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# **SUMMARY**

**Project name:** Five Lanes Solar Site

**Location:** Malmesbury, Wiltshire

**NGR**: 393636 190092

**Type:** Evaluation

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Between August and September 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Five Lanes, Malmesbury, Wiltshire. A total of 107 trenches were excavated.

Archaeological features were identified across the site including ditches, pits, postholes, quarry pits, drains and evidence for ridge and furrow cultivation. For the most part, many of these features remained undated; however, evidence for prehistoric activity was recovered in the form of a small number of worked flints, and a significant artefactual assemblage dating to the Roman period, indicative of settlement, was recovered from a number of features associated with two large enclosures and associated features identified by a preceding geophysical survey.

The evidence suggests that following the Roman occupation, the site largely remained in agricultural use.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Between August and September 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Five Lanes, Malmesbury, Wiltshire (centred at NGR: 393636 190092; Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken for EDP (Cirencester), who were acting on behalf of Five Lanes Solar Ltd.
- 1.2. The evaluation results will inform a planning application for the installation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, which has been made to Wiltshire Council (WC; planning ref: 20/08618/FUL; see Appendix E for design proposals).
- 1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined by Tim Havard, Assistant County Archaeologist, WC, during consultation with EDP. The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) prepared by CA (2022) and approved by Tim Havard.
- 1.4. The evaluation was also undertaken 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 is approximately 52.8ha in extent and comprises an irregularly shaped parcel of land within the Charlton Park Estate, approximately 2km to the north of Malmesbury. It comprises eight adjoining fields (Fields 1-8), currently under either arable cultivation or pasture, and is adjoined by further agricultural land on all sides. The site slopes gradually upwards from south to north, from *c.* 92m AOD to *c.* 103m AOD.
- 1.6. The underlying bedrock geology of the site is mapped as Forest Marble Formation Mudstone which formed in Jurassic Period (BGS 2022). Superficial deposits of Sand and Gravel of Uncertain Age and Origin Sand And Gravel, of the Quaternary Period, are noted in the far western parts of the site (ibid.).
- 1.7. The geology encountered during the evaluation comprised mostly clay with varying proportions of limestone brash. The exception to this was in Field 1, where plated limestone bedrock was present in many of the trenches.

# 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The site has previously been subject to an Archaeological and Heritage Assessment (EDP 2020) and geophysical survey (HA 2020). The following is a brief summary of these assessments.
- 2.2. Prior to the geophysical survey, no archaeological investigations had taken place within the site itself, other than the identification of cropmarks from aerial photography. The archaeological and heritage assessment indicates that the site contains no world heritage sites, scheduled monuments, registered parks and gardens, registered battlefields or listed buildings (EDP 2020). However, two heritage assets were identified within the site itself; a circular cropmark interpreted as a Bronze Age barrow in the north-western part of the site (HER MWI5633) and the location of a now-demolished 19th-century cottage, also in the north-western part of the site.
- 2.3. In the wider study area, a geophysical survey and subsequent evaluation at Quobwell Farm, *c*. 300m to the west of the site, revealed evidence for small-scale farming and settlement of Middle to Late Iron Age, and Roman date, with evidence of ridge and furrow agriculture and post-medieval field boundaries also being identified. An archaeological evaluation undertaken at Whychurch Farm, *c*. 1km to the south of the current site, also identified evidence of agricultural activity in the later Iron Age, in the form of ditches which may have formed land parcels. The evaluation also identified pits and ditches dated to the medieval period (EDP 2020).
- 2.4. The geophysical survey (HA 2020) identified two large enclosures, surrounded by a outer ditch, in the central part of the site. The differing morphology of these enclosures suggests that they may have had separate functions, with one potentially being for stock management and the other representing an area of settlement (ibid.). Two probable round barrows were also identified by the geophysical survey in the north-western and western parts of the site, with that being identified in the north-western part of the site corresponding to the barrow previously recorded on the HER as a cropmark (see above). Across the remainder of the site, a small number of linear anomalies of a potential archaeological origin and numerous anomalies relating to medieval or later agricultural activity were identified. Following the results of the geophysical survey, the identified enclosures and the probable barrows have been removed from the development footprint.

# 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 WC 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).

## 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of 107 trenches, each 50m in length and 2m in width, in the locations shown on the attached plans (Figs 2-9).
- 4.2. The trenches were located to test geophysical anomalies and to provide a representative sample of the remainder of the site. The trenches were targeted on areas previously indicated as proposed for development. Following completion of the fieldwork, changes have been made to the development proposals to remove a proposed access track (targeted by Trenches 83-86) from the design (see Appendix E for design proposal).
- 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. Records were maintained in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual.
- 4.5. Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with *CA Technical Manual 2: The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*, but no deposits were identified that required sampling.
- 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 Wiltshire Museum for the deposition of the project archive and, subject to agreement with the legal landowner(s), the artefact collection, under accession number DZSWS:42-2022. 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 (CIfA 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.
- 5.2. Generally, the correlation between anomalies depicted on the geophysical survey and the identified archaeological features was good, with occasional exceptions. Archaeological features were identified in a total of 45 trenches and were present in all fields, with the exception of Field 6. As indicated on the geophysical survey, features associated with a number of separate regimes of ridge and furrow cultivation were identified across the site, including in Fields 2 and 8, where prominent ridge and furrow earthworks survived throughout both fields. It was notable that, although identified by the geophysical survey, it was observed that in many instances the furrows did not penetrate the natural substrate.
- 5.3. Trenches devoid of archaeological features or deposits, or containing only features associated with ridge and furrow cultivation, are listed below:
  - Field 1: Trenches 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12-14
  - Field 2: Trenches 24-27, 29-33, 35 and 36
  - Field 3: Trenches 39-46 and 54
  - Field 4: Trenches 76 and 79-82
  - Field 5: Trenches 55, 58-61 and 63-68
  - Field 6: Trenches 87-91
  - Field 7: Trenches 93-96, 99 and 100
  - Field 8: Trenches 102-107

5.4. The results of the evaluation are presented below, by field.

## Field 1 (Figs 2, 3 and 10-12)

#### Trench 2

5.5. Ditch 203 was identified towards the north-eastern end of Trench 2, where it was north-west/south-east aligned and broadly corresponded with a linear anomaly on the geophysical survey. It was 1.15m wide and up to 0.26m deep, with moderately to steeply sloping sides and a flattish base. It contained two undated fills, 204 and 205. Fill 204 measured up to 0.04m in thickness and was present only along the northern side of the ditch. This appeared to be derived from initial slumping/weathering. It was covered by deposit 205, which measured up to 0.24m in thickness, which was evidently derived from general silting. This was in turn cut by two intersecting modern land drains.

## Trench 4

- 5.6. Ditch 406 was recorded within the southern part of Trench 4. It was aligned east/west, had an irregular western terminus, measured at least 0.9m in length, 0.21m in width and 0.05m in depth, with an irregular profile. It contained silting fill 407, which was cut along the northern edge of the ditch by pit 404. The pit was sub-ovoid in shape, at least 0.84m in length, 0.68m in width and 0.13m in depth, with a shallow concave profile. It contained a single fill, 405, derived from natural silting.
- 5.7. Pit 404 was cut along its northern end by east/west aligned construction cut 403, for stone lined drain 402. The drain was 0.35m wide and survived to a maximum depth of 0.05m as two courses of roughly constructed limestone walls, lining each side of the construction cut.
- 5.8. No finds were recovered from any of the features within Trench 4.

## Trench 6

- 5.9. Ditch terminus 603 was identified at the eastern end of Trench 6. The ditch was north-east/south-west aligned, measured 0.6m in width and up to 0.21m in depth, with moderately sloping sides, a flat base and a rounded terminus at the south-western end. It contained silting fill 604, from which no finds were recovered.
- 5.10. No evidence was recorded for the linear geophysical anomaly recorded by the geophysical survey in the trench, with evidence for ridge and furrow cultivation identified that correlated to its postulated location.

#### Trench 8

- 5.11. Ditch 803 was recorded in the centre of Trench 8, where it crossed the trench on a north-west/south-east alignment and correlated well with a linear anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey. It was 0.77m wide and 0.14m deep, with steeply sloping, concave sides and a flattish base. It contained a single fill, 804, derived from general silting.
- 5.12. The northern edge of quarry pit 805 was exposed at the south-western end of the trench. It was at least 4m long and 0.4m deep, with a concave northern edge; it contained stony clay fill 806.
- 5.13. Both features within Trench 6 were sealed by subsoil 601 and neither contained any artefactual material.

#### Trench 11

- 5.14. Two probable ditch termini were identified at the eastern end of Trench 11.
- 5.15. Ditch 1103 lay on a north-east/south-west alignment and was at least 1.45m long, 0.61m wide and 0.25m deep. It had a V-shaped profile, moderately sloping sides, and it contained two fills (1104 and 1105), the earliest of which appeared to be related to slumping along the north-western side of the terminus, and was covered by a deposit derived from the natural silting of the feature.
- 5.16. Approximately 1m to the east of ditch terminus 1103 was east/west aligned ditch terminus 1105. This ditch was more substantial than its counterpart, measuring at least 1.8m in length, 1.03m in width and 0.42m in depth. It contained three fills, 1107, 1108 and 1109, each interpreted as being associated with successive episodes of silting.
- 5.17. Both ditch terminals were in turn sealed by subsoil 601 and were devoid of any finds.

## Trench 15 (Fig. 10)

5.18. Quarry pit 1502 (Fig. 10, Section AA) was identified in the central part of Trench 15, where it corresponded well with a sub-rectangular anomaly on the geophysical survey. It was 7.8m wide and investigation of the eastern edge of the feature indicated that it was at least 0.5m deep and vertically sided. Three separate fills were identified within the excavated sondage. The earliest of these, 1503, represented a stony clay backfill deposit, at least 0.36m thick. This was partially overlain by silting fill 1504, which was

- up to 0.14m thick. Overlying this was deposit 1505, which was 0.22m thick and possibly represents final backfilling/levelling of the partially infilled quarry pit.
- 5.19. A small number of finds were recovered from deposit 1503, including a single piece of ironworking slag, a tanged iron implement and a fragmented fired clay object, which could represent a Roman oven plate or an Anglo-Saxon bun shaped loom weight, as well as a small amount of animal bone.

#### Trench 16

- 5.20. Circular posthole 1602 was identified at the eastern end of Trench 16. It was *c.* 0.46m in diameter and survived to a depth of 0.06m, with a shallow concave profile. It was filled by silting deposit 1603.
- 5.21. Ditch 1604 was identified towards the centre of the trench, where it lay on a north/south alignment. It was 1.02m wide and at least 0.4m deep, with moderately to steeply sloping irregular sides. Excavation of the feature ceased upon the discovery of a ceramic pipe; however, it is unclear whether the ditch represents the construction trench for a land drain, or if the latter was inserted into an existing ditch.
- 5.22. No finds were recovered from either feature within Trench 16.

#### Trench 17

5.23. Ditch 1703 was recorded towards the south-western extent of Trench 17. It was aligned north-west/south-east and correlated well with a linear feature identified by the geophysical survey as representing a probable land drain. It was 1.38m wide, at least 0.28m deep and had asymmetric sides, with the northern side being considerably steeper than the southern side. The true depth of the feature was not ascertained, as excavation ceased upon the discovery of a ceramic pipe. Due to the presence of a number of flat stones, which had evidently been utilised as packing against the pipe, it could be determined that the land drain had been inserted into the earlier ditch. Ditch 1703 was filled by deposit 1702, presumed to be derived from natural silting, and from which no finds were recovered.

# Trench 18 (Fig. 11)

5.24. Quarry pit 1802 (Fig. 11, Section BB) was located at the south-western end of Trench 18, where it correlated with an anomaly identified by the geophysical survey and interpreted as being geological in nature. Limited investigation of the feature was initially undertaken by hand prior to more extensive investigation through mechanical

- excavation, with the approval of Tim Havard. This demonstrated that the quarry pit was c. 6.1m wide, 0.4m deep and had shallow irregular sides and a flattish base. It contained backfill deposit 1803, comprising clay with limestone.
- 5.25. Two pits were located towards the central part of the trench, to the north-east of the quarry pit. Pit 1804 (Fig. 11, Section CC) was ovoid in shape, measuring 0.67m in length, 0.45m in width and surviving to a depth of 0.12m. It had a shallow concave profile and contained remnants of possible stone lining 1805 around the northern side which was overlaid by silting deposit 1806.
- 5.26. Adjacent to pit 1805, pit 1807 (Fig. 11, Section DD) was partially exposed within the trench. This appeared to be sub-rectangular in plan and investigation demonstrated that it was 0.93m long, 0.69m wide and 0.14m deep, with almost vertical sides and a flattish base. It was filled by deposit 1808 which was likely derived from general silting.
- 5.27. All features within Trench 18 remained undated.

#### Trench 19

- 5.28. As with quarry pit 1802, quarry pit 1902, identified within the centre of Trench 19, was initially subject to limited investigation by hand excavation before being mechanically excavated, with the agreement of Tim Havard. This confirmed that the pit was 11.8m long and 0.5m deep, with moderately sloping irregular sides and a flattish base. It contained two fills; an initial backfill deposit, 1903, which was up to 0.38m thick and subsequent silting deposit 1904, which was a maximum of 0.35m thick.
- 5.29. Mechanical excavation of quarry pit 1802 revealed truncated ditch 1905 at its south-western edge. This feature correlated well with a linear anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey and interpreted as being of possible archaeological origin. The ditch was not excavated within this trench, as it was clearly a continuation of ditch 2002 in Trench 2 to the south-east (see below).
- 5.30. Neither of the features recorded within Trench 19 contained any artefactual material.

# Trench 20 (Fig. 12)

5.31. Ditch 2002 (Fig. 12, Section EE) was recorded within the centre of Trench 20, where it lay on an approximate north-west/south-east alignment and represented a continuation of ditch 1905 in Trench 19, correlating to the same linear geophysical anomaly. It was 0.79m wide and 0.32m deep with moderately sloping, irregular sides and a slightly

concave base. It contained two fills, 2003 and 2004. The earliest of these, 2003, was up to 0.32m thick, whilst the later fill, 2004, was up to 0.12m thick. Both appear to have derived from general silting and neither contained any finds.

## Trench 21

- 5.32. Ditches 2103 and 2107 were identified at the eastern end of Trench 21, where both were aligned north/south.
- 5.33. Ditch 2103 was 1.06m wide and a maximum of 0.26m deep. It had gently to moderately sloping irregular sides and a flat base. It was filled by silting deposit 2104, from which no artefactual material was recovered.
- 5.34. Ditch 2107 measured 1.13m in width and 0.35m in depth. It had moderately sloping sides and the irregular base sloped slightly downwards from west to east. It was filled by deposit 2108, likely derived from general silting, which contained a small number of post-medieval pottery sherds and a single animal bone fragment.
- 5.35. At the western end of the trench, and on the same alignment as ditches 2103 and 2107, investigation of feature 2105 demonstrated that it was most likely a furrow. This feature, and ditches 2103 and 2107 correlated with linear anomalies on the geophysical survey which were interpreted as being geological in nature.

#### Trench 22

5.36. A small portion of feature 2202, interpreted from the limited evidence as a further quarry pit, was exposed at the western end of the trench. The eastern side was convex and steeply sloping and the base was relatively flat. The feature extended for a distance of 0.9m into the trench and was a maximum of 0.43m deep. It contained two fills, 2203 and 2204, both of which appear to have resulted from natural silting. Both fills were devoid of any finds.

#### Trench 23

5.37. Rounded feature 2302 was partially exposed at the south-western end of Trench 23, where it corresponded with a small anomaly on the geophysical survey, which was interpreted as being of geological origin. This was interpreted as either a pit or a ditch terminus. It was at least 1.27m wide and 0.3m deep, with shallow, concave sides and a concave base. It contained silting fill 2303, from which no artefactual material was recovered.

# Field 2 (Figs 2, 4, 13 and 14)

### Trench 28 (Fig. 13)

- 5.38. Quarry pit 2803 (Fig. 13, Section FF) was recorded at the northern end of Trench 28, where it measured at least 2.45m in length and 0.66m in depth. It had an irregular, generally steeply sloping southern side and a slightly convex base. It contained three fills, 2804, 2805 and 2806. The earliest fill, 2804, which was up to 0.24m thick appears to have resulted from slumping from the north. This was covered by silting deposit 2805, up to 0.42m thick, which was in turn sealed by deposit 2806, which was 0.22m thick and possibly represents intentional backfilling/levelling; this was covered by subsoil 2801.
- 5.39. No finds were recovered from any of the fills of quarry pit 2803.

#### Trench 34

5.40. Pit 3403, possibly representing a tree throw pit, was partially exposed within the central part of Trench 34. It was sub-ovoid in shape, with shallow to moderately sloping, irregular, asymmetrical sides and an irregular base. It was filled by mixed deposit 3404, which contained a fragments of animal bone. This was sealed by subsoil 3404.

## Trench 37 (Fig. 14)

- 5.41. Two pits were partially exposed within the central part of Trench 37.
- 5.42. Pit 3703 (Fig. 14, Section GG) was sub-ovoid in plan, with a length of at least 1.45m and a width of at least 1.09m. It was 0.26m deep and had gently sloping irregular, slightly convex sides and an irregular base. It contained two fills, the earliest of which, 3704, was 0.1m thick and possibly derived from slumping of the sides of the feature. This was overlain by silting deposit 3705, which was up to 0.16m thick and from which two sherds of pottery dating to the mid 1st to 2nd centuries AD were recovered.
- 5.43. Adjacent to pit 3703, pit 3706 (Fig. 14, Section HH) was irregular in shape, with gently sloping concave sides and a flat base. It measured at least 1.27m in length and was at least 0.42m wide and 0.18m deep. It contained deposit 3707, which was derived from natural silting and was devoid of finds.
- 5.44. Both features within Trench 37 were sealed by subsoil 3701.

## Field 3 (Figs 2, 5 and 15-17)

### Trench 38 (Fig. 15)

5.45. Ditch 3803 (Fig. 15, Section II) lay on an approximate north-east/south-west alignment at the north-western end of Trench 38, where it corresponded closely to a linear trend on the geophysical survey, interpreted as being of agricultural origin. It was 1.13m wide and 0.23m deep, with an asymmetric profile. The western side sloped moderately, whilst the eastern side was gently sloping and slightly concave. The base was slightly irregular and sloped downwards from east to west. The ditch was filled by silting deposit 3804, which was sealed by subsoil 3801 and from which a single sherd of Roman pottery was recovered.

#### Trench 47

5.46. Ditch 4703 was recorded within the northern half of Trench 47, where it was broadly aligned east/west and correlated well with a linear feature depicted on the geophysical survey and interpreted as a former field boundary. It was 1.75m wide and 0.2m deep, with a moderately sloping, concave southern side, a gently sloping, slightly irregular northern side and a flat base. It contained silting fill 4704, which was overlain by subsoil 4701. No finds were recovered from deposit 4704.

## Trench 48

5.47. Trench 48 contained small circular posthole 4803. This measured 0.28m in diameter and was a maximum of 0.09m deep. It contained silting fill 4804, which was sealed by subsoil 4801 and contained no artefactual material.

#### Trench 49

5.48. Pit 4903 was partially exposed within Trench 49. It was sub-circular in plan and its maximum exposed dimensions were 1.24m long and 0.46m wide. Excavation demonstrated that it was 0.41m deep, with steep sides varying from slightly concave to slightly convex and it had a flat base. It contained two fills, 4904 and 4905, both evidently derived from separate episodes of silting. The earliest of these, 4904, was up to 0.3m thick, whilst the later, 4905, measured a maximum of 0.11m thick. Fill 4905 was covered by subsoil 4901 and no finds were recovered from either fill.

#### Trenches 50 and 51

5.49. Ditch 5003 crossed Trench 50 on a north-east/south-west alignment and correlated well with a linear anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey which was interpreted as a former field boundary. It was 0.65m wide and 0.17m deep, with a steeply sloping

- eastern side, a moderately sloping western side and a flat base. It contained two fills, 5004 and 5005, both of which appear to have resulted from natural silting. It was sealed by subsoil 5001 and no finds were recovered from either of the fills.
- 5.50. In Trench 51, ditch 5105 represented the southern continuation of ditch 5003 to the north and, as such, was not excavated further within Trench 51, and was recorded in plan. Here it was 0.59m wide and its uppermost fill, 5106, appeared to represent general silting. It was covered by subsoil 5101 and contained no artefactual material.
- 5.51. Trench 51 also contained two drains constructed from limestone blocks with central channels and large unworked limestone slab capping stones. The westernmost of these continued through the western end of Trench 50 to the north, and the eastern end of Trench 52, to the south. These structures are likely to be of post-medieval or modern date.

## Trench 52 (Fig. 16)

- 5.52. Ditch 5205 (Fig. 16, Section JJ) was recorded in the centre of Trench 52. It was aligned north-east/south-west and correlated well with a linear feature depicted on the geophysical survey and interpreted as being of possible archaeological origin. It was 2.4m wide and 0.94m deep, with generally moderately sloping, slightly convex sides and a rounded base. It contained two fills, 5206 and 5207, both of which were interpreted as resulting from natural silting. The earliest fill, 5206, was up to 0.14m thick and contained a single cattle bone, whilst later fill 5207 was a maximum of 0.8m thick and contained no finds.
- 5.53. Fill 5207 was cut by re-cut ditch 5208, which was 1.76m wide and 0.5m deep, with an irregular profile. The eastern side was concave and steeply sloping, the western side was moderately to gently sloping and the base was uneven. The ditch contained two silting fills, 5209 and 5210. The former measured 0.11m in thickness and contained a number of animal bone fragments. The latter was up to 0.39m thick and contained a single cattle bone.
- 5.54. The ditches within Trench 52 were sealed by subsoil 5201.

#### Trench 53 (Fig. 17)

5.55. Ditch 5308 (Fig. 17, Section MM) was aligned north-west/south-east and corresponded with a linear feature depicted on the geophysical survey and interpreted as being of possible archaeological origin. It was 1.25m wide and 0.53m deep, with a steeply

sloping south-western side, a moderately sloping north-eastern side and a narrow, flat base. It contained three fills, the earliest two of which, 5309 and 5310, appear to relate to slumping of the ditch sides. The latest fill, 5311, which was up to 0.38m thick, represents final silting of the feature. No finds were recovered from any of the fills, which were in turn covered by subsoil layer 5301.

