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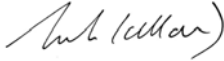
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SUMMARY

Project Name: Land at Hollywood Park
Location: Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire
NGR: ST 5745 8161
Type: Evaluation
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An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in April and May 2008 on behalf of National Wildlife Conservation Park at Hollywood Park, Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire. A total of 44 trenches was excavated.

The evaluation established an absence of pre-modern archaeological features and deposits across the site. Trenches placed across the projected line of a Roman road found no evidence for any Romano-British features or deposits. Evidence for modern agricultural activity was noted across the site along with a small number of undated, irregularly-shaped discrete features. A small number of Romano-British, medieval, post medieval and modern pottery sherds were recovered from the topsoil and subsoil during machining

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In April to May 2008 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for National Wildlife Conservation Park at Hollywood Park, Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: ST 5745 8161; Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken to inform an Environmental Statement that will accompany a planning application for the development of the site as a wildlife conservation park.
- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with the brief for Archaeological Evaluation produced by David Haigh, Archaeology and Conservation Officer for South Gloucestershire Council, the archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) (South Gloucestershire Council), and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2008) and approved by David Haigh. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (2001), and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991). It was monitored by David Haigh, including site visits on 1 and 15 May 2008.

The site

- 1.3 The site is approximately 54ha in area and is situated immediately north of Junction 17 of the M5 motorway, to the north-west of the city of Bristol. It comprises Hollywood Park Estate, centred on Hollywood House and can be divided into three topographic zones: at the south-east is a plateau comprising parkland, fields and woodland; at its centre, running north-east / south-west, is a north-west facing wooded scarp and at the north-west limit are seven low lying fields comprising pasture and young plantation forest (Fig. 2). The plateau lies at approximately 65m AOD, dropping away to the pasture fields that lie between 22m and 33m AOD.
- 1.4 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Red Marl of the Triassic Era (BGS 1981). This geology was encountered in Trenches 1 to 12. Throughout the higher ground (trenches 13 – 44) silty clay Drift geology with occasional outcrops of limestone bedrock was revealed.

Archaeological background

- 1.5 The archaeological background is contained within previous desk-based assessments (BaRAS 2001; CA 2008), and is briefly summarised below. The location of the central area of site, which lies on a scarp overlooking the South Gloucestershire Levels, suggests potential for prehistoric and Roman settlement although no evidence for such activity has previously been identified within the proposed development area.
- 1.6 The line of a putative Roman road crosses the site on a south-west/north-east alignment and is represented by slight linear earthwork, in all likelihood a former field boundary, situated to the east of Hollywood House. The line of the Roman road from Sea Mills to Gloucester lies immediately beyond the south-eastern edge of the site (ibid.).
- 1.7 Medieval settlement in the immediate vicinity appears to have been focused to the north at Compton Greenfield, although two potential sites of medieval activity, a toft and tenement, have previously been identified within the northern part of proposed development area. The tenement site was also identified as the site of a post-medieval cottage (ibid.).
- 1.8 Parkland associated with Hollywood Park Estate is situated in the south-western part of the application area. It was originally laid out in the early 19th century, with subsequent changes in the early 20th century included alterations to the gardens and the construction of a model farm, as well as the expansion of the estate to the north and east in the 1920s. The site includes the 19th-century Grade II Listed buildings Hollywood House and attached buildings, the Tower and Entrance Way (ibid.).
- 1.9 A geophysical survey, comprising magnetic susceptibility and targeted magnetometry, was undertaken in February and March 2008 as Stage 2 of the evaluation process (AS 2008). The magnetic susceptibility survey indicated zones of relatively high enhancement on the higher ground within the south eastern part of the site with significantly lower values on the lower lying agricultural land to the north-west. Detailed magnetometry survey, targeted upon ten separate areas, revealed a number of positive linear and discrete anomalies although none could be confidently interpreted as archaeological in origin (ibid.).

