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# 1. INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 General

An archaeological evaluation was carried out by CFA Archaeology Ltd for research purposes between 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Lochmaben Castle, Dumfries & Galloway (NGR: NY 0883 8115), a Property in Case (PIC203) in the guardianship of Historic Environment Scotland (Fig. 1).

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken, informed by and built upon the results of a 2016 geophysical survey (carried out by Rose Geophysics), to shed valuable new light on the castle's development and the nature of its occupation, as well as providing an opportunity for local community engagement.

The work was commissioned by Historic Environment Scotland as part of the Minor Archaeological Services Call-off Contract. A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the work, dated 22 September 2017, was produced by CFA and approved by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) in support of the Scheduled Monument Consent.

# 1.2 Background

Lochmaben Castle consists of an extensive area of earthworks and upstanding masonry ruins of an important medieval defensive complex which occupies a low grassy promontory projecting into the southern end of Castle Loch, 1 mile SE of the village of Lochmaben. It was active as a military stronghold from about the mid-12<sup>th</sup> century up to the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. It was then abandoned, with much stone being robbed from its walls. It was formally taken into care in 1939 following a local campaign.

The complex once covered a considerable area, with substantial ditches evident over 300m south of the loch. The core of the castle comprises two platforms standing over 3m above the rest of the promontory. The more northerly is dominated by the substantial remains of a masonry castle of enclosure, of which the frontal wall, facing south, is particularly impressive; possibly of mid-14th century date. The platform to its south, now largely featureless, most probably served as the outer ward of the masonry castle, but may have started as a 'pele' (a palisaded enclosure for a large garrison) built for Edward I of England shortly before 1300. The area in state guardianship includes only the northern platform and masonry castle.

## Previous Archaeological Work

It is likely that the castle was subjected to some degree of clearance excavation, both in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and in the 20<sup>th</sup> century when the site came into state care. The 1968-72 excavations demonstrated the high archaeological potential of the site, and it is assumed that the earlier clearance work did not impact upon deeply-sealed medieval occupation deposits or structures.

In 1968-72, a small-scale area excavation was carried out within the outer ward of the masonry castle and in the SW angle of the outer plateau or peel area. The counterweight pit to the gateway was excavated in the former area, and evidence of Victorian and later consolidation and landscaping was widespread.

The remains of three constructional phases were recognised in the outer ward of the masonry castle. All were attributed to building operations within a short period in the later 14th century.

The excavations in of the peel area aimed to establish the date and character of the castle's earthwork defences; several post-holes were found but no pattern was recognised. The platform that comprises the peel was found to have been built-up with clay, while the probable palisade-trench that was set behind the lip of one of the outer ditches was dated to shortly after 1300. Pottery from the brown earth deposit above the clay appeared consistent with a late 14th century date, and that area had apparently formed a 'work camp' during the construction of the castle. Lead-smelting hearths were identified, while quantities of iron slag and pot wasters were found. The excavators suggested that the southern sector of the peel area had been abandoned after the stone castle was built.

In 1996, the excavation of eight small trenches on either side of the W wing wall was archeologically monitored in advance of the erection of supporting scaffolding. All trenches revealed deposits associated with the decay of adjacent masonry, and the gradual infilling of the moat or canal in front of the mid-14th-century stone castle. In some of the holes there was possible evidence for the denuded earthen bank defining the moat or canal, sealed by bone-rich occupation debris.

A watching brief was undertaken in January and February 2001 during clearance operations within one of a series of defensive ditches positioned to the south of the castle. The ditch is one of two which have been used by the adjacent farm as general purpose refuse dumps. The task was to remove all recent infill dumping. The hope was that the sides of the ditch could be re-established and that the archaeological deposits believed to have accumulated in the lower parts of the ditch would be left undisturbed. The aims of this exercise were only partially achieved, as some of the dumped waste was toxic. The ditch was found to have a nebulous nature - almost all of its profile proved to be invisible due to landscaping. It was noted that the ditch is not naturally level and that drainage would take place in both an easterly and westerly direction.

In 2008, four small holes were excavated for the installation of new gates in the perimeter fence around the masonry castle. No features or finds of archaeological significance other than fragments of stone, possibly evidence of stone robbing, were recorded.

### Geophysical Survey, 2016

A programme of geophysical survey was undertaken in September 2016, aiming to address research questions. A combination of gradiometer, resistance and ground penetrating radar (GPR) surveys was undertaken. Gradiometer and resistance surveys were carried out over available areas within the Property in Care (PIC) boundary and available areas of the Peel, to the S of the castle. GPR survey was undertaken within the available areas in the PIC boundary and available areas to the N of the PIC boundary and E of the Peel. Individual GPR transects were also collected across the Peel and in the wooded area to the SW of the Peel, where vegetation cover precluded a larger GPR survey.

Within the PIC area a well-defined high resistance anomaly to the N of the extant castle has been detected (see proposed Trench 1; below), although this may indicate a modern path. Other anomalies, suggestive of potential structural remains, have been detected within the castle (see proposed Trench 2, below). However, the anomalies appear to largely correspond with earthworks and, as such, their exact geophysical origin in unclear. The GPR survey of this area, which was detecting to a greater depth than the resistance survey, has recorded several anomalies of potential interest between 1m and 2m below the current ground surface and on a different alignment to the castle.

Within the area of the Peel broad areas of high resistance have been detected. While the majority of these are somewhat amorphous and likely to have a natural origin, some more discrete anomalies closer to the castle have been noted please see proposed Trenches 3-5, below). There is broad correlation with the gradiometer results which suggest possible well-defined areas of activity just to the S of the castle entrance and respecting a likely trackway leading to the drawbridge. Selected GPR transects across the anomalies detected by the resistance survey, broadly support this interpretation.

## 1.3 **Objectives**

Five trenches were proposed (Fig. 1). The locations were determined by HES based upon the results of the geophysical survey. In order to evaluate the results of this survey work and to more deeply examine the research questions, while keeping the impact upon the site's archaeology to a minimum, these trenches were excavated by hand with community involvement. Excavations tested the presence, absence, nature and extent of any surviving archaeological deposits and features.

### Trench 1

This trench sought to evaluate a strong, high resistance anomaly running parallel with, and a short distance N of, the N wall of the upstanding masonry castle. Small areas of high amplitude response from the GPR survey were also observed in this area, at a range of depths. This trench aimed to the identify what may be an important masonry structure, lying beyond the northern limits of the extant upstanding remains. There is a possibility that this anomaly may represent a path around the monument.

### Trench 2

This trench was targeted on an area of high resistance near the centre of the courtyard within the castle. This zone coincides with an area of increased response from the gradiometer survey, and shows strong responses in the GPR depth slices, particularly between depths of 0.75m and 1.20m. Masonry structures (for example, walls defining internal arrangements of space) were suspected to survive here as buried archaeology, and have the potential to shed light upon the phased development and arrangements of structures within the masonry castle.

## Trench 3

This trench, located to the S of the masonry castle on the area of the peel, sought to evaluate anomalies from the resistance and gradiometer surveys, indicating an area of

potential structural remains and/or surfaces. These features were aligned approximately with what is considered to be the primary route across the peel towards the defended gatehouse of the castle, and an investigation of the remains here has the potential to shed light on the arrangement of structures within the peel.

