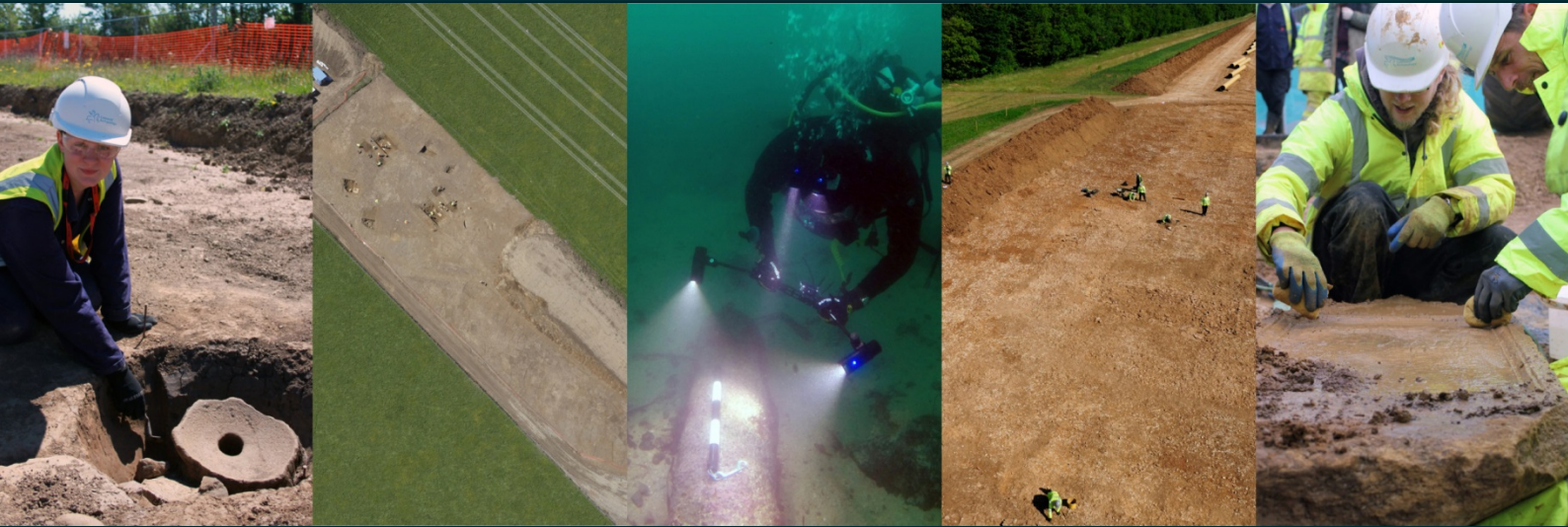


Bewley Down House near Axminster Devon

Archaeological Watching Brief



for
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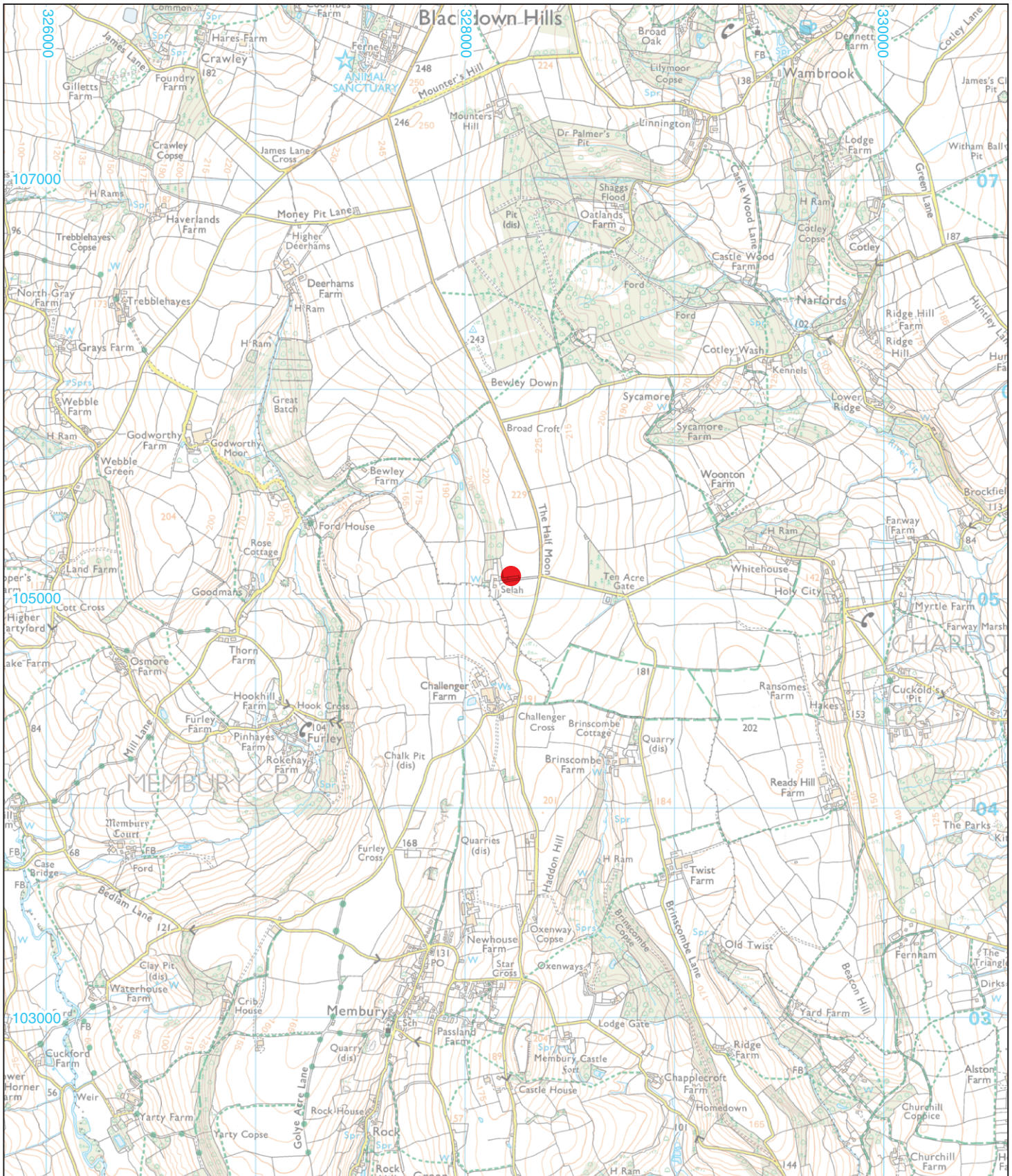
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Contractor's reference number/code: Site code: BDH19; project number: EX0005	Date fieldwork undertaken: 8–13 February 2019	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>In February 2019, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief on groundworks associated with the construction of an agricultural building at Bewley Down House, near Axminster, Devon (Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken for Mrs. Dana White.</p> <p>Archaeological background</p> <p>The following text is summarised from the project written scheme of investigation (CA 2019).</p> <p>A small mound to the immediate east of the site has been interpreted as a possible banked and ditched prehistoric enclosure. There is an account of further barrows to the immediate north of the site, although there is no extant physical evidence for these monuments.</p> <p>Extensive assemblages of prehistoric worked flint and chert have been recovered during fieldwalking exercises to the south of the site.</p> <p>Lidar surveys and aerial photographs have documented several linear features in the landscape around the site. These are conjectured to be the remnants of medieval/post-medieval agriculture.</p> <p>A geophysical survey (Geoflo 2018) identified no potentially archaeological anomalies within the site.</p> <p>Methodology</p> <p>An area measuring c. 35m by c. 15m in plan was stripped to c. 0.15m depth (Fig. 2). This strip removed the topsoil and exposed the upper surface of the subsoil. Hardcore was then deposited across the stripped area to a depth of 0.3m. A series of 29 pits for concrete stanchions were then excavated through the hardcore (Fig. 3). These pits generally measured c. 1m by 1m in plan and were excavated to depths of between 0.25m and 0.65m below the original ground surface.