Archaeological objectives

- 1.10 The objectives of the evaluation were to provide data on the date, character, quality, survival and extent of the archaeological deposits within the application area in order that an informed decision on their importance in a local, regional or national context can be made. This information will then assist South Gloucestershire Council in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource, and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

Methodology

- 1.11 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 44 trenches, the majority of which measured 50m by 1.8m. The exceptions were trenches 34, 36, 37, 38 and 43 that each measured 25m by 1.8m and trench 33 that measured 43m by 1.8m due to buried services at the western end of the trench. Trenches 22, 33, 34, 37, 41 and 42 were moved slightly from their original locations due to ecological restraints or buried services. The revised trench locations are presented as Figure 2.
- 1.12 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.13 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives under accession number BRSMG 2008/28, along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

2. RESULTS (FIGS 1-3)

- 2.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; a detailed summary of the recorded contexts is to be found in Appendix A.

2.2 No archaeological features or deposits pre-dating the modern period were identified during the current works. Minor features relating to modern agricultural activity were noted throughout the site. A total of 39 trenches contained no archaeological features.

2.3 *General Stratigraphy*

Trenches within the low lying fields in the north-east of the site exposed red-brown silty clay substrate immediately sealed by topsoil. The substrate within the trenches excavated across the plateau area comprised yellow-brown clay deposits with occasional outcrops of limestone bedrock, overlain by subsoil and a thin turf line.

Possible Roman road alignment

2.4 Trenches 14, 17, 23, 25, 32 and 43 were targeted upon the projected line of the Roman road although no evidence indicative of road construction was noted in any of these trenches. Trench 32 was placed across an extant former field boundary that also followed this projected line. The excavations revealed the remains of a truncated former boundary bank (see Fig. 3) but no evidence of an *agger* or accompanying ditches was noted suggesting that this bank did not represent the remains of a road.

2.5 *Modern agricultural activity*

Ditches representative of former field boundaries were identified within trenches 1, 9, 21 and 44. Modern artefacts were recovered from the fills of the ditches in trenches 1 and 9 (ditches 106 and 902 respectively). Modern pottery was also recovered from shallow irregular feature 104 identified cutting the natural substrate in Trench 1. The ditches in trenches 21 and 44 (ditches 2109 and 4403 respectively) were assumed to be modern on the basis of their poorly sorted fills. Modern field drains were also noted in most of the trenches excavated across the site.

2.6 *Undated*

Four irregularly-shaped discrete features, 2103, 2105, 2107 and 2113, each filled with reddish brown silty clay that contained occasional fragments of charcoal, were identified in Trench 21. No dating evidence was recovered from any of these features. A single oval pit, 2404, within Trench 24 contained charcoal fragments but no datable material.

Finds

- 2.7 Small quantities of pottery, animal bone, glass, clay tobacco pipe and ceramic building material were recovered from the topsoil horizons from eleven trenches. The majority of the artefactual material is post-medieval to modern in date although two pottery sherds in an oxidised fabric of probable Roman date were recovered from topsoil deposits 1201 and 4000. Two joining sherds of Bristol Ham Green glazed jug fabric, a type typically dating from the mid 12th to mid 13th century, were recovered from topsoil 1201. The (probable) Roman and the medieval pottery sherds were heavily abraded. Due to the relatively recent dating of the artefacts recovered and/or its unstratified nature, none of this material will be retained.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the proposed development area, the results of the evaluation have established an absence of pre-modern activity throughout the site. The exceptions to this are the single sherd of medieval ware and one possible Romano-British pottery sherd recovered from the subsoil in Trench 12 and the single sherd of Romano-British pottery from Trench 40.
- 3.2 Investigations along the line of the projected Roman road have established that there is no evidence for the road in this location.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Neil J. Adam, assisted by Philippa Mitcheson, Ashley Strutt, Robert Elliott and Victoria Rees. The report was written by Neil J. Adam assisted by Philippa Mitcheson. The illustrations were prepared by Jemma Elliott. The archive has been compiled by Philippa Mitcheson and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Clifford Bateman.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench 1: 23.27 – 25.90m AOD.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
101	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.3	
102	Layer	Natural geology: dark red brown clay				
103	Fill	Mid grey brown silty clay. Fill of cut 104	2.2	0.8	0.15	
104	Cut	Irregular sub oval cut	2.20	0.8	0.15	
105	Fill	Mid grey brown silty clay. Fill of cut 106	1.8	0.87	0.55	
106	Cut	Linear cut E – W	1.8	0.87	0.55	

