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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 General**

This report presents the results of an archaeological excavation undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in September 2012 at land to the north of Broich Road, Crieff, Perth and Kinross (NGR: NN 86520 20950 centred) (Fig. 1) in advance of the construction of a new primary school. The work was commissioned by Perth and Kinross Council.

Two Addenda to the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 21<sup>st</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 were produced by CFA on behalf of PKHT. The Addenda were designed to fulfil the verbal requirements provided to CFA by Sarah Malone of PKHT, following on from the 5% evaluation of the site in May 2012 (Savory 2012).

### **1.2 Background**

PKHT have indicated that the development site has archaeological potential as it is on a greenfield site in an area known for prehistoric archaeological remains. The site is located adjacent to Broich Cursus, the southern part of which is a Scheduled Monument (SM no. 9135). Aerial survey and excavation in 2007-8 revealed the line of the cursus and other remains dating to the Bronze Age in the field to the east of the current development site.

An evaluation covering 5% of the area was requested on the site of the proposed development: 24 trenches were excavated within the proposed development area in May 2012, amounting to 2380m<sup>2</sup> (5.9% of the area) (Savory 2012).

The evaluation identified three pits within Trench 12, one of which was fully excavated and found to contain a cremation burial within an inverted Cordoned Urn, dating to the Early Bronze Age. The other two pits were left in situ, and were thought likely to contain cremations given the evidence from this first pit and the pottery fragments and cremated bone visible on their surfaces (Savory 2012).

### **1.3 Objectives**

The aims of this phase of work were to excavate an area measuring approximately 15m by 15m centred on the pits discovered in Trench 12 and maintaining a 10m no-dig buffer zone around the medium pressure gas pipe which runs to the west of the archaeological features (Fig. 1).

The trench was extended a further 5m to the east and 7m to the north during the excavation, following a site visit by Sarah Malone from PKHT.

## **2. WORKING METHODS**

### **2.1 General**

CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Fieldwork. Recording of all elements followed established CFA methods, as detailed in the approved WSI.

### **2.2 Excavation**

Topsoil was removed by a mechanical excavator, equipped with a smooth-bladed ditching bucket. All groundbreaking work was carried out under constant archaeological supervision to reveal either the subsoil surface or the surface of the first significant archaeological horizon.

The final trench measured 20m E-W by 22m N-S.

All excavation and on-site recording was carried out according to standard CFA procedures, using pro forma record sheets and a combination of colour slide and digital photography.

The stratification of all excavated areas was recorded whether or not significant archaeological deposits were identified.

The locations of the features were recorded using industry standard Total Station surveying equipment or DGPS equipment as appropriate.

The trenches were backfilled on completion of excavation with as dug material and compacted, and the site was left in a tidy condition. Ground cover was not reinstated.

### **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

#### **3.1 General**

Numbers in bold refer to contexts, a full list of which are contained in Appendix 3.

The deposits throughout the proposed excavation area predominantly consisted of 0.3m to 0.4m of dark brown silty loam topsoil **001** overlying a mid orange-brown silt subsoil **041** onto mid orange-brown sandy silt / orange sandy gravel natural **002**.

#### **3.2 Evaluation Trench 12**

Trial trenching led to the identification of one certain and two probable cremation burials within Trench 12.

Pit **002** was disturbed by the machine and thus was excavated in its entirety. It consisted of an oval pit (0.9m by 0.7m by 0.2m deep) containing an inverted vessel which contained fragments of cremated bone and charcoal, with the surrounding pit fill consisting of mid brown silt.

The two other pits (**031=006, 043=008**) contained mid brown silt fills with fragments of cremated bone and pottery visible on the surface of each pit. The pits measured 0.9m by 0.7m and 0.4m by 0.32m respectively. These two features were left in situ.

#### **3.3 Excavation**

Twenty pit features were excavated (Figs. 2-3), two of which contained urn burials (**030** and **043**) and an additional three (**003, 010** and **031**) which contained cremations. Two other pits (**005** and **020**) contained some cremated material, but were not full cremation burials. A further two pits (**048** and **053**) could be described as postholes containing the remains of in situ packing material. The remaining pits contained no cremated material and were archaeologically sterile. One feature (**033**) was found to be a natural hollow.

#### **3.4 Urn burials**

In addition to the urn recorded during the evaluation, two further inverted urn burials (**030** and **043**) were excavated.

Pit **030** had been cut through subsoil deposit **041** into natural (**002**). The pit was truncated and only the base of the cut remained, circular in plan, with a flat base and gently sloping sides, and measuring 0.38m by 0.36m by 0.15m deep. The pit contained a truncated inverted vessel **036** (Fig. 4), measuring 0.26m in diameter by 0.12m high, containing cremated bone within a dark greyish brown silty sand matrix (**038**). Packing stones (**037**) (Figs. 5-6) had been placed around the eastern side of the vessel between it and the pit cut, and the pit was filled with mid orange/grey-brown sandy silt (**039**), very similar to subsoil **041** and probably was this material re-deposited. A mixed deposit of topsoil and urn/pit fill (**040**) lay directly above the remains of the pit.

Pit **043** was sub-circular in plan with vertical sides and a flat base, and measuring 0.4m by 0.3m by 0.13m deep. The pit contained a truncated inverted decorated vessel **045** (Fig. 7), measuring 0.2m in diameter by 0.11m high, containing cremated bone within a mid brown silt matrix with charcoal flecks (**046**). A copper alloy object was found at the base of the cremated material, lying between the vessel fill (**046**) and the base of the pit (**043**), presumably placed into the pit prior to the inverted vessel. Small packing stones (**042**) were wedged between the vessel and the pit cut on the north and south sides, along with mid-greyish brown sandy silt filling the pit (**047**) (Fig. 8).

### 3.5 Cremation pits

Two shallow oval pits (**003** and **031**) were excavated, each containing cremated bone and a copper alloy object. One of the cremation pits (**003**) cut cremation pit **010** which in turn cut pit **011**.

Pit **003** (Figs 9-10) was aligned NW-SE, oval in plan, with irregular to shallow sloping sides and a flat to irregular base. It measured 1m by 0.5m wide by 0.15m deep. The pit was filled with cremated bone within a dark grey brown sandy silt matrix (**006**). A mid grey-brown/orange mottled silt (**007**) underlay the cremation deposit around the edges of the pit. This contained some cremated bone and a copper alloy object.

Pit **010** was cut by pit **003** (Figs 9-10). Pit **010** was circular in plan with steep sloping to vertical sides and a concave base, and measuring 0.5m in diameter by 0.5m deep. The pit had an upper mixed fill of mid to dark orange-brown silt (**013**) and re-deposited natural (**002**), containing some cremated bone and charcoal flecks. This overlay a cremation deposit comprised almost entirely of larger, less well burnt pieces of cremated bone and a small amount of mid-dark black brown silt (**012**). The deposit measured 0.3m in diameter by 0.12m deep and had been placed centrally within the pit, possibly within some kind of organic bag. Five unburnt barbed-and-tanged flint arrowheads were found within the upper parts of the cremation: they had been placed together, points down, suggesting that a bundle of arrows had been placed into the cremation after it had been placed into the pit. The cremation (**012**) overlay the basal fill of the pit (**019**), a primary cremation deposit of dark brown-black silt containing charcoal flecks and small fragments of cremated bone. Deposits **012** and **019** may represent two individual cremations or the sorted and separated remains of the cremation and pyre from one cremation event.

