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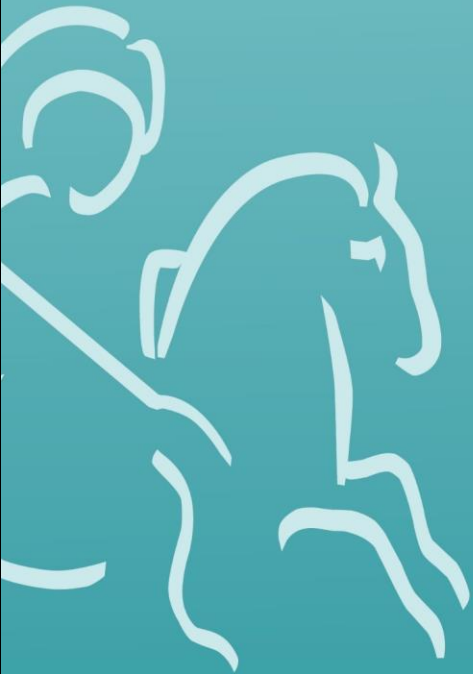
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SUMMARY

Project name:	Land at South Churchdown
Location:	Gloucestershire
NGR:	386760 220309
Type:	Evaluation
Date:	21–25 March 2022
Planning reference:	TBC ref: 20/00095/PRE
Location of Archive:	To be deposited with Gloucester Museum
Site Code:	CADOWN22

In March 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at South Churchdown, Gloucestershire. A total of thirteen trenches were excavated.

Evidence of post-medieval and later agricultural practices, comprising the ploughed-out remains of ridge and furrow cultivation and field drains, were identified throughout the site. A number of ditches, corresponding to former post-medieval/modern field boundaries, were also recorded.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In March 20222, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at South Churchdown, Gloucestershire (centred at NGR: 386760 220309, Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken for Newland Homes Limited.
- 1.2. The evaluation results will inform a planning application for residential development of the site, which will be made to Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC).
- 1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined by Toby Catchpole, Heritage Team Leader, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the archaeological advisor to TBC, in a consultation response to a pre-application enquiry (TBC ref: 20/00095/PRE). The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) prepared by CA (2022a) and approved by Toby Catchpole.
- 1.4. The evaluation was also undertaken in line with *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014; updated October 2020), *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation* (Historic England 2015) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment: The MoRPHE Project Managers' Guide* (Historic England 2015).

The site

- 1.5. The proposed development site is approximately 8ha in extent and lies on the western edge of Churchdown. The site currently comprises a single arable field and is bounded to the east by the residential development of Churchdown, to the north by Cheltenham Road East, to the south by the A40, and to the west by the Gloucester North Community Fire Station and further disused land. The site lies at approximately 17m AOD, and is broadly level.
- 1.6. The underlying bedrock geology of the site is mapped as mudstone of the Charmouth Formation, which formed in Jurassic Period (BGS 2022). This is overlain by Quaternary Period deposits of alluvial clay, silt, sand and gravel (ibid.). The natural substrate, comprising light yellow clay and sand, was identified in all of the excavated trenches.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The site has previously been subject to Archaeological Desk Based Assessment (ADBA; CA 2022b) and geophysical survey (SUMO 2022), and a large number of previous investigations have taken place in the surrounding area. The following is a summary of these reports and any further publicly available information pertinent to the site.
- 2.2. No artefacts or sites dating to the Palaeolithic or Mesolithic periods are recorded within the site or its vicinity, although it lies within an area of known Quaternary River Terrace deposits. Given the presence of superficial deposits within the site, there is a potential for early prehistoric environmental evidence or artefacts, comprising of worked flint, to survive within the site (CA 2022b).
- 2.3. No evidence of Neolithic activity is recorded within the site or its environs, although evidence for Bronze Age and Iron Age activity has been recorded nearby (CA 2022b). Directly to the north of the site, a geophysical survey (Archaeophysica Ltd 2014), evaluation (TVAS 2014), and excavation (TVAS 2019) identified an episodic use of the site from the later Bronze Age through to the 20th century. The earliest activity comprised of Bronze Age pits and linear features probably representing traces of occupation and field systems. This developed in the Iron Age, with the inclusion of two roundhouses surrounded by an enclosure with internal divisions. The settlement is considered to have thrived in the 5th Century BC but had gone out of use before the onset of the Late Iron Age (ibid.).
- 2.4. Evidence for Roman period activity is recorded within the vicinity of the site, with Roman field systems being identified during the archaeological works undertaken to the north of the site (TVAS 2019), with the site likely laying within the rural hinterland of *Nervia Glevensium* (Gloucester) during this period (CA 2022b). Possible further Roman settlement activity is recorded c. 940m to the north-north-west of the site, with evaluation (OA 2006) and excavation (OA 2020) recording a series of inter-cutting ditches, pits, postholes, linear and curvilinear features, as well as later Iron Age to early Roman dwellings (ibid.).
- 2.5. There is limited evidence of medieval activity in the vicinity of the site, which likely lay in the agricultural hinterland of Churchdown during this period (CA 2022b). A geophysical survey (GSB Prospection 2012) and subsequent evaluation (CA 2012), undertaken to the south of the site, identified ditches and gullies of possible medieval

