone tempered fabric	9	98	MIA
		Burnt stone	5	327	
3028	Ditch 3016	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy ware	4	22	IA
		Worked flint: flake	1	5	
3106	Pit 3105	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy ware	4	41	IA
3110	Pit 3109	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy ware; fine, black-firing, quartz sand-tempered fabric	19	121	IA
3204	Tree throw	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy fabric	7	19	IA
3310	Ditch 3309	Late Prehistoric pottery: fine, black-firing, quartz sand-tempered fabric	3	0	Late Prehistoric
		Fired clay	3	12	
3311		Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy fabric; fine sandy carinated fabric	2	12	EIA
3322		Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy fabric	1	5	IA
3812	Furrow	Post-medieval pottery: glazed earthenware	1	9	C16-C18
		Post-medieval ceramic building material: tile	3	14	
		Clay tobacco pipe: stem	1	2	
4004	Hedgerow	Shell	4	2	-

Context	Feature	Description	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
	4003				
4210	Pit 4209	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy fabric; fine, black-firing, quartz sand-tempered fabric; organic and sandy ware Worked flint: flakes, chips Burnt flint	53 17 7	107 3 0	IA
4307	Ditch 4303	Late Prehistoric pottery: fine, black-firing, quartz sand-tempered fabric	6	29	IA
4310	Ditch 4309	Late Prehistoric pottery: shelly ware; coarse sandy ware; fine, black-firing, quartz sand-tempered fabric Modern glass: vessel	19 1	142 0	MIA
4403	Furrow	Post-medieval ceramic building material: tile	1	13	Post-medieval
4405	Hedgerow 4404	Post-medieval ceramic building material: brick Slag	2 2	169 15	Post-medieval
6906	Hedgerow 6905	Post-medieval ceramic building material Shell	2 2	16 1	Post-medieval
7312	Ditch 7310	Late Medieval/Post-medieval ceramic building material: peg tile, flat roof tile	2	168	Late Medieval/ Post-medieval
7403	Ditch 7402	Post-medieval ceramic building material: flat roof tile	22	543	Post-medieval
7406	Layer	Post-medieval ceramic building material: flat roof tile	26	628	Post-medieval
7408	Wall	Late Medieval/Post-medieval ceramic building material: peg tile, flat roof tile	2	181	Late Medieval/ Post-medieval
7411	Foundation trench 7410	Post-medieval ceramic building material: flat roof tile	4	109	Post-medieval
7413	Foundation trench 7412	Worked flint: flake, chip	3	2	Post-medieval
7704	Channel 7702	Post-medieval pottery: glazed earthenware Post-medieval ceramic building material	1 1	16 86	C16-C18
7803	Ditch 7802	Late Medieval/Post-medieval ceramic building material: peg tile	1	38	Late Medieval/ Post-medieval
7805	Ditch 7804	Post-medieval ceramic building material: flat roof tile	2	100	Post-medieval
8307	Ditch 8306	Late Prehistoric pottery: quartzite-tempered fabric	1	19	IA
8308		Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse flint-tempered fabric	4	2	MBA-EIA
8310	Ditch 8309	Post-medieval ceramic building material: flat roof tile	1	38	Post-medieval
8315		Post-medieval ceramic building material: brick	1	29	Post-medieval
8703	Ditch 8702	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy fabric	1	3	IA
8806	Ditch 8803	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse sandy fabric	2	8	IA
8829		Worked flint: flake	1	3	-
9104	Ditch 9102	Post-medieval ceramic building material: brick	3	380	Post-medieval
9205		Worked flint: flake	2	4	-
9605	Ditch 9604	Roman pottery: grog-tempered fabric	1	26	C1
10806	Hedgerow 10805	Post-medieval ceramic building material: flat roof tile, brick Shell	3 1	214 22	Post-medieval

Context	Feature	Description	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
11004	Hedgerow 11003	Post-medieval ceramic building material: brick	2	234	Post-medieval
11306	Furrow	Post-medieval ceramic building material: tile	1	6	Post-medieval
11507	Ditch 11506	Roman pottery: smooth orange fabric; grog-and-shell tempered fabric	3	7	RB
11509	Pit 11508	Modern pottery: porcelain Modern/post-medieval ceramic building material: brick	1 1	2 3	Modern
11511	Ditch 11510	Roman pottery: sandy black ware	1	2	RB
12201	Subsoil	Worked flint: flakes, chips Burnt flint	11 3	0 0	-
12204	Ditch 12203	Post-medieval ceramic building material: flat roof tile	1	13	Post-medieval
12702	Channel 12703	Fired clay	6	2	-
13103	Pit 13103	Early Prehistoric pottery: coarse flint-tempered fabric Fired clay Worked flint: flakes, blades, chips, shatter, core fragment Burnt flint Burnt stone	10 41 38 2 3	33 2 88 0 131	Early Prehistoric
13105	Quarry pit 13104	Post-medieval pottery: unglazed earthenware	1	27	C16-C18
13301	Subsoil	Roman pottery: Black burnished ware Fired clay Worked flint: chips Burnt flint	3 5 8 5	3 0 0 0	C2-C4
14304	Ditch 14302	Late Prehistoric pottery: coarse flint-tempered fabric	14	195	LBA-EIA
14405	Ditch 14404	Medieval pottery: sandy coarseware Post-medieval ceramic building material	1 4	7 29	Medieval/ Post-medieval
14503	Furrow	Post-medieval pottery: glazed earthenware Late medieval/post-medieval ceramic building material: peg tile, flat roof tile	1 6	5 223	C16-C16



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

Context	BOS	O/C	SUS	EQ	Canid	Lepus	LM	MM	Total	Weight (g)
<b>Early Prehistoric</b>										
13103			1					9	10	48
<b>Iron Age</b>										
1509		1						9	10	17
1515			1					8	9	11
3019								1	1	4
3022		1						10	11	22
3024							9		9	27
3025	3	1					3		7	132
3026	4	2		1			4	4	15	275
3027		1						2	3	13
3106								4	4	8
3110	2	1	1	1				4	9	61
3204								4	4	3
3310								7	7	14
3311								3	3	12
3322		1							1	4
4210	3	1						7	11	439
4310								2	2	4
8307								5	5	12
8806								1	1	8
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1129</b>
<b>Roman</b>										
303	2							5	7	120
706	1								1	548
711		1						5	6	22
712	1								1	46
715							3		3	81
805								1	1	6
807		1							1	19
811		2						11	13	64
1007						2		1	3	3
1305	1	1					1		3	38
1306								1	1	3
1319	1							1	2	17
1320		11							11	2
1326	1	1						19	21	122
1327		1	1					3	5	9
1410	1	2		2				15	20	116
1412								3	3	6
1503	1								1	10
1504		1						6	7	3
1510	1	1							2	133
2404	1	1	1	2			2		7	288
2512							8		8	42
3018								2	2	3
11507	1								1	5
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1706</b>
<b>post medieval</b>										
1313	2						2		4	48
2904		1					4	2	7	66
3812								1	1	12

4405	1							1	33	
8315							1	1	3	
10806		1						1	4	
11306						3		3	25	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>191</b>	
<b>Undated</b>										
304	1							1	148	
406	1							1	35	
808						2		2	16	
1104							1	1	3	
1204	1							1	13	
1206							1	1	3	
1304						1		1	32	
1324			2		1			3	114	
1325							2	2	4	
1511		1					2	3	23	
1517			1			5		6	17	
1803	2	1				1		4	219	
3312	1	2					3	6	48	
3321	1						1	2	23	
3804							2	2	2	
3913	5					1		6	594	
4212	1					3		4	34	
4213						2		2	24	
4305							4	4	3	
8303							4	4	4	
9105	1	1						2	49	
9105				1				1	6	
12512	3						2	5	94	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1508</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>334</b>	
<b>Weight</b>	<b>2934</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>4582</b>	

BOS = Cattle; O/C = ovicaprid; SUS = Pig; EQ = Horse; Canid = Dog; Lepus = Rabbit; LM = Large size mammal; MM = Medium size mammal.