Trench 2: 23.61 – 24.76m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
200	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.28	
201	Layer	Natural geology: dark and mid red brown clay with exposed patches of limestone bedrock				

Trench 3: 25.36 – 27.01m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
300	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.28	
301	Layer	Natural geology: mid red brown clay with exposed patches of limestone bedrock				

Trench 4: 29.05 – 33.60m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
400	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.2	
401	Layer	Natural geology: dark and mid red brown clay				

Trench 5: 29.84 – 33.18m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
500	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.3	
501	Layer	Natural geology: dark and mid red brown clay with exposed patches of limestone bedrock				

Trench 6: 29.76 – 33.38m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
600	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.3	
601	Layer	Natural geology: dark and mid red brown clay				

Trench 7: 24.55 – 26.55m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
700	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.25	
701	Layer	Intermittent subsoil: red brown silty clay			0.10	
702	Layer	Natural geology: dark and mid red brown clay				
703	Layer	Natural geology: exposed patches of limestone bedrock within 702				

Trench 8: 27.40 – 30.26m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
800	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.2	
801	Layer	Natural geology: dark and mid red brown clay				

Trench 9: 23.34 – 25.93m AOD.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
900	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.3	
901	Layer	Natural geology: dark and mid red brown clay			0.3	
902	Cut	Linear ditch cut NE – SW			0.3	
903	Fill	Mid grey brown silty clay with sparse pebbles and common nails. Fill of cut 902			0.3	

Trench 10: 22.37 – 22.51m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1000	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.25	
1001	Layer	Intermittent subsoil: red brown silty clay			0.1	
1002	Layer	Natural geology: mid red brown clay				

Trench 11: 19.97 – 20.82m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1100	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.3	
1101	Layer	Subsoil: red brown silty clay			0.2	
1102	Layer	Natural geology: dark and red brown clay, rock hard mid red brown clay and exposed patches of limestone bedrock				

Trench 12: 27.52 – 30.20m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1201	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.25	
1202	Layer	Natural geology: dark and mid red brown clay				

Trench 13: 60.38 – 62.45m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1301	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.07	
1302	Layer	Subsoil: Greyish brown silty clay			0.08	
1303	Layer	Natural geology: Greyish brown clay with limestone inclusions				
1304	Layer	Natural geology: Light grey clay with orangey brown patches				
1305	Layer	Natural geology: Exposed limestone bedrock				
1306	Layer	Natural geology: Mid greyish brown clay with limestone inclusions				

Trench 14: 63.60 – 64.14m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1400	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.06	
1401	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay			0.11	
1402	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellowish brown silty clay with outcrops of natural limestone to the west end of the trench.				

Trench 15: 58.88 – 63.24m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1500	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.06	
1501	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay with fired clay inclusions			0.15	
1502	Layer	Natural geology: Mid orange-brown clay with brownish grey streaks and stone inclusions.				
1503	Layer	Natural geology: Mid greyish brown clay with limestone inclusions				

Trench 16: 65.37 – 65.65 AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1600	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.15	
1601	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.10	
1602	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellowish brown clay, some limestone bedrock exposed				

Trench 17: 65.73 – 65.88 AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1700	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.15	
1701	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.10	
1702	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellowish brown silty clay				

Trench 18: 65.39 – 65.79 AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1800	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.15	
1801	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.10	
1802	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellowish brown clay with areas of exposed limestone bedrock.				