## Trench 4

This trench was targeted to evaluate an area of increased response in the gradiometer survey results, to the S of the masonry castle. The gradiometer survey identified two such areas, one lying to either side of a line running towards the entrance to the masonry castle. This trench crosses the easternmost of these two anomalies. The results from this trench are likely to complement those from Trench 3.

## Trench 5

Situated close to the centre of the peel area, this trench was targeted on strong anomalies revealed by both the resistance survey and gradiometer survey. The gradiometer survey indicated a zone of positive magnetic response here, and this trench sought to investigate the edge of this zone. This would serve to evaluate the wider results of the gradiometer survey across the peel, where a number of areas of similar response have been identified.

# 2. WORKING METHODS

## 2.1 General

All work complied with the requirements of Historic Environment Scotland and undertaken under the terms of the Minor Archaeological Services Call-off Contract. CFA follows the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidelines as appropriate.

## 2.2 Archaeological Evaluation

Record photographs were taken of the trench locations prior to their excavation. The location of the trenches was set out using DGPS survey equipment using data supplied by HES.

Trenches were de-turfed by hand and turves were stored in coursed stacks adjacent to the trenches.

Topsoil was removed by hand down to either the natural substrate or the top of the first significant archaeological horizon encountered. All further excavation work to achieve the objectives of the evaluation was undertaken by hand, following receipt of permission from HES to proceed.

The aim of the evaluation was to identify the existence of archaeological features and deposits: therefore, limited excavation work was undertaken, sufficient to achieve the objectives of the evaluation, and should significant in situ archaeological deposits or features be identified, excavation shall stop until CRT and Heritage Management have

been consulted on how to proceed. Significant remains are defined as primary deposits associated with the period of occupation of the castle.

Evaluation trenches did not exceed 1.2m in depth.

All excavation and on-site recording was carried out according to standard CFA procedures, principally by drawing, by photography and by completing standard CFA record forms.

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

A digital photographic record was maintained throughout the fieldwork, including preexcavation photographs, images to record individual features at different stages of excavation, photographs of cleaned sections, post-excavation photographs of features and general working images.

The locations of the sections and features were recorded using industry standard DGPS equipment. The survey data and any hand-drawn plans were accurately tied in to the Ordnance Survey National Grid.

All artefacts and faunal remains were retained. Artefacts recovered from secure contexts were individually bagged and their locations recorded by context or in three dimensions, as appropriate. Artefacts from topsoil were bagged by trench.

Environmental samples were taken as appropriate. Bulk samples of dry deposits were 10 litres, or greater if appropriate.

Trenches were backfilled on completion of excavation and recording, compacted by hand, and the turf replaced. Geotextile was used to demarcate the limits of excavation in each trench, as appropriate.

# **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

Numbers in bold refer to contexts, a full list of which is contained in Appendix 1.

## **3.1** Trench 1 (Length 6m; width 1m, depth 0.64m) (Fig. 2-3).

At the base of the trench was deposit **115**, a loose black silty charcoal deposit; its full extent is unknown. Overlying this was deposit **114**, a loose brown-orange sand with some stones exposed in the bottom of the trench. It covered most of the trench, measuring  $4.6m \log x \ 1m wide x \ 0.1m deep at excavated depth$ 

Overlying 114 was a deposit of material composed of moderately compact greyish brown sandy silty with frequent sandstone fragments and medium sized stones (111). This deposit covered most of the trench as it measured  $5m \log x \ 1m$  wide x 0.4m deep. Context 112 was a small deposit of firm compact yellowish brown sandy silt with rounded stones and sandstone fragments. This was seen in the northern half of the trench, abutting context 113, a compacted layer of orange-brown sandy silt with sandstone fragments and small and medium stones, measuring 1.2m long x 1m wide. These contexts possibly represent a levelling event.

Deposits **105** and **108** were likely part of the same event. **105** was composed of loose greyish-brown silty sand with small angular sandstones and larger masonry blocks. **108** was a mortar-rich deposit measuring 1m long x 1m wide.

Overlying 108 was a very compacted possible path surface (102). This was composed of a firm light brown silty sand with small gravel-like inclusions and contained rooftiles and red brick fragments. This lay to the northern side of the trench and measured  $3.5m \log x \ 1m$  wide. 109 was an irregular shaped pocket of clay lying within 102 and was composed of moderately compact yellow-brown clay and small stones. 110 was another pocket of moderately compact yellow-brown clay within 102.

Trench 1 was covered with turf and topsoil of loose greyish-brown silty sand (101).

**3.2** Trench 2 (Length 5m; width 1m, depth 0.4m) (Fig. 4-6).

This trench contained only 4 contexts.

Context **204** was a moderately hard, compact, light brown silty sand which was exposed in slots at either end of the trench.

Context **203** was a moderately compact dark brown sandy silt with frequent modern finds. This was overlain by context **202** which comprised a moderately compact but friable yellow orange gravel sand which was sterile of any inclusions.

Context **201** was the turf and topsoil which was mid brown silty sand with frequent small stones.

# **3.3** Trench 3 (Length 6m; width 1.5m, depth 1.2m) (Fig. 7-10)

Within this trench a total of 15 contexts were uncovered.

Two slots were excavated at either end of the trench to examine the nature of the deposits exposed. Slot 1 measured  $1.5m \log x 0.7m$  wide. At the base was context **315** which was a moderately compact brown orange silty clay. Overlying it was a moderately compact yet soft grey brown sandy clay (**311**). Overlying this was **303**.

Slot 2 measured 1.5m long x 0.5m wide. At the base was context 314 which was composed of brown orange silty clay of moderate compaction and is most likely the same as 315. Overlying this was a deposit of mid brown orange silty clay (313), which is similar to 311. A thin lens of grey silt (312) lay between 313 and 308.

Contexts **303** and **308** are thought to be the same context as they were both composed of orange brown silty sand of very firm compaction and heavy rooting, whilst containing no artefacts at all. This was overlain by deposit **302** which was a mid brown sandy silt of loose compaction with medium and small rounded stones.

A stone-lined culvert 306, with construction cut 304, was cut through contexts 303/308 and 302. A light reddish-brown sandy silt (305) filled construction cut 304. The fill of the culvert channel was moderately compact light brown sandy silt (307). The culvert measured 1.55m long x 0.5m wide x 0.32m deep and was on a rough E-W alignment though was slightly curved.

A second possible feature was uncovered cut into context **303.** Cut **309** was roughly circular in plan but when excavated it was discovered that it was a burrow as it began undercutting **303.** It was filled by a very loose orange-brown silty sand (**310**).

The turf and topsoil deposit which overlay the entire trench (301) was mid brown sandy silt with lots of rooting and small stones.

**3.4** Trench 4 (Length 6m; width 1.5m, depth 0.76m) (Fig. 11-14)

A slot, measuring 0.7m long x 0.7m wide, was excavated at the southern end of the trench to discover the depth of the deposits. The basal deposit **414** was only seen at the bottom of the slot and was composed of a very hard, light grey material that is assumed to be bedrock due to its solid nature. This was overlain by deposit **413** which was a mid red brown silty clay with frequent small stones. Overlying this deposit was context **412** which was a light red-orange silty clay with small stones.

Deposit 409 overlay 412 and covered the base of the entire trench and was composed of very hard, compact, mixed red-brown silty sand with frequent rooting and small stone inclusions.

