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SUMMARY

Project Name:	Redcliffe Village
Location:	Bristol
NGR:	ST 5916 7266
Туре:	Watching Brief
Date:	2 to 12 June
Planning Reference:	02/01862/P and 02/01864/LC
Location of Archive:	To be deposited with Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives
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Site Code:	RVB 08

Geotechnical site investigations were supervised and recorded by Cotswold Archaeology in June 2008 at the request of CEREP Redcliffe Sarl at Redcliffe Village, Bristol. Sixteen trial pits, three test trenches and five inspection pits were excavated within the proposed development area, together with five boreholes, in order to investigate ground conditions.

The geotechnical works identified natural sandstone bedrock, overlain by estuarine alluvium, throughout the site. Evidence was identified behind the Redcliff Street frontage for activity from the 12th/13th centuries onwards, including possible medieval floor surfaces, a dye-vat base and medieval and later garden soils. The post-medieval line of the Law Ditch, an originally medieval feature that runs north/south through the centre of the development area, was also noted. A probable medieval wall-footing, together with garden soils of both medieval and post-medieval date, were noted east of the Law Ditch, in areas that would have been to the rear of plots fronting St. Thomas Street.

Several known areas of modern disturbance were encountered, including cellars and a probable bomb crater.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In June 2008 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) supervised archaeologically, and recorded the results of, a geotechnical site investigation for CEREP Redcliffe Sarl at Redcliffe Village, Bristol (centred on NGR: ST 9326 8732; Fig. 1). The objective of the watching brief was to attempt to mitigate the effects of geotechnical works on significant archaeological remains and record all archaeological remains exposed during these works.
- 1.2 A planning application has been submitted for mixed-use development of the site (Refs 02/01862/P and 02/01864/LC). This includes residential (Class C3), service apartments (Sui Generis), office (Class B1), workspace (Class B1), retail (Class A1), restaurant/bar uses (Class A3), crèche (Class D1), doctors ' surgery (Class D1) and leisure space (Class D2) together with ancillary access and servicing arrangements.
- 1.3 The fieldwork followed the *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (2001) and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991).

The site

- 1.4 The proposed development area, approximately 1 ha in size, is bounded by Redcliff Street to the west, Three Queens Lane to the south, and St Thomas Street to the east (Fig. 2). To the north the site is bounded by the properties known as 25 Redcliff Street and 14 St Thomas Street, which were included within the outline planning consent but are to be developed separately and are not the subject of these geotechnical works. The proposed development area therefore currently comprises properties between 16-24 St Thomas Street to the east and the properties between, but not including, 25 and 46 Redcliff Street to the west. The site lies between approximately 9m and 12m AOD with varying internal floor heights.
- 1.5 The underlying geology of the area is mapped as Triassic Redcliffe Sandstone and Keuper Marl (BGS 1974). This is overlain by alluvium forming the floodplain of the River Avon.

Archaeological background

- 1.6 The site and its immediate vicinity has been subject to numerous previous archaeological desk studies, evaluations and excavations, and it is not intended to reproduce the results of those works here. Instead, to aid comprehension of these past works CA has undertaken a *data review*, which contains a list of all relevant previous investigations to which further reference may be made (CA 2006).
- 1.7 Archaeological evaluation within the site during May to July 2007 and January 2008 revealed evidence for activity from the 12th/13th centuries AD onwards behind the Redcliff Street frontage in the western half of the development area, including possible medieval hearths, drains, pits, walls and floor surfaces. The evaluation also identified the post-medieval line of the Law Ditch, an originally medieval feature that runs north/south through the centre of the development area, and demarcates the boundary to the rear of plots fronting Redcliff Street to the west, and St Thomas Street to the east. Possible medieval and post-medieval date were noted immediately west of the Law Ditch, in areas that would have been to the rear of plots fronting Redcliff Street. To the east of the Law Ditch medieval wall footings and further garden soils of medieval and later date were identified. The evaluation demonstrated that archaeological deposits of medieval and later date survive at a depth of around 0.5m below the modern ground surface.

Methodology

- 1.8 The geotechnical site investigative works, undertaken by Soil Mechanics, comprised the machine-excavation of 16 trial pits and three test trenches, the hand and machine-excavation of five inspection pits to investigate the footings of standing buildings and the percussion and rotary drilling of five boreholes across the site. An archaeologist was present during all intrusive groundworks and supervised the machine excavation of trial pits and test trenches, the hand and machine-excavation of inspection pits and also logged deposits revealed during borehole drilling (Fig. 2).
- 1.9 Several trial pits and boreholes were moved from locations initially indicated on a client-supplied plan (SKM drawing SE14121-SI Plan) due to access considerations and below-ground obstructions. In addition, trial pits 3 and 14 were moved in order

to avoid medieval structural remains known to lie on the Redcliff Street frontage, following an initial on-site meeting between the attending CA archaeologist, Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) and Soil Mechanics.

- 1.10 Where archaeological deposits were encountered written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007). Deposits were assessed for their palaoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and other Samples from Archaeological Sites* (2003) but no deposits were identified that required sampling. All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 3: *Treatment of Finds Immediately After Excavation* (1995).
- 1.11 The archive and artefacts from the watching brief are currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives under accession number 2007/49 along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix C will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

2. RESULTS (FIGS 2-6)

2.1 This section provides an overview of the results from the site investigative works; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts (including approximate heights above Ordnance Datum (AOD)) and finds are to be found in Appendices A and B respectively.

Trial pits 1 & 2

2.2 Trial pit 1, 4.5m by 2.1m in size, was excavated 5m south of CA evaluation trench12 and trial pit 2, 2.5m by 1m in size, was partly sited within the backfill of evaluationtrench 10.

2.3 Natural estuarine alluvium 106 and 205 was encountered at approximately 2.2m and 2m below present ground level (bpgl), respectively, sealed by undated compact grey-brown clay dump/?reclamation deposits 105 and 204. Subsequent cess-rich clay soils 104 and 203, and an overlying clay soil 103, appeared to represent accumulations of medieval and later garden or cultivation soils beneath modern deposits. A similar silt-clay garden or cultivation soil in trial pit 2, 203, yielded one sherd of mid 13th to 15th-century pottery.

Trial pit 3

2.4 Trial pit 3, 3m by 1m in size, revealed natural estuarine alluvium 307, at 2m bpgl, overlain by a clay dump/?reclamation deposit 306 and subsequent garden soil 305. A brick wall 303, with associated vaulted brick arch, was cut through soil 305 and appeared to be part of a previously identified cellar structure which had been infilled with modern rubble (BaRAS 2002).