Trench 19: 63.20 – 64.03m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1900	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.08	
1901	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay with stone inclusions			0.15	
1902	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: mid orange brown clay with limestone inclusions. Type B: mid grey with orange streaks and limestone inclusions				

Trench 20: 61.58 – 63.15m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2000	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
2001	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.15	
2002	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellowish brown clay with greenish grey streaks				

Trench 21: 63.69 – 64.62m AOD.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2100	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.07	
2101	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay with stone inclusions			0.12	
2102	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: Mid orange brown clay with grey streaks. Type B: light yellowish grey clay				
2103	Cut	Sub-circular pit.	0.88	0.65	0.43	
2104	Fill	Mid orange-brown sandy silt. Fill of cut 2103.	0.88	0.65	0.43	
2105	Cut	Irregularly-shaped feature.	0.50	0.40	0.12	
2106	Fill	Reddish brown sandy silt. Fill of cut 2105.	0.50	0.40	0.12	
2107	Cut	Sub-circular pit.	0.60	0.70	0.38	
2108	Fill	Orange-brown silty clay. Fill of cut 2107.	0.60	0.70	0.38	
2109	Cut	Linear feature aligned north-east / south -west	1.8+	0.93	0.49	
2110	Fill	Greyish orange clay with limestone inclusions. Primary fill of linear feature 2109.	1.8+	0.17	0.20	
2111	Fill	Dark grey silty clay. Secondary fill of linear feature 2109.	1.8+	0.40	0.10	
2112	Fill	Orange-brown silty clay. Tertiary fill of linear feature 2109.	1.8+	0.90	0.30	
2113	Cut	Irregular sub-triangular feature.	0.6	0.36	0.26	
2114	Fill	Dark orange brown sandy silty clay. Fill of cut 2113	0.6	0.36	0.26	

Trench 22: 65.85 – 66.14m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2200	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
2201	Layer	Subsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with stone inclusions			0.05	
2202	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellow brown clay with stone inclusions and flecks of grey silty sand				

Trench 23: 66.08 – 66.26m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2300	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
2301	Layer	Subsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with stone inclusions			0.05	
2302	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellow brown clay with stone inclusions and patches of orange brown sand				

Trench 24: 66.27 – 66.30m AOD.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2400	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
2401	Layer	Subsoil: Dark greyish brown clay silt with stone inclusions			0.10	
2402	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellow brown clay with stone inclusions and patches of orange brown silty sand				
2403	Fill	Light green brown silty clay with orange brown clay and charcoal flecks. Fill of cut 2404	0.95	0.70	0.25	
2404	Cut	Oval cut	0.95	0.70	0.25	

Trench 25: 66.16 – 66.35m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2500	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
2501	Layer	Subsoil: Dark greyish brown silty clay with stone inclusions			0.05	
2502	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellow brown clay with patches of light grey silty sand and areas of limestone bedrock exposed				

Trench 26: 66.075 – 66.29m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2600	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.05	
2601	Layer	Subsoil: Dark grey brown clay silt with stone inclusions			0.05	
2602	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellow brown silty clay with patches of limestone bedrock exposed				

Trench 27: 65.99 – 66.09m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2700	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.08	
2701	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay with stone inclusions			0.12	
2702	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: mid grey brown clay with smears of grey and light brown clay. Type B: Mid grey clay with stone inclusions and orange clay streaks. Type C: Orange brown clay				

Trench 28: 65.41 – 65.74m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2800	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
2801	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay with stone inclusions			0.12	
2802	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: Mid grey clay with orange and brown clay streaks. Type B: Mid grey clay with stone inclusions				