- 5.56. Two similarly sized circular postholes, 5303 and 5305, were identified near to ditch 5308. Posthole 5303 (Fig. 17, Section KK) was 0.35m in diameter, with moderately to steeply sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled by silting deposit 5304, which was devoid of finds.
- 5.57. Posthole 5305 (Fig. 17, Section LL) was *c.* 0.33m in diameter, with steeply sloping, almost vertical sides and a concave base. It retained what appeared to be some of its stone packing material, 5306, which was in turn overlain by silting fill 5307, which was up to 0.18m thick and contained no artefactual material.
- 5.58. All three features within Trench 53 were covered by subsoil layer 5301.

# Field 4 (Figs 2, 6 and 19-25)

#### Trench 70

5.59. Ditch 7003 was recorded within the southern extent of Trench 70, where it lay on a broadly east/west alignment and was 0.52m wide and 0.16m deep. It had a broad V-shaped profile, with moderately to steeply sloping, slightly convex sides and a slightly angular base. It contained silting fill 7004, which was sealed by subsoil 7001 and contained no finds.

## Trench 71 (Fig. 19)

- 5.60. Ditch terminus 7103 (Fig. 19, Sections OO and PP) was identified at the south-western end of Trench 71. It was aligned approximately north-west/south-east, with a rounded terminus at the southern end. The north-eastern side was steeply sloping, and the south-western side was slightly irregular and moderately sloping. The base was uneven and sloped gently downwards from north-east to south-west. The ditch contained two fills, both evidently derived from separate episodes of silting. The earlier fill, 7104 was up to 0.1m thick, whilst the later one, 7105, measured up to 0.24m in thickness.
- 5.61. Posthole 7106 (Fig. 19, Section QQ) was located adjacent to ditch terminus 7103. It was circular in shape, with a diameter of 0.5m and a maximum depth of 0.28m. It had

steeply sloping, asymmetrical sides and a rounded base. It contained two fills, 7107 and 7108. Fill 7107 was present around the sides of the posthole, whilst 7108 was located centrally and therefore appears to represent the fill of a post-pipe, with 7107 utilised as packing material around the post.

5.62. Both features within Trench 71 were covered by subsoil layer 7101 and neither contained any artefactual material. Two cattle bones were recovered from subsoil layer 7101.

## Trench 72 (Fig. 20)

- 5.63. Ditch 7207 appeared to form a right-angled corner at the south-western end of Trench 72, correlating closely to an intersection of two linear anomalies depicted on the geophysical survey.
- 5.64. Ditch 7207 (Fig. 20, Section TT) was a maximum of 0.82m wide and 0.24m deep, with a shallow concave profile. It contained a single fill, 7208, derived from natural silting and from which two sherds of pottery dating to the mid 1st to 2nd centuries AD was recovered.
- 5.65. Pit 7205 (Fig. 20, Section SS) lay within the angle of ditch 7207 and was only partially exposed within the trench. The exposed part of the feature appeared sub-ovoid in shape. Excavation demonstrated that it was at least 1.7m long, 0.58m wide and survived to a depth of 0.43m. It had an irregular profile, with a steeply sloping eastern side, a moderately sloping northern side and a flattish base. It was filled by deposit 7206, which was derived from general silting and was devoid of finds.
- 5.66. Partially exposed pit 7203 (Fig. 20, Section RR) was located at the south-western extent of the trench. It was ovoid in shape and measured at least 0.64m long, 0.52m wide and was 0.13m deep. It had steep, asymmetrical sides and a flat base and was filled by silting deposit 7204, which contained no artefactual material.
- 5.67. Ditch 7209 crossed the north-eastern end of the trench on a north-east/south-west alignment. This feature represented the south-western continuation of ditch 7303 in Trench 73 to the north-east and, as such, was not excavated further within Trench 72.
- 5.68. The features within Trench 72 were all sealed by subsoil layer 7201, from which a single sherd of pottery dating to the 11th to 13th centuries was recovered.

## Trench 73 (Fig. 21)

5.69. Ditch 5003 (Fig. 21, Section UU) crossed the centre of Trench 73 on a north-east/south-west alignment and correlated well with a linear geophysical survey anomaly interpreted as being of possible archaeological origin. It was 1.65m wide and 0.45m deep, with convex, gently to moderately sloping sides and a concave base. It contained two fills, the earliest of which, 7304, which was up to 0.44m thick, appears to represent intentional backfilling. A prehistoric worked flint core and a small amount of animal bone were recovered from this material. Fill 7304 was overlaid by deposit 7305 which is likely to have resulted from natural silting and which contained no finds. This material was covered by subsoil 7301.

## Trench 74

5.70. Ditch 7403 was recorded within the north-western extent of Trench 74. It was aligned north-east/south-west and corresponded with a linear feature depicted on the geophysical survey and interpreted as being of possible archaeological origin. It was 1m wide and 0.44m deep, with a steeply sloping south-eastern side, a stepped north-western side, and a flattish base. It contained e silting fill 7404, which was covered by subsoil layer 7401 and which was devoid of any artefactual material.

#### Trench 75

5.71. Ditch 7503, which cut through subsoil layer 7501, crossed the southern end of Trench 75 on an east/west alignment and broadly correlated with a linear geophysical survey anomaly, interpreted as a former field boundary. The ditch was 0.92m wide and 0.32m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a deep, concave profile. It was filled by deposit 7504, which was derived from general silting and which was devoid of finds. This material was in turn sealed by topsoil layer 7500.

## Trench 77

5.72. Identified within the eastern extent of Trench 77, ditches 7702 and re-cut ditch 7704 represented the north-eastern continuation of ditches 7802 and 7804 recorded in Trench 78 to the south-east and were not excavated further within this trench. No finds were evident on the surface of either of the features, which were sealed by topsoil layer 7700.

#### Trench 78

5.73. Ditch 7802 crossed Trench 78 on an approximate north-west/south-east alignment and correlated well with a linear anomaly depicted on the geophysical survey, interpreted

as a former field boundary. It was at least 0.82m wide and 0.72m deep. The western side was steeply sloping and slightly convex and the base was a narrow and rounded. Ditch 7802 was filled by silting deposit 7803, which was in turn cut along the eastern side of the ditch by re-cut ditch 7804, which was 1.42m wide and 0.49m deep, with moderately sloping sides and an almost concave profile. It contained silting fill 7805 which was in turn sealed by topsoil 7800.

5.74. Ditch 7802 and re-cut ditch 7804 were both devoid of any artefactual material.

## Trench 83 (Figs 22)

5.75. Ditch 8303 corresponded very closely with a large presumed enclosure ditch identified by the geophysical survey. With the agreement of Tim Havard it was recorded only in plan. The ditch was aligned north-west south-east, it was 2.45m wide and its uppermost fill appeared to be derived from general silting. No finds were evident on the surface of the feature.

# Trench 84 (Fig. 23)

- 5.76. Ditch 8403 (Fig. 23, Section VV) was aligned north/south and correlated closely with a linear feature depicted on the geophysical survey and interpreted as being of possible archaeological origin. It was 0.73m wide and 0.11m deep, with gently sloping sides and a shallow concave profile. It was filled by silting deposit 7803, which was devoid of any finds.
- 5.77. In the centre of the trench, large north/south aligned ditch 8405 corresponded very closely with the eastern side of the sub-circular enclosure identified on the geophysical survey, with which ditch 8303 (to the south-west) is also associated. As in Trench 83, with Tim Havard's approval, the ditch here was recorded only in plan.
- 5.78. Ditch 8405 was 3.9m wide and two distinct fills were visible in plan. Fill 8406 was identified along the outer edges of the ditch, whilst deposit 8407 filled the centre of the feature. A number of finds were recovered from the surface of deposit 8406, including several sherds of Roman pottery, four iron objects, a worked flint side scraper and a single sheep/goat bone.
- 5.79. Both features in Trench 84 were sealed by subsoil 8401, from which finds comprising a worked flint and three iron nails were recovered.

## Trench 85 (Fig. 24)

- 5.80. Pit 8519 (Fig. 24, Section bb) was located in the central part of Trench 85, where it was cut along the eastern side by ditch 8515. Pit 8519 was sub-ovoid in shape and survived to a maximum length of 0.85m, a width of 0.74 and a depth of 0.4m. Its southwestern side was moderately sloping and irregular and the base appeared flattish. The pit contained two fills, the earliest of which, 8520, was up to 0.13m thick and derived from natural silting. This was overlain by stony deposit 8521, of 0.28m thickness, which appeared to represent intentional backfilling. Finds recovered from fill 8520 included 28 sherds of Roman pottery and a single horse bone.
- 5.81. Cutting pit 8519, ditch 8515 was aligned north-west/south-east and correlated well with a linear geophysical survey anomaly. It was 1.58m wide and 0.62m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a flattish base. It contained a series of three fills, the earliest of which, 8516, was up to 0.16m thick and appears to represent initial silting of the ditch. Finds recovered from this material included 75 sherds of Roman pottery, a lump of lead and a small number of animal bones. Fill 8516 was overlain by deposit 8517 which appears to be derived from natural infilling during the use of the ditch. It was up to 0.24m thick and contained 47 sherds of Roman pottery and a quantity of animal bone. Deposit 8517 was in turn covered by fill 8518, which is likely to have accumulated in the partially infilled ditch once it had fallen out of use. It was up to 0.28m thick and contained 21 sherds of Roman pottery and a small number of animal bones.
- 5.82. Ditch 8507 (Fig. 24, Section YY) was aligned approximately north-west/south-east and was 0.7m wide and 0.19m deep, with a steeply sloping northern side, a gently sloping southern side and a base which sloped slightly downwards from south to north. It contained silting fill 8508, from which two sherds of pottery dateable to the mid 1st to 2nd centuries AD were recovered.
- 5.83. Adjacent to ditch 8507, ditch 8505 (Fig. 24, Section XX) also lay on a north-west/south-east alignment. It was 1.2m wide and 0.23m deep, with steeply sloping, concave sides and a flattish base. It was filled by fill 8506, derived from natural silting, from which 36 sherds of pottery dating to the 2nd century AD were recovered.
- 5.84. Rounded pit 8503 (Fig. 24, Section WW) was partially exposed within the trench. It was at least 0.7m long, 0.5m wide and 0.12m deep, with moderately sloping concave sides and a flat base. It contained silting fill 8504, from which two sherds of pottery dating to the 2nd to 3rd centuries AD were recovered.

- 5.85. Towards the north-eastern end of the trench, north/south aligned ditch terminus 8509/8513 was cut by posthole 8511 (Fig. 24, Sections ZZ and aa). The ditch was at least 1.6m long, 0.74m wide and 0.11m deep, with a rounded southern terminus. It had moderately sloping sides and a rounded base and was filled by deposit 8510, which was likely derived from natural silting and was devoid of any artefactual material.
- 5.86. Posthole 8511 was ovoid in shape, 0.36m long, 0.32m wide and 0.11m deep. It had moderately sloping sides, a rounded base and contained a single silting fill, 8512, from which no finds were recovered.
- 5.87. All of the features within Trench 85 were sealed by a layer of subsoil, 8501, from which a single sherd of 2nd to 3rd century AD pottery was recovered.

## Trench 86 (Fig. 25)

- 5.88. Posthole 8605 (Fig. 25, Section dd) was identified towards the south-western end of Trench 86. It was ovoid in shape and measured 0.4m in length, 0.25m in width and was 0.11m deep. Its northern side was gently sloping and concave, whilst the southern side was irregular and stepped. It was filled by deposit 8606, which was likely derived from natural silting and which contained a small quantity of animal bone fragments.
- 5.89. Ditch 8603 (Fig. 25, Section cc) was broadly aligned north-west/south-east and was 0.73m wide and 0.27m deep, with moderately sloping sides and an uneven base. It contained silting fill 8604, from which 53 sherds of pottery of 2nd to 3rd century AD date and two animal bones were recovered.
- 5.90. Ditch 8607 corresponded well with a large linear feature identified by the geophysical survey. With the agreement of Tim Havard, it was recorded in plan only. The ditch was aligned east/west and was *c*. 3.2m wide. Three distinct fills, 8608, 8609 and 8610, were visible in plan. Fills 8608 and 8610 were identified along the outer edges of the ditch, whilst deposit 8609 filled the centre of the feature. This would appear to indicate the presence of a re-cut. A number of finds were recovered from the surface of deposit 8610. These included a copper alloy coin, two iron nails, a whetstone or polishing stone, seven sherds of pottery and a single cattle bone. These finds have been provisionally dated to the late 3rd to 4th centuries AD.
- 5.91. The features within Trench 86 were sealed by subsoil layer 8601.

## Field 5 (Figs 2, 7 and 18)

#### Trench 56

5.92. Ditch 5603 crossed the northern end of Trench 56 on a north-west/south-east alignment, and measured 0.68m wide and 0.13m deep. It had gently sloping sides and a shallow concave profile. It was filled by deposit 5604, which was likely derived from natural silting and was devoid of any artefactual material. This was covered by subsoil layer 5601.

#### Trench 57

5.93. At the western end of Trench 57, ditch 5703 lay on a north-west/south-east alignment and was 0.7m wide and 0.22m deep. It had moderately sloping, slightly irregular sides and a flat base. It contained silting fill 5704, which was sealed by subsoil 5701 and contained no finds.

#### Trench 62

5.94. Trench 62 contained a land drain, 6204/6203, which was cut through subsoil layer 6201. It was constructed from limestone block walls, with a central channel and large unworked limestone slab capping stones. It was 0.7m wide and at least 0.4m deep and likely to be of post-medieval or modern date.

### Trench 69 (Fig. 18)

5.95. Curvilinear ditch 6903 (Fig. 18, Section NN) was identified at the south-western end of Trench 69 and did not correlate to any identified geophysical anomaly. It was at least 9m long, 0.94m wide and 0.54m deep, with steeply sloping, asymmetrical sides and an irregular, rounded base. It was filled by two deposits, the earliest of which, 6904, was up to 0.21m thick and had evidently resulted from the slumping of the edges of the feature. This was overlain by silting deposit 6905, which was up to 0.33m thick and overlain by subsoil layer 6901. No artefactual material was recovered from either fill of ditch 6903.

## Field 7 (Figs 2, 8, 26 and 27)

#### Trench 92

5.96. East/west aligned ditch 9203 cut through subsoil layer 9201 at the northern end of Trench 92 and did not correlate to any identified geophysical anomaly. It was 1.37m wide and its undated fill, 9204, appeared to be derived from general silting.

## Trench 97 (Fig. 26)

- 5.97. Within the central part of Trench 97, ditch 9703 (Fig. 26, Section ee) lay on a north/south alignment and was 1.18m wide and 0.29m deep. It had moderately sloping sides and an overall broad concave profile. It contained undated silting fill 9704.
- 5.98. Pit 9705 (Fig. 26, Section ff) was ovoid in shape and measured 0.58m in length, 0.49m in width and was 0.11m deep. It had gently sloping sides and a flat base. It was filled by deposit 9706, which was likely derived from natural silting and contained no artefactual material.
- 5.99. Ditch 9707 (Fig. 26, Section gg) was aligned north/south and correlated well with a linear feature depicted on the geophysical survey and interpreted as being associated with ridge and furrow cultivation. It was 0.79m wide and 0.41m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a flat base. It contained two undated deposits, the earliest of which, 9708, was up to 0.1m thick and had evidently resulted from the slumping of the western side of the feature. This was overlain by silting deposit 6905, which was up to 0.4m thick.
- 5.100. Ditch 9710 was broadly aligned north-west/south-east and was recorded in plan only. It was 1.05m wide and its uppermost fill, 9711, appeared to be derived from general silting. No finds were evident on the surface of the feature.
- 5.101. All of the features within Trench 97 were sealed by subsoil 9701.

## Trench 98 (Fig. 27)

- 5.102. Ditch 9803 (Fig. 27, Section hh) crossed the western extent Trench 98 on a north/south alignment and corresponded well with a linear geophysical survey anomaly. It measured 0.89m wide and 0.41m deep and had irregular, asymmetrical sides, which were moderately to steeply sloping. It had a flattish base and contained two undated fills, 9804 and 9805. The earliest fill, 9804, measured 0.13m in thickness and appeared to be derived of initial slumping or weathering of the sides of the ditch. Deposit 9804 was covered by fill 9805, which was up to 0.33m thick and derived from general silting: a single cattle bone was recovered from this deposit.
- 5.103. Ditch 9806 (Fig. 27, Section ii) was recorded within the eastern part of the trench. It was north/south aligned and correlated well with a linear feature depicted on the geophysical survey. It was 1.3m wide and 0.38m deep, with a steeply sloping eastern side, a stepped western side and a rounded base. It contained two fills, the earliest of

which, 9807, which was up to 0.12m thick, was evidently derived from slumping. This was overlain by deposit 9808, up to 0.38m thick, which appeared to represent natural silting and contained three sherds of pottery of 2nd to 3rd-century AD date, as well as a single animal bone fragments.

5.104. Both ditches within Trench 98 were sealed by subsoil layer 9801.

## Field 8 (Figs 2, 9 and 28)

### Trench 101 (Fig. 28)

- 5.105. East/west aligned ditch 10103 (Fig. 28, Section jj) was recorded in the central part of Trench 101. It was a maximum of 1.22m wide and 0.15m deep, with gently sloping sides and a flattish base. It contained undated fill 10104, derived from natural silting.
- 5.106. Ovoid pit 10105 (Fig. 28, Section kk) was located towards the southern end of the trench. It was 0.5m long, 0.4m wide and survived to a depth of 0.1m. It had gently sloping sides and a shallow concave base. It was filled by undated deposit 10106, which was likely derived from natural silting.

## 6. THE FINDS

6.1. Artefactual material consisting of pottery, ceramic building material, fired clay, metal, industrial waste, flint and stone was recovered by hand from 34 different deposits and metal detected from the topsoil. Recording of this material was direct to an Excel spreadsheet, from which Appendix B, Table 1 is taken. The artefacts have been recorded by deposit and fragment/item count, weight, type, and morphological characteristics according to each find category. The recording undertaken is in accordance with the CIfA finds Toolkit (CIfA 2021).

## **Pottery**

6.2. A total of 343 sherds weighing 1775.5g were hand-recovered from 19 deposits consisting of the fills of ditches and pits, and subsoil or topsoil layers. The large majority (332 sherds, 1754.5g) of the pottery dates to the Roman period with small numbers of sherds dating to the medieval and post-medieval periods. The assemblage is moderately well broken-up, containing few vessels re-constructable below shoulder level. Surface survival tends to be good, with minimal abrasion recorded. Fabric codes used for recording are defined below (Appendix B, Table 2). Where appropriate for the Roman material, codes relate to the *National Roman Fabric Reference Collection* (Tomber and Dore 1998).

#### Roman

- 6.3. Pottery dating to the Roman period makes up the majority of the total assemblage, amounting to 332 sherds (1754.5g). Much of the assemblage was recovered from Trenches 84-86, with some material from Trenches 37, 38, 72 and 98. The overall fabric range of Roman pottery is set out in Table 2 and is consistent with what would be expected from a rural site in North Wiltshire. There are clear compositional similarities with the site recently excavated at Aldi, Malmesbury, a short distance to the south (CA forthcoming)
- 6.4. The majority of the assemblage is made up of coarsewares, mostly from local sources (Table 2). Sandy oxidized wares dominate (WIL OX, 90 sherds, 420g), together with reduced wares (WIL RE, 22 sherds, 77g), all of which are characteristic of locally produced fabrics of North Wiltshire manufacture. Micaceous grey and black firing types (MGW, MGW DF, MGW C, 79 sherds, 337g) are also common and are probably manufactured in the Bristol/South Gloucestershire area. Among the oxidized wares a near-complete small necked jar or bowl (42 fragments, 160g) was recovered from fill 8604 of ditch 8603. Regional coarsewares are present with South-east Dorset Blackburnished ware (DOR BB1) dominating (82 sherds, 496g) and a single sherd (4g) of South-west Black-burnished ware (SOW BB1) was recorded from the fill 8604 of ditch 8603. Identifiable vessel forms in DOR BB1 include plain rim dishes and 2nd to 3rd and 3rd to 4th-century jars. Decoration includes burnished acute-angled lattice decoration probably of c. 2nd to early 3rd-century dating, noted to sherds from a jar recorded from fill 8506 of ditch 8505. Much of the remaining assemblage consists of mainly local and regional coarsewares (fabric types SAV GT, CQMS, SVW OX2, Oxid, LOC BS). An unusual T-shaped or collared rim sherd (10g) in a local black sandy coarse fabric (LOC BS C), of mid 1st to 2nd-century date, was recovered from fill 8604 of ditch 8603.
- 6.5. A small number of fine and specialist wares were recovered. A single sherd (1g) of North Wiltshire Colour-Coated (WIL CC) beaker with a beaded rim was recovered from topsoil 8500. Large quantities of this fabric type have been recovered from Wanborough, Wiltshire, and date from the early 2nd century (Seager Smith 2001, 240–1). A single sherd of Oxford Red-slipped ware mortarium (OXF RS, 24g) was recorded in topsoil 8600 and is heavily abraded. Gaulish samian fabrics amount to 17 sherds (41g), with most being of Central Gaulish (Lezoux) type (LEZ SA2) and dating to the 2nd century. A possible Drag. 31 or 31R dish was recovered from fill 8516 and dates

- to *c.* AD 160–200. In addition, a sherd of East Gaulish (Trier) type (TRI SA) of *c.* AD 140–250 was recovered from fill 8520 of pit 8519.
- 6.6. Aspects of the assemblage, including the presence of samian and North Wiltshire grey and oxidized wares, together with an absence of exclusively 'late' (after *c*. AD 270/300) fabrics, suggests mid 2nd to 3rd-century date for the Roman activity on site. Limited evidence for earlier activity in the mid 1st to mid 2nd-century range was suggested by the presence of Savernake grog tempered wares (SAV GT) from fills 8604 of ditch 8603 (2 sherds, 17g) and topsoil 8600 (5 sherds, 256g).

## Medieval and post-medieval

- 6.7. Pottery post-dating the Roman period was represented by seven sherds (17g). The medieval pottery was recovered from subsoil 7201 in a coarse black sandy fabric with oolitic limestone voids (OL, 1 sherd, 9g) similar to the 11th to 13th-century material recovered from the local area, such as at Filands, Malmesbury (CA forthcoming).
- 6.8. The post-medieval pottery was recovered from fill 2108 of ditch 2107 in a glazed red earthenware fabric (GRE, 6 sherds, 8g), dating from the 17th to 18th centuries.

#### Unknown date

6.9. A total of four unfeatured bodysherds (4g) in a black-firing fabric containing coarse quartz inclusions (CBS) was recovered from topsoil 8500. Dating to the later prehistoric (Iron Age) or Early Medieval periods is possible.

# **Ceramic Building Material (CBM)**

6.10. Three fragments of ceramic building material were recorded. A single flat tile fragment (45g) in a medium, sandy orange fabric and measuring 19mm in thickness was recovered from topsoil 8600. Although abraded, the fabric and thickness would be consistent with Roman dating. The two remaining fragments (43g) are in modern hard orange and pink fabrics.