Trial pits 4, 5 & 6

- 2.5 Trial pit 4, 1.6m by 0.7m in size, trial pit 5, 2.8m by 1.4m in size, and trial pit 6, 2m by 1m in size, were partially excavated within the backfill of CA evaluation trenches 7 and 15.
- 2.6 Natural alluvium 408/507/608, at 3.2-3.3m bpgl, was overlain by a clay and sandstone dump/?reclamation deposit 407/506/607. Five sherds of 12th to 13th-century pottery were recovered from 607, together with several intrusive pieces of industrial residue, the latter containing metalwork, ceramic drain pipe and fragments of 18th to 19th-century window glass. A red sand 406, possibly representing a medieval floor or make-up deposit, overlay ?reclamation layer 407. Medieval or later garden or cultivation soils 405/505/606 and 605 were sealed by fragmentary brick layer 404/ 504 and ash dump deposit 604 which supported a brick and concrete floor 403/503/603, covered by a loose brick deposit 402/502/602 which supported the raised floor 401/501/601 of the Pilkington Glass warehouse.

Trial pit 7

2.7 Trial pit 7, 3m by 1.1m in size, was partly excavated within the backfill of CA evaluation trench 8.

2.8 Natural alluvium 705, at 2.4m bpgl, was covered by a clay dump/?reclamation deposit 704 and subsequent clay garden or cultivation soil 703. An overlying gritclay and rubble deposit 702 acted as a foundation for modern concrete floor 701.

Trial pit 8

2.9 Trial pit 8, 2.4m by 1m in size, was halted at a depth of 2.7m bpgl, having encountered standing water but no base to the brick-built wall footing 804 of the north wall of the Pilkington Glass warehouse. A loose deposit of modern brick, fragmentary sandstone and grit-clay 802 appeared to be represent backfill of a construction trench associated with the wall footing 804, and was overlain by modern concrete floor 801.

Trial pit 9

2.10 Trial pit 9, 6m by 1m in size, encountered natural alluvium 907, at 2.2m bpgl, sealed by a clay and sandstone dump/?reclamation deposit 906. This was in turn overlain by clay garden or cultivation soils 905, containing one sherd of mid 13th to 15th-century AD pottery, and 904. An overlying ash and charcoal dump deposit 903 was sealed by modern deposits.

Trial pit 10

- 2.11 Trial pit 10, 1.6m by 1m in size, was partially excavated within the backfill of CA evaluation trench 5.
- 2.12 Natural alluvium was encountered at 2.2m bpgl, sealed by a stony-clay dump/reclamation deposit 1005, containing one sherd of mid 12th to 13th-century AD pottery. This was overlain by a red sand-clay containing abundant fragmentary sandstone 1004, possibly a make-up layer for a medieval floor or yard surface. An overlying stony-clay garden or cultivation soil 1003 was covered by modern deposits.

Trial pit 11

- 2.13 Trial pit 11, 3m by 1m in size, was excavated in the vicinity of a previous evaluation trench (BaRAS 2002).
- 2.14 Natural alluvium 1107, at 1.8m bpgl, was overlain by a clay dump/?reclamation deposit 1105. The latter appeared to be cut by a N-S aligned ?medieval sandstone wall footing, 1106, east of the post-medieval line of the Law Ditch as identified in adjacent evaluation trench 4. An overlying stony-clay deposit 1104 was covered by a sandy-clay garden or cultivation soil 1103, containing one sherd of mid 12th to 13th-century AD pottery. This was sealed by a clay soil 1102, containing abundant modern brick, which supported compact gravel yard surface 1101.

Trial pit 12

- 2.15 Trial pit 12, 3.8m by 1.5m in size, was excavated in the vicinity of previous evaluation trenches (BaRAS 2002) which had identified a probable infilled bomb crater.
- 2.16 Excavation was halted within a loose deposit of fragmentary brick and stone 1202, at 3.5m bpgl, which appeared to be represent part of an infilled bomb crater. It was sealed by concrete surface 1201.

Trial pit 13

- 2.17 Trial pit 13, 1.6m by 1.4m in size, was partially excavated within the backfill of CA evaluation trench 13.
- 2.18 Truncated natural alluvium was encountered at 3.3m bpgl. This was overlain by the brick floor 1303 of a cellar, infilled with loose fragmentary brick and sandstone 1302 and covered by modern concrete floor 1301.

Trial pits 14/14a (Figs. 2 & 3)

2.19 Trial pit 14, 3.2m by 1.3m in size, was partially excavated within the backfill of CA evaluation trench 2. The trench was halted on archaeological grounds and

excavated, as trench 14a, 2m by 1.5m in size, 1m further north within a known cellar.

- 2.20 Excavation of trial pit 14 ceased at a partially-revealed circular structure 1405, with a pitched sandstone base and robbed stone wall, probably representing a medieval or later dye-vat base. An adjacent stony-clay floor 1406 was cut by an undated irregular intrusion of undetermined function 1407 containing a charcoal fill 1408. An overlying structure 1404, comprised of sandstone blocks and bricks bonded with a hard, grey, ashy-mortar, was only partially revealed but might represent a former floor or foundation. A stony-clay dump deposit 1403 was overlain by a sandstone flagstone floor 1402, and was covered by hardcore for modern concrete floor 1401.
- 2.21 Trench 14a was halted at a depth of approximately 1.5m within the modern infill 1409 of a known cellar, upon encountering apparently fuel-contaminated water.

Trial pit 15 (Fig. 4)

- 2.22 Trial pit 15, 3.6m by 1.7m in size, was partially excavated within the backfill of CA evaluation trench 1.
- 2.23 Excavation ceased upon partially exposing a series of undated, but probable medieval, floor deposits. These comprised a pitched stone surface 1506, a sandy-clay 1505, a thin charcoal accumulation 1504 and a compact sand layer 1503.

Test trench 1

- 2.24 Test trench 1, 2.5m by 1.5m in size, was partially excavated within the backfill of CA evaluation trench 7 to determine the presence or absence of a putative sewer at this location.
- 2.25 Natural alluvium TT104, at 3.3m bpgl, was overlain by a clay dump/?reclamation deposit TT103. This was covered by garden soil and rubble, concrete, and a brick floor TT102, and by a loose brick foundation for existing concrete floor TT101.