A cut (410) was recorded cutting deposit 409 and was assumed to be linear in plan with a steep, curved southern edge. Its full extent is unknown as only the southern edge was exposed but it measured 2.1m long x 1.5m wide x 0.12m deep. It was filled by a mid to light brown sandy silt with frequent small stones (411) and evidence of burrowing. This feature was truncated by cut 406 and so its full extent is unknown. A possible surface (404) was uncovered overlying 409, but upon excavation was seen to be a subsoil deposit of mid brown sandy silt with frequent large rounded cobbles and smaller sandstone fragments which looked like a rough surface. It lay to the south of the trench and was truncated by cut 406.

Cut 406 was a possible linear feature that was seen in the west-facing section only, measuring 2.5m long x 1.5m wide x 0.46m deep. It contained a deposit of stones (405) which was initially interpreted as a wall, due to the presence of a worked sandstone block. This stone deposit measured 1.55m long x 0.75m wide x 0.46m deep and contained one large rounded sandstone block, one worked sandstone block and numerous smaller compact sandstone and other stone fragments. This material was within the top part of 407, the fill of cut 406, a moderately compact dark brown sandy silt with frequent charcoal, small, medium and large stones and small pockets of degraded sandstone.

Deposit 401 was the turf and topsoil layer composed of mid brown sandy silt with small and medium stones and infrequent charcoal within that covered Trench 4. Within this context a deposit of mortar, 402, was uncovered. It measured 0.95m long x 0.7m wide x 0.15m deep.

## **3.5** Trench 5 (Length 6m; width 1.5m, depth 0.2m)

Trench 5 was de-turfed and excavation revealed only **501** which was the turf and topsoil layer. It was a moderately compact dark brown sandy silt with frequent stone inclusions and contained no artefacts. No further excavation took place due to time constraints.

### 4. **FINDS** by Christina Hills

| Find type                 | Number | Weight (g) |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|
| Ae alloy                  | 2      | 3          |
| Animal bone               | 191    | 925        |
| Burnt Animal bone         | 12     | 12         |
| Ceramic                   | 2      | 12         |
| Ceramic Building Material | 85     | 5247       |
| Charcoal                  | 20     | 15         |
| Clay pipe                 | 13     | 31         |
| Clay?                     | 1      | 5          |
| Coal                      | 14     | 21         |
| Copper alloy              | 1      | 9          |
| Flint                     | 1      | 2          |
| Glass                     | 198    | 1514       |
| Golf ball                 | 1      | 46         |
| Iron                      | 124    | 933        |
| Lead                      | 1      | 1          |
| Modern metal              | 2      | 5          |
| Mortar                    | 60     | 1207       |
| Plastic                   | 6      | 31         |
| Pottery                   | 99     | 415        |
| Slag                      | 22     | 104        |
| Slate                     | 200    | 6947       |
| Stone                     | 8      | 4515       |
| Tin foil                  | 6      | 2          |
| Wood                      | 5      | 10         |

Table 1 summary of finds by type

The table above summarises the finds recovered on site by type and they are discussed below and detailed in appendix 5.

#### Bone

All the bone uncovered on site was animal bone, a small proportion of which was burnt. The unburnt animal bone was all from trench 1 and 2 and much of it was from topsoil and subsoil layers, apart from one piece from redeposit **111** and the largest unburnt bone assemblage which is from mortar rich deposit **108**. Burnt animal bone was found in all of the trenches apart from 5, and was also mainly from the topsoil and subsoil layers, a small amount was from the fill of culvert **306** and the fill of ditch **406** and **410**.

### Pottery

The majority of the pottery on site was modern including white earthenware, red earthenware and grey and buff ware, all of which is glazed. The modern pottery was found in trenches 1-4, in the topsoil and subsoil as well as deposits **108** and **404** and fill of culvert **306**.

A small amount of Scottish post-medieval reduced redware was found in all five trenches. Seven sherds were from the topsoil and subsoil and the rest were from deposits **108**, **204** and **404** and the fill of possible medieval ditch **410**.

## Other ceramics

Two ceramic bottle stop marbles were found on site, one was broken in half and unstratified and the other whole ball was found in the topsoil of trench 4.

The Ceramic Building Material (CBM) uncovered was mainly tile, including red and grey wares as well as one stamped tile (from subsoil), all modern and from deposits from trench 1. The other CBM found on site is a possible brick which was in the fill of ditch **406**.

The clay pipe found on site was all post medieval undiagnostic stems and one bowl fragment. All of it was unstratified, or from the topsoil and subsoil, apart from two stems from deposit **108** and one from deposit **204**.

All mortar uncovered on site was from topsoil or subsoil deposits in trench 1, 4 and 5, and is undated.

One piece of clay of unidentified function was recovered from the topsoil of trench 1.

## Metal

Two coins were found in deposit **203**, one is a sixpence from 1940 and the other is a thrupence from 1921.

A copper alloy modern shot cartridge was found in the topsoil of trench 2.

One small unidentified lead lump was probably modern and from the subsoil of trench 2.

All the iron found on site is probably modern, much of it was unidentified lumps and sheet but the assemblage contained 44 nails as well as bars, straps and wire. The nails were mainly from topsoil and subsoil layers, two were from redeposit **111** and one was from the fill of ditch **406**.

Two modern metal objects (probably aluminium or similar) one is a marmalade jar lid from deposit **108** and the other is a screw top bottle lid from redeposit **111**.

A piece of slag was found in the fill of ditch 406 and the topsoil of trench 3. Twenty pieces of slag were found in the topsoil of trench 1, this slag included shale and pottery and is probably evidence of burning rather than metal working.

### Glass

Most of the glass recovered on site was modern clear and green bottle fragments. The glass was mainly body fragments and was unstratified and from topsoil and subsoil deposits as well as deposits **108**, **111**, **204**, **404**, fill of culvert **306** and fill of ditch **406**. Some of the clear glass included decorated glass from the topsoil of trench 1, as well as glass marked '& R. SMITH'S' and a whole bottle from deposit **111**.

A small amount of flat, probably window glass was found in the topsoil and subsoil of trenches 2 and 3 as well as fill of culvert **306**, deposit **404** and fill of ditches **406** and **410**.

A small brown fragment, which is probably from a bottle, was found in the topsoil of trench 2.

A melted lump of glass was found in the topsoil of trench 1 and is unidentified, but possibly relates to the other evidence of burning within this context.

In the topsoil of trench 2 was a circular clear painted glass object, which is unidentified, but possibly part of a button.

#### Stone

Roof slates with drill holes through the surface were found in the topsoil of trench 5 and the subsoil of trenches 1 and 3. The other 196 pieces of slate had no evidence of drill holes but are probably also roof slates.

One large piece of worked stone was found within stone dump **405**. Several other pieces of possibly worked or dressed stone were found on site, mainly all of similar red sandstone. The majority of possibly worked stone was from the topsoil and subsoil from trenches 2, 3 and 5 as well as deposit **108** and fill of culvert **306**.

One piece of possibly worked flint was found in the topsoil of trench 1

### Other

Charcoal was found in the subsoil of trench 1 and 3. Coal was also found on site in trench 2 in the topsoil and in deposit **204**.

Modern plastic was recovered in topsoil and subsoil of trench 2 and 3. One golf ball was also recovered from the topsoil of trench 4.

Tin foil was found in trench 2 in the topsoil and in deposit **204**.

