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SUMMARY

Project name:	Impens Solar Farm
Location:	North Petherton, Somerset
NGR:	330182 132247
Type:	Evaluation
Date:	1–26 August 2022
Planning reference:	37/21/00096
Location of Archive:	To be deposited with Somerset Museums Service and the Archaeology Data Service (ADS)
Site Code:	IMP22

In August 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Impens Solar Farm, North Petherton, Somerset. A total of 122 trenches were excavated.

The evaluation revealed dispersed pits and postholes of Middle Neolithic, Early to Middle Bronze Age and Iron Age date, indicating sporadic but widespread use of the landscape throughout the Prehistoric period.

Roman activity was focused in the central area of the site and comprised a 1st to 2nd-century D-shaped enclosure that was replaced in the later 2nd or 3rd century by a ladder settlement with associated agricultural landscape, including square-shaped stock enclosures. There was evidence of some remodelling of the settlement in the 4th century.

A further system of rectangular enclosures at the north of the site remained undated.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In August 2022, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation at Impens Solar Farm, North Petherton, Somerset (centred at NGR: 330182 132247; Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken for Enso Green Holdings Ltd.
- 1.2. The evaluation results will inform the determination of a planning application for the construction of a solar farm and battery storage facility with associated infrastructure, which has been made to Sedgemoor District Council (SDC; planning ref: 37/21/00096).
- 1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined by Steven Membery, Senior Historic Environment Officer, Somerset County Council (SCC), the archaeological advisor to SDC. The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) prepared by CA (2022) and approved by Steven Membery.
- 1.4. The evaluation was also in line with, *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 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 comprises three parcels of farmland located between the villages of Huntworth and North Newton, within the parish of North Petherton and are situated on the eastern side of the M5 motorway. The two northern land parcels lie either side of Park Lane and comprise a single arable field and two former orchards recently given over to arable cultivation. The southern parcel is divided into six arable fields. The site lies at approximately 26m AOD at its northern edge, with ground levels gradually sloping down to reach 12m AOD at the southern extent of site.
- 1.6. The underlying bedrock geology of the site is mapped as Mercia Mudstone Group-Mudstone and Halite-stone, which formed in the Triassic era. This is overlain in the central part of the southern land parcel by Quaternary Period River Terrace Deposits-Sand and Gravels (BGS 2022).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The site has previously been subject to Heritage Desk-Based Assessment (Pegasus Group 2021) and geophysical survey (Headland Archaeology 2021). The following is a brief summary of the results of these assessments.
- 2.2. Considerable evidence of later prehistoric and Roman activity is recorded in the vicinity of the current site (Pegasus Group 2021). Scatters of worked flint have been recorded both within the south-eastern part of current site and to the south of Huntworth, c. 950m to the north-east. Archaeological investigations undertaken at Bridgwater Gateway/Compass, c. 1km to the north-west of the current site on the western side of the M5, identified Neolithic to Early Bronze Age pits, as well as a Middle Bronze Age settlement with a cremation cemetery that seems to have been established and possibly fallen out of use at a slightly earlier date. Further archaeological works, undertaken on the opposite side of the M5 at Huntworth, c. 800m to the north-east of the current site, have revealed a further concentration of features suggestive of Early to Middle Bronze Age settlement (ibid.).
- 2.3. A number of cropmarks, indicating the presence of enclosures and linear boundaries of probable later prehistoric or Roman date, are recorded within the north-eastern and southern parts of the site. These appear to be located on areas of higher ground, where sand and gravel river terrace deposits are recorded (ibid.). At Staffland Farm, located c. 450m to the east of the current site, a number of features containing Iron Age and Early and Late Roman pottery, including an enclosure, were identified.
- 2.4. During the early medieval period North Petherton, situated to the north-west of the current site, was at the centre of a large royal estate and the hundred meeting place (ibid.). An early medieval find, probably representing part of an enamel, crystal and gold aestel (a pointer for reading), is recorded as being discovered in 1693 in the south-eastern part of the site; although its precise location remains unclear. Known as the 'Alfred Jewel' and dating from the 9th-century AD, the object is inscribed 'AELFRED MEC HEHT GEWYRCAN' meaning 'Alfred ordered me Made' (ibid.).
- 2.5. The majority of the site lies within the postulated medieval royal forest and deer park of Petherton Park. The Park was exploited for its venison and its timber throughout the 13th and 14th centuries before being gradually enclosed and broken up from the late-16th century onwards (ibid.). By the early 19th century, historic mapping

indicates that the site was entirely occupied by farmland, similar in layout to that seen today.

Geophysical survey

- 2.6. The geophysical survey (Headland Archaeology 2021) identified a large number of anomalies indicative of enclosures, field boundaries and trackways, the majority of which were located across the central southern part of the site (see Fig. 2 for location and extent). A smaller area of similar anomalies was also identified in the northern part of the site. The geophysical survey report notes that these anomalies are located in higher parts of the site, where superficial river terrace deposits have been recorded; however further, albeit less defined anomalies, are also recorded in lower lying parts of the site and may represent a continuation of more clearly defined anomalies present on the higher ground (ibid.). Anomalies indicating recent agricultural and other modern activity (e.g. boundary removal, ploughing, and the location of drains and pipes) were identified across the majority of the site.

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 SDC 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 proposals, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2021).
- 3.2. The specific objective of the evaluation was to investigate anomalies recorded by the geophysical survey (Headland Archaeology 2021) and to provide a representative sample of the remainder of the site.
- 3.3. Research aims identified from the *South West Archaeological Research Framework* (SWARF; Grove and Croft 2012) which informed the evaluation included:
- **Research Aim 14:** widen our understanding of Later Bronze Age and Iron Age material culture
 - **Research Aim 21a:** development of field systems and intensification of agriculture in the Bronze and Iron Ages

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- **Research Aim 21b:** medieval and Post-medieval agriculture
 - **Research Aim 29:** improve understanding of non-villa Roman rural settlement

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of 122 trenches (Fig. 2):
 - 68no 50m x 1.8m trenches; and
 - 54no 25m x 1.8 trenches
- 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. Archaeological features/deposits were investigated, planned and recorded in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.5. Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential and samples were taken in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*.
- 4.6. Artefacts were processed in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation*.
- 4.7. CA will make arrangements with Somerset Museums Service for the deposition of the project archive and, subject to agreement with the legal landowner(s), the artefact collection. 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).
- 4.8. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix D, 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. Details of the artefactual material recovered from the site are given in Section 6 and Appendix B. Details of the environmental samples (palaeoenvironmental evidence) are given in Section 7 and Appendix C.
- 5.2. Across the site the natural geological substrate comprised red and yellow gravels with bands and patches of grey or red silt and clay, into which all observed archaeological features were cut. This was covered by a subsoil, except in Trenches 47, 85 and 94 where no subsoil was recorded. The subsoil sealed all archaeological features and was cut by modern field drains. It was overlain by topsoil derived from modern agricultural activity.
- 5.3. The following 62 trenches contained no archaeological features or deposits pre-dating the modern period: Trenches 1–5, 8–10, 14, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 29–32, 34–36, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 54–56, 60, 66, 68, 71, 76, 78, 84, 88–90, 97–99, 101–105, 108–116, 119–122. The remainder of the trenches are described below.

Trench 6 (Figs 2 and 3)

- 5.4. Pit 603 was located near the centre of the trench and was circular in plan, 0.5m in diameter, with a shallow bowl-shaped profile. It contained a single brown clay backfill. The ditch remained undated and as an isolated feature its purpose was unclear.

Trench 7 (Figs 2 and 3)

- 5.5. Ditch terminus 703 was the north-eastern end of a north-east/south-west aligned feature. The ditch was 0.7m wide and 0.15m deep with a wide, shallow profile. The ditch was undated and did not appear on the geophysical survey or in any other trenches.

Trench 11 (Figs 2, 3 and 7)

- 5.6. Three parallel ditches (1103, 1105 and 1107; Section AA) on north-east/south-west alignments were identified near the centre of the trench. They corresponded approximately with a geophysical anomaly representing the northern arm of a rectilinear enclosure and were potentially recuts of the same enclosure ditch. The ditches all had a broad U-shaped profile and contained a single silt fill. No finds were

recovered from any of the ditches. A parallel geophysical anomaly at the north-eastern end of the trench was not identified as a feature.

Trench 12 (Figs 2, 3 and 8)

- 5.7. Undated ditch 1203 (Section BB) was located near the centre of the trench and corresponded to a geophysical anomaly identified as a boundary ditch forming part of a series of narrow rectilinear enclosures. The ditch was aligned north-west/south-east and was 0.64m wide and 0.19m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a single silt fill, 1204, which contained no finds.

Trench 13 (Figs 2, 3 and 9)

- 5.8. Undated ditch 1303 (Section CC) was a further north-west/south-east aligned boundary ditch pertaining to the enclosure system identified in the geophysical survey. It was 0.51m wide and 0.14m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. No finds were recovered from its fill, 1304.

Trenches 15 and 16 (Figs 2 and 3)

- 5.9. Shallow linear features 1503 and 1603 were not identified within the geophysical survey and their broad, shallow profiles suggest that they were modern agricultural features, possibly dating to the previous use of the field as an orchard. Root disturbance to the base and sides of feature 1603 was noted during excavation.

Trench 18 (Figs 2, 3 and 10)

- 5.10. Ditch 1805 (Section EE) was another north-west/south-east aligned ditch forming part of the enclosure system. It was 0.81m wide and 0.17m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a single, sterile fill 1806 and was undated. The ditch was also recorded but not excavated in Trench 21, where it met ditch 2503, possibly forming the corner of an enclosure.
- 5.11. Posthole 1803 (Section DD) was located at the north-eastern end of the trench. It was circular in plan, approximately 0.3m in diameter and 0.11m deep with a tapered base suggestive of a driven post. There was no evidence of a post-pipe and no finds were recovered from fill 1804, which probably accumulated after removal of the post. The posthole may have formed part of an internal structure within the enclosure; however no other structural features were identified.

Trench 22 (Figs 2 and 3)

- 5.12. North/south aligned ditch 2203 was 0.9m wide and 0.26m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. No finds were recovered from its fill 2204 and it remained undated. A geophysical anomaly interpreted as a second ditch on a north-west/south-east alignment was not identified within the trench.

Trench 25 (Figs 2, 3 and 11)

- 5.13. Three undated ditches were identified in the trench, all corresponding to geophysical anomalies forming part of the enclosure system. Ditch 2503 (Section FF) was aligned north-west/south-east and was 0.58m wide and 0.2m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a single fill, 2504. Ditch 2505 (Section GG) was also aligned north-west/south-east and was 0.48m wide and 0.13m with a similar profile and single fill 2506. The ditch was also recorded but not excavated in Trench 26 as feature 2603. Ditch 2507 (Section HH) was aligned north-east/south-west and was 0.44m wide and 0.09m deep, with a more gently sloping profile. It contained a single fill, 2508.

Trench 26 (Figs 2, 3 and 12)

- 5.14. Ditch terminus 2605 (Section II) was the south-eastern terminus of a north-west/south-east aligned feature. It was 0.64m wide and 0.13m deep with gently sloping sides and a flat base. It contained fill 2606, which was devoid of finds.

Trench 27 (Figs 2, 3 and 13)

- 5.15. Ditches 2703 (Section JJ) and 2707 (Section LL) were part of a ringditch identified by the geophysical survey. The ditches were approximately 1.1m wide and 0.2m deep and contained single fills, 2704 and 2708 respectively, which were undated.
- 5.16. Undated east/west aligned ditch 2705 (Section KK) bisected the area enclosed by the ringditch. It was 1.12m wide and 0.56m deep and had a steep V-shaped profile. No finds were recovered from single fill 2706.

Trench 28 (Figs 2, 3 and 14)

- 5.17. Undated ditch 2803 (Section MM) was aligned north/south and was 1.94m wide and 0.64m deep. The initial fill of the ditch, reddish brown clay silt 2804, was overlain by a stony upper fill 2805/2806, which was cut through by north-east/south-west aligned ditch 2807. The ditch was 1.37m wide and 0.36m deep and contained a charcoal-rich lower fill 2808, which was overlain by silty upper fill 2809. No finds were recovered from either ditch.

Trench 33 (Figs 2 and 4)

- 5.18. Ditch terminus 3303 was the north-western terminus of a north-west/south-east aligned ditch. The ditch was 0.75m wide and 0.45m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a sterile clay fill 3304, from which no dating evidence was recovered. The ditch was not identified during the geophysical survey and did not appear in any other trenches. A natural origin for the feature cannot be discounted.

Trench 37 (Figs 2 and 4)

- 5.19. North/south aligned ditch 3703 formed the western side of a D-shaped enclosure identified by the geophysical survey. The ditch was 0.83m wide and 0.2m deep with steep sides and a flat base. Ditch fill 3704 was an accumulation of silty material while the ditch was open and contained charcoal inclusions and a sherd of South Gaulish samian ware pottery dated to the mid-1st to early 2nd centuries.

Trench 38 (Figs 2, 4 and 15)

- 5.20. Two postholes and two pits were identified within the area enclosed by ditch 3703. Posthole 3805 (Section OO) was located at the eastern edge of the enclosure and was 0.3m in diameter and 0.16m deep. Posthole 3803 (Section NN) was located 2.5m to the north-west of posthole 3805 and was 0.47m in diameter and 0.1m deep. Both postholes had vertical sides and flat bases. No finds were recovered from their fills, 3806 and 3804 respectively.
- 5.21. Pit 3809 (section QQ) was circular in plan, 0.7m in diameter and 0.24m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. Lower fill 3810 was a 0.05m thick deposit of charcoal-rich material and contained a single piece of flint shatter. It was overlain by upper fill 3811, from which pieces of possible industrial waste were recovered. The natural substrate at the base and sides of the feature appeared scorched, indicative of *in situ* burning and suggesting that the feature may have been used in light industrial activity, possibly as a fire pit or hearth. Pit 3807 (Section PP) was oval in plan, 0.87m long, 0.7m wide and 0.13m deep with a shallow scoop-shaped profile. Charcoal flecks were noted throughout fill 3808, which may have derived from the activity in pit 3809. No finds were recovered from the fills of either pit.
- 5.22. Unexcavated feature 3812 was identified as the junction of the continuation of D-shaped enclosure ditch 3703 and trackway ditch 3909. There was no clear relationship in plan between the features. At the south-eastern end of the trench, unexcavated feature 3814 was a continuation of trackway ditch 3903.

Trench 39 (Figs 2, 4 and 16)

- 5.23. Parallel north-east/south-west aligned ditches 3903 and 3907 corresponded to geophysical anomalies suggestive of a trackway leading to the southern edge of the D-shaped enclosure identified in Trenches 37 and 38. Ditch 3903 (Section RR) was the southernmost flanking ditch of the trackway and was 1.04m wide and 0.23m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a brown stony silt fill 3904. Northern flanking ditch 3907 (Section TT) was 1.37m wide and 0.3m deep. Its fill, 3908, was much lighter in colour than 3904 and with fewer stone inclusions. The ditch was recut by ditch 3909, which was narrower than the original ditch, 0.7m wide and 0.26m deep, and with a V-shaped profile. It contained a single silt fill 3910. No dating material was recovered from either of the trackway ditches.
- 5.24. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 3905 (Section SS) was 0.44m wide and 0.08m deep. No finds were recovered from its fill, 3906, and it was interpreted as the base of a former field drain cut.

Trench 42 (Figs 2 and 4)

- 5.25. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 4203 corresponded to a geophysical anomaly interpreted as a former field boundary. The ditch was 1.5m wide and 0.5m deep and contained two fills. The lower fill, 4204, contained a high proportion of stone inclusions and may have been redeposited bank material. It was sealed by silty upper fill 4205. No finds were recovered from either fill. A further north-west/south-east aligned ditch, 4206, was recorded as cutting through the subsoil and was therefore of modern date.

Trench 44 (Figs 2, 4 and 17)

- 5.26. Ditch 4403 (Section UU) was located where the geophysical survey indicated that a modern field boundary ditch intersected a rectilinear enclosure ditch. The ditch was 2.85m wide and 0.6m deep and contained three fills, 4404, 4405 and 4406. Although the ditch was undated, its size and fill profile were comparable to those of former field boundary ditch 4203. It is therefore likely that the rectilinear enclosure ditch, if present, has been entirely truncated by the later field boundary.

Trench 47 (Figs 2, 6 and 18)

- 5.27. Curvilinear ditch 4702 (Section VV) was 1.1m wide and more than 0.47m deep and contained a very compact light grey stony silt fill 4703, from which a flint flake was recovered. Two postholes, 4704 and 4706 (Sections WW and XX), were identified cutting through fill 4703, following the alignment of the ditch. The postholes were 0.3m

in diameter and 0.22m–0.33m deep with vertical sides. Pottery dating to the Late Bronze Age or Iron Age was recovered from fill 4704 of posthole 4703 and from fill 4707 of posthole 4706. The ditch was not identified on the geophysical survey and at present its function remains unclear. If the postholes were contemporary with the ditch it is possible that the feature is a palisade trench, with fill 4703 used to support the posts. If this is the case, then the excavated postholes would be artefacts of the removal of the posts, rather than of their construction. Alternatively the original ditch may have been replaced by a post-built fence line after it had silted up.

5.28. Ditch 4708 (Section XX) cut through fill 4703 and vertically truncated postholes 4704 and 4706. It was 0.72m wide and 0.29m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. It was filled with a reddish brown clay, 4709, which was undated. Although interpreted as a separate ditch during excavation, it is possible that 4709 was in fact the upper fill of ditch 4702 and formed after removal of the posts. This distinction could not be determined within the excavated slot.

5.29. East/west aligned ditch 4710 (Section YY) corresponded to a potential geophysical anomaly. It was 1.62m wide and 0.41m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a single undated fill 4711. The ditch was cut by ditch 4712, which together with parallel ditch 4713 corresponded to a geophysical anomaly identified as a former field boundary. Excavation of 4713 revealed a ceramic land drain at the bottom of the ditch and confirmed a modern date for the feature.

Trench 49 (Figs 2, 6 and 19)

5.30. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 4903 (Section ZZ) was located near the centre of the trench and corresponded to a long linear boundary identified by the geophysical survey. The ditch was at least 0.98m wide and 0.28m deep with steep sides and a flat base. The ditch contained a single fill 4904, from which 2nd–4th-century pottery was recovered, along with a sherd of residual Iron Age pottery. The ditch was recut on its eastern side by ditch 4905, which was at least 1.05m wide and 0.48m deep. The ditch contained a lower fill, 4906, which had common manganese inclusions suggestive of standing water and was sealed by silty upper fill 4907, from which further sherds of 2nd–4th-century pottery were recovered. Ditch 4905 was itself recut on its eastern side by ditch 4908, which was 1.93m wide and 0.73m deep. The ditch had a similar fill sequence to its predecessor, with waterlain fill 4909 overlain by silty upper fill 4910. 2nd–4th-century pottery was recovered from both fills. The ditch was recorded but not excavated in Trenches 57, 58, 117 and 118.

Trench 51 (Figs 2, 6 and 20)

- 5.31. Parallel north-west/south-east aligned ditches 5103 and 5105 were located 1.7m apart near the centre of the trench. Ditch 5103 (Section aa) was 0.94m wide and 0.14m deep with gently sloping sides and a rounded base. It contained a single undated fill 5104. Ditch 5105 (Section bb) was 1.48m wide and 0.38m deep with a steeper-sided profile. No finds were recovered from fill 5104 and the ditch remained undated.

Trench 52 (Figs 2 and 6)

- 5.32. Ditch 5203 was located near the centre of the trench and corresponded to a geophysics anomaly identified as a rectilinear enclosure. The ditch was 1.78 wide and 0.79m deep with a steep V-shaped profile. Lower fill 5204 was very stony, which may have been evidence of redeposited bank material, although may equally have been erosion of the sides and base during use. Upper fill 5205 contained fewer stone inclusions and was likely inwashed sediment. No finds were recovered from either fill.

Trench 53 (Figs 2, 6 and 21)

- 5.33. Pit 5309 was located 9.8m south-west of ditch 5303, within the area enclosed by the ditch. The pit was 0.3m in diameter and was entirely filled by a ceramic vessel. The upper part of the vessel had been truncated, presumably by modern agricultural activity, but the lower part appeared to be complete. There was no obvious evidence of cremated bone within the vessel, which was left *in situ* and not excavated during the evaluation. Fragments of pottery from the machined surface of the feature were recovered for analysis and dated to the Early to Middle Bronze Age.
- 5.34. Ditch 5303 (Section cc) was a continuation of the enclosure ditch excavated in Trench 52. In this trench the ditch was 2.6m wide and 0.72m deep with steep sides but a flatter base. The ditch was initially filled by stony deposits (5304 and 5305) resulting from erosion of the north-eastern and south-western sides respectively. These were covered by dark silt fill 5306, which was in turn sealed by upper fill 5307. No finds were recovered from any of the fills. Bank material 5308 was identified in the trench section to the north-east (external side) of the ditch. The material was 2m wide and survived to a maximum thickness of 0.24m.

Trench 59 (Figs 2, 6 and 22)

- 5.35. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 5903 (Section dd) corresponded to a geophysical anomaly identified as a rectilinear enclosure. The ditch was 2m wide and 0.54m deep

with a steeply sloping south-eastern side and stepped side on the north-west. Lower fill 5904 was formed by the erosion of the sides and base during use and was covered by silty upper fill 5905. Roman pottery was recovered from both fills.

Trench 61 (Figs 2 and 6)

- 5.36. Ditch 6103 corresponded to a broadly curving north-east/south-west aligned geophysical anomaly. It was 3m wide and 0.9m deep with a steep V-shaped profile. The ditch was initially filled by 6104, which represented slumping of the south-eastern side of the ditch during use. This was covered by three silt fills, 6105, 6106 and 6107, caused by successive silting events that gradually filled the ditch. No finds were recovered to date the feature and it was not identified in any other trench.

Trench 62 (Figs 2 and 6)

- 5.37. Undated pit 6203 was located near the centre of the trench. The pit was circular in plan, 0.9m in diameter and 0.1m deep. It contained a thin, charcoal-rich lower fill, 6204, which was sealed by silt infill 6205. Environmental sampling of fill 6204 indicated that it represented a deposition of hearth material.

Trench 63 (Figs 2, 6 and 23)

- 5.38. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 6303 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly near the centre of the trench. The ditch was observed in plan to be truncated by an amorphous feature, 6305, possibly comprised of a cluster of several intercutting pits. Due to the complex nature of the archaeology it was decided, with the agreement of the archaeological advisor, not to excavate the features at this stage and they were preserved *in situ*.

Trench 64 (Figs 2, 6 and 24)

- 5.39. Posthole 6403 (Section ee) was located near the centre of the trench and was circular in plan, 0.44m in diameter and 0.12m deep. Fill 6408, against the northern edge of the feature, was a stony reddish brown silt that may have been packing material for the post and contained a worked flint flake and two sherds of pottery broadly dateable to the Prehistoric period. Fill 6404 was dark in colour with occasional small charcoal flecks and may represent the remains of the post.
- 5.40. Posthole 6405 (Section ff) was 0.6m in diameter and 0.24m deep with undercutting sides and a flat base. Lower fill 6406 covered the base of the posthole and contained a flint end-scraper. This was sealed by upper fill 6407, which may have been an

intentional deposit to backfill the posthole and contained eight sherds of Middle Neolithic pottery.

Trench 65 (Figs 2, 5 and 25)

- 5.41. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 6503 (Section gg) corresponded to a geophysical anomaly near the north-western end of the trench. It was 1.13m wide and 0.22m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a single undated fill 6504.

Trench 67 (Figs 2, 5 and 26)

- 5.42. Ditch 6703 (Section hh) was located near the centre of the trench and corresponded to a geophysical anomaly. It was 0.61m wide and 0.12m deep. No finds were recovered from its fill 6704.
- 5.43. Near the north-western end of the trench ditch 6705 (Section ii) was not identified on the geophysical survey. It was 0.49m wide and 0.14m deep with moderately steep sides. Its fill 6706 was undated and the function of the ditch was unclear.

Trench 68 (Figs 2 and 5)

- 5.44. Ditch terminus 6803 was the north-eastern terminus of a north-east/south-west orientated ditch that was not identified in the geophysical survey. The ditch was 0.5m wide and 0.06m deep. No finds were recovered from its fill, 6804, although there were high quantities of burnt stone and charcoal present.

Trench 69 (Figs 2, 5 and 27)

- 5.45. Ringditch 6903 (Section jj) corresponded to a geophysical anomaly enclosing an area approximately 12m in diameter. The ditch had steep sides and a flat base and was likely a construction trench for the walls of a roundhouse, rather than being a drip gully. A single worked flint flake was recovered from fill 6904, although this would be more likely to date the demolition than the construction of the feature.

Trench 70 (Figs 2, 5 and 28)

- 5.46. Parallel north-east/south-west aligned ditches 7003 and 7005 were located 0.7m apart near the centre of the trench and corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly forming the western arm of a ladder settlement. Ditch 7003 (Section kk) was 0.48m wide and 0.08m deep with moderately steep sides and a flat base. Ditch 7005 was 0.49m wide and 0.09m deep and a similar profile. No finds were recovered from the fills of either ditch and it was uncertain whether they were in use at the same time, or

whether one is a later recut. Ditch 7005 (Section ll) was also identified in Trench 69 as ditch 6905, where it was recorded but not excavated.

Trench 72 (Figs 2 and 5)

- 5.47. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 7203 corresponded to a geophysical anomaly interpreted as a modern field drain. The ditch was 0.68m wide and 0.31m deep with steep sides and a flat base. No finds were recovered from fill 7204. The ditch was also excavated in Trench 73 as ditch 7303.
- 5.48. East/west aligned ditch 7205 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly extending from the ladder settlement to the west. It was 0.68m wide and 0.16m deep with a shallow u-shaped profile. No finds were recovered from fill 7206. The ditch was identified in Trench 73 as ditch 7305, where it was recorded but not excavated.

Trench 73 (Figs 2, 5 and 29)

- 5.49. Pit 7307 (Section nn) was located near the centre of the trench and was circular in plan, 0.7m in diameter and 0.48m deep with an undercutting, bell-shaped profile. Its single fill 7308 contained a large assemblage (101 sherds) of Late Bronze Age pottery. The shape of the feature is indicative of use as a storage pit. The large amounts of pottery in the backfill could suggest opportunistic repurposing as a refuse pit, or rather the disturbance of the final items stored inside the pit.
- 5.50. Ditch 7303 (Section mm) was a continuation of ditch 7203 and was again undated.

Trench 74 (Figs 2, 5 and 30)

- 5.51. Parallel north-west/south-east aligned ditches 7403 and 7412 were not identified in the geophysical survey, but continue the alignments of anomalies defining the eastern arm of the ladder settlement. Ditch 7403 (Section oo) was 0.6m wide and 0.24m deep and ditch 7412 (Section qq) was 0.9m wide and 0.32m deep. The ditches had similar moderately steep u-shaped profiles. Seven sherds of 3rd–4th-century pottery was recovered from fill 7404 of ditch 7403.
- 5.52. East/west aligned ditch 7405 (Section pp) was also identified on the geophysical survey and was 3.26m wide and 1.01m deep. The ditch had a steep side to the south and a stepped side to the north. It was initially filled by loose silt 7406, which was covered by upper fill 7407/7408. Roman pottery was recovered from the upper fill. Ditch recut 7409 ran along the centre of the nearly completely backfilled ditch. The recut contained two fills, 7410 and 7411, the latter of which had 4th-century pottery

within and quantities of stone building material (including roof slate with peg-holes) that were probably repurposed to act as stabilisation of the ditch after backfilling.

Trench 75 (Figs 2, 5, and 31)

- 5.53. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 7503 (Section rr) was not identified during the geophysical survey. It was 0.9m wide and 0.3m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. Six fragments of 2nd–4th-century pottery were recovered from fill 7504.
- 5.54. Ditch 7507 (Section tt) corresponded to the northern arm of a ringditch identified by the geophysics, however the southern side of the ringditch could not be identified within the trench. The ditch cut was 1.43m wide and 0.6m deep. The initial fill of the ditch, 7508, appeared to be a tip-fill or slumping deposit from the north-west side. Against the south-eastern side of the ditch, 7508 was covered by charcoal-rich fill 7509 and silt upper fill 7510. The charcoal in lower fill 7509 was likely derived from a hearth and was probably a dump of domestic material into the open ditch.
- 5.55. Small oval pit 7505 (Section ss) was located within the area enclosed by the ringditch. The pit was 0.73m long, 0.5m wide and 0.15m deep. No finds were recovered from fill 7506 and the date and function of the pit remained unclear.

Trench 77 (Figs 2 and 5)

- 5.56. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 7703 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly near the centre of the trench. The ditch was 0.46m wide and 0.16m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. No finds were recovered from single silt fill 7704.

Trench 79 (Figs 2, 5 and 32)

- 5.57. Pit 7907 (Section uu) was circular in plan, 0.84m in diameter and 0.24m deep with steep sides and a flat base. The initial fill of the pit was charcoal-rich deposit 7908, which may have pertained to the use of the feature and which contained RA1, a barbarous radiate coin minted between 270–290. Charred remains of acorn cups and flower buds were also recovered. This was sealed by 7909, which was likely a deliberate backfill to close the pit.
- 5.58. Ditch terminus 7910 (Section vv) was the northern terminus of a north/south orientated ditch. It was 0.6m wide and 0.08m deep with shallow sides and a flat base. The ditch contained a single undated fill 7911.

Trench 80 (Figs 2 and 5)

- 5.59. Posthole 8003 was located near the north-eastern end of the trench and was circular in plan, 0.5m in diameter and 0.1m deep. Only the base of the feature survived, which was undated, however a fragment of burnt animal bone was recovered from fill 8004.

Trench 81 (Figs 2 and 5)

- 5.60. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 8105 corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly forming part of the ladder settlement. It was 0.47m wide and 0.16m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. The ditch contained a single silt fill, 8106, which was undated.
- 5.61. A second geophysical anomaly targeted by the trench was not identified.

Trench 82 (Figs 2, 5, 33 and 34)

- 5.62. Ditch 8203 (Fig. 33 Section ww) was located at the south-eastern end of the trench on an east/west alignment. It was 0.53m wide and 0.14m deep with moderately steep sides and a rounded base. No finds were recovered from its single silt fill 8204.
- 5.63. Postholes 8205 (Fig. 33 Section xx), 8207 (Fig. 33 Section yy) and 8209 (Fig. 33 Section zz) were located 5m north-west of ditch 8203 and within an area defined by a double-ditched rectilinear enclosure identified by the geophysics. The postholes were 0.28m–0.46m in diameter and up to 0.22m deep with steep sides and rounded or tapered bases. No finds were recovered from any of the postholes.
- 5.64. Ditch terminus 8211 (Fig. 34 Section a1a1) was the southern terminus of a north/south aligned ditch that was not identified during the geophysical survey. The ditch was 0.6m wide and 0.12m deep. It was filled by sterile silt 8212 and remained undated. North-east/south-west aligned ditch 8217 (Fig. 34 Section c1c1) was also not identified during the geophysical survey. The ditch was 0.53m wide and 0.17m deep. No finds were recovered from its fill 8218. Ditch 8215 (Fig. 34 Section b1b1) was the south-western terminus of a ditch that was aligned parallel to, and 0.5m south-east of, ditch 8217. It was similarly undated.
- 5.65. Curvilinear ditch 8219 had a relationship with undated ditch 8217, as well as with ditches 8221 and 8223, which corresponded with the rectilinear enclosure identified by the geophysics. These relationships were not tested during the evaluation and the features were not excavated.

Trench 83 (Figs 2, 5 and 35)

- 5.66. Two pits, 8303 and 8305, were identified at the southern end of the trench within one of the enclosures of the ladder settlement. Pit 8303 (Section d1d1) was oval in plan, 0.6m long, 0.45m wide and 0.1m deep. Twelve sherds of 2nd–4th-century pottery were recovered from its fill 8304, along with an iron hobnail. Pit 8305 (Section e1e1) was circular in plan, 0.55m in diameter and 0.14m deep, with no finds recovered. In both cases the pits were heavily truncated with only the bases remaining and as such it was impossible to determine their function.
- 5.67. Two east/west aligned ditches at the northern end of the trench corresponded to geophysical anomalies delineating the northern boundary of one of the enclosures comprising the ladder settlement. Ditch 8307 (Section f1f1) was 0.83m wide and 0.14m deep with moderately steep sides and single silt fill 8308. Ditch 8309 (Section g1g1) was 2.6m wide and 0.28m deep with moderately steep sides and an undulating base. It also contained a single silt fill, 8310. A fragment of a saddle quern was recovered from fill 8310.

Trench 85 (Figs 2 and 7)

- 5.68. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 8503 was 1.15m wide and 0.31m deep with moderately steep sides and a flat base. It contained a single undated fill 8504. The ditch was recorded in Trench 91 as ditch 9103 and was excavated in Trench 95, where it was the corner of a field boundary.

Trench 86 (Figs 2, 7 and 36)

- 5.69. Ditch 8603 (Section h1h1) was located at the south-western end of the trench on a north-west/south-east alignment. It was 1.04m wide and 0.27m deep. No finds were recovered from its fill 8604.

Trench 92 (Figs 2 and 7)

- 5.70. Ditch 9203 was aligned north-west/south-east and corresponded to a possible field boundary on the geophysical survey. The ditch was 1.18m wide and 0.14m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. It contained two fills (9204 and 9205) which were both undated.
- 5.71. A second geophysical anomaly targeted by the trench could not be identified.

Trench 93 (Figs 2, 7 and 37)

- 5.72. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 9303 (Section i1i1) was located near the centre of the trench and corresponded to a linear geophysical anomaly interpreted as a field boundary. The ditch was 1.61m wide and 0.51m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. No finds were recovered from fill 9304.

Trench 94 (Figs 2, 7 and 38)

- 5.73. Three north-west/south-east aligned ditches corresponding to geophysical anomalies were excavated near the centre of the trench (Sections j1j1 and k1k1), all of which were undated. Ditch 9406 was 1.95m wide and 0.4m deep. It contained two fills, the lower of which (9407) contained a higher proportion of stones and may have been redeposited bank material. This was sealed by siltier fill 9408, which was probably a deliberate backfill to close the ditch.
- 5.74. Tree throw pit 9404 was cut by the course of ditch 9402, which was 1.4m wide and 0.5m deep. The ditch contained two fills caused by slumping of the ditch sides (9405 and 9414), which were covered by upper fill 9403. Ditch 9412 was 1.16m wide and 0.52m deep. It contained a single accumulated silt fill 9413. The ditch was recut on its western edge by ditch 9410, which was 1m wide and 0.5m deep. It was filled by silt fill 9411. Bank material 9414, which was 4.08m wide and survived to a thickness of 0.36m, was identified in the trench section between ditches 9402 and 9412, which indicates that these ditches were contemporary and formed a double-ditch and bank boundary. The boundary was also recorded in Trench 100.

Trench 95 (Figs 2, 7 and 39)

- 5.75. Ditch 9503 (Section l1l1) was a continuation of ditch 8503, where it formed the south-eastern corner of a field boundary. In this trench the ditch was 0.75m wide and 0.34m deep with steep sides and a rounded base. It was filled by accumulated silt deposit 9504. The ditch fill was cut by tree throw pit 9505, which contained a single flint flake within its fill 9506.

Trench 96 (Figs 2 and 7)

- 5.76. Ditch 9606 corresponded to a geophysical anomaly running parallel to ditch 9503. The ditch was 1.46m wide and 0.26m deep. It contained an undated silt fill 9607.