Table 3: Plant macrofossil identifications

<b>Context number</b>				2908	303	1209	1208	5906	4210	14304	9504	13301	12702	13103	12201
<b>Feature number</b>				2903	302	1207	1207	5905	4209	14302	9503	-	-	13102	-
<b>Sample number (SS)</b>				1	2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	13	14	15
<b>Flot volume (ml)</b>				1	1	3	10	0.5	2	5	4.5	1.5	7.5	6	1
<b>Sample volume processed (l)</b>				17	12	12	4	5	16	15	9	15	9	8	14
<b>Soil remaining (l)</b>				20	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20
<b>Period</b>				RB	RB	U/D	U/D	U/D	IA	LBA-EIA	U/D	RB	U/D	EPRE	U/D
<b>Plant macrofossil preservation</b>				N/A	Moderate	N/A	N/A	N/A	Poor	N/A	N/A	N/A	Moderate	Moderate	N/A
<b>Habitat Code</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Common Name</b>												
HSW	Betulaceae	<i>Corylus avellana</i> L.	Hazelnut										+	+	
E	Poaceae	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.	Barley grain	+									cf +		
E		<i>Triticum</i>	Wheat sp.	+++											
E		Poaceae	Indeterminate cereal grain (whole)	++				+							
			Modern seeds							++				+	

Table 4: Charcoal identifications

Context number			290 8	303	120 9	120 8	590 6	421 0	1430 4	950 4	133 01	127 02	131 03	122 01
Feature number			290 3	302	120 7	120 7	590 5	420 9	1430 2	950 3	-	-	131 02	-
Sample number (SS)			1	2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	13	14	15
Flot volume (ml)			1	1	3	10	0.5	2	5	4.5	1.5	7.5	6	1
Sample volume processed (l)			17	12	12	4	5	16	15	9	15	9	8	14
Soil remaining (l)			20	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	20
Period			RB	RB	U/D	U/D	U/D	IA	LBA- EIA	U/D	RB	U/D	EPR E	U/D
Charcoal quantity			0	+++	+++ +	+++	0	++	++++	+	+	+++	+++	0
Charcoal preservation			N/A	Good	Good	Good	N/A	Poor	Good	N/A	N/A	Good	Good	N/A
Family	Species	Common Name												
Aceraceae	<i>Acer campestre</i> L.	Field maple		1	8	2			2					
Betulaceae	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i> (L.) Gaertn./ <i>Corylus avellana</i> L.	Alder/Hazel r/w			1									
Fagaceae	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L.	Beech		4										
	<i>Quercus petraea</i> (Matt.) Liebl./ <i>Quercus robur</i> L.	Sessile Oak/Pedunculate Oak										1		
	<i>Quercus petraea</i> (Matt.) Liebl./ <i>Quercus robur</i> L. h/w	Sessile Oak/Pedunculate Oak h/w		1										
Rosaceae	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> Jacq./ <i>Sorbus L./Malus sylvestris</i> (L.) Mill.	Hawthorn/Rowans/Cra b apple				8		1	5			1	2	
	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> Jacq./ <i>Sorbus L./Malus sylvestris</i> (L.) Mill. r/w	Hawthorn/Rowans/Cra b apple r/w		4	1									
	<i>Prunus</i> L.	Cherries							3				2	
		Indeterminate						1				1		
<b>Number of identifiable fragments:</b>			0	10	10	10	0	1	10	0	0	2	4	0

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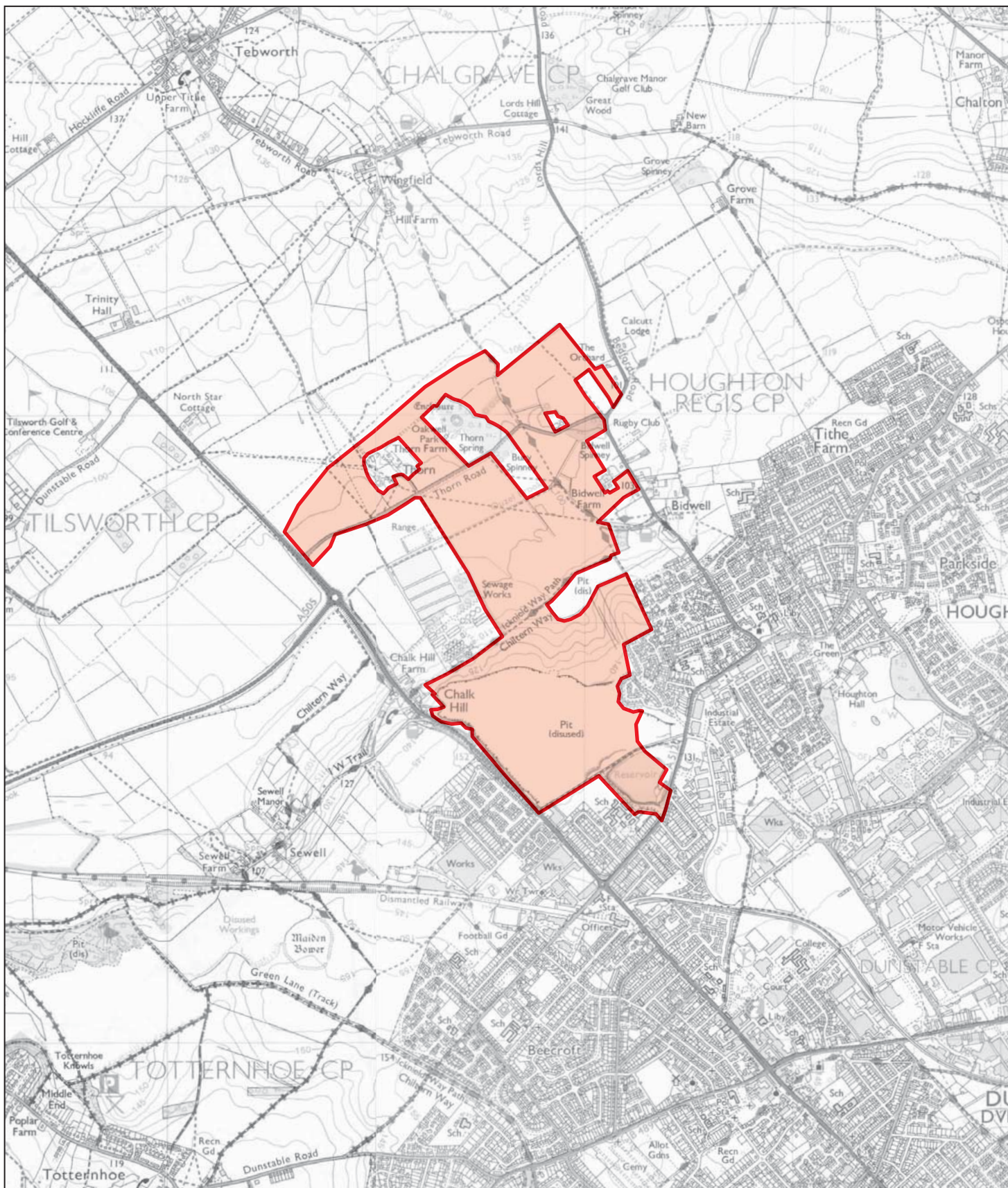
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HSW = hedgerow/woodland/scrub species; E = economic species

EPR = Early prehistoric; LBA = Late Bronze Age; EIA = Early Iron Age; RB = Romano-British; U/D = undated

**APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project name	Land at Bidwell West (Houghton Regis 2)	
Short description	The earliest evidence for human activity was located on the crest of the chalk scarp in the southern part of the site and dates to the Early Neolithic. This comprised a small pit containing pottery, flint flakes, burnt hazelnut shells and charcoal. At the foot of the scarp there was a more substantial feature cut by a small ditch that provided artefactual evidence for Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age activity. Confirming geophysical survey results, the evaluation demonstrated the presence of an Iron Age and a Roman settlement at the northern edge of the site; beyond the site, these had previously been investigated as part of the evaluation for the A5/M1 Link Road. The site of a second Roman settlement was confirmed just north of Thorn Road, east of Thorn Spring. The remains of a medieval open field system, comprising blocks of parallel furrows on varying alignments, were encountered across the northern and central parts of the site. A sequence of ditches parallel and to the south of Thorn Road, marking the edge of an area of common land, may date from the late medieval period. This open landscape was subsequently enclosed in the post-medieval and modern periods.	
Project dates	19 March to 30 April 2014	
Project type	Evaluation	
Previous work	Geophysical survey (PCG 2014); Desk-based assessment (CA 2014c)	
Future work	Unknown	
Monument type	Early Neolithic pit, Late Bronze Age/Early Iron feature, Iron Age and Roman rural settlement, medieval furrows, post-medieval/modern field system	
Significant finds	Prehistoric and Roman pottery	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site location	Land at Bidwell, Houghton Regis, Central Bedfordshire	
Study area	147ha	
Site co-ordinates	TL 0077 2424	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology (CA)	
Project Brief originator	-	
Project Design (WSI) originator	CA	
Project Manager	Simon Carlyle (CA)	
Project Supervisor	Dan Stone (CA)	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVE</b>		
	Accession no: LUTNM 2014/10	Content
Physical		Flint, pottery, CBM
Paper		Site records
Digital	Bedfordshire HER	Report, digital photos
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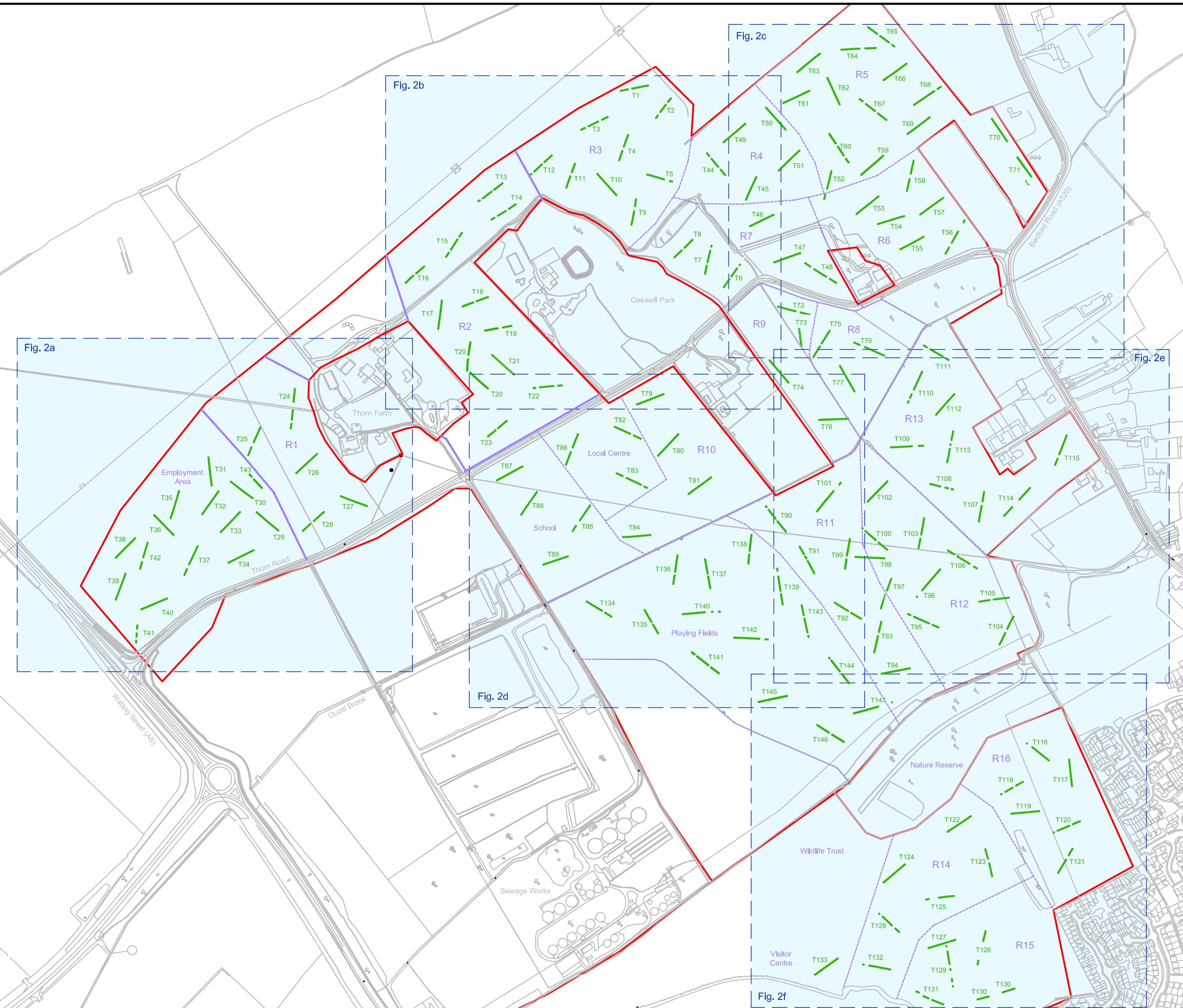
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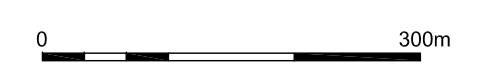
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- - - area division
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- evaluation trench
- archaeological feature
- furrow



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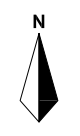
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Trench 29, plan

ditch  
2903



 archaeological feature



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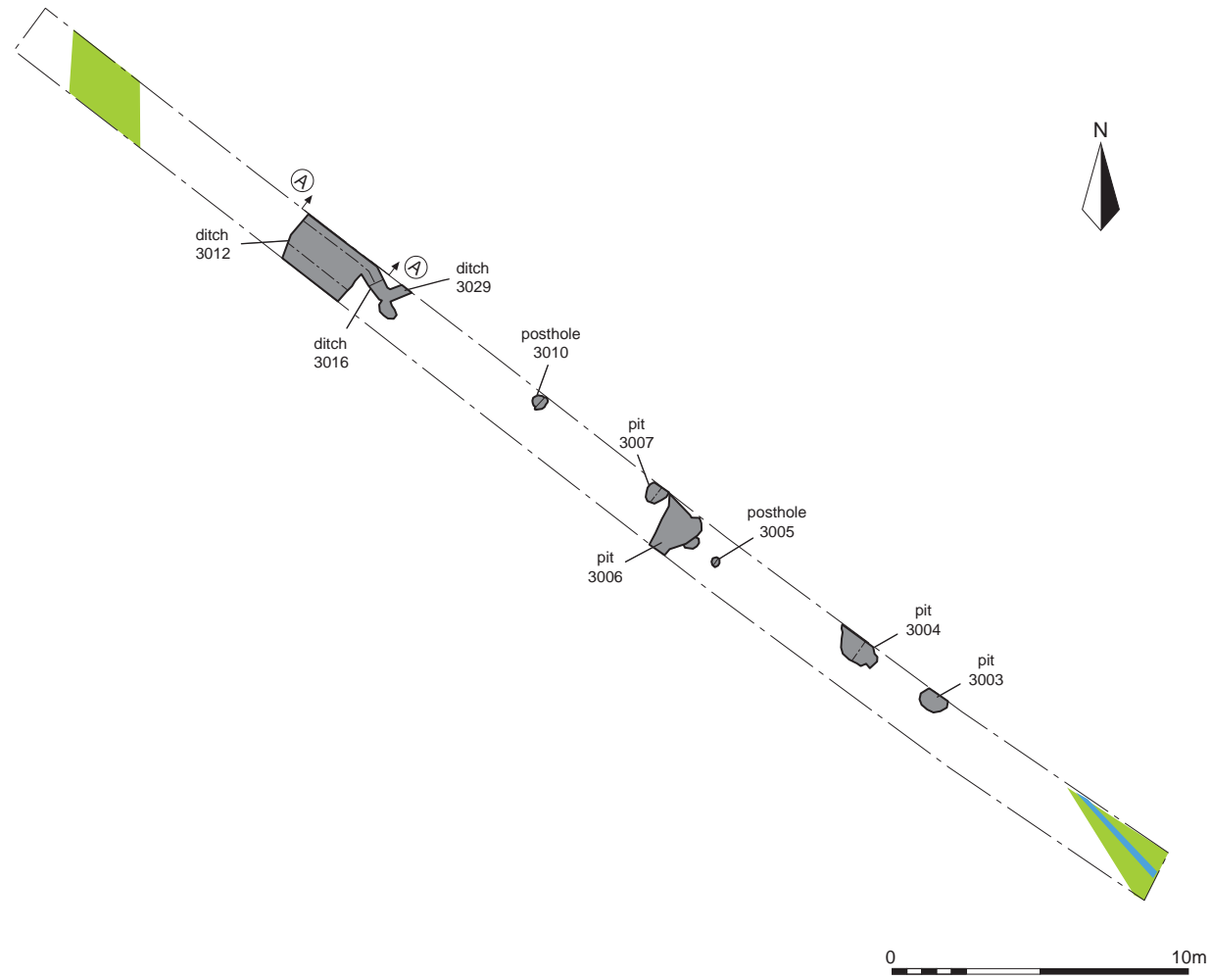
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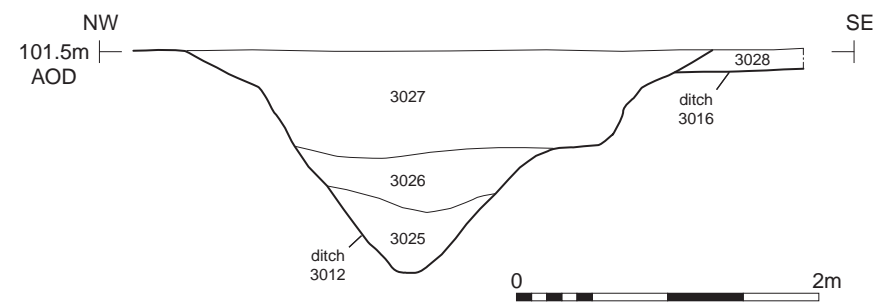
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Trench 30, plan



