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SUMMARY

Project Name:	Land South of Blandford Hill
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An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in January 2019 at Land South of Blandford Hill, Milborne St. Andrew, Dorset. Forty six trenches along with six geotechnical pits were excavated, of which thirty eight trenches contained archaeological features. Fifteen trenches were repositioned with the permission of the County Archaeologist, due underground and overhead services and other restrictions.

Four Bronze Age ring ditches were identified, along with associated internal and external pits. A double ring ditch to the west within Trench 27 contained a central cremation burial, whilst the ring ditch to the south within Trench 15 contained a possible internal disturbed burial. These features correspond with the results of the geophysical survey. In the wider site a series of pits, also dating to the Bronze Age, were recorded with two such features, potentially containing, crouched burials.

Later prehistoric ditch activity was located to the west of the site, along with multiple undated field systems, and some evidence of medieval and post-medieval activity within the site. There was no evidence of Iron Age or Roman activity across the site, despite the close proximity to known Roman activity to the north of the site.



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In January 2019 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for Wessex Strategic Ltd at Land South of Blandford Hill, Milborne St Andrew, Dorset centred on National Grid reference (NGR) 390068 162869 see Figure 1).
- 1.2 The evaluation was undertaken to accompany an outline planning application (ref: 2/2018/1577/OUT) made to North Dorset District Council for the construction of 85 dwellings, community facilities and associated infrastructure.
- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2018) and approved by Steve Wallis (Senior Archaeologist, Dorset County Council). The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014). It was monitored by Steve Wallis, including site visits on the 14th of January 2019.

The site

- 1.3 The proposed development area is approximately 8ha, and comprises of pastureland crossed by public rights of way. The sites boundaries are hedgerow field boundaries with modern property boundaries to the south with the A354 bounding the site to the north and Lane End to the East. The site is on an incline, rising from c75m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) in the south-west of the site to 90m aOD in the north-east.
- 1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Tarrant Chalk Member with no superficial deposits recorded within the site. Fragmented deposits of clay, silt and sand and gravel from 3 million years ago have been recorded nearby (BGS 2018).



2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Below is a succinct summary of the background located within the heritage assessment by Cotswold Archaeology (2018), and a subsequent geophysical survey of the site by Substrata (2018).

Prehistoric and Romano-British Periods

- 2.2 Aerial photography identified evidence of probable Bronze Age activity within the site boundary, located in the mid-west and north-east of the site. These were tentatively dated and interpreted as Bronze Age round barrows by the HER. The location of the barrows was confirmed by a recent geophysical survey across the site: they varied in size, one measuring approximately 20m in diameter and the other 12m. The survey identified additional circular features to the east and south-west of the site. The ring ditch to the west of the site comprised of a double ditch, and it was thought likely to contain a burial.
- 2.3 There were several geophysical anomalies present in and around the ring ditches which were thought to represent postholes and or pits (Substrata 2018) and have also been tentatively dated to the Bronze Age.
- 2.4 An additional cluster of prehistoric funerary monuments associated with a prehistoric settlement, located to the south of the site has been recorded on the HER; this was also identified by aerial photography.
- 2.5 There is strong evidence of settlement activity around the site: Weatherby Castle Hillfort is located directly south, a prehistoric settlement is also recorded c.60m south of the site, with a further Late Iron Age/Roman settlement and burial site is recorded c.30m to the north of the site.

Early medieval and medieval periods

- 2.6 Around this part of Dorset, the early medieval period is not well represented in the archaeological records and there is little evidence of activity in or around site.
- 2.7 The remains of former medieval settlements survive in the fields surrounding the site, with the desertion of settlements was not uncommon in the medieval period often as effect of disease, famine or a shift in the preferred settlement position.

- 2.8 Documentary evidence identified the site was within the parish of Milborne Stileham of Bere Regis until the 19th century, previously known as Milborne Bec or Beke. The settlement was named after the Abbey of Bec in Normandy which owned the parish via a cell at the priory of Okeburne. Later the settlement was recorded as a manor and a hamlet under the ownership of Edward, Duke of Somerset (Ship and Hodson 1973), then subsequently under the Morton and Morton-Playdell families.
- 2.9 Deserted settlements/manors of Milbornes Stileham, Milborne Deverill, Milborne Mamford and Milborne Churchston may survive in the archaeological records in the form of deserted and shrunken villages surrounding the current settlement. One such example comprising earthworks of several plots, paddocks and associated features in a rectangular enclosure has been scheduled c.880m south of the site. Directly west of the site boundary fragmentary enclosures and low banks are suggested to be the remains of Milborne Stileham. Evidence for assisted agricultural landscape which supported these settlements has been recorded from earthwork remains of a medieval field system and a possible medieval/post medieval water meadow c. 720m south-east and c.910m south-west respectively.
- 2.10 The sites have not been securely dated; the current settlement at the centre of Milborne St Andrew was present by the 12th century when the parish church was constructed, c.240m west of the site. Although close in proximity to the recorded medieval settlement, no features indicative of settlement were revealed during the geophysical survey. As such, the site possibly comprised agricultural fields and enclosures surrounding the settlement, although settlement activity cannot be wholly ruled out within the site.

Post-medieval and modern periods.

- 2.11 The core of the present settlement located within the study area is recorded as dating from the 18th century and later, many being built after the amalgamation of Milborne Stileham parish and Milborne St Andrew around 1800. Many of these buildings are Listed for their architectural and historical interest.
- 2.12 With the exception of the 12th century parish church, the building with the earliest origins is located in the Manor Farm House area, c.200m south-west of the site. This farmhouse is positioned on the former Milborne House, seat of the Morton and Morton-Plydell families.

- 2.13 More recent landscape changes are evident on historic maps. The Tithe map for the former parish of Milborne Stileham is unavailable, later historic OS maps show the village expanding to the north and west from the 19th century. A Linear trackway is located on the first edition OS map showing a former trackway and small enclosed fields in the very north and south of the fields. A linear bank was seen on site and probably relates to the former trackway.
- 2.14 Later historic OS maps show straight field boundaries across the site from east to west, although the land use does not appear to have changed in the last century, taking its current form in the last 50 years. A number of linear features were recorded within the site in the results of the geophysical survey, which have been interpreted as field boundaries or drainage ditches. Some of these appear on historic maps and probably post-medieval/modern in origin.

Geophysical Survey

- 2.15 In September 2019 Substrata (2018) carried out a geophysical survey at the site. Thirty-four magnetic anomaly groups were characterised as potential buried archaeology. In these groups a single and double ring ditch mentioned in the Dorset Historic Environment record (MDO4387 and MCO4388) are present. One group may represent a pit or large posthole central to the single ring ditch; two groups represent a set of pits or postholes within the double ring ditch. Additionally another two groups may represent single ring ditches with one possibly containing a central pit, another group represents a smaller ring ditch but may reflect recent ground disturbance around a circular cattle feeder. Five groups might represent pits with a further five may represent either field boundaries removed before 1888 or remnants of a field drainage system. Four groups are likely associated with a disused former trackway recorded on historic mapping between 1888 and 1902 and a coinciding field boundary mapped between 1957 and 1974. The remaining groups are likely fragmented remains of field boundaries or enclosures.



3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation are to provide information about the archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality, in accordance *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014). This information will enable Steve Wallis, Senior Archaeologist, Dorset County Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset, consider the impact of the proposed development upon it, and to avoid or minimise conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the development proposal, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 46 trenches, each 30m in length and 1.8m in width along with six geotechnical pits of various sizes, in the locations shown on the attached plan (Figure 2). Fifteen trenches were moved from the pre-agreed locations set out in the WSI due to underground services, public rights of way, animal burrows and overhead cables, with the final placement agreed by Steve Wallis prior to excavation. Six geotechnical pits were recorded during the evaluation along with an additional trench was requested by Steve Wallis during his site visit. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica GPS and surveyed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 4 *Survey Manual*.
- 4.2 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.3 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* and were sampled and processed. All artefacts

recovered were processed in accordance with Technical Manual 3 *Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.

- 4.4 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Andover. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Dorset County Museum under accession number, along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix D, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS (FIGURES 2-9)

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts, finds and environmental samples (palaeoenvironmental evidence) are to be found in Appendices A, B and C respectively.
- 5.2 Fifty two trenches (six geotechnical and 46 trial trenches) were excavated. In which archaeological remains were uncovered within 37 of the trenches (Figures 2-9), while 15 trenches were archaeologically sterile. Fifteen trenches were moved due to the presence of aboveground and underground services, public rights of way and ecological constraints.

Geology

- 5.3 All trenches were covered by a layer of topsoil c. 0.1-0.45m in thickness. In 42 trenches the topsoil overlay a subsoil horizon, c. 0.1-0.6m in thickness.
- 5.4 The natural geology comprised of compacted chalk with light brown clay/silt deposits which is typical of the Tarrant Chalk Member (BGS 2018).

Trench 1 (Figures 2 & 3)

- 5.5 **Trench 1** was located to the northeast of the site and contained six archaeological features ring ditches **107** and **113**, and pits **103**, **105**, **109** and **111**. All correlate to the previous geophysical survey results; no features were excavated.
- 5.6 Pit **103** was located towards the northeast of the trench and was sub circular in plan on a northeast-southwest alignment, containing a single fill in plan (**104**). The pit measured 0.83m in length and 0.46m in width.

- 5.7 Pit **105** was located towards the northeast of the trench and was circular in plan containing a single fill in plan (**106**). The pit measured 0.4m in length and 0.32m in width.
- 5.8 Ditch **107** was located towards the southwest of the trench and in plan was curvilinear in shape, on a northwest-southeast alignment, containing a single fill in plan (**108**). The ditch measured greater than 2m in length and 1.89m in width.
- 5.9 Pit **109** was located towards the centre of the trench and was partially covered by the trench baulk. The pit was circular in plan and contained a single fill in plan (**110**), measuring 1.2m in length and 0.53m in width.
- 5.10 Pit **111** was located towards the centre of the trench and was partially covered by the trench baulk to the northwest. The pit was circular in plan and contained a single fill in plan (**112**), measuring 1.46m in length and 0.83m in width.
- 5.11 Ditch **113** was located towards the northeast of the trench and was also curvilinear in plan, aligned on a north-south alignment, containing a single fill (**114**). The ditch measured greater than 2.11m in length and had a width of 1.46m.

Trench 2 (Figures 2 & 7)

- 5.12 **Trench 2** was located to the northeast of the site and contained two archaeological features, pits **203** and **205**.
- 5.13 Pit **203** was located towards the centre of the trench on a northwest-southeast alignment, measuring 2.17m in length and 1.18m in width and was excavated to a depth 0.31m. The pit had steep sides and contained a single fill (**204**) and was not fully excavated due to the discovery of human remains (**SK207**). The visible remains consisted of the lower leg bone and phalanges extruding from the section which was not excavated, with angle of the lower leg suggesting a crouched burial. Prehistoric pottery of likely Early-Middle Bronze date was recovered from this pit.
- 5.14 Pit **205** was partially covered by the baulk on a similar alignment to pit **203**, measuring greater than 2.03m in length and 0.33m in width and was located to the north of the trench and contained a single fill in plan (**206**). The pit was not excavated.

Trench 3 (Figure 2)

- 5.15 **Trench 3** was located towards the northeast of the site and contained a single archaeological feature which was present on the geophysical survey. Ditch **302** was located in the centre of the trench on a southeast-northwest alignment with a single fill present in plan (**303**). The ditch measured greater than 2.04m in length and had a width of 0.92m and is a continuation of ditches **402** and **602**. The ditch was not excavated.

Trench 4 (Figures 2 & 9)

- 5.16 **Trench 4** was located towards the northeast of the site and contained three archaeological features, ditch **402**, and pits **404** and **406**.
- 5.17 Ditch **402** was located to the northeast of the trench on a northwest-southeast alignment and comprised of two fills, fill **408** (Lower primary fill) and **403** (upper secondary fill) with a recut (**409**) running along the same alignment. Ditch **402** was steep sided and flat based with a length greater than 1.85m, a width of 0.9m and depth of 0.54m and is seen in the geophysical survey as a continuation of ditches **302** and **602**. Recut **409** measured 0.5 wide and had a depth of 0.39m and is assumed to follow the alignment of ditch **402**, however this was not visible in plan.
- 5.18 Pit **404** was located towards the centre of the trench measuring greater than 1.88m in length and 0.84m in width on a north-south alignment. In plan the pit contained single fill (**405**), and due to human remains being uncovered in a similar shaped pit (**203**) was not excavated.
- 5.19 Pit **406** was located 1m southwest of pit **404** measuring greater than 1.46m in length and 1.15m, on a north-south alignment. The pit contained a single fill in plan (**407**), and was not excavated due to similarities with pit **203**.

Trench 5 (Figure 2)

- 5.20 **Trench 5** was located towards the east of the site and contained a single feature. Feature **502** corresponds with the geophysical anomaly, measuring greater than 1.85m in length with a width of 2.45m and was on a northwest-southeast alignment. The feature contained a single fill in plan (**503**) showing signs of truncation, probably from plough damage, and has been interpreted as a possible pit or tree throw.

Trench 6 (Figure 2)

- 5.21 **Trench 6** was located towards the east of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **602** was on an east-west alignment measuring greater than 1.85m in length and 1.43m wide, containing a single fill in plan (**603**). This ditch is a continuation of ditches **302** and **402** and was unexcavated.

Trench 7 (Figure 2)

- 5.22 **Trench 7** was located towards the east of the site and contained two archaeological features ditches **703** and **705** as well as tree throw **707**.
- 5.23 Ditch **703** was located to the southeast of the trench measuring greater than 1.98m in length and 0.68m wide, containing a single fill in plan (**704**), running on a similar alignment to ditch **705** (east-west). The ditch was not excavated.
- 5.24 Ditch **705** was located towards the centre of the trench on an east-west alignment and contained a single fill (**706**) and measured greater than 2.12m in length with a width of 0.87m and depth of 0.34m. The ditch cut through the subsoil and is assumed to be post medieval/modern in date.