Test trench 2

- 2.26 Test trench 2, 2m by 2m in size, was excavated approximately 5m south of CA evaluation trenches 11a and 11b in order to check for the possibility that a putative N/S-aligned sewer pipe might lie within the southernmost part of the site, linking with sewerage beneath Three Queens Lane.
- 2.27 A square, brick-built, modern drain chamber TT203 was noted at the limit of excavation. It had been partly infilled with sandstone scalpings TT202 and was sealed by modern concrete TT201

Test trench 3

- 2.28 Test trench 3, 3m by 1.2m in size, was also excavated approximately 5m south of CA evaluation trenches 11a and 11b in order to again check for the possibility that a N/S-aligned sewer pipe might exist within the southernmost part of the site, linking with sewerage beneath Three Queens Lane.
- 2.29 Natural alluvium TT305 was encountered at 2.2m bpgl, overlain by a clay dump/?reclamation deposit TT304. A subsequent garden or cultivation soil TT303 was covered by modern hardcore TT302 for existing floor TT301.

Borehole 1

2.30 Natural sandstone bedrock B1.8 at 14.3m bpgl was overlain by grey-blue estuarine alluvium B1.7 to 3m bpgl. An overlying clay dump/?reclamation deposit B1.6, from which one sherd of 12th to 15th-century pottery was retrieved, was covered by a gritty sand-clay garden or cultivation soil B1.5/B1.4 containing abundant brick. This was sealed by grit B1.3 and modern hardcore B1.2 upon which was set modern concrete floor B1.1.

Borehole 2

2.31 Sandstone bedrock B2.12 was encountered at 14.2m bpgl, overlain by gravel deposits B2.11 to a depth of 12.8m bpgl. Natural estuarine alluvial silts B2.8-B2.10 were noted at 2m bpgl, and were covered by grits, gravels, ash, cinders, and fragmentary brick B2.7 to B2.3 which perhaps indicate post-medieval or modern infill

or dump deposits. Modern hardcore B2.2 was overlain by existing concrete floor B2.1.

Borehole 3

2.32 Drilling was halted at 2.25m bpgl due to an impenetrable obstruction, possibly a cellar floor. A series of grit-clay deposits B3.3 to B3.5, containing fragmentary brick and stone, and which may represent cellar infill, were sealed by modern concrete floor B3.1.

Borehole 3a

- 2.33 Borehole 3 was moved approximately 5m further south, as Borehole 3a, after the drilling rig encountered an impenetrable obstacle, possibly a cellar floor.
- 2.34 Bedrock B3A.8 was encountered at 14.1m bpgl, overlain by grey-blue alluvial silts B3A.6 and B3A.7 to approximately 2.4m bpgl. An overlying clay dump deposit/?reclamation deposit B3A.4 and B3A.5, at 2.3 bpgl, was covered by a gritty, stony, clay garden soil B3A.3, and hardcore B3A.2 which supported existing concrete floor B3A.1.

Borehole 4

2.35 Natural bedrock B4.6 at 14.4m bpgl was sealed by estuarine alluvial clays B4.5 at approximately 2.5m bpgl. Overlying garden soils B4.4 and B4.3, at 1.2m bpgl were covered by modern hardcore B4.2 for concrete floor B4.1.

Borehole 5

2.36 Sandstone bedrock B5.8 was encountered at 13.3m bpgl, overlain by alluvial clays B5.6 and B5.7 to approximately 3m bpgl. Overlying garden soils B5.3, to 1.2m bpgl, were covered by modern hardcore B5.2 for concrete floor B5.1.

Inspection Pit 1

2.37 Inspection Pit 1, 3m by 1.05m in size, was excavated against the internal face of the south wall of the former Pilkington Glass warehouse in order to examine its footings.

2.38 A sand-clay deposit 1005 at the limit of excavation, at 2.1m to 2.4 m bpgl, was overlain by modern hardcore 1004 for a concrete floor 1003 of a modern duct or chamber and for the brick-built wall footing 1002 supporting the southern wall of the Pilkington warehouse.

Inspection Pit 2

- 2.39 Inspection Pit 2, 3m by 2.3m in size, was also excavated against the internal face of the south wall of the former Pilkington Glass warehouse to examine its footings.
- 2.40 Modern hardcore was noted at the limit of excavation, at 2.1m bpgl, beneath the concrete floor 2002 of another modern duct or chamber, associated with an offset concrete foundation 2004 and wooden cover 2001. This brick and concrete-built duct/chamber structure obstructed any view of the footing of the southern wall of the Pilkington Glass warehouse.

Inspection Pit 3

2.41 Inspection Pit 3 was not excavated, as it was not deemed necessary on geotechnical grounds.

Inspection Pit 4

- 2.42 Inspection Pit 4 was also deemed not necessary, on geotechnical grounds, where originally proposed. It was, however, moved to the north-east of CA evaluation trench 2 and was excavated, 0.85m by 0.65m in size, against an internal wall face in order to examine its footings.
- 2.43 Natural alluvium 4007 at 2.2m bpgl, was sealed by a clay dump/?reclamation deposit 4006. An overlying modern concrete beam 4002 supported an extant concrete block wall 4003. Adjacent angular sandstone scalpings 4004 provided the foundation for existing concrete floor 4001.

Inspection Pit 5

- 2.44 Inspection Pit 5, 0.5m by 0.3m in size, was excavated against an internal wall face in order to examine its footings.
- 2.45 A concrete foundation 5004 was noted at the limit of excavation, at 1m bpgl, supporting a brick footing 5003 for the extant brick wall. Modern hardcore 5002 supported existing concrete floor 5001.

Inspection Pit 6

- 2.46 Inspection Pit 6, 1.8m by 1.5m in size, was also excavated against the internal face of the northern wall to examine its footings.
- 2.47 A red sand and fragmentary sandstone deposit 6003, possibly a medieval make-up layer or floor, was noted at 1.5m bpgl. It was overlain by a modern concrete ground beam 6002, linking with above ground steel stanchions, and a concrete foundation 6005 for extant wall 6002.