or post-medieval field systems, along with furrows representing ridge and furrow remains of the same period (ibid.).

- 2.6. The pattern of settlement and field systems within the site and its surrounding environs likely continued as it did from the medieval period onwards as a landscape dispersed with isolated farmsteads and extensive farming hinterland (CA 2022b). There is extensive ridge and furrow recorded within the site and the study area, and multiple removed field boundaries within the site could either be of medieval or post-medieval in date. Furthermore, the route of the former early 19th century Gloucester and Cheltenham Tramroad runs through the north-western part of the site and along its northern border and was identified by the geophysical survey (SUMO 2022; see below).
- 2.7. During the 20th century and early 21st century, urban development within the vicinity of the site had moved and encroached upon the borders of the site, from the suburbs of Gloucester to the west, Churchdown from the east, and the construction of the A40 and roundabout along the southern border of the site (CA 2022b). The field boundaries still retain their shape compared to those illustrated in the 1885 Ordnance Survey Map, but they have now been bisected by the A40 and the central boundary has gone out of use.

Geophysical Survey

- 2.8. The geophysical survey of the site did not identify any responses of archaeological interest (SUMO 2022). However, faint trends in the recorded data indicate ridge and furrow cultivation; a linear response and negative band indicate a former field boundary and tramroad; an area of disturbance coincides with an infilled pond and a narrow band of erroneous readings coincides with a recently stripped area of topsoil (ibid.).

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The general objective of the evaluation was to provide further information on the likely archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date and state of preservation. This information will enable TBC to identify and assess the particular significance of any archaeological heritage assets within the site, consider the impact of the proposed development upon that significance and, if appropriate, develop strategies to avoid or minimise conflict between heritage asset

conservation and the development proposal, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2021).

- 3.2. The specific objective of the evaluation was to investigate anomalies identified by the preceding geophysical survey and to determine if any remains associated with the adjacent Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman activity enters the proposed development site boundary.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of 13 trenches, each measuring 50m in length and 1.8m in width, in the locations shown on the attached plan (Fig. 2), representing a 2% sample of the proposed 6ha development area, with 2ha of the site proposed to remain undeveloped.
- 4.2. The trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies and to provide a representative sample of the remainder of the site.
- 4.3. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid co-ordinates using Leica GPS. Overburden was stripped from the trenches by a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was conducted under archaeological supervision to the top of the natural substrate, which was the level at which archaeological features were first encountered.
- 4.4. Records were maintained in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.5. Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential, but no deposits were identified that required sampling.
- 4.6. CA will make arrangements with Gloucester Museum for the deposition of the project archive. A digital archive will also be prepared and deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS). The archives (museum and digital) will be prepared and deposited in accordance with *Standard and guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives* (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020).
- 4.7. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS

- 5.1. This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. Detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A.
- 5.2. The general stratigraphic sequence identified during the course of the evaluation was broadly uniform. The natural geological substrate was identified within all trenches, at an average depth of 0.5m below present ground level (bpgl). This was overlain by c. 0.2m of silty clay subsoil, which was in turn sealed by topsoil, measuring 0.3m in thickness.
- 5.3. The ploughed-out remains of former ridge and furrow cultivation were identified within the majority of trenches, alongside field drains and modern plough scars. These correlated broadly with the trends identified by the preceding geophysical survey.