Trench 106 (Figs 2, 7 and 40)

- 5.77. North-east/south-west aligned Ditch 10603 (Section m1m1) was 3.67m wide and 1.03m deep with steep sides and a flat base. The initial fill of the ditch appeared to

be a tip-fill, 10604, from the south-eastern edge that contained lenses of charcoal-rich material. This was covered by 10605, which was the main fill of the ditch and likely resulted from gradual silting. The ditch was not identified in the geophysical survey.

- 5.78. Ditch 10603 was cut by ditch 10606, which corresponded to a geophysical anomaly forming two sides of a rectilinear enclosure. The ditch was 0.81m wide and 0.19m deep with a moderately steep u-shaped profile. It contained a single silt fill, 10607, which was undated.

Trench 107 (Figs 2 and 7)

- 5.79. Ditch 10705 was the north-west/south-east aligned return of ditch 10606. In this trench the ditch was 0.71m wide and 0.22m deep. Ten pieces of fired clay were recovered from fill 10706.

- 5.80. Curvilinear ditch 10703 was located at the north-western end of the trench and corresponded to a possible ringditch identified by the geophysics. The ditch was 0.36m wide and 0.08m deep. The opposite side of the ringditch could not be identified in the trench, although given the shallow depth of ditch 10703, it may have been completely truncated by modern agricultural activity.

Trench 117 (Figs 2 and 41)

- 5.81. North-west/south-east aligned ditch 11703 (Section n1n1) was located near the north-western end of the trench and corresponds to a linear trend on the geophysics. The ditch was 1.4m wide and 0.62m deep with steep sides and a narrow, flat base. It contained three fills (11704, 11705 and 11706), all of which contained pottery dating to the 2nd to 4th centuries, along with probably residual Iron Age pottery sherds. The ditch was also recorded in Trench 118.

6. THE FINDS

The finds recovered are listed in the table below.

Type	Category	Count	Weight (g)
Pottery	Early prehistoric	8	220
	Late prehistoric	115	2797
	Roman	121	1319
	<i>Total</i>	<i>244</i>	<i>4336</i>
Flint		6	24
Fired Clay		17	100
Metal	Iron	1	3
Coin	Roman	1	0.5
Worked stone	Saddle quern, slate	3	2267
Burnt stone		1	289

Artefactual material, dating to the Early and Late prehistoric, and Roman periods was hand-recovered from 31 deposits. Quantities of the artefact types are given in Appendix B and the pottery has been recorded in accordance with current standards for archaeological material (Barclay *et al.* 2016). Where applicable, National Roman Fabric Reference Collection codes are also given in Appendix B (Tomber and Dore 1998). Prehistoric pottery fabric codes have been devised for the purpose of this report.

Pottery: Early prehistoric

- 6.1. Eight sherds (220g) in a quartzite-tempered fabric (QZTN) were retrieved from fill 6407 of pit 6405. Included are sherds from the rim and shoulder which have been decorated with impressions from the articular ends of small bird/animal bones, in addition to bodysherds which feature rows of incised decoration. This pottery is Impressed ware/Peterborough ware, which was in use across most of Britain during the Middle Neolithic period (Gibson 2002, 78) (3400-2900 BC). The decoration and collared rim indicate that the vessel belongs to the Mortlake style of Impressed Ware. The base of the collar is angled slightly more sharply than is typical for Mortlake pottery, so it may be intermediate between the Mortlake and Fengate styles (Barclay, pers. comm.).

Fabric description

QZTN Common quartzite up to 9mm; soft-fired; hackly fracture; black, some with oxidised surfaces. 8 sherds, 220g.

Late prehistoric

- 6.2. Pottery from this date range, which spans the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age, totals 133 sherds (2784g) from 11 deposits (fills of ditches and pits/postholes). It presents in handmade fabrics tempered with quartzite (QZT), rock (RK), grog (GR) and quartz-and-rock (QZRK), and a vesicular fabric (VES). The shape of the vesicles in the latter fabric suggest it represents limestone which has leached out due to soil conditions. Two unfeatured bodysherds in fabric QZT from posthole 6403 (fill 6408) are likely Late Bronze Age in date, although earlier dating to Middle Neolithic is also possible. The grog-tempered pottery (GR) from pit 5309 (fill 5310) is datable to the Early to Middle Bronze Age. These are bodysherds recovered from the surface, which derive from a truncated placed pot, which was left in situ. Pit 7307 (fill 7308) contained at least two vessels, in fabrics QZT and RK. Included are rimsherds from slack-shouldered vessels with simple upright rims and a slightly flattened rim-top in fabric RK, and from a vessel with a simple upright rim in fabric QZT. The vessels are undecorated although some bodysherds feature irregular 'finger wiped' surfaces. This material can probably be assigned to the Post Deverel-Rimbury plainware tradition and date to the Late Bronze Age (1100-700 BC). The rest of the Late prehistoric pottery consists of unfeatured bodysherds which cannot be dated more narrowly.

Fabric descriptions

GR	Abundant grey and orange grog 1-6mm; soft-fired; hackly fracture; black with orange/brown exterior; 14 sherds, 205g
QZT	Common to abundant quartzite up to 8mm; soft-fired; uneven fracture; buff/pale orange with grey core; 27 sherds, 1369g
QZRK	Sparse to common rock 1-4mm, sparse quartz 1mm; soft-fired; uneven fracture; black with orange exterior; 6 sherds, 93g
RK	Abundant rock 1-7mm; soft-fired; hackly fracture; buff/orange, some with grey/black core or black interior; 66 sherds, 1127g
VES	Common angular vesicles 1-2mm; soft-fired; uneven fracture; grey/brown; 2 sherds, 3g

Roman

6.3. Roman pottery totals 121 sherds (1319g) from 16 deposits (all ditch and pit fills, except for one sherd recovered from topsoil). Condition is variable, with severe surface loss in some cases (two sherds with slip virtually absent), but most of the pottery in relatively good condition. By far the most common ware type is South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware (DOR BB1, 68% by sherd count). When found outside the manufacturing zone (which is in and around Poole Harbour) this dates to the 2nd to 4th centuries. Rimsherds in this fabric include several jars with everted rims. Forms which can be dated more closely are a Seager Smith and Davies Type 22 flat rim dish/bowl from fill 11704 of ditch 11703 (2nd century), Type 20 plain rim dishes (late 2nd to 4th century) from fill 8304 of pit 8303 and fill 11706 of ditch 11703, and Type 25 conical flanged dish/bowls (mid 3rd to 4th century) from fill 5905 of ditch 5903 and fill 7408 of ditch 7405 (Seager Smith and Davies 1993, 230–5). Most of the rest of the pottery consists of coarsewares, probably of relatively local manufacture, which are both reduced (BS, GTGW, GW1, GW2) and oxidised (OX1-4, SJRK). The greywares include vessels in imitation of Black-burnished ware forms – flat rim dishes/bowls and jars with everted rims – along with two flagons with double bead (bifid) rims (the latter from fill 7404 of ditch 7403 and fill 8304 of pit 8303). Finewares are represented by two sherds of Oxford Red-slipped ware (OXF RS), datable to the mid 3rd to 4th century, from fill 7404 of ditch 7403 and fill 7411 of ditch 7409, and an almost denuded sherd of New Forest Red-slipped ware (NFO CC, late 3rd to 4th century) also from ditch fill 7411. The Oxford Red-slipped ware sherds derive from a Young Type C45 bowl (ditch fill 7404) and a Type C100 mortarium, which is of 4th century date (ditch fill 7411) (Young 1977, 158–9, 174–5). The only continental import is a heavily abraded unfeathered bodysherd of South Gaulish samian (LGF SA2), which was imported into Britain during the mid 1st to early 2nd centuries (Webster 1996, 2–3).

Lithics

6.4. A total of six worked flints (24g) was retrieved from six deposits. These comprise four flakes, one piece of shatter and an end scraper. The latter has been neatly made on a primary flake, with fine, regular semi-abrupt retouch along distal dorsal edge. None of these lithics are chronologically diagnostic types. One flake was recovered in association with Neolithic or Bronze Age pottery in fill 6408 of posthole 6403. The other five lithics were found with no other artefactual material. However, all were in pit, posthole, ditch and tree throw fills, and in good condition so they may be stratified.

Worked stone

- 6.5. Ditch 8309 (fill 8310) produced a fragment (2156g) which most likely derives from the middle part of a saddle quern, possibly of granite. It is 206mm wide, 134mm long and 50mm thick. One lateral edge is curved and the other is steeply bevelled, and the upper surface of the quern is missing. Saddle querns were in use from the Neolithic period to the Middle Iron Age, however, no other artefactual material was recovered from this ditch. Two fragments of slate (111g) were recorded from fill 7411 of ditch 7409 in association with Roman pottery and similar dating is likely.

Metal: iron

- 6.6. A single hobnail (3g) was recorded from fill 8304 of pit 8303. This fill also produced pottery of Roman date and the hobnail is likely to be contemporary.

Coin

- 6.7. A heavily corroded copper alloy coin (Ra. 1, 0.5g) from fill 7908 of pit 7907 is a barbarous radiate of c. AD 270-290.

Discussion

- 6.8. The finds assemblage indicates that the site was utilised over a long period – from the Middle Neolithic to the Late Roman period, although not necessarily continuously. Activity appears to be domestic in nature and crop processing is also demonstrated by the quern fragment. The Roman pottery includes types which date to both the beginning (the South Gaulish samian) and towards the end (the Oxford Red-slipped mortarium) of the Romano-British period, although most is represented by long-lived types.

7. THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

Animal bone

- 7.1. Two fragments of animal bone (3g) were recovered from deposit 8004, the fill of posthole 8003. While no dateable artefactual material was recovered from this feature, the site as a whole can be dated to the Late Iron Age/Early Roman period (See Table 1, Appendix C). The bone was poorly preserved displayed the bright white colour and calcined nature indicative of prolonged burning at high temperatures (Lyman, 1994). However, it was possible to identify each fragment as a sheep/goat first phalanx (*Ovis aries*/*Capra hircus*).

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- 7.2. The low recovery of animal remains severely limits what can be said in terms of site economy and animal husbandry. However, this species was a commonly exploited domestic animal so its inclusion in an assemblage of this period is to be expected.

The palaeoenvironmental evidence

- 7.3. Three bulk soil samples (27 litres of soil) were processed from three trenches on this project. 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. The samples were intended to contribute to the realisation of this objective. They were taken to evaluate the preservation of palaeoenvironmental remains and with the intention of recovering environmental evidence of industrial or domestic activity on the site. The bulk samples were processed by standard flotation procedures (using a 0.25mm mesh for the flot and a 0.5mm mesh for the residue) (CA Technical Manual No. 2).
- 7.4. The result of this assessment are tabulated in Table 2, Appendix C. Most of the flots were large in size. Two of the flots contained moderate to large amounts of fibrous root material. All of the flots contained large amounts of charcoal, however, some of this was poorly preserved and comminuted. A small number of poorly preserved charred plant parts were present in one of the flots.

Trench 62

- 7.5. Sample 5 was recovered from fill 6204 of undated pit 6203. It contained a large amount of charcoal. This material probably represents a deliberate deposit of material from a hearth, but there was no domestic or industrial waste material to assist with determining the function of this hearth. Whilst the material indicates that there was possibly some kind of settlement activity in the vicinity of Trench 62, there are no plant remains within the flot that could help ascertain the likely date of this feature.

Trench 75

- 7.6. Sample 4 was recovered from fill 7509 of undated ditch 7507. It contained a moderate amount of charcoal. Again, this material probably represents a deliberate deposit of hearth material, however, there were no plant remains within the flot that could assist with ascertaining the likely date of this feature.

Trench 79

- 7.7. Sample 2 was recovered from fill 7908 of undated pit 7907. It contained a large quantity of charcoal. Alongside the charcoal, there was a small quantity of charred

plant parts—immature acorn cups and charred flower buds. Once more, this material seems to represent the remains of a hearth, suggesting some kind of activity in the vicinity of Trench 79. The charcoal assemblage included pieces of roundwood and, together with the immature acorn cups and buds, could potentially represent material that was used as tinder for the hearth.

- 7.8. As was the case with the other two samples, there are no plant remains within this flot that might help with determining the likely date of this feature.

Summary

- 7.9. The material recovered from these three samples suggests that there probably was some kind of settlement activity in the vicinity of Trenches 62, 75, and 79 but the paleoenvironmental evidence does not assist with determining what this activity was likely to be. There is no evidence from these samples for any specific domestic settlement activity, such as crop processing, or industrial activity taking place in the vicinity. The sample assemblages do not provide any indication of the likely date of these features.

8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1. The evaluation revealed evidence for activity dating from the Middle Neolithic through to the Roman period.
- 8.2. In general the results of the evaluation concurred with those of the preceding geophysical survey, with a strong correlation between the anomalies detected and features identified in the trenches. Only a small number of excavated features were not predicted by the geophysics, chiefly large ditches in Trenches 47 and 106.

Prehistoric

- 8.3. The earliest activity on site was represented by two postholes in Trench 64 in the central part of the site. One of the postholes contained eight fragments of Middle Neolithic pottery within its upper fill. A pit in Trench 53 contained the remains of what appeared to be a complete ceramic vessel dating to the Early to Middle Bronze Age. The pit was located within the area enclosed by an undated square enclosure and it is tempting to associate the two with the same phase of activity, however a similarly shaped enclosure nearby was of Roman date. A storage pit containing Late Bronze Age pottery was identified in Trench 73. Taken together these features appear to

attest to small-scale use of the landscape throughout the Prehistoric period. Such activity is likely to have been sporadic and transitory in nature.

- 8.4. A large ditch in Trench 47 was dated to the Late Prehistoric period by pottery recovered from two postholes that appeared to have been cut into the lower fill of the ditch. It is possible that the ditch was part of a palisaded enclosure, although as it was not identified by the geophysical survey, this interpretation cannot be certain.

Roman

- 8.5. A D-shaped enclosure with an associated trackway in Field 4 was dated to the 1st–2nd centuries AD from the recovery of a sherd of South Gaulish samian. The morphology of the feature may suggest that it had its origins in the later Iron Age. Two pits and two postholes were identified within the enclosed area. At least one of the pits appeared to have been a potential hearth, suggesting that the enclosure was used for domestic and/or light industrial activity.
- 8.6. Ditches and pits associated with a Roman ladder settlement in Field 6 were dated to the 2nd–4th centuries, with a possible concentration of dates around the 3rd century, as evidenced by the recovery of a barbarous radiate coin minted between 270–290. Ditch 7409 was located within the area of the ladder settlement, but on a varied alignment and contained 4th-century pottery, suggesting that it formed part of late Roman remodelling of the layout.
- 8.7. Further Roman ditches in Field 7 to the east of the ladder settlement formed long north-west/south-east aligned land divisions and square enclosures measuring approximately 20m wide. It is likely that these formed part of the agricultural landscape beyond the settlement, with the square enclosures being used as stock enclosures.

Undated

- 8.8. A large curvilinear ditch in Trench 106 (Field 8) was undated, but its size may indicate a Prehistoric date. The ditch was not identified on the geophysical survey or in any other trenches.
- 8.9. A series of ditches in Field 8 shared a broad north-west/south-east alignment with the Roman features to the east and it may be that they were the eastern extent of the agricultural hinterland of the settlement. The lack of finds in the ditches presumably attests to the distance between them and the main focus of the settlement.

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- 8.10. A system of small rectangular enclosures identified by the geophysical survey in Field 3 at the north of the site was undated.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1	100	layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clay silt			0.23	
1	101	layer		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown clay silt			0.16	
1	102	layer		Natural	Red and yellow gravel with bands of silt and clay				
2	200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 100			0.25	
2	201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 101			0.22	
2	202	layer		Natural	Same as 102				
3	300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 100			0.24	
3	301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 101			0.08	
3	302	layer		Natural	Same as 102				
4	400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 100			0.27	
4	401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 101			0.1	
4	402	layer		Natural	Same as 102				
5	500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 100			0.25	
5	501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 101			0.18	
5	502	layer		Natural	Same as 102				
5	503	cut		Ditch	Post-medieval field boundary. Unexcavated	>1.8	2		
5	504	fill	503	Ditch Fill	Dark greyish brown clay silt	>1.8	2		
6	600	layer		Topsoil	Dark pinkish brown clay silt			0.25	
6	601	layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown clay silt. Common stones			0.15	
6	602	layer		Natural	Red and yellow gravel with bands of silt and clay				
6	603	cut		Pit	Circular in plan. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	0.55	0.5	0.15	
6	604	fill	603	Pit fill	Mid pinkish brown silty clay. Frequent manganese	0.55	0.5	0.15	
7	700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 600			0.3	
7	701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 601			0.2	
7	702	layer		Natural	Same as 602			0.15	
7	703	cut		Ditch terminus	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>0.6	0.7	0.15	
7	704	fill	703	Ditch fill	Light blueish grey clay silt. Frequent manganese	>0.6	0.7	0.15	
8	800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 600			0.3	
8	801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 601			0.13	
8	802	layer		Natural	Same as 602				
9	900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 600			0.27	
9	901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 601			0.1	
9	902	layer		Natural	Same as 602				
10	1000	layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clay silt			0.18	
10	1001	layer		Subsoil	Light orange brown clay silt. Common stones			0.16	
10	1002	layer		Natural	Red and yellow gravel with bands of silt and clay				
11	1100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.31	
11	1101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.46	
11	1102	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
11	1103	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Unexcavated	>1.8	0.98		

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
11	1104	fill	1103	Ditch fill	Mid greyish brown sandy silt	>1.8	0.58		
11	1105	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.34	0.13	
11	1106	fill	1105	Ditch fill	Dark orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.34	0.13	
11	1107	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.54	0.14	
11	1108	fill	1107	Ditch fill	Mid orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.54	0.14	
12	1200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.28	
12	1201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.32	
12	1202	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
12	1203	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>2.1	0.64	0.19	
12	1204	fill	1203	Ditch fill	Dark orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>2.1	0.64	0.19	
13	1300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.25	
13	1301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.27	
13	1302	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
13	1303	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.51	0.14	
13	1304	fill	1303	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.51	0.14	
14	1400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.23	
14	1401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.19	
14	1402	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
15	1500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.22	
15	1501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.2	
15	1502	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
15	1503	cut		Agricultural feature	NE/SW aligned. Gently sloping sides and flat base	>1.8	0.71	0.12	
15	1504	fill	1503	Fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.71	0.12	
16	1600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.19	
16	1601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.18	
16	1602	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
16	1603	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.51	0.13	
16	1604	fill	1603	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	0.51	0.13	
17	1700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.22	
17	1701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.3	
17	1702	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
18	1800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.23	
18	1801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.32	
18	1802	layer	1802	Natural	Same as 1002				
18	1803	cut		Posthole	Sub-circular in plan. Moderately steep sides and tapered base	0.35	0.27	0.11	
18	1804	fill	1803	Posthole fill	Light orange brown clay silt	0.35	0.27	0.11	
18	1805	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.81	0.17	

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
18	1806	fill	1805	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.81	0.17	
19	1900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.25	
19	1901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.15	
19	1902	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
20	2000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.25	
20	2001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.15	
20	2002	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
21	2100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.26	
21	2101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.29	
21	2102	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
21	2103	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 1805. Not excavated	>1.8	0.84		
21	2104	fill	2103	Ditch fill	Same as 1806	>1.8	0.84		
22	2200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.3	
22	2201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.1	
22	2202	layer		Natural	Same as 1002			0.1	
22	2203	cut		Ditch	N/S aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.9	0.26	
22	2204	fill	2203	Ditch fill	Mid blue grey clay silt	>1.8	0.9	0.26	
23	2300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.2	
23	2301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.3	
23	2302	layer		Natural	Same as 1002			0.08	
24	2400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.3	
24	2401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.2	
24	2402	layer		Natural	Same as 1002			0.04	
25	2500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.28	
25	2501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.23	
25	2502	layer	2502	Natural	Same as 1002				
25	2503	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>2.1	0.58	0.2	
25	2504	fill	2503	Ditch fill	Dark orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>2.1	0.58	0.2	
25	2505	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>2.1	0.48	0.13	
25	2506	fill	2505	Ditch fill	Dark orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>2.1	0.48	0.13	
25	2507	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	>2.1	0.44	0.09	
25	2508	fill	2507	Ditch fill	Mid orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>2.1	0.44	0.09	
26	2600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.28	
26	2601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.26	
26	2602	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
26	2603	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 2505. Not excavated	>2	0.42		
26	2604	fill	2603	Ditch fill	Same as 2506	>2	0.42		
26	2605	cut		Ditch terminus	NW/SE aligned. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	>2.15	0.69	0.13	
26	2606	fill	2605	Ditch fill	Dark orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>2.15	0.69	0.13	

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
27	2700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.2	
27	2701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.2	
27	2702	layer		Natural	Same as 1002			0.3	
27	2703	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.28	0.19	
27	2704	fill	2703	Ditch fill	Light pinkish grey silty clay. Frequent stones	>1.8	1.28	0.19	
27	2705	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.12	0.56	
27	2706	fill	2705	Ditch fill	Light yellowish grey. Frequent stones	>1.8	1.12	0.56	
27	2707	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.09	0.21	
27	2708	fill	2707	Ditch fill	Light pinkish grey silty clay. Frequent stones	>1.8	1.09	0.21	
28	2800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.2	
28	2801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.1	
28	2802	layer		Natural	Same as 1002			0.4	
28	2803	cut		Ditch	N/S aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>2	1.94	0.64	
28	2804	fill	2803	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid reddish brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>2	1.58	0.33	
28	2805	fill	2803	Ditch fill	Upper fill: light orange grey silty clay. Frequent stones	>2	0.69	0.31	
28	2806	fill	2803	Ditch fill	Upper fill: light orange grey silty clay. Frequent stones	>2	0.64	0.29	
28	2807	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>2	1.37	0.36	
28	2808	fill	2807	Ditch fill	Lower fill: Dark grey clay silt. Frequent charcoal flecks; occasional stones	>2	1.21	0.19	
28	2809	fill	2807	Other Fill	Upper fill: Mid pinkish grey silty clay. Occasional small stones	>2	1.36	0.17	
29	2900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.25	
29	2901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.2	
29	2902	layer		Natural	Same as 1002			0.15	
30	3000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.3	
30	3001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.15	
30	3002	layer		Natural	Same as 1002				
31	3100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 1000			0.27	
31	3101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 1001			0.18	
31	3102	layer		Natural	Same as 1002			0.05	
32	3200	layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clay silt. Occasional stones			0.3	
32	3201	layer		Subsoil	Light yellowish orange clay silt. Frequent stones			0.15	
32	3202	layer		Natural	Yellow gravel with occasional bands of silt and clay				
32	3203	layer		Deposit	Modern rubble deposit within subsoil	>1.8	4.8	0.15	
33	3300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.3	

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
33	3301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.2	
33	3302	layer		Natural	Same as 3202				
33	3303	cut		Ditch terminus	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.5	0.75	0.45	
33	3304	fill	3303	Ditch fill	Mid pinkish grey silty clay. Occasional stones	>1.5	0.75	0.45	
34	3400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.25	
34	3401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.23	
34	3402	layer		Natural	Same as 3202				
35	3500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.29	
35	3501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.27	
35	3502	layer		Natural	Same as 3202				
36	3600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.25	
36	3601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.22	
36	3602	layer		Natural	Same as 3202				
37	3700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.27	
37	3701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.15	
37	3702	layer		Natural	Same as 3202			0.01	
37	3703	cut		Ditch	N/S aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.8	0.83	0.2	
37	3704	fill	3703	Ditch fill	Light pinkish brown clay silt. Common stones	>1.8	0.83	0.2	MC1-EC2
38	3800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.15	
38	3801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.17	
38	3802	layer		Natural	Same as 3202				
38	3803	cut		Posthole	Circular in plan. Moderately steep sides and flat base	0.47	0.47	0.1	
38	3804	fill	3803	Posthole fill	Light greyish brown sandy silt. Frequent stones; occasional charcoal flecks	0.47	0.47	0.1	
38	3805	cut		Posthole	Circular in plan. Steep sides and flat base	0.3	0.3	0.16	
38	3806	fill	3805	Posthole fill	Light greyish brown sandy silt. Frequent stones; occasional charcoal flecks	0.3	0.3	0.16	
38	3807	cut		Pit	Ovoid in plan. Moderately steep sides and flat base	0.87	0.7	0.13	
38	3808	fill	3807	Pit fill	Light brownish grey sandy silt. Frequent stones; occasional charcoal flecks	0.87	0.7	0.13	
38	3809	cut		Pit	Circular in plan. Steep sides and rounded base	0.7	0.7	0.24	
38	3810	fill	3809	Pit fill	Lower fill: dark grey sandy silt. Frequent charcoal flecks	>0.35	0.32	0.05	
38	3811	fill	3809	Pit fill	Upper fill: Light brownish grey sandy silt. Frequent stones; common charcoal	>0.35	0.7	0.19	
38	3812	cut		Ditch	Junction of continuations of 3703 and 3909. Unexcavated	>1.8	1.3		
38	3813	fill	3812	Ditch fill	Mid greyish brown sandy silt	>1.8	1.3		
38	3814	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 3903. Unexcavated	>1.8	0.6		
38	3815	fill	3814	Ditch fill	Same as 3904		0.6		

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39	3900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.25	
39	3901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.08	
39	3902	layer		Natural	Same as 3202			0.15	
39	3903	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.04	0.23	
39	3904	fill	3903	Ditch fill	Light pinkish brown clay silt. Frequent stones; occasional charcoal	>1.8	1.04	0.23	
39	3905	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>2	0.44	0.08	
39	3906	fill	3905	Ditch fill	Light yellowish brown silty clay	>2	0.44	0.08	
39	3907	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.37	0.3	
39	3908	fill	3907	Ditch fill	Light brownish grey sandy silt. Frequent stones; occasional charcoal flecks	>1.8	1.37	0.3	
39	3909	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.7	0.26	
39	3910	fill	3909	Ditch fill	Light orange brown silty clay. Common stones	>1.8	0.7	0.26	
40	4000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.29	
40	4001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.52	
40	4002	layer		Natural	Same as 3202				
40	4003	cut		Tree Throw	Irregular in plan. Shallow profile	>0.65	0.79	0.03	
40	4004	fill	4003	Tree throw fill	Dark grey sandy silt	>0.65	0.79	0.03	
40	4005	cut		Tree Throw	Irregular in plan. Shallow profile	0.84	0.51	0.17	
40	4006	fill	4005	Tree throw fill	Mid orange brown sandy silt	0.84	0.51	0.17	
41	4100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.29	
41	4101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.19	
41	4102	layer		Natural	Same as 3202				
42	4200	layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clay silt. Occasional stones			0.3	
42	4201	layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown clay silt. Common stones			0.1	
42	4202	layer		Natural	Yellow gravel with occasional bands of silt and clay				
42	4203	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>1.8	1.5	0.5	
42	4204	fill	4203	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid greyish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	0.9	0.22	
42	4205	fill	4203	Ditch fill	Upper fill: mid yellowish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	1.5	0.5	
42	4206	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.5	0.3	
42	4207	fill	4206	Ditch fill	Light greyish brown silty clay. Frequent stones	>1.8	0.5	0.3	
43	4300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4200			0.25	
43	4301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4201			0.12	
43	4302	layer		Natural	Same as 4202				

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44	4400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4200			0.3	
44	4401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4201			0.2	
44	4402	layer		Natural	Same as 4202				
44	4403	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	2.85	0.6	
44	4404	fill	4403	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid yellowish brown silty clay. Frequent stones and manganese	>1.8	0.8	0.55	
44	4405	fill	4403	Ditch fill	2nd fill: mid reddish brown silty clay	>1.8	1.1	0.48	
44	4406	fill	4403	Ditch fill	Upper fill: light yellowish brown silty clay	>1.8	1.13	0.3	
45	4500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4200				
45	4501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4201				
45	4502	layer		Natural	Same as 4202				
46	4600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 3200			0.32	
46	4601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 3201			0.25	
46	4602	layer		Natural	Same as 3202				
47	4700	layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clay silt. Occasional stones			0.5	
47	4701	layer		Natural	Yellow gravel with occasional bands of silt and clay				
47	4702	cut		Ditch	Curvilinear in plan. Steep sides; base not reached	>1.9	1.1	>0.47	
47	4703	fill	4702	Ditch fill	Light pinkish grey silty clay. Frequent stones	>1.9	1.1	>0.47	
47	4704	cut		Posthole	Circular in plan. Vertical sides and rounded base	0.27	0.32	0.33	
47	4705	fill	4704	Posthole fill	Mid brownish grey silty clay. Occasional stones	0.27	0.32	0.33	Late Prehist
47	4706	cut		Posthole	Sub-circular in plan. Vertical sides and rounded base	>0.15	0.29	0.22	
47	4707	fill	4706	Posthole fill	Mid brownish grey silty clay. Occasional stones and charcoal	>0.15	0.29	0.22	Late Prehist
47	4708	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.9	0.72	0.29	
47	4709	fill	4708	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay. Occasional stones	>1.9	0.72	0.29	
47	4710	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>2.4	1.62	0.41	
47	4711	fill	4710	Ditch fill	Light reddish brown silty clay. Occasional stones	>2.4	1.62	0.41	
47	4712	cut		Ditch	N/S aligned. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>2	1.1	0.4	
47	4713	cut		Ditch	N/S aligned. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>2	1.9	0.7	
47	4714	fill	4713	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay. Occasional stones	>2	1.9	0.7	
47	4715	fill	4712	Other Fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay. Occasional stones	>2	1.1	0.4	
48	4800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.25	
48	4801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.1	

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48	4802	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
49	4900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.16	
49	4901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.2	
49	4902	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
49	4903	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.8	0.98	0.28	
49	4904	fill	4903	Ditch fill	Mid yellowish brown sandy silt. Common stones	>1.8	0.98	0.28	C2-C4
49	4905	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides ad flat base		1.05	0.48	
49	4906	fill	4905	Ditch fill	Lower fill: light brownish grey sandy silt. Frequent stones; occasional manganese	>1.8	0.66	0.16	
49	4907	fill	4905	Ditch fill	Upper fill: mid orange brown sandy silt. Common stones	>1.8	0.98	0.35	C2-C4
49	4908	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.8	1.93	0.73	
49	4909	fill	4908	Ditch fill	Lower fill: dark reddish brown clay silt. Frequent stones and manganese	>1.8	1.32	0.26	C2-C4
49	4910	fill	4908	Ditch fill	Upper fill: mid yellowish brown sandy silt. Common stones	>1.8	1.93	0.48	C2-C4
50	5000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700				
50	5001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801				
50	5002	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
51	5100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.25	
51	5101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.35	
51	5102	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
51	5103	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	>1.9	0.94	0.14	
51	5104	fill	5103	Ditch fill	Mid yellowish brown silty clay. Common stones	>1.9	0.94	0.14	
51	5105	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.9	1.48	0.38	
51	5106	fill	5105	Ditch fill	Mid yellowish brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.9	1.48	0.38	
52	5200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.17	
52	5201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.21	
52	5202	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
52	5203	cut		Ditch	Rectilinear in plan. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.78	0.79	
52	5204	fill	5203	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid reddish brown sandy silt. Frequent gravel	>1.8	1.49	0.53	
52	5205	fill	5203	Other Fill	Upper fill: mid orange brown sandy silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	1.78	0.26	
53	5300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.27	
53	5301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.34	
53	5302	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
53	5303	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 5203	>2	2.6	0.72	
53	5304	fill	5303	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid reddish brown silty clay. Frequent stones	>2	0.8	0.56	

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53	5305	fill	5303	Ditch fill	Lower fill: same as 5304	>2	1	0.44	
53	5306	fill	5303	Ditch fill	2nd fill: dark greyish brown sandy silt. Frequent angular stones	>2	0.6	0.28	
53	5307	fill	5303	Ditch fill	Upper fill: light greyish brown silty clay. Frequent stones	>2	2.6	0.42	
53	5308	layer	5308	Bank deposit	Light greyish brown silt and gravel	>1.8	2	0.24	
53	5309	cut		Pit	Circular in plan. Unexcavated	0.3	0.3		EBA-MBA
53	5310	fill	5309	Placed Deposit	Complete vessel within pit 5309	0.3	0.3		
54	5400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.22	
54	5401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.13	
54	5402	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
55	5500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.25	
55	5501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.1	
55	5502	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
56	5600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.25	
56	5601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.2	
56	5602	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
57	5700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.24	
57	5701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.22	
57	5702	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
57	5703	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 4908. Unexcavated	>1.8	2		
57	5704	fill	5703	Ditch fill	Same as 4910	>1.8	2		
58	5800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.24	
58	5801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.16	
58	5802	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
58	5803	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 4908. Unexcavated	>1.8	2		
58	5804	fill	5803	Ditch fill	Same as 4910	>1.8	2		
59	5900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.22	
59	5901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.26	
59	5902	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
59	5903	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.8	2	0.54	
59	5904	fill	5903	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid reddish grey sandy silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	1.64	0.3	C2-C4
59	5905	fill	5903	Ditch fill	Upper fill: light orange grey sandy silt. Common stones	>1.8	2	0.24	MC3-C4
60	6000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.25	
60	6001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.15	
60	6002	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
61	6100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.2	
61	6101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.2	
61	6102	layer		Natural	Same as 4701				
61	6103	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.9	3	0.9	
61	6104	fill	6103	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid orange brown silty clay. Common stones	>1.9	1.1	0.85	

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61	6105	fill	6103	Ditch fill	2nd fill: dark orange brown clay silt. Frequent gravel	>1.9	0.95	0.3	
61	6106	fill	6103	Ditch fill	3rd fill: mid orange brown clay silt. Common stones; occasional charcoal	>1.9	1.59	0.45	
61	6107	fill	6103	Ditch fill	Upper fill: mid yellowish brown silty clay. Common stones	>1.9	3	0.4	
62	6200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.3	
62	6201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.15	
62	6202	layer		Natural	Same as 4701			0.05	
62	6203	cut		Pit	Circular in plan. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	0.9	0.9	0.1	
62	6204	fill	6203	Pit fill	Lower fill: dark blueish grey sandy silt. Frequent charcoal	0.9	0.9	0.06	
62	6205	fill	6203	Pit fill	Upper fill: mid pinkish brown clay silt. Occasional stones	0.9	0.33	0.03	
63	6300	layer	6300	Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.22	
63	6301	layer	6301	Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.23	
63	6302	layer	6302	Natural	Same as 4701				
63	6303	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Unexcavated	>1.8	0.95		
63	6304	fill	6303	Ditch fill	Mid orange brown sandy silt	>1.8	0.95		
63	6305	cut		Pit	Irregular shape in plan. Unexcavated	>1.8	3.55		
63	6306	fill	6305	Pit fill	Mid reddish brown sandy silt	>1.8	3.55		
64	6400	layer	6400	Topsoil	Same as 4700			0.24	
64	6401	layer	6401	Subsoil	Same as 4801			0.27	
64	6402	layer	6402	Natural	Same as 4701				
64	6403	cut		Posthole	Circular in plan. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	0.44	0.44	0.12	
64	6404	fill	6403	Posthole fill	2nd fill: dark greyish brown clay silt. Occasional charcoal	0.3	0.3	0.12	
64	6405	cut		Pit	Circular in plan. Undercutting sides and flat base	0.6	0.53	0.24	
64	6406	fill	6405	Pit fill	Lower fill: dark reddish brown clay silt	0.6	0.53	0.12	
64	6407	fill	6405	Pit fill	Upper fill: mid reddish brown clay silt	0.6	0.53	0.12	MNEO
64	6408	fill	6403	Posthole fill	1st fill: mid reddish brown sandy silt. Frequent stones	0.2	0.4	0.12	Prehist
65	6500	layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown sandy silt. Occasional stones			0.19	
65	6501	layer		Subsoil	Mid orange brown sandy silt. Common stones			0.22	
65	6502	layer		Natural	Yellow gravel with occasional bands of silt and clay				
65	6503	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.13	0.22	
65	6504	fill	6503	Ditch fill	Light yellowish brown silty clay. Common stones	>1.8	1.13	0.22	
66	6600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.25	
66	6601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.1	