- archaeological feature
- furrow
- modern

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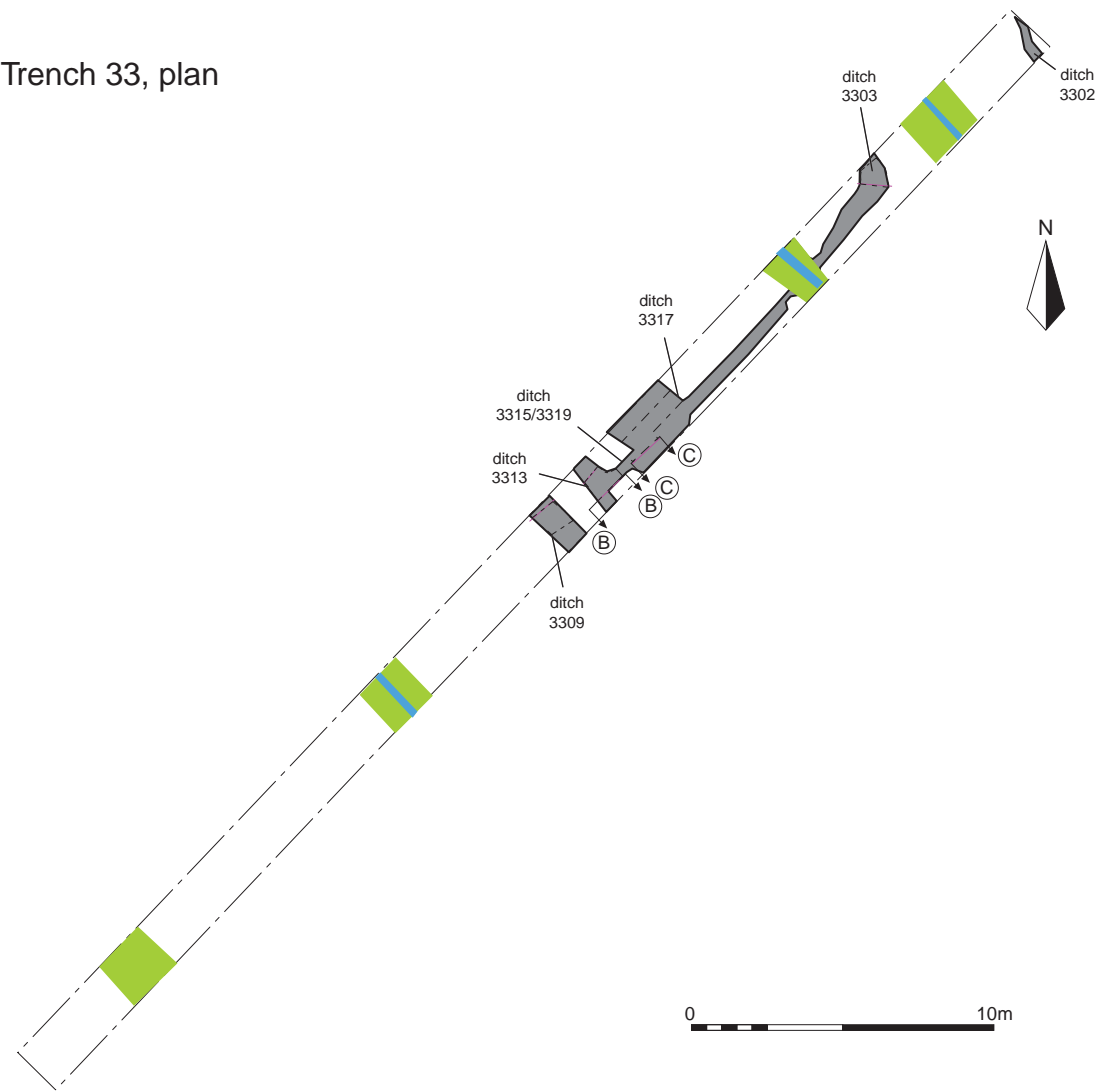
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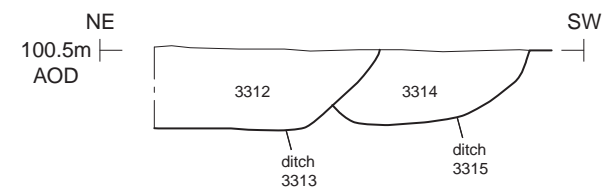
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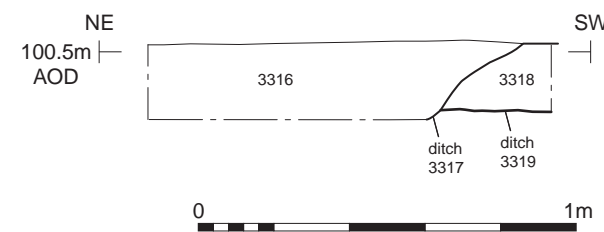
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- furrow
- modern