Trenches 3, 6 and 12 (Fig. 3)

- 5.4. Identified cutting the subsoil in the centre of Trench 3, north-east/south-west aligned ditch 309 (Fig. 3, Section AA) measured 1.27m in width, 0.49m in depth and contained silt clay fill 311, from which fragments of modern ceramic building material were recovered (but not retained). Ditch 309 correlated closely to a linear geophysical anomaly and the location of a former field boundary ditch shown on 1840s historic mapping, and its likely continuation was recorded in Trenches 6 and 12 as ditches 607 and 1204, respectively.
- 5.5. Also cutting the subsoil in Trench 3 was east/west-aligned ditch 312, located to the south of ditch 309. It measured 0.7m in width, 0.2m in depth and contained undated silt-clay fill 314. The ditch did not correlate clearly to any identified geophysical anomaly, although it shared the same alignment as agricultural drainage identified to the south-east and may therefore be related to this activity.

Trench 7 (Fig. 4)

- 5.6. In Trench 7, north-west/south-east aligned ditch 705 was identified cutting the subsoil. It measured 1m in width and remained unexcavated, with modern plastics, tarmac and glass visible on its surface. The ditch correlates closely to a linear geophysical anomaly and location of a former field boundary depicted on historic mapping until the mid-20th century.

6. DISCUSSION

- 6.1. The archaeological evaluation demonstrated that there was generally good correlation between the identified archaeological features, the anomalies identified by the geophysical survey and the locations of former field boundaries depicted on historic mapping, including the route of a tramway shown on 1840s mapping, and a field boundary depicted into the mid-20th century. Given the nature and alignment of the ditches identified during the current evaluation it would appear likely that the majority of these features relate to agricultural activity within the site. This activity is currently considered to be of post-medieval/modern date due to the fact that these ditches cut the subsoil within the excavated trenches.
- 6.2. No evidence for prehistoric or Roman activity was identified during the evaluation, suggesting that the activity recorded to the north does not extend into the current site.
- 6.3. Extensive evidence of ploughed-out ridge and furrow cultivation and field drainage systems were encountered throughout the site, suggesting an agricultural character to the site during the medieval, post-medieval and later periods.

7. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 7.1. Fieldwork was undertaken by Marino Cardelli, assisted by Sophie Pinto, Kane Starr and Andrew Frith. This report was written by Marino Cardelli. The report illustrations were prepared by Krissy Moore. The project archive has been compiled by Marino Cardelli and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Alex Thomson.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench	Context number	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)
1	100	layer	100	Topsoil	Mid brown silty clay.		2	0.26
1	101	layer	101	Subsoil	Light brown yellow silty clay.		2	0.15
1	102	layer	102	Natural	Light yellow clay with 5% sand patches and clay patches.		2	0.17
1	103	cut		Modern	Field drain		0.38	
1	104	fill	103	Deliberate Backfill	Light brown yellow silty clay with 30% dark blue grey clay clumps (0.10-0.15m) and 10% sandy clay patches (0.10m).		0.38	
2	200	layer	200	Topsoil	Same as (100).		2	0.22
2	201	layer	201	Subsoil	Same as (101).		2	0.24
2	202	layer	202	Natural	As (102).		2	0.09
2	203	cut		Modern	Field drain.		0.39	
2	204	fill	203	Deliberate Backfill	As (104)		0.39	
2	205	cut		Modern	Field drain.		0.32	
2	206	fill	205	Other Fill	Light brown yellow silty clay with 20% sandy patches (0.10m) and 10% chalky flecks (0.01m).		0.32	
2	207	cut		Modern	Cuts modern field drain. >1.78m length		0.39	0.05
2	208	fill	207	Other Fill	Light brown silty clay.		0.39	0.05
2	209	cut		Natural Feature	Pos tree throw, under sub soil. Sloped slides. Over all flat based.		1.83	0.16
2	210	fill	209	Secondary Fill	Fill poss. result of water. Fill appears to be sedimentary in nature. Silty sand. Gritty with a lot of stone. Mid brown with with dark brown patch where stones are more prominent.		1.83	0.16
3	300	layer	300	Topsoil	Same as 100		2	0.26
3	301	layer	301	Subsoil	As 101		2	0.37
3	302	layer	302	Natural	Light grey clay with 5% flecks of chalk and light brown yellow clay.		2	0.05
3	303	cut		Natural Feature	Field drain.		0.22	
3	304	fill	303	Deliberate Backfill	As (104).		0.22	
3	305	cut		Modern	Field drain.		0.34	
3	306	fill	305	Deliberate Backfill	As (104)		0.34	
3	307	cut		Modern	Field drain.		0.37	
3	308	fill	307	Deliberate Backfill	As (104).		0.37	