## **Fired Clay**

6.11. A total of two fragments (25g) of fired clay were recorded. A single fragment (2g) from fill 8604 of ditch 8603 is of a medium sandy orange and black fabric and is too formless to be able to identify a function. A fragment (23g) of a fired clay object in an orange and black soft fabric was recovered from fill 1503 of quarry cut 1502. The object is too fragmentary to identify its function, however a possible Roman oven plate or late Saxon annular or bun shaped loom weight can be postulated.

#### **Stone**

6.12. A single fragment (43g) of flat worked stone was recovered from fill 8610 of ditch 8607. It has highly smoothed surfaces and is likely to be a whetstone or a polishing stone.

#### **Flint**

6.13. Four pieces of worked flint (32g) were recorded. Three of the objects are broadly datable to the prehistoric period; an end scraper with retouch along the distal dorsal edge recovered from topsoil 1200, a side scraper made on a flake with retouch along the left dorsal edge recovered from fill 8406 of ditch 8405, and a small core made on a flake recovered from fill 7304 of ditch 7303. A distal fragment from a blade with edge damage was recovered from subsoil 8401 is probably datable to the Mesolithic or Early Neolithic period.

#### **Industrial Waste**

6.14. A single small piece of industrial waste, weighing 7g, was recorded in fill 1503 of quarry cut 1502 and is identifiable as indeterminate ironworking slag.

#### Metal

#### Iron

6.15. A total of seven nails was recovered from Trenches 84 and 86. They have flat and domed heads and square shafts suitable for carpentry related tasks used from the Roman period onwards. A fragment (19g) of a tanged implement of unknown function was recovered from fill 1503 of quarry cut 1502 and two lumps of iron recovered from fill 8406 of ditch 8405 are too corroded to be able to identify a function.

#### Copper Alloy

6.16. Ra. 3 was recorded in topsoil 8600 and is a fragmentary brooch identified as of Mackreth Colchester Derivative Type 12 (probably Type 12.a or 12.a.1). Only the bow portion survives, the front of which has three lozenge mouldings, two of which would have been enameled. The foot of the brooch features a small projection. Brooches of this type are known commonly from western Britain and a similar find from Wilcote, Oxfordshire has been dated to the 2nd century (Mackreth 2011, 95). An illegible coin (Ra. 4) was recovered from fill 8610 of ditch 8607. It is either a nummus or radiate of late 3rd to 4th-century date.

#### Lead

6.17. Two lead weights were recorded from topsoil 8600. Ra. 1 is a (Tyrrell) Type A4 conical shape with an irregular perforation through the centre weighing 47g and Ra. 2 is a (Tyrrell) Type C12 reel-shaped with a flattish top and bottom weighing 206g. Tyrrell (2015) suggests a late Roman date for Type A4 and Type C12 does not lend itself to dating. A formless lump (6g) was recovered from fill 8516 of ditch 8515.

### **Summary**

- 6.18. A moderately large artefactual assemblage was recorded from the evaluation. Pottery, mostly dating to the Roman period, was the dominant find, with the majority of this material being recovered from Trenches 84-86. A smaller quantity of artefactual material, dating to the medieval and post-medieval periods was also recovered. Limited prehistoric activity is also evidenced by the four flints recovered.
- 6.19. The Roman pottery is comparable in its range to previously recorded assemblages in the area and draws mainly from relatively local coarsewares including WIL OX, MGW and WIL RE but also includes regional sources such as DOR BB1 and imported samian fabrics. Most indications are that the pottery relates to activity dating to the 2nd to the 3rd centuries. The limited presence of finewares and specialist wares may be an indication of low status, however, this is a feature of most rural settlement assemblages. Most of the identifiable forms consist of coarseware jars and dishes/bowls likely to relate to domestic activities, including cooking and storage. The quantities of other artefactual material, most notably the brooch, further support the presence of activity in the area dating primarily to the Roman period.

# 7. THE BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

#### **Animal bone**

7.1. A small assemblage of animal bone, amounting to 75 fragments (1122g) was recovered from 21 pit and ditch fill deposits. Artefactual material dating from the Roman and post-medieval periods was also recovered from these features (See Table 1, Appendix C). The material was only moderately well preserved and fragmentary, a combination of factors that have rendered 64% of the assemblage unidentifiable. However, it was possible to identify the remains of cattle (Bos taurus), sheep/goat (*Ovis aries/Capra hircus*), and horse (*Equus caballus*). Where modern damage was present and re-fitting was possible, the fragments were counted as a single bone.

#### Roman

7.2. A total of 39 fragments (764g) was recovered from nine deposits. A limited amount of cattle, sheep/goat and horse bone was identified, consisting of meat-poor skeletal elements such as fragments of the skull or the bones of the lower limbs. None of this material displayed any damaged indicative of butchery practice and with only eight, two and three fragments respectively, there is no useful information to infer other than species identification. However, each was a commonly exploited domestic animal and as such is to be expected in assemblages of this period.

#### Post-medieval

7.3. A single fragment (2g) was recovered from ditch fill deposit 2108, it was not identifiable to element or species

#### Undated

7.4. The remaining 35 fragments (356g) in the assemblage come from 11 deposits that remain undated. A limited amount of cattle and sheep/goat bone was recovered with each identified mainly from loose molar teeth.

# 8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1. The evaluation identified a number of largely undated archaeological features dispersed across the site and concentrations of features dated to the Roman period within the trenches surrounding the two enclosures within the central southern part of the site, located within the southern part of Field 4 and northern periphery of Field 7, as identified by the preceding geophysical survey (HA 2020).
- 8.2. The results of the evaluation demonstrated generally good correlation between the anomalies highlighted during the geophysical survey and the identified archaeological features, with a number of scattered features within the wider periphery of the two enclosures not identified by the previous survey.

#### **Prehistoric**

8.3. Four pieces of worked flint were recovered during the evaluation, attesting to prehistoric activity within the site or its immediate environs. Three of the flints were recovered from trenches within Field 4 and two fragments, part of a blade, and a side scraper, were recovered from features or layers associated with the two complexes of Roman features identified by the geophysical survey, tentatively suggesting that the Roman activity here followed on from earlier occupation of this part of the site.

- 8.4. Ditch 7303 was the only feature containing exclusively prehistoric-dated artefactual material, comprising a worked flint core, and therefore it represents the only feature on site datable to the prehistoric period. The alignment of the ditch, as indicated on the geophysical survey, appears contrary to the alignments and patterning of the adjacent Roman activity.
- 8.5. Elsewhere within the site, the undated ditch and two postholes identified within Trench 53 may possibly be associated with the adjacent presumed round barrow. Likewise, it is feasible that the undated ditch extending through Trenches 19 and 20 is associated in some way with the larger barrow located within the south-western corner of Field 1. However, due to the limited exposure of these features this interpretation remains tentative.

#### Roman

- 8.6. Roman finds were concentrated within Trenches 84-86. Here, many of the features were filled with material indicative of domestic activity, and the finds and animal bone assemblages recovered from these trenches correlates well with the conclusions of the geophysical survey that the easternmost enclosure is associated with settlement activity (HA 2020), whilst the lack of finds from the surface of ditch 8303 may add credence to its interpretation as a stock enclosure. Finds associated with the possible settlement activity included pottery, CBM, fired clay, a whetstone or polishing stone, lead weights, coins and part of a brooch.
- 8.7. The finds assemblage from these trenches suggests that settlement is likely of mid 2nd to 3rd-century AD date; however, there was limited evidence suggesting that there was at least some activity in this part of the site within the mid 1st to mid 2nd centuries AD, and the coin recovered from ditch 8607 indicates that activity here may have extended into the late 3rd to 4th centuries.
- 8.8. The ditches identified in Trench 98, as well as ditch 9707 in Trench 97, correlate well with parallel linear anomalies extending southwards from the easternmost Roman enclosure and are possibly associated with a trackway or droveway.
- 8.9. Elsewhere, ditches containing Roman pottery within Trenches 38 and 72 could be associated with parts of a field system surrounding the settlement.

8.10. The excavated evidence is indicative of rural domestic and agricultural activity associated with the settlement, with a paucity of higher status building material or artefacts retrieved during the current works.

# **Medieval post-medieval**

- 8.11. A single sherd of pottery dating to the 11th to 13th centuries was recovered from subsoil 7201. The dearth of finds from this period indicates that the site is unlikely to have contained any settlement during the medieval period and is likely to have had an entirely agricultural use, attested by the presence of the surviving upstanding ridge and furrow earthworks present within Fields 2 and 8, as well as the widespread evidence for ridge and furrow cultivation identified within the excavated trenches.
- 8.12. Post-medieval finds were restricted to ditch 2107 in Field 1. This feature is likely to relate to agricultural drainage. A number of similar features, including ditches 1604 and 1703, contained ceramic land drains, likely inserted into them once they had silted up.

#### **Undated**

- 8.13. Undated ditches were identified throughout the site, with the exception of Field 2. Whilst a small number, such as ditches 7503 and 9203 could be interpreted as being of relatively modern date, as they clearly cut the subsoil, the majority of these features probably relate to agricultural drainage pre-dating the post-medieval period.
- 8.14. A number of stone drains were identified in Fields 1, 3 and 5. These mostly comprised two walls constructed from limestone blocks, with a central channel and limestone slab capstones. They are likely to represent predecessors to the ceramic land drains and are most likely relatively late post-medieval/modern in date.
- 8.15. Interpretation of large ditch 5205 is problematic. It may represent a boundary however the geophysical survey indicates that it does not extend far into Field 3 and there are no features of similar scale within the vicinity. It is sealed by a layer of subsoil therefore is presumed to be of some antiquity.
- 8.16. A total of six quarry pits were identified, mostly located within Field 1, with the exception of quarry pit 2803, in Field 2. The underlying geology within this part of the site generally comprised plated limestone bedrock, as opposed to the brash and clay observed elsewhere across the site, and was presumably quarried for building or constructing drystone walls.

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# **APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
1	100	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown, silty clay.		0.2	
1	101	layer		Subsoil	Dark yellowish brown, silty clay.		0.15	
1	102	layer		Natural	Dark orangey grey clay with limestone brash patches.		0.1	
2	200	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brown silty clay.		0.3	
2	201	layer		Subsoil	Yellowish brown silty clay with limestone flakes. Only seen in SW end.		0.1	
2	202	layer		Natural	Yellowish brown limestone brash, except at NE end which is yellowish blue clay.		0.05	
2	203	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch. Side slopes moderate to steep. Flat base. >1m length.	1.15	0.26	
2	204	fill	203	Other Fill	First fill of ditch. Yellowish brown silty clay. Occasional limestone < 100mm	0.52	0.04	
2	205	fill	203	Other Fill	Main fill of ditch. Yellowish brown, silty clay, limestone < 70 mm, rare.	1.15	0.24	
3	300	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown silty clay,		0.25	
3	301	layer		Natural	Mid yellowish brown clay, with limestone brash.			
4	400	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown silty clay,		0.36	
4	401	layer		Natural	Limestone brash and yellow/blue clay.			
4	402	structure	403	Other Structure	Stone-walled drain	0.35	0.05	
4	403	cut		Construction Cut	Modern drain cut, containing drain	0.35	0.05	
4	404	cut		Pit	Sub-oval cut of possible pit. Concave with gradually sloping sides (only SE side present). Sub-rounded base, slightly sloping toward land drain. Length 0.68m.	0.84	0.13	
4	405	fill	404	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Mid reddish brown, silty clay, very rare subangular stones <40mm.		0.13	
4	406	cut		Ditch	Cut of E-W linear gully. Sides gently sloping. Base fairly flat, sloping towards cut. 0.9m in length.	0.21	0.05	

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4	407	fill	406	Other Fill	Single fill of gully. Mid yellowish brown, silty clay,	0.21	0.05	
5	500	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown. Silty clay.		0.2	
5	501	layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown, silty clay,		0.1	
5	502	layer		Natural	Light yellowish brown with occasional patches of limestone brash.			
6	600	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay, 1-5% sub-angular limestone.		0.28	
6	601	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clay, 10-25% sub-angular limestone.		0.03	
6	602	layer		Natural	Mid bluish grey clay, 10- 25% sub-angular limestone.			
6	603	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch. Sides moderately sloped. Base rounded. Length 1.8m.	0.6	0.21	
6	604	fill	603	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid brownish grey, clayey silt, 1-5% carbon material.	0.6	0.21	
7	700	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown silty clay,		0.13	
7	701	layer		Subsoil	Dark yellowish brown silty clay,		0.08	
7	702	layer		Natural	Dark orangey brown with limestone brash.			
8	800	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay, 1-5% sub-angular limestone.		0.21	
8	801	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown clay, 10-25% sub-angular limestone.		0.12	
8	802	layer		Natural	Mid bluish grey clay, 10- 25% sub-angular limestone.			
8	803	cut		Ditch	Cut of NE-SW linear ditch, moderately sloping sides, concave rounded base. Length 1.8m	0.77	0.14	
8	804	fill	803	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid brownish grey, clayey silt, 25-50% sub- angular limestone.	0.77	0.14	
8	805	cut		Quarry	Cut of quarry pit. Subcircular in plan, rounded corners, concave, uneven sides, uneven base, length >1.8m.	1.3	0.4	
8	806	fill	805	Other Fill	Fill of pit. Mid brownish grey clayey silt, 50-75% sub-angular limestone.	1.3	0.4	
9	900	layer	900	Ploughsoil	Dark brown silty clay,		0.2	
9	901	layer		Subsoil	Dark yellowish brown, silty clay.		0.08	

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
9	902	layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown clay with limestone brash.			
10	1000	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown silty clay		0.2	
10	1001	layer		Subsoil	Dark greyish brown, silty sand		0.1	
10	1002	layer		Natural	Mid yellowish brown, clay with limestone brash.			
11	1100	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid- to light brown, sandy silty clay, with occasional small pieces of limestone brash.		0.27	
11	1101	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown, silty clay. Small pieces of limestone brash in moderate quantity.		0.1	
11	1102	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with brownish clay.			
11	1103	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch terminus. Rounded end of linear ditch. Sides moderate. Base rounded, concave.	0.61	0.25	
11	1104	fill	1103	Other Fill	First fill of ditch terminus. Light brownish yellow clay	0.04	0.25	
11	1105	fill	1103	Other Fill	Second fill of ditch terminus. Mid brown, silty clay, occasional limestone fragments.	0.57	0.25	
11	1106	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch terminus. Rounded end of E-W aligned linear ditch. Sides moderate to steep. Base fairly flat. Length >1.8m.	1.03	0.42	
11	1107	fill	1106	Other Fill	First fill of ditch. Mid bluish grey, silty clay	0.28	0.12	
11	1108	fill	1106	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Mid yellowish grey, silty clay	0.68	0.15	
11	1109	fill	1106	Other Fill	3rd fill of ditch. Mid brownish grey, silty clay	1.03	0.19	
12	1200	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown, silty clay		0.37	
12	1201	layer		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay.		0.04	
12	1202	layer		Natural	Yellow/brown brash.			
12	1203	unexcavated feature	Natural Feature	Photographed, but not recorded on plan				
12	1204	fill		Other Fill	Fill of natural feature. Dark brown, silty clay,			
13	1300	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brownish grey clayey silt, with occasional limestone fragments.		0.2	
13	1301	layer		Subsoil	Light brownish yellow, silty clay		0.3	
13	1302	layer		Natural	Mid yellow clay with pockets of limestone brash.			

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
14	1400	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown, silty clay		0.2	
14	1401	layer		Natural	Dartk orangey brown clay with limestone brash.			
15	1500	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brown silty clay.		0.41	
15	1501	layer		Natural	Mid brown - yellow limestone brash.			
15	1502	cut		Quarry	Cut of linear quarry pit. Some irregularity in edges. East side vertical, W side not arrived at, base not reached. Length = trench width.	7.8	0.5	
15	1503	fill	1502	Other Fill	1st fill of pit. Mid reddish brown, silty clay & limestone brash, very rare charcoal flecks.	7.8	0.36	
15	1504	fill	1502	Other Fill	2nd fill of pit. Mid reddish brown, silty clay. Occasional subangular stone inclusions.	0.86	0.14	
15	1505	fill	1502	Other Fill	3rd fill of pit. Dark greyish brown, silty clay, Occasional subangular stone inclusions.	0.78	0.22	
16	1600	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brown silty clay with sub-angular stone inclusions.		0.44	
16	1601	layer		Natural	Yellow brash with yellow/blue clay.			
16	1602	cut		Posthole	Cut of sub-circular feature. Side slopes very gentle. Base slightly rounded to flat. 0.46m in length	0.42	0.06	
16	1603	fill	1602	Other Fill	Single fill of posthole pit. Mid yellowish brown, silty clay	0.42	0.06	
16	1604	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE linear feature. Sides irregular due to stone; fairly steep. Base fairly flat but interrupted by land drain on same alignment.	1.02	0.4	
16	1605	fill	1604	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Frequent subangular stones < 60mm.	1.02	0.4	
17	1700	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid dark greyish brown, silty clay, with frequent sub-angular stone < 80mm.		0.4	
17	1701	layer		Natural	Mid yellowish brown brash with yellow & blue clay.			

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
17	1702	fill		Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid - dark brown, silty clay, frequent unsorted sub- angular limestone <90mm.	1.38	0.28	
17	1703	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch or furrow. Steeply sloping NE side, gradual slope SW side. Base uneven, sloping down from NE-SW. >2m in length.	1.38	0.28	
18	1800	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brownish grey, silty clay		0.36	
18	1801	layer		Natural	Mid yellowish brown brash with yellow & blue clay.			
18	1802	cut		Quarry	Cut of Quarry pit, overall shape in plan unknown, shallow irregular sides, flat base. Length > 6.1m, width > 2m.	6.1	0.4	
18	1803	fill	1802	Other Fill	Mid brownish red, clayey silt, 0-10% small/medium-size stones.	6.1	0.4	
18	1804	cut		Pit	Cut of sub-oval pit. Sides gradual, base sub-rounded. Length 0.45m.	0.67	0.12	
18	1805	fill	1804	Other Fill	Stone lining of pit. Flat stones of 70-140mm width. Only present on NW-W side of feature.	0.11	0.12	
18	1806	fill	1804	Other Fill	Main fill of posthole pit. Mid reddish brown, silty clay, with occasional sub-angular stone < 70mm.	0.56	0.12	
18	1807	cut		Pit	Cut of square or rectangular feature. Corners square. Sides straight, near vertical. Base fairly flat, with variation in depth. Length 0.93m.	0.69	0.14	
18	1808	fill	1807	Other Fill	Single fill of square/rectangular feature. Mid reddish brown, silty clay, with occasional sub-angular stones <60mm.	0.69	0.14	
19	1900	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown, sandy silty clay, with low presence of charcoal.		0.33	
19	1901	layer		Natural	Light yellow limestone brash			
19	1902	cut		Quarry	Cut of pit. Steep side, only E side excavated.	1.8	0.25	

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
19	1903	fill	1902	Other Fill	1st fill of quarry pit. Mid brownish red, silty clay, occasional small limestone fragments; low charcoal presence.	0.38	0.12	
19	1904	fill	1902	Other Fill	2nd fill of pit. Mid brownish red, silty clay, low charcoal presence & very occasional limestone brash fragments.	1.8	0.25	
19	1905	cut		Ditch	Recorded in plan; not excavated.	0.8	0.35	
19	1906	fill	1905	Other Fill	Fill of unexcavated ditch.	0.8	0.35	
20	2000	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brownish grey, clayey silt		0.3	
20	2001	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with orange clay patches.			
20	2002	cut		Ditch	Cut of E-W aligned linear ditch. Sides moderately sloping. Uneven concave base. Length >1.8m.	0.79	0.32	
20	2003	fill	2002	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Mid brownish red, clayey silt, 0-20% stones of small to medium size.	0.77	0.32	
20	2004	fill	2002	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Mid brownish grey, clayey silt, 5-7% stone	0.51	0.12	
21	2100	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brown silty clay		0.34	
21	2101	layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown/red, silty clay		0.07	
21	2102	layer		Natural	Brash with yellow and blue clay			
21	2103	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch. Sides sloping moderately down to fairly flat base. Length > 2m.	1.06	0.26	
21	2104	fill	2103	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid yellowish brown, silty clay. Very infrequent sub-angular stones < 40mm.	1.06	0.26	
21	2105	cut		Plough Furrow	Cut of N-S aligned linear furrow, with gently sloping sides & flat base. Length > 2m.	2.5	0.28	
21	2106	fill	2105	Other Fill	Single fill of furrow. Dark greyish brown. Silty clay with 30% sub-angular limestones. > 1% charcoal	2.5	0.28	
21	2107	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch. Sides slope moderately to steeply. Base flat. Length > 0.6m	1.13	0.35	

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
21	2108	fill	2107	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Dark greyish brown, silty clay, < 9% limestone, < 1% charcoal	1.13	0.35	C17-18
22	2200	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown sandy silty clay		0.29	
22	2201	layer		Natural	Light yellow limestone brash			
22	2202	cut		Quarry	Cut of curvilinear feature. Steep sides, flat base. Length unknown.	0.92	0.43	
22	2203	fill	2202	Other Fill	1st fill of curvilinear feature. Dark brownish red, silt, very low charcoal content; very occasional limestone brash fragments.	0.92	0.3	
22	2204	fill	2202	Other Fill	2nd fill of curvilinear feature. Dark brownish red with white flecks. Silty clay, with high percentage of small limestone fragments. Low charcoal.	0.92	0.28	
23	2300	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid greyish brown, clay silt, 0-20% stone		0.29	
23	2301	layer		Natural	Yellow limestone brash with orange patches.			
23	2302	cut		Pit	Cut of E-W aligned irregular rounded pit or ditch terminus. Side slopes moderate to gentle. Rounded concave base. Length > 1m.	1.27	0.3	
23	2303	fill	2302	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Mid brownish red, clayey silt, 0-15% stone of small to medium size.	1.27	0.3	
24	2400	layer		Topsoil	Greyish brown silty clay.		0.2	
24	2401	layer		Subsoil	Yellowish brown silty clay.		0.24	
24	2402	layer		Natural	Yellowish blue clay.			
25	2500	layer		Topsoil	Greyish brown silty clay.		0.29	
25	2501	layer		Subsoil	Reddish brown, silty clay. Rare inclusions of limestone.		0.22	
25	2502	layer		Natural	Yellowish brown with patches of reddish brown, limestone brash		0.1	
26	2600	layer		Topsoil	Greyish brown silty clay.		0.21	
26	2601	layer		Subsoil	Reddish brown, silty clay. Rare inclusions of limestone.		0.09	
26	2602	layer		Natural	Yellowish sand with patches of reddish brown limestone brash.			