Trench 8 (Figures 2 & 9)

- 5.25 **Trench 8** was located towards the southeast of the site and contained two archaeological features, ditch **802** and quarry pit **805** with both features aligning with the geophysical survey.
- 5.26 Ditch **802** was located to the south of the trench on a northeast-southwest alignment and is the same as ditches **1103** and **1803**, measuring 1.92m in length, 1.68m in width and had a maximum depth of 0.67m and was concave in profile. The feature contained two fills **803** (lower primary fill) and **804** (upper secondary fill). Primary fill **803** comprised of redeposited chalk from the north of the feature and has been interpreted as a slump of materials from a bank.
- 5.27 Quarry pit **805** was located to the north of the trench and was machine excavated to a depth of 1.1m and not fully excavated due to safety constraints. The pit measured greater than 6.07m in length and 1.8m in width, containing three visible fills (**806**, **807** and **880**). The feature had a gently sloping side to the south and extended the trench.

Trench 9 (Figures 2 & 10)

- 5.28 **Trench 9** was located towards the southeast of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **903** ran along the southern end of the trench on a north-south alignment measuring greater than 16.7m in length, having a width of 0.79m and a depth of 0.08m. The feature was heavily truncated with a flat base containing a single fill (**904**).

Trench 11 (Figure 2)

- 5.29 **Trench 11** was located towards the southeast of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **1103** continued on an east-west alignment measuring greater than 1.85m in length and 2.2m in width, with one fill present in plan (**1104**). The ditch is a continuation of ditches **802** and **1803** and was unexcavated.

Trench 15 (Figures 2 & 4)

- 5.30 **Trench 15** was located towards the southwest of the site and contained three archaeological features, pits **1502**, **1504**, and ring ditch **1506** all broadly corresponding to the geophysical survey results.

- 5.31 Pit **1502** was located to the south of the trench, measuring 0.6m in length and 0.35m in width with a single fill in plan (**1503**) with signs of truncation present. Fill **1503** contained non articulated fragmented bone visible. The central positioning of this pit compared to ring ditch **1506**, is interpreted as indicating a possible central burial, and was thus left unexcavated.

- 5.32 Pit **1504** was located to the south of trench 1m north of pit **1502** and measured 0.78m in length and a 0.56m in width, containing a single fill in plan (**1505**). The pit shows signs of truncation and was left unexcavated due to the central positioning within the ring ditch.

- 5.33 Ring ditch **1506** was located towards the centre of the trench on a northeast-southwest alignment measuring greater than 2.06m in length with a width of 1.02m and contained a single fill in plan **1507**. The southern extent of the ring ditch was not ascertained due to the trench being reduced in size due to the location of a service located during the evaluation, and was left unexcavated.

Trench 17 (Figures 2 & 10)

- 5.34 **Trench 17** was located towards the centre of the site and contained two archaeological features, ditches **1703** and **1707** and tree throw **1705**.
- 5.35 Ditch **1703** was located to the north of the trench on an east-west alignment, measuring greater than 2.07m in length, 0.68m in width and a depth of 0.15m, The ditch had moderate to steep sides with a flat base and contained a single fill (**1704**).
- 5.36 Ditch **1707** was located to the south of the trench on an east-west alignment, with a concave profile, measuring greater than 1.85m in length, 0.68m in width and had a depth of 0.27m. The feature contained a single fill (**1708**) and which cut the subsoil.

Trench 18 (Figure 2)

- 5.37 **Trench 18** was located towards the south of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **1803** continued on an east-west alignment and corresponds to the previous survey, measuring greater than 1.85m in length and 1.75m in width. The ditch had a single fill in plan (**1804**), and is a continuation of ditches **802** and **1103**, and was unexcavated.

Trench 19 (Figures 2 & 9)

- 5.38 **Trench 19** was located towards the centre of the site and contained ditch **1903** and tree throw **1905**. Ditch **1903** was located to the west of the trench on a north-south alignment corresponding to the geophysical survey, measuring greater than 2m in length and 1.06m in width with a depth of 0.53m. The ditch had moderate to steep sides with a flat base containing two fills **1907** (a lower primary fill), and **1904** (upper secondary fill). Ditch **1903**, as seen in the geophysical survey results is a continuation of ditches **2009**, **2409** and **2503**.

Trench 20 (Figure 2)

- 5.39 **Trench 20** was located towards the west of the site and contained five archaeological features, ditches **2003**, **2005**, **2007**, **2009** and **2011**.
- 5.40 Ditch **2003** was located to the north of the trench running on north-south alignment before towards the west measuring greater than 11m in length, 0.52m in width, 0.13m in depth, and is mirrored by ditch **2005** which is probably contemporary. The ditch had a concave profile with a single fill (**2004**) and is a continuation of ditch **2403** and **2803**. Late prehistoric pottery was recovered from the fill of this ditch.

- 5.41 Ditch **2005** was located to the north of the trench running on north-south alignment before towards the west measuring greater than 6.8m in length, 0.52m in width, 0.08m in depth, and is mirrored by ditch **2003** which is probably contemporary. The ditch had a gently concave profile containing a single fill (**2006**) and was visibly truncated not continuing to the north into **Trench 28**.
- 5.42 Ditch **2007** was located to the south of the trench on an east-west alignment, measuring greater than 1.85m in length, 0.5m in width and 0.28m in depth. The ditch has steep sides with a flat base and contained a single fill (**2008**) and is a continuation of ditch **2407**.
- 5.43 Ditch **2009** was located to the south of the trench on an east-west alignment measuring 1.85m in length and 1.25m in width containing a single fill in plan **2010**. The ditch was a continuation of ditches **1903**, **2409** and **2503**; corresponding to the geophysical survey and not excavated.
- 5.44 Ditch **2011** was located to the north of the trench on an east-west alignment, measuring greater than 1.85m in length with a width 0.46m. The feature contained one fill in plan (**2012**) with no relationship visible between ditches **2003** and **2005**; the ditch was not excavated due to truncation present.

Trench 21 (Figures 2 & 10)

- 5.45 **Trench 21** was located towards the southwest of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **2103** was located towards the centre of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 2m in length with a width of 0.62m. The ditch contained a single fill (**2104**) and corresponds to the geophysical survey, continuing on from ditch **2203**, **2405**, **3603** and **4009**; the ditch was not excavated.

Trench 22 (Figure 2)

- 5.46 **Trench 22** was located towards the southwest of the site and contained one archaeological feature ditch **2203**, and modern ditch **2205**.
- 5.47 Ditch **2203** was located towards the centre of the trench on a north-south alignment measuring greater than 1.85m in length, 0.73m in width and 0.48m in depth. The ditch had steep sides with a concave base cutting the subsoil in section; it contained a single fill **2203** and is a continuation of features **2103**, **2405**, **3603** and **4009** aligning with the geophysical survey.

5.48 Ditch **2205** was located to the east of the trench on a north-south alignment and measured greater than 1.85m in length, 0.81m in width and 0.23m in depth. The ditch contained a single fill **2206**.

Trench 23 (Figure 2)

5.49 **Trench 23** was located towards the southwest of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Feature **2203** was located to the west of the trench measuring 2.8m in length and 1.02m wide and contained a single fill in plan (**2204**). The feature correlates to the geophysical survey however is not present in other evaluation trenches.

Trench 24 (Figure 2)

5.50 **Trench 24** was located towards the west of the site and contained five archaeological features, ditches **2403**, **2405**, **2407** and **2409** and pit **2411** with ditches **2405** and **2409** broadly corresponding to the geophysical survey.

5.51 Ditch **2403** was located towards the centre of the trench on an east-west alignment, measuring greater than 2.64m in length, and 1.16m in width. The feature contained a single fill in plan (**2404**) and is the probable continuation of ditch **2003** and **2803**. The ditch was not excavated.

5.52 Ditch **2405** was located towards the south of the trench on a north-south alignment measuring 2.7m in length and 0.84m in width. The ditch contained a single fill in plan (**2406**) and was not excavated as the feature was a continuation of ditches **2103**, **2203**, **3603** and **4009**.

5.53 Ditch **2407** was located to the south of the trench on an east-west alignment measuring greater than 2.26m in length, 0.79m in width, and had a depth of 0.31m. The ditch had moderately sloped sides with a concave base, containing a single fill (**2408**) and is a probable continuation of ditch **2007**.

5.54 Ditch **2409** was located to the south of the trench on an east-west alignment, measuring greater than 2.65m in length and 0.96m in width. The linear contained a single fill in plan and is the continuation of ditches **1903**, **2009**, and **2503**; the ditch was not excavated.

- 5.55 Pit **2411** was located towards the centre of the trench and was partially covered by the baulk of the trench to the northwest. The feature measured 1.2m in length and has a width greater than 0.6m, containing a single fill (**2412**) and was not excavated due to the proximity of the double ring ditch in **Trench 27**.

Trench 25 (Figure 2)

- 5.56 **Trench 25** was located towards the west of the site and contained a single archaeological feature with the location comparable with the geophysical survey. Ditch **2503** was on an east-west alignment measuring greater than 1.9m in length and 1.88m in width with a single fill in plan (**2504**). The ditch was a continuation of ditches **1903**, **2009** and **2411** and was unexcavated.

Trench 26 (Figure 2)

- 5.57 **Trench 26** was located towards the west of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **2603** was located to the northeast of the site on a north-south alignment corresponding to the geophysical survey, measuring greater than 2.85m in length and 0.65m in width. The ditch was heavily truncated and contained a single fill (**2604**) and was not excavated.

Trench 27 (Figures 2 & 5)

- 5.58 **Trench 27** was located towards the west of the site and contained five archaeological features, ring ditches **2703**, **2705**, **2709** and **2711** and central pit **2707**, all broadly corresponding to the geophysical survey, and were not excavated.
- 5.59 Ditch **2703** was located towards the south of the trench on an east-west alignment and was curvilinear in shape, measuring greater than 1.85m in length and 1.55m in width. The ditch contained a single fill in plan (**2704**).
- 5.60 Ditch **2705** was located towards the south of the trench directly north of ditch **2703**, on an east-west alignment and was curvilinear in shape, measuring greater than 1.85m in length and 1.83m in width. The ditch contained a single fill in plan (**2706**) with cremation (registered artefact 1- figure 5) located towards the centre of the ditch. Prehistoric pottery of likely Early-Middle Bronze date was recovered from this ditch.
- 5.61 Pit **2707** was circular in shape and was located towards the centre of the trench partially covered by the trench baulk to the west. The pit measured 1.54m in length

and greater than 1.15m in width with a single fill (**2708**) visible in plan and was not excavated due to the features position in the ring ditch.

5.62 Ditch **2709** was located towards the north of the trench, south of ditch **2711**, on an east-west alignment and was curvilinear in shape, measuring greater than 1.85m in length and 1.92m in width. The ditch contained a single fill in plan (**2710**).

5.63 Ditch **2711** was located towards the north of the trench on an east-west alignment and was curvilinear in shape, measuring greater than 1.85m in length and 1.09m in width. The ditch contained a single fill in plan (**2712**).

Trench 28 (Figure 2)

5.64 **Trench 28** was located towards the west of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **2803** was located towards the southeast of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 1.9m in length and 0.55m in width. The ditch is a continuation of feature **2003** located to the south and contained a single fill in plan (**2804**); the ditch was not excavated.

Trench 30 (Figures 2 & 8)

5.65 **Trench 30** was located towards the centre of the site and contained two archaeological features, pits **3003** and **3005** corresponding to the geophysical results.

5.66 Pit **3003** was located towards the centre of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring 2.78m in length and greater than 1.6m in width with an excavated depth of 0.64m. The pit was rectilinear in shape with steep sides and contained two fills **3004** and **3007**, with the latter covering a suspected child burial **SK3008 (Figure 8)**. The pit was not fully excavated due to presence of human remains. Prehistoric pottery of likely Early-Middle Bronze date was recovered from this pit.

5.67 Pit **3005** was located directly north of pit **3003** towards the centre of the trench, exiting the trench on a north-south alignment. The visible area measured greater than 0.6m in length and 0.5m in width with a single present in plan (**3006**), due to proximity of burial **SK3008**, the pit was not excavated.

Trench 31 (Figure 2)

5.68 **Trench 31** was located towards the centre of the site and contained two archaeological features, ditches **3103** and **3105**.

5.69 Ditch **3103** was located towards the north of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 3m in length and 0.9m in width. A single fill (**3104**) was present in plan with the close proximity to ditch mirroring the alignment of feature **3105** suggesting a reuse of the same boundary.

5.70 Ditch **3105** was towards the north of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 6m in length, 0.35m in width and 0.13m in depth. The feature had steep sides with a flat base and contained a single fill (**3106**); broadly corresponds to ditch **3303** to the north which terminates in trench.

Trench 32 (Figure 2)

5.71 **Trench 32** was located towards the centre of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **3203** was located towards the centre of the trench on a southeast-northwest alignment, measuring greater than 2.34m in length and 1.38m in width. A single fill was present in plan (**3204**) and was not excavated as the ditch is a continuation of ditches **3305** and **4503** and corresponds to the geophysical survey.

Trench 33 (Figures 2 & 9)

5.72 **Trench 33** was located towards the centre of the site and contained two archaeological features, ditches **3303** and **3305**.

5.73 Ditch **3303** was located towards the east of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 1.3m in length, 0.76m in width and had a depth of 0.18m. The ditch had moderately steep uneven sides with a flat base and contained a single fill (**3304**), which was covered by the subsoil. The ditch terminates in trench and roughly corresponds to ditch **3105** located to the south.