Modern wood was found in the topsoil or subsoil in trenches 1, 2 and 3

# 5. CONCLUSION

# 5.1 Trench 1

This trench contained numerous modern deposits, **102**, **105**, **108-113**. These contained modern material including complete bottles and a modern corroded iron pipe. Deposits **114** and **115** may have been reaching into medieval deposits but as only a small slot was excavated and no artefacts were found within it, this cannot be confirmed. A possible path surface (**102**) was recorded below the topsoil. The high resistance geophysical anomaly may have been caused by the compacted stony layers and path surface.

# 5.2 Trench 2

No significant archaeology was uncovered within this trench and the lower stony deposits most likely relate to the landscaping which occurred on site for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Within contexts **201** and **203** numerous Victorian and modern artefacts were uncovered which, given the closeness to the trench excavated between 1968-1972, may be signs of spreads of spoil from those excavations. The high resistance geophysical anomaly may have been caused by the compacted stony layers.

# 5.3 Trench 3

The stone lined culvert **306** was the only significant feature uncovered, the date of which cannot be confirmed but which is likely to be medieval or post-medieval. The possible construction surfaces **303** and **308** were undateable as the deposits contained no dating evidence such as pottery. It could be suggested that this was the construction platform for the building of the castle itself and then occupied upon. However, the lack of archaeological remains within this material would suggest that this may be a later event, such as the landscaping for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The geophysical anomalies may have been caused by the compacted stony layers and the culvert.

# 5.4 Trench 4

There were several possible archaeological features within Trench 4, such as the possible surface 404 and possible wall 405. However, upon investigation it was concluded that these were most likely Victorian or modern in date. Context 404 is most likely Victorian or modern in date as white earthenware was found within it, which suggests that the wall 405 was a coincidence and was just a collection of dumped stone material. This may have occurred during the landscaping of the castle for the visit of Queen Victoria.

One possible important context was the ditch **410** which had been truncated by burrows and also by cut **406**. This ditch was cut into deposit **409** which is classed as the possible construction platform for the building of the castle, similar to **303** and **308**. Context **411** was the fill of ditch **410** and contained two small sherds of medieval pottery. This would suggest that this is occupation evidence from the time the castle was in use.

The geophysical anomaly may have been caused by the compacted stony layers and cut features.

# 5.5 Trench 5

This trench was not fully excavated due to time constraints but it proved useful for the children's open day where they could all have a go at trowelling and excavating. No significant archaeology was therefore uncovered within this trench.

# 5.6 Summary

In summary, within each trench, little archaeology relating to the occupation of the castle from its construction until its ruin was uncovered. The evidence uncovered which may relate to the original construction of the castle depends on the interpretation of the possible construction platform (**303**, **308** and **409**), created by the deposits of orange-brown silty clay that were uncovered. If this is interpreted as being part of the landscaping that occurred for Queen Victoria's Jubilee, then no medieval archaeology was uncovered and ditch **410** is actually of Victorian or modern date. If it is interpreted as the castle's construction platform then it is of medieval date but it begs the question of the lack of any other archaeological remains or finds of that period. This may suggest that it was a medieval construction deposit but it may also suggest that a large portion of it was scarped away during the Victorian landscaping to create a flatter, neater look to the peel area.

Within Trench 3, deposit **312** may have been an indicator that flooding had occurred on the site due to the nature of the grey silt. This may then suggest that contexts underlying **303** and **308** are actually natural deposits with leaching having occurred during the flooding event. If this is the case then it could be argued that contexts **303** and **308** are the medieval platforms which have been negatively impacted upon by the landscaping event.

The trenches within the castle produced no evidence of medieval archaeology but perhaps had been truncated and disrupted by modern activity, including the excavations in 1968-1972 and the construction of the car park and roadway.

In conclusion, no definite interpretations can be made. There was evidence across the site for the landscaping which occurred for the Jubilee and this may have negatively affected any medieval archaeology which had survived. The only potentially significant features were the possible medieval ditch 410 within Trench 4 and culvert 306 within Trench 3.

A summary statement will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 6) and will also be reported on through OASIS Scotland.

# **APPENDIX 1: Context Register**

| Context | Fill of | Туре    | Description  |  |
|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| 101     |         | Deposit | Turf and topsoil - loose greyish brown silty sand. Covers entire   |  |
|         |         | -       | trench to a depth of 0.1m.   |  |
| 102     |         | Surface | Compacted possible path surface - firm light brown silty sand<br>with small gravel like inclusions. Measures 3.5m long x 1m<br>wide. Contained roof tiles which are produced locally to present<br>day and pieces of red brick and modern roof tiles so may<br>indicate landscaping or levelling taking place on site. |  |
| 103     |         |         | VOID   |  |
| 103     | 103     |         | VOID   |  |
| 105     | 100     | Deposit | Loose compact greyish brown silty sand with small angular<br>sandstones and some larger masonry blocks mixed in at southern<br>end. Measures 1.5m long x 1m wide.  |  |
| 106     |         |         | VOID   |  |
| 107     | 106     |         | VOID   |  |
| 108     |         | Deposit | Mortar rich deposit measuring 1m wide x 0.1m long.<br>Moderately loose greyish brown silty sand with fragments of<br>mortar.   |  |
| 109     |         | Deposit | Irregular shaped pockets of clay within (102) composed of<br>moderately compact yellow brown clay and contains some small<br>stones. Measures 1.2m long x 1m wide x 0.1m depth.  |  |
| 110     |         | Deposit | A distinct pocket of moderately compact yellow brown clay<br>with (102) but is most likely part of the same dumping or<br>landscaped process. Measures 0.2m diameter x 0.07m deep.   |  |
| 111     |         | Deposit | Possible dump of re-deposited material of moderately compact<br>greyish brown sandy silt with frequent sandstone fragments and<br>medium stones. Measures 5m long x 1m wide x 0.4m deep.   |  |
| 112     |         | Deposit | Small deposit of firm compact yellowish brown sandy silt with rounded stones and sandstone fragments. Abuts (113). Measures 1m long x 0.7m wide x c0.1m deep.  |  |
| 113     |         | Deposit | A compacted layer of orangey brown sandy silt with sandstone<br>fragments and small and medium stones. Measures 1.2m long x<br>1m wide. Possible levelling event.  |  |
| 114     |         | Deposit | Deposit of loose browny orange sand with some stones exposed<br>in slot excavated on the last afternoon. Measures 4.6m long x<br>1m wide x 0.1m deep at minimum.   |  |
| 115     |         | Deposit | Loose black silty charcoal deposit exposed at the base of slot<br>within Trench 1. Not excavated as no time left. Measures 0.6m<br>long x 0.5m wide.   |  |
| 201     |         | Deposit | Mid brown silty sand with frequent small stones measuring 5m<br>long x 1m wide x 0.1m depth maximum. Topsoil covering<br>whole trench.   |  |
| 202     |         | Deposit | Moderately compact but friable yellow orange gravel sand with<br>no inclusions and no finds. Measures 2.6m long x 1m wide x<br>0.16m depth maximum. This is similar to what HES use in their<br>pathways.  |  |
| 203     |         | Deposit | Moderately compact dark brown sandy silt with frequent<br>modern finds acting as a subsoil matrix between (201) and<br>(204).  |  |
| 204     |         | Deposit | Moderate to hard compact light brown silty sand - unknown function but may be original ground surface.   |  |
| 301     |         | Deposit | Topsoil composed of mid brown sandy silt with lots of roots and small rounded stones. Measures 6m x 1.5m x 0.2m deep.  |  |
| 302     |         | Deposit | Subsoil or possible levelling deposit composed of mid brown<br>sandy silt of loose compaction with medium and small rounded<br>stones and more artefacts compared to (301).  |  |