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66	6602	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
67	6700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.2	
67	6701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.16	
67	6702	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
67	6703	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.61	0.12	
67	6704	fill	6703	Ditch fill	Light orange brown sandy silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	0.61	0.12	
67	6705	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>2	0.49	0.14	
67	6706	fill	6705	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>2	0.49	0.14	
68	6800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.3	
68	6801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.1	
68	6802	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
68	6803	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Gently sloping sides and flat base	>1.8	0.5	0.06	
68	6804	fill	6803	Ditch fill	Mid yellowish brown silty clay. Common charcoal; occasional stones	>1.8	0.5	0.06	
69	6900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.19	
69	6901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.31	
69	6902	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
69	6903	cut		Ring Ditch	Curvilinear in plan. Steep sides and flat base	>8.6	0.56	0.13	
69	6904	fill	6903	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown silty sand. Frequent stones; occasional charcoal	>8.6	0.56	0.13	
69	6905	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 7003. Unexcavated	>1.8	0.52		
69	6906	fill	6905	Ditch fill	Same as 7004	>1.8	0.52		
70	7000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.26	
70	7001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.1	
70	7002	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
70	7003	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>1.8	0.48	0.08	
70	7004	fill	7003	Ditch fill	Light pinkish brown silty clay. Frequent gravel	>1.8	0.48	0.08	
70	7005	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>1.8	0.49	0.09	
70	7006	fill	7005	Ditch fill	Light pinkish brown silty clay. Frequent gravel; occasional charcoal	>1.8	0.49	0.9	
71	7100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.25	
71	7101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.15	
71	7102	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
72	7200	layer	7200	Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.34	
72	7201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.16	
72	7202	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
72	7203	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.8	0.68	0.31	
72	7204	fill	7203	Ditch fill	Mid pinkish brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.68	0.31	

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72	7205	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>1.9	0.68	0.16	
72	7206	fill	7205	Ditch fill	Mid orange brown clay silt	>1.9	0.68	0.16	
73	7300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.2	
73	7301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.39	
73	7302	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
73	7303	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.26	0.26	
73	7304	fill	7303	Ditch fill	Mid orange brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	1.26	0.26	
73	7305	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 7203. Unexcavated	>1.8	0.72		
73	7306	fill	7305	Ditch fill	Same as 7204	>1.8	0.72		
73	7307	cut		Pit	Circular in plan. Undercutting sides and flat base	0.72	0.69	0.48	LBA
73	7308	fill	7307	Pit fill	Mid orange brown clay silt. Frequent stones; occasional charcoal flecks	0.72	0.69	0.48	
74	7400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.34	
74	7401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.16	
74	7402	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
74	7403	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.6	0.24	
74	7404	fill	7403	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.6	0.24	MC3-C4
74	7405	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>2	3.26	1.01	
74	7406	fill	7405	Ditch fill	Lower fill: Dark greyish brown sandy silt. Frequent stones	>2	1.06	0.38	
74	7407	fill	7405	Ditch fill	Upper fill: mid reddish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>2	1.52	0.63	
74	7408	fill	7405	Ditch fill	Upper fill: same as 7407	>2	1.44	0.74	MC3-C4
74	7409	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>2	1.84	0.66	
74	7410	fill	7409	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid brownish red clay silt. Occasional stones	>2	0.87	0.38	
74	7411	fill	7409	Ditch fill	Upper fill: mid reddish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>2	1.84	0.51	C4
74	7412	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.9	0.32	
74	7413	fill	7412	Ditch fill	Dark pinkish brown silty clay. Common charcoal flecks	>1.8	0.9	0.32	
75	7500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.35	
75	7501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.14	
75	7502	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
75	7503	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.9	0.3	
75	7504	fill		Ditch fill	Dark pinkish brown clay silt. Frequent stones		0.9	0.3	
75	7505	cut		Pit	Oval in plan. Moderately steep sides and flat base	0.73	0.5	0.15	
75	7506	fill	7505	Pit fill	Mid yellowish brown clay silt	0.73	0.5	0.15	

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75	7507	cut		Ditch	Curvilinear in plan. Steep V-shaped profile	>1.8	1.43	0.6	
75	7508	fill	7507	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid pinkish brown sandy silt. Frequent gravel	>1.8	0.55	0.6	
75	7509	fill	7507	Ditch fill	2nd fill: dark pinkish black silty clay. Common stones and charcoal	>1.8	0.48	0.4	
75	7510	fill	7507	Ditch fill	Upper fill: dark pinkish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	0.65	0.18	
76	7600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.25	
76	7601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.1	
76	7602	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
77	7700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.24	
77	7701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.23	
77	7702	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
77	7703	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned, Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.46	0.16	
77	7704	fill	7703	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.46	0.16	
78	7800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.25	
78	7801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.15	
78	7802	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
79	7900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.25	
79	7901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.18	
79	7902	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
79	7903	cut		Tree Throw	Sub-circular in plan. Irregular profile	1.46	1.01	0.18	
79	7904	fill	7903	Tree throw fill	Light yellowish red clay silt	1.46	1.01	0.18	
79	7905	cut		Tree throw	Sub-circular in plan. Irregular profile	1.36	0.57	0.11	
79	7906	fill	7905	Tree throw fill	Light yellowish red clay silt	1.36	0.57	0.11	
79	7907	cut		Pit	Sub-circular in plan. Steep sides and flat base	>0.64	0.84	0.24	270-290
79	7908	fill	7907	Pit fill	Lower fill: dark grey sandy silt. Frequent stones; common charcoal	>0.64	0.72	0.06	
79	7909	fill	7907	Pit fill	Upper fill: light orange red clay silt. Frequent stones	>0.64	0.84	0.24	
79	7910	cut		Ditch	N/S aligned, Moderately steep sides and flat base	>1.9	0.6	0.08	
79	7911	fill	7910	Ditch fill	Light reddish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.9	0.6	0.08	
80	8000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.23	
80	8001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.17	
80	8002	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
80	8003	cut		Posthole	Circular in plan. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	0.5	0.48	0.1	
80	8004	fill		Other Fill	Mid greyish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	0.5	0.48	0.1	
81	8100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.26	
81	8101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.24	
81	8102	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				

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81	8103	cut		Tree Throw	Ovoid in plan. Irregular profile	0.71	0.96	0.28	
81	8104	fill	8103	Tree throw fill	Light orange brown silty clay	0.71	0.96	0.28	
81	8105	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.47	0.16	
81	8106	fill	8105	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	0.47	0.16	
82	8200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 6500			0.24	
82	8201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 6501			0.28	
82	8202	layer		Natural	Same as 6502				
82	8203	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.53	0.14	
82	8204	fill	8203	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>1.8	0.53	0.14	
82	8205	cut		Posthole	Sub-circular in plan. Vertical sides and tapered base	0.46	0.34	0.22	
82	8206	fill	8205	Posthole fill	Light greyish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	0.46	0.34	0.22	
82	8207	cut		Posthole	Sub-circular in plan. Steep sides and rounded base	0.38	0.27	0.16	
82	8208	fill	8207	Posthole fill	Light greyish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	0.38	0.27	0.16	
82	8209	cut		Posthole	Circular in plan. Steep sides and rounded base	0.28	0.25	0.13	
82	8210	fill	8209	Posthole fill	Mid reddish brown clay silt. Occasional stones	0.28	0.25	0.13	
82	8211	cut		Ditch terminus	N/S aligned. Gently sloping sides and flat base	>1.48	0.64	0.12	
82	8212	fill	8211	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.48	0.64	0.12	
82	8213	cut		Tree Throw	Oval in plan. Irregular profile	>1.1	1.15	0.15	
82	8214	fill	8213	Other Fill	Mid yellow brown sandy silt	>1.1	1.15	0.15	
82	8215	cut		Ditch terminus	E/W aligned. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	>1.9	0.44	0.05	
82	8216	fill	8215	Ditch fill	Light yellowish grey silty clay. Frequent stones	>1.95	0.44	0.05	
82	8217	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>2.9	0.53	0.17	
82	8218	fill	8217	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>2.9	0.53	0.17	
82	8219	cut		Ditch	Curvilinear in plan. Unexcavated	>2.8	0.6		
82	8220	fill	8219	Ditch fill	Mid orange brown sandy silt	>2.8	0.6		
82	8221	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Unexcavated	>2.2	2.2		
82	8222	fill	8221	Ditch fill	Mid orange brown sandy silt	>2.2	2.2		
82	8223	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Unexcavated	>1.9	1.7		
82	8224	fill	8223	Ditch fill	Mid orange brown sandy silt	>1.9	1.7		
83	8300	layer	8300	Topsoil	Same as 6500		1.85	0.3	
83	8301	layer	8301	Subsoil	Same as 6501		1.85	0.14	
83	8302	layer	8302	Natural	Same as 6502		1.85		
83	8303	cut		Pit	Oval in plan. Moderately steep sides and flat base	0.6	0.45	0.1	
83	8304	fill	8303	Pit fill	Mid reddish brown silty clay. Occasional stones	0.6	0.45	0.1	LC2-C4

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
83	8305	cut		Pit	Circular in plan. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	0.55	0.55	0.14	
83	8306	fill	8305	Pit fill	Light pinkish brown silty clay. Occasional stones and charcoal	0.55	0.55	0.14	
83	8307	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.83	0.14	
83	8308	fill	8307	Ditch fill	Light pinkish brown silty clay. Occasional stones and manganese	>1.8	0.83	0.14	
83	8309	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	2.6	0.28	
83	8310	fill	8309	Ditch fill	Mid reddish brown sandy silt. Frequent gravel	>1.8	2.6	0.28	
84	8400	layer	8400	Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clay silt. Occasional stones			0.22	
84	8401	layer	8401	Subsoil	Mid orange brown silty clay. Frequent stones			0.19	
84	8402	layer	8402	Natural	Yellow gravel with occasional bands of silt and clay				
85	8500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.45	
85	8501	layer		Natural	Same as 8402			0.05	
85	8502	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>2	1.15	0.31	
85	8503	fill	8502	Ditch fill	Light pinkish brown clay silt. Occasional stones	>2	1.15	0.31	
86	8600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400				
86	8601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401				
86	8602	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
86	8603	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Gently sloping sides and rounded base	>1.9	1.74	0.27	
86	8604	fill	8603	Ditch fill	Light orange brown silty clay, Occasional stones	>1.9	1.74	0.27	
87	8700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.25	
87	8701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.2	
87	8702	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
87	8703	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 9402. Unexcavated	>1.8	4.2		
87	8704	fill	8703	Other Fill	Same as 9403	>1.8	4.2		
88	8800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.22	
88	8801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.18	
88	8802	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
89	8900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.2	
89	8901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.18	
89	8902	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
90	9000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.27	
90	9001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.12	
90	9002	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
91	9100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.24	
91	9101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.18	
91	9102	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
91	9103	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 8503. Unexcavated	>1.8	0.45		
91	9104	fill	9103	Ditch fill	Same as 8504	>1.8	0.45		
92	9200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.24	
92	9201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.18	
92	9202	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
92	9203	cut		Ditch	E/W aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.9	1.18	0.14	
92	9204	fill	9203	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid orange brown sandy silt. Frequent stones	>1.9	0.66	0.07	
92	9205	fill	9203	Ditch fill	Upper fill: light orange brown sandy silt. Common stones	>1.9	1.18	0.19	
93	9300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.24	
93	9301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.28	
93	9302	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
93	9303	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.9	1.61	0.51	
93	9304	fill	9303	Other Fill	Mid brownish orange sandy silt. Common stones	>1.9	1.61	0.51	
94	9400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.22	
94	9401	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
94	9402	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.4	0.5	
94	9403	fill	9402	Ditch fill	Upper fill: light pinkish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	1	0.25	
94	9404	cut		Tree Throw	Sub-circular in plan. Irregular profile	>0.91	>1.2	0.4	
94	9405	fill	9404	Tree throw fill	Light pinkish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>0.91	>1.2	0.4	
94	9406	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.95	0.4	
94	9407	fill	9406	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid yellowish brown silty sand. Frequent stones; occasional charcoal	>1.8	1.3	0.1	
94	9408	fill	9406	Ditch fill	2nd fill: light pinkish brown sandy silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	1.5	0.3	
94	9409	fill	9406	Ditch fill	Upper fill: Light yellowish brown silty sand	>1.8	1.2	0.24	
94	9410	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1	0.5	
94	9411	fill	9410	Ditch fill	Light pinkish brown silty sand. Frequent stones	>1.8	1	0.5	
94	9412	cut		Ditch	NE/SW aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	1.16	0.52	
94	9413	fill	9412	Ditch fill	Light yellowish brown clay silt	>1.8	0.8	0.32	
94	9414	layer	9414	Bank deposit	Light orange yellow clay silt and stones	>1.8	4.08	0.36	
94	9415	fill	9402	Ditch fill	Lower fill: light pinkish brown clay silt. Frequent stones	>1.8	0.76	0.4	
94	9416	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.1	
95	9500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.22	
95	9501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.2	
95	9502	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
95	9503	cut		Ditch	N/S aligned. Steep sides and rounded base	>2	0.75	0.34	
95	9504	fill	9503	Ditch fill	Light pinkish yellow clay silt. Frequent stones	>2	0.75	0.34	
95	9505	cut		Tree throw	Sub-circular in plan. Irregular profile	>1.9	1	0.3	
95	9506	fill	9505	Tree throw fill	Light orange brown sandy silt. Frequent stones	>1.9	1	0.3	
96	9600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.23	
96	9601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.22	
96	9602	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
96	9603	cut		Tree Throw	Sub-circular in plan. Irregular profile	1.2	1.3	0.28	
96	9604	fill	9603	Tree throw fill	Upper fill: mid reddish brown silty clay	1.2	1.3	0.17	
96	9605	fill	9603	Tree throw fill	Lower fill: dark grey sandy silt. Frequent charcoal	1.2	1.11	0.11	
96	9606	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>2	1.46	0.26	
96	9607	fill	9606	Ditch fill	Light yellowish brown sandy silt. Frequent stones	>2	1.46	0.26	
97	9700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.25	
97	9701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.17	
97	9702	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
98	9800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.21	
98	9801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.11	
98	9802	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
98	9803	cut		Agricultural feature	N/S aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.8	0.2	
98	9804	fill	9803	Fill	Light pinkish brown sandy silt	>1.8	0.8	0.2	
98	9805	cut		Agricultural feature	N/S aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.92	0.27	
98	9806	fill	9805	Fill	Light pinkish brown sandy silt	>1.8	0.92	0.27	
99	9900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.22	
99	9901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.11	
99	9902	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
100	10000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.28	
100	10001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.18	
100	10002	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
100	10003	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 9412. Unexcavated	>1.8	4		
100	10004	fill	10003	Ditch fill	Light greyish brown silty clay	>1.8	2		
100	10005	fill	10003	Ditch fill	Mid blue grey silty clay. Occasional charcoal flecks	>1.8	2		
101	10100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.24	
101	10101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.17	
101	10102	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
101	10103	cut		Ditch	Modern field boundary. Unexcavated	>1.8	5		
101	10104	fill	10103	Ditch fill	Dark brownish grey silty sand	>1.8	5		
102	10200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.26	
102	10201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.23	
102	10202	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
102	10203	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 10103. Unexcavated		5		
102	10204	fill	10203	Ditch fill	Same as 10104		5		
103	10300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.23	
103	10301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.22	
103	10302	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
103	10303	layer		Bank deposit	Mid greyish brown sandy silt and stones	>1.8	1.14		
103	10304				Void				
103	10305	cut		Ditch	Modern field boundary. Unexcavated	>1.8	0.8		
103	10306	fill	10305	Ditch fill	Dark greyish brown sandy silt	>1.8	0.8		
104	10400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.24	
104	10401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.2	
104	10402	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
104	10403	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 9412. Unexcavated	>1.8	2.7		
104	10404	fill	10403	Ditch fill	Same as 9413	>1.8	2.7		
105	10500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.25	
105	10501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.14	
105	10502	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
106	10600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.25	
106	10601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.38	
106	10602	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
106	10603	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.8	3.67	1.03	
106	10604	fill	10603	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid orange brown sandy silt. Occasional stones and charcoal	>1.8	3.67	0.24	
106	10605	fill	10603	Other Fill	Upper fill: mid orange brown silty sand. Common stones	>1.8	3.04	1.03	
106	10606	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Moderately steep sides and rounded base	>1.8	0.81	0.19	
106	10607	fill	10606	Ditch fill	Light yellowish brown clay sand	>1.8	0.81	0.19	
107	10700	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.25	
107	10701	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.21	
107	10702	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
107	10703	cut		Ditch	Curvilinear in plan. Moderately steep sides and flat base	>1.8	0.36	0.08	
107	10704	fill	10703	Ditch fill	Light orange brown clay silt. Occasional stones and charcoal	>1.8	0.36	0.08	
107	10705	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 10606	>1.8	0.71	0.22	
107	10706	fill	10705	Ditch fill	Same as 10607	>1.8	0.71	0.22	
108	10800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.23	
108	10801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.18	
108	10802	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
109	10900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.23	
109	10901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.26	
109	10902	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
109	10903	cut		Pit	Circular in plan. Steep sides and flat base	0.81	>0.38	0.1	
109	10904	fill	10903	Pit fill	Mid greyish brown silty clay. Common charcoal; occasional stones	0.81	>0.38	0.1	
110	11000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.24	
110	11001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.18	
110	11002	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
111	11100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.28	
111	11101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.2	
111	11102	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
112	11200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.25	
112	11201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.25	
112	11202	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
113	11300	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.31	
113	11301	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.35	
113	11302	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
114	11400	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.2	
114	11401	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.19	
114	11402	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
115	11500	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.22	
115	11501	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.2	
115	11502	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
116	11600	layer		Topsoil	Same as 8400			0.3	
116	11601	layer		Subsoil	Same as 8401			0.25	
116	11602	layer		Natural	Same as 8402				
117	11700	layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clay silt. Common stones			0.2	
117	11701	layer		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown clay silt. Frequent stones			0.25	
117	11702	layer		Natural	Yellow gravel with occasional bands of silt and clay				
117	11703	cut		Ditch	NW/SE aligned. Steep sides and flat base	>1.8	1.4	0.26	
117	11704	fill	11703	Ditch fill	Lower fill: mid reddish brown sandy silt. Frequent stones; occasional manganese	>1.8	0.95	0.3	LC2-C4
117	11705	fill	11703	Ditch fill	2nd fill: light brownish grey sandy silt. Common stones; occasional charcoal	>1.8	1.4	0.2	C2-C4
117	11706	fill	11703	Ditch fill	Upper fill: mid yellowish brown sandy silt. Common stones; occasional charcoal	>1.8	1.24	0.2	LC2-C4
117	11707	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 4908. Unexcavated	>1.8	3.4		
117	11708	fill	11707	Other Fill	Same as 4910	>1.8	3.4		
118	11800	layer		Topsoil	Same as 11700			0.22	
118	11801	layer		Subsoil	Same as 11701			0.18	
118	11802	layer		Natural	Same as 11702				
118	11803	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 4908. Unexcavated	>1.8	1.5		
118	11804	fill	11803	Ditch fill	Same as 4910	>1.8	1.5		
118	11805	cut		Ditch	Continuation of 11703	>1.8	1		

Trench	Context	Type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
118	11806	fill	11805	Ditch fill	Same as 11706	>1.8	1		
119	11900	layer		Topsoil	Same as 11700			0.25	
119	11901	layer		Subsoil	Same as 11701			0.1	
119	11902	layer		Natural	Red clay				
120	12000	layer		Topsoil	Same as 11700			0.3	
120	12001	layer		Subsoil	Same as 11701			0.37	
120	12002	layer		Natural	Same as 11902				
121	12100	layer		Topsoil	Same as 11700			0.25	
121	12101	layer		Subsoil	Same as 11701			0.35	
121	12102	layer		Natural	Same as 11902				
122	12200	layer		Topsoil	Same as 11700			0.25	
122	12201	layer		Subsoil	Same as 11701			0.2	
122	12202	layer		Natural					

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: Finds concordance

Context	Category	Description	Fabric Code/ NRFRC*	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
3704	Roman pottery	South Gaulish samian	LGF SA2	1	2	MC1-EC2
3810	Flint	Shatter		1	1	-
4703	Flint	Flake		1	4	-
4704	Late prehistoric pottery	Quartz-and-rock tempered fabric	QZRK	2	24	Late prehistoric
4707	Late prehistoric pottery	Rock-tempered fabric	RK	2	7	Late prehistoric
4904	Late prehistoric pottery	Rock-tempered fabric	RK	1	9	C2-C4
	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	3	46	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - coarse sandy	GW2	1	13	
	Roman pottery	Oxidised fabric - medium sandy	OX4	1	28	
4907	Late prehistoric pottery	Rock-tempered fabric	RK	4	26	C2-C4
	Late prehistoric pottery	Quartz-and-rock tempered fabric	QZRK	1	9	
	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	3	25	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - medium sandy	GW1	2	15	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - coarse sandy	GW2	1	4	
	Roman pottery	Black-firing, sand-tempered fabric	BS	1	9	
4909	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	24	206	C2-C4
	Fired clay			2	4	
4910	Late prehistoric pottery	Rock-tempered fabric	RK	1	1	C2-C4
	Late prehistoric pottery	Vesicular fabric	VES	2	3	
	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	7	16	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - coarse sandy	GW2	1	55	
	Roman pottery	Black-firing, sand-tempered fabric	BS	2	1	
5310	Late prehistoric pottery	Grog-tempered fabric	GR	12	192	EBA-MBA
	Late prehistoric pottery	Quartz-and-rock tempered fabric	QZRK	1	53	
5904	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	3	89	C2-C4
	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered greyware	GTGW	1	10	
5905	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	6	37	MC3-C4
	Roman pottery	Grog-tempered greyware	GTGW	1	4	
6406	Flint	End scraper		1	9	-
6407	Early prehistoric pottery	Quartzite-tempered fabric	QZTN	8	220	MNeo
6408	Prehistoric pottery	Quartzite-tempered fabric	QZT	2	13	Prehistoric
	Flint	Flake		1	7	
6904	Flint	Flake		1	1	-
7307	Late prehistoric pottery	Quartzite-tempered fabric	QZT	47	1369	LBA
	Late prehistoric pottery	Rock-tempered fabric	RKBA	54	1059	
7400	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	1	5	C2-C4
7404	Roman pottery	Oxford Red-slipped ware	OXF RS	1	31	MC3-C4
	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	2	14	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - medium sandy	GW1	1	14	
	Roman pottery	Black-firing, sand-tempered fabric	BS	1	5	

Context	Category	Description	Fabric Code/ NRFC*	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
	Roman pottery	Oxidised fabric - sandy with black-slipped surfaces	OX3	1	7	
	Burnt stone			1	289	
7408	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	2	19	MC3-C4
	Roman pottery	Greyware - coarse sandy	GW2	1	11	
7411	Roman pottery	Oxford Red-slipped ware	OXF RS	1	38	C4
	Roman pottery	New Forest Colour-coated ware	NFO CC	1	21	
	Roman pottery	Rock-tempered storage jar fabric	SJRK	2	51	
	Worked stone	Slate		2	111	
7504	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	5	20	C2-C4
	Roman pottery	Greyware - medium sandy	GW1	3	84	
7907	Copper alloy	Ra. 1, Coin – barbarous radiate		1	0.5	270-290
8304	Late prehistoric pottery	Rock-tempered fabric	RK	4	25	LC2-C4
	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	5	76	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - medium sandy	GW1	1	27	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - coarse sandy	GW2	1	7	
	Iron	Hobnail		1	3	
8310	Worked stone	Saddle quern		1	2156	-
9506	Flint	Flake		1	2	-
10706	Fired clay			10	46	-
11704	Late prehistoric pottery	Quartz-and-rock tempered fabric	QZRK	1	2	LC2-C4
	Roman pottery	Rock-tempered storage jar fabric	SJRK	3	46	
	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	7	33	
11705	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	5	55	C2-C4
	Roman pottery	Greyware - coarse sandy	GW2	3	27	
	fired clay			5	50	
11706	Late prehistoric pottery	Quartz-and-rock tempered fabric	QZRK	1	5	LC2-C4
	Roman pottery	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	DOR BB1	9	87	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - medium sandy	GW1	1	3	
	Roman pottery	Greyware - coarse sandy	GW2	3	8	
	Roman pottery	Rock-tempered storage jar fabric	SJRK	1	68	
	Roman pottery	Oxidised fabric - fine sandy	OX1	1	1	
	Roman pottery	Oxidised fabric - coarse sandy	OX2	1	1	

* National Roman Fabric Reference Collection codes in bold

Table 2: Pottery summary quantification by fabric

Period	Fabric Code*	Description	Count	Weight (g)
Early prehistoric	QZTN	Quartzite-tempered	8	220
Late Prehistoric	GR	Grog-tempered	14	205
	QZRK	Quartz-and-rock tempered	6	93
	QZT	Quartzite-tempered	27	1369
	RK	Rock-tempered	66	1127
	VES	Vesicular fabric	2	3
Sub-total			113	2784
Roman (including Late prehistoric/ Early Roman)	BS	Black-firing, sand-tempered	4	15
	DOR BB1	South-east Dorset Black-burnished ware	82	728
	GTGW	Grog-tempered greyware	2	14
	GW1	Greyware – medium sandy	8	143
	GW2	Greyware – coarse sandy	11	125
	LGF SA2	South Gaulish samian	1	2
	NFO CC	New Forest Colour-coated ware	1	21
	OX1	Oxidised – fine sandy	1	1
	OX2	Oxidised – coarse sandy	1	1
	OX3	Oxidised – sandy with black-slipped surfaces	1	7
	OX4	Oxidised – medium sandy	1	28
	OXF RS	Oxford Red-slipped ware	2	69
	RKOX	Rock-tempered storage jar	6	165
Sub-total			121	1319
Total			244	4336

*codes in bold correspond to NRFRC types (Tomber and Dore 1998)

APPENDIX C: THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

Table 1: Identified animal species by fragment count (NISP) and weight and context.

Cut	Fill	O/C	Total	Weight (g)
8003	8004		2	3
Total			2	2
Weight			3	3

O/C = sheep/goat

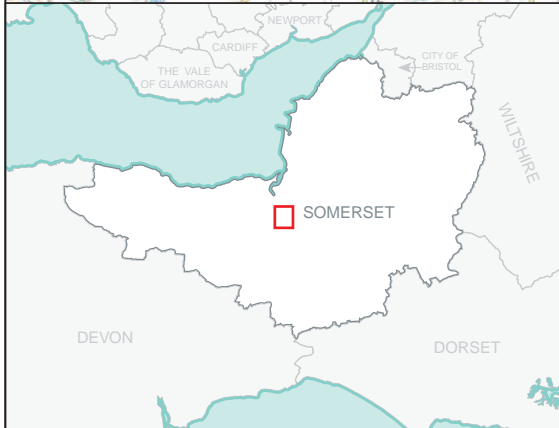
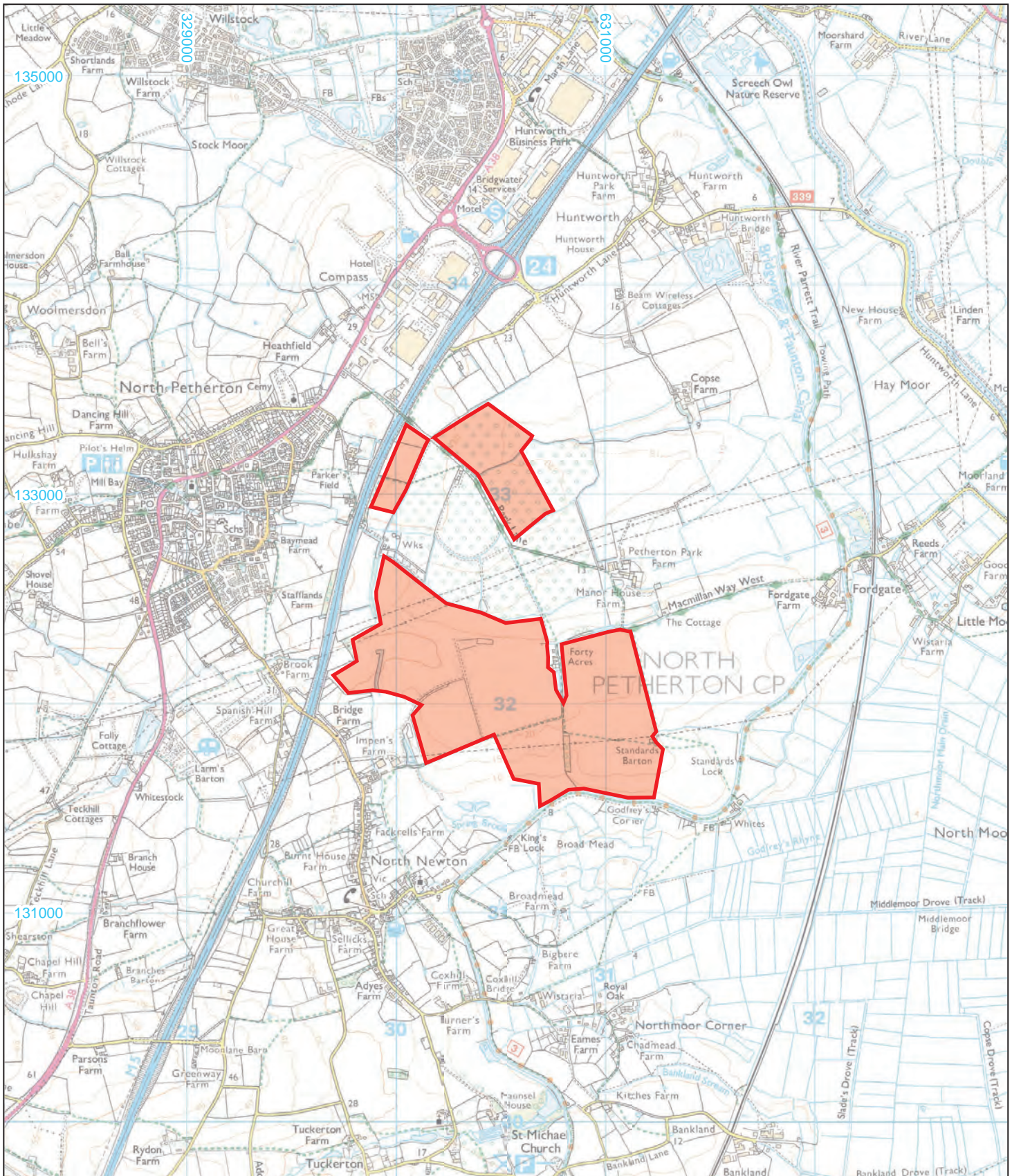
Table 2: Assessment of the paleoenvironmental evidence

Cut	Context	Sample	Vol (L)	Flot size (ml)	Roots %	Grain	Chaff	Charred Other	Charred Other Notes	Charcoal 4/2mm	> Other
Trench 62 undated pit											
6203	6204	5	10	305	30	-	-	-	-	*****/****	-
Trench 75 undated ditch											
7507	7509	4	10	25	95	-	-	-	-	**/**	-
Trench 79 undated pit											
7907	7908	2	7	2010	5	-	-	*	Flower buds; Immature acorn cups	*****/****	-

Key: * = 1–4 items; ** = 5–19 items; *** = 20–49 items; **** = 50–99 items; ***** = >100 items

APPENDIX D: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	Impens Solar Farm	
Short description	<p>In August 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Impens Solar Farm, North Petherton, Somerset. A total of 122 trenches were excavated.</p> <p>The evaluation revealed dispersed pits and postholes of Middle Neolithic, Early to Middle Bronze Age and Iron Age date, indicating sporadic and widespread use of the landscape throughout the Prehistoric period.</p> <p>Roman activity was focused in the central area of the site and comprised a 1st to 2nd-century D-shaped enclosure that was replaced in the later 2nd or 3rd century by a ladder settlement with associated agricultural landscape including square-shaped stock enclosures. There was evidence of some remodelling of the settlement in the 4th century.</p> <p>A further system of rectangular enclosures at the north of the site remained undated.</p>	
Project dates	1–26 August 2022	
Project type	Field Evaluation	
Previous work	Heritage Statement (Pegasus Group 2021) Geophysical Survey (Headland Archaeology 2021)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site location	North Petherton, Somerset	
Study area	c. 124ha	
Site co-ordinates	330182 132247	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator	Sedgemoor District Council	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Richard Young	
Project Supervisor	Christopher Leonard	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content
Physical	Somerset Museums Service	Ceramics, worked flint, fired clay etc
Paper	Somerset Museums Service	Context sheets, site drawings etc
Digital	Somerset Museums Service/ Archaeological Data Service	Database, digital photos etc
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
Cotswold Archaeology 2022 <i>Impens Solar Farm, North Petherton, Somerset: Archaeological Evaluation CA</i> typescript report CR1136_1		



 Site boundary

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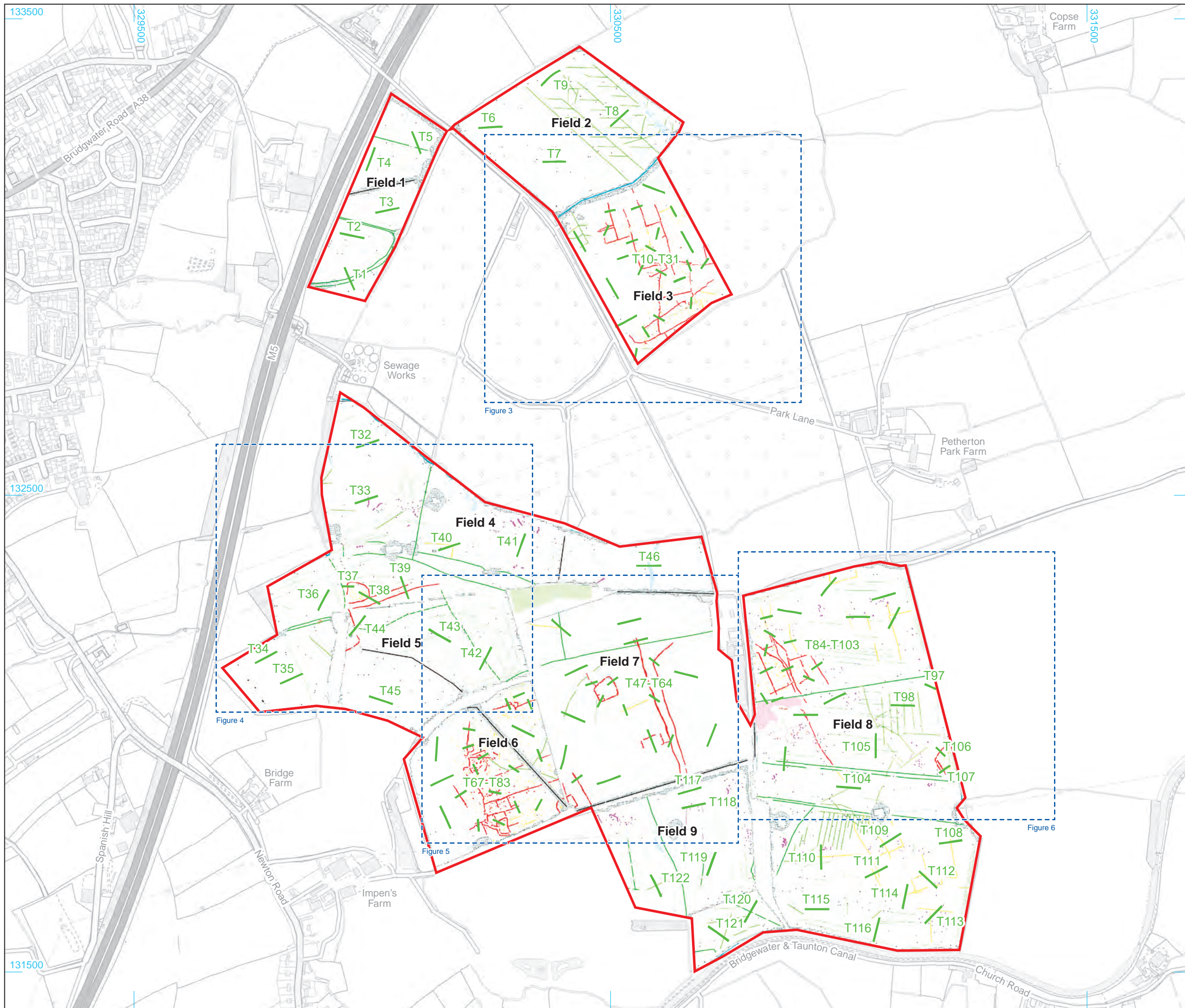