Pit **011** was cut by pit **010** (Figs 9-10). Pit **011** was aligned NW-SE, oval in plan with sloping sides and a slightly concave base, and measuring 0.8m by at least 0.4m wide and 0.2m deep. It was filled with homogeneous mid grey-brown silt with occasional flecks of cremated bone and gravel (**014**).

Pit **031** (Fig. 11) was identified during the evaluation. The pit was aligned NE-SW, oval in plan with irregular-steep sloping sides and a slightly concave base, and measuring 0.77m by 0.68m by 0.15m deep. The pit was filled with mid brown-grey silt containing a small amount of charcoal and cremated bone (**032**). This partially overlay several large, flat, laid stones (**035**). Some of the stones were slightly tilted, and at least one showed signs of plough damage: they appear to have been laid on the surface of the pit and then later disturbed through ploughing. Underlying the stones



was a further cremation deposit (**049**), comprising mid brown-grey sandy silt containing cremated bone and charcoal. A degraded copper alloy object was found at the base of the pit.

### **3.6 Possible cremation pits**

Pit **005** (Figs. 12-13) was sub-circular in plan with steep-sloping sides and a concave base, measuring 0.98m by 0.8m by 0.28m deep. It was filled with mid grey-brown silt with frequent pieces of charcoal and some cremated bone (**009**).

Pit **020** (Fig. 14) was circular in plan with steep sloping sides and a concave base, measuring 0.55m in diameter by 0.35m deep. It was filled with dark brown silty sand containing frequent charcoal and burnt bone flecks (**025**). This deposit had been re-cut by a small truncated pit (**026**), visible in plan on the surface of pit **020**. The re-cut was circular in plan with moderately sloping sides and a concave base, measuring 0.3m in diameter by 0.07m deep. The re-cut **026** was filled with mid-orange sandy silt (**024**), probably re-deposited natural.

### **3.7 Other Pits**

Seven medium-sized oval pits were excavated (**004**, **015**, **021**, **022**, **028**, **052**, and **055**). These were generally aligned NW-SE and filled with a deposit of mid-reddish brown sandy silt, possibly deliberately backfilled material. An additional three small truncated sub-circular pits (**017**, **061** and **063**) were also excavated. Two small pits (**048**, **053**), possibly postholes, were also recorded, along with a natural hollow (**033**). No finds or cremated bone were recovered from these features.

Pit **004** was aligned NW-SE and was oval in plan with moderately sloping sides and concave base, measuring 1.25m by 0.9m by 0.45m deep. It was filled with mid reddish-brown sandy silt (**008**).

Pit **015** was aligned E-W and was oval in plan with moderately sloping sides and concave base, measuring 0.85m by 0.52m by 0.16m deep. The pit was filled with mid reddish-brown sandy silt (**016**).

Pit **017** was circular in plan with moderately sloping sides and a flat base, measuring 0.28m in diameter by 0.05m deep. It was filled with mid brownish-grey sandy silt (**018**).

Pit **021** (Fig. 19) was aligned NW-SE and was oval in plan, with moderately sloping sides and concave base, measuring 0.8m by 0.55m by 0.16m. It was filled with mid reddish-brown sandy silt (**027**).

Pit **022** was aligned NW-SE and was oval in plan, with moderately sloping sides and a slightly concave base, measuring 0.5m by 0.35m by 0.1m deep. It was filled with mid reddish-brown sandy silt (**023**).

Pit **028** was aligned NW-SE and was oval in plan with steeply sloping to irregular sides and a concave base, measuring 0.8m by 0.6m by 0.19m deep. The pit was filled with mid reddish-brown sandy silt with occasional charcoal flecks (**029**).

An amorphous natural hollow **033** with irregular sides and base, measuring approximately 1.2m by 0.9m by 0.06m deep, was filled with mid-dark grey-brown sandy silt (**034**).

Pit **048** (Fig. 15) was circular in plan with vertical to steep-sloping sides and a slightly concave base, measuring 0.5m in diameter by 0.25m deep. It had packing stones (**050**) (Fig. 16) on the north, east and west sides of the cut, and mid to dark reddish-brown silt (**060**). A post-pipe was present, filled with mid orange/grey-brown sandy silt (**059**). The post appears to have been removed from the south, as no in situ packing stones were visible on this side of the cut. Disturbed packing stones (**051**) were found within the post-pipe fill.

Pit **052** was aligned NNE-SSW and was oval in plan with moderately sloping sides and concave base, measuring 0.7m by 0.35m by 0.13m deep. The pit was filled with mid reddish-brown sandy silt with occasional charcoal flecks (**054**).

Pit **053** (Fig. 17) was sub-circular in plan with steep-sloping sides and a slightly concave base, measuring 0.56m by 0.52m by 0.23m deep. The pit contained disturbed packing material (Fig. 18) consisting of large rounded cobble packing stones (**057**) and mid reddish-brown sandy silt with occasional charcoal flecks and burnt bone (**058**).

Pit **055** (Fig. 20) was aligned NW-SE and was oval in plan with moderately sloping sides and a concave base, measuring 0.57m by 0.45m by 0.15m deep. The pit was filled with mid orange-brown sandy silt with occasional pieces of charcoal (**056**).

Pit **061** was circular in plan with steep sloping sides and a slightly concave base, measuring 0.27m by 0.15m deep. It was filled with mid orange-brown silty sand with charcoal flecks (**062**).

Pit **063** was sub-circular in plan with moderately sloping sides and a concave base, measuring 0.22m by 0.19m by 0.1m deep. It was filled with mid orange-brown silty sand with charcoal flecks (**064**).

### 3.3 The Finds, by Melanie Johnson

| Type  | No. | Wt. (g) |
|-------|-----|---------|
| Metal | 10  | 22      |
| Pot   | 115 | 5615    |
| Stone | 13  | 1780    |

*Table 1: Summary of finds assemblage*

#### *Metal*

The objects of copper alloy were recovered from the cremations, one each from contexts **007**, **046** and **049**. One of these (from **049**) was very fragmented but the other two are flat objects which are likely to be knives or razors.

### *Pottery*

An inverted Cordoned Urn vessel was recovered from Evaluation Pit **002**. This included rim sherds and body sherds, decorated on both the exterior and on the inside of the rim with geometric whipped cord impressions; evidence for a single cordon survives. There were no surviving base sherds.

Another inverted Cordoned Urn, decorated with impressed twisted cord, was recovered from **036**. There were no surviving base sherds.

The third Cordoned Urn, also inverted, was from **045** and was decorated with incised diamonds. There were no surviving base sherds.

The fabric of these vessels is thick and coarse and the vessels belong in the Early Bronze Age Cordoned Urn tradition, dating to the period 2000-1500 BC. Each of these vessels contained cremated human bone.

### *Stone*

A cache of five flint barbed-and-tanged arrowheads was recovered from the cremation in **012**. Two pieces of burnt flint were recovered from **009**. A small chip of flint was found in **060**.

A further five possibly worked items of coarse stone were recovered from contexts **012**, **019**, and from topsoil near **033**.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Following on from discoveries made during a trial trenching evaluation, an archaeological excavation was carried out at Broich Road, Crieff, of a small cremation cemetery containing both urned and un-urned cremations and a number of pits which did not contain any cremated material.