| Context | Fill of | Туре          | Description   |
|---------|---------|---------------|---|
| 303     |         | Deposit       | Deposit or construction surface compose of orange brown silty   |
|         |         |               | sand of firm compaction with no artefacts or dating evidence.   |
| 304     |         | Cut           | Cut for stone lined culvert (306) which is slightly curvilinear in  |
|         |         |               | shape and no definite shape in section. However it can be seen  |
| 205     |         |               | where it has dug through (303) and (308).   |
| 305     |         | Fill of (304) | Fill of cut for culvert (304) of light reddish brown sandy silt.  |
| 306     |         | Culvert       | Slightly curvilinear stone lined culvert on rough E-W alignment.<br>Stones are rough hewn sandstone and grey whack stone block. |
|         |         |               | Two linear bulks, one each of (303) and (308), can be seen to lie   |
|         |         |               | underneath the stones. Measures 1.55m long x 0.5m wide x  |
|         |         |               | 0.32m.  |
| 307     |         | Fill of (306) | Moderate to loosely compact light brown sandy silt fill of  |
|         |         |               | culvert (306) measuring 1.55m x 0.27m-0.34m wide x 0.32m  |
|         |         |               | deep. Contained modern artefacts.   |
| 308     |         | Deposit       | Firm compact orange brown silty sand with frequent sandstone  |
|         |         |               | fragments measuring 2.1m long x 1.5m wide x 0.36m deep.   |
| 200     |         | Cont          | Most likely same as (303).  |
| 309     |         | Cut           | Cut of possible post hole which is actually a burrow. Channel is vertical and continues like a posthole but undercuts (303).    |
| 310     |         | Fill of (309) | Loose compact orange brown silty sand measuring 0.3m wide x   |
| 510     |         | 1 11 01 (30)) | 0.2  m x  0.6  m deep. Fill of burrow.  |
| 311     |         | Deposit       | Moderately compact yet soft grey brown sandy clay underlying  |
|         |         | 1             | (303) containing no artefacts. Uncovered in Slot 1 in Trench 3  |
|         |         |               | and measures 1.3m x 1.5m x 0.18m.   |
| 312     |         | Deposit       | Lense of grey sandy silt underlying (303) which may be  |
|         |         |               | evidence of flooding on site. Uncovered in Slot 2 in trench3 and  |
| 212     |         | D. I          | measures 1.5m x 0.6m x 0.02m deep.  |
| 313     |         | Deposit       | Mid brown orange silty clay, probably the same as (311)   |
|         |         |               | uncovered in Slot 2 measures 1.5m long x 0.4m wide x 0.1m deep.   |
| 314     |         | Deposit       | Brown orange silty clay of moderate compaction underlying   |
| 514     |         | Deposit       | (313) and is sterile of any finds. Measures $1.5 m x 0.36 m x$  |
|         |         |               | 0.22m excavated depth.  |
| 315     |         | Deposit       | Moderately compact brown orange silty clay, probably the same   |
|         |         |               | as (314) underlying (311) and was completely sterile of any   |
|         |         |               | finds and measures 1.5m x 1.32m x 0.2m excavated depth.   |
| 401     |         | Deposit       | Topsoil composed of mid brown sandy silt with small and   |
|         |         |               | medium stones and infrequent charcoal and is across the whole   |
| 402     |         | Duratit       | trench.   |
| 402     |         | Deposit       | Deposit of mortar lying within topsoil 401. Measured 0.95m long x 0.7m wide x 0.15m deep.                                       |
| 403     |         | VOID          | VOID  |
| 404     |         | Deposit       | Mid brown sandy silt deposit with frequent large rounded  |
| 101     |         | Deposit       | cobbles and smaller sandstone fragments creating a possible   |
|         |         |               | rough surface. Lies to south of trench and has been cut by  |
|         |         |               | (406). Measured 3.6m long x 1.5m wide x 0.2m deep.  |
| 405     |         | Deposit       | Deposit of stones which may have been part of a wall but is   |
|         |         |               | most likely a deposit of stones which was composed of single  |
|         |         |               | worked sandstone block, a couple of larger sandstone stones and   |
|         |         |               | numerous smaller sandstone and hard grey stones to the WSW  |
|         |         |               | end. Not a wall but seems to have been deliberately dumped.<br>Measured 1.55m x 0.75m x 0.25m.                                  |
| 406     |         | Cut           | Ditch of unknown function and unknown orientation as it was   |
| 100     |         |               | caught in section. The southern edge is a steep slight curve  |
|         |         |               | which meets at a base which slopes down towards the north.  |
|         |         |               | Measures 2.5m long x 1.5m wide x 0.46m deep.  |
| 407     | 406     | Fill of 406   | Moderately compact dark brown sandy silt with frequent  |
|         |         |               | charcoal, small, medium and large stones and small pockets of   |

| Context | Fill of | Туре        | Description  |
|---------|---------|-------------|--|
|         |         |             | degraded sandstone. Measures 2.5m long x 1.5m wide x 0.46m   |
|         |         |             | deep.  |
| 408     |         | VOID        | VOID   |
| 409     |         | Deposit     | Hard compact mixed red brown silty sand with frequent rooting<br>and small stones. It is a possible construction surface but could                     |
|         |         |             | also be natural subsoil. Measures 6m long x 1.5m wide x 0.3m   |
|         |         |             | deep.  |
| 410     |         | Cut         | Linear shape in plan with steep curved southern edge. Was discovered after removal of (406) and may be a medieval ditch.                               |
|         |         |             | Measured 2.1m long x 1.5m wide x $0.12m$ deep.   |
| 411     | 410     | Fill of 410 | Mid to light brown sandy silt with frequent small stones and<br>burrowing. Contained medieval pottery. Measured 2.1m long x<br>1.5m wide x 0.12m deep. |
| 412     |         | Deposit     | Light red orange silty clay with small stones seen in slot at S end<br>of trench and measured 0.7m long x 0.4m wide x 0.12m<br>excavated size.         |
| 413     |         | Deposit     | Mid red brown silty clay with frequent small stones seen in slot<br>at S end of trench and measured 0.7m long x 0.4m wide x 0.14m<br>excavated size.   |
| 414     |         | Deposit     | Very hard light grey bedrock. Very solid surface which is most likely natural bedrock.   |
| 501     |         | Deposit     | Moderately compact dark brown sandy silt with frequent stone inclusions - turf and topsoil.  |