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FIGURE TITLE
Site location plan

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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench

*Geophysical survey results
(Headland Archaeology 2021)*

- Survey boundary
- Archaeology
- ?archaeology
- Kiln / burning
- Uncertain
- Geology
- Extraction
- Ferrous material
- Agriculture
- Field drain
- Service
- Geological variation



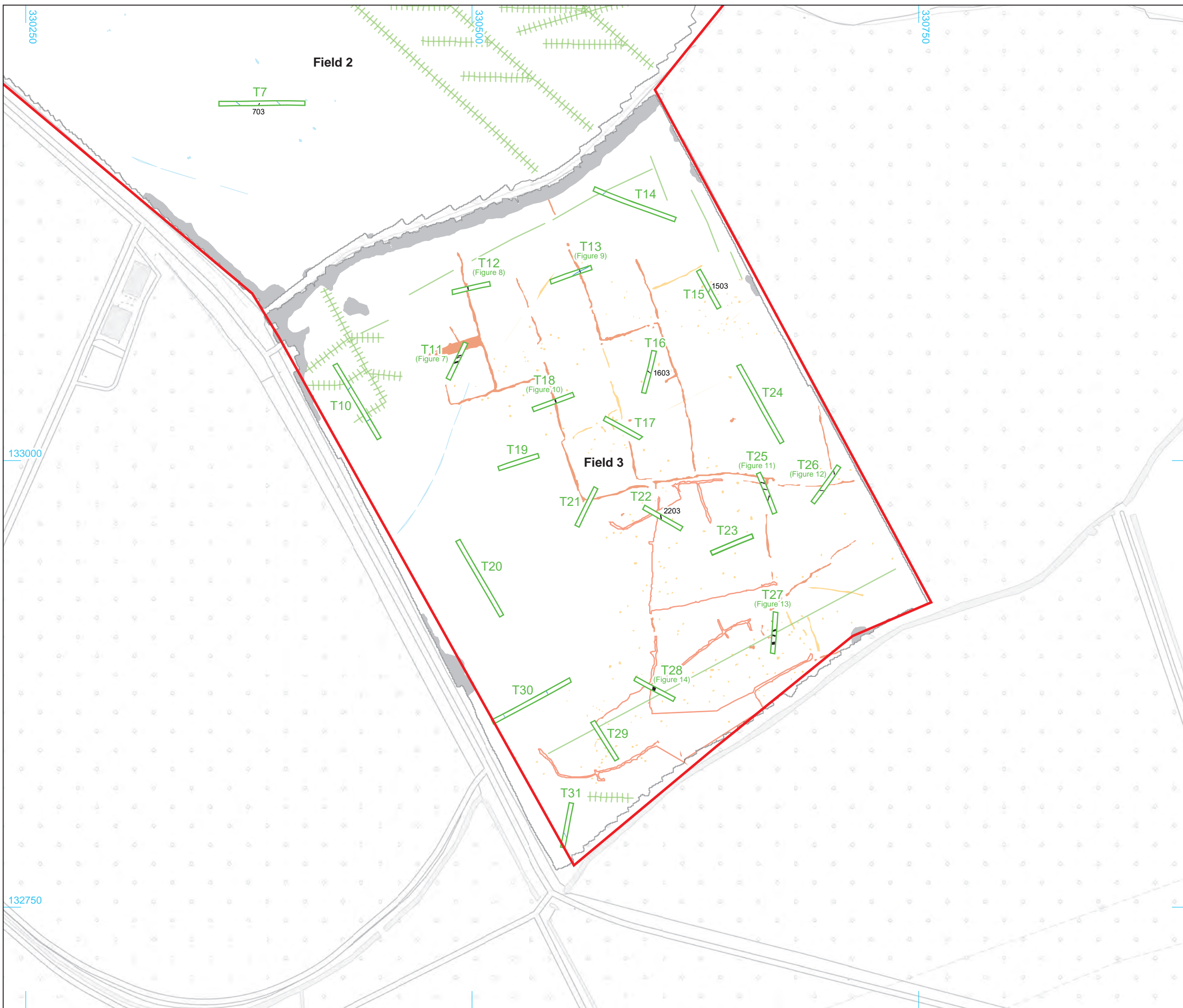
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FIGURE TITLE
Trench location plan showing archaeological features and geophysical survey results

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

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- Kiln / burning
- Uncertain
- Geology
- Extraction
- Ferrous material
- Agriculture
- Field drain
- Service
- Geological variation



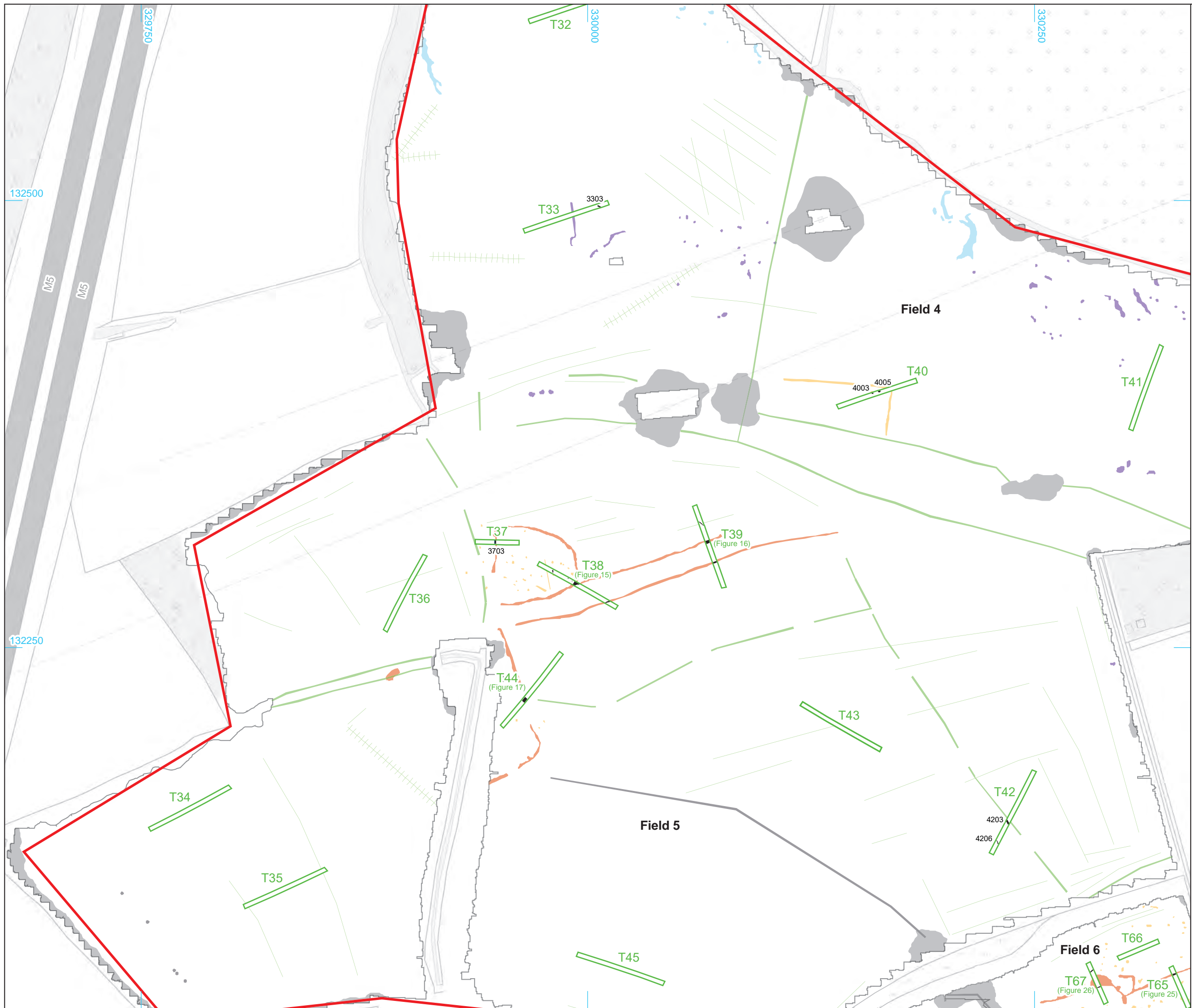
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FIGURE TITLE
Plan of Field 3, showing archaeological features and geophysical survey results

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- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature
- Modern

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(Headland Archaeology 2021)*

- Survey boundary
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- Service
- Geological variation



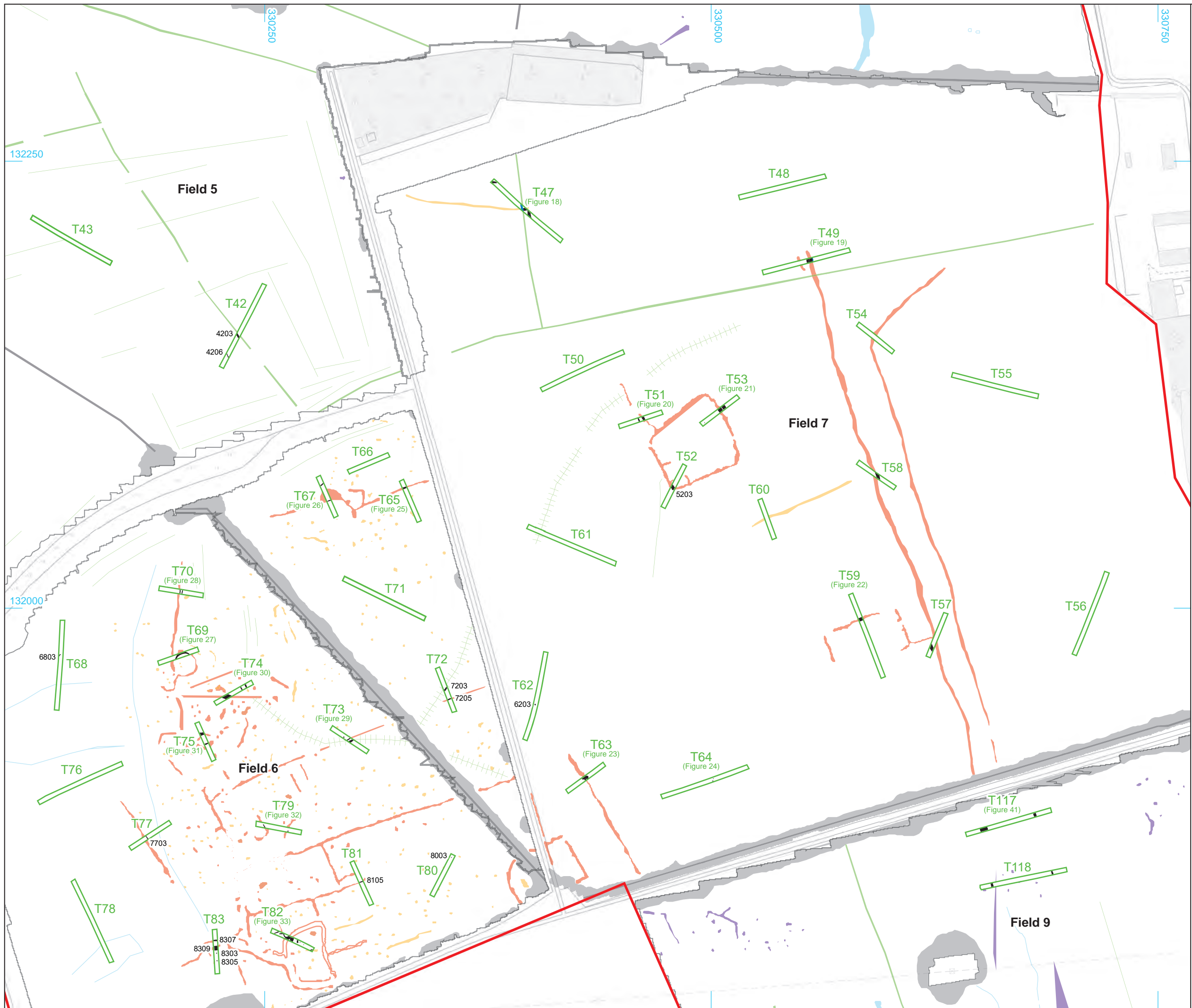
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FIGURE TITLE
Plan of Fields 4 and 5, showing archaeological features and geophysical survey results

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- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature
- Modern

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- Geological variation



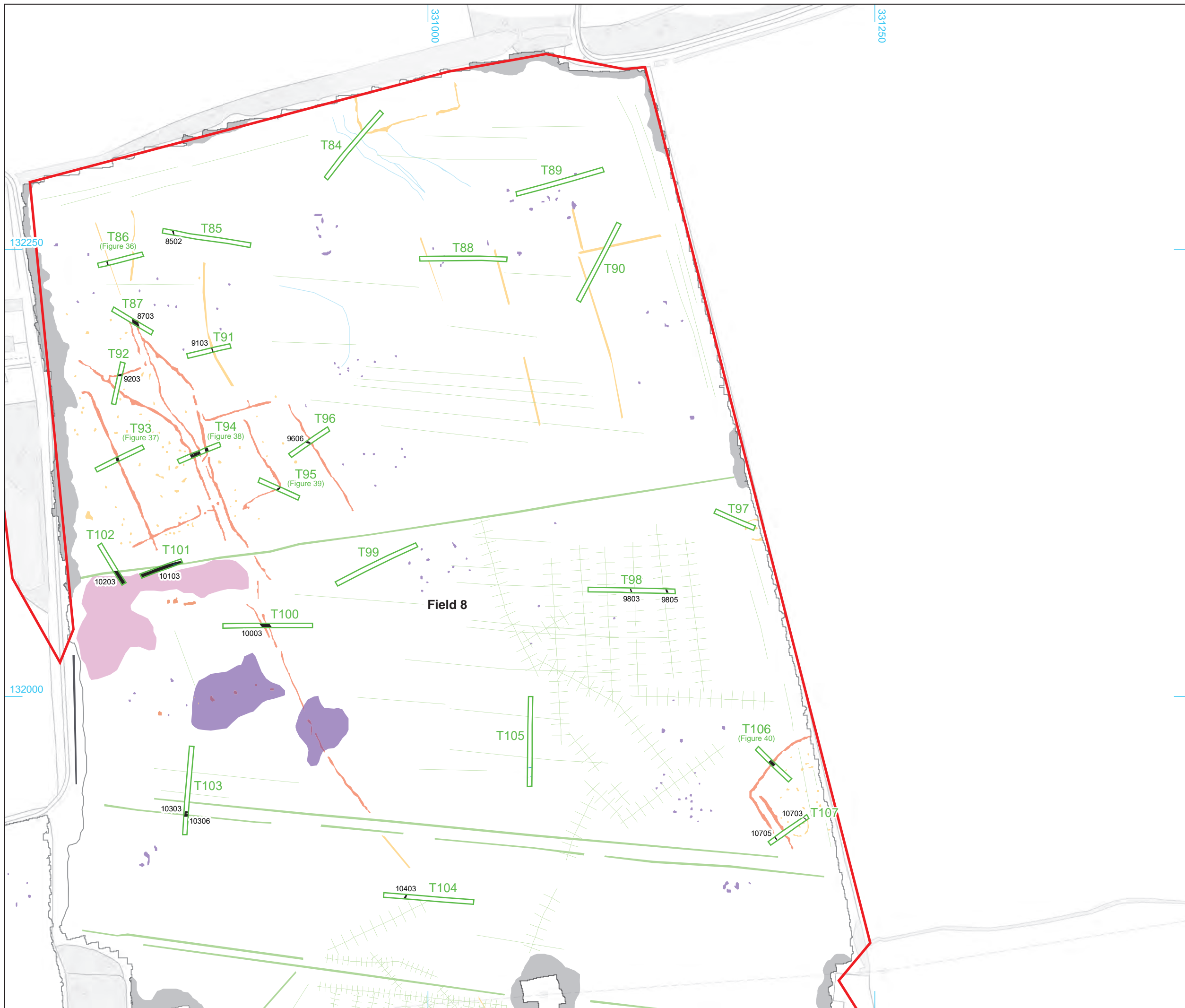
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FIGURE TITLE
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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature
- Modern

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- Survey boundary
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- Geological variation



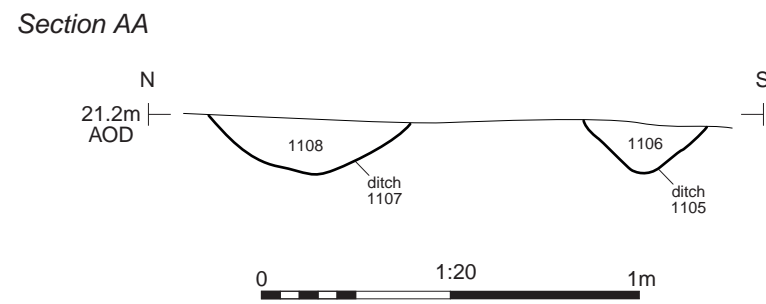
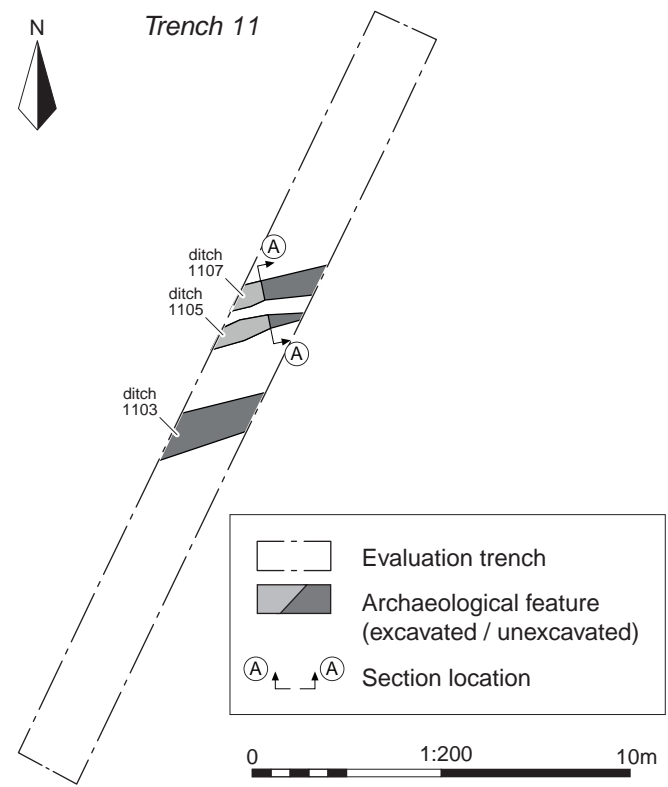
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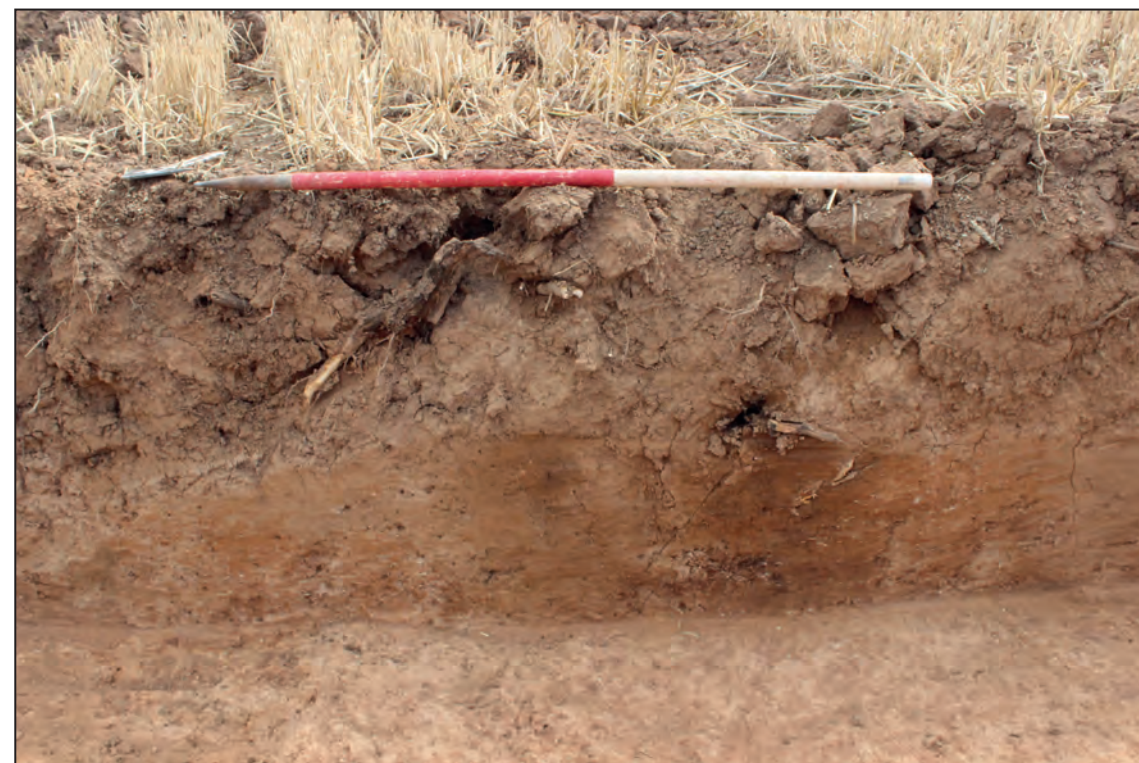
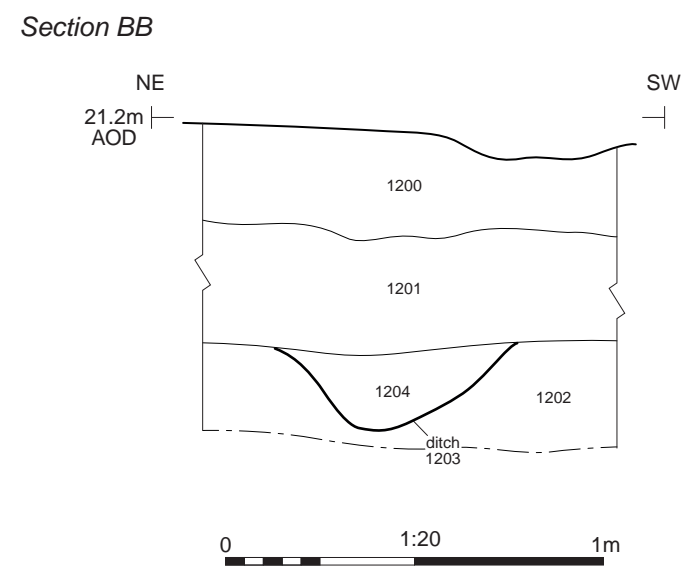
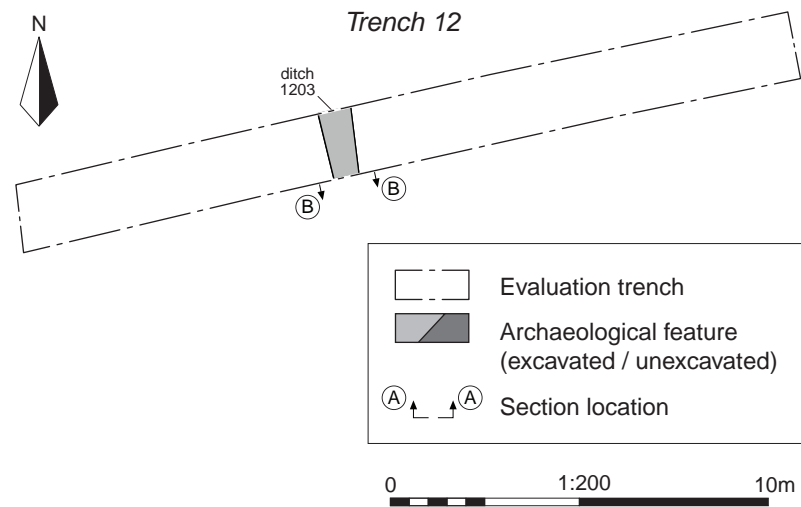
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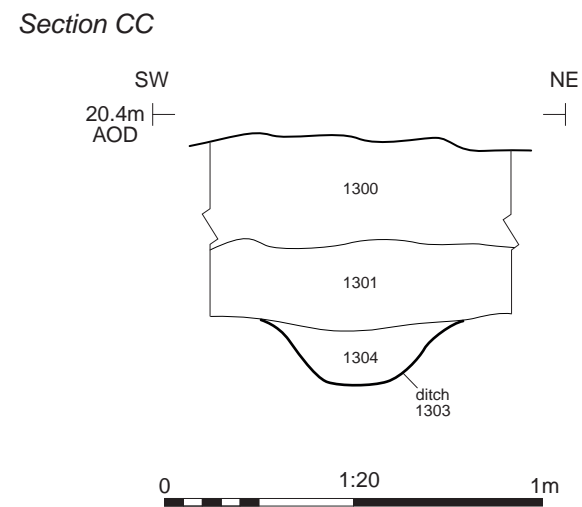
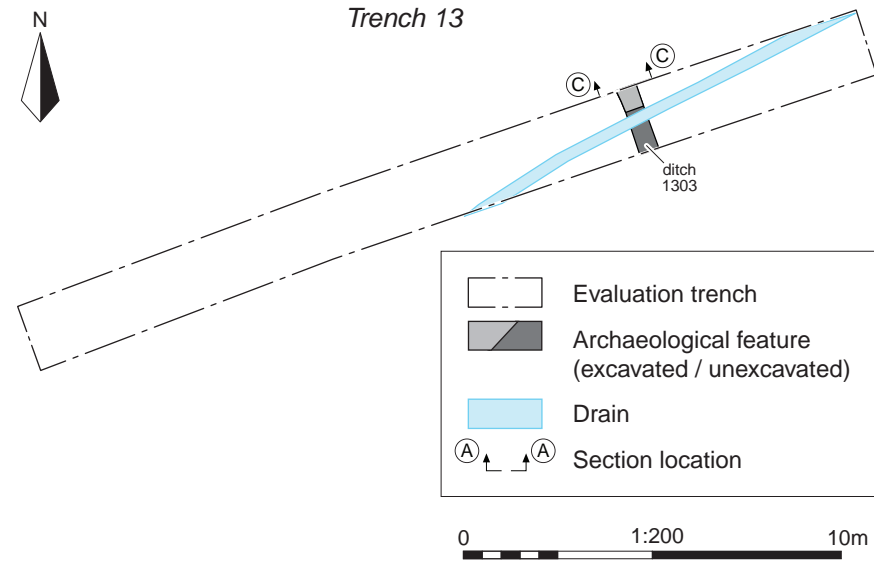
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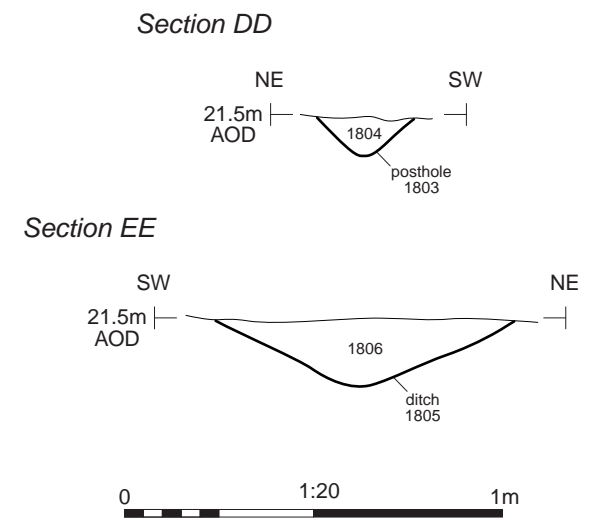
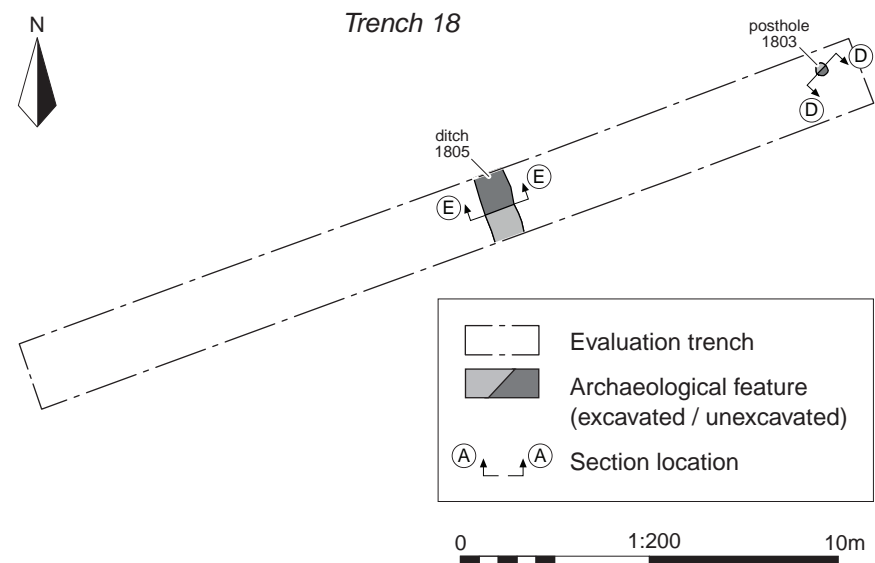
Ditch 1303, looking north-west (0.5m scale)