5.74 Ditch **3305** was located towards the centre of the trench on a southeast-northwest alignment, measuring greater than 1.85m in length, 0.66m in width and had a depth of 0.36m. The ditch had steep sides with a concave base and contained a single fill (**3306**), and corresponds to the geophysical survey showing that ditches **3203** and **4503** are the same feature.

Trench 34 (Figure 2)

- 5.75 **Trench 34** was located towards the north of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Pit **3403** was located towards the north of the trench and was circular in plan, measuring 1.54m in length, greater than 0.66m wide and 0.45m in depth. The feature was steep sided with a flat base and contained a single fill (**3404**).

Trench 35 (Figures 2 & 6)

- 5.76 **Trench 35** was located towards the northwest of the site and contained two archaeological features, ring ditches **3503** and **3505** both located on the geophysical survey.
- 5.77 Ditch **3503** was located towards the centre of the trench and was curvilinear in shape, on a southeast-northwest alignment. The ditch was unexcavated measuring 1.97m in length and 1.01m in width with a single fill present in plan (**3504**).
- 5.78 Ditch **3505** was located towards the southwest of the trench and was curvilinear in shape on a southeast-northwest alignment, measuring greater than 1.9m in length and 0.6m in width. The ditch was heavily truncated containing a single fill (**3506**) in plan.

Trench 36 (Figure 2)

- 5.79 **Trench 36** was located towards the northwest of the site and contained four archaeological features, ditch **3603** and pits **3605**, **3607** and **3609**. Residual Prehistoric pottery of likely Middle Bronze date was recovered from the topsoil **3600**.
- 5.80 Ditch **3603** ran the length of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 30m, 0.58m in width and 0.22m in depth. The feature had steep sides, a flat base and contained a single fill (**3604**), and is likely a continuation of ditches **2103**, **2203**, **2405** and **4009** and corresponds to the geophysical survey.
- 5.81 Pit **3605** was located to the south of the trench and was circular in plan, partially covered by the trench baulk to the east. The pit measured 1.8m in length and greater than 0.8m in width with a single fill in plan (**3606**) present; due to proximity of the ring ditches in **Trench 27**, the pit was not excavated.

- 5.82 Pit **3607** was located to the south of the trench directly north of pit **3605**, and was circular in plan measuring 0.89m in length and 0.6m in width. A single fill (**3608**) was present in plan. There was no discernible relationship between ditch **3603** and pit **3607**; due to proximity of the ring ditches in **Trench 27**, the pit was not excavated
- 5.83 Pit **3609** was located to the north of the trench and was circular in plan. It was partially covered by the trench baulk. The pit measured 1.42m in length and greater than 1.26m in width containing a single fill (**3610**). Due to proximity of the ring ditches in **Trench 27**, the pit was not excavated

Trench 37 (Figure 2)

- 5.84 **Trench 37** was located towards the northwest of the site and contained two archaeological features, ditches **3702** and **3704**, both located on the geophysical survey.
- 5.85 Ditch **3702** was located towards the centre of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 1.85m in length, 0.72m in width and 0.14m in depth. The ditch showed signs of truncation with uneven sides and a flat base containing a single secondary fill (**3703**); the ditch is a continuation of **3904**.
- 5.86 Ditch **3704** was located towards the west of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 1.85m in length, 1.53m in width and 0.43m in depth. The ditch was moderately steep side, with an uneven base, and contained two fills (**3705** - lower primary fill and **3706** - upper secondary fill); the ditch is a continuation of ditches **3906** and **4003**.

Trench 38 (Figure 2)

- 5.87 **Trench 38** was located towards the southwest of the site and contained two archaeological features, ditches **3803** and **3805**.
- 5.88 Ditch **3803** was located towards the northwest of the trench on a northeast-southwest alignment, measuring greater than 8m in length and 2.9m and contained a single fill (**3804**) in plan. The ditch was not excavated as post-mediaeval CBM and glass was recovered from the fill of the ditch. The ditch corresponds to the location of a ditch in the 1888 OS map, and the geophysical survey.

- 5.89 Ditch **3805** was located towards the centre of the trench on a north-east-southwest alignment terminating in the trench. The ditch terminus was heavily truncated with shallow sides and a flat base, measuring greater than 1.96m in length, 0.79m in width and 0.04m in depth and contained a single fill (**3806**).

Trench 39 (Figure 2)

- 5.90 **Trench 39** was located towards the northwest of the site and contained four archaeological features, ditches **3902**, **3904**, **3906** and **3908**. None were excavated.
- 5.91 Ditch **3902** was located towards the centre of the trench on a northeast-southwest alignment, measuring greater than 2.72m in length and 0.62m in width. The feature contained a single fill (**3903**) in plan and corresponds to ditch **4103** and the geophysical survey.
- 5.92 Ditch **3904** was located towards the centre of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 2.31m in length and 0.58m in width. The ditch roughly corresponds to ditch **3702** containing a single fill (**3905**) in plan.
- 5.93 Ditch **3906** was located towards the northwest of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring 2.52m in length and 1.02m in width. The ditch roughly corresponds to feature **3704** and **4003**, containing a single fill (**3907**) in plan, broadly corresponding to the geophysical survey.
- 5.94 Ditch **3908** was located towards the northwest of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring 2.62m in length and 0.87m in width. The ditch is a continuation of ditch **4005**, with a single fill (**3908**) present in plan.

Trench 40 (Figure 2)

- 5.95 **Trench 40** was located towards the northwest of the site and contained four archaeological features, ditches **4003**, **4005**, **4007** and **4009**.
- 5.96 Ditch **4003** was towards the northeast of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 2.05m in length and 0.9m in width. The ditch was a continuation of features **3704** and **3906**, containing a single fill (**4004**) in plan; the ditch was not excavated.

- 5.97 Ditch **4005** was located towards the northeast of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 1.9m in length, 0.79m in width and 0.34m in depth. The ditch had steep sides with a slightly concave base with one fill (**4006**) present and is a continuation of ditch **3908**.
- 5.98 Ditch **4007** was located towards the centre of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 2.1m in length, 0.35m in width and 0.07m in depth. The gully had a concave profile containing a single fill (**4008**).
- 5.99 Ditch **4009** was located towards the southwest of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 1.93m in length, 0.52m in width and 0.16m in depth. The ditch had asymmetrical sides with a flat base and contained a single fill (**4010**); the ditch is a continuation of features **2103**, **2203**, **2405** and **3603**.

Trench 41 (Figures 2 & 10)

- 5.100 **Trench 41** was located towards the northwest of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **4103** was located towards the centre of the trench on an east-west alignment, measuring greater than 1.85m in length, 0.92m in width and 0.23m in depth. The ditch had moderately steep sides with a flat base, containing a single fill (**4104**) and corresponds with ditch **3902** to the west, and the geophysical survey. Pottery of likely medieval date was recovered from this ditch.

Trench 42 (Figure 2)

- 5.101 **Trench 42** was located towards the northwest of the site and contained two archaeological features, ditches **4202** and **4204**.
- 5.102 Ditch **4202** was located towards the centre of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 1.85m, 0.58m in width and 0.16m in depth. The ditch had steep sides and a flat base containing a single fill (**4203**).
- 5.103 Ditch **4204** was located towards the east of the trench on a north-south alignment, measuring greater than 2.1m in length, 2.39m in width and 0.09m in depth. The ditch had gently sloping sides with a concave base with visible truncation present; the feature contained one fill (**4205**).

Trench 45 (Figures 2)

- 5.104 **Trench 45** was located towards the north of the site and contained a single archaeological feature. Ditch **4503** ran on a north-south alignment in the southern extent of the trench and correlates to the geophysical survey, measuring greater than 6.5m in length and 0.89m width containing a single fill (**4504**). The ditch corresponds to the geophysical survey with ditches **3203** and **3305** being continuations of this ditch.

6. THE FINDS

- 6.1 Artefactual material recovered from the evaluation is listed in Appendix B and discussed further below. All finds have been cleaned, quantified by material type in each context and recorded to an Excel spreadsheet (Table 1), with fabric descriptions given in Table 2.

Pottery

- 6.2 A small group of 41 sherds, weighing a total of 634g, was recovered from 15 deposits across nine trenches. The pottery appears to correlate with two phases of activity, prehistoric in **Trenches 2, 20, 27** and **30**, orientated across the central and north-eastern areas of the site, and post-medieval and later pottery in **Trenches 37** to **41** inclusive, clustered in the north-west area, with the exception of **Trench 38** to the south-west corner. The prehistoric pottery is in relatively good condition, with slight to moderate abrasion and moderate fragmentation noted (mean sherd weight 9.6g). The post-medieval and later material is also moderately fragmented, with a mean sherd weight of 22g and slight abrasion.
- 6.3 A total of 20 sherds of prehistoric-dated pottery were recovered from six deposits in four trenches. Two abraded rim sherds in a fine grog-tempered fabric (Pre1), were recovered Trench **36** topsoil deposit **3600**. The form of this vessel, which is large, straight-sided and with a squared rim, and its fabric suggest Middle Bronze Age dating, probably part of the Deverel-Rimbury style, well-known from the area. Decoration consisting of scored lines below the rim are less typical but are known on related styles of this period.

- 6.4 Ra. 1 was associated with a cremation burial within ring-ditch **2705** (fill **2706**). Sherds from two vessels are present, the larger and joining rim sherds/upper portion in a grog/sparse flint-tempered fabric (Pre2), and an unfeathered bodysherd in a grog-tempered type (Pre3). The rim sherds come from a biconical form vessel, the rim top pushed-out/slightly everted and with a low applied strip to the shoulder carination which is decorated by a row of fingernail impressions. This vessel almost certainly belongs to a Middle Bronze Age 'Urn' style, the biconical form and the decoration similar to pottery of this period for example from Bestwall Quarry, Wareham (Woodward 2009, 224).
- 6.5 Further bodysherds in handmade, grogged fabrics (Pre1-3) were noted from deposits from deposits **204**, **2708** and **3004**, those from **204** and **2708** appearing to be burnt. Earlier than Middle Bronze Age dating is suggested largely on the basis of the fabrics/sherd thickness. A small and abraded sherd from deposit **2004**, which occurs in a dark grey/black-fired fabric with rounded quartz and organic inclusions (Pre4), is cautiously dated as later prehistoric potentially Iron Age.
- 6.6 A single sherd of probable medieval date, an abraded bodysherd in a hard-fired and oxidised, quartz-rich fabric, was recovered from ditch **4103** (fill **4104**).
- 6.7 Nineteen sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered from seven deposits. The group is dominated by earthenwares that date from the mid-17th to the 18th centuries. Within this group are five sherds of Verwood ware, produced in Dorset between the mid-17th and mid-20th centuries. A single sherd of unglazed earthenware was recovered from topsoil deposit **4100**, dateable to the 19th and 20th centuries.
- 6.8 The remainder of the post-medieval and modern pottery comprises Stoneware and refined whitewares. Two sherds of Stoneware were recorded; a handle fragment in a salt-glazed fabric of uncertain source and a Westerwald tankard basesherd, both recovered from topsoil deposit **4000**. Both date from the late 17th to 18th centuries. Also from this deposit are three sherds of transfer-printed refined whiteware, of late 18th to 19th century date and a single sherd of a porcelain cup, possibly an import, of similar date.

Other Finds

- 6.9 Six fragments of glass, weighing 38g, were recovered from four deposits. The group comprises four fragments of vessel glass, including dark green-coloured wine or spirits bottles of the 17th to 19th century date and colourless glass of a 19th or 20th century date, and two fragments of window glass. The fragment recovered from ditch **2205** (fill **2206**) is likely to be Crown glass, produced between the mid-17th to 19th centuries (IHBC 2011) and the fragment from topsoil deposit **4000** likely to be of a later date.
- 6.10 A single fragment of clay tobacco pipe (4g) was recovered from ditch **3702** (fill **3703**). The stem cannot be closely dated due to the fragmentary condition, but tobacco pipe use broadly dates from the end of the 16th to the end of the 19th centuries.
- 6.11 Six fragments (738g) of ceramic building material were recovered from two deposits. Five fragments of brick, of medieval or later date, were recovered from ditch **3803** (fill **3804**). The single item recovered from ditch **2205** (fill **2206**) is too fragmentary to identify to form or date.
- 6.12 A single metal item, a fragmentary sheet of iron weighing 103g, was recovered from topsoil deposit **3800**. It cannot be closely dated.
- 6.13 Two pieces of indeterminate industrial waste (3g) were recovered from ditch **2205** (fill **2206**). They cannot be closely dated. An additional two fragments of probable coal (2g) were recovered from ditch terminus **3303** (fill **3304**).

Lithics

- 6.14 The lithics assemblage consists of 69 worked flints (9847g), 13 unworked flint nodules (10900g) and four pieces of burnt, unworked flint (122g). Twelve of the worked flints were retrieved from topsoil or subsoil and two were redeposited in medieval-dated ditch **4103**.
- 6.15 The assemblage is mostly debitage, with 49 flakes, one blade, two chips, three cores, one retouched flake and one knife. The knife, from undated ditch **1903** (fill 1904), was made on a thermal blank and is D-shaped in plan. The curved edge features shallow retouch, which appears to be regular, however it has suffered post-depositional damage and part of the retouched edge is obscured by a concretion.