# **APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register**

| Shot No. | Summary description of subject                      | Facing |
|----------|---|--------|
| 1        | General pre-ex area shots of Tr3, 4 and 5           | NW     |
| 2        | General pre-ex area shots of Tr3, 4 and 5           | NE     |
| 3        | General pre-ex area shots of Tr3, 4 and 5           | SE     |
| 4        | General pre-ex area shots of Tr3, 4 and 5           | SW     |
| 5        | General pre-ex area shot of Tr1                     | NNE    |
| 6        | General pre-ex area shot of Tr2                     | WNW    |
| 7        | Tr3 with (302) and culvert (306)                    | S      |
| 8        | Tr3 with (302) and culvert (306)                    | N      |
| 9        | Tr3 culvert (306) and fill (307)                    | NW     |
| 10       | Tr3 culvert (306) and fill (307)                    | NW     |
| 11       | Tr3 culvert (306) and fill (307)                    | SE     |
| 12       | Tr4 mortar deposit (402), partially excavated       | NE     |
| 13       | Tr 1 topsoil (101) removed and (102) exposed        | S      |
| 14       | Tr 1 topsoil (101) removed and (102) exposed        | N      |
| 15       | Possible cut (103) and fill (104)                   | NW     |
| 16       | Possible cut (106) and fill (107)                   | NW     |
| 17       | Possible surface within Tr2                         | NNW    |
| 18       | Possible surface within Tr2                         | NNW    |
| 19       | Possible surface within Tr2                         | NNW    |
| 20       | Possible surface within Tr2                         | SSE    |
| 21       | Possible surface and mortar (402) and Tr4           | S      |
| 22       | Possible surface and mortar (402) and Tr4           | S      |
| 23       | Possible wall (405)                                 | N      |
| 24       | Possible wall (405)                                 | Е      |
| 25       | Possible wall (405)                                 | Е      |
| 26       | Possible posthole (309) / (310) - probably a burrow | W      |
| 27       | Possible posthole (309) / (310) W facing section    | Е      |
| 28       | Possible wall (405)                                 | Е      |

| Shot No. | Summary description of subject                        | Facing |
|----------|---|--------|
| 29       | Possible wall (405)                                   | S      |
| 30       | Possible wall (405)                                   | NE     |
| 31       | Worked stone within (405)                             | -      |
| 32       | Tr1 (102), (103), (105) and (106)-(108)               | S      |
| 33       | Tr1 (102), (103), (105) and (106)-(108)               | N      |
| 34       | Plan view of fill (307) of culvert (306)              | -      |
| 35       | Mid ex culvert fill (307)                             | NE     |
| 36       | Mid ex culvert fill (307)                             | E      |
| 37       | NW facing section culvert (306)                       | SE     |
| 38       | NW facing section culvert (306)                       | SE     |
| 39       | Plan view slot through (306)                          | -      |
| 40       | Trench 2  | N      |
| 41       | Trench 2  | Ν      |
| 42       | Mid ex shot slot through (407)                        | N      |
| 43       | Mid ex shot slot through (407) with possible features | E      |
| 44       | W facing section Tr 4 with (407)                      | Е      |
| 45       | General shot Tr4 with possible features               | S      |
| 46       | General shot Tr4 with possible features               | S      |
| 47       | General shot Tr4 with possible features               | S      |
| 48       | General shot Tr4 with possible features               | N      |
| 49       | Tr4 with features investigated - burrows              | N      |
| 50       | Tr4 with features investigated - burrows              | Е      |
| 51       | Tr4 with features investigated - burrows              | S      |
| 52       | Post-ex shot Tr 3                                     | NNW    |
| 53       | Post-ex shot Tr 3                                     | SSE    |
| 54       | General shot post-ex Tr3                              | -      |
| 55       | ENE facing section Slot 1 Tr3                         | WSW    |
| 56       | ENE facing section Slot 1 Tr3                         | WSW    |
| 57       | ENE facing section Slot 2 Tr3                         | WSW    |
| 58       | General shot cut (406) Tr4                            | S      |
| 59       | General shot cut (406) Tr4                            | N      |
| 60       | Tr1 Mid excavation                                    | N      |
| 61       | Tr1 Mid excavation                                    | S      |
| 62       | Plan view Tr1   | -      |
| 63       | Slots within Tr2                                      | -      |
| 64       | Slots within Tr2                                      | -      |
| 65       | Slots within Tr2                                      | -      |
| 66       | Post-ex Tr4 with slot 1                               | N      |
| 67       | Post-ex Tr4 with slot 1                               | S      |
| 68       | Post-ex Tr4 with slot 1                               | S      |
| 69       | S facing section with possible burrow at E end        | N      |
| 70       | Tr4 slot 1 W facing section                           | Е      |
| 71       | Post-ex slot 1 Tr4                                    | Ν      |
| 72       | Post-ex slot 1 Tr4                                    | E      |
| 73       | Tarp in Tr3 before backfilling                        | -      |
| 74       | Tarp in Tr3 before backfilling                        | -      |
| 75       | Tarp in Tr3 before backfilling                        | -      |
| 76       | W facing section Tr4                                  | E      |
| 77       | W facing section Tr4                                  | E      |
| 78       | W facing section Tr4                                  | E      |
| 79       | W facing section Tr4                                  | E      |
| 80       | W facing section Tr2                                  | Е      |
| 81       | W facing section Tr2                                  | Е      |
| 82       | W facing section Tr2                                  | Е      |
| 83       | W facing section Tr2                                  | Е      |
| 84       | W facing section Tr2                                  | Е      |
| 85       | Plan of Tr2   | Ν      |

| Shot No. | Summary description of subject   | Facing |
|----------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 86       | W facing section Tr1             | SW     |
| 87       | W facing section Tr1             | NW     |
| 88       | Detail shot Tr1 W facing section | W      |
| 89       | Detail shot Tr1 W facing section | W      |
| 90       | Detail shot Tr1 W facing section | W      |
| 91       | Detail shot Tr1 W facing section | W      |
| 92       | Detail shot Tr1 W facing section | W      |
| 93       | Detail shot Tr1 W facing section | NE     |
| 94       | Plan view Tr1                    | Ν      |
| 95       | Plan view Tr1                    | S      |

# APPENDIX 3: Field drawings register

| Dwg No. | Sheet No. | Scale | Plan /  | Description/contexts                            |  |
|---------|-----------|-------|---------|---|--|
|         |           |       | Section |   |  |
| 1       | 1         | 01:20 | Plan    | Plan of Tr3, excavated to depth of 0.45m        |  |
| 2       | 1         | 01:20 | Plan    | Plan of Tr1, excavated to depth of 0.1m - 0.15m |  |
| 3       | 2         | 01:20 | Plan    | Mid-ex plan of Tr4 with mortar deposit (402)    |  |
| 4       | 2         | 01:20 | Plan    | Mid ex plan Tr4 showing possible wall (405)     |  |
| 5       | 2         | 01:20 | Plan    | Post-ex plan of Tr4 with cut (407) and burrows  |  |
| 6       | 3         | 01:20 | Section | ESE facing section Tr3                          |  |
| 7       | 3         | 01:10 | Section | NW facing section culvert (306)                 |  |
| 8       | 3         | 01:20 | Plan    | Post ex plan Tr3                                |  |
| 9       | 5         | 01:20 | Section | W facing section of Tr4                         |  |
| 10      | 5         | 01:20 | Section | W facing section Tr2                            |  |
| 11      | 5         | 01:20 | Section | W facing section Tr1                            |  |
| 12      | 6         | 01:20 | Plan    | Plan of Tr1 showing clay patches                |  |
| 13      | 4         | 01:20 | Plan    | Mid ex plan of tr1                              |  |