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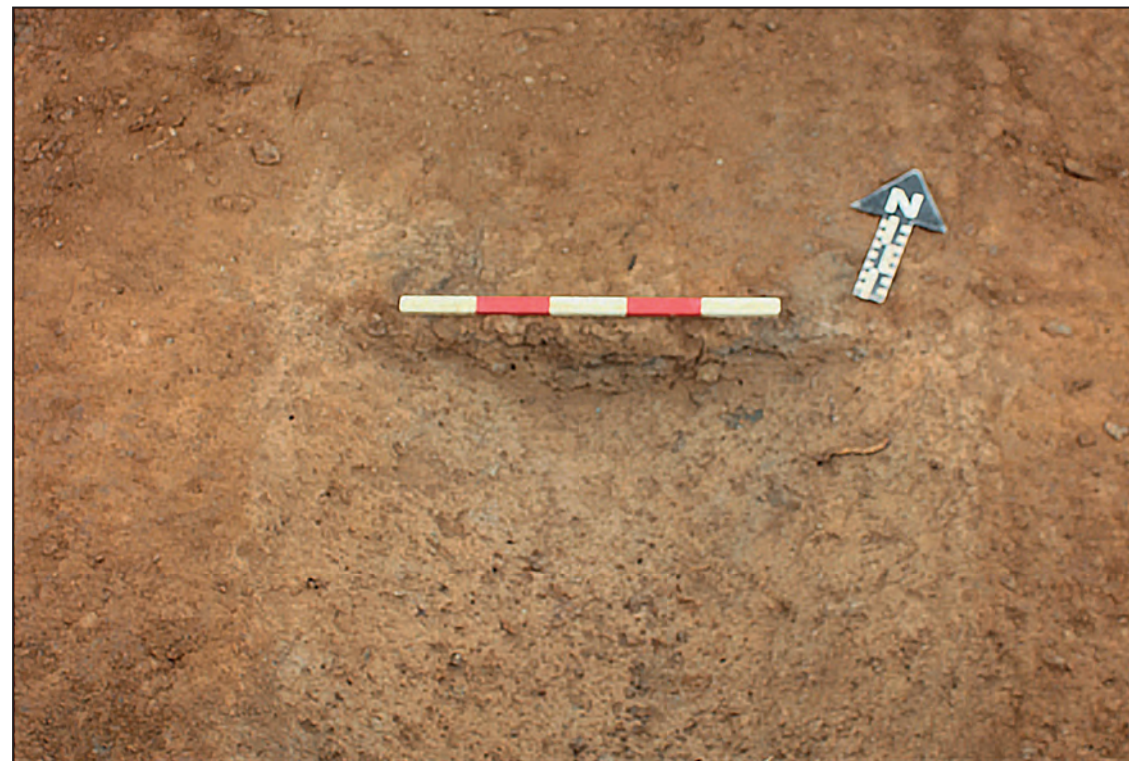
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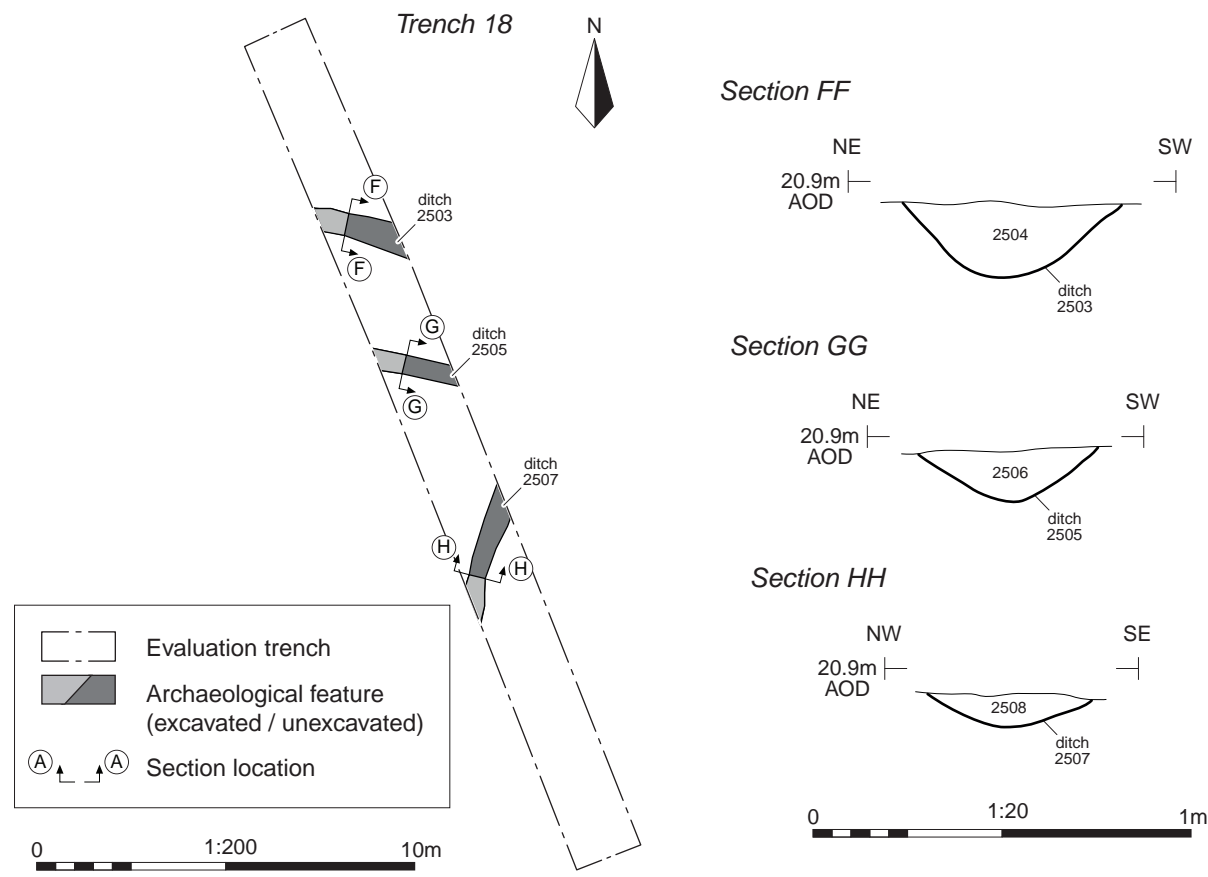
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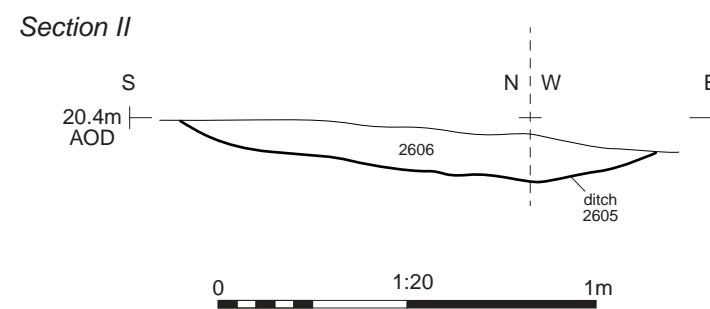
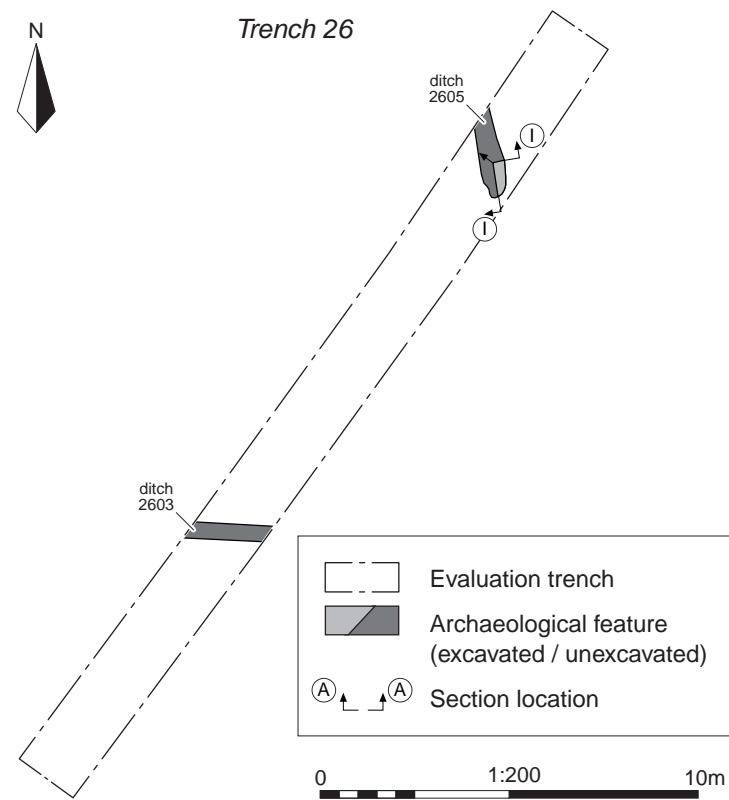
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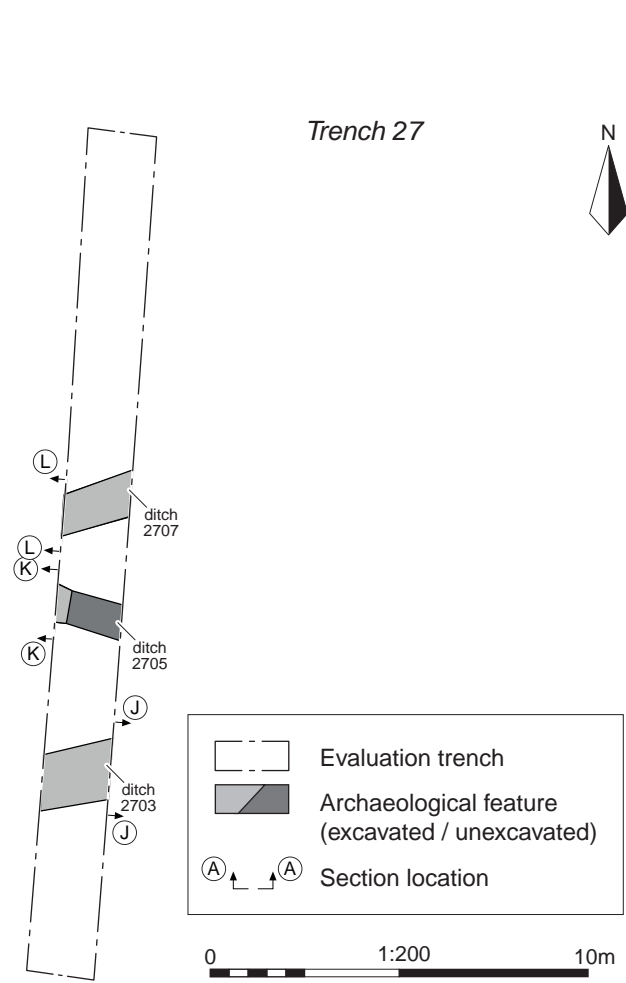
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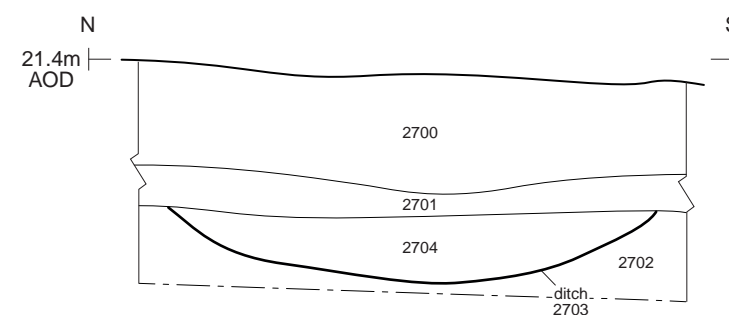
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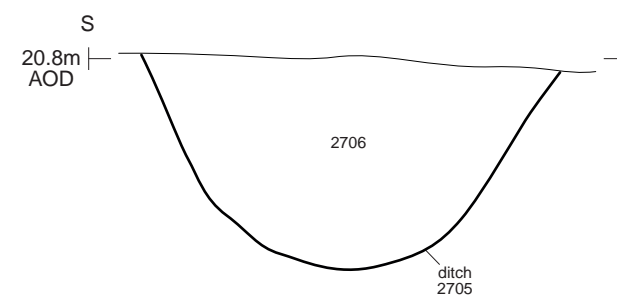
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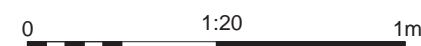
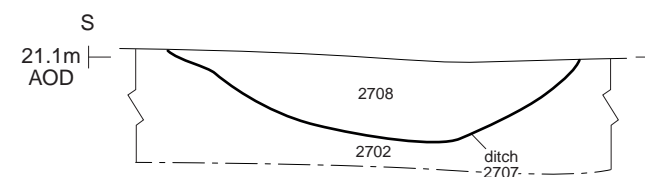
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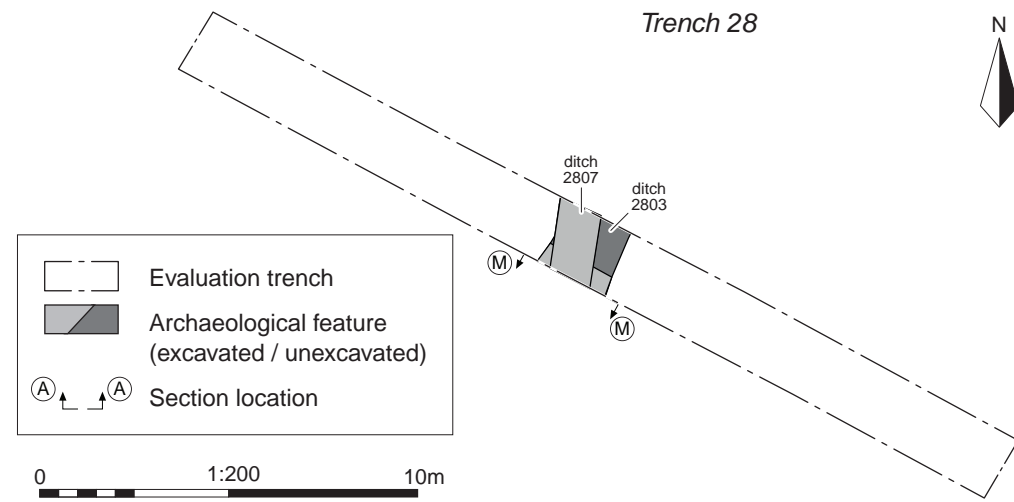
Ditch 2705, looking west (1m scale)


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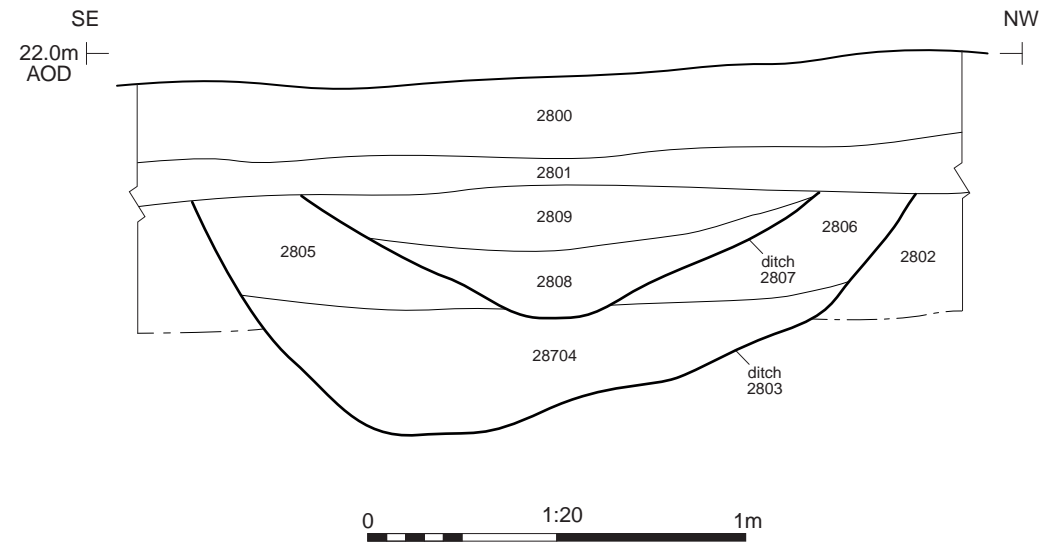
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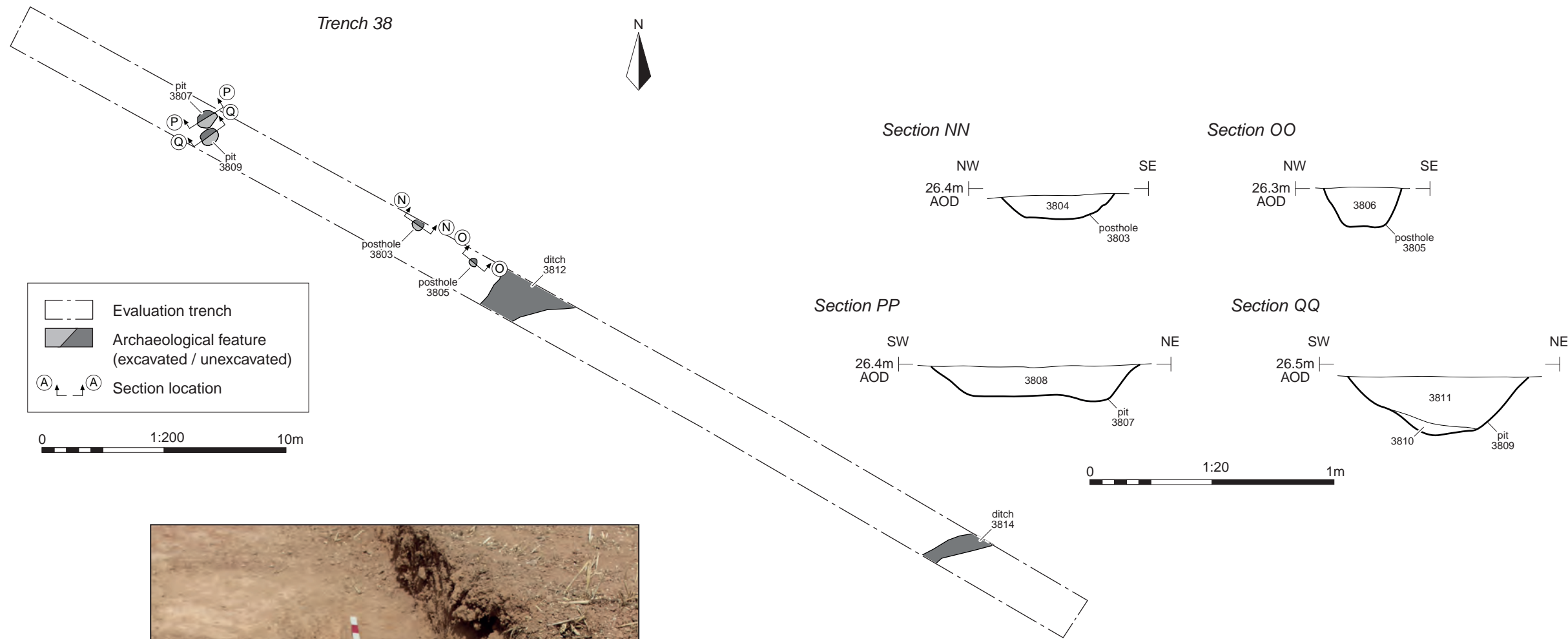
Ditches 2803 and 2807, looking south-west (1m scale)


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FIGURE TITLE
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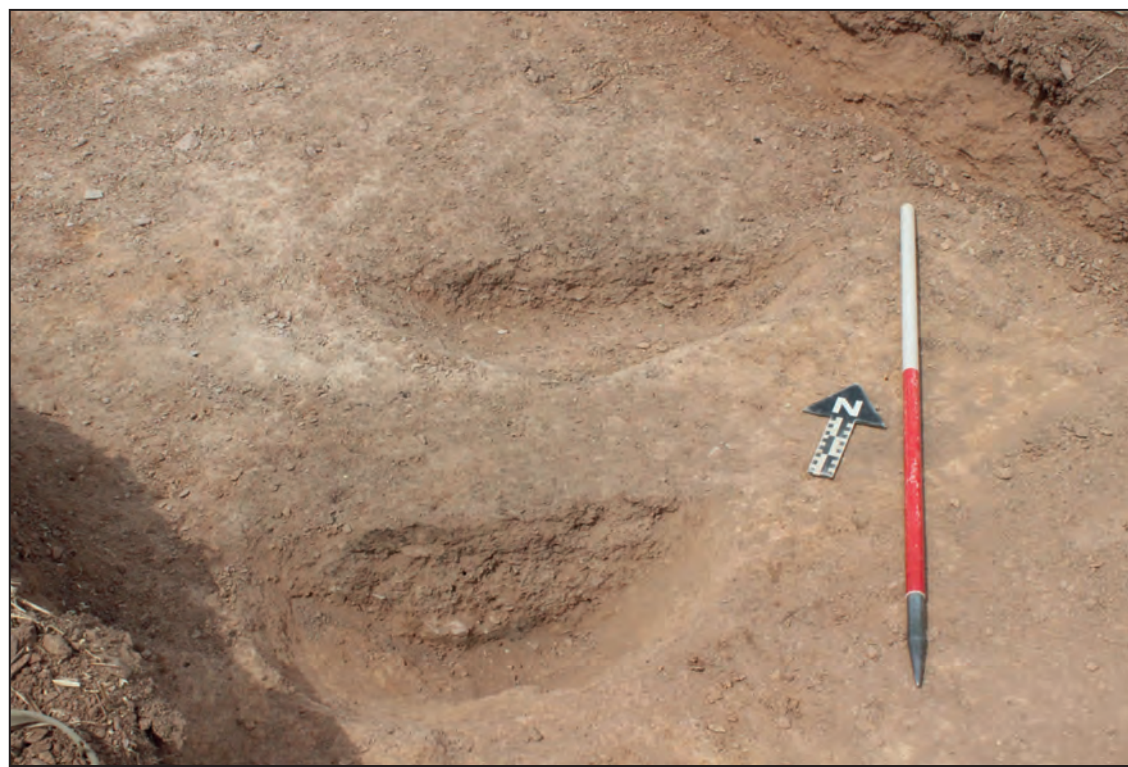
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 Archaeological feature (excavated / unexcavated)
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Postholes 3803 (background) and 3805 (foreground, looking north-west (0.2m and 0.3m scales)



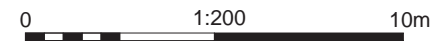
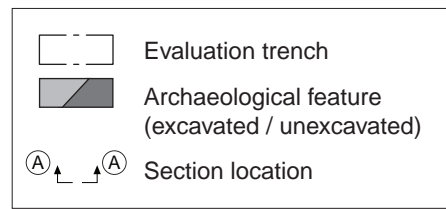
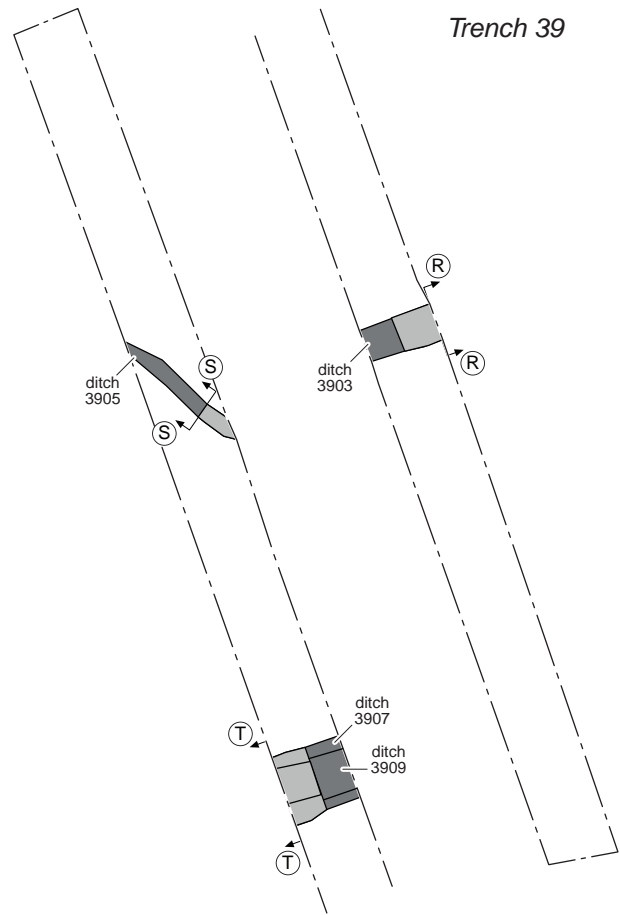
Pits 3807 (foreground) and 3809 (background), looking north (1m scale)

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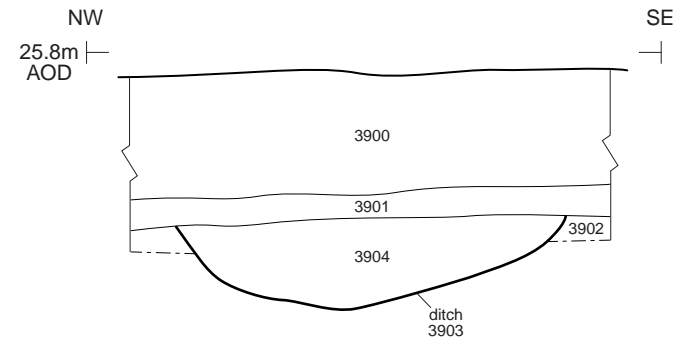
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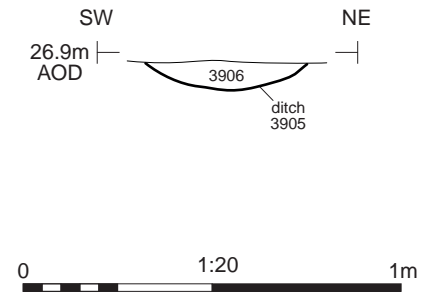
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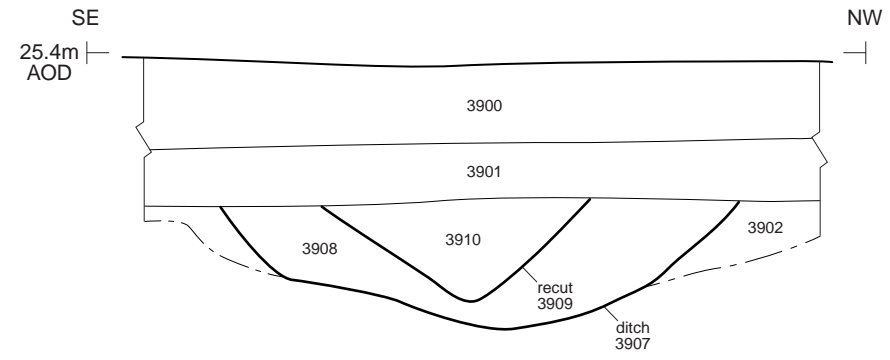
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Ditch 3903, looking north-east (1m scale)



Ditch 3907 and recut 3909, looking south-west (1m scale)

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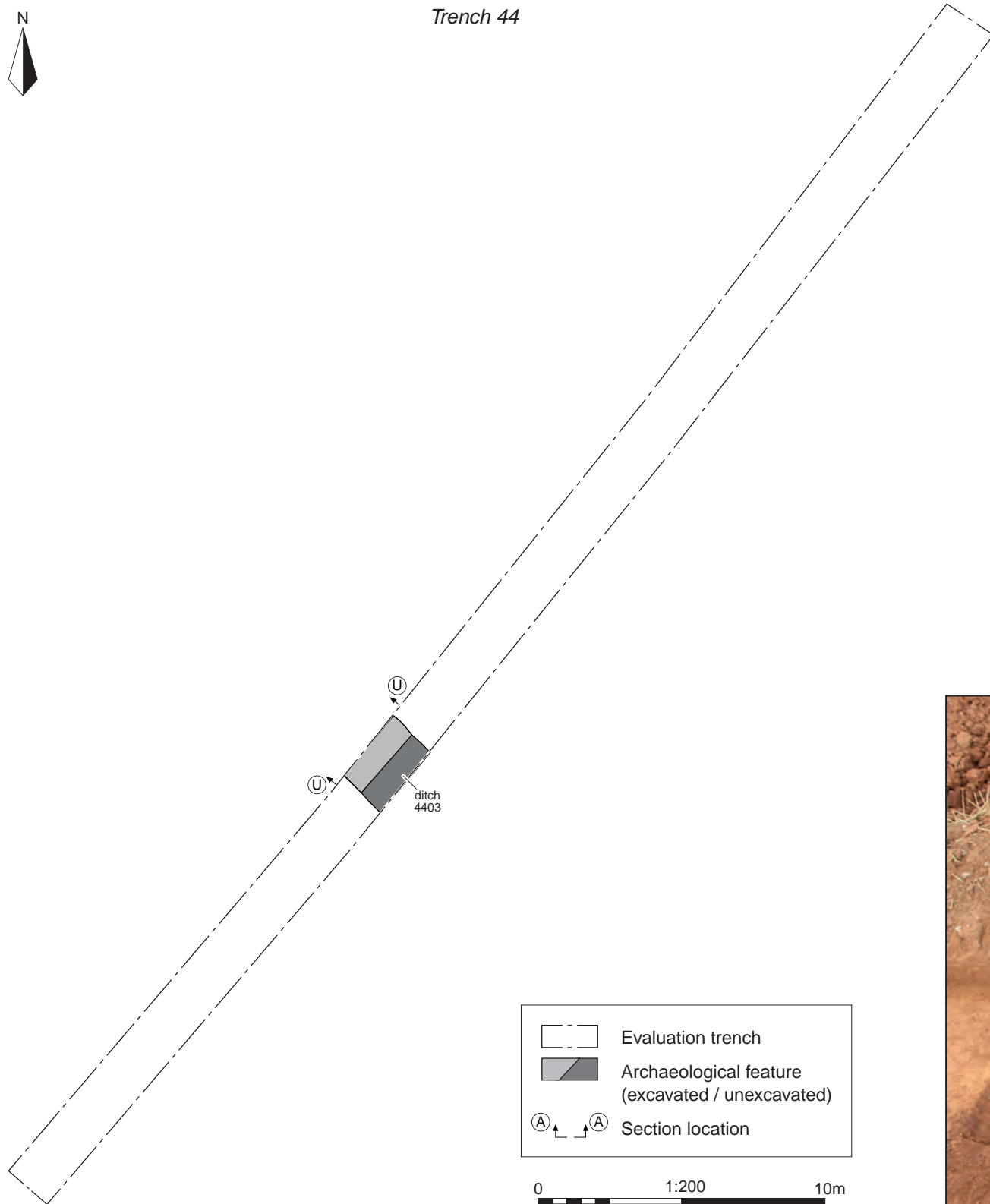
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


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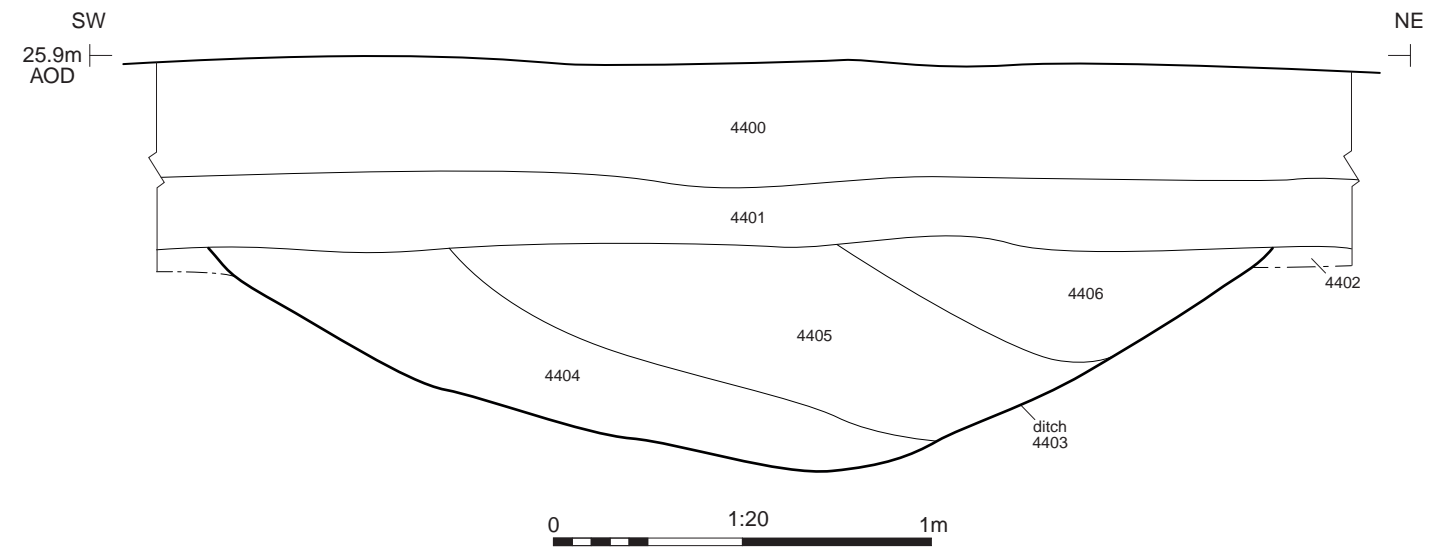
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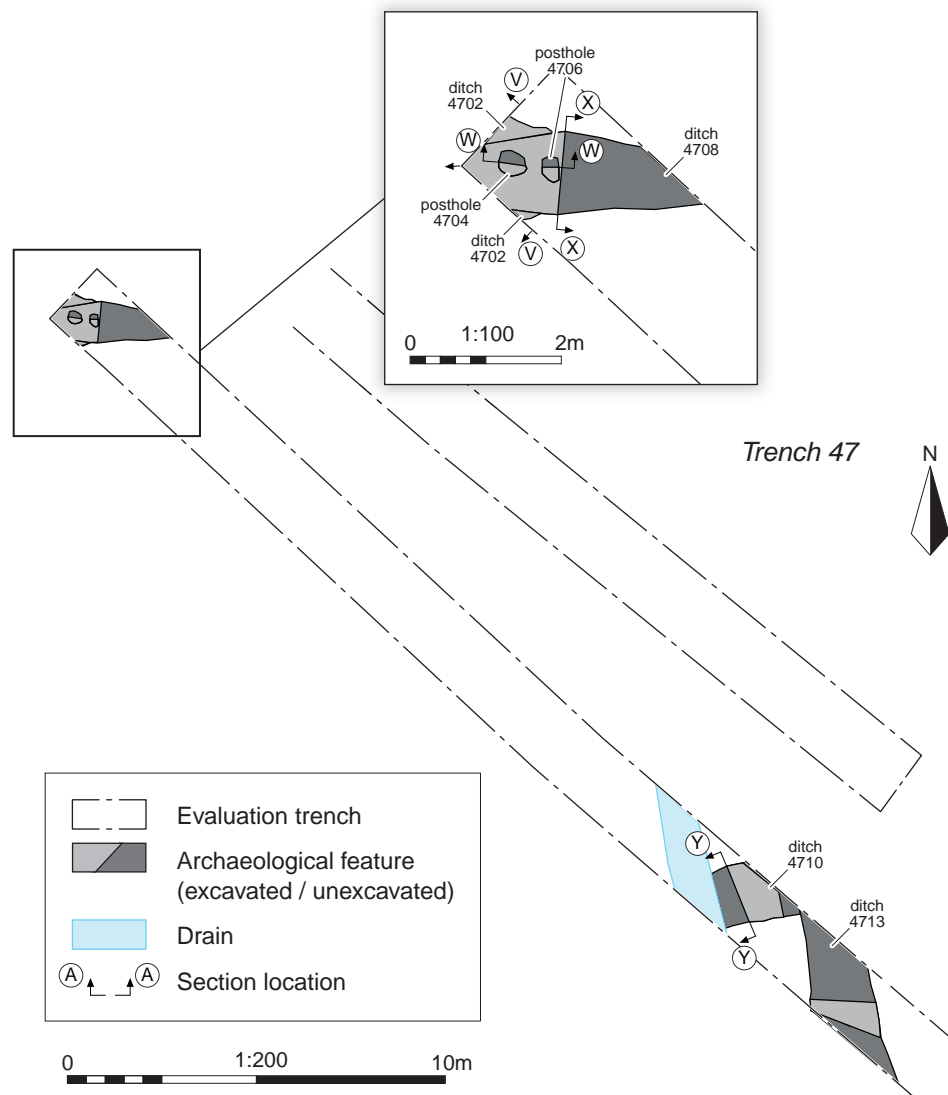
Ditch 4403, looking north-west (2m scale)

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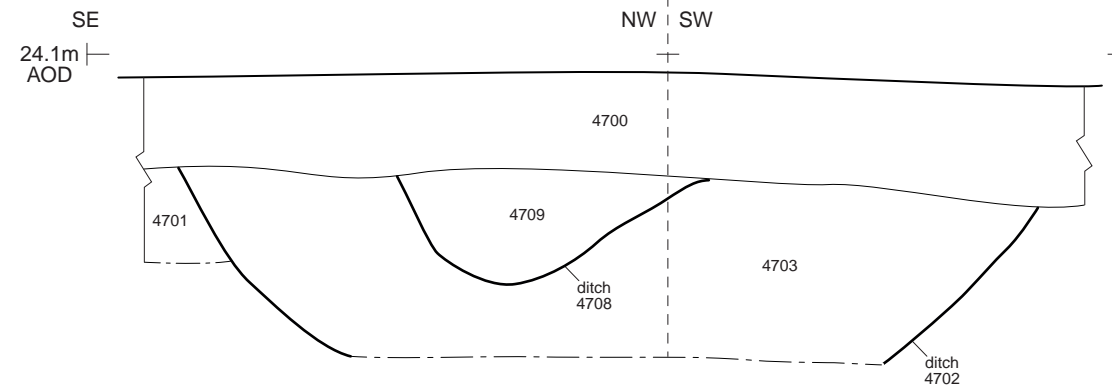
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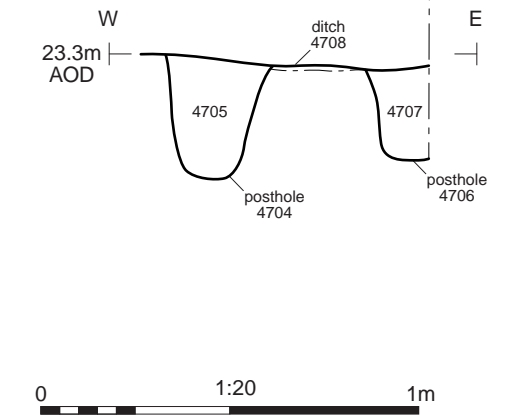
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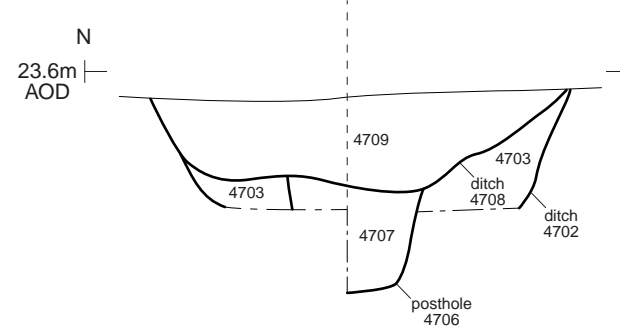
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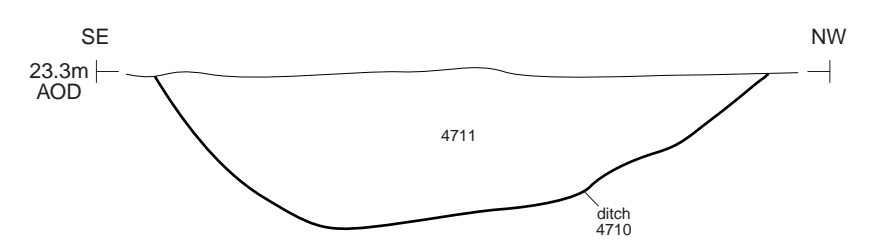
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Section XX