The three cores were used for the production of flakes. Two are multi-platform types and the other is heavily burnt – only two platforms (at right angles to one another) can be identified. The presence of large thick flakes in the assemblage suggests that a proportion is of Late Neolithic or Bronze Age date. Evidence of typical Mesolithic or Early Neolithic reduction strategies is absent and there is only one blade present. The latter would be expected to represent 13-36% of debitage in a Mesolithic/Early Neolithic assemblage (Ford 1987, 79, Table 2). The condition of the assemblage overall is poor, with most items moderately to heavily edge damaged and/or rolled (abraded). Most items are also heavily or moderately decorticated, which is a white or blueish surface discoloration resulting from soil conditions (Shepherd 1972, 109), and is particularly common in chalk areas. It seems likely that much of the flint assemblage has been redeposited, potentially disturbed from Late Neolithic or Bronze Age deposits. No spatial tendencies were evident – the large, heavy flakes of possible Late Neolithic or Bronze Age date were retrieved from **Trenches 8, 9, 19, 24, 30 and 34**.

- 6.16 Sixteen flakes were recovered from pit **3003** (fill **3004**), in association with pottery of probably Early to Middle Bronze Age date (see above). These include large, thick flakes, a few smaller, thinner flakes and several small flake fragments. The flakes display varying degrees of decortication, which indicates they did not derive from a single knapping episode. The 13 flint nodules, none of which displayed any signs of working or ‘testing’ were also retrieved from above the burial in this pit. These may represent unused raw material and their presence in association with a burial is a possible indication that they were chosen specifically for deposition in this feature.

7. THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

- 7.1 A series of seven environmental samples (106 litres of soil) were taken from a range of pits and ditches within **Trenches 2, 4, 19, 30, 33 and 34** respectively to evaluate the preservation of palaeoenvironmental remains across the area and with the intention of recovering environmental evidence of industrial or domestic activity on the site. The samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (CA Technical Manual No. 2).
- 7.2 Preliminary identifications of plant macrofossils are noted in Table 1 in Appendix C, following traditional nomenclature, as provided by Zohary et al (2012) for cereals. The presence of mollusc shells has also been recorded and nomenclature is

according to Anderson (2005) and habitat preferences according to Kerney (1999) and Davies (2008).

- 7.3 The flots varied in size with generally high numbers of rooty material and modern seeds. The charred material comprised varying levels of preservation.

Trench 2

- 7.4 A small charred assemblage was recovered from fill **204** (sample 2) of pit **203** of Neolithic-Bronze Age date. These remains included indeterminate grain fragments and charcoal fragments greater than 2mm. This may be representative of dispersed material and although there is no indication of the likely date of this material from the assemblage composition, it is possible that this material is intrusive within deposit due to the high percentage of roots within the sample.

- 7.5 The moderate number of mollusc shells recorded included those of the open country species *Vallonia costata*, *Vallonia excentrica*, *Pupilla muscorum*, *Helicella itala* and Introduced helicellids, and the intermediate species *Trochulus hispidus*. The mollusc assemblage is indicative of a well-established open landscape.

Trench 4

- 7.6 Fill **410** (sample 3) of undated ditch **409** contained a low number of charred remains, including free-threshing wheat grains and charcoal fragments, which may be reflective of dispersed material. Free-threshing wheat became the predominant wheat species in this area of Britain from the Saxon period onwards (Greig 1991) and may be intrusive within this assemblage. There is no clear indication from this assemblage of the likely date of this feature.

- 7.7 A moderate number of mollusc shells were recovered from this deposit. These included shells of the open country species *Vallonia costata*, *Vallonia excentrica*, *Pupilla muscorum*, *Helicella itala* and Introduced helicellids, and the intermediate species *Trochulus hispidus* and *Cochlicopa* sp. Again this mollusc assemblage is indicative of a well-established open landscape.

Trench 19

- 7.8 A few charred remains, including those of free-threshing wheat and charcoal, were noted from fill **1904** (sample 1) of undated ditch **1903**. Again this may be

representative of dispersed material and does not provide a clear indication of the probable date of this feature.

- 7.9 The high number of mollusc shells recorded from this deposit included those of the open country species *Vallonia costata*, *Vallonia excentrica*, *Pupilla muscorum*, *Helicella itala*, *Vertigo* sp. and Introduced helicellids, the intermediate species *Trochulus hispidus* and *Cochlicopa* sp., and shade-loving species *Aegopinella nitidula*. Again this mollusc assemblage is indicative of a well-established open landscape.

Trench 30

- 7.10 Small quantities of charred remains were recovered from fills **3004** (sample 6) and **3007** (sample 8) of Late Neolithic-Early Bronze Age pit **3003**. These included those of barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) and free-threshing wheat grains and charcoal. Again these may be reflective of dispersed material and may be intrusive within the pit.

- 7.11 The moderate assemblages of mollusc shells from these deposits included those of the open country species *Vallonia costata*, *Vallonia excentrica*, *Pupilla muscorum*, *Helicella itala* and Introduced helicellids, the intermediate species *Trochulus hispidus*, *Cepaea* sp. and *Cochlicopa* sp., and shade-loving species *Discus rotundatus* and *Vitrea* sp. These assemblages may be indicative of a well-established landscape with possibly some longer grass in the vicinity of the pit.

Trench 33

- 7.12 Fill **3306** (sample 4) of undated ditch **3306** contained a low number of charred remains, including free-threshing wheat and barley grains and charcoal fragments. This assemblage may be reflective of dispersed and possibly intrusive material. There is no clear indication from the environmental remains of the likely date of this feature.

- 7.13 A moderate number of mollusc shells were recovered from this deposit. These included shells of the open country species *Vallonia costata*, *Vallonia excentrica*, *Pupilla muscorum*, *Helicella itala*, *Vertigo* sp. and Introduced helicellids, and the intermediate species *Trochulus hispidus* and *Cochlicopa* sp. Again this mollusc assemblage is indicative of a well-established open landscape.

Trench 34

- 7.14 A few charred remains, including those of free-threshing wheat and charcoal, were noted from fill **3404** (sample 5) of undated pit **3403**. Again this may be representative of dispersed material and does not provide a clear indication of the probable date of this feature.
- 7.15 The moderate number of mollusc shells recorded from this deposit included those of the open country species *Vallonia costata*, *Vallonia excentrica*, *Pupilla muscorum*, *Helicella itala*, and Introduced helicellids and the intermediate species *Trochulus hispidus* and *Cochlicopa* sp. Again this mollusc assemblage is indicative of a well-established open landscape.

Summary

- 7.16 The low level of charred remains recovered from these features provides no clear indication of the likely date of these features. These small assemblages suggest that domestic settlement activities, such as crop processing, were unlikely to be taking place in the immediate vicinity of these trenches across the site. There is also no indication of any industrial processes taking place. There is nothing in these assemblages that would refute the suggestion that funerary practices were taking place on the site and that a number of the features were associated with this.
- 7.17 The mollusc assemblages are indicative of a well-established open landscape.

Animal Bone

- 7.18 Animal bone amounting to ten fragments (141g) was recovered from the fills of five ditch and pit features. Artefactual material dating broadly to the Bronze Age and post-medieval period was also recovered from these features (See Table 1, Appendix C). The material was fragmented and poorly preserved, displaying a high level of surface erosion. However, it was possible to identify the remains of cattle (*Bos taurus*) and sheep/goat (*Ovis aries*/*Capra hircus*).

Bronze Age

- 7.19 One fragment (3g) was recovered from deposit 3004, the fill of pit 3003. It was identified as a poorly preserved sheep/goat molar.

Post-medieval



- 7.20 Seven fragments (108g) were recovered from deposit 3804, the fill of ditch 3803 and layer 4000. Cattle and sheep/goat bone were identified, some of which showed cut marks that would suggest an origin in butchery waste.

Undated

- 7.21 The remaining two fragments (30g) were recovered from deposits 806 and 2604, the fills of pit 805 and ditch 2603, which remain undated. Cattle and sheep/goat were identified from fragments of long bone. However, the preservation was too poor, and the recovery was too low to provide any useful pattern of information other than species identification.

Human Remains

- 7.22 A single fragment of human bone (37g) was also identified. It was recovered from deposit 3703, the fill of ditch 3702. It was very poorly preserved, with erosional action having removed much of the osteological landmarks that aid identification. However, it was possible to confirm that it was a fragment of the mid-shaft of a tibia.

8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1 The evaluation revealed the presence of four Bronze Age ring ditches, associated pitting and multiple field systems varying from late prehistory to the modern era. No signs of domestic occupation or industrial activities were uncovered across the site. The majority of the excavated features varied between 0.2 and 0.4m in depth, which is indicative of the degree of truncation across the site from agricultural practices.
- 8.2 For the purpose of the discussion, five ditches have been identified and labelled on figure 2 to allow easier discussion (**Ditches 1-5**).

Mesolithic/Neolithic

- 8.3 No evidence of Mesolithic activity was identified across the site, but large thick flakes in the flint assemblage found in Trenches **8,9,19,24,30,**and **34** are suggestive of a degree of Late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age activity across the site.

Bronze Age



- 8.4 The Bronze Age was represented by four ring ditches located in **Trenches 1, 15, 27** and **35** with additional pits located in **Trenches 2, 4, 30,** and **34**. The northern ring ditches in **Trenches 1, 27** and **35** forms a northeast-southwest alignment which coincides with the location of pit **3403**; suggesting further activity might be present around the later pit. The ring ditches are positioned in prominent position in the landscape, as seen in other barrow sites such as Overton hill, and Ashen Hill, Somerset, and Roxton, Bedfordshire.
- 8.5 In **Trench 1**, the two opposing sides of the ring ditch were present, with limited evidence of truncation. Internally, two central pits more commonly associated with central burials were present, whilst located to the east; two discrete features were located outside the ring ditch. These discrete features may be satellite burials related to the barrow, or an external posthole alignment. However at this time there is no evidence to suggest their exact purpose and how they relate to the ring ditch. Although no dating evidence was recovered from the trench, the shape and location of the features and the results from the geophysical survey would suggest a Bronze Age date.
- 8.6 The ring ditch located to the south of the site in **Trench 15** was only partially recorded on the geophysical survey, with no evidence of the southern and western extent. The evaluation trench did not locate the southern limits of the ditch due to the presence of an active service which was avoided for H & S reasons. Internally, two pits were located in a roughly central location, once again commonly associated with central burials. These features showed signs of heavy truncation, with fragments of non-articulated bone present in one suggesting the possibility of disturbed human remains. No dating evidence was recovered from the trench, but it is presumed to be Bronze Age in date based on its form.
- 8.7 Double ring ditches were located in **Trench 27**, with both northern and southern sides surviving. Internally a single central pit was recorded, with fragments of Bronze Age pottery recovered, coinciding with the geophysics results. The southern ring ditch (**2705**) contained a cremation, a bioconal beaker burial, dating to the Bronze Age. Further interpretation of the ring ditches would suggest a possible multi phased barrow with similar examples at Fordington Farm and Winwick. Twenty two similar sites are known often containing two or more concentric rings (Last, p.32). These generally consist of an internal ditch containing the central cremation, with a later phase adding the external ring ditch.

- 8.8 A comparatively small ring ditch was located in **Trench 35**. This ring ditch did not contain any central pits and was visibly truncated to the southwest. No dating was recovered from the feature, and no central burial was identified, but based on its form it probably dates to the Bronze Age. This ring ditch is part of the larger barrow grouping to the north of the site.
- 8.9 Several pits were located across the site, with pits **203**, **3003** and **3403** excavated. Double pits in **Trenches 2**, **4** and **30** were elongated in plan, whilst single pits located in **Trenches 34** and **36** were circular. In **Trenches 2** and **4** the double pits were similar in shape and size, with pit **203** partially excavated containing a possible crouch burial. Pit **3003** was located towards the centre of the site contained a flint heavy fill, suggesting deliberate deposition of flint nodules into the feature. Contained within the heavy flint fill, a single child burial was partially uncovered. The presence of two burials in two partially excavated pits suggests that there may be a larger burial landscape.
- 8.10 Worked flint was recovered from excavated sections in **Trenches 8** and **19**, and although not enough to tentatively date the ditches, could suggest a prehistoric origin.

Late Prehistoric

- 8.11 A single fragment of late prehistoric pottery was recovered from ditch **2003**, with the shape and profile suggesting a heavily truncated field boundary. Ditch **2005** mirrors the shape, profile and general truncation of **2003** and may be of similar date. The location of the ditch and relative respect the double ring ditch in **Trench 27** receives, points to the barrow being visibly present in the landscape whilst the ditch was in use.

Medieval

- 8.12 **Ditch 1** and **2** may be part of a medieval field system. Historically churches, such as the 12th century St Andrews Church located 200m from the western extent of the site, were the focal point of a settlement, with dwellings and field systems nucleated around them. Deserted medieval settlements at Milborne Stileham, Deverill, Mamford and Churchston in Dorset represents a rich medieval landscape, it would therefore be surprising if medieval field systems were not present within the site. The double ring ditch with **Trench 27** is enclosed by **Ditch 1**, which respects its

location with the ring ditch located in a central position. This would suggest that the ring ditch was present during use, purposely enclosing the feature. The southern extent of **Ditch 1** continues on the same alignment as **Ditch 2**, and though no pottery was recovered or a stratigraphic relationship, the alignment and shape of the ditch would indicate they are roughly contemporary.

- 8.13 A single dated medieval ditch located to in **Trenches 39** and **41 (3903, 4103)**, runs parallel to the current main road, and would suggest an earlier disused field boundary.

Post-medieval/modern

- 8.14 A series of post-medieval/modern field systems, were located to the south and western areas of the site, dating from the late post-medieval to modern eras, with the features located in **Trenches 23** and **39** corresponding to the 1968 and 1888 OS Maps respectively. The northeast-southwest alignment of these ditches is continued to the north with multiple geophysical anomalies running on a similar alignment, which is further confirmed in the 1968 OS map.