Trench 29: 65.51 – 65.83m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2900	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
2901	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown silty clay			0.15	
2902	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: mid orange brown clay with limestone inclusions. Type B: mid grey with orange streaks and limestone inclusions				

Trench 30: 65.09 – 65.14m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3000	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.12	
3001	Layer	Subsoil: Dark grey brown clay silt with stone inclusions			0.10	
3002	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellowish brown clay with patches of orange and grey silty sand				

Trench 31: 65.28 – 65.57m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3100	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.12	
3101	Layer	Subsoil: Mid red brown clay silt with flecks of stone			0.08	
3102	Layer	Natural geology: Mid orange brown, light grey and yellow brown clay with patches of limestone bedrock exposed				

Trench 32: 65.42 – 65.60m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3200	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.08	
3201	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.15	
3202	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: Mid grey brown clay with streaks of grey clay. Type B: Mid grey clay with patches of limestone bedrock exposed				

Trench 33: 65.81 – 65.84m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3300	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.08	
3301	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.12	
3302	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: Mid grey brown clay with grey and orange clay streaks. Type B: Mid grey clay with patches of limestone bedrock exposed				

Trench 34: 65.94 – 66.08m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3400	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.08	
3401	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.14	
3402	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: Mid grey brown clay with orange and grey streaks. Type B: Light grey clay. Type C: Orange clay with patches of grey clay with natural limestone inclusions				

Trench 35: 65.79 – 65.82m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3500	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.09	
3501	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt with gravel and fired clay inclusions			0.12	
3502	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: Mid grey brown clay with streaks of orange and grey clay. Type B: Orange brown clay with grey clay and pebble inclusions. Type C: Mid grey clay with natural limestone inclusions				

Trench 36: 65.15 – 65.38m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3600	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
3601	Layer	Subsoil: Dark brown clay silt			0.10	
3602	Layer	Natural geology: Mottled yellow brown, light grey and red brown clay with rare natural limestone inclusions				

Trench 37: 64.53 – 64.74m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3700	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.09	
3701	Layer	Subsoil: Dark brown clay silt with stone inclusions			0.10	
3702	Layer	Hardcore deposit of light red brown pebbles and mortar – takes place of subsoil in NW corner of trench			0.10	
3703	Layer	Natural geology: Mottled yellow brown, light grey and red brown clay				

Trench 38: 64.08 – 64.54m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3800	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.09	
3801	Layer	Subsoil. Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.10	
3802	Layer	Hardcore deposit: light red pebbles and mortar – takes the place of subsoil in western end of trench	3.30		0.10	
3803	Layer	Natural geology: Mottled yellow brown and light grey silty clay with natural limestone inclusions				

Trench 39: 64.04 – 64.719m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3900	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.07	
3901	Layer	Subsoil: Mid greyish brown clay silt			0.14	
3902	Layer	Natural geology: Mid grey brown clay with streaks of mid grey and orange clay				

Trench 40: 64.75 – 64.95m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4000	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.12	
4001	Layer	Subsoil: Mid orange brown silty clay			0.06	
4002	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellowish brown clay				

Trench 41: 65.02 – 64.69m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4100	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.12	
4101	Layer	Subsoil: Mid brown clay silt			0.10	
4102	Layer	Natural geology: Mottled yellow brown, light grey and red brown clay				

Trench 42: 64.91 – 65.16m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4200	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.15	
4201	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay			0.23	
4202	Layer	Natural geology: Mid yellowish brown clay				

Trench 43: 62.81 – 65.32m AOD. No archaeology present.