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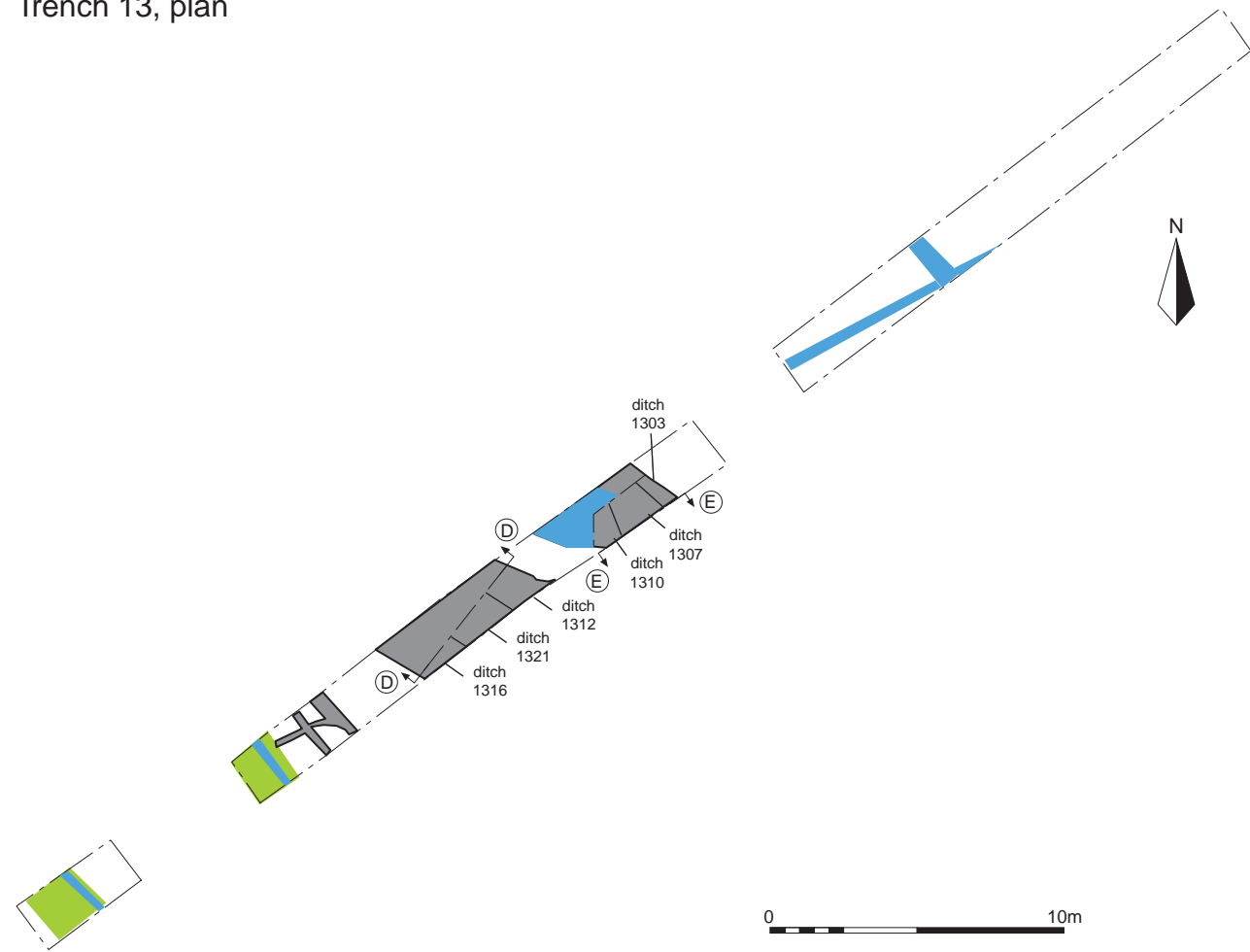
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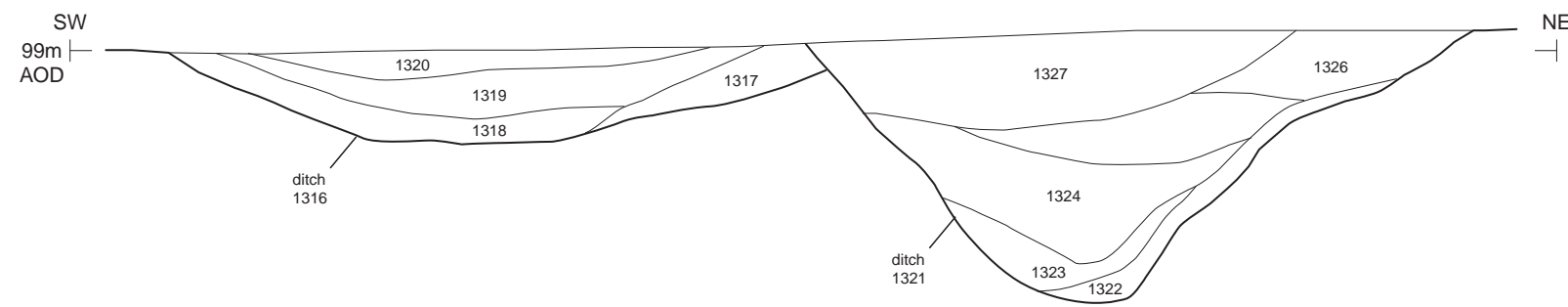
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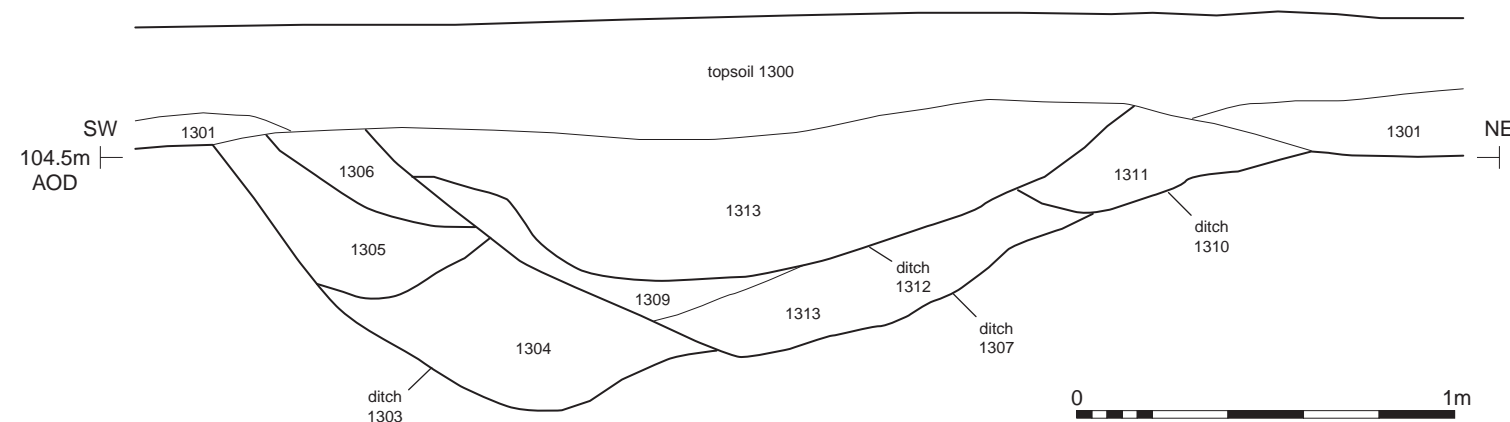
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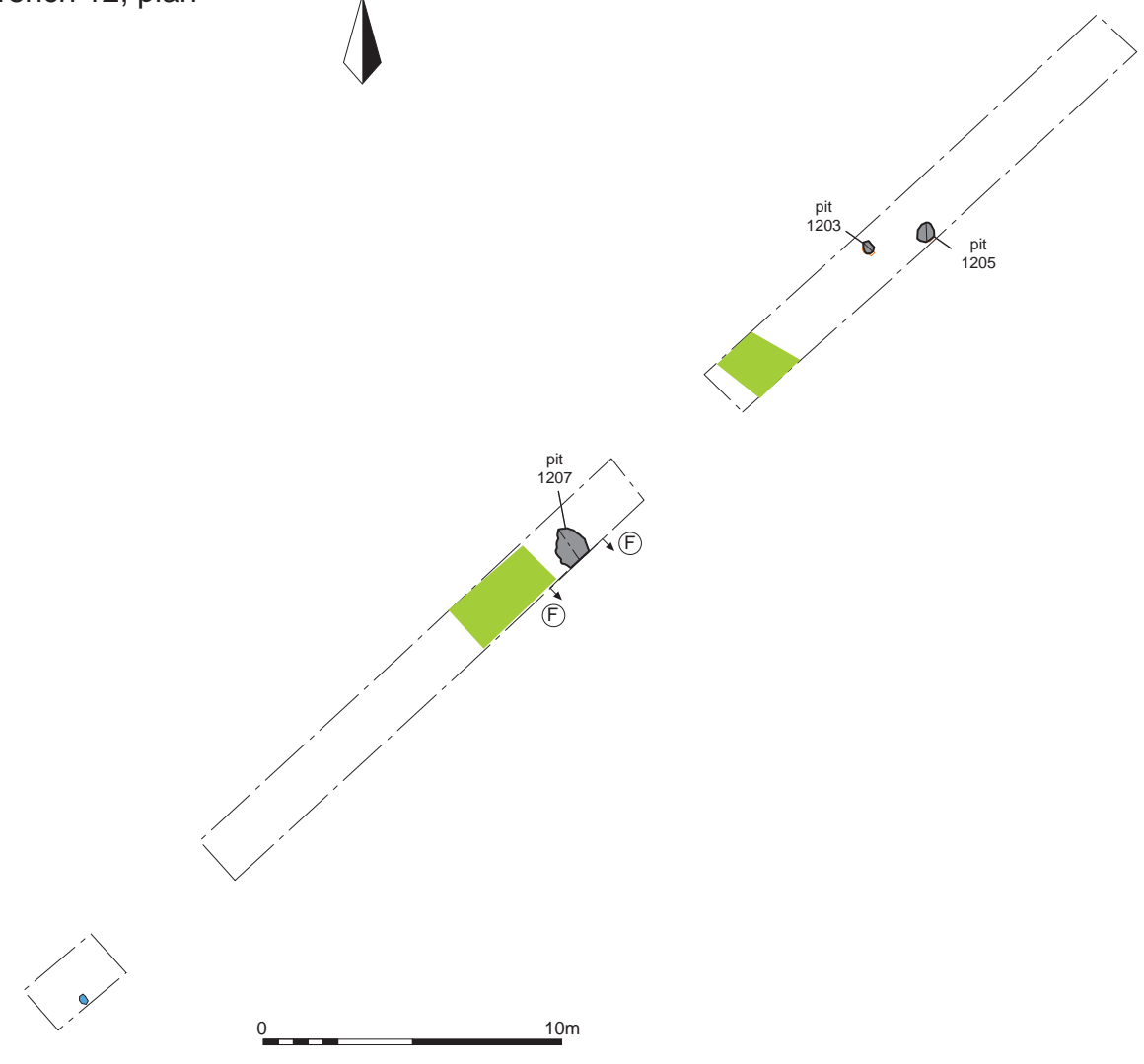
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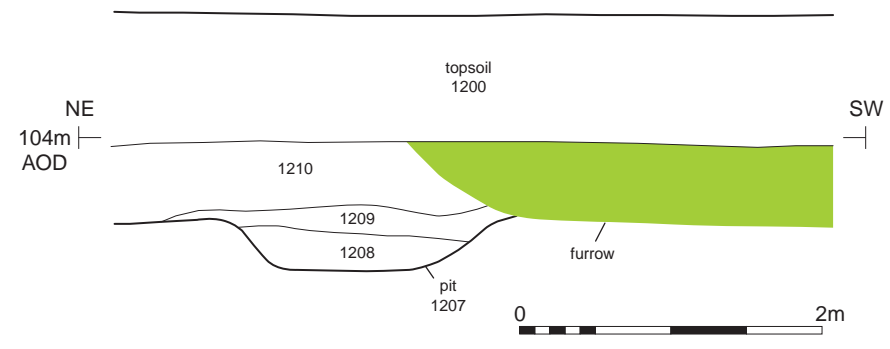
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Trench 12, plan