The Finds Evidence

- 2.48 Quantities of pottery, glass and industrial residue were recovered from six deposits (Appendix B). Medieval pottery type codes used below are those of the Bristol pottery type series developed for use with assemblages from the City (Ponsford 1998).
- 2.49 Ten sherds of medieval pottery (152g) were recovered, consisting of cooking pot type BPT 46 and jug fabrics BPT26 and BPT118. The sherds, typically small in size, are conceivably residual where recovered from garden soil deposits but represent the only datable material from initial clay dump/?reclamation deposits above the estuarine alluvium.
- 2.50 The processes leading to the formation of the industrial residues recovered from context 607 are unclear. Although largely iron-based, the lack of vitrification and the difference in their composition to metalworking slags suggests they have not formed as a result of metalworking processes such as smithing and smelting. The residues take the form of large concretions of a compacted iron-based material with a number

of inclusions including a perforated copper strip and a fragment of clear glass, likely to be window glass. The presence of this glass suggests a relatively recent 18th or 19th century date for the residue, and it would therefore appear to be intrusive within context 607.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The watching brief presence has ensured that significant, known, archaeological remains were avoided during the geotechnical works through careful resiting of particular trial pits and boreholes, and disturbance otherwise minimised by the positioning of trial pits at least partially within backfilled evaluation trenches wherever possible. In addition, archaeological deposits of medieval and later date have been recorded, providing useful additional information on the character, depth of deposits and level of preservation of deposits across the site.
- 3.2 Natural sandstone bedrock was encountered at depths of 13.3m to 14.3m bpgl, throughout the site, overlain by estuarine alluvium typically encountered at 6.5 to 6.8m AOD. Although other investigations in the site locality have identified a layer of bioturbated alluvium, thought to have resulted from trampling of the flood plain surface in the 11th to 13th centuries AD (CA 2006), no such deposits were discernible within these small-scale trial pits and test trenches. The watching brief has, however, identified extensive overlying dump deposits, consisting of clays with sparse charcoal and sandstone inclusions and some 11th to 13th-century pottery sherds. In combination with similar deposits noted during preceding evaluation trenching (CA 2008) these clays suggest widespread dumping to reclaim low-lying marsh areas prior to medieval development.
- 3.3 The watching brief has also revealed further evidence of medieval and later structural remains behind the Redcliff Street frontage, in the form of successive floor layers in TP 15 and probable floor make-up layers in IP 6 and TPs 4 and 10. Medieval and later activity in back-plots behind the frontage is also evidenced, from

the probable dye-vat base within TP 14 and by medieval and later garden or cultivation soils within TPs 2, 4, 5 and 10.

- 3.4 No structural remains were encountered within the eastern half of the site to suggest that properties associated with the medieval St Thomas Street frontage lie within the site, and modern road widening means that any such street-side medieval buildings are likely to lie outside of the site. Back-plot activity was, however, evidenced in the form of a probable medieval wall-footing in TP 11, parallel with the post-medieval line of the Law Ditch, and by medieval and later garden soils in IP 4 and TPs 7, 9 and 11.
- 3.5 The watching brief has also confirmed the presence of several areas of modern disturbance including infilled cellars in TPs 10, 13, 14a and TP 3 previously encountered within CA evaluation trenches 2, 5, 13 and BaRAS trench T1a (BaRAS 2002a). In addition brick and stone infill deposits within TP 12, extending to at least 3.5m in depth, almost certainly identify a southward continuation of a probable bomb crater noted in previous evaluation trenching.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Alistair Barber. The report was written by Alistair Barber. The illustrations were prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled by Alistair Barber, and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Simon Cox.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trial Pit 1 Present ground level: approximately 9.18m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
101	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.2	
102	Layer	Modern rubble			0.6	
103	Deposit	Dark grey-brown sand-clay ?garden soil			0.4	
104	Deposit	Mid grey-brown sand-clay with cess ?garden soil			0.6	
105	Deposit	Pale grey-brown clay, with sparse sandstone, dump deposit/?reclamation layer			0.4	
106	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue to brown silt-clays				
107	Structure	Modern brick and concrete drain chamber with associated ceramic drain pipe				

Trial Pit 2 Present ground level: approximately 9.18m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
201	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.2	
202	Layer	Modern rubble			0.3	
203	Deposit	Dark grey-brown sand-clay ?garden soil			1.1	M C13- C15
204	Deposit	Pale brown clay, with sparse sandstone, dump deposit/?reclamation layer			0.4	
205	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue to brown silt-clays				

Trial Pit 3 Present ground level: approximately 9.18m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
301	Layer	Modern yard surface: compact gravels			0.2	
302	Layer	Grey-brown gritty clay with ash and sandstone			1.4	
303	Structure	Brick wall and brick-built arched cellar roof.			1.2m+	
304	Fill	Brick, sandstone fragments, ash, and grey-brown sandy-silt			1.2m+	
305	Deposit	Grey-brown clay ?garden soil			0.3m	
306	Deposit	Pale grey-brown clay, with sparse sandstone dump, deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.1m	
307	Layer	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays				-

Trial Pit 4 Present ground level: approximately 9.97m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Spot-
			(m)	(m)	(m)	date
401	Layer	Modern concrete warehouse floor			0.25m	
402	Layer	Modern fragmentary brick, sandstone, rubble			0.75m	
403	Layer	Modern concrete floor with brick inclusions			0.3m	
404	Layer	Modern fragmentary brick, sandstone, rubble			0.4m	
405	Deposit	Grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil			0.6m	
406	Deposit	Red sands ?make up layer, dump deposit or floor			0.2	

407	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer		0.5	
408	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays		n/k	

Trial Pit 5 Present ground level: approximately 9.97m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
501	Layer	Modern concrete warehouse floor			0.4	
502	Layer	Modern fragmentary brick, sandstone, rubble			0.8	
503	Deposit	Modern concrete floor with brick inclusions			0.2	
504	Deposit	Modern fragmentary brick, sandstone, rubble			0.3	
505	Deposit	Grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil			1.3	
506	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.2	
507	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays				

Trial Pit 6 Present ground level: approximately 9.97m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Spot- date
004	Lavar	Madawa asperate warehouse flagr	(m)	(m)	(m)	uale
601	Layer	Modern concrete warehouse floor			0.5	
602	Layer	Modern fragmentary brick, sandstone, rubble			0.75	
603	Deposit	Modern concrete floor with brick inclusions			0.25	
604	Deposit	Ash dump deposit			0.7	
605	Deposit	Grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil			0.1	
606	Deposit	Grey-brown to green gritty clay ?garden soil			0.3	
607	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.7	C18- C19
608	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays				