Trench	Context number	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)
3	309	cut		Ditch	Linear NE/SW with moderately sloping sides becoming steep sloped and flat base. Field boundary ditch		1.27	0.49
3	310	fill	309	Other Fill	Light yellowy brown clay with 45% limestone (0.10-0.15m) and CBM. Lower fill.		0.59	0.21
3	311	fill	309	Other Fill	Mid greyish brown silt clay. Upper fill.		1.27	0.28
3	312	cut		Ditch	Linear E/W with steep sloped irregular sides and uneven base. Field ditch - likely boundary.		0.7	0.2
3	313	fill	312	Other Fill	Light brownish yellow with 1% sandstone (0.05m). Gradual silting fill. Lower fill. Small amount of tar like material found.		0.7	0.14
3	314	fill	312	Other Fill	Light greyish brown silty clay with 5% sandstone (0.05m). Gradual silting fill. Upper fill. Tar like material found.		0.7	0.1
4	400	layer	400	Ploughsoil	Same as (100)		2	
4	401	layer	401	Subsoil	Same as (101)		2	
4	402	layer	402	Natural	Same as (102)		2	
4	403	cut		Plough Furrow	Linear, shallow, flat base, modern, N/Nw-S/SE orientation. Gentle sloping sides.		1.68	0.07
4	404	fill	403	Secondary Fill	Light brown. Silty clay. Friable to compact. Inclusions of coal frequent. Cut by [505]		1.68	0.07
4	405	cut		Modern	Land drain. Cuts (403).		0.43	0.06
4	406	fill	405	Primary Fill	Silty clay. Yellow with grey lay patches		0.43	0.06
4	407	cut		Modern	Land drain. UnExcavated.		0.34	
4	408	fill		Deliberate Backfill	Backfill of land drain. Modern. as (104)		0.34	
4	409	cut		Plough Furrow	Modern. linear. Unexcavated. Same orientation as [403]		1.24	
4	410	fill	409	Secondary Fill	Light brown to mid brown. Silty clay.		1.24	
4	411	cut		Plough Furrow	Linear. Same orientation as [403]. Modern. Extends under baulk on both sides.		2.3	
4	412	fill	411	Secondary Fill	Light to mid brown. As (410). Silty clay.		2.3	
4	413	cut		Modern	Modern feature. Extends under baulk on NW side. Consistent width.		0.65	
4	414	fill	413	Other Fill	Silty clay. Yellow brown with higher percentage of light grey clay throughout.		0.65	
5	500	layer	500	Topsoil	Same as (100).		2	0.28
5	501	layer	501	Subsoil	Same as (101).		2	0.17