Twenty features were excavated (Figs. 2-3). Three of these (**002**, **030** and **043**) were pits containing inverted Cordoned Urn burials dating to 2000-1500 BC. Three other pits (**003**, **010** and **031**) contained cremations within them. A copper alloy object was found with the cremated material in urn burial **043**, and in cremation pits **003** and **031**. Five unburnt flint arrowheads were recovered from within the cremation in pit **010**. Two other pits (**005** and **020**) contained some cremated bone, but were not full cremation burials.

Two pits suggestive of being postholes (**048** and **053**) were excavated. No other postholes were excavated that could indicate the presence of a former structure.

The remaining pits can be split into two groups: larger oval pits and small shallow sub-circular features. All of these pits contained little, if any, cremated material and were largely archaeologically sterile. One feature (**033**) was found to be a natural hollow.

Any further mitigation works will be decided by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council planning department. A programme of post-excavation analysis on the excavated material will be undertaken.

The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports, will be deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland (NMRS) and copies of reports will be lodged with the Perth & Kinross Council Historic Environment Record.

#### 5. REFERENCES

Savory, G (2012) *New Primary School, Broich Road, Crieff: Archaeological Evaluation*. CFA Report No. 2071.

## APPENDIX 1: Digital Photographic Register

| Shot  | Description  | From | Conditions    |
|-------|--|------|---------------|
| 1     | Pre-ex shot of possible cremation 003  | W    | o/c           |
| 2     | Pre-ex photo of possible feature 004   | S    | o/c           |
| 3     | Pre-ex shot of possible cremation 005  | E    | o/c           |
| 4     | Working shot showing 006 cremated bone during excavation                     | W    | o/c           |
| 5     | N-facing section of 004  | N    | o/c           |
| 6     | ENE-facing section of 005  | ENE  | o/c           |
| 7     | W-facing section through 009, 010, 011 (010 not fully excavated)             | W    | sun           |
| 8-9   | Plan shot of 010 with 012 in base  | W    | sun           |
| 10    | W-facing section of 003 showing copper alloy object in section (below scale) | W    | sun           |
| 11    | Post-ex shot of pit 004  | N    | sun           |
| 12    | Pre-ex photo of possible feature 015   | ENE  | sun           |
| 13-14 | Post-ex photo plan of pit 005  | ENE  | o/c           |
| 15    | ENE-facing section of pit 015  | ENE  | o/c           |
| 16-17 | S-facing section of pit 017  | S    | o/c           |
| 18    | Post-ex photo of feature 015   | E    | o/c           |
| 19-20 | Post-ex photo of pit 017   | S    | o/c           |
| 21-22 | W-facing section of 010 after half section                                   | W    | o/c           |
| 23    | Pre-ex photo of pits 020 and 021   | W    | sun           |
| 24    | Pre-ex photo of probable cremation pit 020                                   | W    | sun           |
| 25-26 | E-facing section of possible pit 022   | W    | sun           |
| 27    | S-facing section of 020  | S    | sun           |
| 28    | Top of 020, showing 026  | S    | sun           |
| 29-31 | Working shot showing E half of 012 in plan                                   | N    | sun           |
| 32-34 | Working shot of arrowheads in situ, context 012, pit 010                     | N    | o/c           |
| 35-38 | Working shot of arrowheads in situ, context 012, pit 010, two lower heads    | N    | o/c           |
| 39    | S-facing section of 021  | N    | o/c           |
| 40    | NE section of pit 028  | NE   | o/c           |
| 41    | Post-ex plan pit 028   | NE   | sun, in shade |
| 42    | General post-ex 003, 010, 011  | NNE  | sun           |
| 43-44 | General post-ex 003, 010, 011  | ESE  | sun           |
| 45    | Post-ex 010, 011   | ESE  | sun           |
| 46    | Exposed urn from 030   | W    | sun           |
| 47    | Exposed urn from 030   | S    | sun           |
| 48-49 | Exposed urn from 030   | N    | sun           |
| 50-53 | Pre-ex shot of feature 031   | E    | o/c           |
| 54    | Pre-ex shot 033  | ESE  | sun           |
| 55-57 | Working photo of 031 showing stones 035                                      | E    | o/c           |
| 58    | ESE-facing section through deposits 034 + 'hollow' 033                       | ESE  | o/c           |
| 59    | Plan of urn burial 030   | N    | o/c           |
| 60    | Post-ex shot of hollow 033 after removal of deposit 034                      | ESE  | o/c           |
| 61-64 | Working shot 031 with 035 and 049 fully exposed                              | E    | o/c           |
| 65    | Pre-ex shot of 043   | SE   | o/c           |
| 66-67 | In situ photo of metal object in 031   | E    | rain          |
| 68    | W-facing section of 030  | W    | rain          |
| 69    | ESE-facing section of 031  | ESE  | rain          |
| 70    | Pot 036 in plan and cut 030  | W    | rain          |
| 71    | W-facing side of pot 036   | W    | rain          |
| 72    | E-facing side of pot 036   | E    | rain          |
| 73-74 | W-facing side of pot 036   | W    | rain          |
| 75-76 | E-facing side of pot 036   | E    | rain          |
| 77    | Plan view of 036 and 030   | W    | rain          |

| Shot    | Description  | From | Conditions |
|---------|--|------|------------|
| 78-79   | Working shot of discrete cremated bone in 049 under 035                  | S    | rain       |
| 80-81   | Working shot of metal object fully exposed in situ                       | S    | rain       |
| 82      | Post-ex photo of pit 030   |      |            |
| 83      | Photo of fully excavated pit 031   | E    | o/c        |
| 84      | Find photo of fully excavated pit 031                                    | E    | o/c        |
| 85      | ESE-facing section of pit 043  | ESE  | o/c        |
| 86-87   | Mid-ex plan showing urn 045 in cut 043 and packing stones 042            | S    | o/c        |
| 88      | Shot of pot 045 after packing removed                                    | S    | o/c        |
| 89-90   | Pot 045 in situ WNW side   | WNW  | o/c        |
| 91-92   | Pot 045 in situ WNW side   | ESE  | o/c        |
| 93-94   | Metal object, bottom spit 3 046. copper alloy in situ                    | E    | sun        |
| 95-96   | Working shots  | S    | o/c        |
| 97      | Post-ex photo of 043   | E    | sun        |
| 98-99   | Post-ex shots of features in NE corner of site                           | WNW  | sun        |
| 100-101 | Post-ex NE area of site  | W    | o/c        |
| 102-103 | Post-ex shot of SW area of site  | W    | o/c        |
| 104-105 | Post-ex shot of SW area of site  | S    | o/c        |
| 106-107 | General pre-ex shots of trench extension to north                        | ENE  | bright     |
| 108     | Pre-ex photo of 052  | S    | o/c        |
| 109-110 | Pre-ex photo of 053  | E    | sun        |
| 111     | SE-facing section of 052   | SE   | sun        |
| 112     | Pre-ex photo of 055  | W    | sun        |
| 113     | Pre-ex shots of 048  | SE   | o/c        |
| 114     | SSW-facing section of 055  | SSW  | o/c        |
| 115-116 | Pit 053 showing 057 stones exposed mid -ex                               | E    | sun        |
| 117     | Working shot showing packing stones 050 and disturbed packing stones 051 | SE   | sun        |
| 118     | Post-ex shot of 055  | S    | o/c        |
| 119     | Pre-ex photo of 061  | SSE  | o/c        |
| 120     | Working photo of 053 with stones 057 fully exposed                       | E    | o/c        |
| 121-122 | SE-facing section of 048   | SE   | o/c        |
| 123     | NNE-facing section of 061  | N    | o/c        |
| 124     | Shot of posthole 048 showing in situ packing 050 on NW side of cut       | NE   | o/c        |
| 125     | Post-ex photo 061  | NNE  | o/c        |
| 126-27  | E-facing section pit 053 (probable post-hole)                            | E    | o/c        |
| 128     | Pre-ex photo of possible feature 063                                     | N    | sun        |
| 129     | NNE-facing section of 063  | N    | o/c        |
| 130     | Post-ex shot 048   | SE   | o/c        |
| 131     | Post-ex photo of 063   | NNE  | o/c        |
| 132-133 | Post-ex photo of pit 053   | E    | o/c        |
| 134-137 | Final area photo, post-ex expanded northern area                         | ESE  | o/c        |
| 138-139 | Final area photo, post-ex expanded northern area                         | NE   | o/c        |
| 140-142 | Final area photo, post-ex expanded northern area                         | SE   | o/c        |