Trial Pit 7 Present ground level: approximately 9.06m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Spot-
			(m)	(m)	(m)	date
701	Layer	Modern concrete warehouse floor			0.3	
702	Deposit	Grey-brown gritty-clay and modern rubble			1.1	
703	Deposit	Grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil			0.2	
704	Deposit	Grey-brown clay ,with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.8	
705	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays				

Trial Pit 8 Present ground level: approximately 8.7m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Spot-
			(m)	(m)	(m)	date
801	Layer	Modern concrete alley surface			0.2	
802	Deposit	Grey gritty-clay with modern rubble			2.5+	
803	Structure	Brick-built wall footing, to limit of excavation			2.7+	
804	Structure	Concrete-capped drain; retained in-situ			n/k	

Trial Pit 9	Present ground level: approximately 8.7m AOD
	r reserie ground level, approximately 0.711700

No.	Туре	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Spot-
			(m)	(m)	(m)	date
901	Layer	Modern concrete yard surface			0.1	
902	Layer	Modern hardcore deposit			0.1	
903	Deposit	Modern dump deposit, ash and charcoal			0.5	
904	Deposit	Dark grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil			0.4	
905	Deposit	Grey-brown to green gritty clay ?garden soil			0.5	MC13- 15
906	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.6	
907	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays				

Trial Pit 10 Present ground level: approximately 9.37m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
1001	Layer	Modern concrete floor surface			0.2	
1002	Layer	Modern hardcore deposit			0.2	
1003	Deposit	Dark Grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil			0.4	
1004	Deposit	Red sandy-clay with abundant fragmentary sandstone			0.5	
1005	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.9+	MC12- C13
1006	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays				

Trial Pit 11 Present ground level: approximately 8.7m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
1101	Layer	Modern yard surface: compacted gravels			0.2	
1102	Layer	Grey-brown clay with modern rubble			0.6	
1103	Deposit	Grey-brown to green gritty clay ?garden soil			0.2	MC12- C13
1104	Deposit	Red-brown stony-clay			0.3	
1105	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.5	
1106	Structure	N/S aligned sandstone wall footing, no visible bonding			n/k	
1107	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays				

Trial Pit 12 Present ground level: approximately 9.06m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
1201	Layer	Modern concrete yard surface			0.25	
1202	Deposit	Modern rubble infill			3.25+	

Trial Pit 13 Present ground level: approximately 9.37m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
1301	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.2	
1302	Deposit	Modern brick/rubble infill of cellar			3	
1303	Deposit	Modern cellar floor			0.1	

1304	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays		n/k	
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Trial Pits 14/14a Present ground level: approximately 9.06m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
1401	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.25	
1402	Layer	Modern sandstone flagstone floor			0.1	
1403	Deposit	Ash, clay, dump deposit			0.25m	
1404	Structure	Modern sandstone blocks with hard grey ashy- mortar			0.35	
1405	Structure	?medieval or later dye-vat base; pitched sandstone pieces in circular arrangement			n/k	
1406	Deposit	Stony-clay ?floor			n/k	
1407	Cut	Intrusion: uncertain character				
1408	Fill	Charcoal fill of 1407			n/k	

Trial Pit 15 Present ground level: approximately 9.29m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Lengt	Width	Depth	Spot-
			h (m)	(m)	(m)	date
1501	Deposit	Modern tarmacadam and concrete floor			0.25	
1502	Deposit	Modern hardcore deposit			0.5	
1503	Deposit	Cream-yellow compact sand ?floor surface			0.01	
1504	Deposit	Black charcoal lens			0.01	
1505	Deposit	Red sandy-clay ?floor			n/k	Ī
1506	Deposit	Pitched sandstone ?floor			n/k	

Test Trench 1 Present ground level: approximately 9.97m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
TT101	Layer	Modern concrete warehouse floor			0.4	
TT102	Deposit	Modern fragmentary brick, sandstone, rubble			0.75	
TT103	Deposit	Modern concrete floor with brick inclusions			0.25	
TT104	Deposit	Modern fragmentary brick, sandstone, rubble			0.3	
TT105	Deposit	Dark grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil			1.3	
TT106	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.4	
TT107	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays				

Test Trench 2 Present ground level: approximately 9.18m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
TT201	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.2	
TT202	Struct ure	Brick-built square drain chamber			1m	
TT203	Fill	Sandstone scalpings			0.5	
TT204	Depo sit	Grey-brown ?garden soil			n/k	

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
TT301	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.2	
TT302	Layer	Modern hardcore layer			0.3	
TT303	Depo sit	Dark grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil			0.5	
TT304	Depo sit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/?reclamation layer			0.4	
TT305	Depo sit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays			n/k	

Test Trench 3 Present ground level: approximately 9.18m AOD

Inspection Pit 1 Present ground level: approximately 9.97m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
IP 1001	Layer	Modern wood and concrete floor			0.2	
IP 1002	Structur e	Brick-built, and concrete wall footing of ?service duct			1.15	
IP 1003	Layer	Concrete floor			0.15	
IP 1004	Deposit	Modern hardcore layer			0.6	
IP 1005	Deposit	Red-brown sandy-clay and charcoal-flecked dark grey brown clay			0.3+	

Inspection Pit 2 Present ground level: approximately 9.97m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
IP 2001	Layer	Modern wood and concrete floor			0.05	
IP 2002	Layer	Concrete floor of modern chamber			0.25	
IP 2003	Deposit	Modern hardcore: dark grey-brown gritty sands and stone			0.4	
IP 2004	Deposit	Modern concrete foundation			0.35	

Inspection Pit 3

Not excavated

Inspection Pit 4 Present ground level: approximately 9.06m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
IP 4001	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.15	
IP 4002	Layer	Modern concrete foundation			0.38	
IP 4003	Deposit	Concrete block wall			1.2+	
IP 4004	Deposit	Angular sandstone scalpings				
IP 4005	Deposit	Dark grey-brown gritty clay ?garden soil				
IP 4006	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone, dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer			0.5	

IP 4007	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays		

Inspection Pit 5 Present ground level: approximately 9.06m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
IP 5001	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.2	
IP 5002	Layer	Modern hardcore layer			0.8	
IP 5003	Structure	Cemented brick foundations, continues above ground as brick wall			0.8	
IP 5004	Structure	Concrete foundation			0.2	