Undated

- 8.15 Several undated ditches were excavated and recorded throughout the site, with **Ditches 3, 4** and **5** correlating to the geophysical survey. **Ditches 3** and **4** mirror the eastern field boundary suggesting a later date, and are possibly contemporary with **Ditches 1** and **2**. **Ditch 5** is on a similar alignment to other post-medieval/modern ditches, showing no signs of respecting the double ring ditch in **Trench 27**, suggesting a possible later date.
- 8.16 Other undated features were not located on the geophysical survey with no discernible pattern in plan, nor do they align with any features postdating the 1887 OS map suggesting they are of an earlier date.
- 8.17 Overall, the geophysical survey identified a fair proportion of the archaeology including the four ring ditches and field systems, with other features such as the earlier pits and undated ditches not identified. The more recent field boundaries on a northeast-southwest alignment, were only located in the deeper trenches to the south west. This would suggest they were either shallow boundaries and completely truncated through more recent agricultural ploughing or they were fence or

hedgerows, with rooting and bioturbation present throughout the site which have been removed.

- 8.18 The potential ring ditch identified by the geophysics in **Trench 6**, was not present in the evaluation trench. There was a visible indentation in the land located above the anomaly, probably caused by an animal trough, with the disturbance in the ground only present in the topsoil.
- 8.19 The site, as expected from the geophysical results, contains a Bronze Age funeral landscape, with the presence of four burials located in the ring ditches and associated burial pits. Later field systems are also present. No evidence for industrial or settlement activity was uncovered, suggesting the Iron Age/Roman settlement to the northeast does not continue into the site.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No	Context	Type	Fill of	Context Interpretation	Context Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.13	
1	101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint. Rooting	30	1.85	0.15	
1	102	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.08	
1	103	Cut		Pit	NE-SW oriented sub-oval pit. Unexposed.	0.83	0.46	N/A	
1	104	Fill	103	Upper fill	Dark yellowish brown clayey silt. Common chalk stones and flecks, rare flint. Unexcavated	0.83	0.46	N/A	
1	105	Cut		Pit	NE-SW oriented sub-oval pit. Unexposed.	0.4	0.32	N/A	
1	106	Fill	105	Upper fill	Mid yellowish brown clayey silt. Common chalk flecks and stones, common flint. Unexcavated	0.4	0.32	N/A	
1	107	Cut		Ditch	NE side of possible barrow. Unexposed.	>2	1.89	N/A	
1	108	Fill	107	Upper fill	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Common flint and chalk flecks and stones. Unexcavated.	>2	1.89	N/A	
1	109	Cut		Pit	N-S oriented sub-oval pit. Unexposed.	>1.22	0.22	N/A	
1	110	Fill	109	Upper fill	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Common chalk stones and flint. Unexcavated	>1.22	0.22	N/A	
1	111	Cut		Pit	N-S oriented sub-circular pit. Unexposed.	>1.46	>0.83	N/A	
1	112	Fill	111	Upper fill	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Common flint and moderate chalk stones and flecks. Unexcavated	>1.46	>0.83	N/A	
1	113	Cut		Ditch	SW side of possible barrow. Unexposed.	>2.11	1.46	N/A	
1	114	Fill	113	Upper fill	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Common flint, moderate chalk stones and flecks. Unexcavated.	>2.11	1.46	N/A	
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.22	
2	201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown clayey sil. Common flint and flecks of chalk.	30	1.85	0.1	
2	202	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.08	
2	203	Cut		Grave	NW-SE sub-oval Grave.	2.17	1.06	>0.31	
2	204	Fill	203	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Diffused flint and chalk stones and flecks. Covers human remains; not fully excavated	2.17	1.06	>0.31	
2	205	Cut		Pit	NW-SE sub-oval pit. Unexposed.	>2.03	0.33	N/A	
2	206	Fill	205	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Common flint, moderate chalk stones and flecks. Unexcavated.	>2.03	0.33	N/A	
2	207	Skeleton	203	Human remain	Partially exposed human skeleton. Not removed.	N/A	N/A	N/A	

3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.35	
3	301	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.08	
3	302	Cut		Ditch	NE-SW oriented ditch. Unexposed.	>2.04	0.92	N/A	
3	303	Fill	302	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Common flint.	>2.04	0.92	N/A	
4	400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.37	
4	401	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.04	
4	402	Cut		Ditch	NW-SE ditch.	>1.85	0.5	0.54	
4	403	Fill	402	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Rare chalk stones, occasional flint.	>1.85	0.5	0.27	
4	404	Cut		Pit	N-S rectangular pit. Unexposed	>1.88	0.84	N/A	
4	405	Fill	404	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Frequent chalk stones, rare flint. Unexcavated	>1.88	0.84	N/A	
4	406	Cut		Pit	N-S rectangular pit. Unexposed	>1.46	1.15	N/A	
4	407	Fill	406	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Frequent chalk stones, rare flint. Unexcavated	>1.46	1.15	N/A	
4	408	Fill	402	Lower fill	Light whitish grey silt. Diffused chalk stones, rare flint.	>1.85	0.54	0.35	
4	409	Cut		Ditch	Recut of NW-SE ditch.	>1.85	0.9	0.39	
4	410	Fill	409	Fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, rare chalk stones.	>1.85	0.9	0.39	
5	500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.27	
5	501	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.09	
5	502	Cut		Tree throw	Cut of Irregular tree throw. Unexposed	>1.85	2.45	N/A	
5	503	Fill	502	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional chalk stones and flint. Unexcavated	>1.85	2.45	N/A	
6	600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.29	
6	601	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.12	
6	602	Cut		Ditch	E-W ditch. Unexposed	>1.85	1.43	N/A	
6	603	Fill	602	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Rare flint and chalk stones. Unexcavated	>1.85	1.43	N/A	
7	700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.2	
7	701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint. Rooting	30	1.85	0.16	
7	702	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.07	
7	703	Cut		Ditch	E-W ditch. Unexposed	>1.98	0.68	N/A	

7	704	Fill	703	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate chalk stones. Unexcavated.	>1.98	0.68	N/A	
7	705	Cut		Ditch	NE-SW ditch.	>2.12	0.87	0.34	
7	706	Fill	705	Single fill	Mid yellowish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and chalk stones.	>2.12	0.87	0.34	
7	707	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular tree throw.	>1.9	1.24	0.14	
7	708	Fill	707	Fill	Mid brown clayey silt. Moderate flints and chalk stones.	>1.9	1.24	0.14	
8	800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.27	
8	801	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.05	
8	802	Cut		Ditch	E-W ditch.	>1.92	1.68	0.67	
8	803	Fill	802	Lower fill	Light greyish white clayey silt. Diffused chalk stones, rare flint.	>1.92	1.32	0.47	
8	804	Fill	802	Upper fill	Light greyish brown clayey silt. Rare flint and chalk stones.	>1.92	1.23	0.34	
8	805	Cut		Pit	Sub squared quarry pit. Partially exposed by machine.	>6.2	>1.85	>0.91	
8	806	Fill	805	Upper fill	Light greyish brown clayey silt. Rare chalk stones and flint. Partially excavated by machine	>2.6	>1.8	0.34	
8	807	Fill	805	Lower fill	Primary fill of quarry pit. Light greyish brown clayey silt. Frequent chalk stones and occasional flint. Partially excavated by machine	>1.43	>1.8	0.15	
8	808	Fill	805	Middle fill	Secondary. Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Common chalk flecks. Partially excavated by machine	>1.57	1.02	0.27	
8	809	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, rare chalk flecks. Rooting. Located just by the quarry pit 805.	6.2	1.85	0.3	
9	900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.18	
9	901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint. Rooting	30	1.85	0.12	
9	902	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.14	
9	903	Cut		Ditch	N-S Ditch.	>16.3	0.79	0.08	
9	904	Fill	903	Fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate chalk stones and flint.	>16.3	0.79	0.08	
10	1000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.29	
10	1001	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.05	
11	1100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.17	
11	1101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint. Rooting	30	1.85	0.13	

11	1102	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.1	
11	1103	Cut		Ditch	E-W Ditch. Unexposed.	>1.85	2.2	N/A	
11	1104	Fill	1103	Upper fill	Mid brown silty sand. Frequent flint and chalk stones. Unexcavated	>1.85	2.2	N/A	
12	1200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.3	
12	1201	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.09	
13	1300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.17	
13	1301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint. Rooting	30	1.85	0.08	
13	1302	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.1	
14	1400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.19	
14	1401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint. Rooting	30	1.85	0.15	
14	1402	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.03	
15	1500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint, common flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.3	
15	1501	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.09	
15	1502	Cut		Pit	NW-SE sub-oval pit. Unexposed.	0.6	0.35	N/A	
15	1503	Fill	1502	Upper fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Common chalk stones. Unexcavated	0.6	0.35	N/A	
15	1504	Cut		Pit	E-W sub-oval pit. Unexposed.	0.78	0.56	N/A	
15	1505	Fill	1504	Fill	Mid yellowish brown clayey silt. Common chalk flecks. Unexcavated	0.78	0.56	N/A	
15	1506	Cut		Ditch	NE-SW ditch. Unexposed	>2.06	1.02	N/A	
15	1507	Fill	1506	Upper fill	Dark greyish brown clayey silt common flint and chalk stones	>2.06	1.02	N/A	
16	1600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint and flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.19	
16	1601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. rare flint and chalk flecks. Rooting	30	1.85	0.13	
16	1602	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.1	
17	1700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint and flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.26	
17	1701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. rare flint and chalk flecks. Rooting	30	1.85	0.15	
17	1702	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.05	

17	1703	Cut		Gully	E-W gully.	>1.85	0.6	0.15	
17	1704	Fill	1703	Single fill	Drak greyish brown clayey silt. Rare chalk stones and flint.	>1.85	0.6	0.15	
17	1705	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular tree throw. Not fully exposed	2.07	>0.68	>0.41	
17	1706	Fill		Single fill	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Rare chalk stones and flint. Not fully excavated.	2.07	>0.68	>0.41	
17	1707	Cut		Ditch	E-W ditch.	>1.85	0.68	0.27	
17	1708	Fill		Single fill	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Rare chalk stone and flint.	>1.85	0.68	0.27	
18	1800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and rare flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.15	
18	1801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and frequent chalk flecks. Rooting	30	1.85	0.15	
18	1802	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Moderate flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.1	
18	1803	Cut		Ditch	E-W ditch. Unexposed.	>1.85	1.7	N/A	
18	1803	Fill	1803	Upper fill	Mid brown silty sand. Frequent flint and chalk stones. Unexcavated	>1.85	1.7	N/A	
19	1900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and rare flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.26	
19	1901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and frequent chalk flecks. Rooting	30	1.85	0.13	
19	1902	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Moderate flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.11	
19	1903	Cut		Ditch	N-S ditch.	>2	1.06	0.53	
19	1904	Fill	1903	Upper fill	Secondary mid yellowish brown clayey silt. Common flint and chalk stones.	>2	1.06	0.22	
19	1905	Cut		Tree throw	Sub-circular tree throw. Not fully exposed	1.15	>0.53	>0.24	
19	1906	Fill	1905	Upper fill	Secondary mid yellowish brown clayey silt. Common chalk stones, rooting.	1.15	>0.53	>0.24	
19	1907	Fill	1903	Lower fill	Primary light greyish brown clayey silt. Diffused chalk stones and flecks, occasional flint	>2	1.06	0.31	
20	2000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and rare flecks of chalk. Rooting.	30	1.85	0.13	
20	2001	Layer		Subsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and frequent chalk flecks. Rooting	30	1.85	0.15	
20	2002	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Moderate flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.06	
20	2003	Cut		Ditch	N-S/E-W ditch.	>11	0.52	0.13	
20	2004	Fill	2003	Single fill	Mid brown silty sand. Diffused flecks of chalk, moderate chalk stones and flint. Rooting	>11	0.52	0.13	
20	2005	Cut		Ditch	Ditch with gentle concave sides to concave base on N-S alignment turning at 90 degrees to E-W alignment	>6.8	0.52	0.08	
20	2006	Fill	2005	Fill of ditch	Mid brown silty sand	>6.8	0.52	0.08	
20	2007	Cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch	>1.85	0.5	N/A	
20	2008	Fill	2007	Fill of ditch	Mid brown silty sand	>1.85	0.5	N/A	
20	2009	Cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch	>1.85	1.25	N/A	
20	2010	Fill	2009	Fill of ditch	Mid brown silty sand	>1.85	1.25	N/A	
20	2011	Cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch	>1.85	0.46	N/A	
20	2012	Fill	2011	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown clay silt	>1.85	0.46	N/A	
21	2100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.26	