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
27	2700	layer		Topsoil	Mid to light brown sandy silty clay. Very occasional small fragments of limestone. Low charcoal content.	()	0.29	
27	2701	layer		Subsoil	Mid to light greyish brown silty clay. Moderate amount of small limestone inclusions; low charcoal.		0.32	
27	2702	layer		Natural	Light yellowish limestone brash.			
28	2800	layer		Topsoil	Mid brownish grey, clayey silt.		0.26	
28	2801	layer		Subsoil	Mid brownish red silt with 0-30% stone		0.12	
28	2802	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with orangey red clay patches.			
28	2803	cut		Quarry	Cut of pit. Steep sides, flat/concave base. Length 1.8m	2.46	0.66	
28	2804	fill	2803	Other Fill	1st fill of pit. Mid bluish grey with small percentage of stone throughout.	1.06	0.26	
28	2805	fill	2803	Other Fill	2nd fill of pit. Mid greyish brown, 0-25% [stone inclusions]	1.88	0.42	
	2806	fill	2803	Other Fill	3rd fill of pit. Mid brownish red with 0-30% stone throughout.	2.46	0.22	
29	2900	layer		Topsoil	Greyish brown silty clay.		0.14	
29	2901	layer		Subsoil	Reddish brown, silty clay. Rare inclusions of limestone.		0.08	
29	2902	layer		Natural	Yellowish brown limestone brash, patches of light brown clay with limestone <70mm			
30	3000	layer		Topsoil	Greyish brown silty clay.		0.19	
30	3001	layer		Subsoil	Reddish brown, silty clay. Rare inclusions of limestone.		0.28	
30	3002	layer		Natural	Reddish brown clay, becoming yellowish brown clay towards south. Limestone < 100mm		0.13	
31	3100	layer		Topsoil	Mid brownish grey silty sand		0.11	_
31	3101	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow sandy silt		0.67	
31	3102	layer		Natural	Light yellow & grey silty clay at east end; mid brownish yellow silty clay elsewhere.			
32	3200	layer		Topsoil	Mid brownish grey, silty sand		0.24	

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32	3201	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow sandy silt		0.22	
32	3202	layer		Natural	Greyish blue clay. Greyish yellow clay with limestone at northern end.			
33	3300	layer		Topsoil	Mid brownish grey, silty sand.		0.2	
33	3301	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, sandy silt.		0.22	
33	3302	layer		Natural	Mid brownish orange silty clay at northern end, becoming brown silty clay with limestones in middle, & light grey clay at southern end.			
34	3400	layer		Topsoil	Greyish brown, silty clay		0.28	
34	3401	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish brown, silty clay		0.38	
34	3402	layer		Natural	Bluish yellow, sandy clay, with orange mottling & patches of blue clay.			
34	3403	cut		Pit	Cut of pit. Sub-oval, sides moderately sloping, base uneven. >0.78m in length.	1.16	0.28	
34	3404	fill	3403	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Yellowish brown with orange mottling. Silty sandy clay. <5% iron panning, <1% charcoal flecks.	1.16	0.28	
35	3500	layer		Topsoil	Greyish brown silty clay.		0.3	
35	3501	layer		Subsoil	Reddish brown, silty clay. Rare inclusions of limestone.		0.3	
35	3502	layer		Natural	Brownish red clay. Very rare iron panning		0.24	
36	3600	layer		Topsoil	Greyish brown silty clay.		0.2	
36	3601	layer		Subsoil	Light orangey brown, clayey silt, frequent limestone.		0.4	
36	3602	layer		Natural	Mid reddish brown, clay, abundant black mineral flecks, occasional patches green clay - at N end. Changes to green clay with limestone brash.			
37	3700	layer		Topsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.25	
37	3701	layer		Subsoil	Light brownish yellow to yellowish brown, clayey silt, occasional manganese flecks		0.3	
37	3702	layer		Natural	Light brownish yellow, silty clay, frequent manganese flecks			

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37	3703	cut		Pit	Cut of irregular oval pit, irregular gently sloping sides, uneven base. 1.45 m in length.	1.09	0.26	
37	3704	fill	3703	Other Fill	1st fill of pit. Light brownish yellow, silty clay, occasional manganese flecks.	0.67	0.1	
37	3705	fill	3703	Other Fill	2nd fill of pit. Light greyish brown, silty clay, occasional charcoal flecks.	1.09	0.16	MC1-2
37	3706	cut		Pit	Cut of irregular-shaped pit. Gently sloping sides, flat base, 1.27 m in length.	0.42	0.18	
37	3707	fill	3706	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Light greyish brown, silty clay, occasional charcoal flecks.	0.42	0.18	
38	3800	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark orangey brown, clayey silt		0.12	
38	3801	layer		Subsoil	Mid orangey brown, clayey silt		0.18	
38	3802	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with bluish grey clay.			
38	3803	cut		Ditch	Cut of linear NE-SW aligned ditch. Concave sides, rounded base. >1.9m in length.	1.13	0.23	
38	3804	fill	3803	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid- greyish brown, clayey silt	1.13	0.23	C2-4
38	3805	cut		Plough Furrow	Cut of furrow. Recorded in plan only	0.78		
38	3806	fill	3805	Other Fill	Fill of furrow. Mid orangey brown, clayey silt	0.78		
38	3807	cut		Plough Furrow	Cut of furrow. Recorded in plan only	0.85		
38	3808	fill	3807	Other Fill	Fill of furrow. Mid- orangey brown, clayey silt	0.85		
38	3809	cut		Other Cut	Cut of Land drain: recorded in plan	0.21		
38	3810	fill	3809	Other Fill	Land drain: Clay pipe (red terracotta)	0.21		
38	3811	cut		Plough Furrow	Cut of furrow. Recorded in plan only	0.79		
38	3812	fill	3811	Other Fill	Fill of furrow. Mid- orangey brown, clayey silt	0.79		
39	3900	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.35	
39	3901	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, silty clay, occasional black manganese flecks		0.3	
39	3902	layer		Natural	Light brownish yellow, silty clay, abundant black manganese flecks in northern part of trench			

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40	4000	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.25	
40	4001	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, silty clay, occasional black manganese flecks		0.3	
40	4002	layer		Natural	Light brownish orange, silty clay, occasional black manganese flecks			
41	4100	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.3	
41	4101	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, silty clay, occasional black manganese flecks		0.2	
41	4102	layer		Natural	Light brownish yellow, silty clay, frequent manganese flecks			
42	4200	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.25	
42	4201	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, clayey silt		0.15	
42	4202	layer		Natural	Light yellowish brown, silty clay			
43	4300	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.2	
43	4301	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, clayey silt		0.2	
43	4302	layer		Natural	Light brownish yellow, silty clay, occasional manganese flecks. Patches of darker silty clay with frequent black flecks.			
44	4400	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark clayey silt, 1-5% small sub-angular limestone		0.32	
44	4401	layer		Subsoil	Mid-greyish brown, silty clay, 1-5% sub-angular small limestone		0.2	
44	4402	layer		Natural	Mid-yellowish brown, sandy silt, 10-25% sub- angular small limestone			
45	4500	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.3	
45	4501	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, silty clay, occasional black manganese flecks		0.1	
45	4502	layer		Natural	Light yellowish brown, in places light orangey brown, sandy clay.			
46	4600	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.3	
46	4601	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, silty clay, occasional black manganese flecks		0.2	
46	4602	layer		Natural	Light greyish yellow, sandy clay. Frequent linear patches of light brownish yellow clayey silt, with freq black manganese flecks			
47	4700	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.19	

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47	4701	layer		Subsoil	Mid-brown, silty clay		0.24	
47	4702	layer		Natural	Yellowish grey, high percentage of iron panning			
47	4703	cut		Ditch	Cut of E-W aligned linear ditch. Sides moderately sloping, flat base. Length > 1m.	1.66	0.2	
47	4704	fill	4703	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Orangey brown, silty clay,	1.66	0.2	
48	4800	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.3	
48	4801	layer		Subsoil	Light brownish yellow, clayey silt, occasional flecks of manganese		0.3	
48	4802	layer		Natural	Light brownish yellow, silty clay with occasional manganese flecks. Patches of midbrownish red silty clay with frequent manganese flecks.			
48	4803	cut		Posthole	Cut of circular posthole, steep (near vertical) sides, flat base. Diameter 0.28m.	0.28	0.09	
48	4804	fill	4803	Other Fill	Single fill of posthole. Light brownish-grey silty clay, occasional small charcoal flecks.	0.28	0.09	
49	4900	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.25	
49	4901	layer		Subsoil	Light yellowish-grey, clayey silt		0.1	
49	4902	layer		Natural	Light grey, silty clay, with stony patches			
49	4903	cut		Pit	Cut of semi-circular pit or terminus. Steep, slightly convex sides, flat base, length 1.24m.	0.46	0.41	
49	4904	fill	4903	Other Fill	1st fill of pit. Mid brownish grey, clayey silt.	0.44	0.3	
49	4905	fill	4903	Other Fill	2nd fill of pit. Mid greyish brown, occasional flecks of CBM.	0.46	0.11	
50	5000	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey, clayey silt		0.19	
50	5001	layer		Subsoil	Orangey brown, silty clay		0.24	
50	5002	layer		Natural	Brownish grey, with patches of orange clay & patches of limestone.			
50	5003	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch. Sides slope moderately. Base flat. Length >1m.	0.65	0.17	
50	5004	fill	5003	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Yellowish brown, silty clay, rare limestone.	0.34	0.03	

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50	5005	fill	5003	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Greyish brown, silty clay	0.65	0.14	
51	5100	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.25	
51	5101	layer		Subsoil	Orangey brown, silty clay		0.2	
51	5102	layer		Natural	Bluish grey & brown clay			
51	5103	cut		Construction Cut	Cut of N-S aligned linear culvert, sides vertical, base flat, length >2.1m	0.5	0.19	
51	5104	structure	5103	Other Structure	Stone culvert	0.48	0.19	
51	5105	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned ditch, length >2m. Unexcavated. Same as [5003], trench 50.	0.59		
51	5106	fill	5105	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Midbrown with occasional orange. Silty clay.	0.59		
51	5107	cut		Construction Cut	Cut of N-S aligned culvert, length >1.13m.	0.76	0.26	
51	5108	structure	5107	Other Structure	Stone culvert	0.76	0.26	
52	5200	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey, clayey silt		0.28	
52	5201	layer		Subsoil	Orangey brown, silty clay		0.21	
52	5202	layer		Natural	Brownish grey, with patches of orange clay & patches of limestone.			
52	5203	cut		Construction Cut	Cut of N-S aligned culvert, >2m in length	0.5		
52	5204	structure	5203	Other Structure	Stone culvert	0.5		
52	5205	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch. Moderately sloping, convex sides, rounded base, >1.9m in length.	2.4	0.94	
52	5206	fill	5205	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Dark greyish brown, silty clay, 1-5% animal bone, 1-5% sub-angular limestone.	0.82	0.14	
52	5207	fill	5205	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Mid- greyish brown, clay, 1- 5% sub-angular limestone.	1.92	0.8	
52	5208	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch. Concave, moderately sloping sides, rounded base. Length >1.9m	1.76	0.5	
52	5209	fill	5208	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Dark brownish grey, clayey silt, 1-5% sub-angular limestone, 1-5% animal bone.	1.18	0.11	

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52	5210	fill	5208	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Greyish brown, silty clay, 5% stone	1.76	0.39	
53	5300	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.26	
53	5301	layer		Subsoil	Orangey brown, silty clay		0.2	
53	5302	layer		Natural	Bluish grey & brown clay			
53	5303	cut		Pit	Cut of circular posthole, straight sides, rounded base, diameter 0.35-0.36m.	0.36	0.22	
53	5304	fill	5303	Other Fill	Single fill of posthole. Dark orangey brown, clayey silt	0.36	0.22	
53	5305	cut		Pit	Cut of circular pit or posthole, with straight sides & concave base, 0.32-0.33 m in diameter.	0.33	0.25	
53	5306	fill	5305	Other Fill	1st fill of pit. Mid yellowish brown, clayey silt, 75% medium rounded limestone 50-150mm.	0.33	0.25	
53	5307	fill	5305	Other Fill	2nd fill of pit. Dark orangey brown, clayey silt	0.27	0.18	
53	5308	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch. Steep sides sloping to flat base. Length >1.9m	1.25	0.53	
53	5309	fill	5308	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Light yellowish brown, clayey silt, 50% angular limestone 10-40mm.	0.61	0.53	
53	5310	fill	5308	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Mid- yellowish brown, clayey silt, 25% angular limestone 10-30mm.	0.61	0.49	
53	5311	fill	5308	Other Fill	3rd fill of ditch. Dark orangey brown, clayey silt, 5% angular limestone 10-20mm.	1.05	0.38	
53	5312	cut		Plough Furrow	Cut of furrow. Recorded in plan only, Length >1.9m.	1.47		
53	5313	fill	5312	Other Fill	Fill of furrow. Mid- orangey brown, clayey silt	1.47		
54	5400	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.3	
54	5401	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow silty clay		0.15	
54	5402	layer		Natural	Light greyish brown silty clay with frequent patches of mid-orange & yellow mineral flecks.			
55	5500	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-greyish brown, clayey silt.		0.6	

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55	5501	layer		Natural	Light brownish yellow, silty clay, with patches of limestone brash.			
56	5600	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-brownish grey, clayey silt		0.15	
56	5601	layer		Subsoil	Light brownish yellow to yellowish brown clayey silt.		0.35	
56	5602	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with patches of light greyish yellow clay & irregular patches of brownish orange silty clay.			
56	5603	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned ditch. Gentle side slopes, flat base. Length >2m.	0.68	0.13	
56	5604	fill	5603	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Light orangey brown, clayey silt, occasional small limestone fragment, occasional manganese flecks.	0.68	0.13	
57	5700	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brownish grey, silty clay		0.19	
57	5701	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish red, silty clay		0.33	
57	5702	layer		Natural	Greyish yellow limestone brash			
57	5703	cut		Ditch	Cut of linear ditch, sides moderate to gentle, flat base, length >1m.	0.7	0.22	
57	5704	fill	5703	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid greyish brown, silty clay, 0-20% stone.	0.7	0.22	
58	5800	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-greyish brown, clayey silt.		0.3	
58	5801	layer		Subsoil	Mid-yellowish grey, silty clay, occasional limestone fragments		0.25	
58	5802	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with very frequent patches of mid-orangey brown silty clay.			
59	5900	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-greyish brown, clayey silt.		0.3	
59	5901	layer		Subsoil	Mid-yellowish grey, silty clay, occasional limestone fragments		0.2	
59	5902	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with very frequent patches of mid-orangey brown silty clay.			
60	6000	layer		Ploughsoil	Grreyish brown silty clay.		0.38	
60	6001	layer		Subsoil	Mid-greyish brown silty clay with rare stone <30mm.		0.07	
60	6002	layer		Natural	Greyish clay with patches of brown.		0.11	
61	6100	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt		0.21	

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61	6101	layer		Subsoil	Reddish brown clayey silt		0.3	
61	6102	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with blue and yellow clay			
62	6200	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark greyish brown sandy silty clay with occasional stone fragments.		0.25	
62	6201	layer		Subsoil	Light brown silty clay, with occasional stone fragments, low charcoal content.		0.2	
62	6202	layer		Natural	Limestone brash			
62	6203	structure	6204	Other Structure	Stone culvert	0.7	0.4	
62	6204	cut		Construction Cut	Cut of culvert, length >1.8m.	0.7	0.4	
63	6300	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-greyish brown, clayey silt.		0.21	
63	6301	layer		Subsoil	Mid-yellowish grey, silty clay, occasional limestone fragments		0.24	
63	6302	layer		Natural	Yellowish orange clay with occasional iron panning			
64	6400	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-brownish grey, clayey silt,		0.25	
64	6401	layer		Subsoil	Light brownish yellow to yellowish brown clayey silt with flecks of manganese		0.25	
64	6402	layer		Natural	Light brownish orange to reddish brown, clayey silt, with patches of very light grey clayey silt			
65	6500	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brownish grey sandy clay, 1-5% sub- angular stone		0.35	
65	6501	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown sandy clay		0.3	
65	6502	layer		Natural	Light greyish brown sandy clay, 1-5% subangular stone			
66	6600	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brownish grey sandy clay, 1-5% subangular stone		0.35	
66	6601	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown sandy clay		0.31	
66	6602	layer		Natural	Light greyish brown sandy clay, 1-5% subangular stone			
67	6700	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brownish grey sandy clay, 1-5% subangular stone		0.36	
67	6701	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown sandy clay		0.31	
67	6702	layer		Natural	Light greyish brown sandy clay, 1-5% sub- angular stone			
68	6800	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-greyish brown clayey silt		0.18	

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68	6801	layer		Subsoil	Mid-reddish brown clayey silt		0.2	
68	6802	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with			
		-			blue clay throughout.  Mid-brownish grey,			
69	6900	layer		Ploughsoil	clayey silt,		0.3	
					Light brownish yellow to			
69	6901	layer		Subsoil	yellowish brown clayey		0.25	
					silt. Light grey limestone			
00	0000			Ninternal	brash, with light			
69	6902	layer		Natural	brownish orange silty			
					clay towards NE end.			
					Cut of curvilinear ditch running N-S through			
					trench, gently turning			
69	6903	cut		Ditch	towards SSW. Steep	0.94	0.54	
					convex sides & tapered			
					rounded base. Exposed length c.9m			
					1st fill of ditch. Mid-			
					brownish orange, silty			
69	6904	fill	6903	Other Fill	clay, with frequent	0.51	0.21	
	0001	****	0000	Outlot 1 III	flecks of limestone &	0.01	0.21	
					occasional flecks of manganese.			
					2nd fill of ditch. Light			
69	6905	fill	6903	Other Fill	orangey brown, silty	0.94	0.33	
	0000	****	0000	Outlot 1 III	clay, occasional	0.01	0.00	
					limestone fragments.  Mid greyish brown, silty			
					sandy clay, low			
70	7000	layer		Ploughsoil	charcoal content,		0.25	
					occasional stone brash			
					fragments Light brown silty clay,			
70	7004			0.41	low charcoal content,		0.40	
70	7001	layer		Subsoil	occasional stone brash		0.16	
					fragments			
					Light grey brash with occasional orange-			
70	7002	layer		Natural	occasional orange- brown clay patches			
		,			containing moderate			
					manganese flecking.			
					Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch, sides			
70	7003	cut		Ditch	moderate, base sloping,	0.52	0.16	
					rounded, length >1m.			
					Single fill of ditch. Mid			
					brownish grey, silty clay, low charcoal &			
70	7004	fill	7003	Other Fill	very low manganese	0.52	0.16	
. •				3	presence, very	5.52		
					occasional stone			
					fragments.			
71	7100	layer		Ploughsoil	Greyish brown silty clay, with stone inclusions.		0.28	
					Brownish orange silty			
71	7101	layer		Subsoil	clay, with stone		0.2	
					inclusions			

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71	7102	layer		Natural	Light grey clay with patches of orangey brown clay.			
71	7103	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear terminus. SW side irregular 45' slope; NE side steep 70' slope. Base sub-rounded. Length >2m.	0.8	0.33	
71	7104	fill	7103	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Yellowish orange, silty clay	0.8	0.1	
71	7105	fill	7103	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Yellowish brown, silty clay	0.8	0.3	
71	7106	cut		Posthole	Cut of circular posthole, steep sides, rounded base. 0.47-0.5m diameter.	0.47	0.28	
71	7107	fill	7106	Other Fill	1st fill of posthole. Mid- yellowish brown, silty clay	0.47	0.28	
71	7108	fill	7106	Post-pipe	2nd fill of posthole. Mid- to dark brown, silty clay	0.23	0.29	
72	7200	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brownish grey clayey silt		0.25	
72	7201	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, clayey silt		0.15	
72	7202	layer		Natural	Light yellow limestone brash			
72	7203	cut		Pit	Cut of sub-circular pit. N side steep & convex, S side steep & concave. Flat base. Length >0.64 m.	0.52	0.13	
72	7204	fill	7203	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Dark orangey brown, clayey silt, moderate manganese flecking.	0.52	0.13	
72	7205	cut		Pit	Cut of pit, only part exposed. E side steep slope, irregular; N side moderate slope, irregular. Base uneven, flattish. Length >1.7m.	0.58	0.43	
72	7206	fill	7205	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Mid- brownish orange, clayey silt, freq manganese flecks, occasional small limestone fragments	0.58	0.43	
72	7207	cut		Ditch	Cut of linear, angled ditch. Alignment NW-SE, & NE-SW. Side slopes gentle, base rounded, length >5.5m.	0.82	0.24	
72	7208	fill	7207	Other Fill	Fill of ditch. Mid greyish brown, varying to orangey brown in places., clayey silt, occasional charcoal & limestone.	0.82	0.4	MC1-2

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72	7209	cut		Ditch	Cut of NE-SW aligned ditch. Recorded in plan only. Length >2.7m.	0.56		
72	7210	fill	7209	Other Fill	Fill of ditch, unexcavated. Midgreyish brown, clayey silt.	0.56		
73	7300	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid greyish brown, silty sandy clay, low charcoal content, occasional stone brash fragments		0.16	
73	7301	layer		Subsoil	Light brown silty clay, low charcoal content, occasional stone brash fragments		0.16	
73	7302	layer		Natural	Light grey brash with occasional orange-brown clay patches containing moderate manganese flecking.			
73	7303	cut		Ditch	Cut of NE-SW linear ditch, sides convex with distinct break in slope, base rounded, length >1.9m.	1.6	0.45	
73	7304	fill	7303	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Light greyish brown, clayey silt, 25% angular limestone 50-100mm.	1.2	0.44	Prehist.
73	7305	fill	7303	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Mid- greyish brown, clayey silt	1.57	0.2	
74	7400	layer		Ploughsoil	Greyish brown silty clay		0.22	
74	7401	layer		Subsoil	Brown silty clay		0.23	
74	7402	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with patches of orange silty clay			
74	7403	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch. W side steeply sloped, E side stepped, with moderate to steep slope. Length >2m.	1	0.44	
74	7404	fill	7403	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid brown, silty clay, <0.02% stone.	1	0.44	
75	7500	layer		Ploughsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.3	
75	7501	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish yellow, frequent manganese streaks		0.35	
75	7502	layer		Natural	Light brownish orange silty clay, replaced by limestone brash at S end of trench.			
75	7503	cut		Ditch	Cut of E-W aligned linear ditch, sides moderate, base rounded. Length >2m. Cuts into subsoil.	0.92	0.32	