Trench	Context number	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)
5	502	void						
5	503	layer	503	Natural	Light yellowish brown cay with patches of 30% chalky fleck and patches of 70% orangey brown sand.		2	0.09
5	504	cut		Modern	Fied drain		0.27	
5	505	fill	504	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.27	
5	506	cut		Modern	Field drain		0.25	
5	507	fill	506	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.25	
5	508	cut		Modern	Field drain.		0.24	
5	509	fill	508	Deliberate Backfill			0.24	
6	600	layer	600	Topsoil	Same as (100)		2	0.26
6	601	layer	601	Subsoil	As (101)		2	0.21
6	602	layer	602	Natural	Light brownish yellow clay and light yellowish grey clay with 1% chalky fleks in patches and a patch of dark greyish blue clay clumps (0.10m)		2	0.9
6	603	cut		Modern	Field drain		0.3	
6	604	fill	603	Deliberate Backfill	Light brownish yellow silty clay with 30% dark blueish grey clay clumps (0.10-0.15m), 5% sandy clay patches (0.10m) and 10% chalky flecks.		0.3	
6	605	cut		Modern	Field drain.		0.33	
6	606	fill	605	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.33	
6	607	cut		Ditch	NE/SW linear in plan. Continuation of ditch [309].		0.58	
6	608	fill	607	Ditch Fill	Light yellowish brown silty clay with 5% limestone/sandstone (0.10m), 3% charcoal flecks and 3% tar like clumps (0.10m)		0.58	
6	609	layer	609	Natural	Mid orangey brown sandy clay and dark greyish blue clay with 10% chalky flecks.		1.54	
7	700	layer	700	Ploughsoil	Same as (100)		2	0.25
7	701	layer	701	Subsoil	Same as (101)		2	0.3
7	702	layer	702	Natural	Same as (102)		2	
7	703	cut		Modern	Land drain. E/W orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides of the trench.		0.3	
7	704	fill	703	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
7	705	cut		Ditch	Linear former field boundary.		1	
7	706	fill		Ditch Fill	Dark brown to black. Pos result of rooting due to field boundary. Modern materials found i.e plastic.		1	