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4300	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
4301	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay			0.10	
4302	Layer	Natural geology: Light yellowish brown clay				

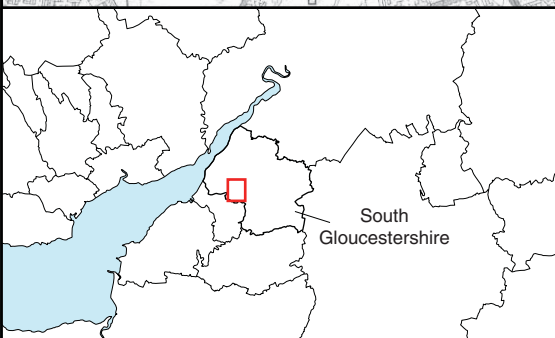
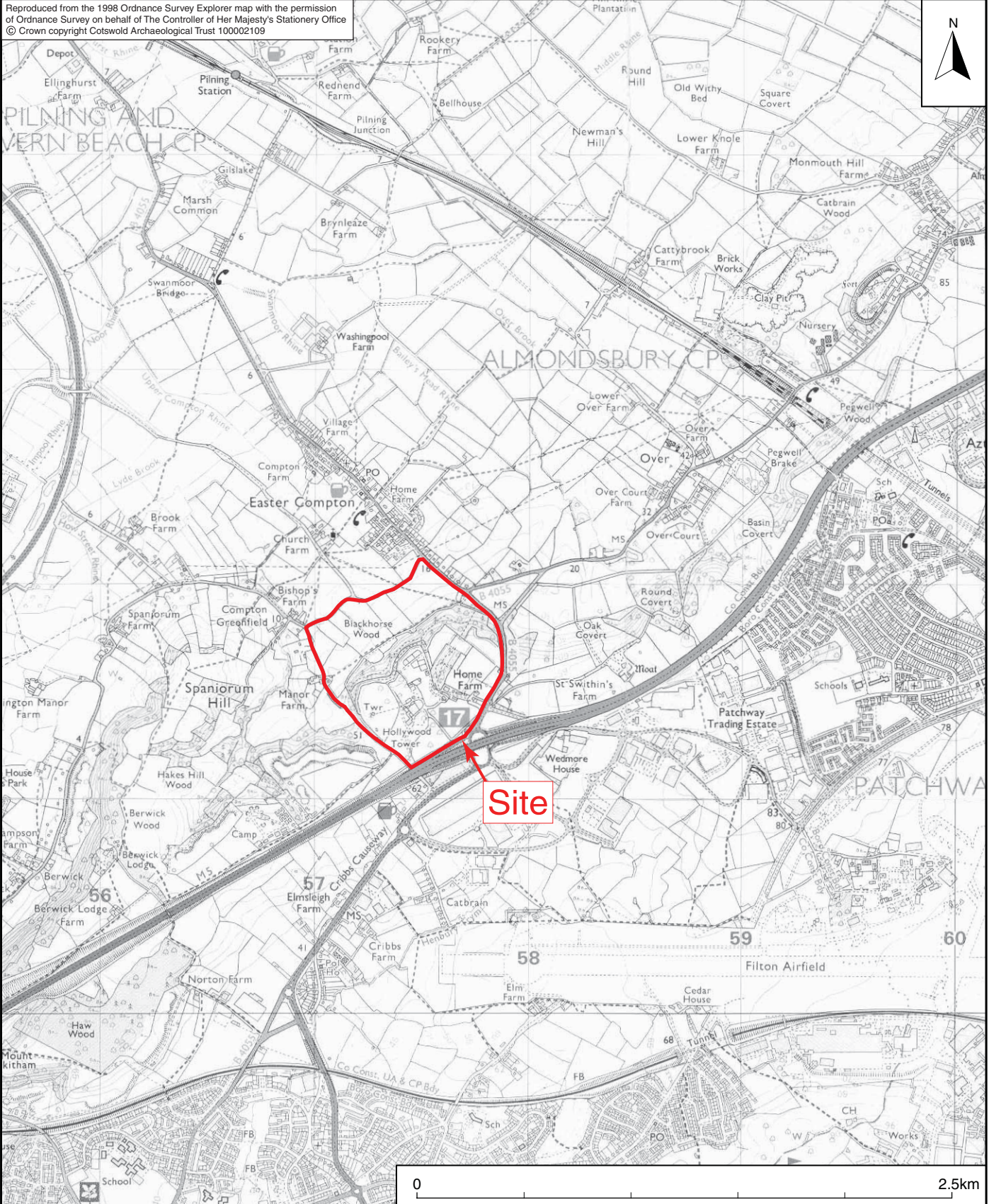
Trench 44: 63.35 – 65.05m AOD.