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75	7504	fill	7503	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Dark brownish grey, clayey silt, occasional limestone fragments.	0.92	0.32	
76	7600	layer		Ploughsoil	Greyish brown, silty clay, with very rare iron panning		0.31	
76	7601	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown, with rare iron panning		0.27	
76	7602	layer		Natural	Brownish orange clay with grey mottling.			
77	7700	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-brownish grey clayey silt		0.3	
77	7701	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with patches of light brownish orange silty clay			
77	7702	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch, recorded in plan only. Same as 7802. Length > 2m.	0.8		
77	7703	fill	7702	Other Fill	Fill of ditch, unexcavated. Same as 7803.	0.8		
77	7704	cut		Ditch	Cut of ditch, recorded in plan only. Same as 7804. Length >2m.	1.4		
77	7705	fill	7704	Other Fill	Fill of ditch, unexcavated. Same as 7805.	1.4		
78	7800	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-brownish grey clayey silt		0.3	
78	7801	layer		Natural	Limestone brash with patches of light brownish orange silty clay			
78	7802	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch. Side slope convex, steep. Base rounded, tapered. Length > 2m.	0.82	0.72	
78	7803	fill	7802	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Light brownish orange, silty clay, few charcoal flecks & small limestone fragments.	0.82	0.72	
78	7804	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch, side slopes moderate to gentle, flat base. Length > 2m.	1.42	0.49	
78	7805	fill	7804	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Light greyish brown, silty clay, few small limestone fragments, few charcoal flecks.	1.42	0.49	
79	7900	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt		0.12	
79	7901	layer		Subsoil	Mid-greyish brown clayey silt.		0.18	
79	7902	layer		Natural	Light bluish-grey & light orangey-yellow			

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
80	8000	layer		Ploughsoil	Greyish brown, silty clay, with very rare iron panning		0.24	
80	8001	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown, with rare iron panning		0.18	
80	8002	layer		Natural	Yellowish grey limestone brash with brown silty clay. Reddish-brown clay towards S end of trench.			
81	8100	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid greyish brown, clayey silt		0.16	
81	8101	layer		Subsoil	Mid-greenish grey, clayey silt		0.24	
81	8102	layer		Natural	Mottled light orangey brown & light bluish grey.			
82	8200	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark greyish brown, silty clay		0.34	
82	8201	layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown, sandy clay		0.23	
82	8202	layer		Natural	Light brownish grey sandy clay, 10-25% sub-angular stone			
83	8300	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brownish grey clayey silt		0.25	
83	8301	layer		Subsoil	Light brownish yellow clayey silt		0.2	
83	8302	layer		Natural	Light yellow & greyish yellow clay, with stony patches.			
83	8303	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch, recorded in plan only. Length > 2.4m.	2.45		
83	8304	fill	8303	Other Fill	Fill of ditch, unexcavated. Light greyish brown silty clay, with occasional limestone fragments.	2.45		
84	8400	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-brownish grey clayey silt		0.2	
84	8401	layer		Subsoil	Light brownish yellow clayey silt, occasional limestones		0.2	
84	8402	layer		Natural	Light yellow & greyish yellow clay, with stony patches.			
84	8403	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch, sides gently sloping to flat base, length > 2m.	0.73	0.11	
84	8404	fill	8403	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid greyish brown, clayey silt, occasional manganese flecks.	0.73	0.11	
84	8405	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned ditch, recorded in plan only. Length > 2m.	3.9		

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
84	8406	fill	8405	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Light greyish brown, silty clay, occasional limestone fragments. Not excavated.	3.9		MC2-4
84	8407	fill	8405	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch, unexcavated. Dark purplish grey, silty clay, occasional limestone fragments.	1.5		
85	8500	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brownish grey silty clay, 1-5% sub-angular limestone		0.25	
85	8501	layer		Subsoil	Mid-brownish grey clay, 1-5% sub-angular limestone		0.13	
85	8502	layer		Natural	Light brownish grey clay, 10-25% sub-angular limestone.			
85	8503	cut		Pit	Cut of sub-circular pit, rounded corners, gently sloping sides, flat base, >0.7m in length.	0.5	0.12	
85	8504	fill	8503	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Midgreyish brown, clay, 1-5% pottery.	0.5	0.12	C2-3
85	8505	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch, concave, sides moderately sloping, base rounded, length > 1.9m.	1.2	0.23	
85	8506	fill	8505	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid- greyish-brown, clay, 1- 5% sub-angular limestone, 1-5% pot.	1.2	0.23	C2
85	8507	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch, concave, sides moderately sloping, base rounded, length > 1.9m.	0.7	0.19	
85	8508	fill	8507	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid- greyish brown, silty clay, 1-5% sub-angular limestone, 1-5% pottery.	0.7	0.19	MC1-2
85	8509	cut		Ditch	Cut of NE-SW aligned linear ditch, concave, moderately sloping sides, rounded base, length > 2m.	0.4	0.19	
85	8510	fill	8509	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Brown with orange streaks, silty clay	0.4	0.19	
85	8511	cut		Pit	Cut of oval pit, concave, moderate slopes, rounded base, 0.32m long.	0.36	0.11	
85	8512	fill	8511	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Brown, silty clay	0.11	0.36	

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
85	8513	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch terminus, gently sloped sides, rounded base, >0.3m length.	0.4	0.12	
85	8514	fill	8513	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch terminus. Brown with orange streaks, silty clay	0.4	0.12	
85	8515	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE aligned linear ditch, steep sides, sub-rounded base, length > 2m.	1.58	0.62	
85	8516	fill	8515	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Mid grey with orange mottling, silty clay.	0.84	0.16	MC2-4
85	8517	fill	8515	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Mid grey with orange mottling, silty clay, >45% sub- angular stone up to 200mm size.	1.06	0.24	MC2-4
85	8518	fill	8515	Other Fill	3rd fill of ditch. Mid grey, silty clay, >30% subangular to sub-rounded stone up to 150mm size.	1.58	0.28	MC2-4
85	8519	cut		Pit	Cut of pit. Sub-oval in plan, concave, moderately sloping sides, flat base, length >0.85 m.	0.74	0.4	
85	8520	fill	8519	Other Fill	1st fill of pit. Light grey with orange mottling, silty clay, >10% subangular stones up to 30mm size.	0.74	0.4	MC2-4
85	8521	fill	8519	Other Fill	2nd fill of pit. Light brownish grey with orange mottling, silty clay, >25% sub-angular stones up to 100mm.	0.66	0.4	
86	8600	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid-brown silty clay		0.24	
86	8601	layer		Subsoil	Light brown silty clay		0.16	
86	8602	layer		Natural	Light yellowish brown with brown patches & limestone inclusions			
86	8603	cut		Ditch	Cut of NW-SE linear gully, concave, moderately sloped sides, sub-round base, >2m long.	0.73	0.27	
86	8604	fill	8603	Other Fill	Fill of gully. Dark grey, silty clay, limestone inclusions 20-300mm.	0.73	0.27	C2-3
86	8605	cut		Pit	Cut of pit. Oval in plan, gently sloping sides, rounded base, 0.4m long.	0.25	0.11	
86	8606	fill	8605	Other Fill	Fill of pit. Mid-brown, silty clay, <0.01% inclusions	0.25	0.11	

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
86	8607	cut		Ditch	Cut of linear ditch. Recorded in plan only. Length > 2m.	8.5		
86	8608	fill	8607	Other Fill	Fill of ditch, unexcavated. Dark brown, silty clay, >25% sub-angular stones up to70mm size.	3.2		
86	8609	fill	8607	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch, unexcavated. Light brown silty clay, 0.5% stone.	1.9		
86	8610	fill	8607	Other Fill	3rd fill of ditch, unexcavated. Dark brown, silty clay, >50% sub-angular stones up to 200mm. Possibly same as (8608).	3.4		LC3-4
87	8700	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid greyish brown sandy clay		0.28	
87	8701	layer		Subsoil	Mid brownish grey clay		0.22	
87	8702	layer		Natural	Light brownish grey clay, 1-5% sub-angular stone			
88	8800	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt		0.2	
88	8801	layer		Subsoil	Light grey silty clay (in places brownish grey), medium limestone flecks. Might be degraded natural rather than subsoil.		0.1	
88	8802	layer		Natural	Light brownish grey to grey silty clay, medium limestone flecks			
89	8900	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brown silty clay		0.23	
89	8901	layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish grey silty clay		0.2	
89	8902	layer		Natural	Greyish brown clay			
90	9000	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark brownish grey sandy clay		0.21	
90	9001	layer		Subsoil	Mid-greyish brown clay		0.22	
90	9002	layer		Natural	Light brownish grey clay, 1-5% sub-angular stone			
91	9100	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid greyish brown sandy clay		0.3	
91	9101	layer		Subsoil	Mid brownish grey clay		0.31	
91	9102	layer		Colluvial Layer	Dark brownish grey clay		0.2	
91	9103	layer		Natural	Mid greyish brown clay, 10-25% sub-angular limestone			
92	9200	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay		0.24	
92	9201	layer		Subsoil	Yellowish brown silty clay with limestone flecks		0.46	
92	9202	layer		Natural	Bluish grey clay with limestone flecks			

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
92	9203	cut		Ditch	Cut of E-W aligned ditch, sides moderately sloping, base not arrived at. Length >2m. Cut into subsoil.	1.37	(43)	
92	9204	fill	9203	Other Fill	Fill of ditch. Dark brown with orange mottling, silty clay	1.37		
93	9300	layer		Ploughsoil	Greyish brown silty clay		0.12	
93	9301	layer		Subsoil	Light orangey brown silty clay		0.08	
93	9302	layer		Natural	Bluish grey clay with patches of stone			
94	9400	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay		0.19	
94	9401	layer		Subsoil	Yellowish brown silty clay with limestone flecks		0.14	
94	9402	layer		Natural	Greyish clay with patches of limestone slab			
95	9500	layer		Ploughsoil	Greyish brown silty clay		0.14	
95	9501	layer		Subsoil	Light orangey brown silty clay		0.09	
95	9502	layer		Natural	Bluish grey clay with patches of stone slab			
96	9600	layer		Ploughsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay		0.19	
96	9601	layer		Subsoil	Yellowish brown silty clay with limestone flecks		0.15	
96	9602	layer		Natural	Greyish clay with patches of limestone slab			
97	9700	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid brownish grey clayey silt		0.2	
97	9701	layer		Subsoil	Light brownish orange clayey silt		0.1	
97	9702	layer		Natural	Light grey & white limestone brash, occasional patches of light brownish orange silty clay			
97	9703	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch, concave, sides moderately sloping, base flat, length >2m.	1.18	0.29	
97	9704	fill	9703	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Light brown, white-flecked, silty clay, rare limestone < 40mm	1.18	0.29	
97	9705	cut		Pit	Cut of pit. Sub-circular in plan, concave, moderately sloping sides, base flat, diameter 0.49m-0.58m.	0.58	0.11	
97	9706	fill	9705	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Light brown silty clay with rare limestone flecks	0.58	0.11	

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
97	9707	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch, slightly convex, steep sides, flat base, length >2m	0.79	0.41	
97	9708	fill	9707	Other Fill	1st Fill of ditch. Light brownish yellow, clayey silt, freq limestone flecks	0.41	0.1	
97	9709	fill	9707	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Light orangey brown, clayey silt, occasional limestone flecks	0.79	0.4	
97	9710	cut		Ditch	Cut of NNW-SSE aligned ditch, recorded in plan only. Length > 2m.	1.05		
97	9711	fill	9710	Other Fill	Fill of ditch, unexcavated. Light orangey brown, clayey silt, occasional limestone flecks	1.05		
98	9800	layer		Ploughsoil	Mid greyish brown, sandy silty clay, with low charcoal content		0.25	
98	9801	layer		Subsoil	Light greyish brown, silty clay, with low charcoal & occasional small fragments of limestone		0.3	
98	9802	layer		Natural	Light limestone brash, slabby, with occasional brown silts.			
98	9803	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch. Sides moderate to steep, base concave, length >1.8m	0.89	0.41	
98	9804	fill	9803	Other Fill	1st Fill of ditch. Mid yellowish grey, silty clay, 0-20% small angular stones.	0.51	0.13	
98	9805	fill	9803	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Mid brownish grey, silty clay, 0-5% small stones.	0.89	0.33	
98	9806	cut		Ditch	Cut of N-S aligned linear ditch, stepped sides, E slope near vertical, W slope gentle to moderate, base concave/rounded. Length > 1m.	1.3	0.38	
98	9807	fill	9806	Other Fill	1st fill of ditch. Light to mid-greyish brown with white flecking, silty clay, moderate charcoal flecks, moderate quantity small limestone fragments	0.7	0.12	

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot date
98	9808	fill	9806	Other Fill	2nd fill of ditch. Mid greyish brown, silt clay, moderate quantity limestone fragments, moderate charcoal flecks	1.3	0.38	C2-3
99	9900	layer		Ploughsoil	Greyish brown silty clay with rare limestone <30mm size		0.19	
99	9901	layer		Natural	Yellowish grey clay with patches of light brown			
100	10000	layer		Ploughsoil	Greyish brown silty clay		0.14	
100	10001	layer		Subsoil	Light orangey brown silty clay		0.08	
100	10002	layer		Natural	Bluish grey clay with patches of stone slab			
101	10100	layer		Topsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.15	
101	10101	layer		Subsoil	Light orangey brown clayey silt with occasional manganese flecks		0.35	
101	10102	layer		Natural	White/light grey limestone brash, with brownish clays mixed throughout			
101	10103	cut		Ditch	Cut of E-W aligned linear ditch, gentle side slopes, flattish base, length > 1.8m	1.22	0.15	
101	10104	fill	10103	Other Fill	Single fill of ditch. Mid greyish brown, silty clay	1.22	0.15	
101	10105	cut		Pit	Cut of pit. Oval in plan, gently to moderately sloping sides, rounded base, 0.4m long.	0.5	0.1	
101	10106	fill	10105	Other Fill	Single fill of pit. Mid greyish brown, silty clay, very low charcoal content, occasional limestone fragments	0.5	0.1	
102	10200	layer		Topsoil	Dark brown silty clay		0.35	
102	10201	layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish grey silty clay		0.2	
102	10202	layer		Natural	Greyish brown clay			
103	10300	layer		Topsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.25	
103	10301	layer		Subsoil	Light orangey brown clayey silt with occasional manganese flecks		0.3	
103	10302	layer		Natural	White/light grey Limestone brash, with slabby limestone in mid- trench. At NE end of trench, light yellowish grey clay is mixed with stone.			
104	10400	layer	1	Topsoil	Dark brown silty clay		0.25	

Trench No.	Context No.	Context type	Fill of	Interpretation	ation Description		Depth (m)	Spot date
104	10401	layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown silty clay		0.2	
104	10402	layer		Natural	Mid-orangey brown to light grey clay, with patches of limestone brash.			
105	10500	layer		Topsoil	Dark brown silty clay		0.2	
105	10501	layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish-brown silty clay		0.2	
105	10502	layer		Natural	Mid-greyish-yellow clay			
106	10600	layer		Topsoil	Dark brown silty clay		0.2	
106	10601	layer		Subsoil	Mid-yellowish-brown silty clay		0.2	
106	10602	layer		Natural	Mid-orangey-brown clay with greyish brown clay patches & limestone brash.			
107	10700	layer		Topsoil	Light brownish grey clayey silt		0.45	
107	10701	layer		Subsoil	Light orangey brown clayey silt with occasional manganese flecks		0.15	
107	10702	layer		Natural	White/light grey Limestone brash			

## **APPENDIX B: THE FINDS**

Table 1: Finds Concordance

Context	Ra.	Material	Fabric*	Description	Count	Weight	Spot-date
1200		Flint		end scraper	1	4	Prehistoric
1503		Fired Clay		Possible annular/bun shaped loom weight or oven plate.	1	23	
		Iron		tanged implement	1	19	
		Industrial Waste			1	7	
2108		Pottery	GRE	Glazed red earthen ware	6	8	C17-18
3705		Pottery	SVW OX2 RC	reduced severn valley ware with charcoal	1	0.5	MC1-2
3705		Pottery	SVW OX2	severn valley ware	1	2	
3804		Pottery	WIL OX	Fine sandy oxidised	1	0.5	C2-4
7201		Pottery	OL	coarse black sandy with oolitic limestone voids	1	9	C11-13
7208		Pottery	LOC BS	local black sandy	2	1	MC1-2
7304		Flint		Core	1	12	Prehistoric
8401		Flint		distal fragment from a blade	1	8	
		Iron		three nails, flat heads, square shafts	3	9	
8406		Iron		one nail, flat head square shaft, one shank, two lumps	4	33	MC2-4
		Flint		side scraper	1	8	
		Pottery	Oxid	Fine mica oxidised ware possible oxford fabric with a red slip	3	5	-
		Pottery	LOC BS C	local black sandy, coarse	3	7	
		Pottery	SVW OX2 RC	reduced severn valley ware with charcoal	1	6	
		Pottery	WIL RE	fine sandy greyware	2	4	
		Pottery	SAV GT	savernake	2	17	
8500		Pottery	CBS	Late prehistoric or saxon coarse black sandy	4	4	Modern
		Pottery	LOC CC	Local colour coated, beaker with bead rim	1	1	
		Pottery	WIL OX	Fine sandy oxidised	3	13	
		СВМ		modern, orange fragment and pink fragment	2	43	
8501	1	Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised	1	28	C2-3
8504		Pottery	SVW OX2 C	severn valley ware with charcoal	1	12	C2-3
		Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised	1	3	1
8506		Pottery	DOR BB1	BB1 with acute lattice decoration	33	134	C2
		Pottery	LOC BS	local black sandy	1	3	
		Pottery	SVW OX2 RC	reduced severn valley ware with charcoal	1	3	
		Pottery	LOC BS	local black sandy	1	2	
8508		Pottery	SVW OX2 C	severn valley ware with charcoal	1	3	MC1-2
		Pottery	SVW OX2	severn valley ware	1	1	
8516		Lead		lump	1	6	MC2-4
		Pottery	LEX SA2	samian, central Gaulish Lezoux, possibly 31 or 31R	10	29	
		Pottery	DOR BB1	BB1, including plain rim dish and necked jars	17	180	
		Pottery	MGW DF	mica gw dark firing	29	89	

		Pottery	SVW OX2 C	severn valley ware with charcoal	1	2			
		Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised	11	80			
		Pottery	WIL RE	fine sandy greyware	6	21			
		Pottery	MGW	mica greyware	1	1			
8517		Pottery	LEZ SA2	samian central Gaulish Lezoux	4	7	MC2-4		
		Pottery	DOR BB1	BB1, jar or cooking pot	10	35			
		Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised	8	43			
		Pottery	MGW	mica greyware	9	33			
		Pottery	MGW DF	mica greyware dark firing	16	32			
8518		Pottery	DOR BB1	BB1, plain rim dish	9	41	MC2-4		
		Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised	2	5			
		Pottery	MGW DF	mica greyware dark firing	8	11			
		Pottery	MGW	mica greyware	2	5			
8520		Pottery	TRI SA	samian east gaulish Trier	1	1	MC2-C4		
		Pottery	LEZ SA2	samian central gaul Lezoux	1	2			
		Pottery	DOR BB1	bb1	6	32			
		Pottery	MGW DF	mica greyware dark firing	5	48			
		Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised	10	17			
		Pottery	MGW	mica greyware	2	5			
		Pottery	WIL RE	fine sandy greyware	3	8			
8600	1	Lead		Weight	1	47	C3-4		
	2	Lead		weight	1	206			
				Brooch, mackreth T					
	3	Copper Alloy		shaped colchester der. Enameling on the bow	1	3			
		CBM		tile, medium orange	1	45			
		Pottery	SAV GT	Savernake	5	256			
		Pottery	DOR BB1	BB1 late form	6	65			
		Pottery	OXF RS	oxford mortarium	1	24			
		Pottery	WIL RE	fine sandy greyware	8	34			
		Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised	7	61			
		Pottery	MGW	mica greyware	1	5			
8604		Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised, including a small necked jar/bowl	42	160	C2-3		
		Pottery	MGW	mica greyware	4	26			
		Pottery	MGW C	mica greyware coarse, necked jar	1	68			
		Pottery	LEZ SA2	samian, central gaulish Lezoux	1	2			
		Pottery	LOC BS C	local black sandy coarse unusual rim T-shaped or collared form	1	10			
		Pottery	LOC BS	local black sandy	1	4			
		Pottery	SOW BB1	Southwest BB1	1	4			
		Pottery	CQMS	coarse quartz and mudstone inclusions	1	12			
		Fired Clay		orange and black, medium sandy	1	2			
8610	4	Copper Alloy		coin, radiate or nummus	1	1	LC3-4		
		Iron		two nails, domed head, square shaft	3	12			
		Stone		whetstone or polishing stone	1	43			
		Pottery	WIL RE	fine sandy greyware	3	10			
		Pottery	MGW DF	mica greyware dark firing	1	14			
		Pottery	WIL OX	fine sandy oxidised	1	0.5			
		Pottery	DOR BB1	BB1	1	9			
9808		Pottery	WIL OX	Fine sandy oxidised	3	9	C2-3		

<sup>\*</sup>Codes in bold correspond to NRFRC types (Tomber and Dore 1998)

Table 2: Pottery summary quantification by fabric

Period	Fabric*	Description	Count	Weight (g)
Late Prehistory/	CBS	Coarse black sandy ware	4	4
Early medieval				
Sub-total			4	4
Roman	DOR BB1	Southeast Dorset Black-burnished ware	82	496
	LEZ SA2	Central Gaulish (Lezoux) samian	16	40
	TRI SA	East Gaulish (Trier) samian	1	1
	OXF RS	Oxfordshire mortarium	1	24
	Oxid	Fine micaceous oxidized ware, possibly	3	5
		oxford fabric with red slip		
	LOC BS	Local black sandy	5	10
	LOC BS C	Local black sandy coarse	4	17
	SOW BB1	Southwest Dorset Black-burnished ware	1	4
	SAV GT	Savernake ware	7	273
	MGW	Micaceous Greyware	19	75
	MGW C	Micaceous Greyware Coarse	1	68
	MGW DF	Micaceous Greyware Dark Fired	59	194
	WIL CC	North Wiltshire colour coated	1	1
	WIL OX	Wiltshire oxidized ware	90	420
	WIL RE	Wiltshire reduced	22	77
	CQMS	Coarse quartz and mudstone inclusions	1	12
	SVW OX2	Severn Valley Ware	2	3
	SVW OX2 RC	Severn Valley Ware reduced with charcoal	4	21.5
	SVW OX2 C	Severn Valley Ware with charcoal	2	5
Sub-total			321	1746.5
Medieval	OL	Coarse black sandy with oolitic limestone voids	1	9
Sub-total			1	9
Post-Medieval	GRE	Glazed red earthen ware	6	8
Sub-total			6	8
Total			332	1767.5