21	2101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint	30	1.85	0.04	
21	2102	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown clay silt and chalk	30	1.85	>0.1	
21	2103	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>2	0.62	N/A	
21	2104	Fill	2103	Fill of ditch	Light yellow brown clay silt with common flint	>2	0.62	N/A	
22	2200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.28	
22	2201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint	30	1.85	0.11	
22	2202	Layer		Natural	Light grey brown clay silt with chalk	30	1.85	>0.04	
22	2203	Cut		Ditch	Ditch with vertical sides to uneven base on NW-SE alignment	>1.85	0.73	0.48	
22	2204	Fill	2203	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common flint	>1.85	0.73	0.48	
22	2205	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>1.85	0.81	0.23	
22	2206	Fill	2205	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common flint	>1.85	0.81	0.23	
23	2300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.18	
23	2301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common chalk	30	1.85	0.21	
23	2302	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown clay dsilt with chalk	30	1.85	>0.11	
23	2303	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on E-W alignment	>2.8	1.02	0.5	
23	2304	Fill	2303	Fill of ditch	Light yellow brown clay silt with common flint	>2.8	1.02	0.5	
24	2400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.28	
24	2401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.22	
24	2402	Layer		Natural	Light grey white chalk	30	1.85	>0.04	
24	2403	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on E-W alignment	>2.64	1.16	N/A	
24	2404	Fill	2403	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown clay silt	>2.64	1.16	N/A	
24	2405	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>2.7	0.84	N/A	
24	2406	Fill	2405	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown clay silt	>2.7	0.84	N/A	
24	2407	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on E-W alignment	>2.26	0.79	0.31	
24	2408	Fill	2407	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown clay silt	>2.26	0.79	0.31	
24	2409	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on E-W alignment	>2.65	0.96	>0.4	
24	2410	Fill	2409	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown clay silt	>2.65	0.96	>0.4	
24	2411	Cut		Pit	Oval pit	1.2	0.6	0.38	
24	2412	Fill	2411	Fill of pit	Mid red brown clay silt	1.2	0.6	0.38	
25	2500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	29.8	1.9	0.21	
25	2501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown grey clay silt	29.8	1.9	0.09	
25	2502	Layer		Natural	Light white chalk	29.8	1.9	>0.3	
25	2503	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on E-W alignment	>1.9	1.88	N/A	
25	2504	Fill	2503	Fill of ditch	Mid red brown clay silt	>1.9	1.88	N/A	
26	2600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	31	1.85	0.23	
26	2601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt with occasional flint	31	1.85	0.09	
26	2602	Layer		Natural	Light white brown chalk	31	1.85	>0.07	
26	2603	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>2.85	0.65	N/A	
26	2604	Fill	2603	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt with common chalk	>2.85	0.65	N/A	
27	2700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	31	1.85	0.2	
27	2701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid-dark brown grey clay silt	31	1.85	0.12	
27	2702	Layer		Natural	Light grey white chalk	31	1.85	>0.04	
27	2703	Cut		Ditch	Curvilinear on E-W alignment	>1.85	1.55	N/A	
27	2704	Fill	2703	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown clay silt occasional flint	>1.85	1.55	N/A	
27	2705	Cut		Ditch	Curvilinear on E-W alignment	>1.85	1.83	N/A	
27	2706	Fill	2705	Fill of ditch	Mid-dark grey brown clay silt	>1.85	1.83	N/A	

27	2707	Cut		Pit	Sub rectangular with rounded corners no NW-SE alignment	1.54	>1.15	N/A	
27	2708	Fill	2707	Fill of pit	Dark grey brown clay silt	1.54	>1.15	N/A	
27	2709	Cut		Ditch	Curvilinear on E-W alignment	>1.85	1.92	N/A	
27	2710	Fill	2709	Fill of ditch	Mid-dark grey brown clay silt	>1.85	1.92	N/A	
27	2711	Cut		Ditch	Curvilinear on E-W alignment	>1.85	1.09	N/A	
27	2712	Fill	2711	Fill of ditch	Mid-dark grey brown clay silt occasional flint	>1.85	1.09	N/A	
28	2800	Layer		Topsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and rare flecks of chalk. Rooting.	29.7	1.85	0.15	
28	2801	Layer		Subsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and frequent chalk flecks. Rooting	29.7	1.85	0.15	
28	2802	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Moderate flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	29.7	1.85	>0.06	
28	2803	Cut		Ditch		>1.9	0.55	N/A	
28	2804	Fill	2803	Fill of ditch	Mid brown silty sand	>1.9	0.55	N/A	
29	2900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.8	0.14	
29	2901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt rare flints	30	1.8	0.12	
29	2902	Layer		Natural	Light white chalk	30	1.8	>0.09	
30	3000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey silty sand occasional flint	29.6	1.9	0.24	
30	3001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown sandy silt common flints	29.6	1.9	0.13	
30	3002	Layer		Natural	White degraded chalk	29.6	1.9	>0.03	
30	3003	Cut		Pit	Suboval steep sides on N-S alignment	2.78	>1.6	>0.64	
30	3004	Fill	3003	Fill of pit	Mid red brown clay silt occasional flint	2.78	>1.6	0.39	
30	3005	Cut		Pit	Pit covered by baulk	0.6	0.5	N/A	
30	3006	Fill	3005	Fill of pit	Mid red brown clay silt occasional flints	0.6	0.5	N/A	
30	3007	Fill	3003	Fill of pit	Dark grey brown clay silt occasional flint	>1.44	>0.7	>0.29	
30	3008	Skeleton		Skeleton		>0.3	>0.2	N/A	
31	3100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey silty sand occasional flint	29.5	1.84	0.13	
31	3101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown sandy silt common flints	29.5	1.84	0.12	
31	3102	Layer		Natural	White degraded chalk	29.5	1.84	>0.05	
31	3103	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>3	>0.9	N/A	
31	3104	Fill	3103	Fill of ditch	Mid brown sandy silt	>3	>0.9	N/A	
31	3105	Cut		Ditch	Ditch with concave sides to flat base on N-S alignment	>6	0.35	0.13	
31	3106	Fill	3105	Fill of ditch	Mid brown silty sand common flint	>6	0.35	0.13	
32	3200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.21	
32	3201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common flints	30	1.85	0.11	
32	3202	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown clay silt with chalk	30	1.85	>0.04	
32	3203	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on E-W alignment	2.34	1.38	N/A	
32	3204	Fill	3203	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common flint	2.34	1.38	N/A	
33	3300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt with common flint	30	1.85	0.16	
33	3301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common flint	30	1.85	0.11	
33	3302	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown clay silt with chalk	30	1.85	>0.08	
33	3303	Cut		Ditch terminus	Ditch with gradual sides to concave base on N-S alignment	>1.3	0.76	0.18	
33	3304	Fill	3303	Fill of ditch terminus	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common chalk flecks	>1.3	0.76	0.18	
33	3305	Cut		Ditch	Ditch with moderate sloping sides to a concave base on NW-SE alignment	>1.85	0.66	0.36	

33	3306	Fill	3305	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint and occasional chalk	>1.85	0.66	0.36	
34	3400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	29.7	1.9	0.26	
34	3401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt	29.7	1.9	0.04	
34	3402	Layer		Natural	Light brown white chalk	29.7	1.9	>0.02	
34	3403	Cut		Pit	Rectangular pit with rounded corners on SE-NW alignment. Steep sides to flat base	1.54	0.66	0.45	
34	3404	Fill	3403	Fill of pit	Mid grey brown clay silt with occasional flint	1.54	0.66	0.45	
35	3500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey clay silt with common chalk flecks	30	1.85	0.24	
35	3501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.06	
35	3502	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown clay silt with very common chalk	30	1.85	>0.04	
35	3503	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on NW-SE alignment	>1.97	1.1	N/A	
35	3504	Fill	3503	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common flint and chalk	>1.97	1.1	N/A	
35	3505	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on NW-SE alignment	>1.90	0.6	N/A	
35	3506	Fill	3505	Fill of ditch	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common chalk	>1.90	0.6	N/A	
36	3600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.19	
36	3601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt with occasional flint	30	1.85	0.08	
36	3602	Layer		Natural	Light white brown chalk	30	1.85	>0.07	
36	3603	Cut		Ditch	Moderate sides to flat base on N-S alignment	>30	0.58	0.22	
36	3604	Fill	3603	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint and chalk	>30	0.58	0.22	
36	3605	Cut		Pit	Circular pit	1.8	0.8	N/A	
36	3606	Fill	3605	Fill of pit	Mid brown clay silt with occasional flint and chalk	1.8	0.8	N/A	
36	3607	Cut		Pit	Circular pit	0.89	0.6	N/A	
36	3608	Fill	3607	Fill of pit	Mid brown clay silt with occasional flint and chalk	0.89	0.6	N/A	
36	3609	Cut		Pit	Circular pit	1.42	1.26	N/A	
36	3610	Fill	3609	Fill of pit	Mid brown clay silt with occasional flint and chalk	1.42	1.26	N/A	
37	3700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark black brown clay silt with common chalk	30	1.85	0.25	
37	3701	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	30	1.85	>0.05	
37	3702	Cut		Ditch	Ditch with moderate sloping sides to a flat base on NW-SE alignment	>1.85	0.72	0.14	
37	3703	Fill	3702	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint and chalk	>1.85	0.72	0.14	
37	3704	Cut		Ditch	Ditch with steep concave sides to a convex base on NW-SE alignment	>1.85	1.53	0.43	
37	3705	Fill	3704	Fill of ditch	Light yellow brown clay silt with common chalk	>1.85	1.53	0.36	
37	3706	Fill	3704	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint and chalk	>1.85	0.91	0.13	
38	3800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt with common flint	30	1.85	0.13	
38	3801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common chalk flecks	30	1.85	0.16	
38	3802	Layer		Natural	Light grey brown clay silt abundant in chalk	30	1.85	>0.01	

38	3803	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on E-W alignment	>8	2.9	N/A	
38	3804	Fill	3803	Fill of ditch	Light grey brown clay silt with common flint	>8	2.9	N/A	
38	3805	Cut		Ditch terminus	Ditch with gentle sloping sides to an uneven base on E-W alignment	>1.96	0.79	0.04	
38	3806	Fill	3805	Fill of ditch terminus	Mid grey brown clay silt with occasional flint and chalk	>1.96	0.79	0.04	
39	3900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt with common flint	30	1.85	0.21	
39	3901	Layer		Natural	Light grey brown clay silt with abundant chalk	30	1.85	>0.04	
39	3902	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>2.72	0.62	N/A	
39	3903	Fill	3902	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint	>2.72	0.62	N/A	
39	3904	Cut		Gully	Gully on E-W alignment	>2.31	0.58	N/A	
39	3905	Fill	3904	Fill of gully	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint	>2.31	0.58	N/A	
39	3906	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>2.52	1.02	N/A	
39	3907	Fill	3906	Fill of ditch	Dark grey brown clay silt with common flint	>2.52	1.02	N/A	
39	3908	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>2.62	0.87	N/A	
39	3909	Fill	3908	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint and chalk	>2.62	0.87	N/A	
40	4000	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey clay silt occasional flint	30.8	1.85	0.15	
40	4001	Layer		Subsoil	Dark brown clay silt occasional flint	30.8	1.85	0.15	
40	4002	Layer		Natural	Degraded chalk with patches of dark brown clay silt	30.8	1.85	>0.1	
40	4003	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>2.05	0.9	N/A	
40	4004	Fill	4003	Fill of ditch	Dark brown clay silt occasional flint	>2.05	0.9	N/A	
40	4005	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>1.9	0.79	0.33	
40	4006	Fill	4005	Fill of ditch	Mid brown clay silt with occasional flint and chalk	>1.9	0.79	0.33	
40	4007	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>2.1	0.35	N/A	
40	4008	Fill	4007	Fill of ditch	Mid brown clay silt with occasional flint and chalk	>2.1	0.35	N/A	
40	4009	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>1.93	0.52	0.16	
40	4010	Fill	4009	Fill of ditch	Mid brown silty clay occasional flint	>1.93	0.52	0.16	
41	4100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt occasional flint and chalk	30	1.85	0.15	
41	4101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt occasional flint and chalk	30	1.85	0.11	
41	4102	Layer		Natural	Light white brown degraded chalk	30	1.85	>0.04	
41	4103	Cut		Ditch	Ditch with convex sides to a flat base on NE-SW alignment	>1.85	0.92	0.23	
41	4104	Fill	4103	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt with common flint and occasional chalk	>1.85	0.92	0.23	
42	4200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.32	
42	4201	Layer		Natural	Light grey white chalk	30	1.85	>0.07	
42	4202	Cut		Ditch	Ditch with steep straight sides to a flat base on N-S alignment	>1.85	0.58	0.16	
42	4203	Fill	4202	Fill of ditch	Mid grey brown clay silt	>1.85	0.58	0.16	
42	4204	Cut		Gully	Gully with shallow convex sides to a concave base on NW-SE alignment	>2.10	0.39	0.09	
42	4205	Fill	4204	Fill of gully	Dark grey brown clay silt	>2.10	0.39	0.09	
43	4300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt occasional flint and chalk	30	1.85	0.18	
43	4301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt occasional flint and chalk	30	1.85	0.14	

43	4302	Layer		Natural	Light white brown degraded chalk	30	1.85	>0.12	
44	4400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.8	0.17	
44	4401	Layer		Subsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.8	0.11	
44	4402	Layer		Natural	Light grey white chalk	30	1.8	>0.09	
45	4500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	30	1.85	0.16	
45	4501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellow brown clay silt with common chalk	30	1.85	0.1	
45	4502	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown clay silt with abundant chalk	30	1.85	>0.05	
45	4503	Cut		Ditch	Ditch on N-S alignment	>6.5	0.89	N/A	
45	4504	Fill	4503	Fill of ditch	Light yellow brown clay silt with common flint	>6.5	0.89	N/A	
46	4600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	2	0.4	0.1	
46	4601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt	2	0.4	0.18	
46	4602	Layer		Natural	Light white chalk	2	0.4	>0.01	
47	4700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Occasional flint and flecks of chalk. Rooting.	3	0.4	0.17	
47	4701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. rare flint and chalk flecks. Rooting	3	0.4	0.22	
47	4702	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Occasional flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	3	0.4	>0.01	
48	4800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and rare flecks of chalk. Rooting.	3	0.4	0.24	
48	4801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Moderate flint and frequent chalk flecks. Rooting	3	0.4	0.19	
48	4802	Layer		Natural	Chalk, degraded along the surface. Moderate flint nodules, frequent mottling of mid greyish brown clayey silt.	3	0.4	>0.01	
49	4900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	3.5	1.4	0.28	
49	4901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown grey clay silt occasional chalk and flint	3.5	1.4	0.18	
49	4902	Layer		Natural	Light white chalk	3.5	1.4	>0.02	
50	5000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt	2.5	0.4	0.15	
50	5001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt rare flints	2.5	0.4	0.12	
50	5002	Layer		Natural	Light white chalk	2.5	0.4	>0.12	
51	5100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey silty clay	2.8	0.55	0.13	
51	5101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown silty clay with occasional flints	2.8	0.55	0.2	
51	5102	Layer		Natural	Degraded chalk with occasional flint	2.8	0.55	>2.17	
52	5200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey brown clay silt with common flint	30	1.85	0.18	
52	5201	Layer		Subsoil	Dark yellow brown clay silt with common chalk	30	1.85	0.07	
52	5202	Layer		Natural	Light yellow brown clay silt with very common chalk	30	1.85	>0.04	