Section FF



- archaeological feature
- furrow
- modern

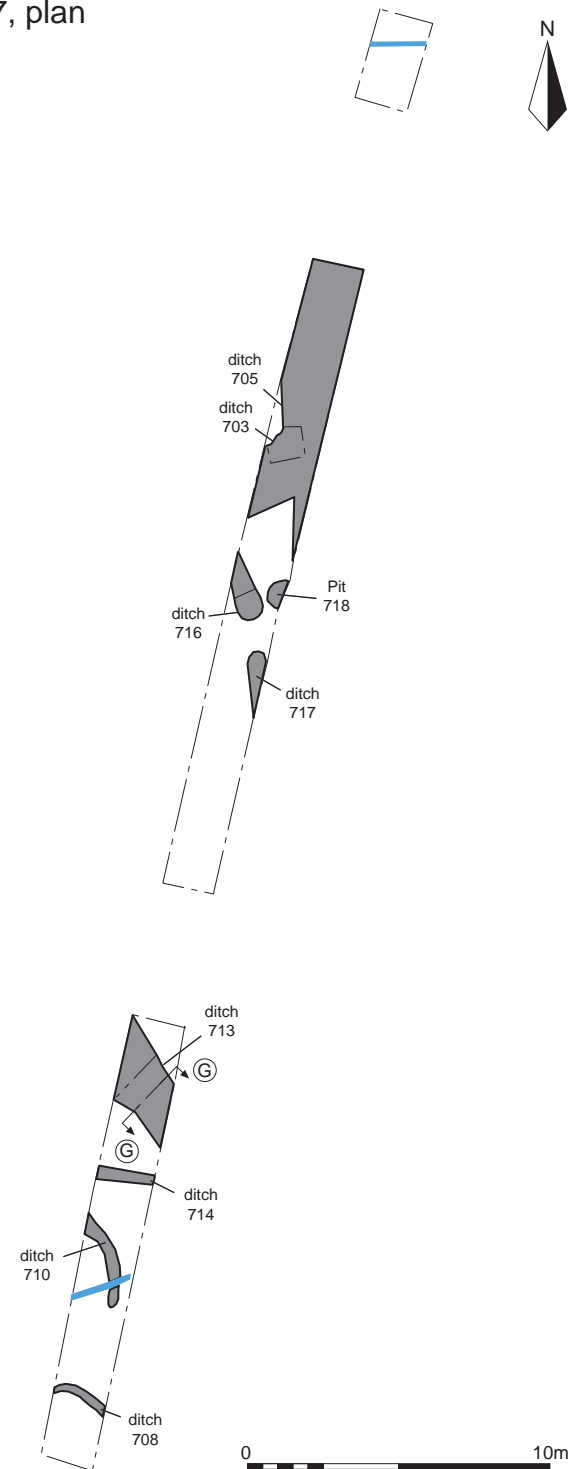

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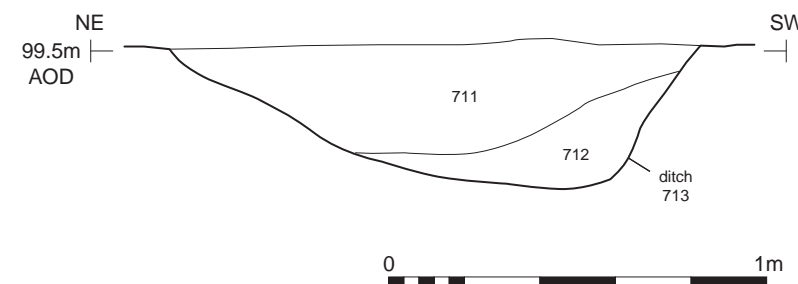
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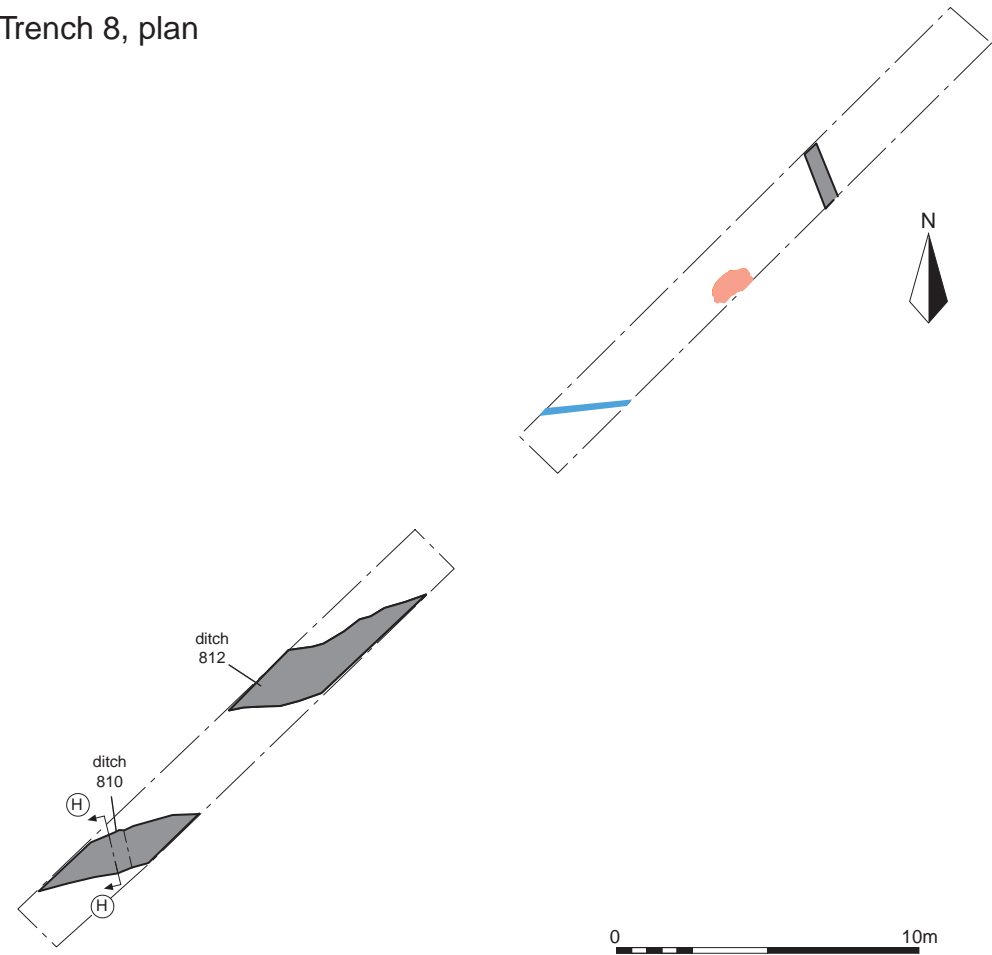
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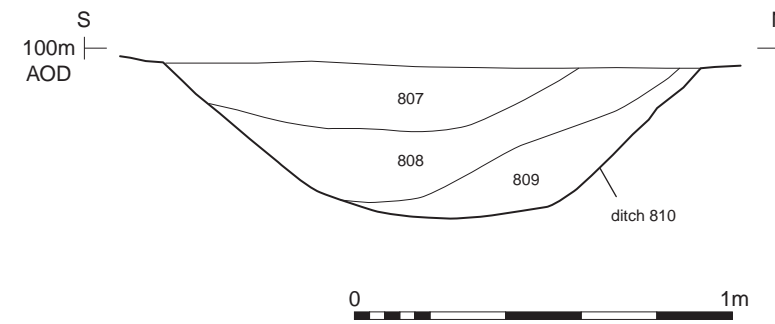