<sup>\*</sup>Codes in bold correspond to NRFRC types (Tomber and Dore 1998)

## APPENDIX C: THE PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

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

Cut	Fill	BOS	O/C	EQ	LM	MM	Ind	Total	Weight (g)
	•			Roman	o-British				
8405	8406		1					1	15
8515	8516	2		1				3	15
8515	8517	3		1	19			23	169
8515	8518	1			2			3	24
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				Und	dated				
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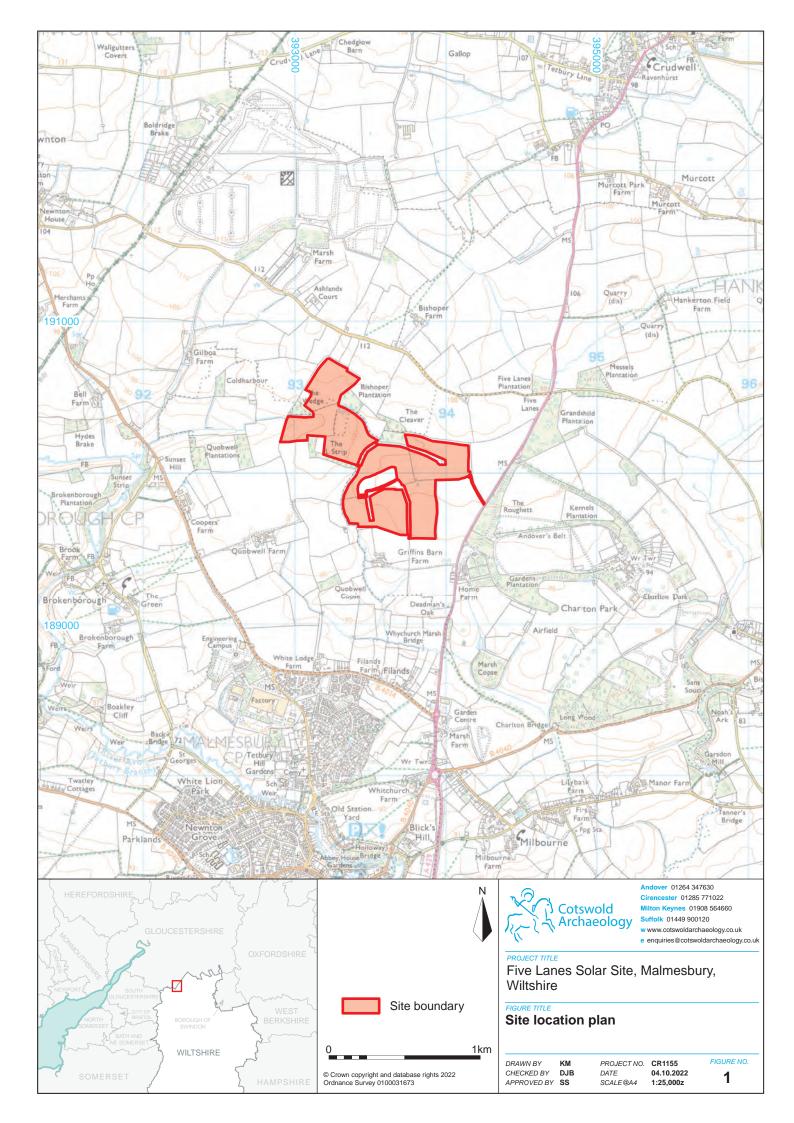
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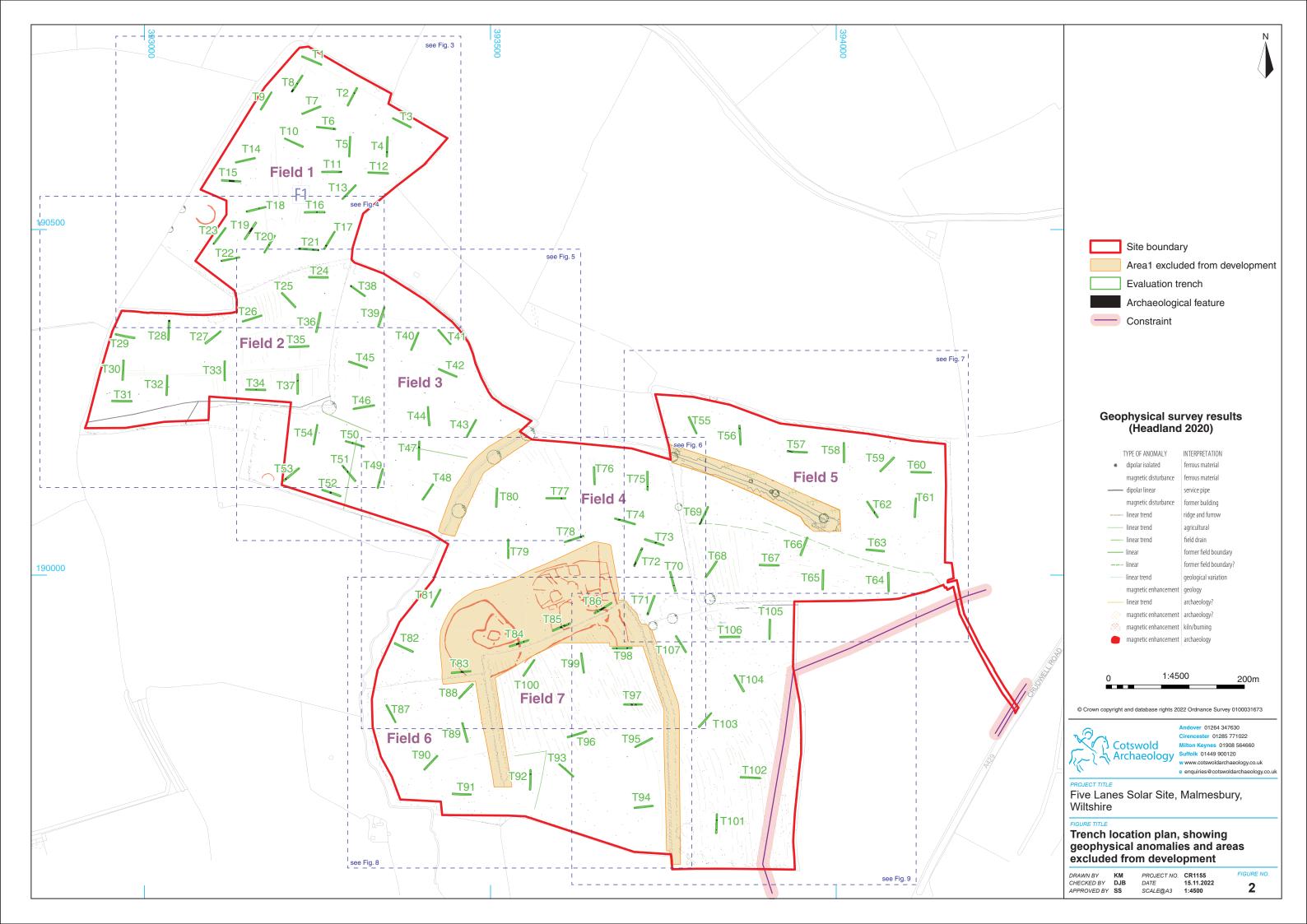
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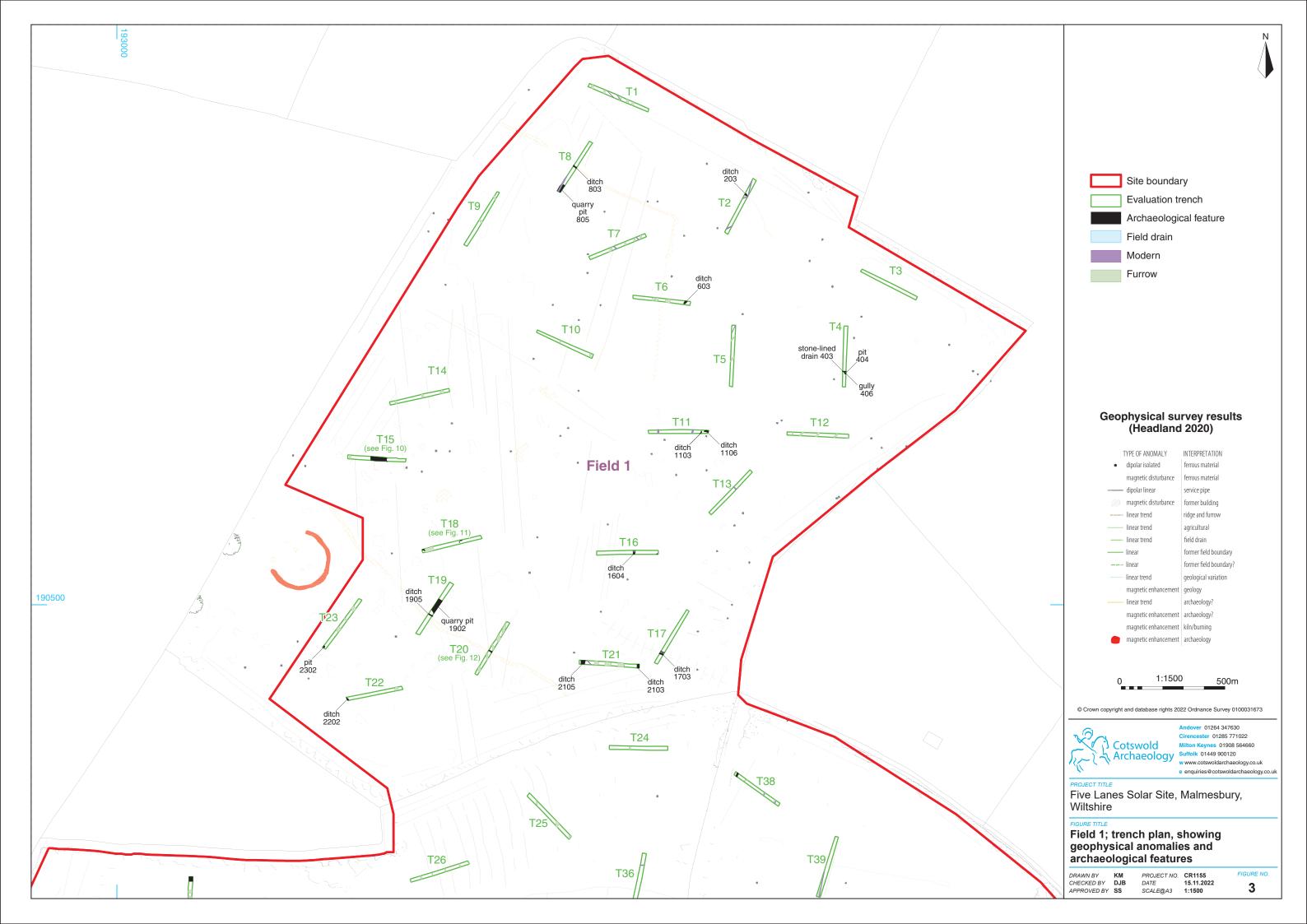
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Project name	Five Lanes Solar Site, Malmesbury, W					
	Between August and September 20 carried out an archaeological evaluat Malmesbury, Wiltshire. A total of 107 to	tion of land at Five Lanes,				
Short description	Archaeological features were identified ditches, pits, postholes, quarry pits, drand furrow cultivation. For the most premained undated; however, evidence recovered in the form of a small num significant artefactual assemblage dation indicative of settlement, was recovered associated with two large enclosure identified by a preceding geophysical state.	rains and evidence for ridge art, many of these features art, many of these features a for prehistoric activity was aber of worked flints, and a ng to the Roman period, and d from a number of features and associated features survey.				
	The evidence suggests that following site largely remained in agricultural use					
Project dates	15 August–9 September 2022					
Project type	Field evaluation					
Previous work	Archaeology and Heritage Assessmen Geophysical survey (Headland Archae					
Future work	Unknown					
PROJECT LOCATION	<u> </u>					
Site location	Five Lanes, Malmesbury, Wiltshire					
Study area (m²/ha)	52.8ha					
Site co-ordinates	393636 190092	393636 190092				
PROJECT CREATORS						
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology					
Project brief originator						
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology					
Project Manager	Steven Sheldon					
Project Supervisor	Mark Brett					
MONUMENT TYPE	None					
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	1				
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive	Content				
Physical	Wiltshire Museum Acc. No.: DZSWS:42-2022	Ceramics, animal bone, metal objects, CBM, fired clay, flint, industrial waste, worked stone				
Paper	Wiltshire Museum Acc. No.: DZSWS:42-2022 Acc. No.: days a context sheets, registered artefact index, photographic registers, Permatra drawings					
Digital	Wiltshire Museum Acc. No.: DZSWS:42-2022	Database digital photos				
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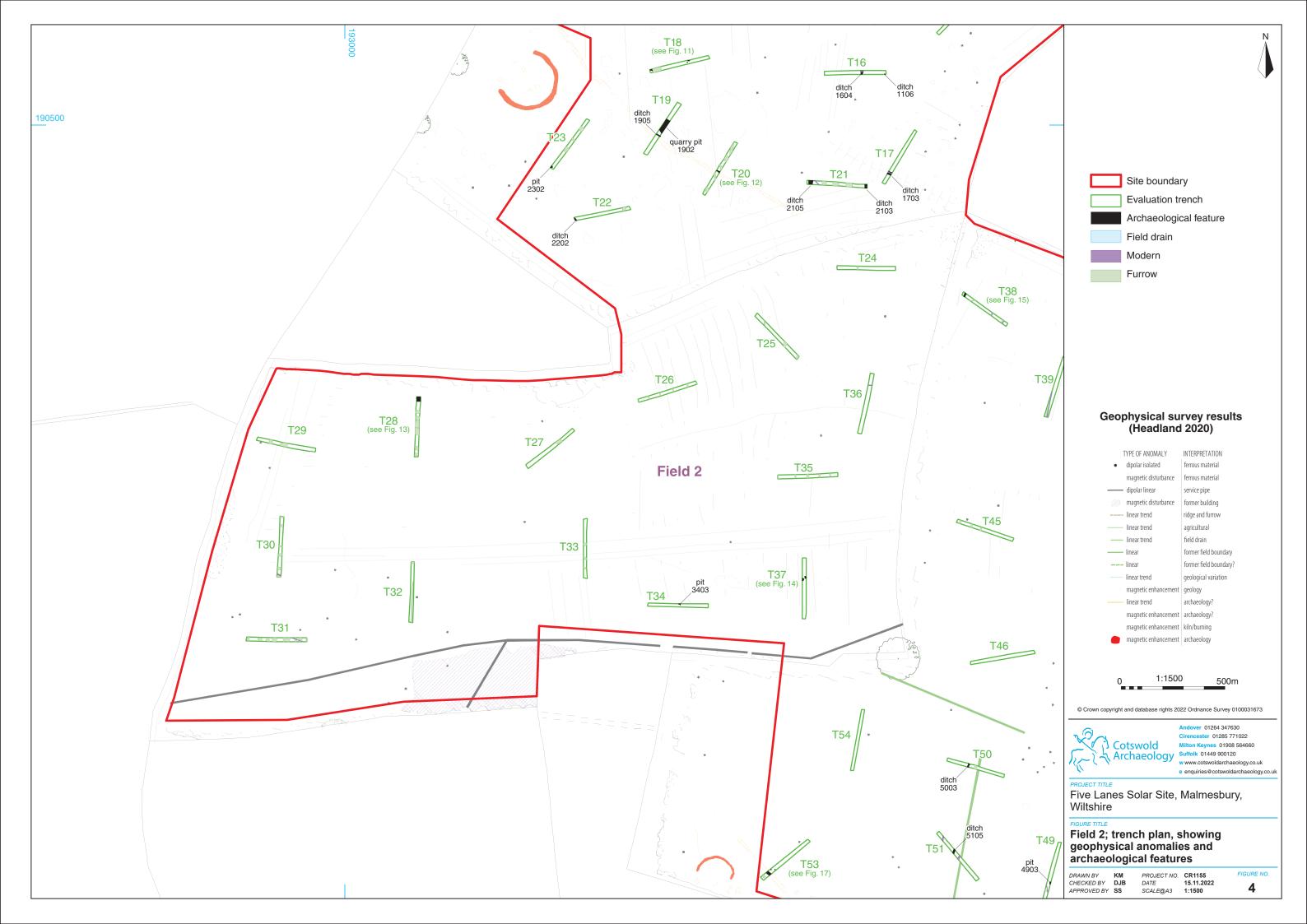
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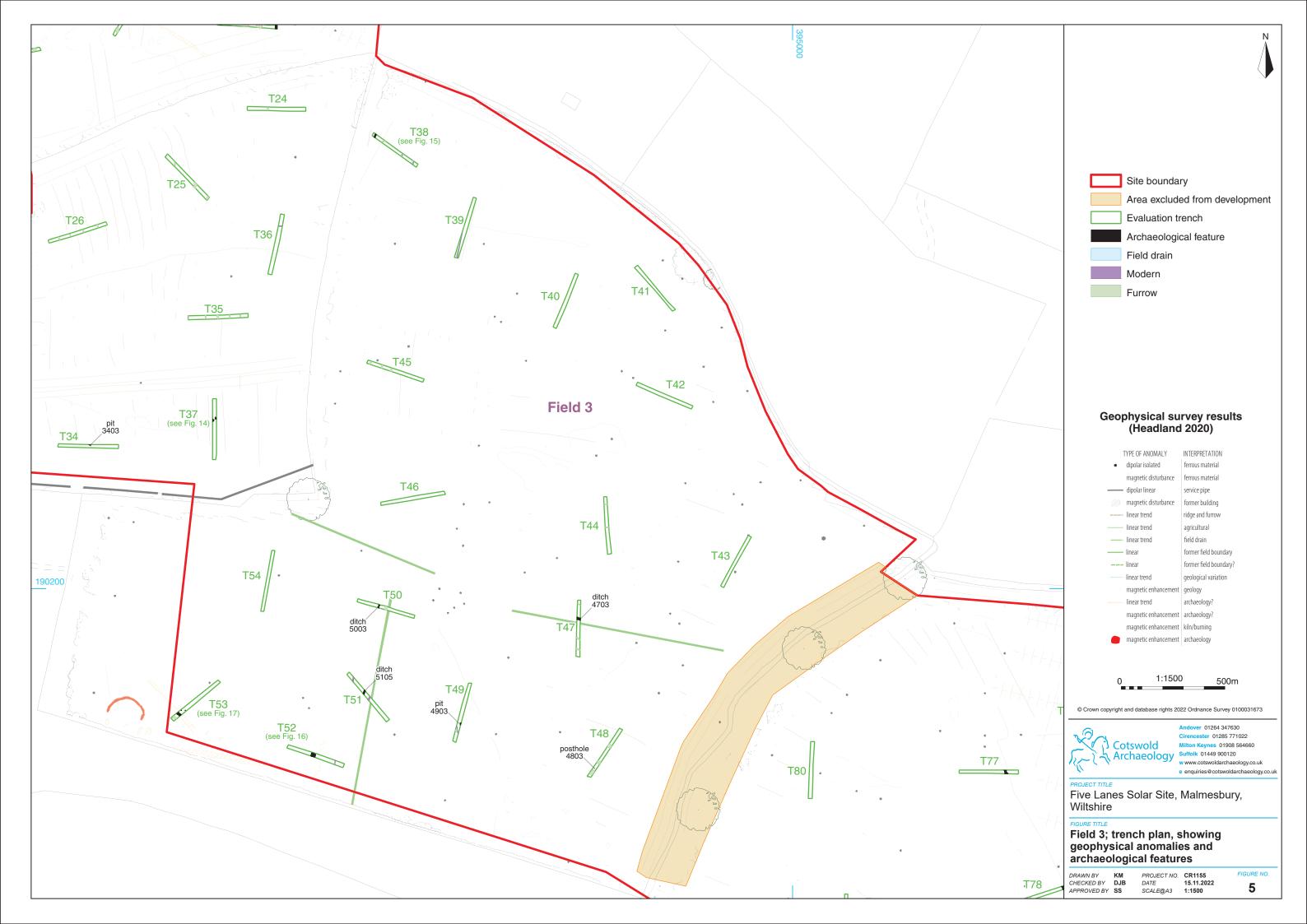