## APPENDIX 2: Colour Slide Photographic Register

### *Film No. 1*

| Shot   | Description  | From | Conditions |
|--------|--|------|------------|
| 1      | Registration Shot  | /    | /          |
| 2--3   | N-facing section of 004  | N    | o/c        |
| 4--5   | ENE-facing section of 005  | ENE  | o/c        |
| 6--7   | W-facing section through 009, 010 (not fully excavated), 011                 | W    | sun        |
| 8--9   | Plan shot of 010 with 012 in base  | W    | sun        |
| 10--11 | W-facing section of 003 showing copper alloy object in section (below scale) | W    | sun        |
| 12     | ENE-facing section of pit 015  | ENE  | o/c        |
| 13-14  | W-facing section of 010, after half section                                  | W    | o/c        |
| 15     | S-facing section of 020  | S    | sun        |
| 16-17  | Working shot of arrowheads in -situ, context 012, pit 010                    | N    | o/c        |
| 18-19  | Working shot two lower arrowheads in -situ, context 012, pit 010             | N    | o/c        |
| 20     | NE-facing section of pit 028   | NE   | o/c        |
| 21-22  | General post-ex 003, 010, 011  | NNE  | o/c        |
| 23-24  | General post-ex 003, 010, 011  | ESE  | o/c        |
| 25     | Exposed urn from 030   | W    | sun        |
| 26     | Exposed urn from 030   | S    | sun        |
| 27     | Exposed urn from 030   | N    | sun        |
| 28-29  | Pre-ex shot of feature 031   | E    | cloud      |
| 30     | Plan of urn burial 030   | N    | o/c        |
| 31-32  | Working shot 031 with 035 and 049 fully exposed                              | E    | o/c        |
| 33-34  | In-situ photo of metal object  | E    | Rain       |
| 35     | W-facing section of 030  | W    | Rain       |
| 36-37  | ESE-facing section of 031  | ESE  | Rain       |
| 38     | Pot 036 in plan and cut 030  | W    | Rain       |

### *Film No.2*

| Shot   | Description  | From | Conditions    |
|--------|--|------|---------------|
| 1      | Registration Shot  | /    | /             |
| 2      | Pot 036 in plan and cut 030  | W    | Rain          |
| 3      | Pot 036 in plan and cut 030  | W    | Rain          |
| 4--5   | W-facing side of pot 036   | W    | Rain          |
| 6--7   | E-facing side of pot 036   | E    | Rain          |
| 8--9   | ESE-facing section of pit 043  | ESE  | o/c           |
| 10--11 | Mid-ex plan showing urn 045 in cut 043 and packing stones 042              | S    | o/c           |
| 12     | Shot of pit 045 after packing stones 042 removed                           | S    | o/c           |
| 13     | Pot 045 in situ, WNW side  | WNW  | o/c           |
| 14     | Pot 045 in situ, ESE side  | ESE  | o/c           |
| 15--16 | Metal object, bottom spit 3 046 copper alloy, in situ                      | E    | sun           |
| 17--20 | Post-ex shots of features in NW corner of site                             | WNW  | sun           |
| 21--22 | Post-ex SW area of site  | W    | o/c           |
| 23-24  | Post-ex area photo, area SW  | S    | partial cloud |
| 25     | SSW-facing section of 055  | SSW  | o/c           |
| 26-27  | Working photo 053 with stones 057 full exposed                             | E    | o/c           |
| 28-29  | SE-facing section of 048   | SE   | o/c           |
| 30-31  | Shot of post-hole 048 showing in situ packing stones 050 on NW side of cut | NE   | o/c           |
| 32-33  | E-facing section of 053, probable post hole                                | E    | o/c           |
| 34-35  | Final area photo, post-ex expanded northern area                           | ESE  | o/c           |

| Shot  | Description                                      | From | Conditions |
|-------|--|------|------------|
| 36-37 | Final area photo, post-ex expanded northern area | NE   | o/c        |

### APPENDIX 3: Context Register

| Context | Fill of | Description  |
|---------|---------|--|
| 001     |         | Topsoil  |
| 002     |         | Natural subsoil  |
| 003     |         | Cut of possible cremation  |
| 004     |         | Cut of possible feature  |
| 005     |         | Cut of possible cremation  |
| 006     | 003     | Cremated bone clustered within 003   |
| 007     | 003     | Lower fill of cremation (cremated bone and charcoal)   |
| 008     | 004     | Fill of pit 004  |
| 009     | 005     | Fill of pit/cremation  |
| 010     |         | Cut of possible posthole, cut by 003   |
| 011     |         | Cut of pit, cut by 003   |
| 012     | 010     | Lower fill of 010, semi-burnt bone (incised, animal?), charcoal and silt                             |
| 013     | 010     | Upper fill of posthole 010, mixed fill, re-deposited natural collapsed packing , mid dark brown silt |
| 014     | 011     | Fill of pit, mid grey brown sandy silt, occasional bone  |
| 015     |         | Cut of possible feature  |
| 016     | 015     | Mid reddish brown silty fill of 015  |
| 017     |         | Cut for possible truncated pit   |
| 018     | 017     | Fill of 017 mid grey silty   |
| 019     | 010     | Below 012, mixed black charcoal silt and small cremated bone   |
| 020     |         | Cut of possible cremation burial   |
| 021     |         | Cut of possible feature  |
| 022     |         | Cut of possible pit  |
| 023     | 022     | Fill of pit 022  |
| 024     | 020     | Orange sand probably re-deposited  |
| 025     | 020     | Cremation fill of 0 20   |
| 026     |         | Cut on top of fill 025, filled with 024  |
| 027     | 021     | Dark reddish brown sandy silt  |
| 028     |         | Cut for pit  |
| 029     | 028     | Mid brown reddish sandy silt   |
| 030     |         | Pit with urn in situ   |
| 031     |         | Cut for possible cremation   |
| 032     | 031     | Fill of possible cremation   |
| 033     |         | Shallow hollow, natural depression   |
| 034     | 033     | Fill of shallow hollow, natural depression, mid dark grey-brown sandy silt                           |
| 035     |         | Possible laid stones in 032  |
| 036     | 030     | Urn of pit 030   |
| 037     | 030     | Packing stones of urn 036  |
| 038     | 036     | Fill of urn 036  |
| 039     | 030     | Packing fill of 030  |
| 040     | 030     | Soil right on top of 030   |
| 041     |         | Orange soil below plough soil on which 030 is cut through  |
| 042     | 043     | Packing stones around urn (045)  |
| 043     |         | Cut of pit, possible cremation urn burial truncated  |
| 044     |         | Void   |
| 045     | 043     | Urn within 043   |
| 046     | 045     | Cremation material within 045, mid brown-grey silt, charcoal and cremated bone                       |
| 047     | 043     | Fill around urn 045, mid brown-grey sandy silt and gravel  |
| 048     |         | Cut of post hole   |