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The natural substrate was not exposed by any of the groundworks. The earliest identified deposit was a clayey sand subsoil. The base of this subsoil deposit was not reached, but it was over 0.5m in thickness. The subsoil was sealed by 0.15m of topsoil. No archaeological features or deposits were present.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>The monitored groundworks were not deep enough to expose the natural substrate. No archaeological features or deposits were recorded, although it is possible that archaeological remains survive at a greater depth than the present limit of excavation.</p> <p>References</p> <p>Cotswold Archaeology 2019 <i>Bewley Down House, Near Axminster, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief</i></p> <p>Geoflo 2018 <i>Selah, Bewley Down: Gradiometer Survey</i> Geoflo report no. G F1064B</p>		
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APPENDIX A: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	Bewley Down House, near Axminster, Devon	
Short description	In February 2019, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief on groundworks associated with the construction of a barn at Bewley Down House, near Axminster, Devon. No archaeological features or deposits were recorded, although the monitored groundworks were not deep enough to expose the natural substrate and it is possible that archaeological remains survive at a greater depth than the present limit of excavation.	
Project dates	8–13 February 2019	
Project type	Watching brief	
Previous work	Geophysical survey (Geoflo 2018)	
Future work	None	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site location	Bewley Down House, near Axminster, Devon	
Study area (m ² /ha)	610m ²	
Site co-ordinates	328225 105100	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator	N/A	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Derek Evans	
Project Supervisor	Richard Coe	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
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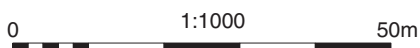
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Site location plan