Inspection Pit 6 Present ground level: approximately 9.29m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
IP 6001	Layer	Modern concrete floor			0.3	
IP 6002	Deposit	Modern concrete foundation			1.2	
IP 6003	Deposit	Red sands with fragmentary sandstone, possible dump deposit or floor make up			0.1	
IP 6004	Structure	Brick-built wall footing, continuing above ground as brick wall			0.85	
IP 6005	Structure	Concrete foundation supporting brick footing 6004			0.65	

Borehole 1 Present ground level: approximately 8.7m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Spot-
			(m)	(m)	(m)	date
B1.1	Deposit	Modern concrete floor			0.25	
		0.00-0.25m bpgl				
B1.2	Deposit	Modern hardcore			0.15	
		0.25-0.4m bpgl				
B1.3	Deposit	Grey-brown grits/sand with gravels			0.8	
		0.4-1.2m bpgl				
B1.4	Deposit	Grey-brown gritty sandy-clay with brick fragments.			0.45	
		?garden soil				
		1.2-1.65m bpgl				
B1.5	Deposit	Grey-brown gritty sandy-clay with abundant brick			0.45	
		fragments. ?garden soil				
		2-2.45m bpgl				
B1.6	Deposit	Grey-brown clay, with fragmentary sandstone,			0.5	C12-
		dump deposit/ ?reclamation layer				C15
		2.5-3m bpgl				
B1.7	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays			0.45	
		3-3.45m				
		Bedrock encountered at 14.3m bpgl				

Borehole 2 Present ground level: approximately 9.3m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Spot-
			(m)	(m)	(m)	date

B2.1	Deposit	Modern concrete floor 0.00-0.25m bpgl	0.25
B2.2	Deposit	Modern hardcore 0.25-0.3m bpgl	0.05
B2.3	Deposit	Dark grey brown sand grits with abundant fragmentary brick 0.3-0.6	0.3
B2.4	Deposit	Cinders/ash/brick dump deposit 0.6-1m	0.4
B2.5	Deposit	Dark grey-brown grits. Gravels, fragmentary brick infill 1-1.65m	0.65
B2.6	Deposit	Dark grey-brown grits. Gravels, fragmentary brick infill 1.65-1.9	0.25
B2.7	Deposit	Green-brown silt-clay 1.85-1.9	0.05
B2.8	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays 2-2.45	0.45
B2.9	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays 2.45-2.6	0.15
B2.1 0	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays 3-3.45	0.45+
		Bedrock encountered at 14.2m bpgl	

Borehole 3 Present ground level: approximately 9.1m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
B3.1	Deposit	Modern concrete floor 0.00-0.25			0.25	
B3.2	Deposit	Mid brown stony-grit with brick fragments 0.25-0.45			0.2	
B3.3	Deposit	Dark brown to black gritty-clay and sandstone frags and brick 0.45-1.2			0.75	
B3.5	Deposit	Dark brown to black gritty-clay and sandstone frags and brick 2-2.25			0.25	
		Refusal at 2.25m. probable cellar floor				

Borehole 3a Present ground level: approximately 9.1m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
В3а. 1	Deposit	Modern concrete floor 0.00-0.15m			0.15	
B3a. 2	Deposit	Grey sand grits with fragmentary brick 0.15-0.45			0.3	
В3а. З	Deposit	Grey-black gritty stony-clay ?garden soil 0.45-1.2m			0.75	
B3a. 4	Deposit	orange-cream sand-clay with fragmentary sandstone ? reclamation deposit 1.2-1.65				
B3a. 5	Deposit	Silt-clay with charcoal flecking. ?reclamation deposit 1.65-2.35				

B3a. 6	Deposit	Grey-brown clay with sandstone ?reclamation deposit 2.35-2.4		
B3.7	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays 4-2.9		
B3.8	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays 2.9-3.1		
		Bedrock encountered at 14.1m bpgl		

Borehole 4 Present ground level: approximately 8.7m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
B4.1	Deposit	Modern concrete yard surface 0.00-0.3m			0.3	
B4.2	Deposit	Grey-brown gritty soil with abundant fragmentary brick 0.3-1.2			0.9	
B4.3	Deposit	Grey-brown to black gritty sand-clay ?garden soil 1.2-1.5			0.3	
B4.4	Deposit	Grey-brown to black gritty sand-clay ?garden soil With oyster shell, slate, pmed brick 2.1-2.5			0.4	
B4.5	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays 2.5-3			0.5	
		Bedrock encountered at 14.4m bpgl				

Borehole 5 Present ground level: approximately 8.7m AOD

No.	Туре	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot- date
B5.1	Deposit	Modern concrete surface 0.00-0.2			0.2	
B5.2	Deposit	Modern hardcore 0.2-0.4		0.2		
B5.3	Deposit	Dark grey-brown to black gritty clay-sand with brick fragments. post-medieval/modern dump deposit or garden soil 0.6-1.2			0.6	
B5.4	Deposit	Black gritty stony-clay with ash and fragmentary brick 1.2-1.65			0.45	
B5.5	Deposit	Grey-blue silt-clay with charcoal flecking and sandstone frags 1.9-2.3			0.4	
B5.6	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays 2.45-2.55			0.1	
B5.7	Deposit	Natural estuarine alluvium. Grey-blue silt-clays 2.55-3			0.45	
		Bedrock reached at 13.3m bpgl				

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Context	Artefact type	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
B1.6	Medieval pottery: Minety ware (BPT 118)	1	40	C12–C15
203	Medieval pottery: Redcliffe ware (BPT 118)	1	10	MC13-C15
607	Industrial residue	12	4360	
	Glass: clear window? Glass fragments	4	2	
	Fe object: nail?	7	54	
	Cu alloy object: strip	1	24	
	Stone: fragments	4	93	
	Fired clay	2	9	
	Ceramic; drain pipe	1	8	
	Charcoal	8	3	
	medieval pottery: Bath A (BPT 46); Ham Green (BPT 26)	5	63	
905	Medieval pottery: Redcliffe Ware (BPT 118)	1	17	MC13-C15
1005	Medieval pottery: Ham Green (BPT 26)	1	10	MC12-C13
1103	Medieval pottery: Ham Green (BPT 26)	1	2	MC12-C13

APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name	Redcliffe Village, Bristol. Archaeological Watching
Short description (250 words maximum)	Brief Geotechnical site investigations were supervised and recorded by Cotswold Archaeology in June 2008 at the request of CEREP Redcliffe Sarl at Redcliffe Village, Bristol. Sixteen trial pits, three test trenches and five inspection pits were excavated within the proposed development area, together with five boreholes, in order to investigate ground conditions.
	The geotechnical works identified natural sandstone bedrock, overlain by estuarine alluvium, throughout the site. Evidence was identified behind the Redcliff Street frontage for activity from the 12th/13th centuries onwards, including possible medieval floor surfaces, a dye-vat base and medieval and later garden soils. The post-medieval line of the Law Ditch, an originally medieval feature that runs north/south through the centre of the development area, was also noted. A probable medieval wall- footing, together with garden soils of both medieval and post-medieval date, were noted east of the Law Ditch, in areas that would have been to the rear of plots fronting St. Thomas Street.
	Several known areas of modern disturbance were encountered, including cellars and a probable bomb crater.
Project dates	2 to 12 June 2008
Project type	Archaeological watching brief
Previous work	CA evaluation 2007-08 CA data review 2006 BaRAS evaluation at Timber Yard to rear of No. 18 St Thomas Street, Bristol BaRAS evaluation at 18-20 St Thomas Street, Bristol
Future work	Unknown
PROJECT LOCATION	
Site Location	Redcliffe Village, Bristol
Study area	Approximately 1 ha
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	NGR: ST 5916 7266
PROJECT CREATORS	
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology
Project Brief originator	n/a
Project Design (WSI) originator	n/a
Project Manager	Simon Cox
Project Supervisor	Alistair Barber

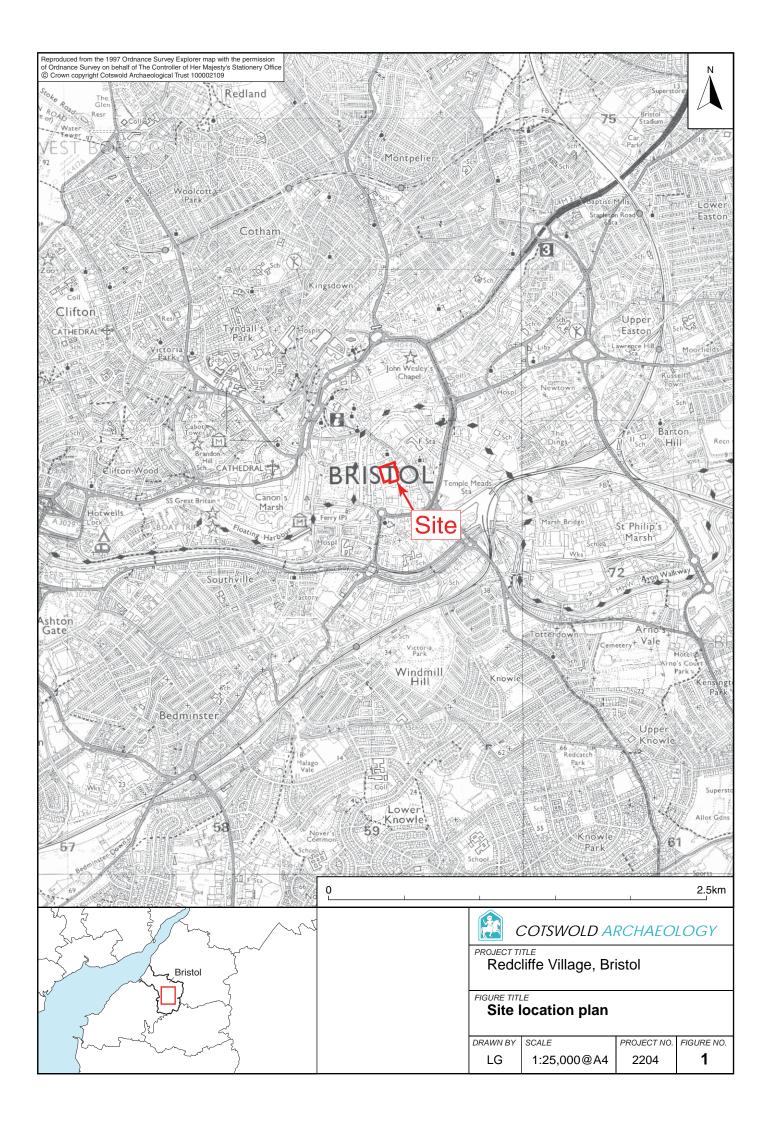
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives	ceramics, copper alloy slag
Paper	Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives	Trench recording forms, borehole recording sheets, photographic registers
Digital	Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives	digital photos
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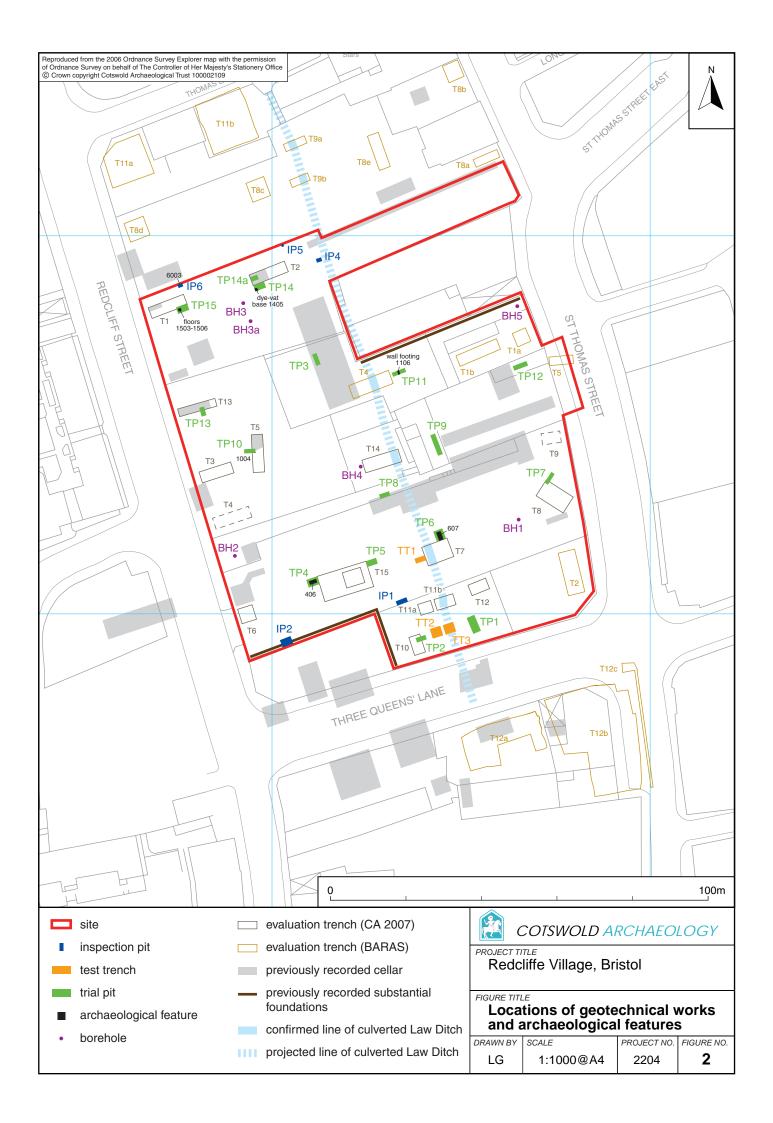
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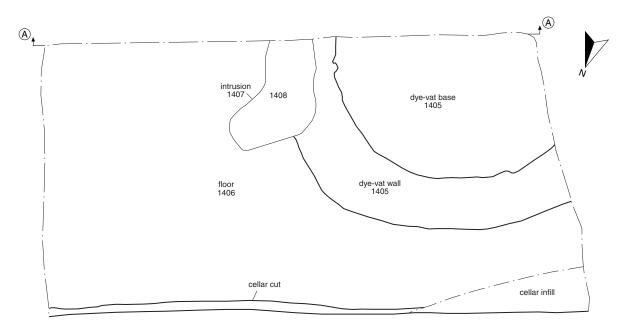
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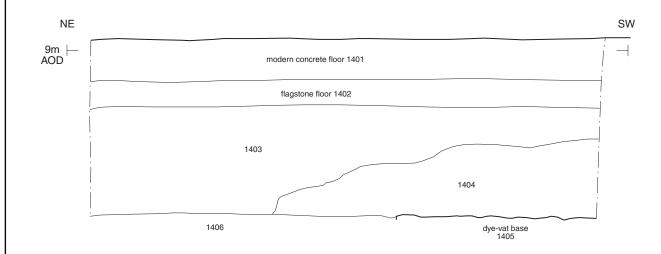