| Context | Fill of | Description  |
|---------|---------|--|
| 049     | 031     | Fill of cremation pit, contains cremated material and copper alloy object, mid grey-brown sandy silt, under 035 stones |
| 050     | 048     | In situ packing stones in 048  |
| 051     | 048     | Reused as disturbed packing in 048   |
| 052     |         | Cut of possible feature  |
| 053     |         | Cut of possible feature  |
| 054     | 052     | Mid reddish-brown fill of 052  |
| 055     |         | Cut of possible feature  |
| 056     | 055     | Mid brown silty fill of 055  |
| 057     | 053     | Stones in pit, possible packing stones   |
| 058     | 053     | Mid brown silty fill   |
| 059     | 048     | Mid orange-grey brown sandy silt in fill aster post removal  |
| 060     | 048     | Mid grey-brown purple hue silt with occasional charcoal and packing fill of post hole                                  |
| 061     |         | Cut of probable feature  |
| 062     | 061     | Mid reddish brown silty sand fill of 062   |
| 063     |         | Cut of possible feature  |
| 064     | 063     | Fill of 063, mixed mid brown silty sand  |

#### APPENDIX 4: Field Drawing Register

| Drawing No. | Sheet No. | Description  | Plan/Sect (P/S) | Scale |
|-------------|-----------|--|-----------------|-------|
| 1           | 1         | N-facing section of 004                            | S               | 01:20 |
| 2           | 1         | ESE-facing section of 005                          | S               | 01:10 |
| 3           | 1         | Plan of excavated 004                              | P               | 01:20 |
| 4           | 1         | W-facing section of cremation pit 003              | S               | 01:10 |
| 5           | 1         | ENE-facing section pit 015                         | S               | 01:10 |
| 6           | 1         | S-facing section of possible pit 017               | S               | 01:10 |
| 7           | 1         | W-facing section of pit 022                        | S               | 01:10 |
| 8           | 1         | S-facing section of 020                            | S               | 01:10 |
| 9           | 1         | N-facing section of 021                            | S               | 01:10 |
| 10          | 2         | NE-facing section of 028                           | S               | 01:10 |
| 11          | 2         | pre-ex plan 031                                    | P               | 01:20 |
| 12          | 1         | W-facing section through 003, 010, 011             | S               | 01:10 |
| 13          | 1         | mid-ex plan of 003, 010, 011                       | P               | 01:20 |
| 14          | 2         | working section, pit 031 E-facing                  | S               | 01:10 |
| 15          | 3         | ESE-facing section through 033/034                 | S               | 01:10 |
| 16          | 3         | plan of 030  | P               | 01:20 |
| 17          | 3         | S-facing section of 030                            | S               | 01:10 |
| 18          | 4         | mid-ex plan of 031 with 035 fully exposed          | P               | 01:20 |
| 19          | 3         | W-facing section of 030                            | S               | 01:10 |
| 20          | 3         | post-ex plan of 030 with urn in situ               | P               | 01:20 |
| 21          | 3         | ESE-facing section of 043                          | S               | 01:10 |
| 22          |           | Number not used                                    |                 |       |
| 23          | 3         | mid-excavation plan of urn 045 showing packing 042 | P               | 01:20 |
| 24          | 3         | post-ex plan showing 043 and pot 045               | P               | 01:20 |
| 25          | 5 and 6   | post-ex plan of site                               | P               | 01:50 |
| 26          | 4         | SSE-facing section of 052                          | S               | 01:10 |
| 27          | 2         | Pre-ex plan of pit 053                             | P               | 01:20 |
| 28          | 4         | SSW-facing section of 055                          | S               | 01:10 |
| 29          | 2         | E-facing section of Pit 053                        | S               | 01:10 |
| 30          | 3         | mid-ex plan of pot 053 showing stones 057 exposed  | P               | 01:20 |
| 31          | 4         | NNE-facing section of 061                          | S               | 01:10 |
| 32          | 4         | NNE-facing section of 063                          | S               | 01:10 |

|    |   |  |   |       |
|----|---|--|---|-------|
| 33 | 4 | mid-ex plan showing packing 060, 050 in 048 posthole and disturbed 051 packing | P | 01:20 |
| 34 | 4 | SE-facing section of 048   | S | 01:10 |
| 35 | 4 | plan showing packing stones 050 in situ  | P | 01:20 |

## APPENDIX 5: Samples Register

| Sample No. | Context | Fill of      | Type                       | Reason   | Vol |
|------------|---------|--------------|----------------------------|--|-----|
| 1          | 006     | 3            | Bulk 100% cremation sample | Cremated bone and charcoal. 100% cremation sample, W side                  | 11  |
| 2          | 007     | 3            | Bulk                       | Cremated bone and charcoal. Material surrounding cremation 006, W side     | 20  |
| 3          | 008     | 4            | Bulk                       | Routine. N side of pit   | 10  |
| 4          | 009     | 005          | Bulk                       | Burnt bone and charcoal. ESE side of pit                                   | 60  |
| 5          | 008     | 004          | Bulk                       | S half of pit 004  | 11  |
| 6          | 013/014 | 010/011      | Bulk                       | Mixed sample charcoal and burnt bone, W Side of pit                        | 10  |
| 7          | 013     | 010          | Bulk                       | Charcoal and burnt bone, W Side of pit                                     | 8   |
| 8          | 014     | 011          | Bulk                       | Occasional burnt bone, W side of pit                                       |     |
| 9          | 012     | 010          | Bulk cremation             | Lower fill, partial cremation, incised bone? W side of pit                 | 2   |
| 10         | 009     | 00           | Bulk                       | Burnt bone and charcoal. WNW side of pit                                   | 60  |
| 11         | 016     | 015          | Bulk                       | Routine. Mixed sample  | 3   |
| 12         | 018     | 017          | Bulk                       | Routine. fill of 017 Grey sandy silt                                       | 3   |
| 13         | 012     | 010          | Bulk                       | charcoal, cremated bone  | 2   |
| 14         | 019     | 010          | Bulk                       | charcoal, cremated bone, under 012, less bone, small fragments             | 3   |
| 15         |         |              | Void                       |  |     |
| 16         | 025     | 020 (S half) | Bulk                       | charcoal, cremated bone, dark brown ashy deposit. S half                   | 15  |
| 17         | 024     | 026          | Bulk                       | feature cuts pit 020, orange sand, probably re-deposited natural           | 2   |
| 18         | 025     | 020 (N half) | Bulk                       | charcoal, cremated bone, dark brown ashy deposit, N half                   | 33  |
| 19         | 027     | 021 (S half) | Bulk                       | Routine, dark reddish-brown sandy silt. S half                             | 11  |
| 20         | 029     | 028          | Bulk                       | Routine, mid red-brown sandy silt  | 10  |
| 21         | 014     | 011          | Bulk                       | occasional burnt bone. E side  | 30  |
| 22         | 019     | 010          | Bulk                       | charcoal rich matrix and burnt bone. E side of lower fill of cremation pit | 8   |
| 23         | 012     | 010          | Bulk                       | Cremation material. E side lower spit of cremation, 5-10cm                 | 3   |
| 24         | 012     | 010          | Bulk                       | Cremation material. E side of first spit 0-5cm, cremation                  | 10  |
| 25         | 013     | 010          | Bulk                       | Some cremated bone and charcoal. E side of upper fill of cremation pit     | 30  |
| 26         | 007     | 003          | Bulk                       | E side interface between cremation and natural                             | 6   |
| 27         | 006     | 003          | Bulk                       | E side cremation   | 10  |
| 28         | 034     | 033          | Bulk                       | Routine bulk. E side mid grey-brown silt                                   | 9   |
| 29         | 032     | 031          | Bulk                       | Burnt bone and charcoal, mid grey-brown silt with bone and charcoal        | 10  |
| 30         | 040     | 030          | Bulk                       | Pieces of urn, top soil, above urn   | 5   |
| 31         | 041     | 030          | Bulk                       | Soil below plough zone, above 030  | 3   |
| 32         | 039     | 030          | Bulk                       | Packing fill of cremation pit  | 2   |
| 33         | 049     | 031          | Bulk                       | Fill of cremation pit, with cremated bone, mid                             | 12  |