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- archaeological feature
- modern
- treethrow

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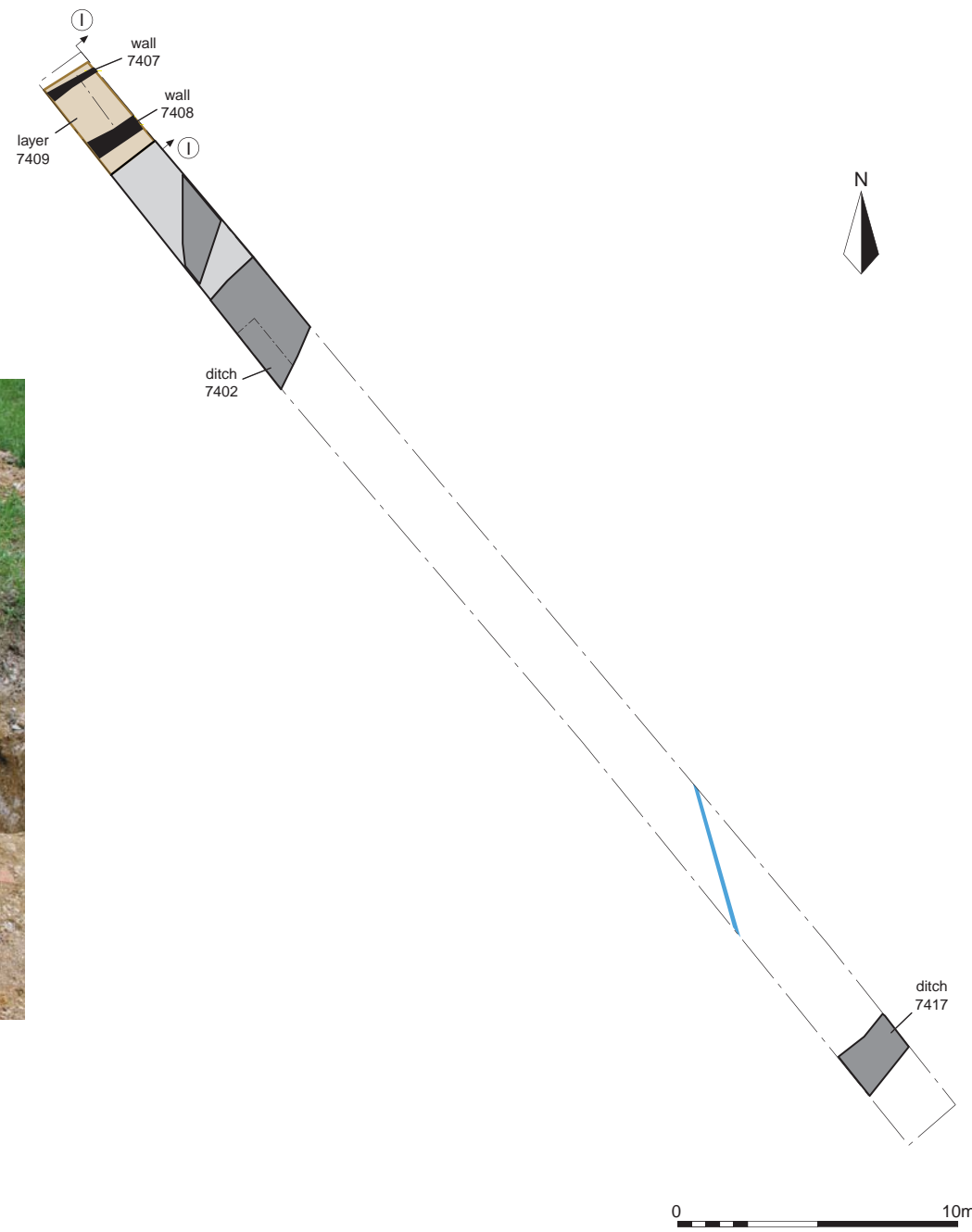


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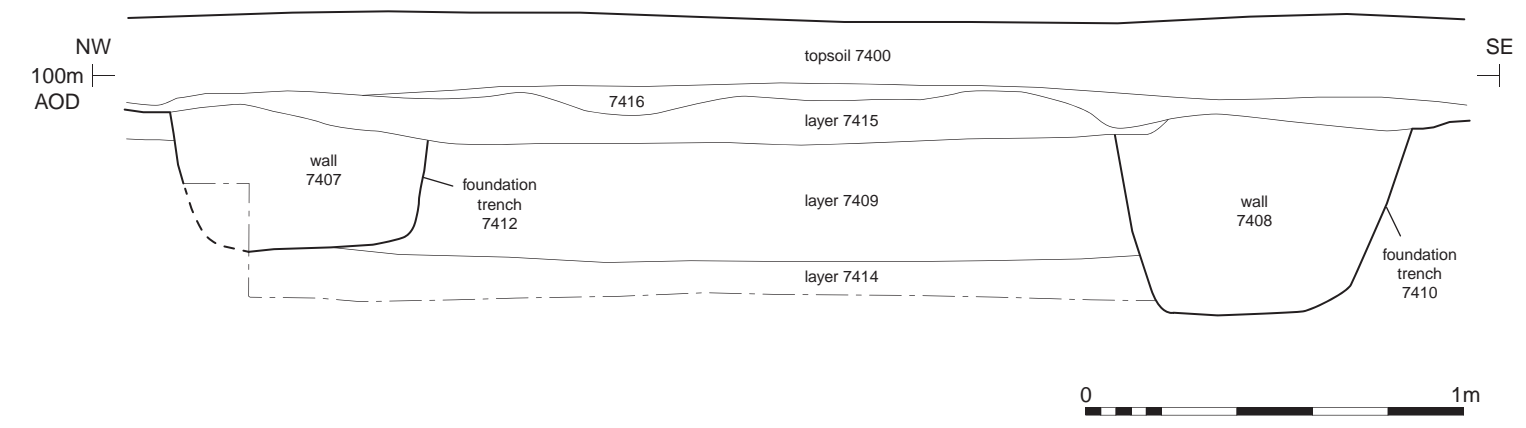
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Walls 7407 and 7408, looking north-east (scale 2m)