?medieval dye-vat base 1405, looking south-west



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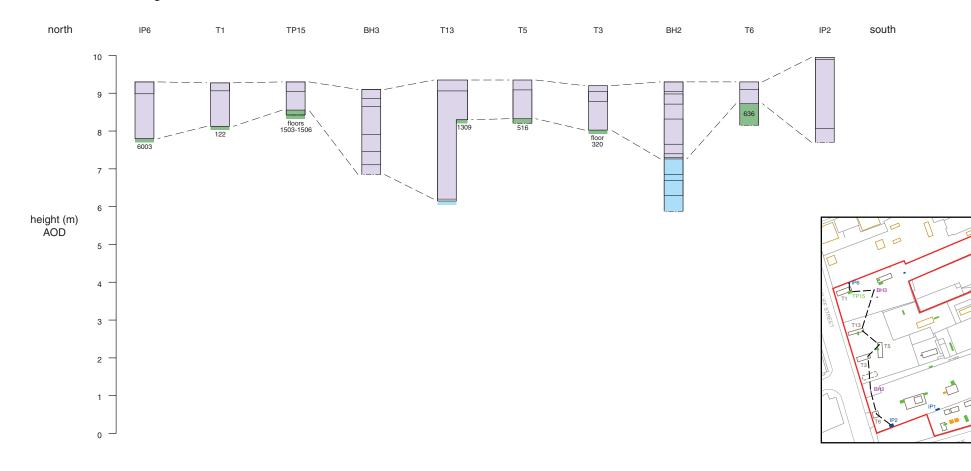


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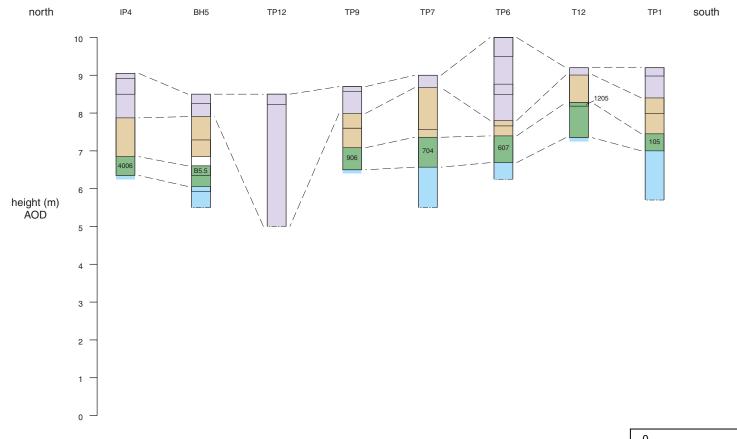


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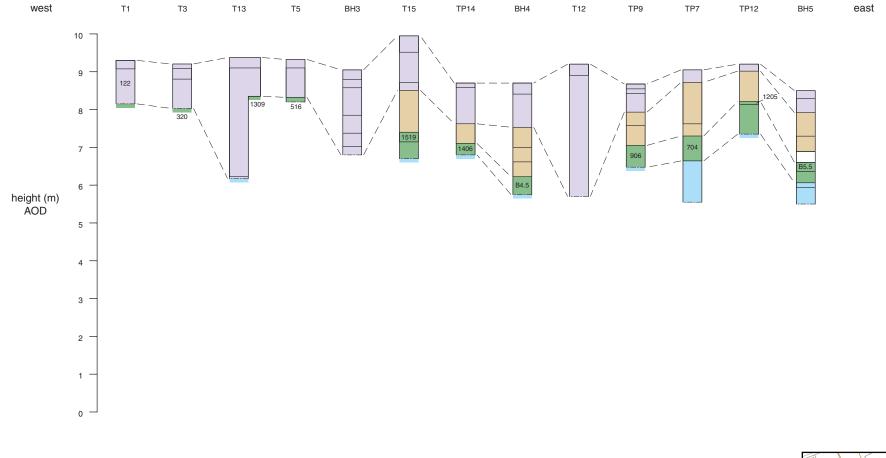
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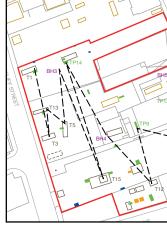




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