Section YY



Ditches 4702 and 4708, and postholes 4704 (foreground) and 4706 (background), looking east (1m scale)



Ditch 4710, looking south-west (1m scale)

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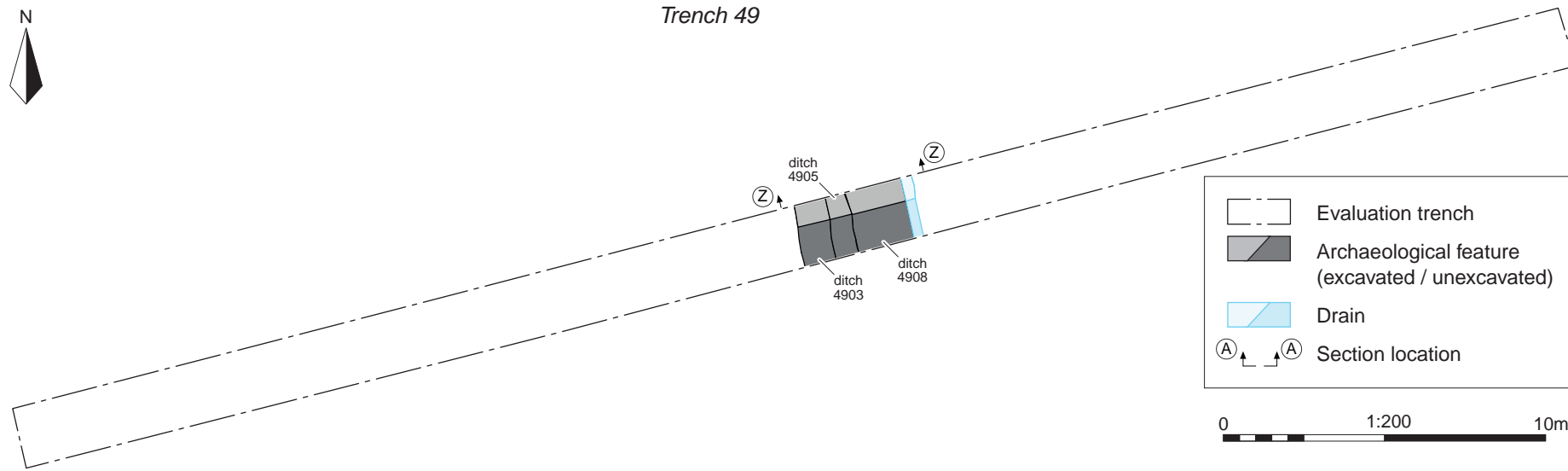
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Trench 47: plan, sections and photographs

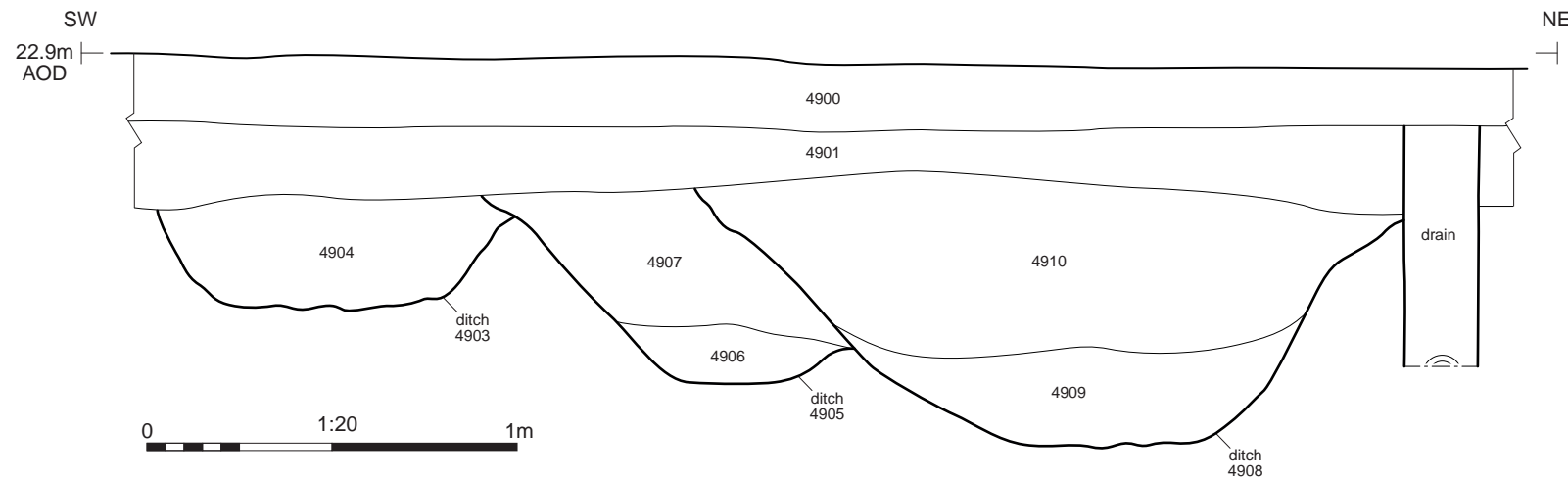
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Trench 49



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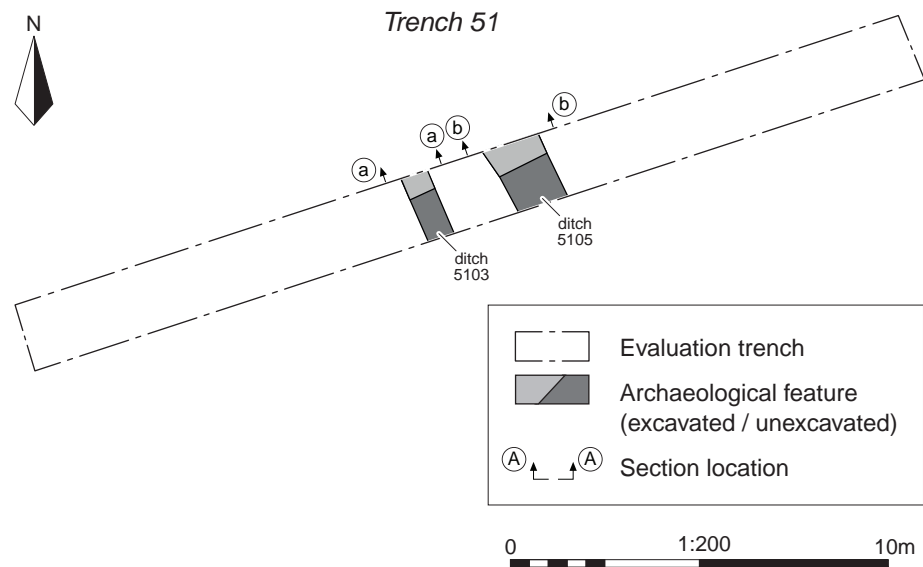
Ditches 4903 (left), 4905 (centre) and 4908 (right), looking north-west (1m scales)


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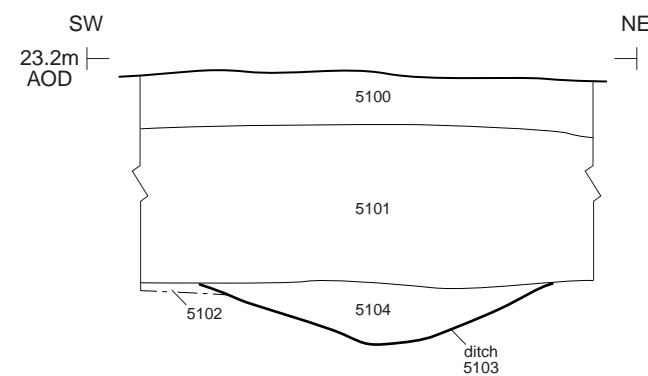
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**Trench 49: plan, section and
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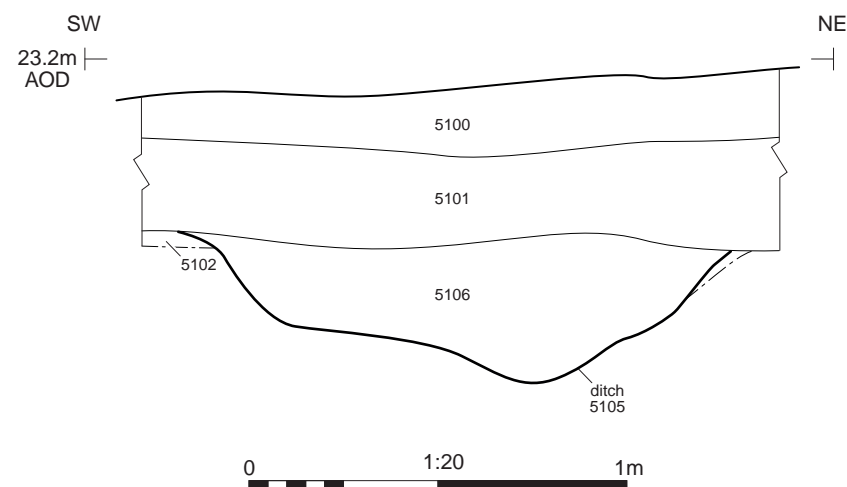
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Section aa



Section bb



Ditch 5103, looking north-west (1m scale)



Ditch 5105, looking north-west (1m scale)

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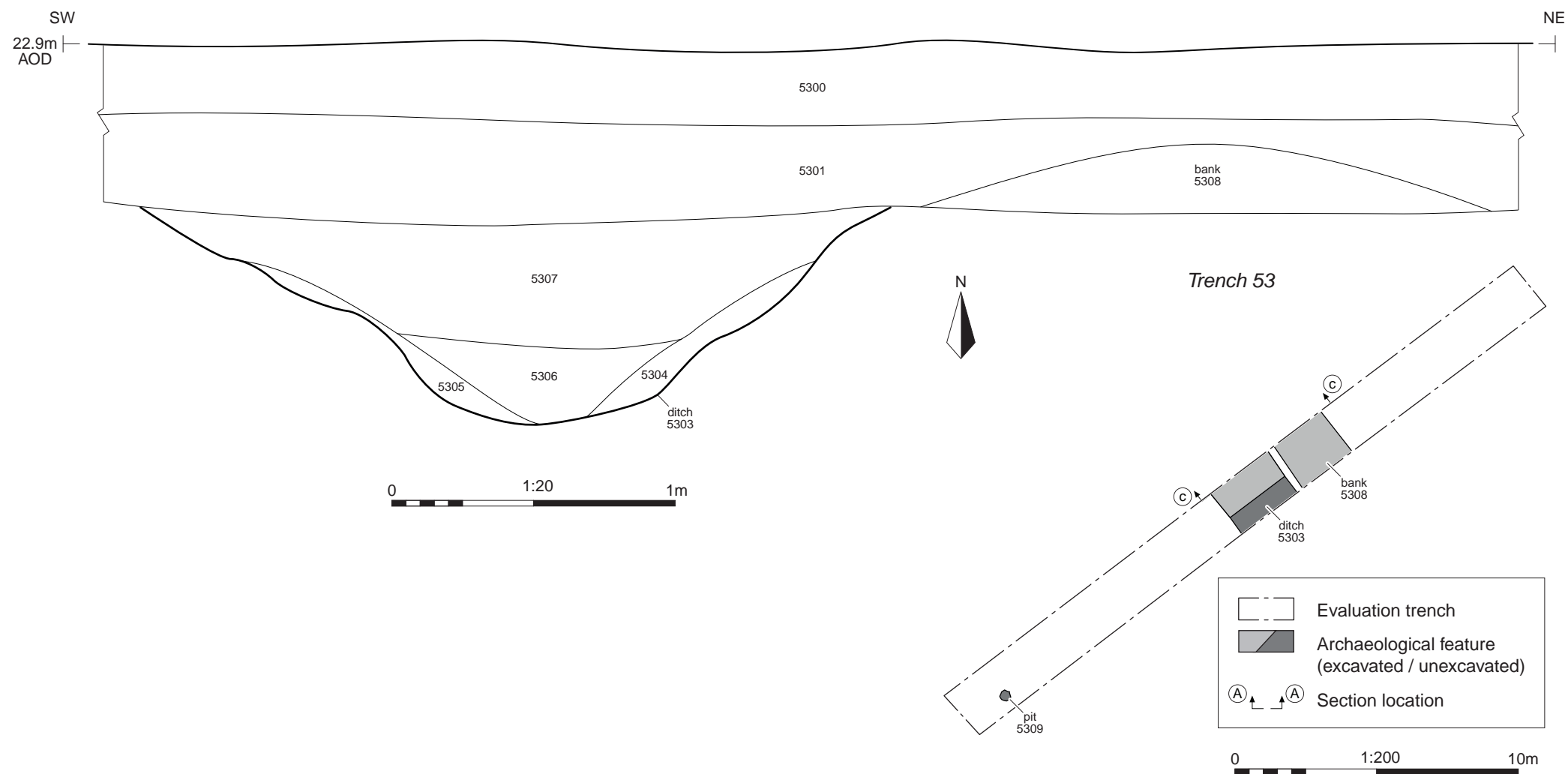
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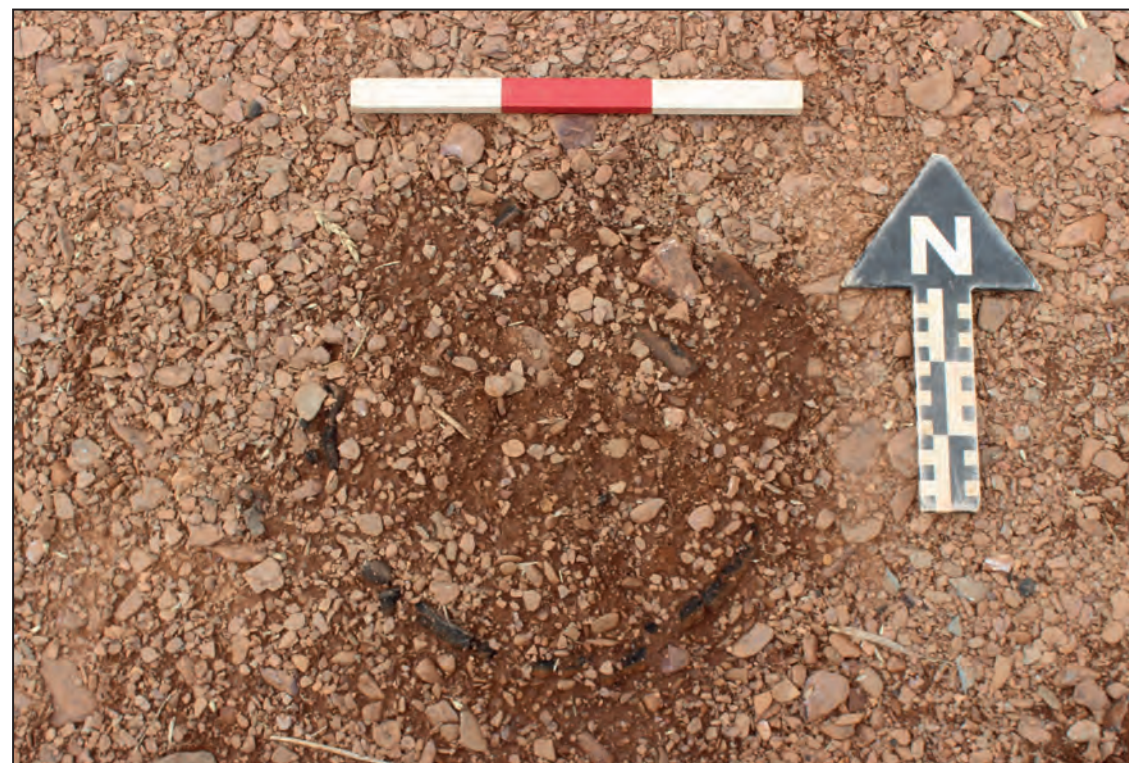
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Trench 51: plan, sections and photographs

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Section cc



Ditch 5303, looking north-west (1m scale)



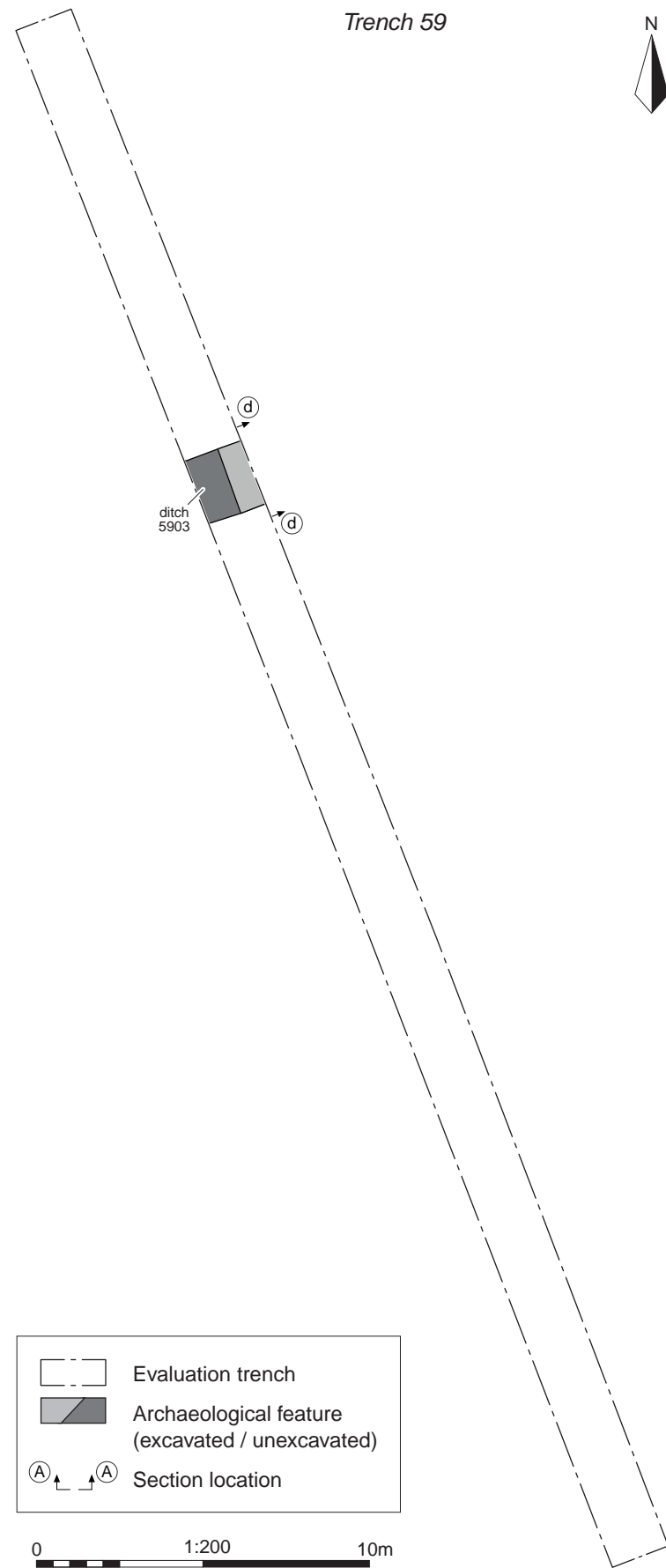
Unexcavated pit 5309 containing complete pot, looking north (0.3m scale)


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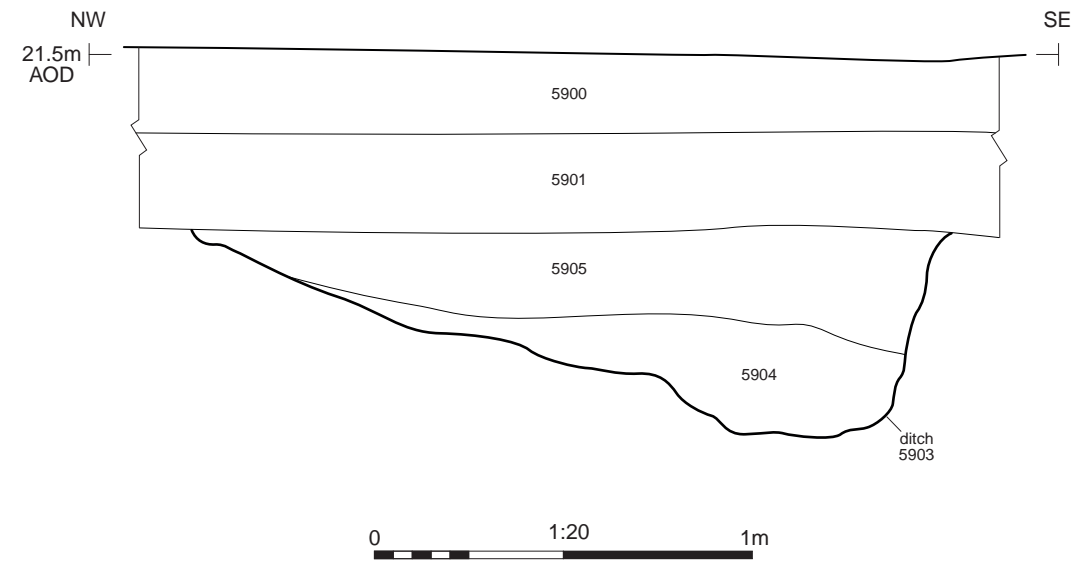
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Ditch 5903, looking north-east (1m scale)

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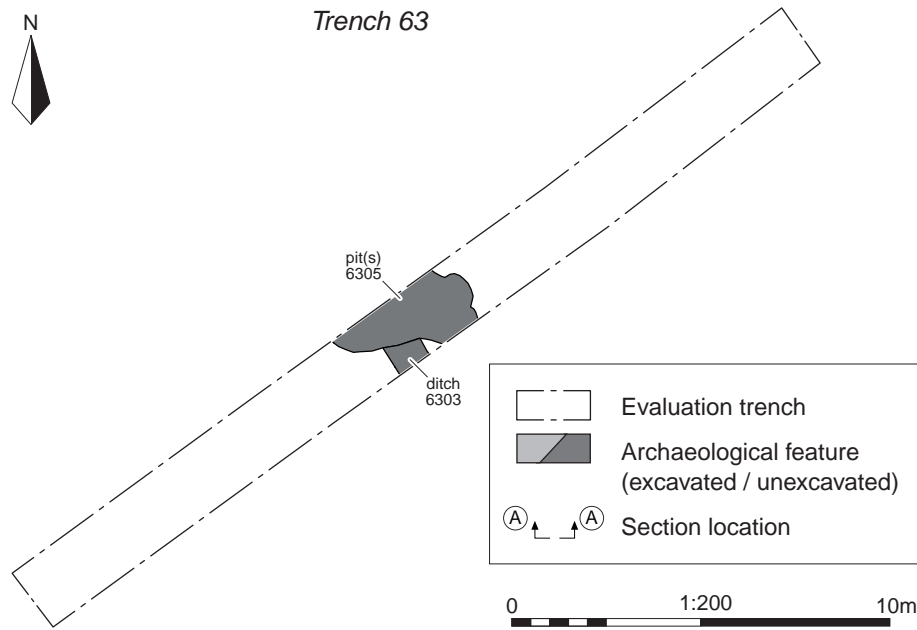
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**Trench 59: plan, section and
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Trench 63



Unexcavated ditch 6303 and pit(s) 6305, looking south-east



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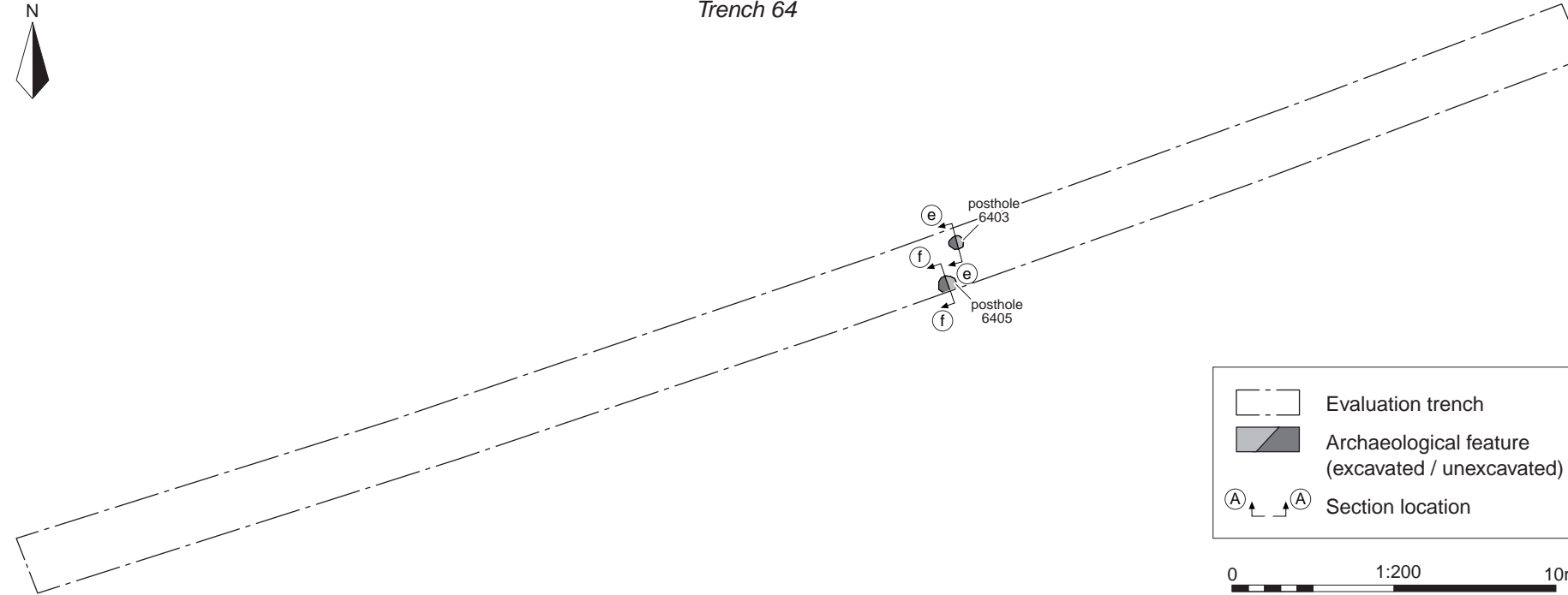
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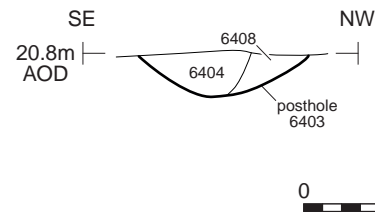
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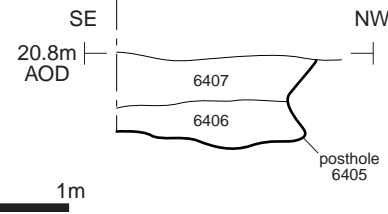
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Section ee



Section ff



Posthole 6403, looking south-west (0.3m scale)



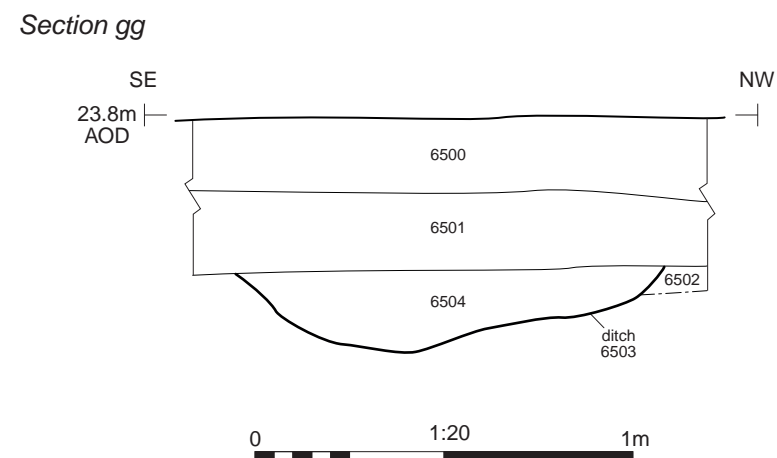
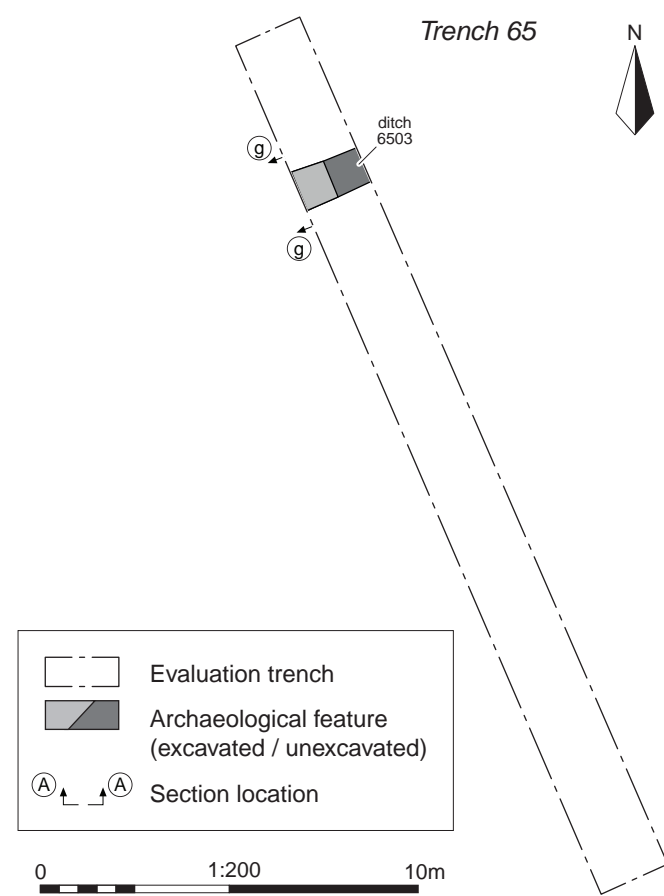
Posthole 6405, looking south-west (0.3m scale)


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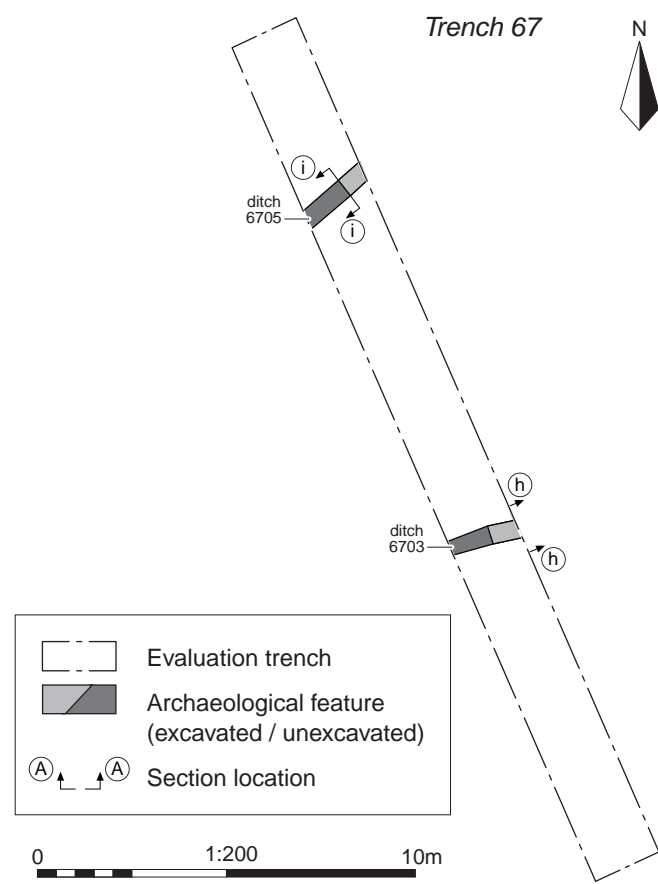
Ditch 6503, looking south-west (1m scale)

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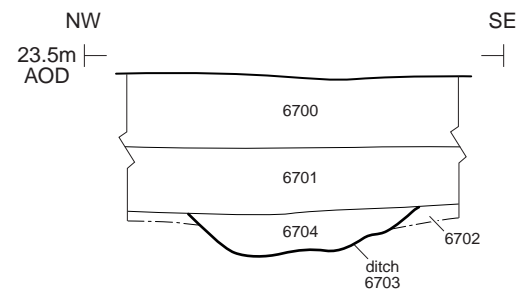
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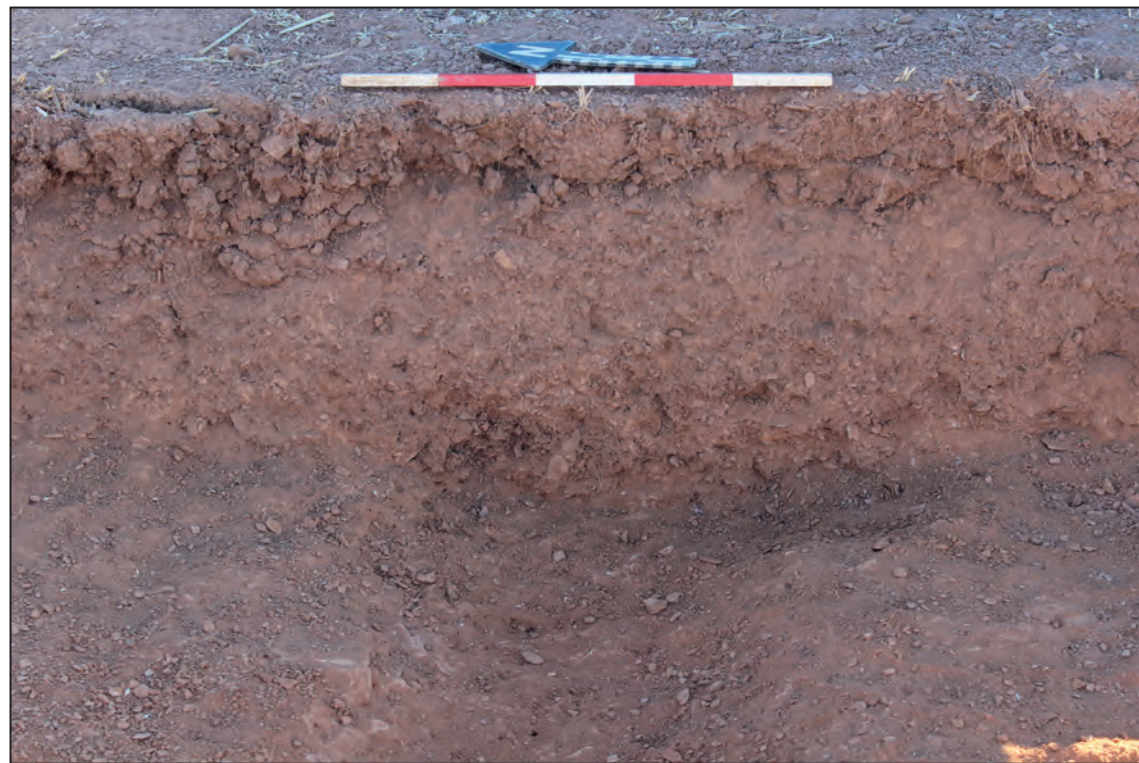
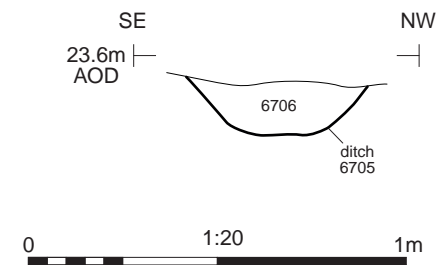
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Ditch 6703, looking east (0.5m scale)