# **APPENDIX 4: Sample Register**

| Sample No. | Context | Fill of | Sample type | Volume |
|------------|---------|---------|-------------|--------|
| 1          | 402     |         | Bulk        | 10L    |
| 2          | 404     |         | Bulk        | 10L    |
| 3          | 310     |         | Bulk        | 10L    |
| 4          | 311     |         | Bulk        | 10L    |
| 5          | 307     |         | Bulk        | 20L    |
| 6          | 411     |         | Bulk        | 10L    |
| 7          | 115     |         | Charcoal    | <1L    |

# **APPENDIX 5: Finds Register**

| Tr. | Context | Find type    | No. | Wt (g) | Notes  | Spotdate   |
|-----|---------|--------------|-----|--------|--|------------|
|     | U/S     | Ceramic      | 1   | 4      | Bottle stop. Broken in half                          | Modern     |
|     | U/S     | Clay pipe    | 1   | 2      | Stem fragment  | Post med   |
|     | U/S     | Glass        | 1   | 3      | Green bottle body fragments                          | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | Animal bone  | 4   | 26     |  |            |
| 1   | 101     | Burnt bone   | 1   | 1      |  |            |
| 1   | 101     | CBM          | 5   | 114    | Redware tile- 2 refined 3 rough                      | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | CBM          | 1   | 40     | Greenware? tile                                      | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | CBM          | 9   | 359    | Greyware tile  | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | Glass        | 5   | 20     | Clear bottle body fragments. Some decorated          | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | Glass        | 3   | 12     | Green bottle body fragments                          | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | Glass        | 1   | 8      | Melted lump  | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | Iron         | 2   | 8      | Nails  | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | Iron         | 1   | 7      | Lump   | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | Pottery      | 2   | 27     | Glazed redware                                       | Post med   |
| 1   | 101     | Pottery      | 4   | 19     | White earthenware. Inc handle                        | Modern     |
| 1   | 101     | Slag         | 20  | 94     | Some shale/ceramic included                          |            |
| 1   | 101     | Slate        | 1   | 134    | Unworked   |            |
| 1   | 101     | Flint        | 1   | 2      |  |            |
| 1   | 101     | Clay?        | 1   | 5      |  |            |
| 1   | 102     | Animal bone  | 3   | 20     |  |            |
| 1   | 102     | Burnt bone   | 2   | 3      |  |            |
| 1   | 102     | CBM          | 3   | 105    | Redware tile- 1 refined 2 rough                      | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | CBM          | 1   | 32     | Greenware? tile                                      | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | CBM          | 43  | 2728   | Greyware tile  | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | CBM          | 1   | 155    | Greyware tile- Stamped 'AN'                          | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | Charcoal     | 1   | 1      |  |            |
| 1   | 102     | Clay pipe    | 1   | 2      | Stem fragment  | Post med   |
| 1   | 102     | Glass        | 6   | 29     | Clear bottle body fragments                          | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | Glass        | 1   | 4      | Green bottle body fragments                          | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | Iron         | 1   | 16     | Curved wire? Corroded                                | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | Iron         | 1   | 12     | Twisted wire   | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | Mortar       | 3   | 143    |  |            |
| 1   | 102     | Pottery      | 4   | 7      | White earthenware. Inc handle                        | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | Pottery      | 2   | 4      | Red earthenware                                      | Modern     |
| 1   | 102     | Slate        | 6   | 46     | Unworked   |            |
| 1   | 102     | Slate        | 1   | 222    | Drill hole   |            |
| 1   | 102     | Wood         | 1   | 4      |  |            |
| 1   | 108     | Animal bone  | 163 | 779    |  |            |
| 1   | 108     | CBM          | 4   | 139    | Redware tile- 1 refined 3 rough                      | Modern     |
| 1   | 108     | CBM          | 17  | 1387   | Greyware tile  | Modern     |
| 1   | 108     | Clay pipe    | 2   | 2      | Stem fragment  | Post med   |
| 1   | 108     | Glass        | 1   | 4      | Clear bottle body fragments                          | Modern     |
| 1   | 108     | Iron         | 1   | 9      | Bar  | Modern     |
| 1   | 108     | Modern metal | 1   | 4      | Marmalade lid  | Modern     |
| 1   | 108     | Pottery      | 1   | 2      | White earthenware                                    | Modern     |
| 1   | 108     | Pottery      | 1   | 10     | Glazed redware                                       | Post med   |
| 1   | 108     | Slate        | 10  | 343    | Unworked   | 1 OST HICU |
| 1   | 108     | Stone        | 10  | 80     | Possibly dressed?                                    |            |
| 1   | 108     | Animal bone  | 1   | 6      |  |            |
| 1   | 111     | Glass        | 1   | 22     | Clear bottle body fragment. Marked '&<br>R. SMITH'S' | Modern     |
| 1   | 111     | Glass        | 1   | 291    | Clear bottle whole                                   | Modern     |
| 1   | 111     | Glass        | 2   | 76     | Green bottle body and base fragments                 | Modern     |

| Tr.         | Context | Find type    | No. | Wt (g) | Notes                                   | Spotdate |
|-------------|---------|--------------|-----|--------|---|----------|
| 1           | 111     | Iron         | 2   | 36     | Nails                                   | Modern   |
| 1           | 111     | Iron         | 65  | 334    | Sheet                                   | Modern   |
| 1           | 111     | Modern metal | 1   | 1      | Screw top lid                           | Modern   |
| 1           | 111     | Slate        | 1   | 11     | Unworked                                |          |
| 2           | 201     | Animal bone  | 14  | 64     |   |          |
| 2           | 201     | Burnt bone   | 2   | 1      |   |          |
| 2           | 201     | Clay pipe    | 2   | 2      | Stem and bowl fragment                  | Post med |
| 2           | 201     | Copper alloy | 1   | 9      | Shot                                    | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Glass        | 22  | 121    | Clear bottle body fragments             | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Glass        | 17  | 36     | Green bottle body fragments             | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Glass        | 1   | 1      | Brown fragment                          | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Glass        | 1   | 1      | Clear object (button? Paint on surface) | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Glass        | 2   | 1      | Clear flat fragments (window)           | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Iron         | 35  | 226    | Nails- various                          | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Iron         | 2   | 65     | Sheet                                   | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Iron         | 4   | 27     | Unidentified lumps                      | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Plastic      | 1   | 20     | Bottle stop                             | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Plastic      | 1   | 1      | Comb frag?                              | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Plastic      | 1   | 1      | Sheet                                   | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Pottery      | 24  | 35     | White earthenware                       | Modern   |
| 2           | 201     | Wood         | 3   | 1      |   |          |
| 2           | 201     | Tin foil     | 3   | 1      |   |          |
| 2           | 201     | Coal         | 13  | 20     |   |          |
| 2           | 201     | Slate        | 11  | 221    | Unworked                                |          |
| 2           | 201     | Stone        | 1   | 72     | Possibly dressed?                       |          |
| 2           | 203     | Ae alloy     | 1   | 2      | Coin. Sixpence.                         | 1940     |
| 2           | 203     | Ae alloy     | 1   | 1      | Coin. Threepence.                       | 1921     |
| 2           | 203     | Animal bone  | 6   | 30     | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |          |
| 2           | 203     | Burnt bone   | 1   | 1      |   |          |
| 2           | 203     | Glass        | 2   | 3      | Clear bottle body fragments             | Modern   |
| 2           | 203     | Glass        | 6   | 14     | Green bottle body fragments             | Modern   |
| 2           | 203     | Iron         | 2   | 60     | Curved straps                           | Modern   |
| 2           | 203     | Lead         | 1   | 1      | Lump                                    | Modern   |
| 2           | 203     | Plastic      | 1   | 1      | Button                                  | Modern   |
| 2           | 203     | Pottery      | 1   | 2      | Glazed greyware                         | Modern   |
| 2           | 203     | Pottery      | 8   | 9      | White earthenware                       | Modern   |
| 2           | 203     | Slate        | 1   | 8      | Unworked                                |          |
| 2           | 203     | Stone        | 1   | 16     | Possibly dressed?                       |          |
| 2           | 204     | Clay pipe    | 1   | 4      | Stem fragment                           | Post med |
| 2           | 204     | Glass        | 1   | 5      | Clear bottle body fragments             | Modern   |
| 2           | 204     | Glass        | 3   | 25     | Green bottle body fragments             | Modern   |
| 2           | 204     | Pottery      | 1   | 1      | Glazed redware                          | Post med |
|             | 204     | Tin foil     | 3   | 1      |   |          |
| 2<br>2<br>3 | 204     | Coal         | 1   | 1      |   | 1        |
| 3           | 301     | Clay pipe    | 1   | 4      | Stem fragment                           | Post med |
| 3           | 301     | Glass        | 1   | 1      | Clear bottle body fragments             | Modern   |
| 3           | 301     | Glass        | 14  | 54     | Green bottle body fragments             | Modern   |
| 3           | 301     | Glass        | 2   | 2      | Pale green flat (window?) fragment      | Modern   |
| 3<br>3<br>3 | 301     | Iron         | 2   | 10     | Nails                                   | Modern   |
| 3           | 301     | Plastic      | 2   | 8      | Tubes                                   | Modern   |
| 3           | 301     | Pottery      | 3   | 5      | Glazed redware                          | Modern   |
| 3           | 301     | Pottery      | 2   | 3      | White earthenware                       | Modern   |
| 3           | 301     | Slag         | 1   | 3      |   | modelli  |
| 3<br>3<br>3 | 301     | Wood         | 1   | 5      | labelled bone                           | +        |
| 3           | 301     | Stone        | 1   | 358    | Possibly dressed?                       | +        |
| 5           |         | Slate        | 8   | 145    | Unworked                                |          |
| 3           | 301     | Nate         |     |        |   |          |