| Sample No. | Context | Fill of | Type | Reason   | Vol |
|------------|---------|---------|------|--|-----|
|            |         |         |      | grey-brown silt, ESE side  |     |
| 34         | 049     | 031     | Bulk | Fill of cremation pit, with cremated bone, mid grey-brown silt, WSW side | 12  |
| 35         | 049     | 031     | Bulk | Discreet deposit of cremated bone within 049 and under 035 stones        | 12  |
| 36         | 039     | 030     | Bulk | Fill of urn burial cut. E half of 030                                    | 11  |
| 37         | 038     | 036     | Bulk | Top to base of rim. Cremation 0-5cm, spit 1                              | 2   |
| 38         | 038     | 036     | Bulk | Cremation 5-10cm, spit 2   | 2   |
| 39         | 038     | 036     | Bulk | Cremation 10-15cm, spit 3  | 2   |
| 40         | 038     | 036     | Bulk | Cremation 15-20cm, spit 4  | 15  |
| 41         | 038     | 036     | Bulk | Cremation above 002, spit 5  | 15  |
| 42         |         |         | Void |  |     |
| 43         | 047     | 043     | Bulk | Fill of cremation urn pit, mid grey-brown sandy silt, ESE side           | 3   |
| 44         |         |         | Void |  |     |
| 45         | 047     | 043     | Bulk | Cremated bone and charcoal. Fill of pit around urn 045                   | 3   |
| 46         | 046     | 045     | Bulk | Cremated bone and charcoal. Fill of urn045, spit 1                       | 2   |
| 47         | 046     | 047     | Bulk | Fill of urn 045, spit 2  |     |
| 48         | 046     | 045     | Bulk | Fill of urn 045, spit 3  |     |
| 49         | 054     | 052     | Bulk | Charcoal, mid red-brown silt (SE)  | 5   |
| 50         | 054     | 052     | Bulk | Charcoal, mid red-brown silt (NW)  | 7   |
| 51         | 056     | 055     | Bulk | Charcoal, SSW half of brown silt (016)                                   | 10  |
| 52         | 056     | 055     | Bulk | Charcoal, NNE half of brown silt (016)                                   | 10  |
| 53         | 062     | 061     | Bulk | Routine (NNE half),mid red-brown silty sand                              | 5   |
| 54         | 062     | 061     | Bulk | Routine (SSW half), mid red-brown silty sand                             | 3   |
| 55         | 060     | 048     | Bulk | Occasional charcoal, packing of post hole                                | 15  |
| 56         | 059     | 048     | Bulk | Occasional charcoal, post-pipe infill                                    | 15  |
| 57         | 064     | 063     | Bulk | Charcoal, mixed soil   | 1   |
| 58         | 058     | 053     | Bulk | Routine from post hole, silty, from top of feature                       | 10  |
| 59         | 058     | 053     | Bulk | Routine, from post hole, silty fill from below and around stones         | 22  |

## APPENDIX 6: Finds Quantification

*Includes evaluation finds*

| Context      | Find type  | No. | Wt (g) | Notes   | Spot-date      |
|--------------|------------|-----|--------|---|----------------|
| 004/005      | Pottery    | 27  | 1143   | Inc. rim, decorated Cordoned Urn  | Late Neolithic |
| 004/005      | Burnt bone | -   | 2      |   |                |
| 003-005      | Pottery    | 8   | 321    | Decorated Cordoned Urn  | Late Neolithic |
| 003-005      | Burnt bone | 6   | 12     |   |                |
| 007          | Metal      | 1   | 4      | Copper alloy object, possible knife or razor  | Bronze Age     |
| 009          | Stone      | 2   | 7      | Burnt flint   | Preh           |
| 012          | Stone      | 5   | 17     | 5 flint barbed and tanged arrowheads  | Bronze Age     |
| 012/013      | Stone      | 1   | 372    | Possible worked stone   | Preh           |
| 012          | Stone      | 1   | 235    | Possible worked stone   | Preh           |
| 014          | Pot        | 1   | 21     |   | PMed           |
| 019          | Stone      | 2   | 736    | Possible worked stones  | Preh           |
| 036          | Pot        | 49  | 2572   | Rim and upper body from Cordoned Urn decorated with impressed twisted cord                        | Bronze Age     |
| 045          | Pot        | 29  | 1556   | Rim and upper body from Cordoned Urn decorated with incised diamonds between rim and upper cordon | Bronze Age     |
| 046          | Metal      | 1   | 9      | Copper alloy object, possible razor   | Bronze Age     |
| 049          | Metal      | 8   | 9      | Copper alloy object, fragments  | Bronze Age     |
| 060          | Stone      | 1   | 1      | Flint   | Preh           |
| U/S near 043 | Pot        | 1   | 2      |   | Preh           |
| U/S near 033 | Stone      | 1   | 412    | Possible hammerstone  | Preh           |

## APPENDIX 7: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>   | Perth & Kinross   |
| <b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>   | Broich Road, Crieff   |
| <b>PROJECT CODE:</b>  | BROI  |
| <b>PARISH:</b>  | Crieff  |
| <b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>   | Helena Gray   |
| <b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>  | CFA Archaeology Ltd   |
| <b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>  | Excavation  |
| <b>NMRS NO(S):</b>  | None  |
| <b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>   | Urn burials, cremation pits, pits   |
| <b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>   | Cremation urns; copper alloy objects; flint arrowheads  |
| <b>NGR</b>  | NN 86520 20950  |
| <b>START DATE</b> (this season)   | August/September 2012   |
| <b>END DATE</b> (this season)   | August/September 2012   |
| <b>PREVIOUS WORK</b> (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)  | Evaluation. May 2012 (Savory 2012)  |
| <b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b><br>(May include information from other fields) | An excavation was undertaken in land to the north of Broich Road, Crieff, Perth & Kinross, following the excavation of a cordoned urn burial and the identification of an additional two pits that may have been cremation burials, during a previous evaluation of the area. A trench measuring 20m by 21m was opened up over the location of the features, revealing two further urn burials; three pits containing cremations, two of which contained a copper alloy object, and the third containing five barbed and tanged arrowheads; two post holes; and 13 other pit features whose date and function is unclear. At least one of the urn burials was cut through a subsoil deposit that sealed other features on site. It is possible that at least some of this activity relates to the nearby partly scheduled Broich Cursus (9135), to the east of the excavated remains. |
| <b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>  | Unknown   |
| <b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>   | N/A   |
| <b>SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:</b>   | Perth & Kinross Council   |
| <b>ADDRESS OF MAIN CONTRIBUTOR:</b>   | The Old Engine House, Eskmills Park, Musselburgh, EH21 7PQ  |
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| <b>ARCHIVE LOCATION</b><br>(intended/deposited)                                     | National Monuments Record of Scotland<br>Perth & Kinross Sites and Monuments Record   |