Ditch 6705, looking south-west (0.3m scale)

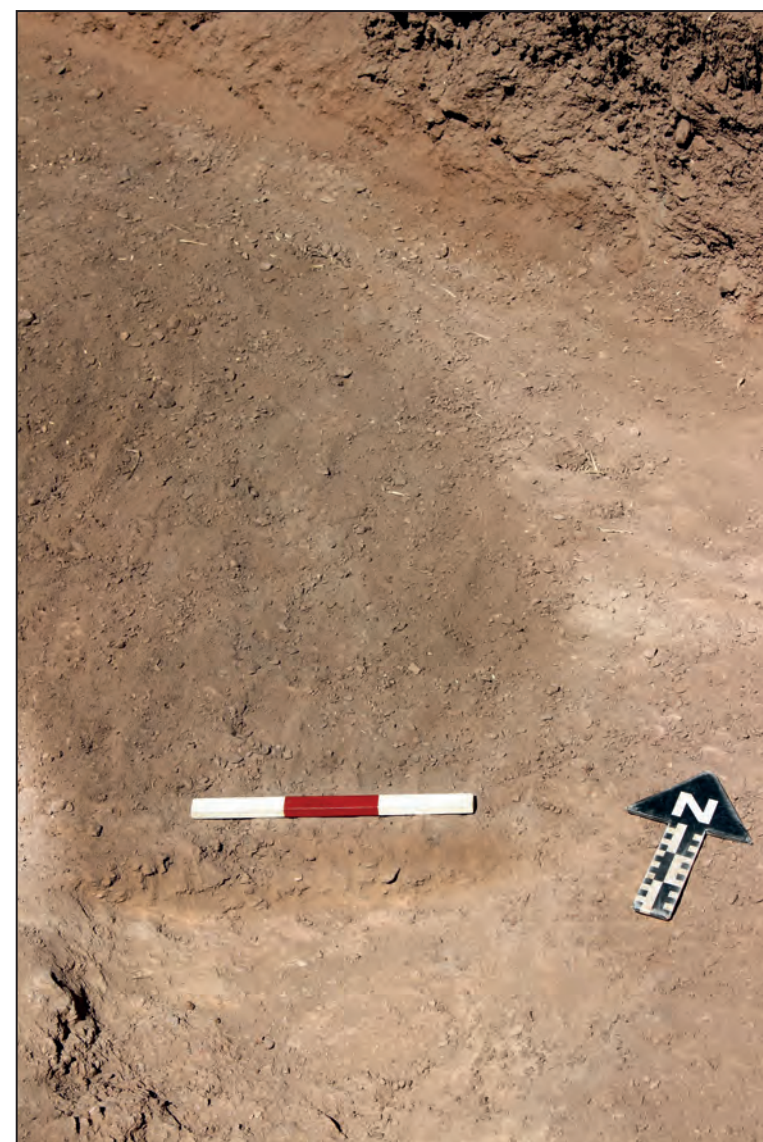
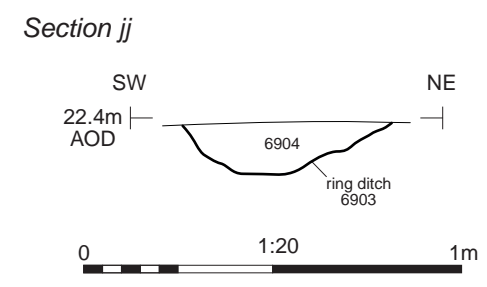
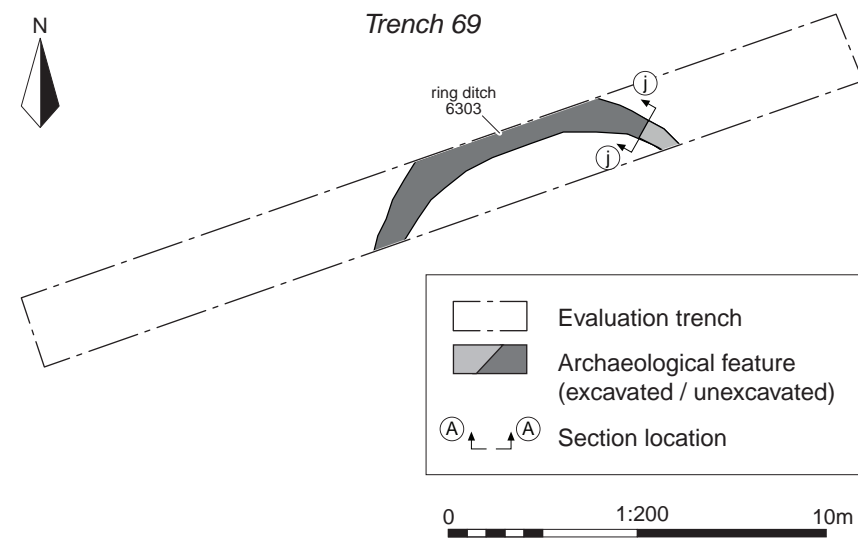
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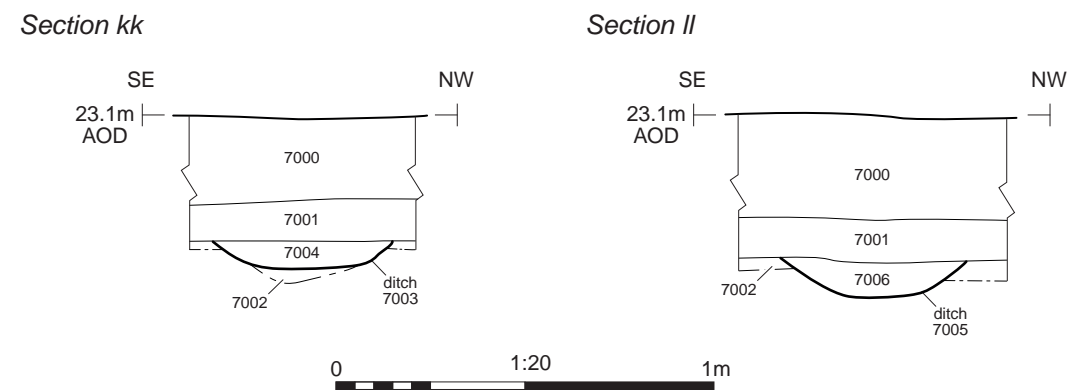
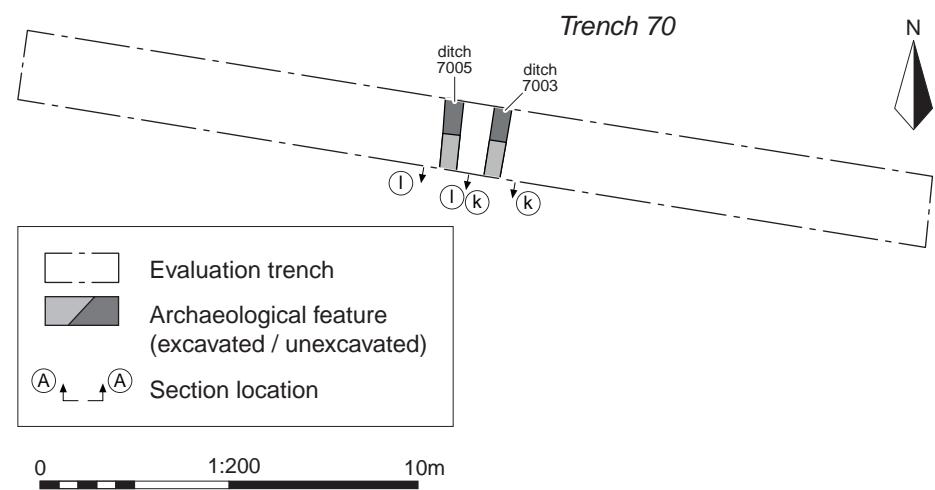
Ring ditch 6903, looking north-west (0.3m scale)


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Ditch 7003, looking south-west (0.3m scale)



Ditch 7005, looking south-west (0.3m scale)

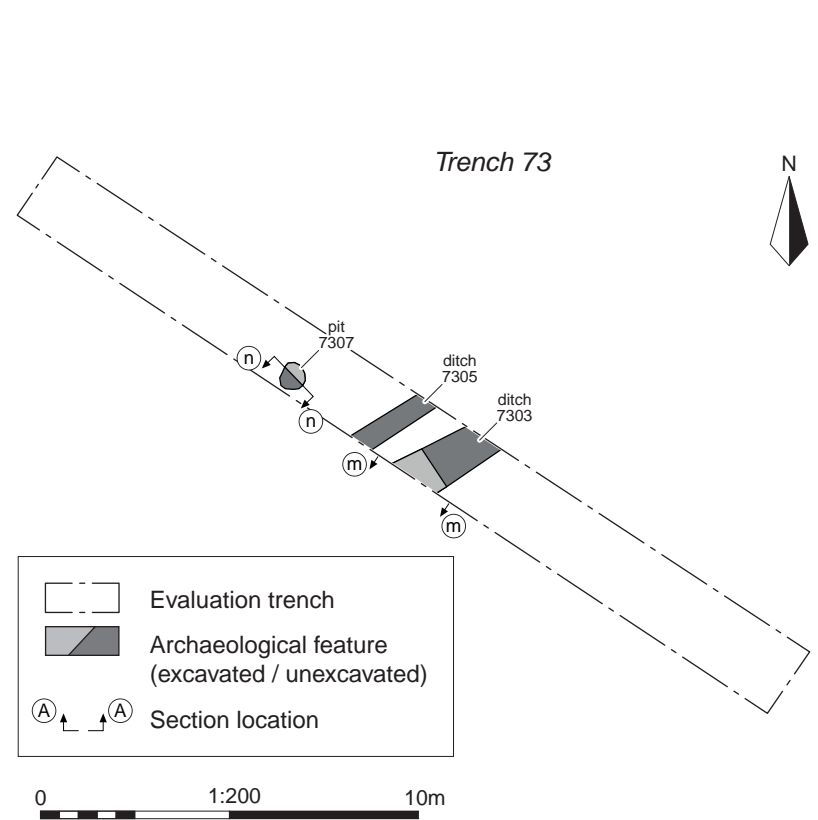
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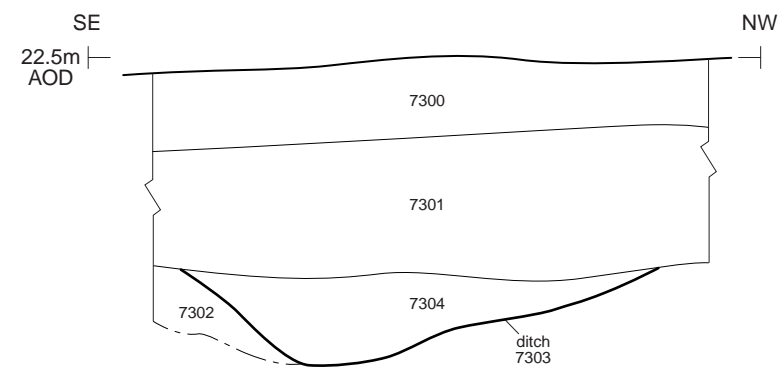
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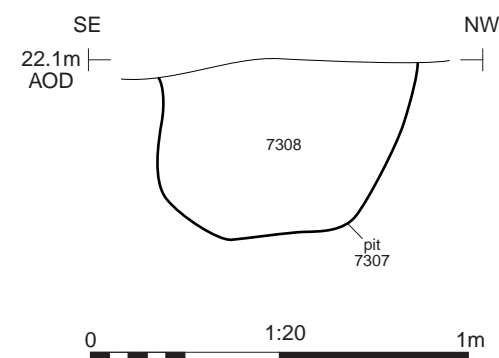
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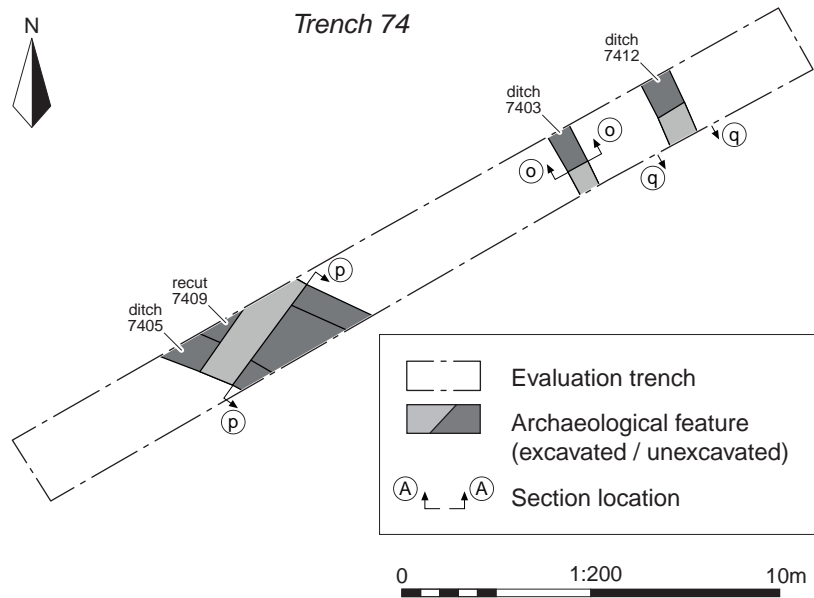
Pit 7307, looking south-west (0.5m scale)


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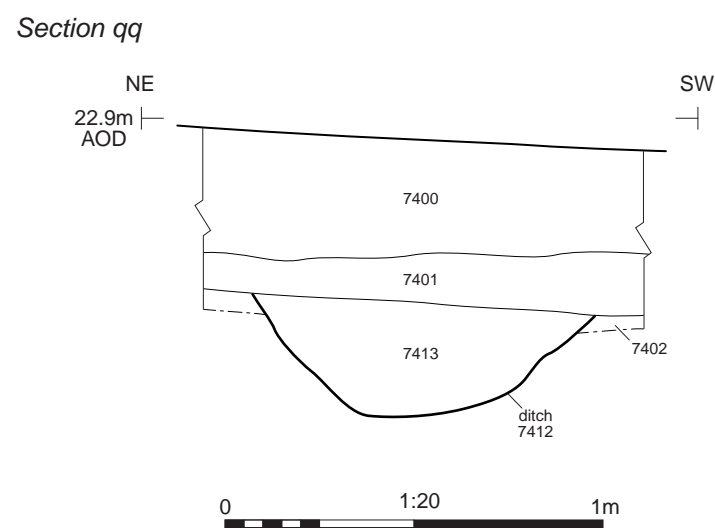
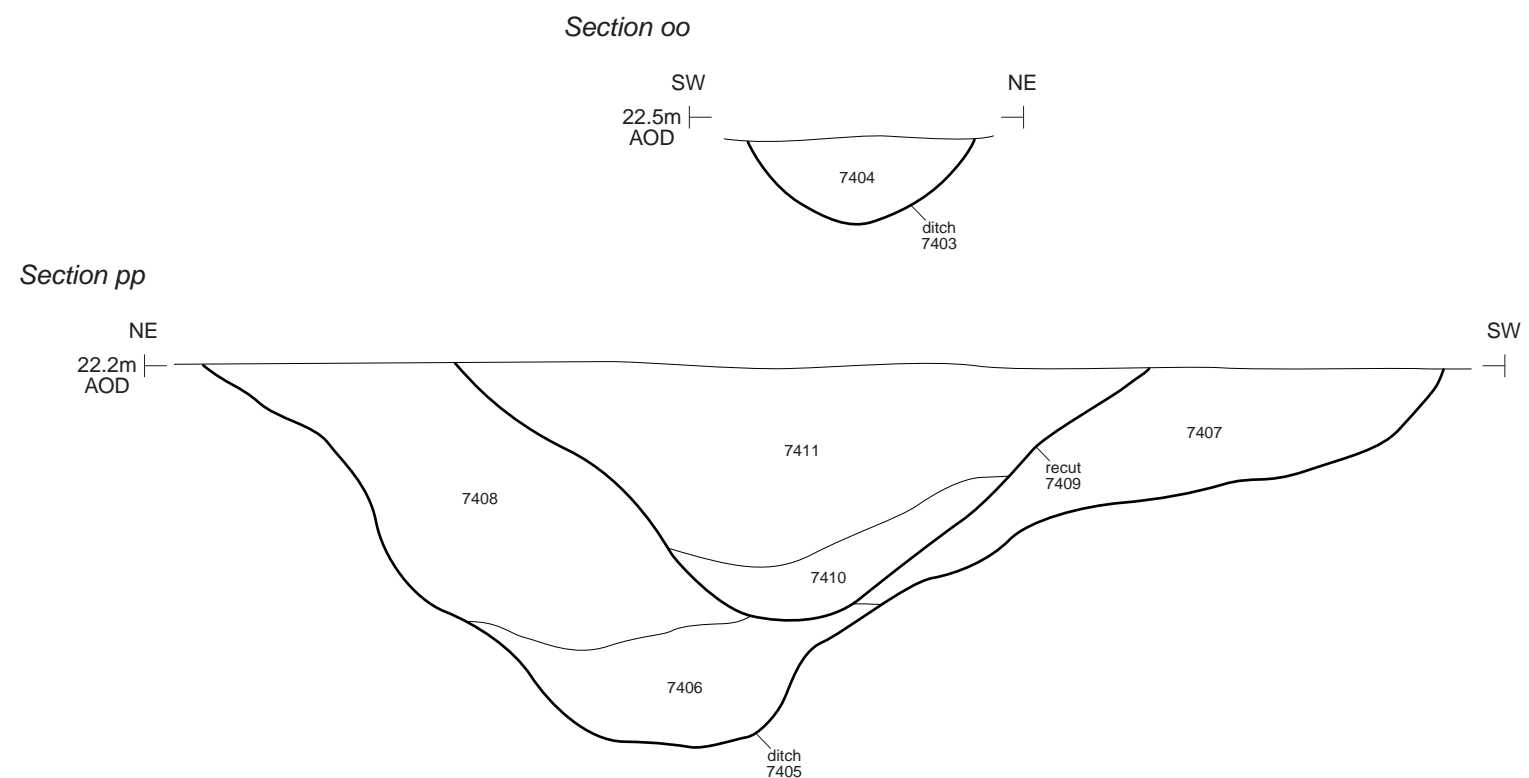
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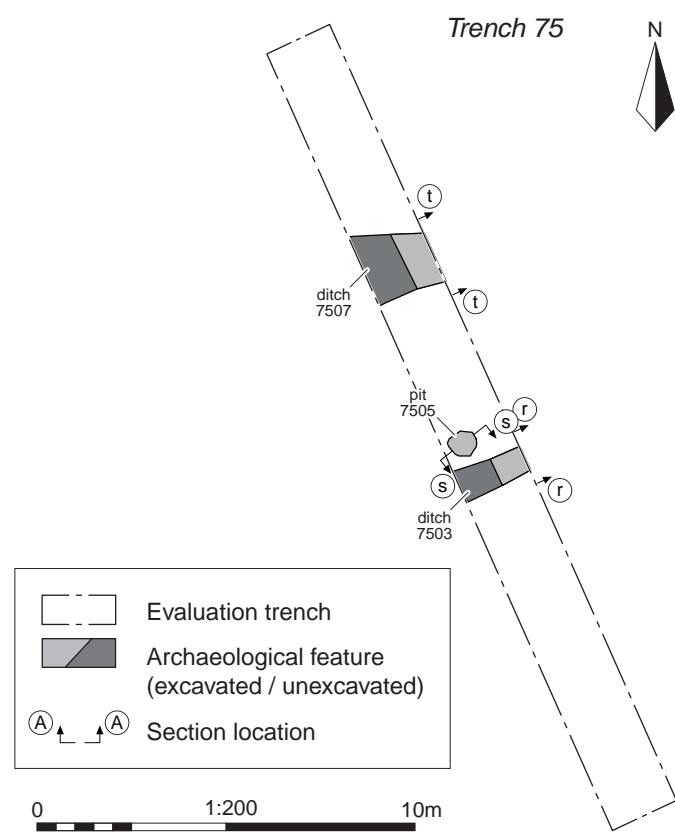
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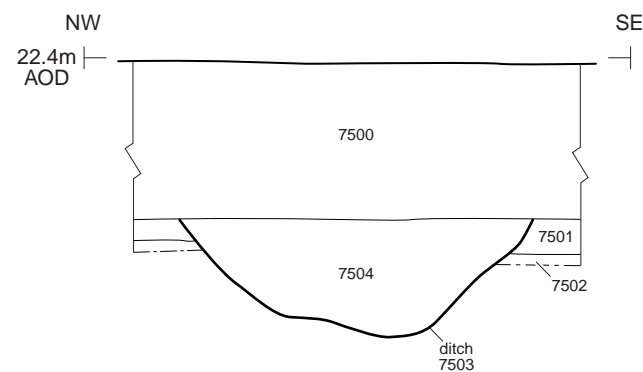


Ditch 7405 and recut 7409, looking south-east (2m scale)

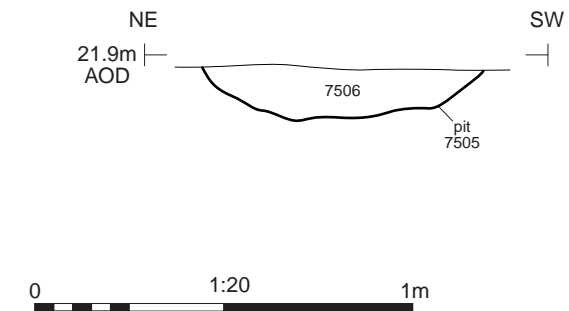




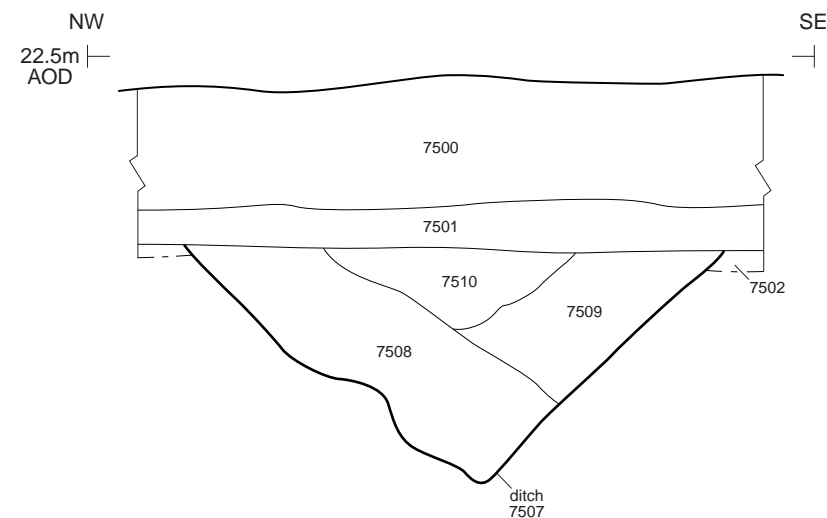
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Ditch 7503, looking north-east (0.5m scale)



Ditch 7507, looking north-east (1m scale)

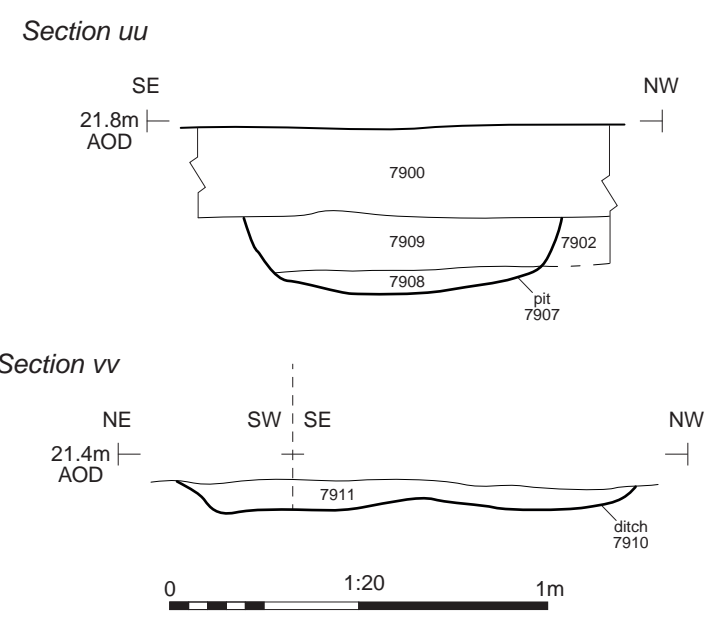
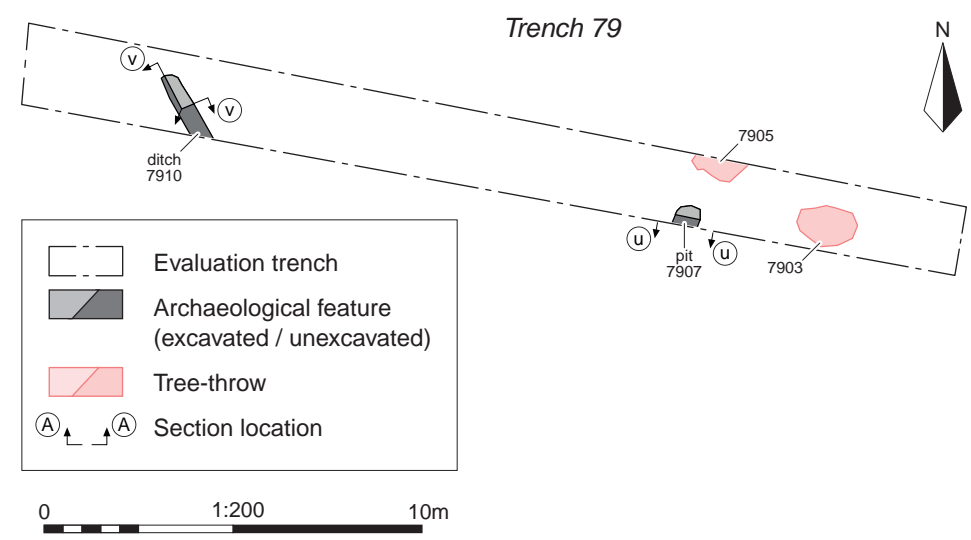
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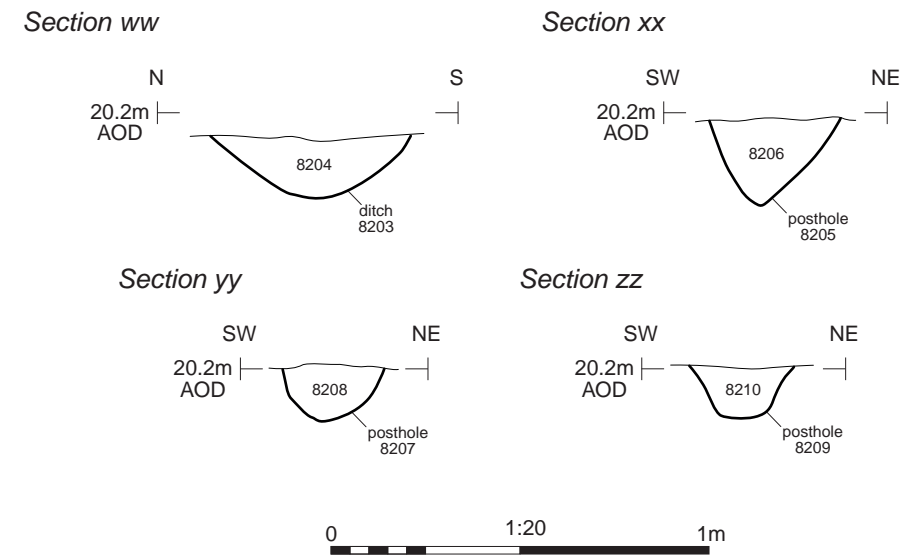
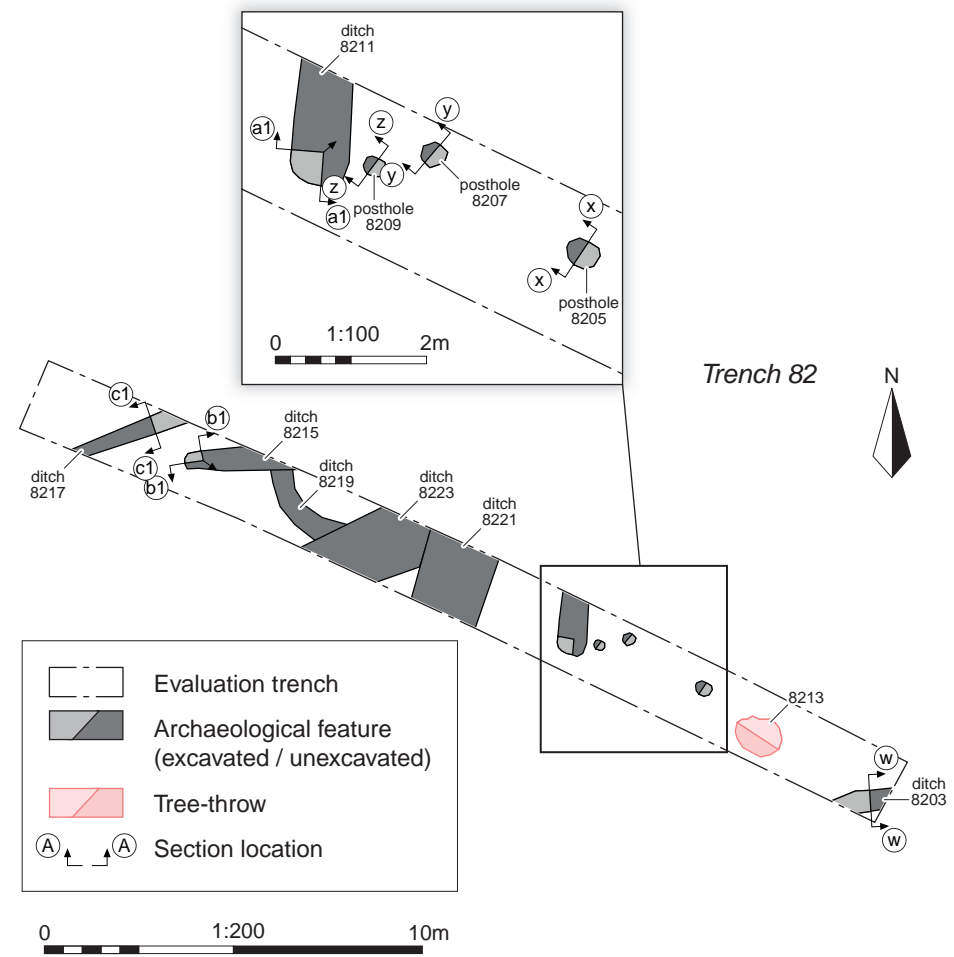
Pit 7907, looking south-west (0.5m scale)


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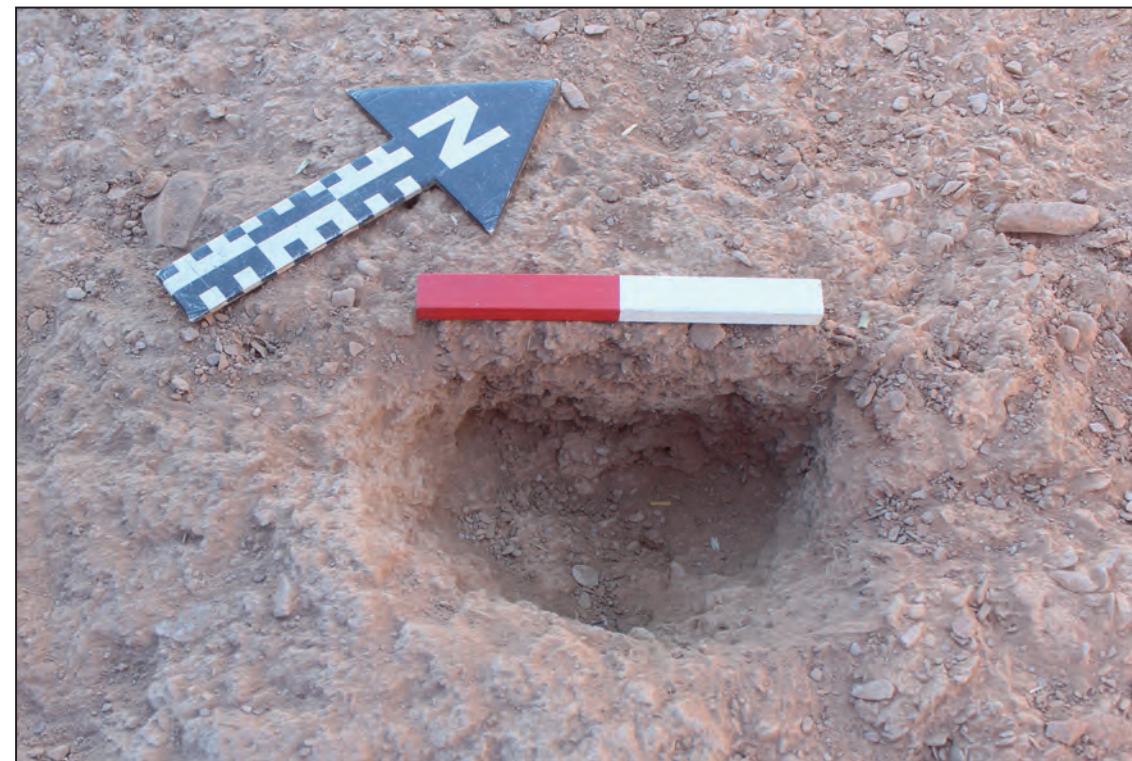
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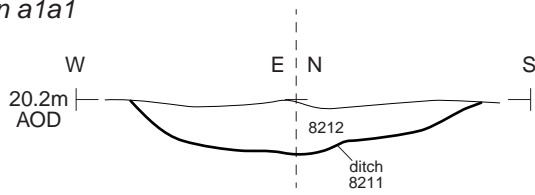


Posthole 8205, looking north-west (0.2m scale)

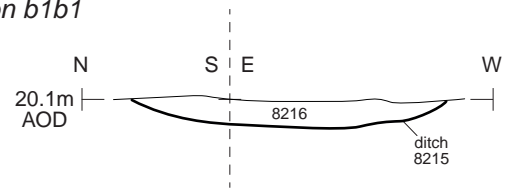


Posthole 8209, looking north-west (0.2m scale)

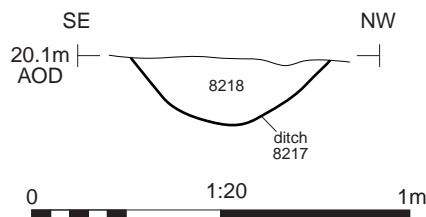
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Ditch 8217, looking south-west (0.3m scale)