No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
4400	Layer	Topsoil and turf			0.10	
4401	Layer	Subsoil: Mid grey brown silty clay with flecks of fired clay			0.15	
4402	Layer	Natural geology: Type A: Mid grey clay with streaks of orange and grey clay. Type B: Orange brown clay with streaks of grey clay. Type C: Mid grey clay with gravel inclusions				
4403	Cut	Linear cut	1.8+	1.65	0.34	
4404	Fill	Mid grey brown clay with fired clay and charcoal smears. Fill of 4403	1.8+	1.65	0.34	

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM




PROJECT DETAILS	
Project Name	Land at Hollywood Park, Almondsbury
Short description (250 words maximum)	<p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in April and May 2008 at the request of National Wildlife Conservation Park at Hollywood Park, Almondsbury. A total of 44 trenches was excavated.</p> <p>The evaluation established an absence of pre-modern archaeological features and deposits across the site. Trenches placed across the projected line of a Roman road found no evidence for any Romano-British features or deposits. Evidence for modern agricultural activity was noted across the site along with a small number of undated, irregularly-shaped discrete features. A small number of Romano-British, medieval, post medieval and modern pottery sherds were recovered from the topsoil and subsoil during machining</p>
Project dates	28 April to 15 May 2008
Project type	Evaluation
Previous work (reference to organisation or SMR numbers etc)	Desk-Based assessment, BaRAS, 2001 Desk-based Assessment, Cotswold Archaeology, 2008 Geophysical Survey, Archaeological Services, 2008
Future work	Unknown
PROJECT LOCATION	
Site Location	Land at Hollywood Park, Almondsbury, Bristol
Study area (M ² /ha)	54 Hectares
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	ST 5745 8161
PROJECT CREATORS	
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Brief originator	South Gloucestershire Council
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Manager	Cliff Bateman
Project Supervisor	Neil Adam
PROJECT ARCHIVES	
	Intended final location of archive; Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives Accession no. BRSMG 2008/28
Physical	Field records (1 box)
Paper	None
Digital	Trench Record Sheets, Context sheets, Drawing Register, Levels Register, field drawings
	Digital photos x 47
BIBLIOGRAPHY	
<i>Land at Hollywood Park, Almondsbury, South Gloucestershire: Archaeological Evaluation CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 (unpublished client report)</i>	

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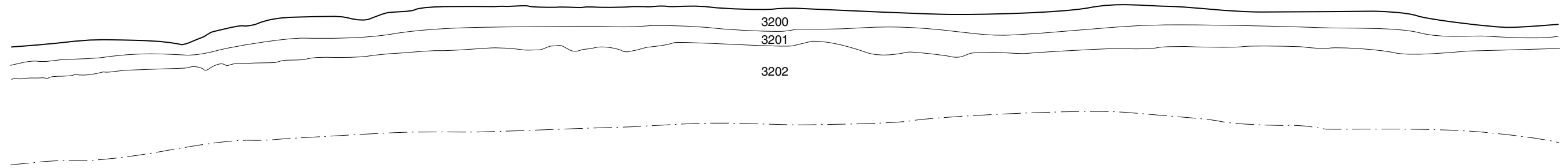
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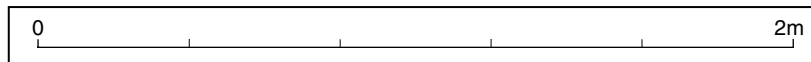
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**Trench 32: North facing section
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