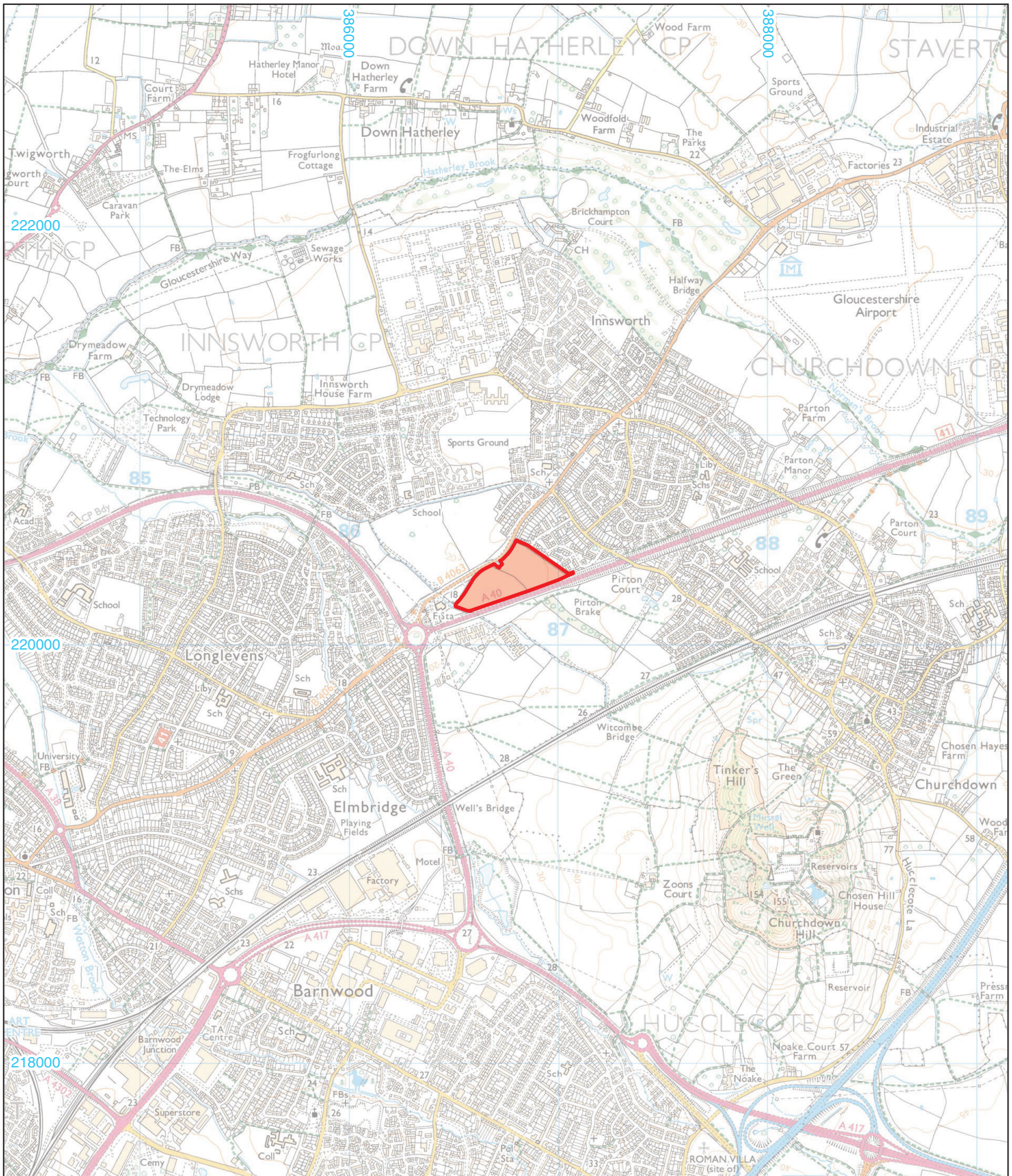
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7	707	cut		Modern	Land drain. E/W orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides of the trench		0.3	
7	708	fill	707	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
8	800	layer	800	Ploughsoil	Same as (100)		2	0.28
8	801	layer	801	Subsoil	Same as (101)		2	0.14
8	802	layer	802	Natural	Same as (102)		2	0.06
8	803	cut		Other Cut	N-NE/S-SW. Land drain. extends under the baulk at both sides of the trench		0.38	
8	804	fill	803	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)			
8	805	cut		Modern	W/E. Land drain. extends under the baulk at both sides of the trenches		0.4	
8	806	fill	805	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.4	
9	900	layer	900	Ploughsoil	Same as (100)		2	0.24
9	901	layer	901	Subsoil	Same as (101)		2	0.22
9	902	layer	902	Natural	Same as (102)		2	0.03
9	903	cut		Modern	Land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at A end and nw side of trench.		0.28	
9	904	fill		Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.28	
10	1000	layer	1000	Ploughsoil	Same as (100)		2	0.3
10	1001	layer	1001	Subsoil	Same as (101)		2	0.2
10	1002	layer	1002	Natural	Same as (102)		2	
10	1003	cut		Modern	Land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides		0.3	
10	1004	fill	1003	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
10	1005	cut		Modern	Land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides of the trench		0.3	
10	1006	fill	1005	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
10	1007	cut		Modern	Land drain . NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides of the trench.		0.3	
10	1008	fill	1007	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
10	1009	cut		Modern	Land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides of the trench.		0.3	
10	1010	fill	1009	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
11	1100	layer	1100	Ploughsoil	Same As (100)		2	0.3
11	1101	layer	1101	Subsoil	Same As (101)		2	0.25
11	1102	layer	1102	Natural	Same As (102)		2	

Trench	Context number	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)
11	1103	cut		Modern	Land drain NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides of the trench		0.3	
11	1104	fill	1103	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
11	1105	cut		Modern	Land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides of the trench.		0.3	
11	1106	fill	1105	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
12	1200	layer	1200	Ploughsoil	Same as (100)		2	0.35
12	1201	layer	1201	Subsoil	Same as (101)		2	0.2
12	1202	void						
12	1203	layer	1203	Natural			2	
12	1204	cut		Ditch	Land drain. As (607). NE/SW orientation. Extends under baulk at both side.		0.3	
12	1205	fill	1204	Deliberate Backfill	As (608)		0.3	
12	1206	cut		Modern	Linear with land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under baulk at both sides.		1	
12	1207	fill	1206	Secondary Fill	Mid brown. No obvious inclusion. Silty clay.		1	
12	1208	cut		Modern	Land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides. As [1204]		0.4	
12	1209	fill	1208	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.4	
12	1210	cut		Modern	Land drain linear. E/W orientation.		0.3	
12	1211	fill	1210	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
12	1212	cut		Modern	Land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides.		0.3	
12	1213	fill	1212	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
12	1214	cut		Modern	Land drain. E/W orientation. Extends under baulk at both sides.		0.32	
12	1215	fill	1214	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.32	
12	1216	cut		Modern	Land drain. NE/SW orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides.		0.3	
12	1217	fill	1216	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
13	1300	layer	1300	Ploughsoil	As (100)		2	0.3
13	1301	layer	1301	Subsoil	Same as (101)		2	0.2
13	1302	layer	1302	Natural	Same as (102)		2	
13	1303	void						