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Site location showing monitored
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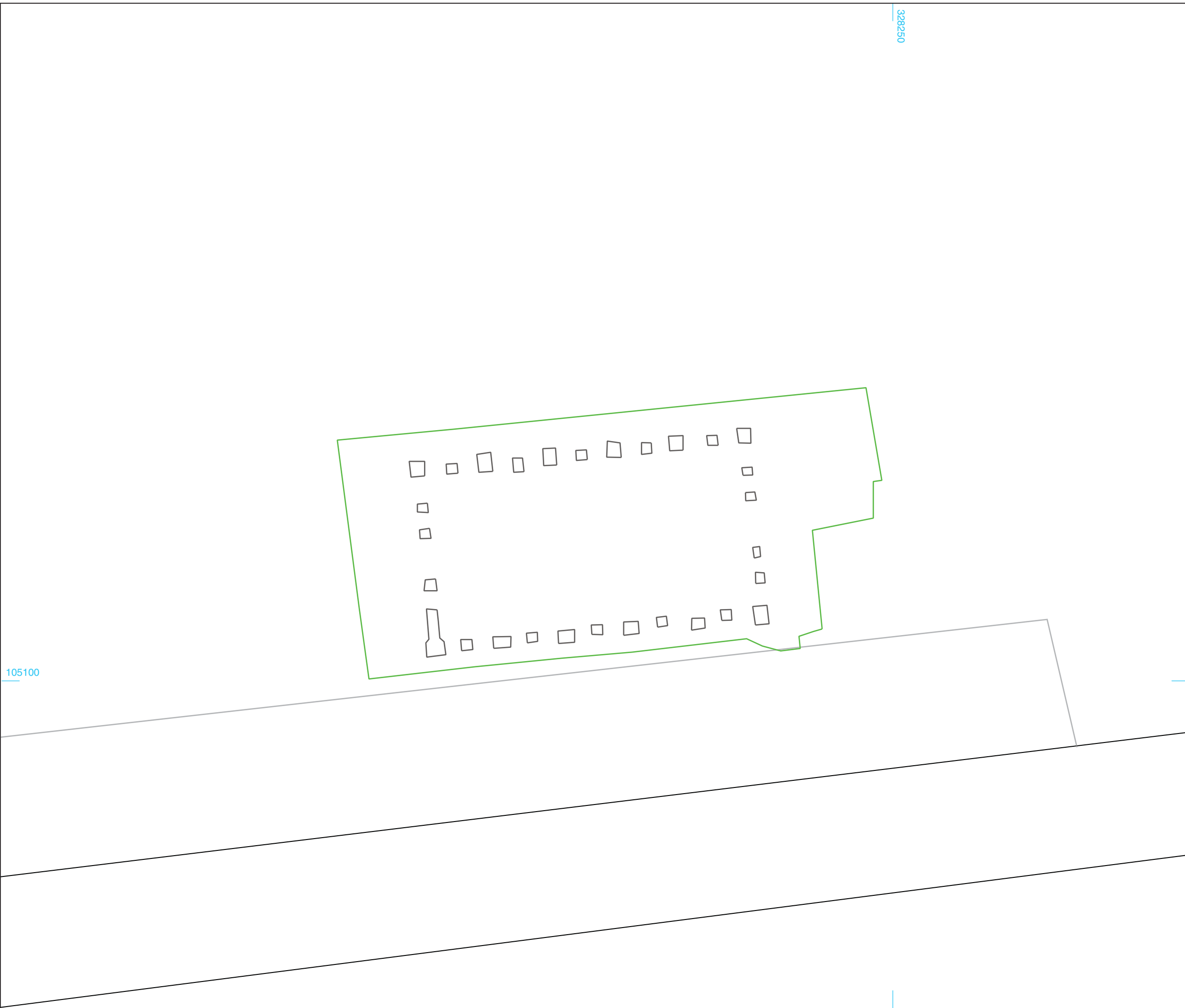
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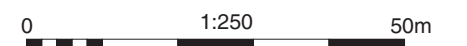


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**Stripped area showing location of
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