Key:



Excavation Trench



10m Buffer for utilities

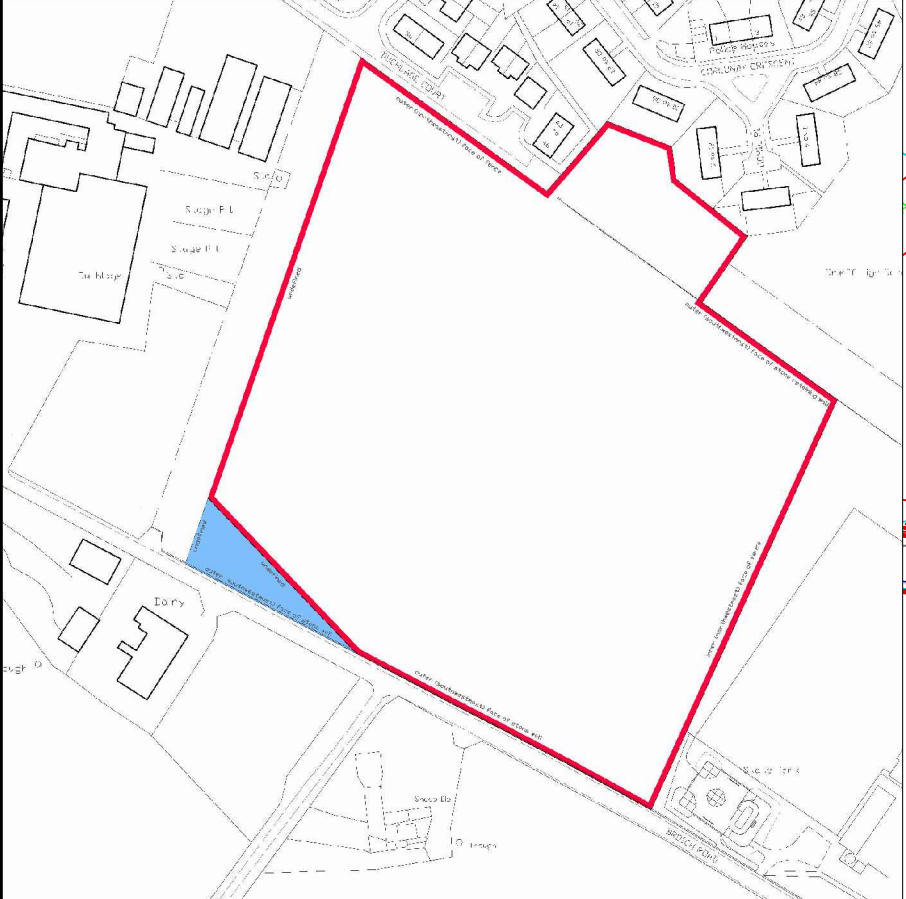
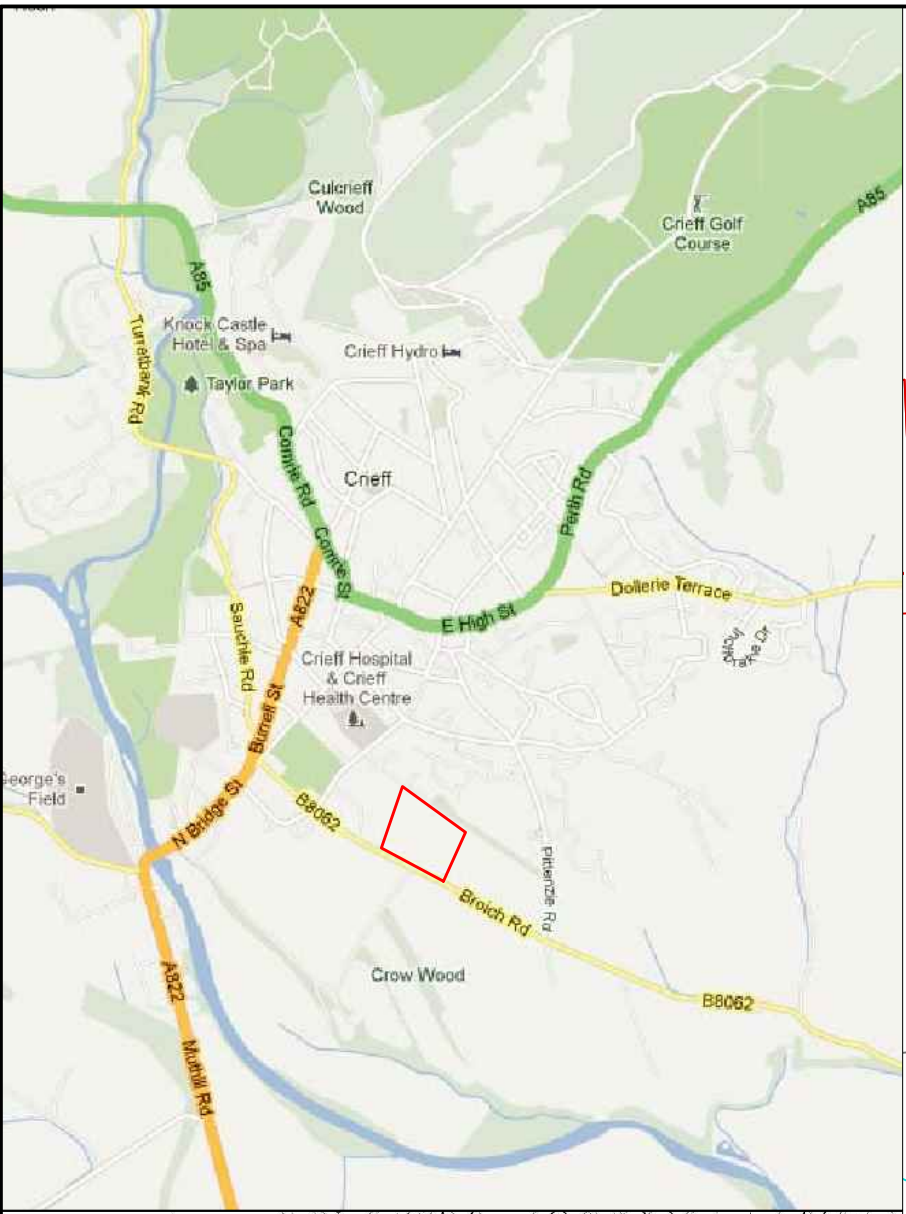
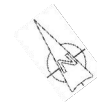