Trench	Context number	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)
13	1304	cut		Modern	Land drain. Extends under baulk at both sides. N/S orientation		0.3	
13	1305	fill	1304	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
13	1306	cut		Modern	Land drain. Extends under the baulk at both sides. N/S orientation		0.2	
13	1307	fill	1306	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.2	
13	1308	cut		Modern	Land drain. N/S orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides.		0.3	
13	1309	fill	1308	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	
13	1310	cut		Modern	Land drain. N/S orientation. Extends under the baulk at both sides.		0.3	
13	1311	fill	1310	Deliberate Backfill	As (604)		0.3	

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	Land at South Churchdown, Gloucestershire	
Short description	<p>In March 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at South Churchdown, Gloucestershire. A total of thirteen trenches were excavated.</p> <p>Evidence of post-medieval and later agricultural practices, comprising ploughed-out ridge and furrow cultivation remains and field drains, were identified throughout the site, and former post-medieval/modern field boundary ditches were also recorded.</p>	
Project dates	21–25 March 2022	
Project type	Archaeological Evaluation	
Previous work	Archaeological Desk Based Assessment (ADBA; CA 2022) Geophysical survey (SUMO 2022)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site location	Churchdown, Gloucestershire	
Study area (m ² /ha)	8ha	
Site co-ordinates	386760 220309	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator		
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Alex Thomson	
Project Supervisor	Marino Cardelli	
MONUMENT TYPE	none	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	none	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	Gloucester Museum	n/a
Paper	Gloucester Museum	Trench sheets
Digital	Gloucester Museum	Database, digital photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2022 <i>Land at South Churchdown: Archaeological Evaluation</i> CA typescript report CR0993		



 Site boundary



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FIGURE TITLE

Site location plan

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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature
- Field drain
- Modern
- Furrow

Geophysical Survey Interpretation (SUMO 2022)

- Uncertain Origin (discrete anomaly/trend)
- Former field boundary (corroborated)
- Former field boundary (conjectural)
- Agriculture (ridge and furrow)
- Ferrous