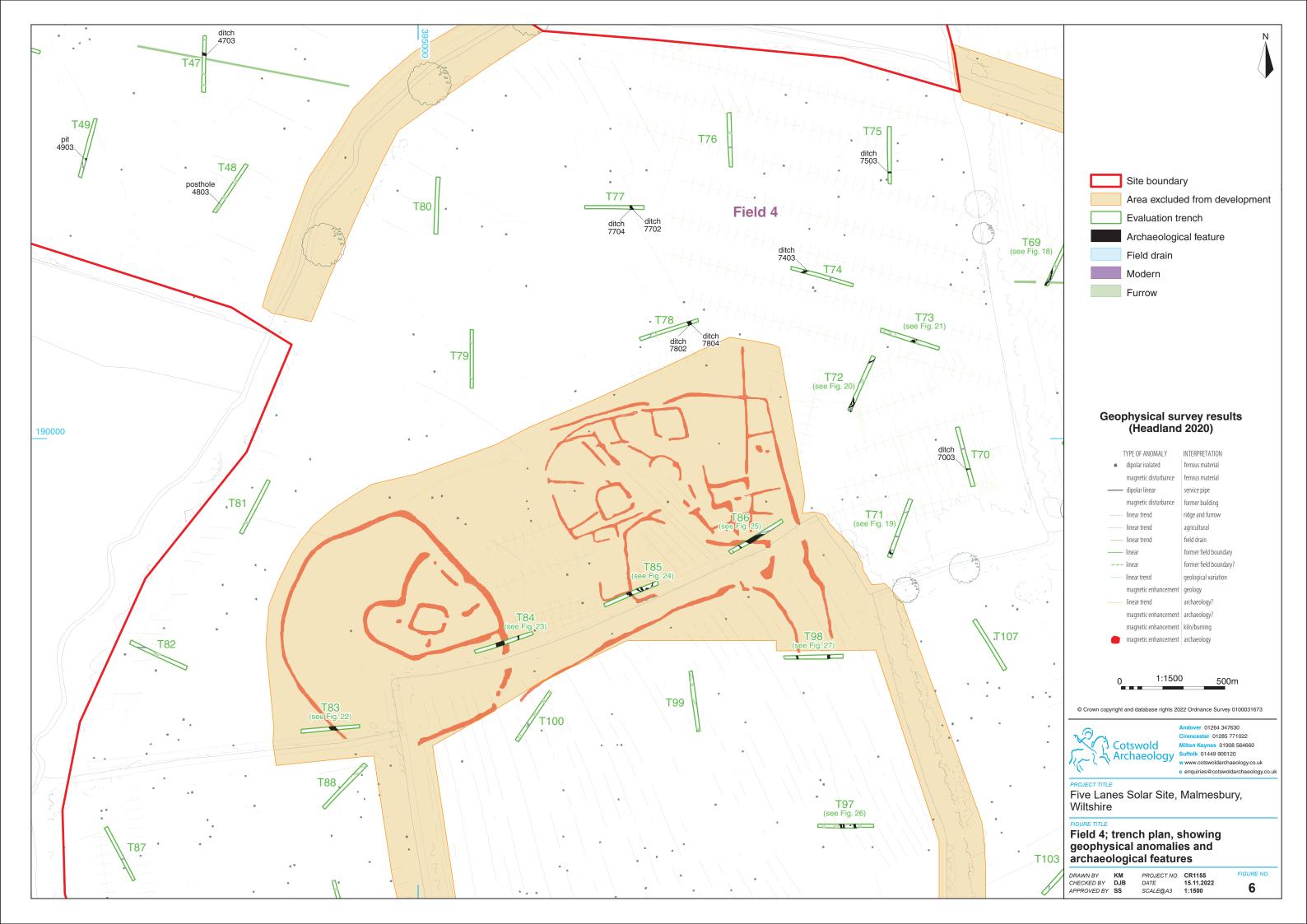


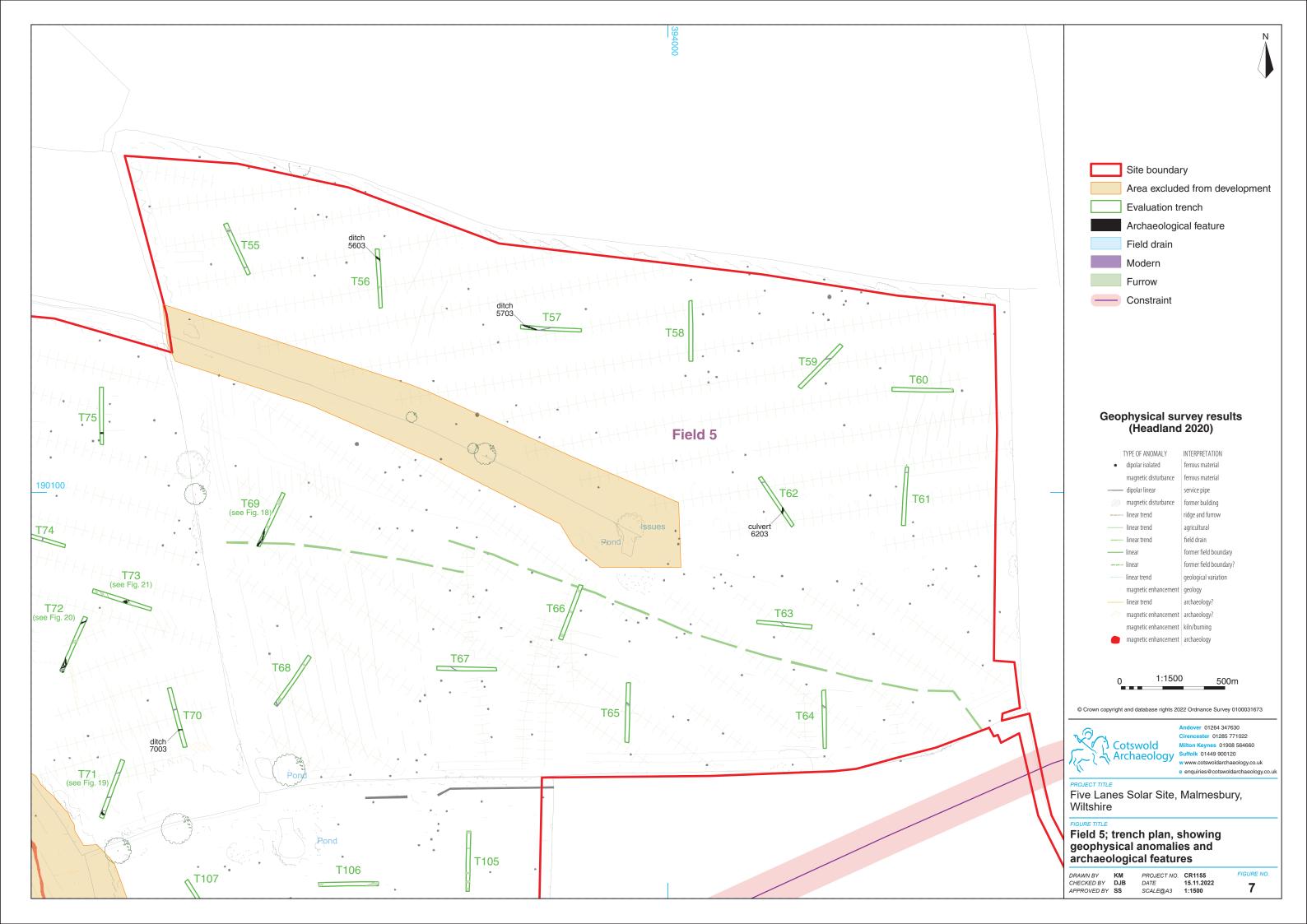


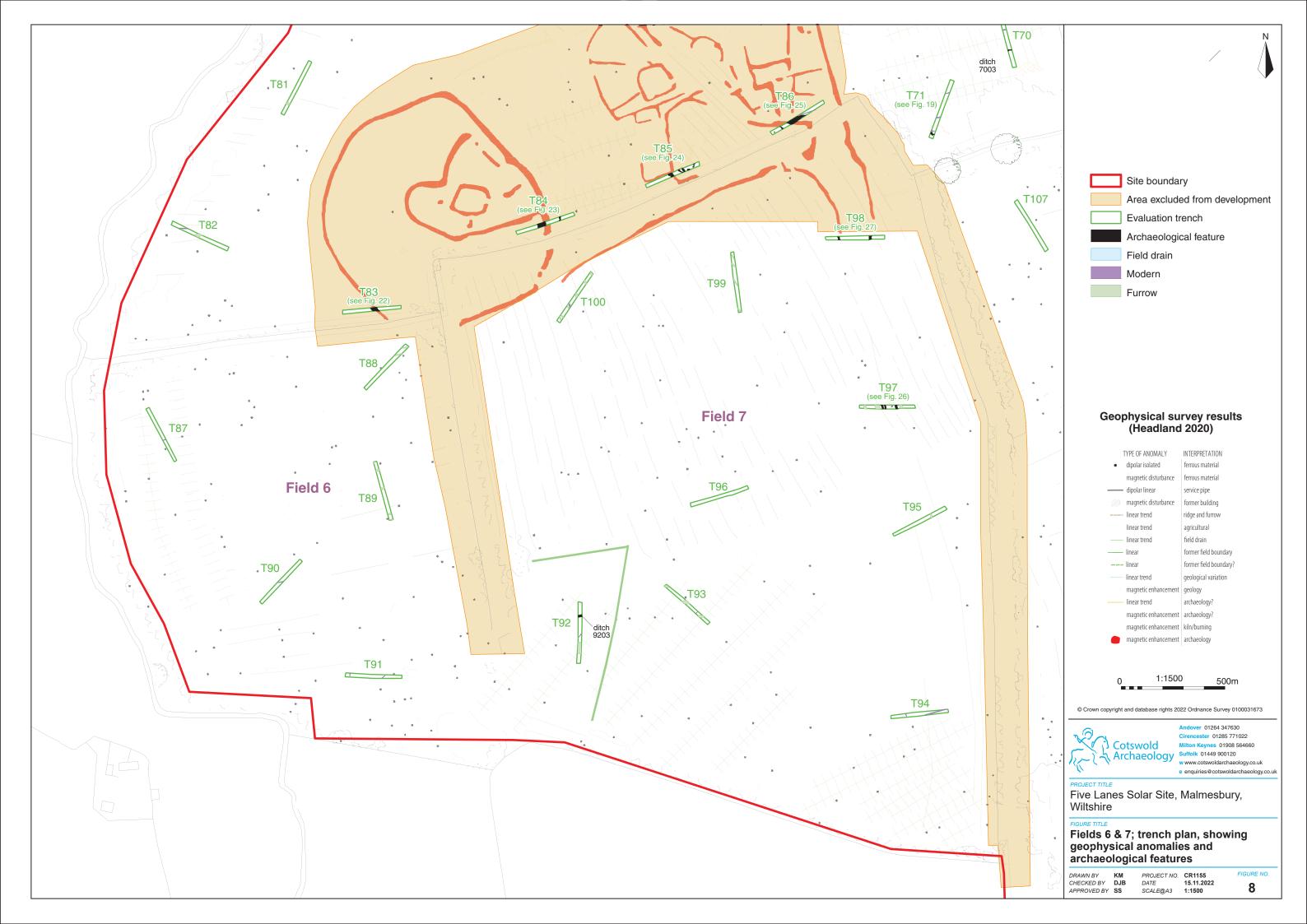


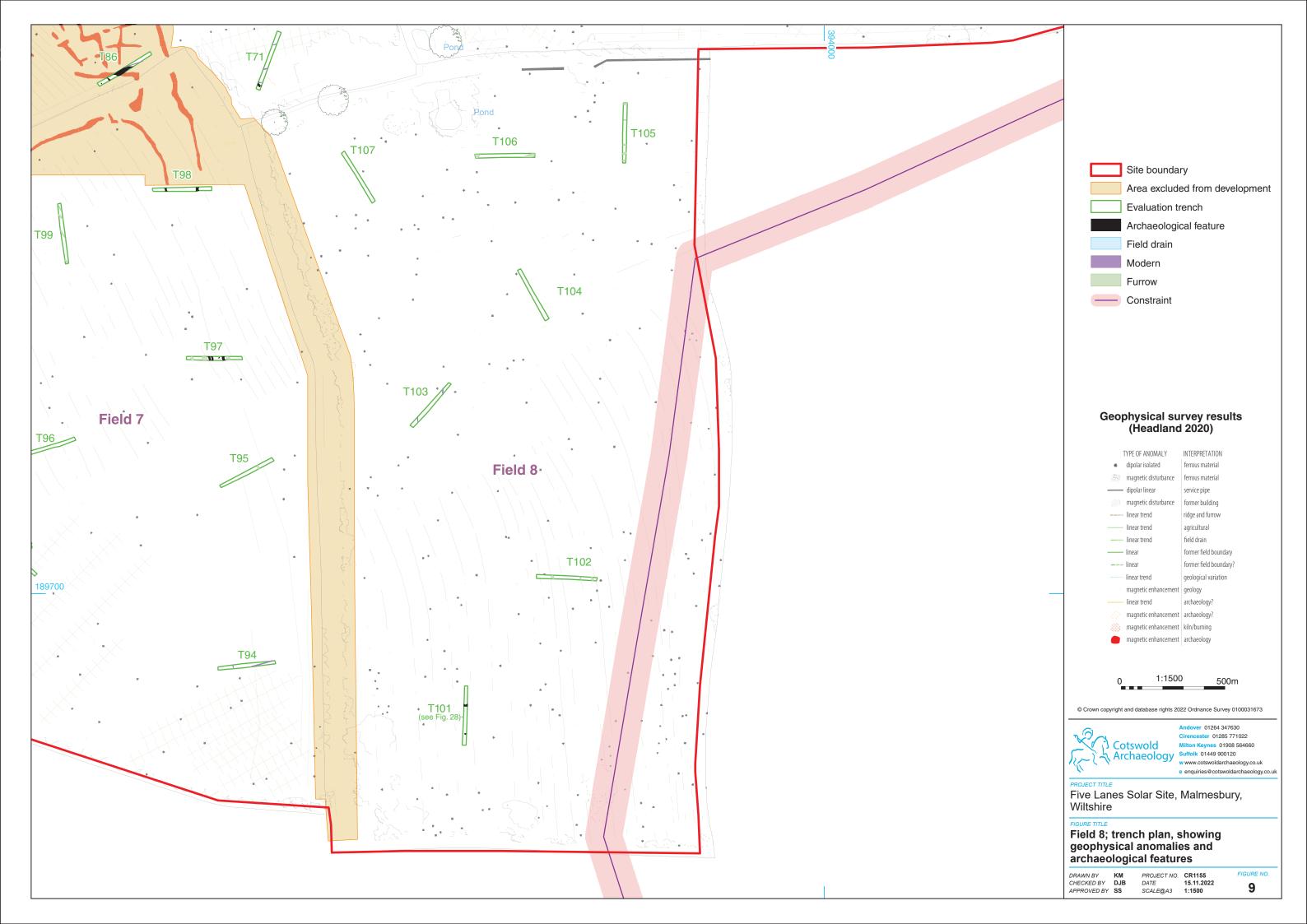


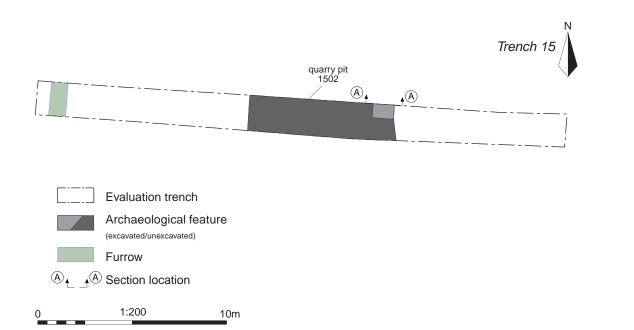


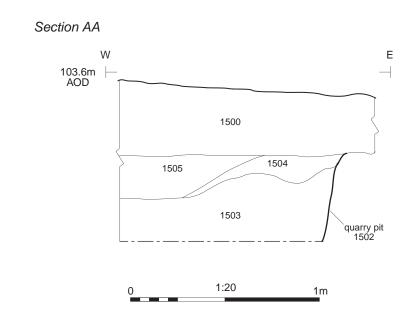




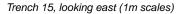














Quarry pit 1502, looking north (1m scale)



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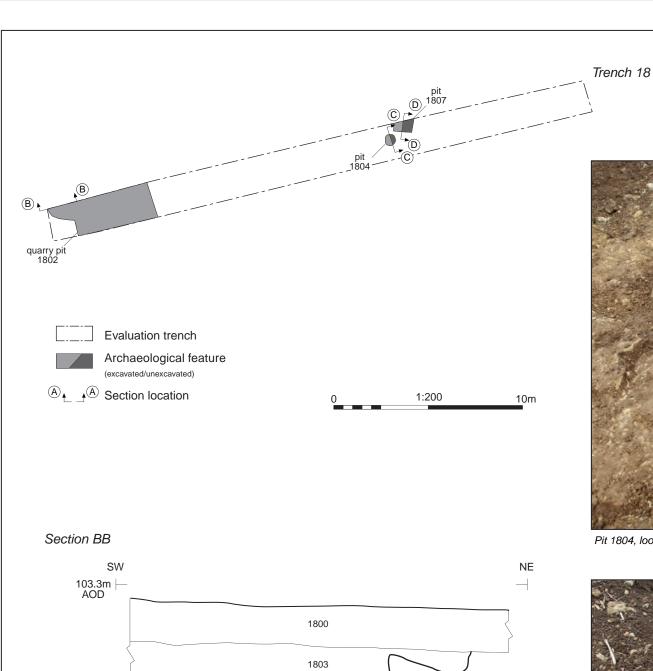
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Pit 1804, looking east (0.5m scale



Pit 1807, looking east (0.5m scale)



Trench 18, looking east, with quarry pit 1802 in foreground (1m scales)





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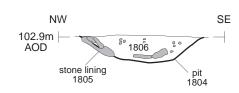
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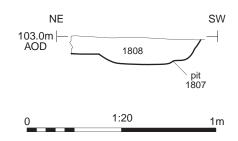
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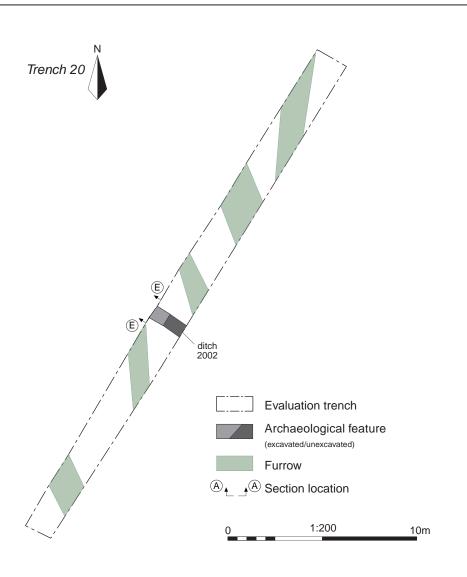
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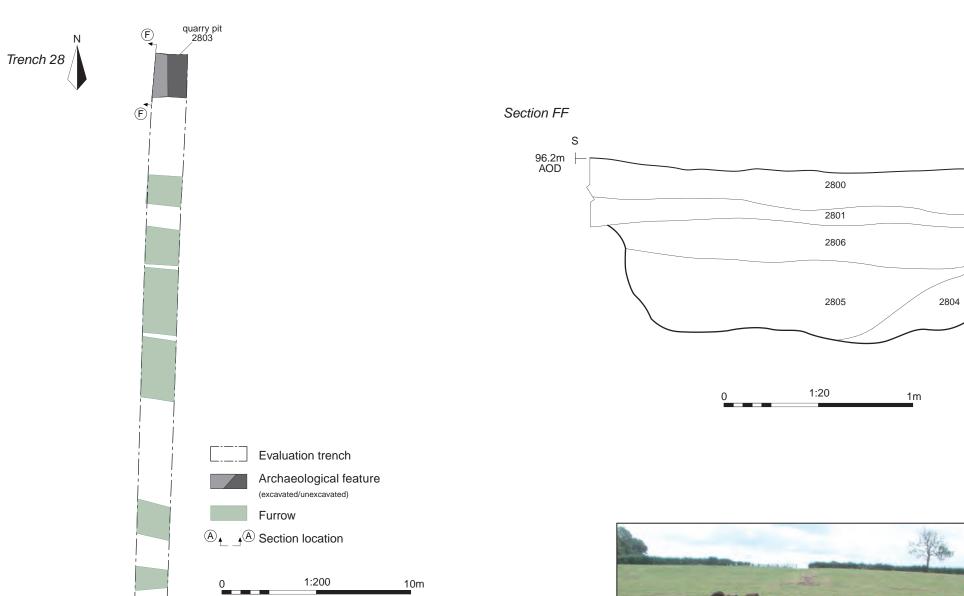
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Quarry pit 2803, looking north-west (1m scale)



Trench 28, looking south, with quarry pit 2803 in foreground (scales 1m)



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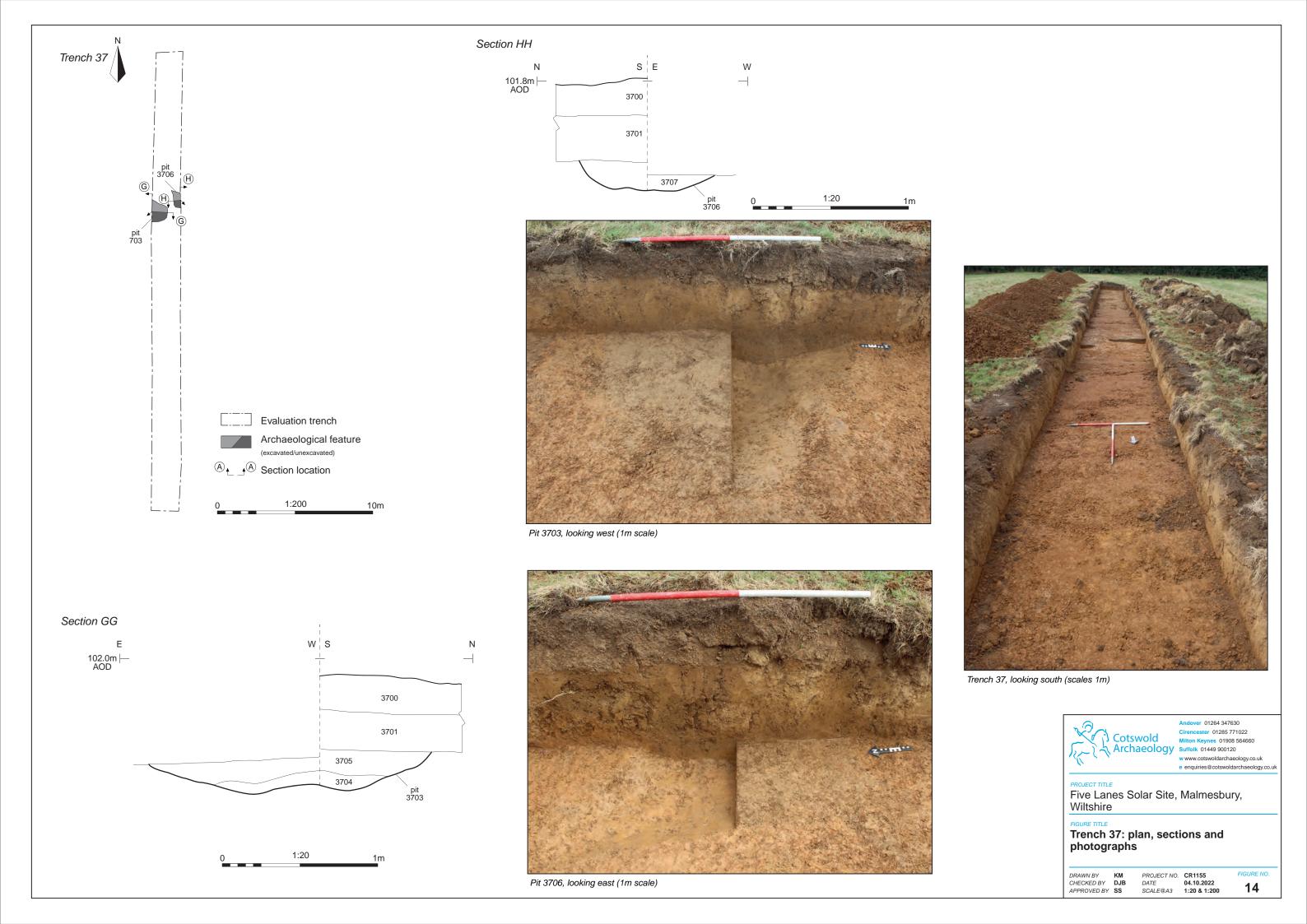
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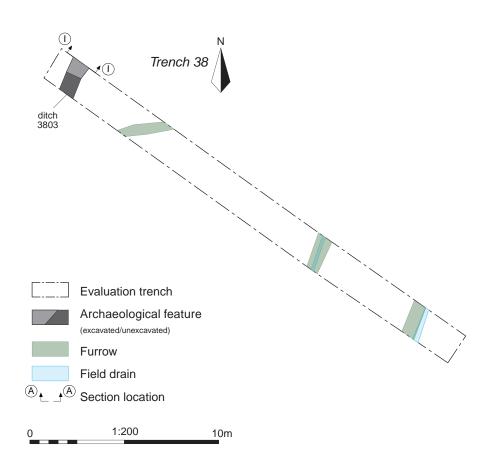
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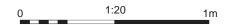
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## Section II SE 100.8m | AOD 3800 3801 3804