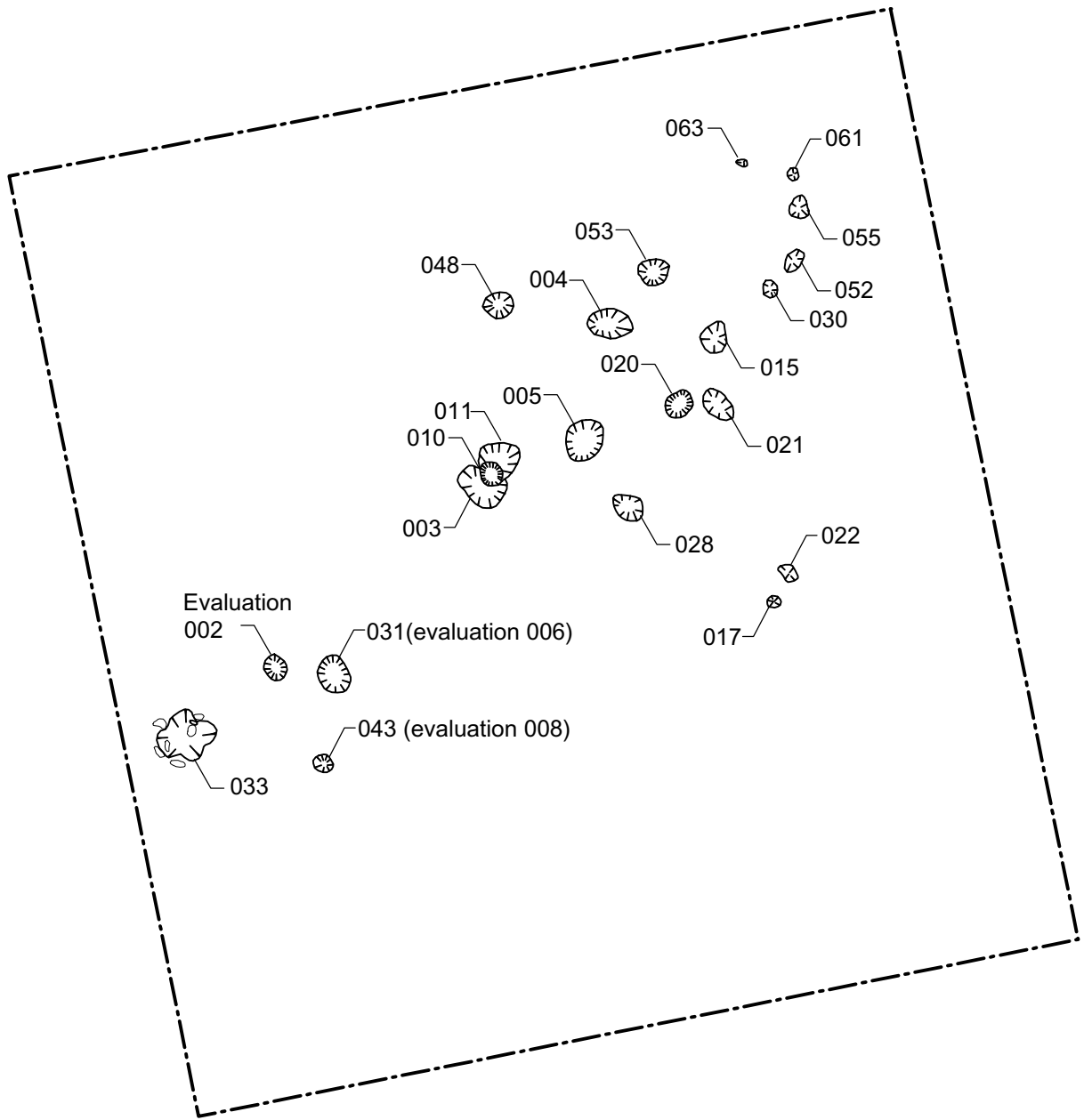
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Title: Location map and trench plan

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Scale at A3: 1:1000





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Fig. 3 - General post-excitation shot of NE area of trench, from ESE and NE



Fig. 4 - Urn (036) in situ, fully exposed from W



Fig. 5 - Shot showing urn (036) and packing stones (037)



Fig. 6 - West-facing section of pit (030) showing urn (036)



Fig. 7 - Urn (045) in situ, fully exposed from WNW

|                        |                       |   |
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Fig. 8 - Working shot showing packing stones (042) and urn (045) within pit (043), from S

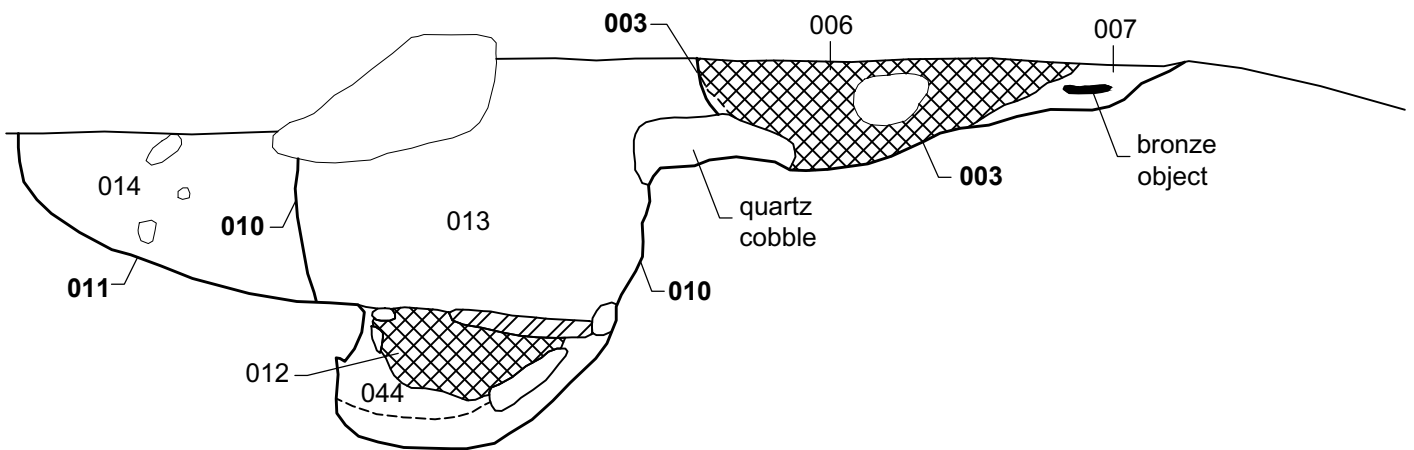





Fig. 9 - Post-excavation section of features

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|--|---------------|
| Key:   |               |
|  | Burnt bone    |
|  | Charcoal      |
|  | Bronze object |

Scale at A4: 1:10



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Fig. 10 - Post-excavation shot of pits (003), (0100 and (011)



Fig. 11 - Working shot of pit (031) showing laid stores (035) fully exposed



Fig. 12 - ENE-facing section of pit (005), from ENE



Fig. 13 - Post-excavation photo of pit (005)



Fig. 14 - South-facing section of pit (020)



Fig. 15 - Post-excavation shot of posthole (048) from SE



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Fig. 16 - Shot of posthole (048) showing in-situ packing (030), from NE



Fig. 17 - General post-excavation shot of NE area



Fig. 18 - Working shot posthole (053) with packing stones (037) fully exposed from E



Fig. 19 - South-facing section of pit (020)



Fig. 20 - SSW-facing section of pit (055)

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