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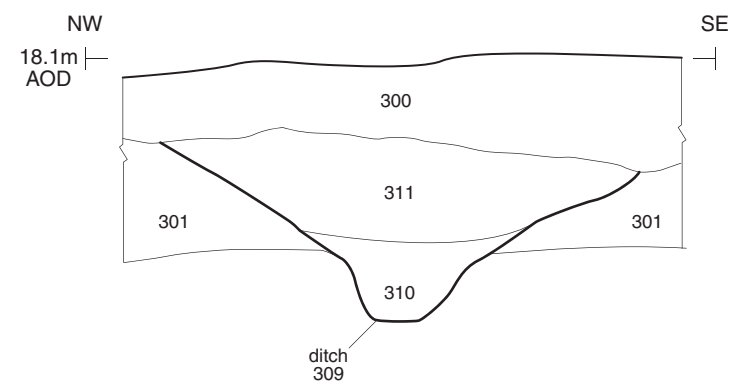
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**Trench location plan showing
 archaeological features and
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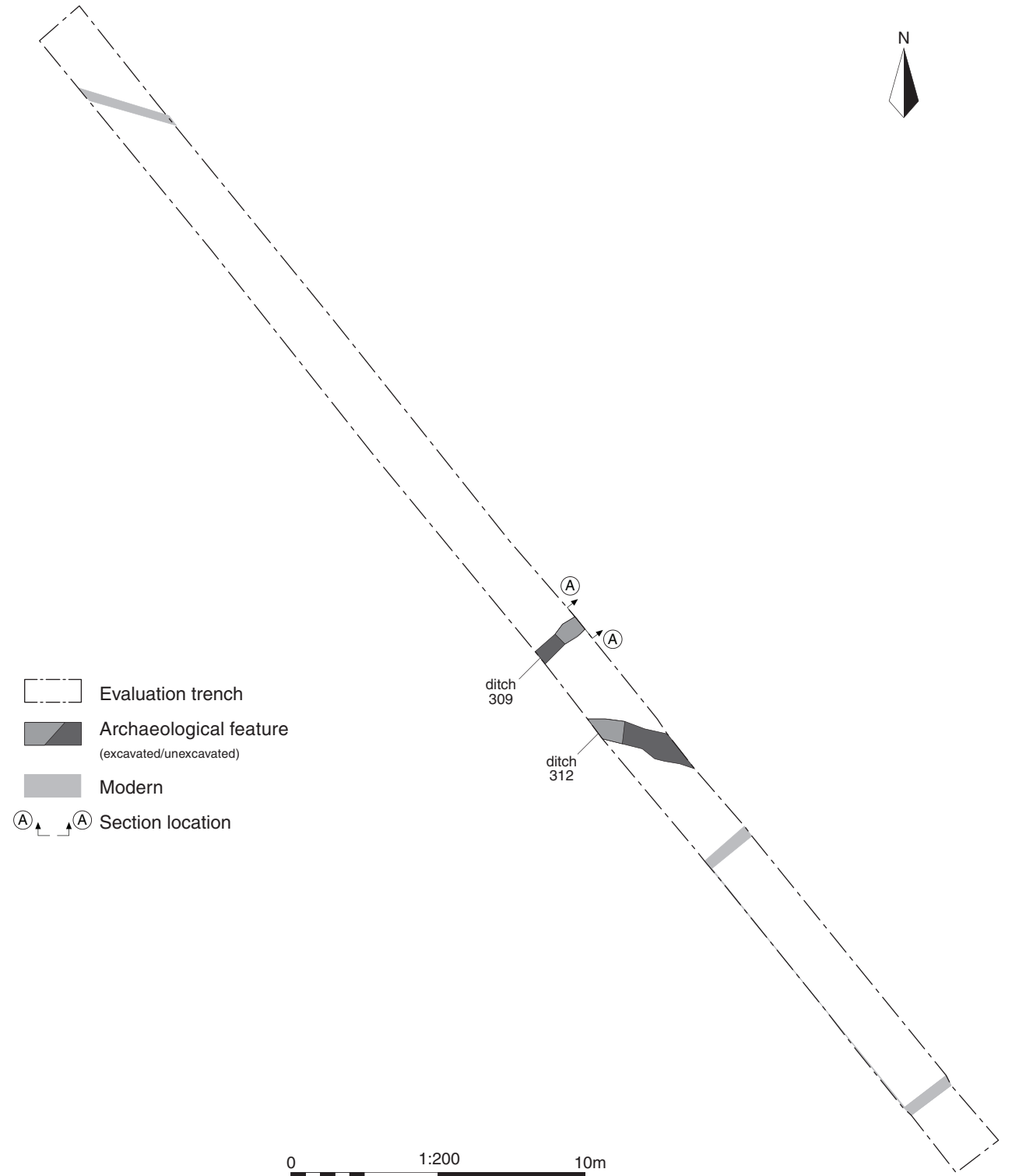


Post-medieval ditch 309, looking north-east (scale 0.4m)

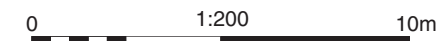
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Trench 3, plan



- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature (excavated/unexcavated)
- Modern
- Section location



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FIGURE TITLE
Trench 3: Photograph, plan and section

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Trench 7, looking north-east (scales 1m)



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Trench 7: Photograph

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