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: Finds concordance

Context	Category	Description	Fabric Code	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
204	Prehistoric pottery	Bodysherds	Pre2	5	11	EBA-MBA
400	Flint	Flake		2	8	-
804	Flint	Flake		6	96	-
904	Flint	Flake		1	58	-
1801	Flint	Blade		1	7	-
1904	Flint	Flake, knife		2	64	-
2004	Prehistoric pottery	Bodysherd	Pre4	1	9	Late pre?
2101	Flint	Flake		1	15	-
2201	Flint	Flake		1	9	-
2206	CBM	frag		1	5	-
	Glass	prob. Modern spun window		1	1	
	Industrial waste			2	3	
2408	Flint	Flake		1	39	-
2501	Flint	Flake, core		2	69	-
2706	Prehistoric pottery	Ra. 1. biconical; applied strip	Pre2	6	124	MBA
	Prehistoric pottery	bodysherd	Pre3	1	10	
2708	Prehistoric pottery	bodysherds	Pre2	4	9	EBA-MBA
3004	Prehistoric pottery	bodysherd	Pre3	1	1	EBA-MBA
	Flint	Flake		8	222	
<7>	Flint	Unworked nodule		13	10900	
<6>	Flint	Flake		8	5	
3007 <8>	Flint	Flake		9	21	-
3304	?coal			2	2	-
3404	Burnt flint			2	87	-
	Flint	Flakes, retouched flake, core		6	189	
<5>	Flint	Flakes, chips		4	3	
3600	Prehistoric pottery	Rim sherd; scored dec.	Pre1	2	28	MBA?
	Flint	Flake, core		2	15	
3703	Post-medieval pottery	glazed earthenware	GEW	5	106	MC16-C18
	Clay tobacco pipe	stem		1	4	
	Glass	wine/spirits Glass		1	4	
3800	Post-medieval pottery	Verwood; bodysherds	VER	2	54	MC17-MC20
3800	Iron	fragment; sheet with fitting elements		1	103	-
3804	Post-medieval pottery	Verwood; bodysherd	VER	1	37	MC17-MC20
	CBM	brick		5	733	
	Glass			1	4	
3806	Post-medieval pottery	glazed earthenware	GEW	1	1	MC16-C18
3600	Flint	Flake, core		2	15	-
3703	Post-medieval pottery	glazed earthenware	GEW	5	106	MC16-C18
	Clay tobacco pipe	stem		1	4	
	Glass	wine/spirits Glass		1	4	
3705	Stone			3	47	-
3800	Post-medieval pottery	Verwood; bodysherds	VER	2	54	MC17-MC20
	Iron	fragment; sheet with fitting elements		1	103	
3804	Post-medieval pottery	Verwood; bodysherd	VER	1	37	MC17-MC20
	CBM	brick		5	733	
	Glass			1	4	
3806	Post-medieval pottery	glazed earthenware	GEW	1	1	MC16-C18
3900	Post-medieval pottery	glazed earthenware; tankard	GEW	1	9	MC16-C18

	Glass	colourless; vessel body		1	7	
3909	Post-medieval pottery	Verwood; flat-rimmed bowl	VER	1	46	MC17-MC20
4000	Post-medieval pottery	Verwood bodysherd	VER	1	28	MC18-C19
	Post-medieval pottery	Westerwald Stoneware; tankard	WEST	1	14	
	Post-medieval pottery	glazed earthenware; jug	GEW	1	12	
	Post-medieval pottery	Porcelain cup; poss. Import	PORC	1	6	
	Post-medieval pottery	Salt-glazed Stoneware handle	SW	1	46	
	Post-medieval pottery	Transfer-printed refined whiteware	TP RWW	3	70	
	Glass	dark green bodyx2, windowx1		3	26	
4100	Modern pottery	unglazed earthenware	UNGEW	1	10	C19-C20
4104	Medieval pottery	quartz-rich fabric	Qz1	1	3	Med
	Flint	Flake		2	15	
5200	Flint	Flake		1	12	-
	Burnt flint			2	35	

Table 2: Fabric Descriptions

Period	Description	Code
<i>Prehistoric</i>	Fine grog-tempered/sparse quartz	Pre1
	Grog and fine flint-tempered	Pre2
	Coarser grog-tempered	Pre3
	Quartz sand and organic-tempered	Pre4
<i>Medieval</i>	Hard-fired, quartz-rich oxidised fabric	Med
<i>Post-medieval and later</i>	Glazed earthenware	GEW
	Porcelain; possible import	PORC
	Salt-glazed Stoneware	SW
	Transfer-printed refined whiteware	TP RWW
	Unglazed earthenware	UNGEW
	Verwood industry earthenware	VER
	Westerwald Stoneware	WEST

APPENDIX C: THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

Table 1 Assessment table of the palaeoenvironmental remains

Feature	Context	Sample	Vol	Flot	Root	Grai	Chaff	Cereal Notes	Charre	Charcoal	Other
Trench 2 - Neolithic-Bronze Age pit											
203	204	2	16	50	75	*	-	Indet grains	-	-/*	Moll-t (****)
Trench 4 - Undated ditch											
409	410	3	13	60	60	*	-	F-t wheat grain frags	-	*/*	Moll-t (****)
Trench 19 - Undated ditch											
1903	1904	1	12	60	60	*	-	F-t wheat grain frags	-	*/*	Moll-t (****)
Trench 30 - Late Neolithic-Early Bronze Age pit											
3003	3004	6	20	25	50	*	-	Barley grain frag	-	*/*	Moll-t (****)
	3007	8	15	30	60	*	-	F-t wheat grain frag	-	*/*	Moll-t (****)
Trench 33 - Undated ditch											
3305	3306	4	13	50	70	*	-	F-t wheat + barley grain frags	-	-/*	Moll-t (****)
Trench 34 - Undated pit											
3403	3404	5	17	75	70	*	-	F-t wheat grain frags	-	*/*	Moll-t (****)

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

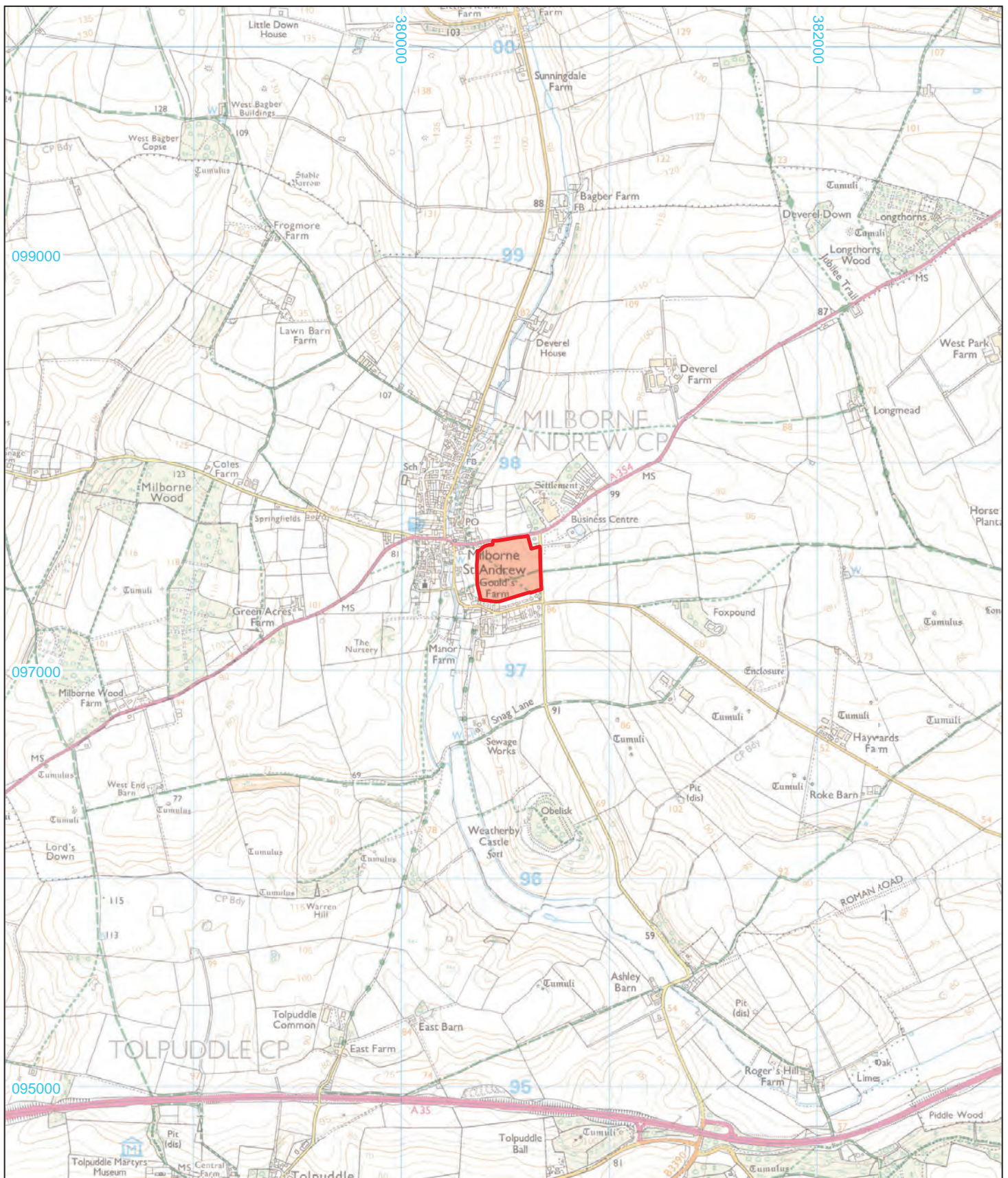
Cut	Fill	BOS	O/C	Human	LM	Total	Weight (g)
Bronze Age							
3003	3004		1			1	3
Post-medieval							
3803	3804	4	1			5	80
	4000		2			2	28
Subtotal		4	3			7	108
Undated							
805	806				1	1	22
2603	2604	1				1	8
Subtotal		1			1	2	30
Human Remains							
3702	3703			1		1	37
Total		5	4	1		1	11
Weight		84	35	37		22	178

BOS = Cattle; O/C = sheep/goat; LM = cattle size mammal

APPENDIX D: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS	
Project Name	Land South of Blandford Hill, Milborne St Andrew, Dorset
Short description	<p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in January 2019 at Land South of Blandford Hill, Milborne St. Andrew, Dorset. Forty six trenches along with six geotechnical pits were excavated, of which thirty eight trenches contained archaeological features. Fifteen trenches were repositioned with the permission of the County Archaeologist, due underground and overhead services and other restrictions.</p> <p>Four Bronze Age ring ditches were identified, along with associated internal and external pits. A double ring ditch to the west within Trench 27 contained a central cremation burial, whilst the ring ditch to the south within Trench 15 contained a possible internal disturbed burial. These features correspond with the results of the geophysical survey. In the wider site a series of pits, also dating to the Bronze Age, were recorded with two such features, potentially containing, crouched burials.</p> <p>Later prehistoric ditch activity was located to the west of the site, along with multiple undated field systems, and some evidence of medieval and post-medieval activity within the site. There was no evidence of Iron Age or Roman activity across the site, despite the close proximity to known Roman activity to the north of the site.</p>
Project dates	7 th -18 th January 2019
Project type	Evaluation
Previous work	Geophysical Survey (Strata Scan 2018)
Future work	Unknown
PROJECT LOCATION	
Site Location	Milborne St Andrew, Dorset
Study area (M ² /ha)	8ha
Site co-ordinates	380511 97486
PROJECT CREATORS	
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Brief originator	N/A
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Manager	Ray Kennedy
Project Supervisor	Steven Bush
MONUMENT TYPE	Ditch, Pit, Ring Ditch, Cremation, Inhumation.
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	Pottery, Flint.

PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.) Dorset Couty Museum	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical		For example ceramics, animal bone etc
Paper		Context sheets, matrices etc
Digital		Database, digital photos etc
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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PROJECT TITLE
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FIGURE TITLE
 Site location plan



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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature
- Proposed testpit
- Section
- Pipeline
- 11kv OH service
- Public Right of Way
- Late prehistoric
- Bronze Age
- Medieval
- Post medieval/modern
- Undated
- Flake
- ▲ Flake/knife

Geophysical survey area (Substrata, 2018)

Potential archaeology

- Likely, positive
- Possible, positive
- Possible, negative
- Possible, enhanced
- Possible, n-s high-low

Potential services and modern

- Possible, dipole
- Possible, high contrast linear



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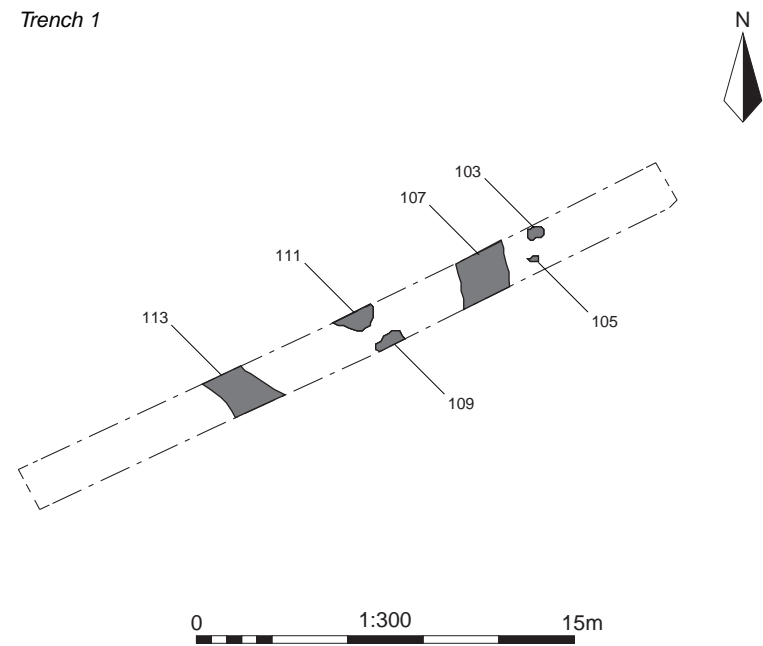
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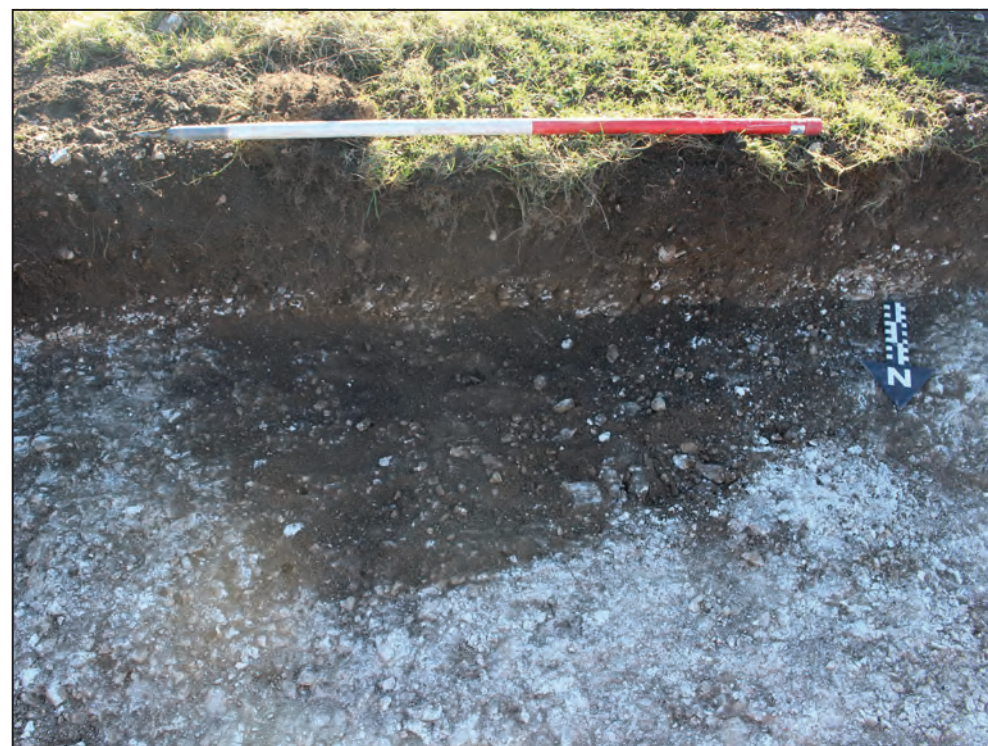
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Trench 1





View of pit 103, looking north (0.4m scale)



View of pit 109, looking south (1m scale)



View of trench 1, looking south-west (1m scales)

-  Evaluation trench
-  Archaeological feature

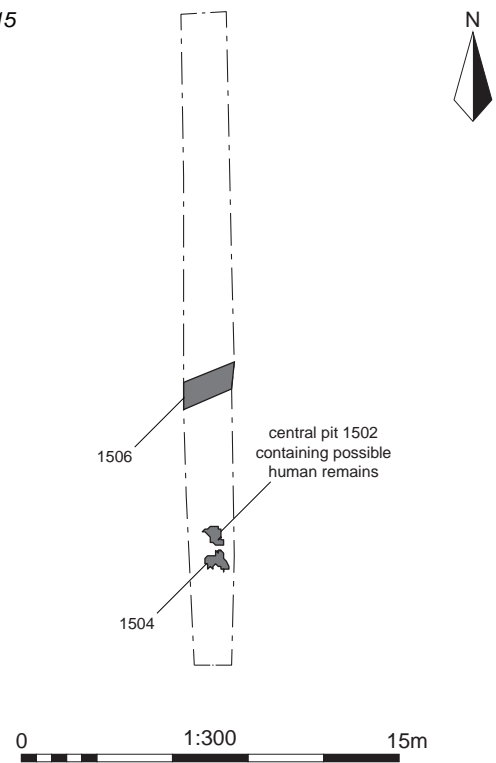

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Trench 1: north east ring ditch

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Trench 15



View of trench 15, looking north (1m scales)



View of possible human remains and central pit 1502, looking south-west

- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature

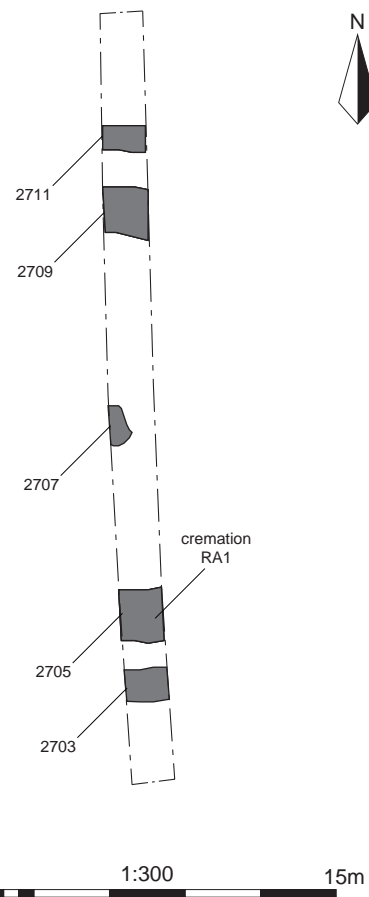
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Trench 15: south west ring ditch

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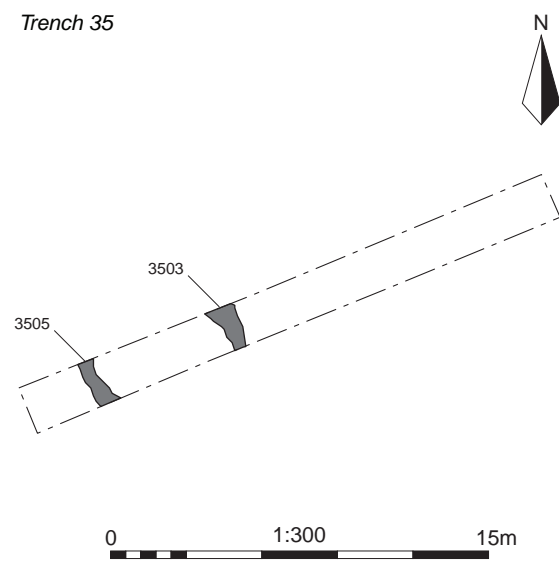
View of trench 27, looking south (1m scales)

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View of cremation RA1 within ditch 2705, looking east

-  Evaluation trench
-  Archaeological feature





View of trench 35, looking north-east (1m scales)

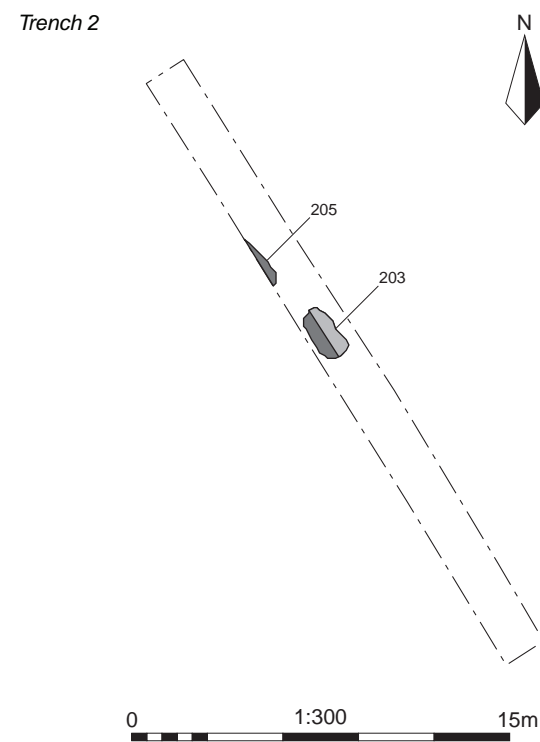

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Trench 35: western ring ditch

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View of pit 203 containing sk205, looking south-west (1m scale)


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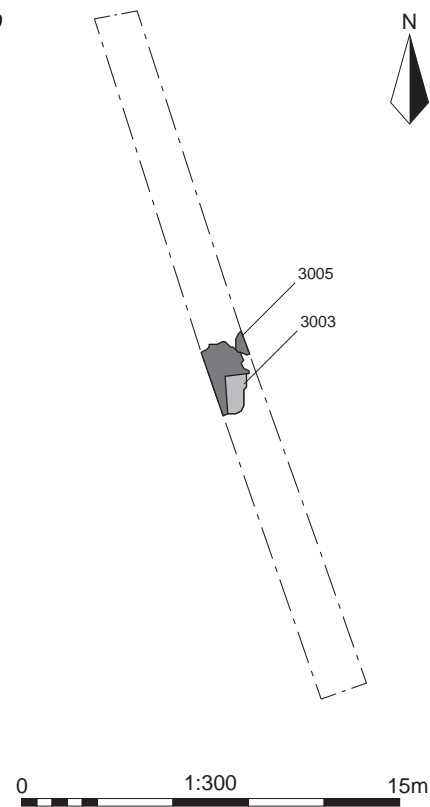
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Trench 30



View of pit 3003, looking north (0.5m and 1m scales)



View of child burial sk3008, looking south


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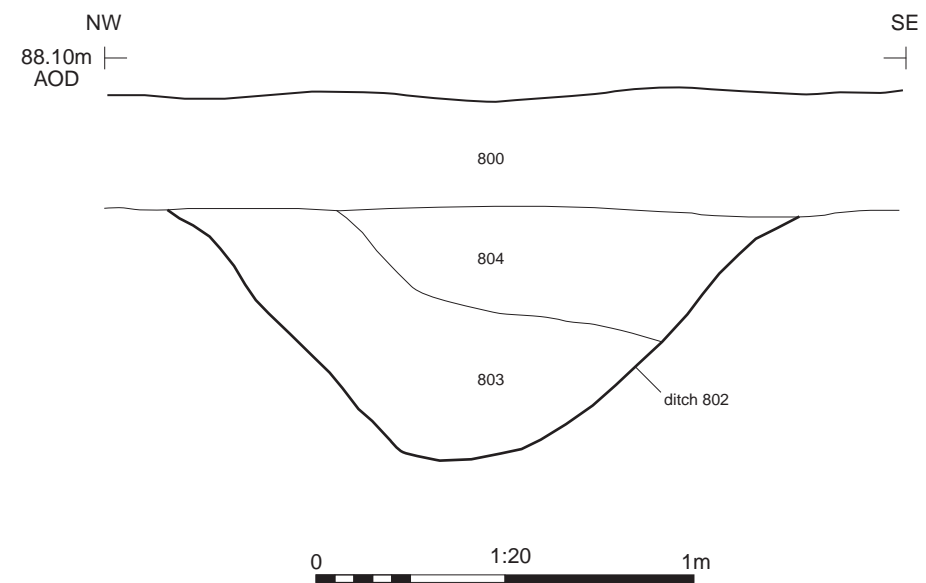
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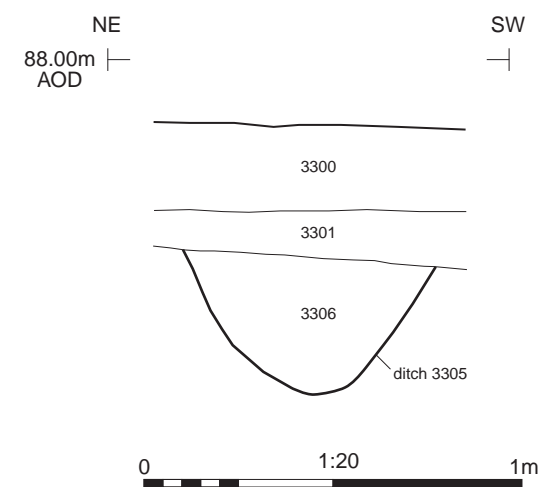
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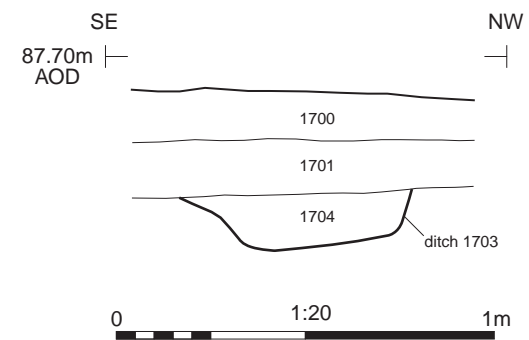
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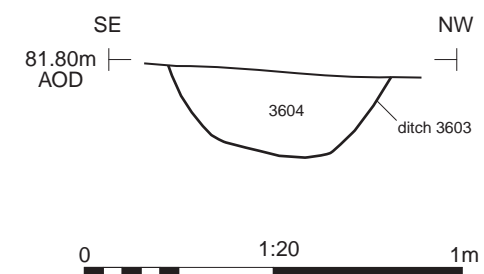
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North-east facing section of ditch 4103, looking south-west (1m scale)

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