Ditch 3803, looking north-east (1m scale)



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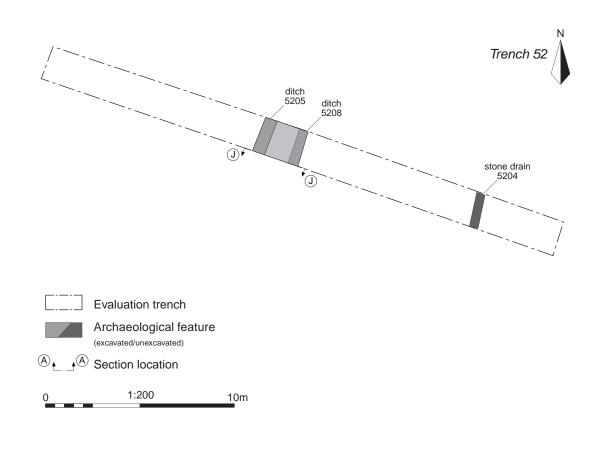
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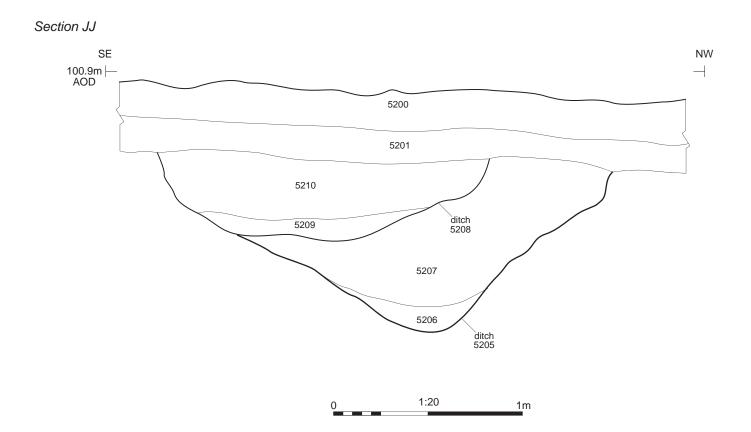
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Ditch 5205, looking south (2m scale)



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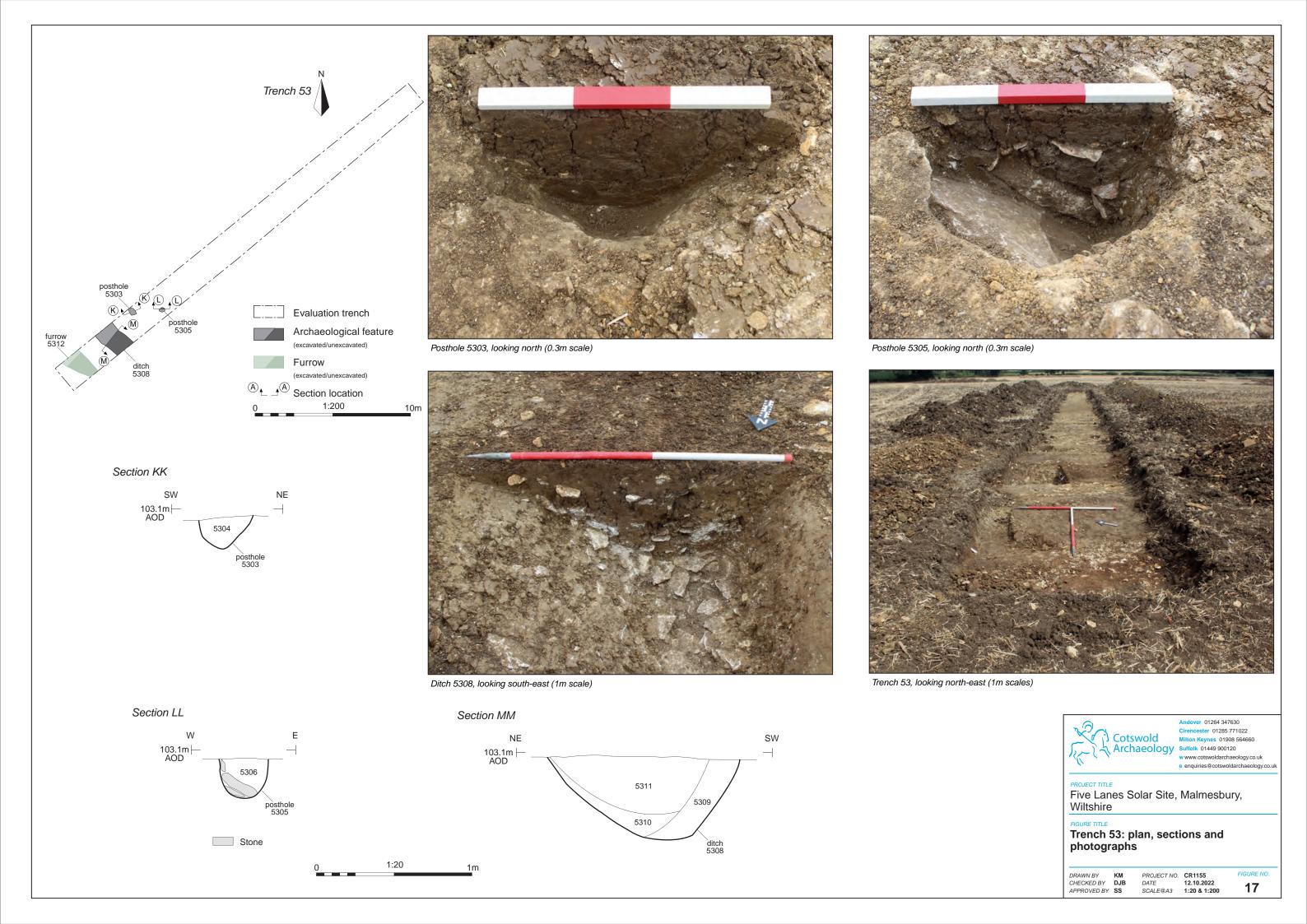
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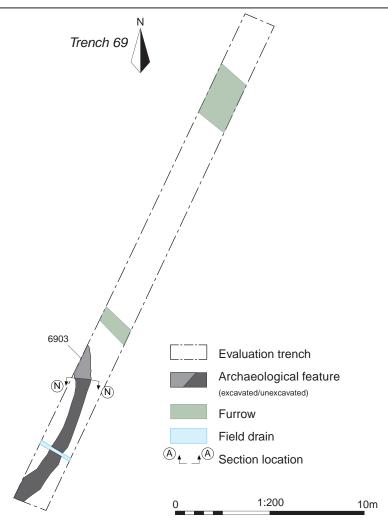
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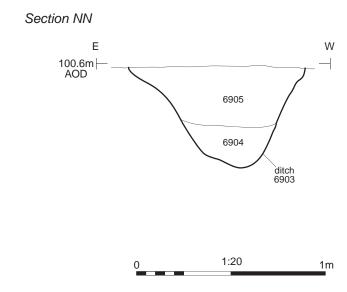
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Ditch 6903, looking south-wes (1m scale)





Ditch 6903, looking south (0.5m scale)



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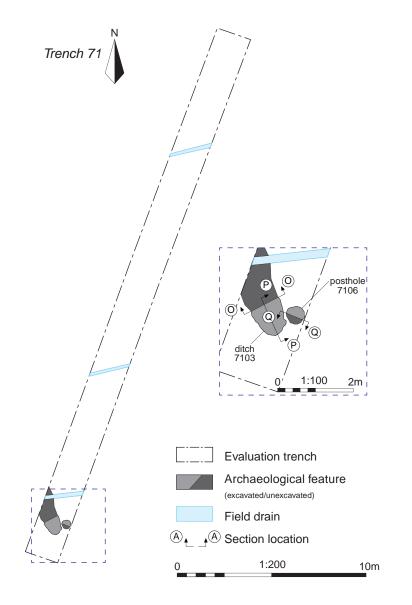
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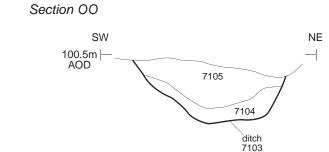
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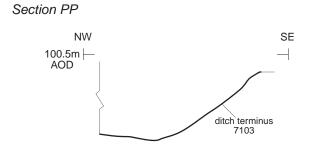
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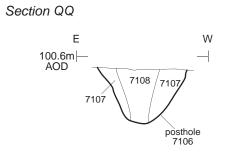


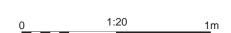


Trench 71, looking north-east (1m scales)











Ditch terminus 7103, looking north-west (0.5m scale)



Posthole 7106, looking south-west (0.4m scale)



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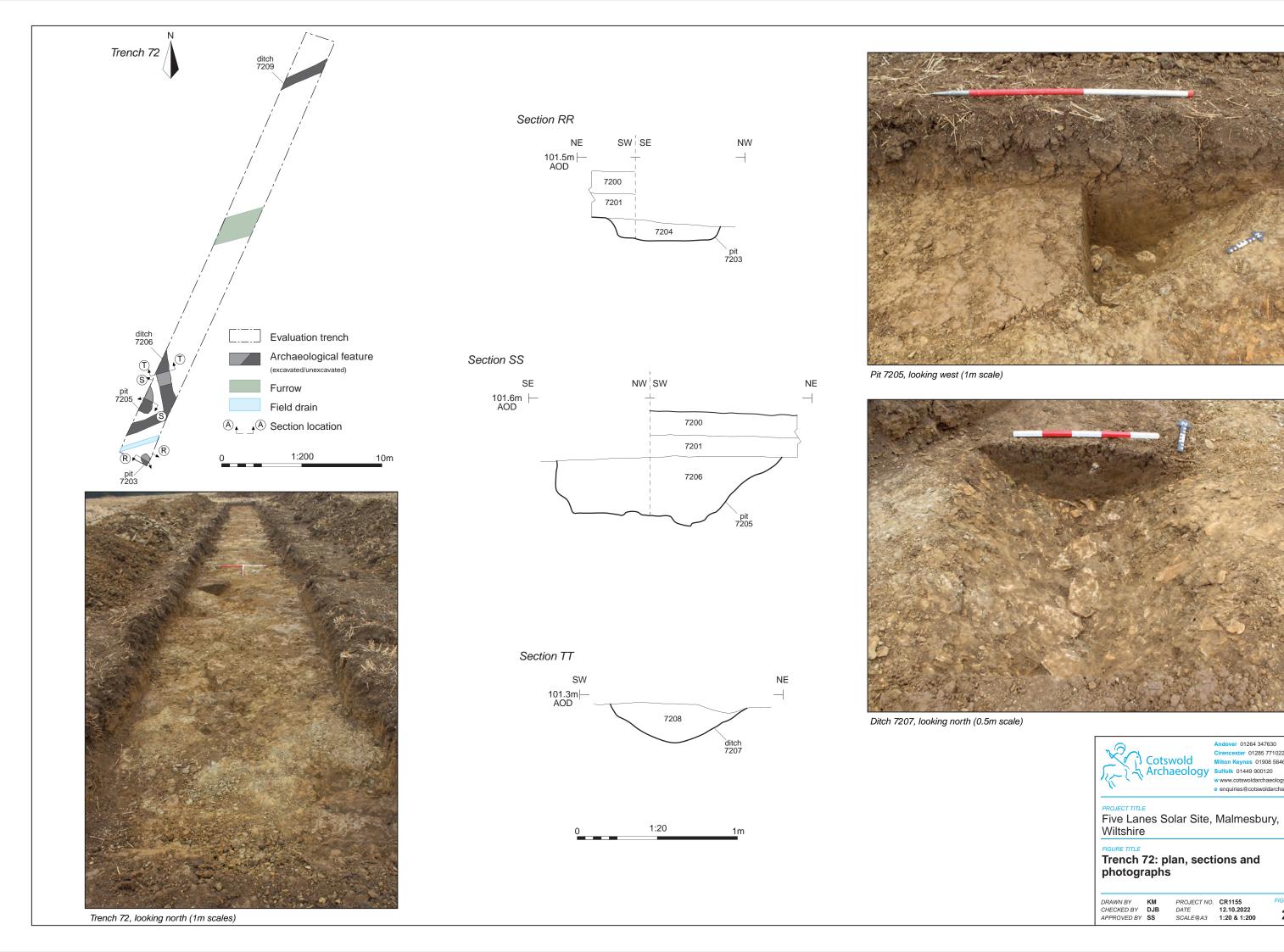
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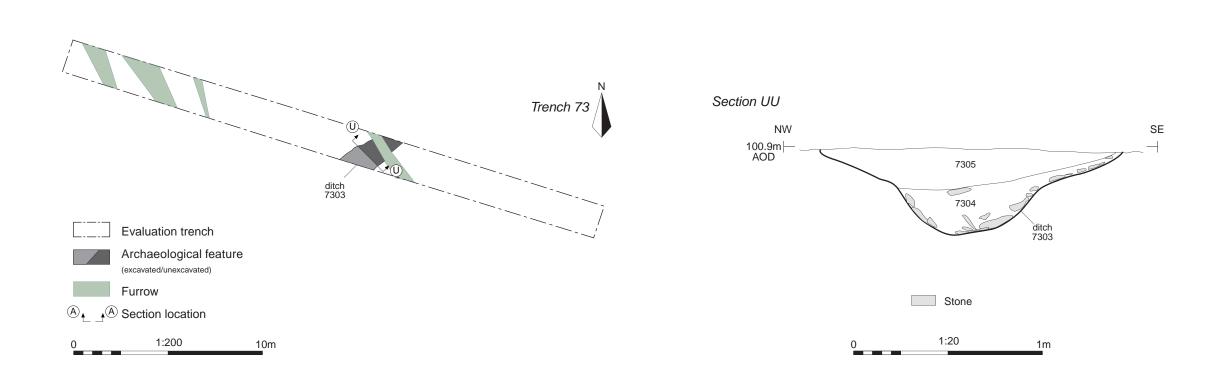
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Ditch 7303, looking north-east (1m scale)



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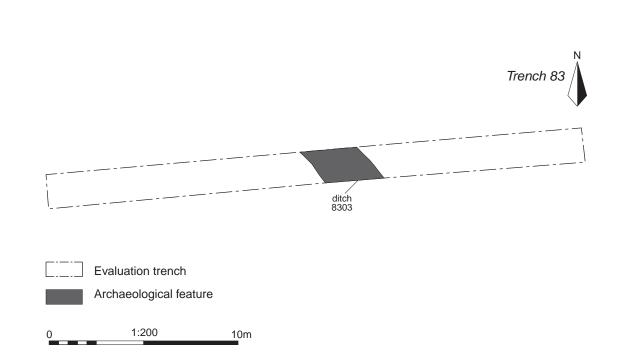
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Trench 83, looking west (1m scales)



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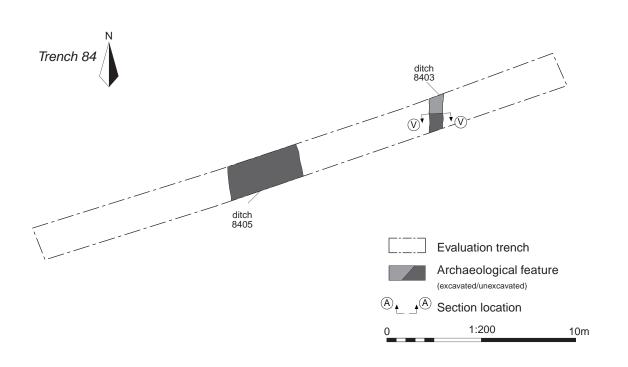
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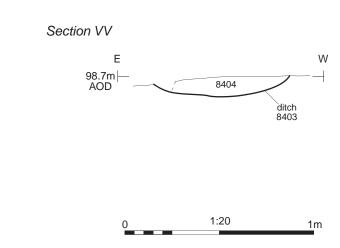
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Trench 84, looking west (1m scales)



Ditch 8405, looking north-east (1m scale)



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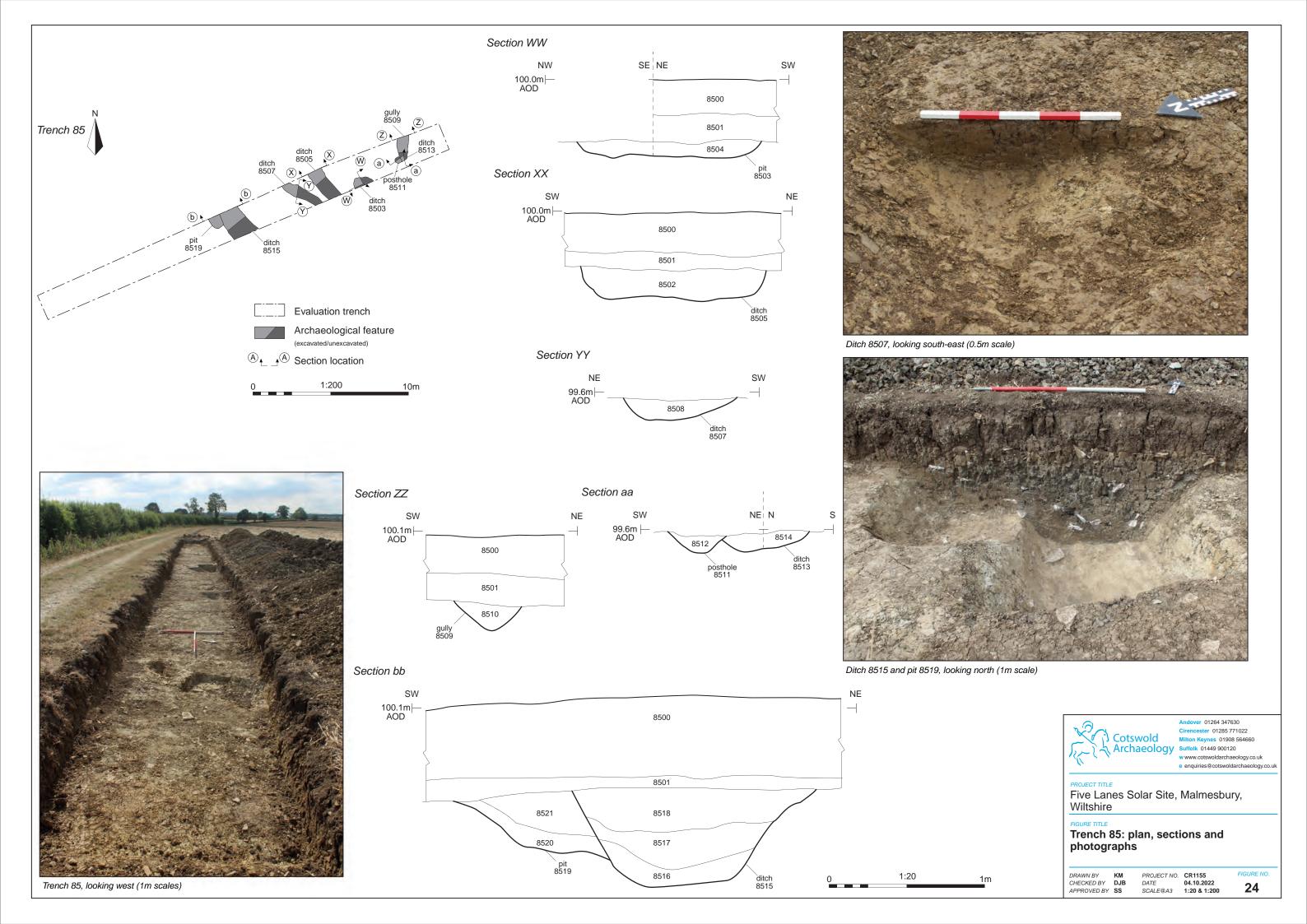
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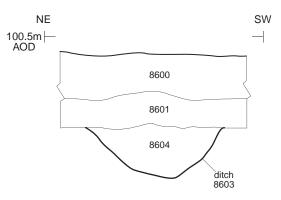
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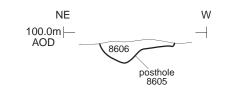


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Trench 86, looking east (1m scales)



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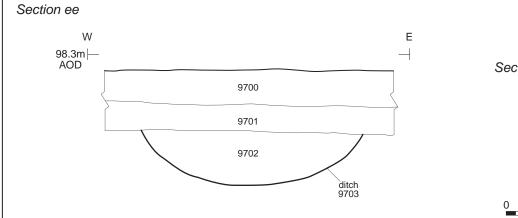
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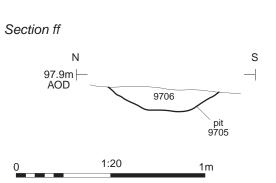


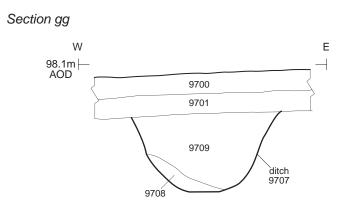


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Ditches 9707 and 9709, looking north (1m scale)









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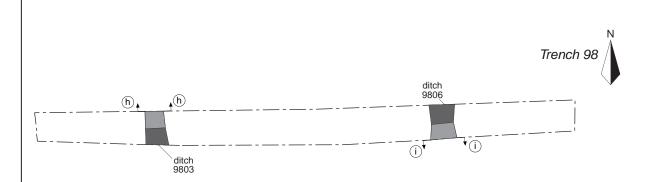
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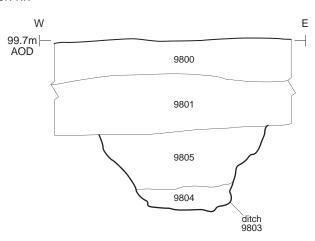
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Trench 98, looking east (scales 1m)

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Ditch 9803, looking north (1m scale)



Ditch 9806, looking south (1m scale)



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Ditch 10103, looking east (1m scale)



Pit 10105, looking south (0.3m scale)



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