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- structure
- layer
- modern

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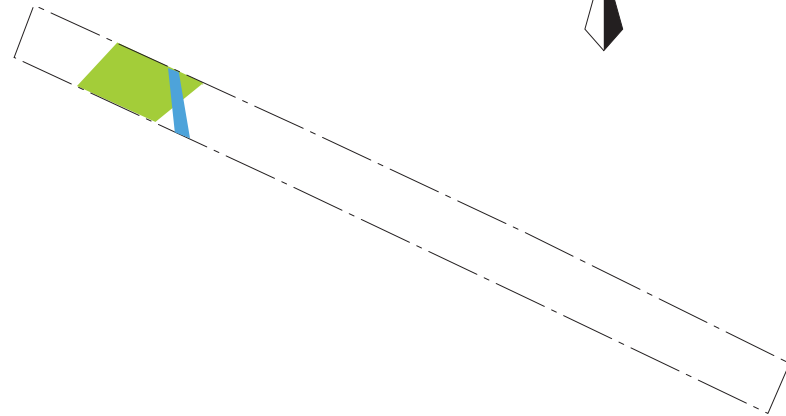
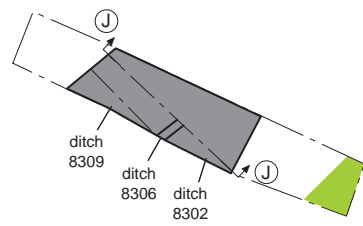
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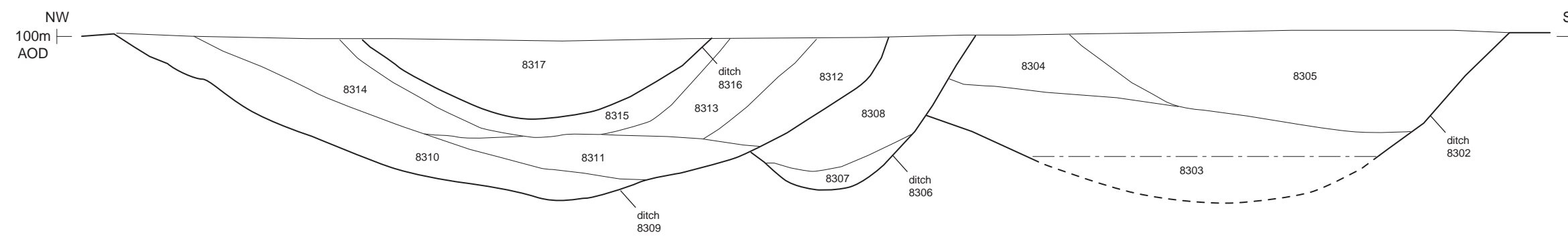
Trench 83, plan



Ditches 8302, 8306 and 8309, looking north-west (scale 2m)

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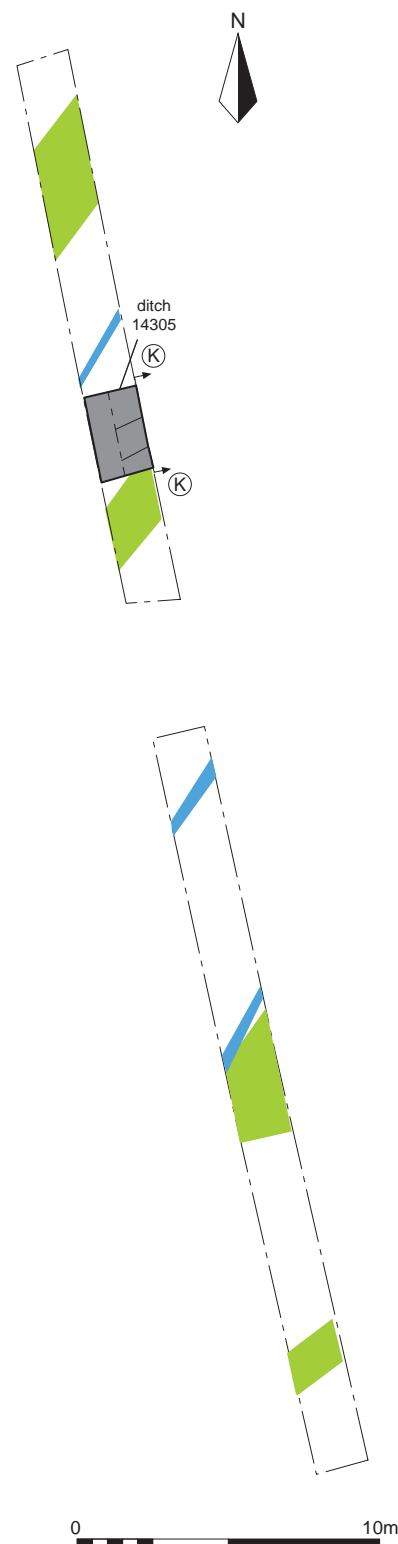


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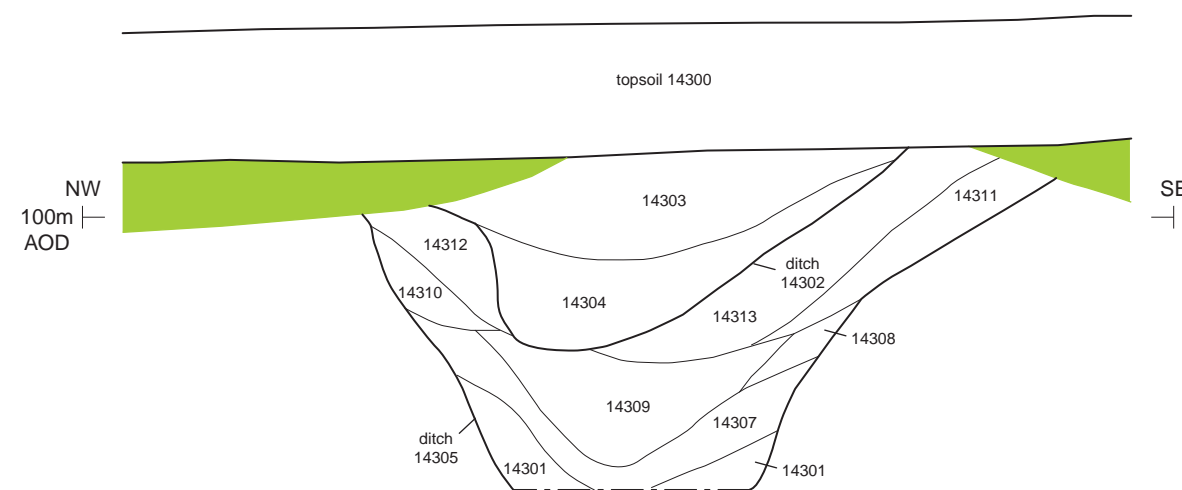
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Trench 143, plan



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- archaeological feature
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- modern

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**Trench 143, plan and section**



### 13 Pit 13012, looking south (scale 0.5m)



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**14 Extract from the 1766 Parish Map of Houghton Regis belonging to the Duke of Bedford**



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**Historic map**

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