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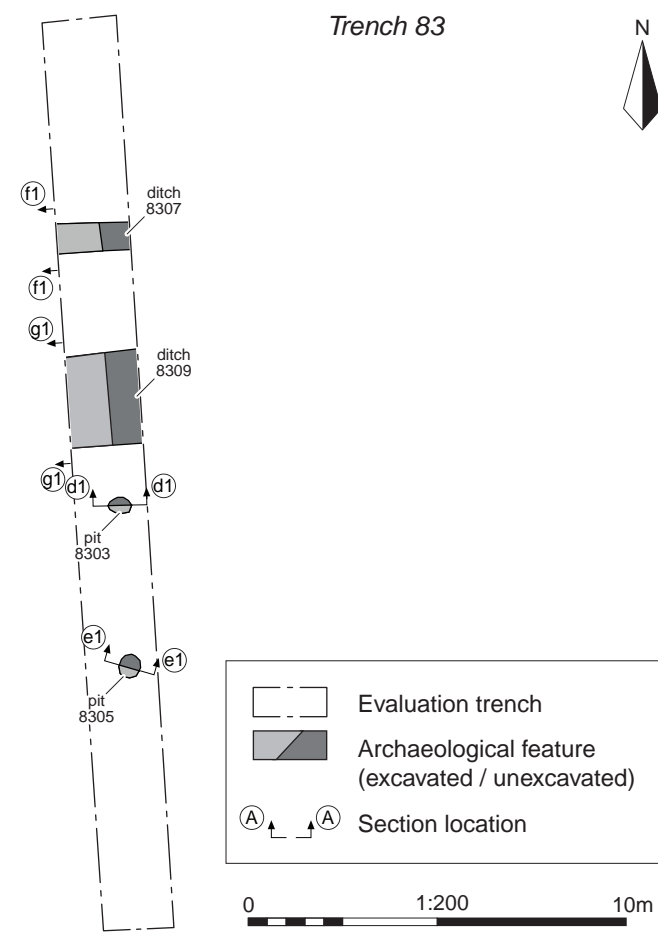
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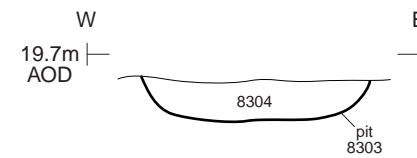
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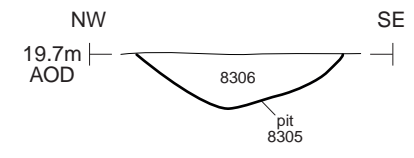
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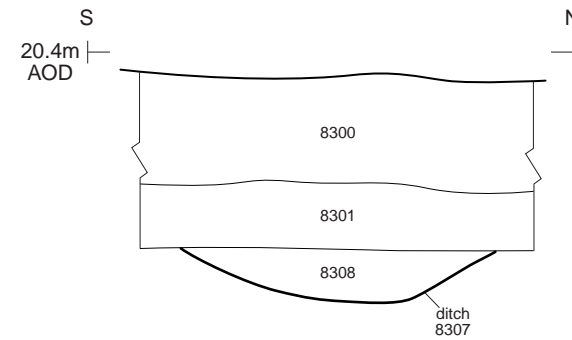
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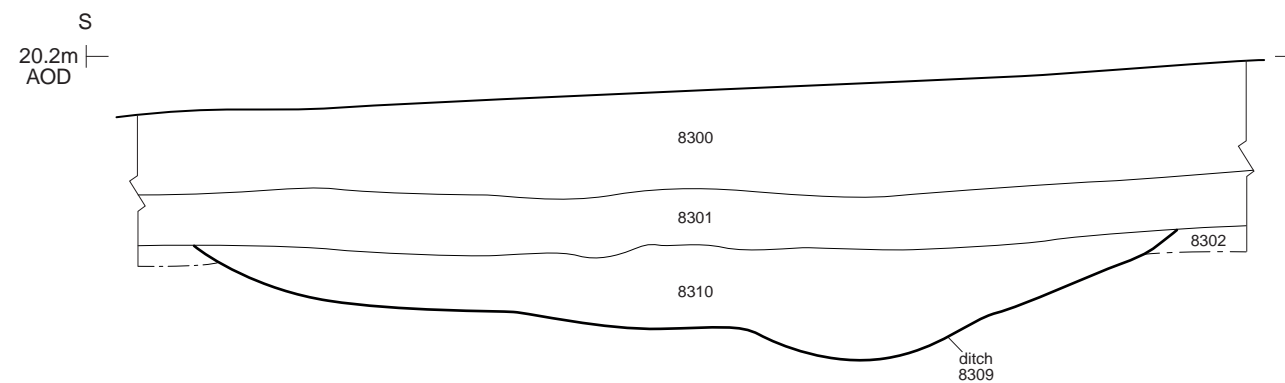
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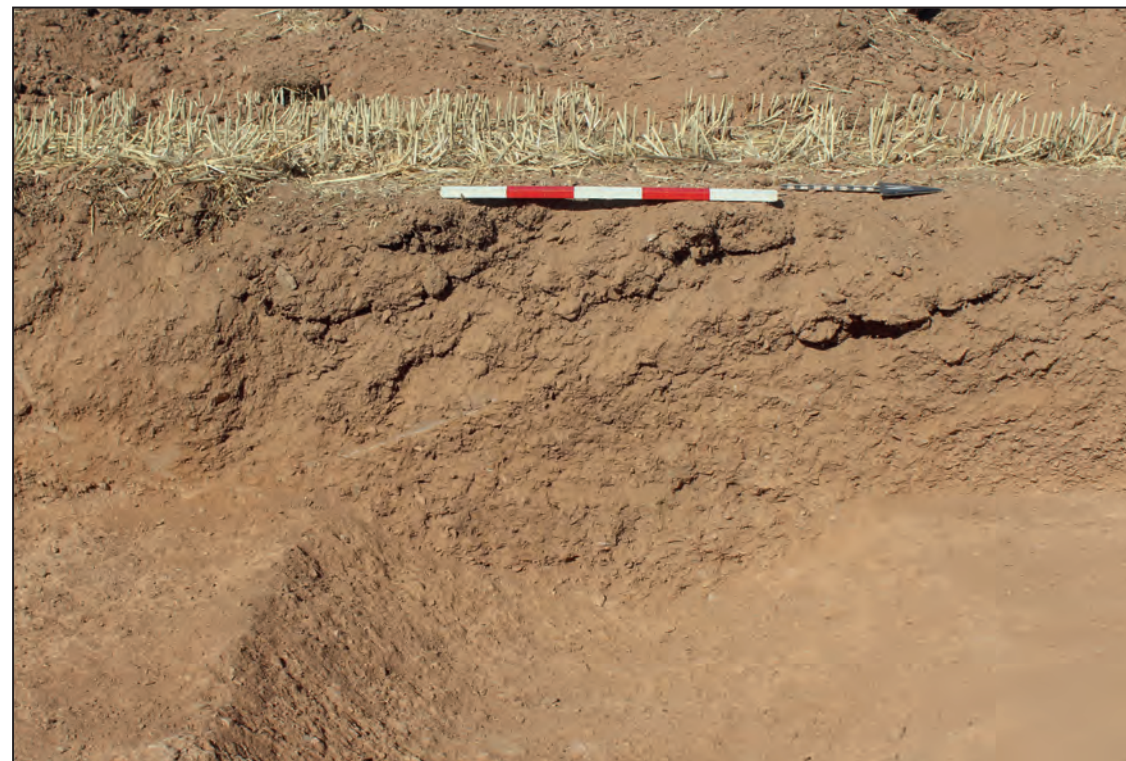
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Pit 8303, looking north (0.4m scale)



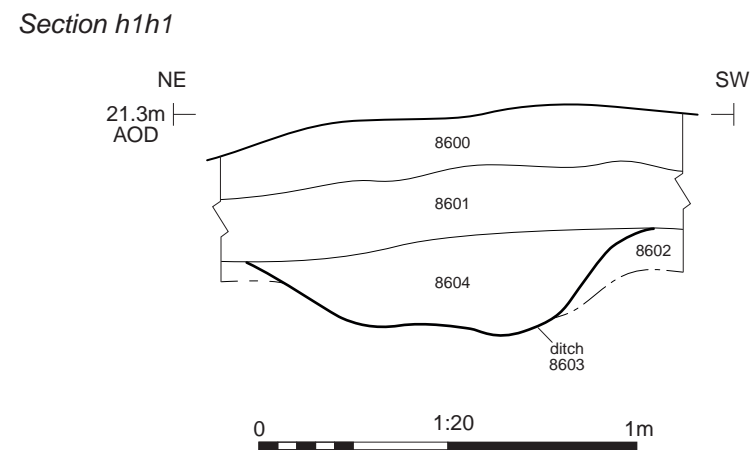
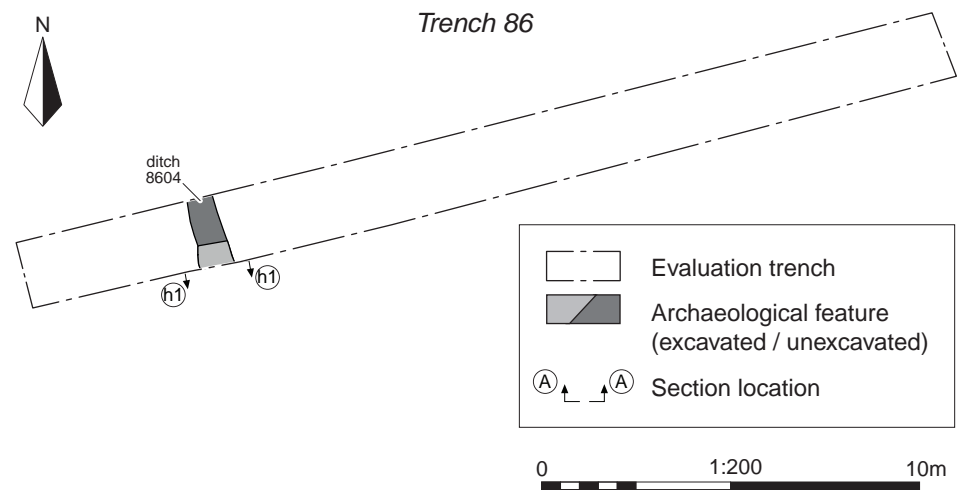
Ditch 8307, looking west (0.5m scale)

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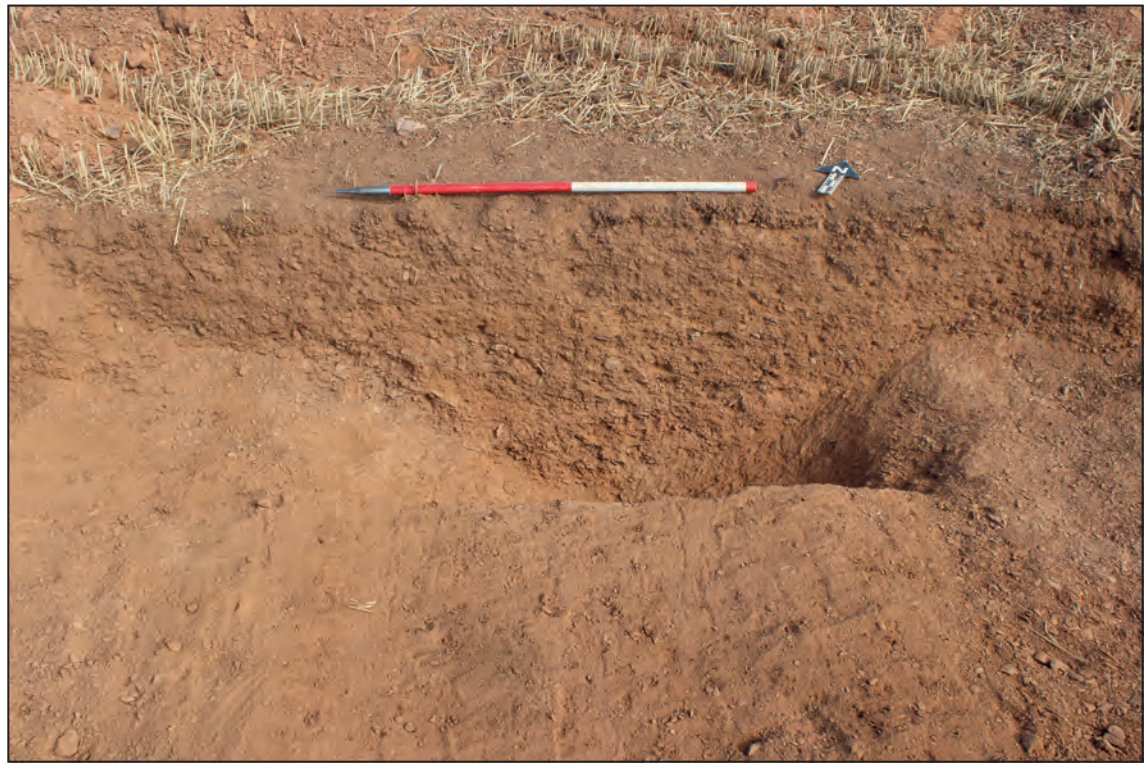
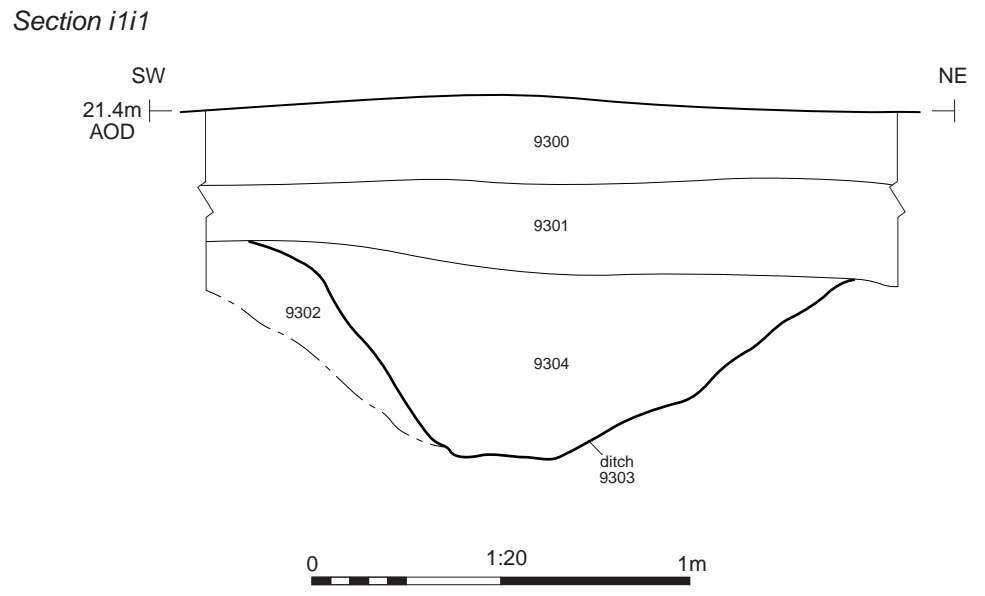
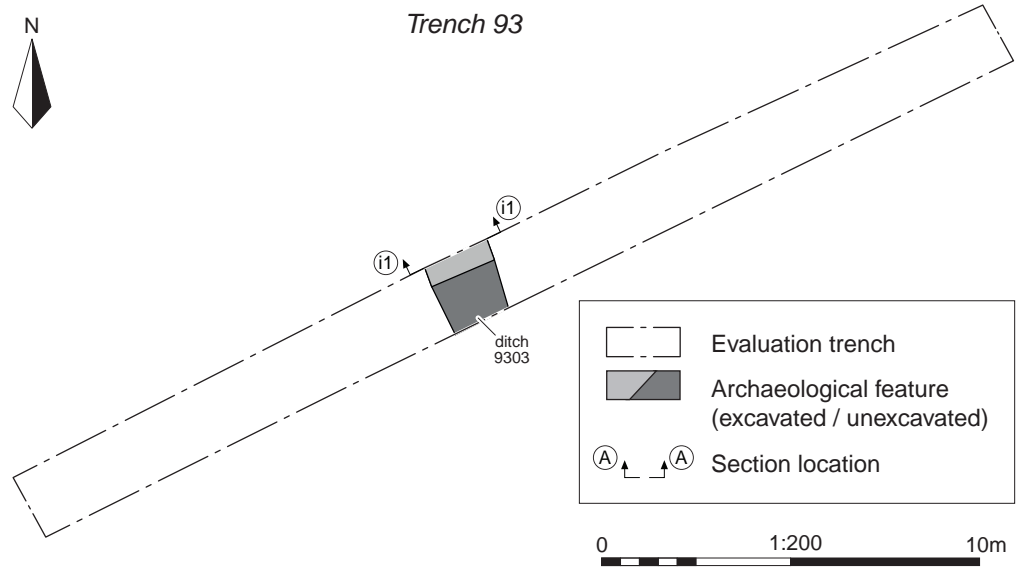
Ditch 8603, looking south-east (1m scale)


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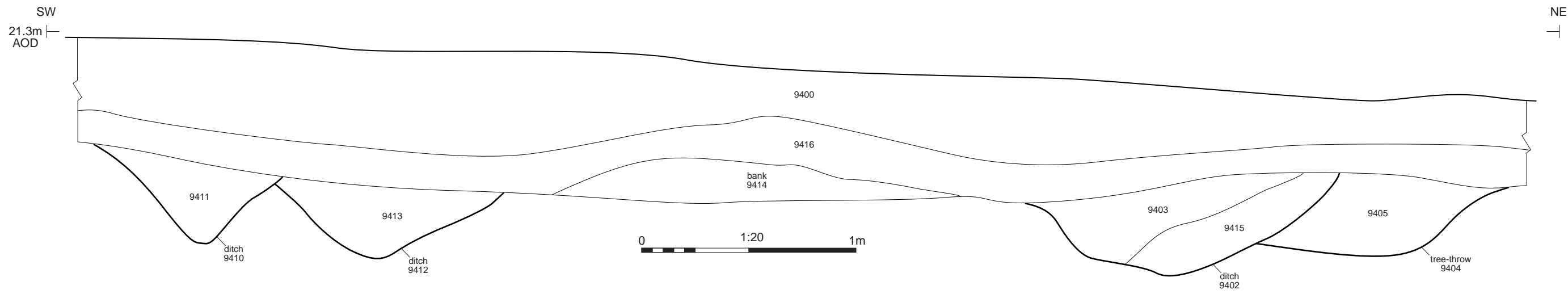

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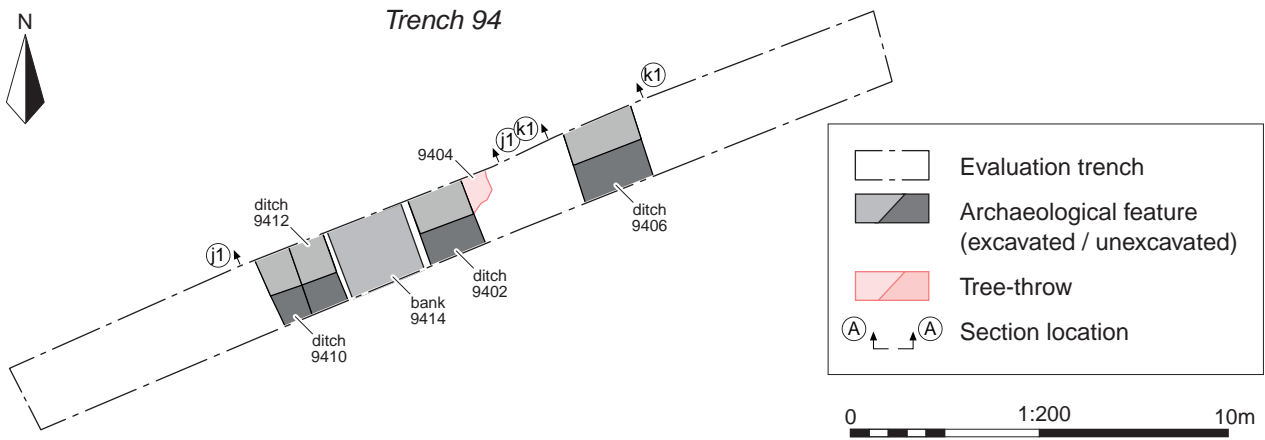
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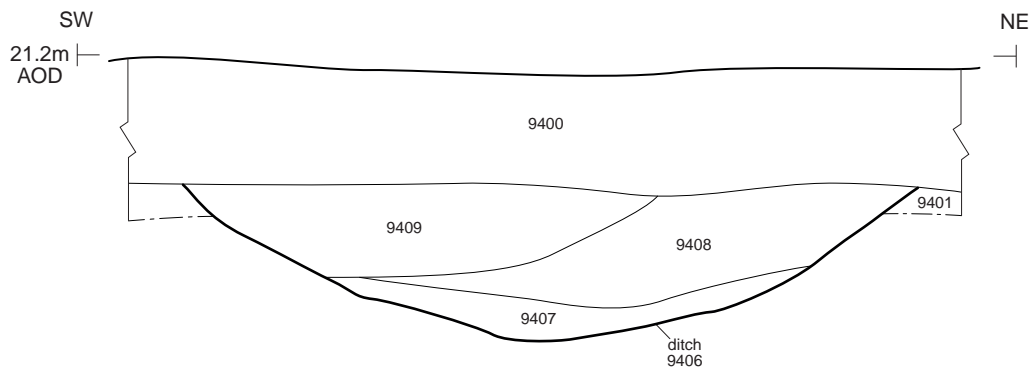
Section j1j1



Trench 94



Section k1k1



Ditches 9410, 9412, bank 1914, and ditch 9402 (left to right), looking north-west (2m scale)



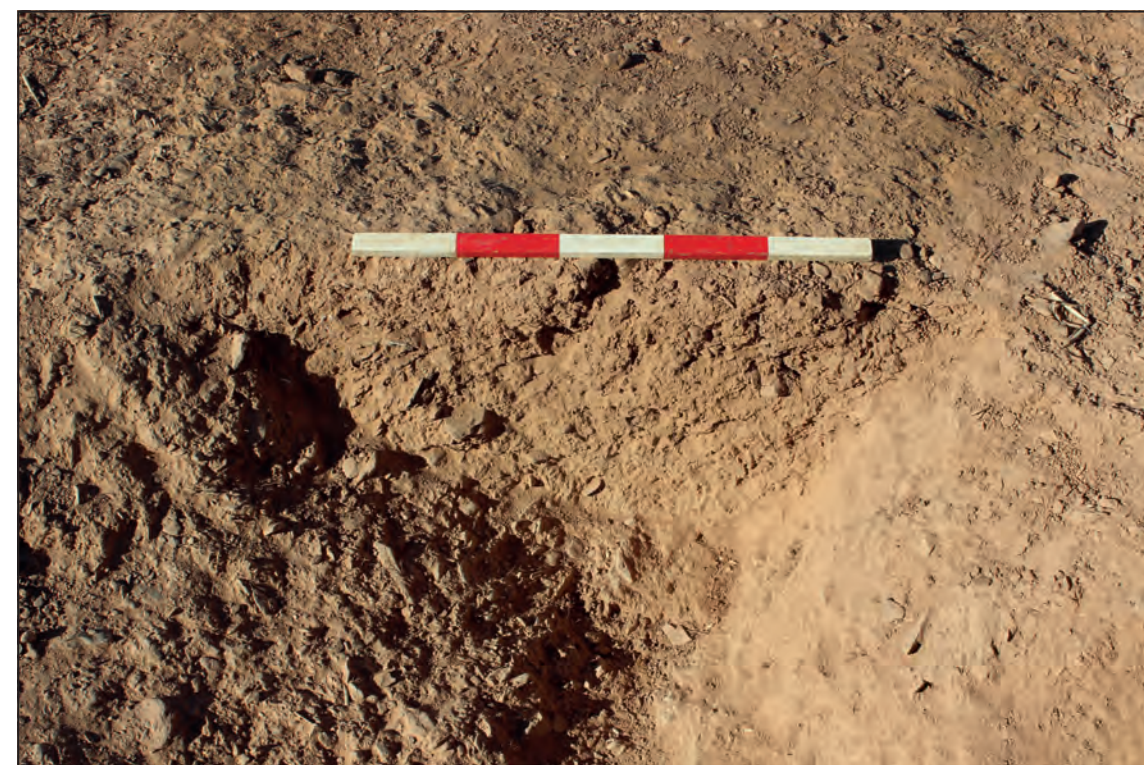
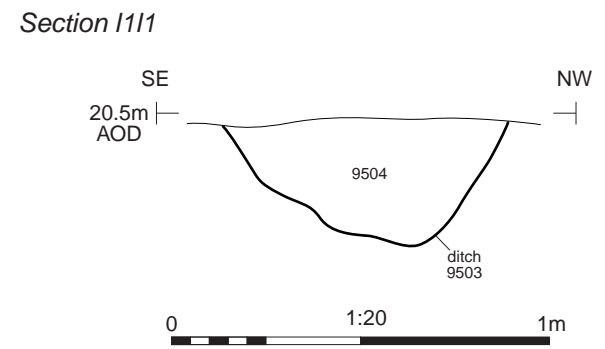
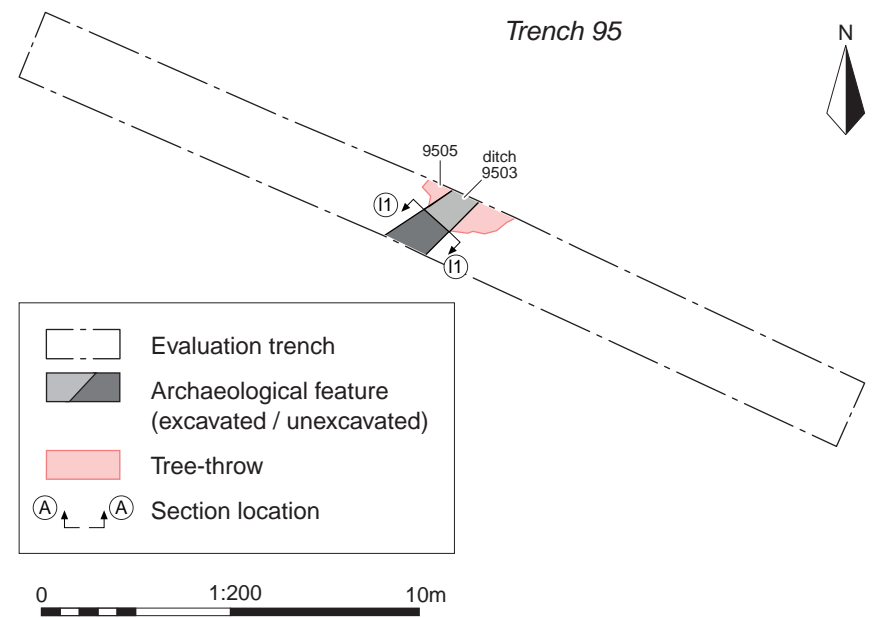
Ditch 9406, looking north-west (1m scale)

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Trench 94: plan, sections and photographs

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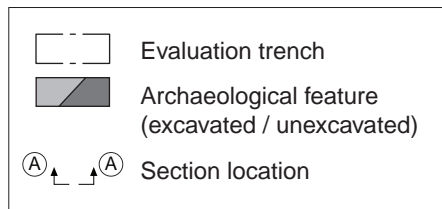
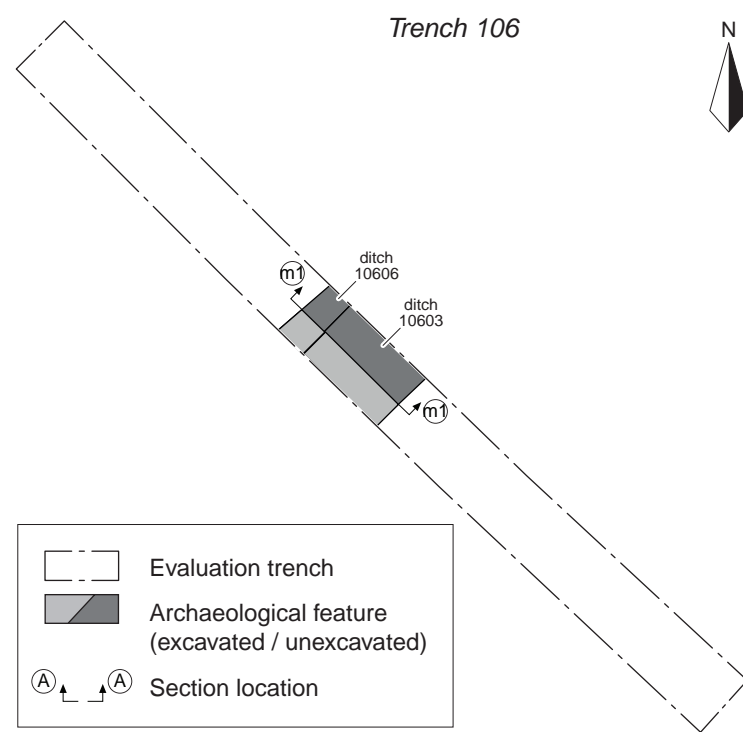
Ditch 9503, looking south-west (0.5m scale)


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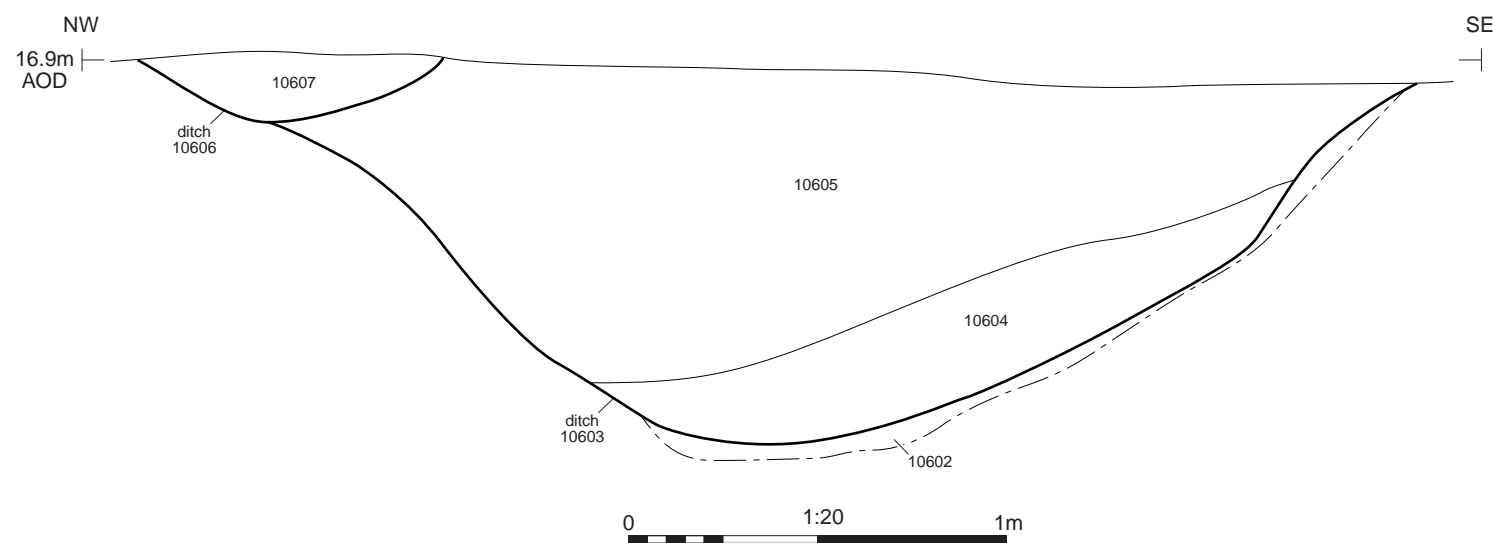
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Section m1m1



Ditches 10603 (left) and 10606 (right), looking west (2m scale)


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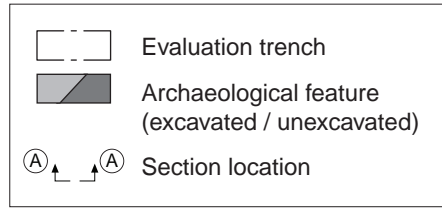
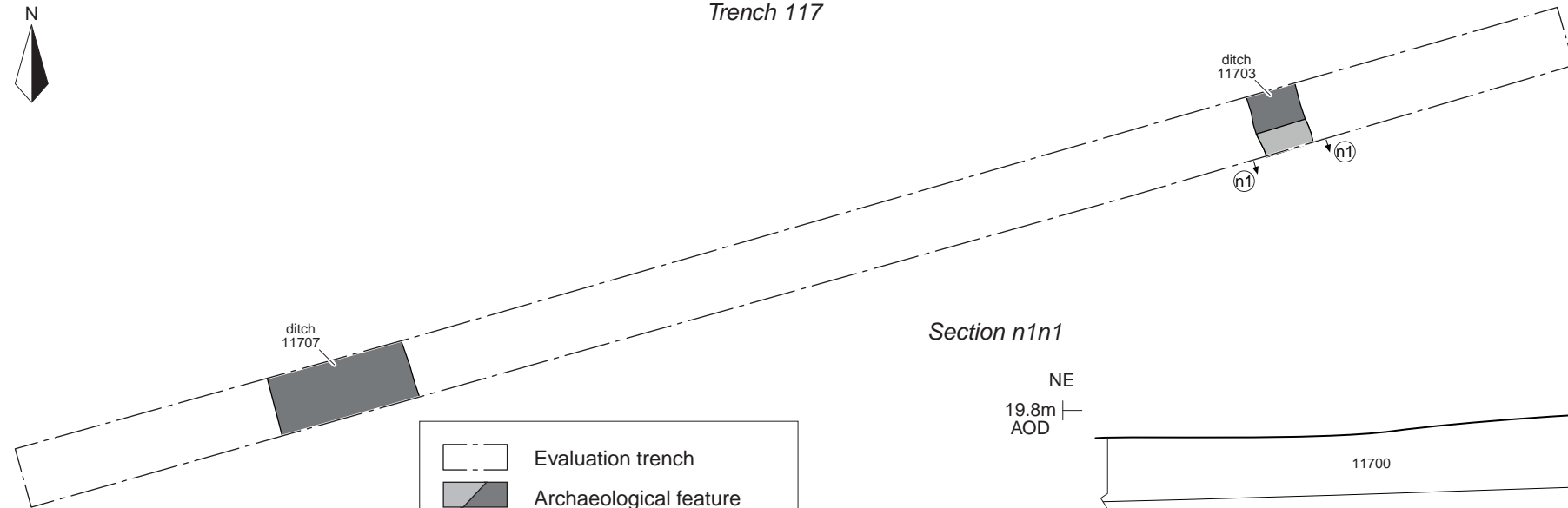
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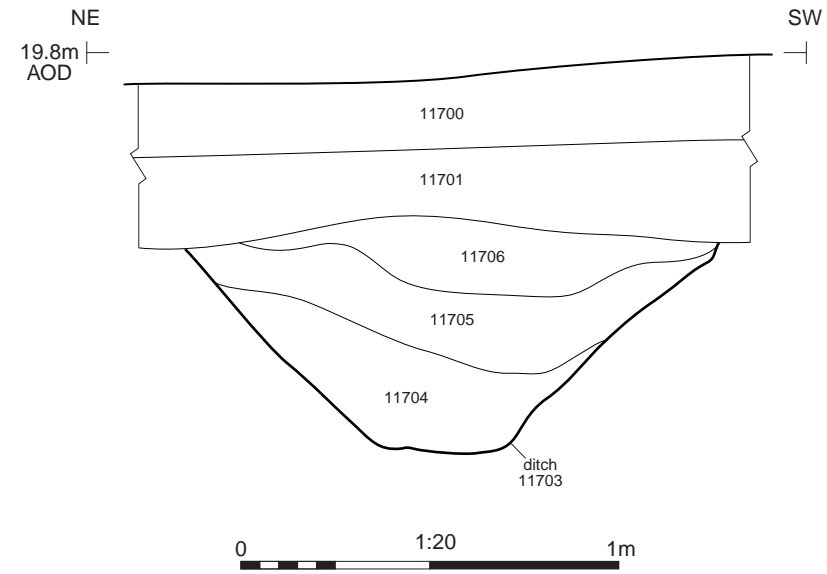


Trench 117



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Section n1n1



Ditch 11703, looking south-east (1m scale)

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