| Tr. | Context | Find type  | No. | Wt (g) | Notes                              | Spotdate |
|-----|---------|------------|-----|--------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 3   | 302     | Charcoal   | 19  | 14     |                                    |          |
| 3   | 302     | Clay pipe  | 4   | 13     | Stem fragment                      | Post med |
| 3   | 302     | Glass      | 20  | 23     | Clear flat (window?) fragment      | Modern   |
| 3   | 302     | Glass      | 40  | 495    | Green bottle body fragments        | Modern   |
| 3   | 302     | Iron       | 1   | 67     | Strap                              | Modern   |
| 3   | 302     | Iron       | 2   | 19     | Possible nails                     | Modern   |
| 3   | 302     | Pottery    | 4   | 12     | Glazed red/buff ware               | Modern   |
| 3   | 302     | Pottery    | 11  | 12     | White earthenware                  | Modern   |
| 3   | 302     | Pottery    | 4   | 56     | Glazed redware                     | Post med |
| 3   | 302     | Slate      | 2   | 203    | Drill hole                         |          |
| 3   | 302     | Slate      | 95  | 3749   | Unworked                           |          |
| 3   | 302     | Stone      | 1   | 24     | Mortar?on surface                  |          |
| 3   | 307     | Burnt bone | 1   | 2      |                                    |          |
| 3   | 307     | Glass      | 2   | 8      | Green bottle body fragments        | Modern   |
| 3   | 307     | Glass      | 1   | 1      | Pale green flat (window?) fragment | Modern   |
| 3   | 307     | Pottery    | 1   | 13     | Glazed redware                     | Modern   |
| 3   | 307     | Slate      | 5   | 24     | Unworked                           |          |
| 3   | 307     | Stone      | 1   | 3594   | Possibly dressed?                  |          |
| 4   | 401     | Ceramic    | 1   | 8      | Bottle stop                        | Modern   |
| 4   | 401     | Glass      | 7   | 34     | Clear bottle fragment              | Modern   |
| 4   | 401     | Glass      | 10  | 21     | Green bottle body fragments        | Modern   |
| 4   | 401     | Mortar     | 54  | 1052   |                                    |          |
| 4   | 401     | Pottery    | 2   | 7      | Glazed redware                     | Modern   |
| 4   | 401     | Pottery    | 7   | 7      | White earthenware. Inc handle      | Modern   |
| 4   | 401     | Golf ball  | 1   | 46     |                                    |          |
| 4   | 401     | Slate      | 42  | 1184   | Unworked                           |          |
| 4   | 404     | Glass      | 1   | 1      | Clear flat (window?) fragment      | Modern   |
| 4   | 404     | Glass      | 13  | 152    | Green bottle body fragments        | Modern   |
| 4   | 404     | Iron       | 1   | 7      | Bar                                | Modern   |
| 4   | 404     | Pottery    | 4   | 18     | White earthenware. Inc handle      | Modern   |
| 4   | 404     | Pottery    | 3   | 40     | Red earthenware                    | Modern   |
| 4   | 404     | Pottery    | 5   | 32     | Buffware with striped yellow glaze | Modern   |
| 4   | 404     | Pottery    | 2   | 59     | Glazed redware. Inc handle         | Post med |
| 4   | 404     | Slate      | 5   | 502    | Unworked                           |          |
| 4   | 405     | Stone      | 1   |        | Large worked masonry?              |          |
| 4   | 407     | Burnt bone | 3   | 1      |                                    |          |
| 4   | 407     | CBM        | 1   | 188    | Brick?                             | Modern   |
| 4   | 407     | Glass      | 2   | 2      | Clear flat (window?) fragment      | Modern   |
| 4   | 407     | Glass      | 7   | 43     | Green bottle body fragments        | Modern   |
| 4   | 407     | Iron       | 1   | 7      | Nail                               | Modern   |
| 4   | 407     | Slag       | 1   | 7      |                                    |          |
| 4   | 407     | Slate      | 10  | 132    | Unworked                           |          |
| 4   | 411     | Burnt bone | 1   | 1      |                                    |          |
| 4   | 411     | Glass      | 1   | 1      | Clear flat (window?) fragment      | Modern   |
| 4   | 411     | Pottery    | 2   | 10     | Glazed redware                     | Post med |
| 5   | 501     | Clay pipe  | 1   | 2      | Stem                               | Post med |
| 5   | 501     | Iron       | 1   | 23     | S-shaped bar                       | Modern   |
| 5   | 501     | Mortar     | 3   | 12     |                                    |          |
| 5   | 501     | Pottery    | 1   | 25     | Redware base                       | Post med |
| 5   | 501     | Slate      | 1   | 21     | Drill hole                         | Post med |
| 5   | 501     | Slate      | 1   | 2      | Unworked                           |          |
| 5   | 501     | Stone      | 1   | 371    | Possibly dressed?                  |          |

| LOCAL AUTHORITY:   | Dumfries and Galloway   |  |  |  |
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| PARISH:  | Lochmaben   |  |  |  |
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| END DATE (this season)   | 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2018   |  |  |  |
| PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)   | None  |  |  |  |
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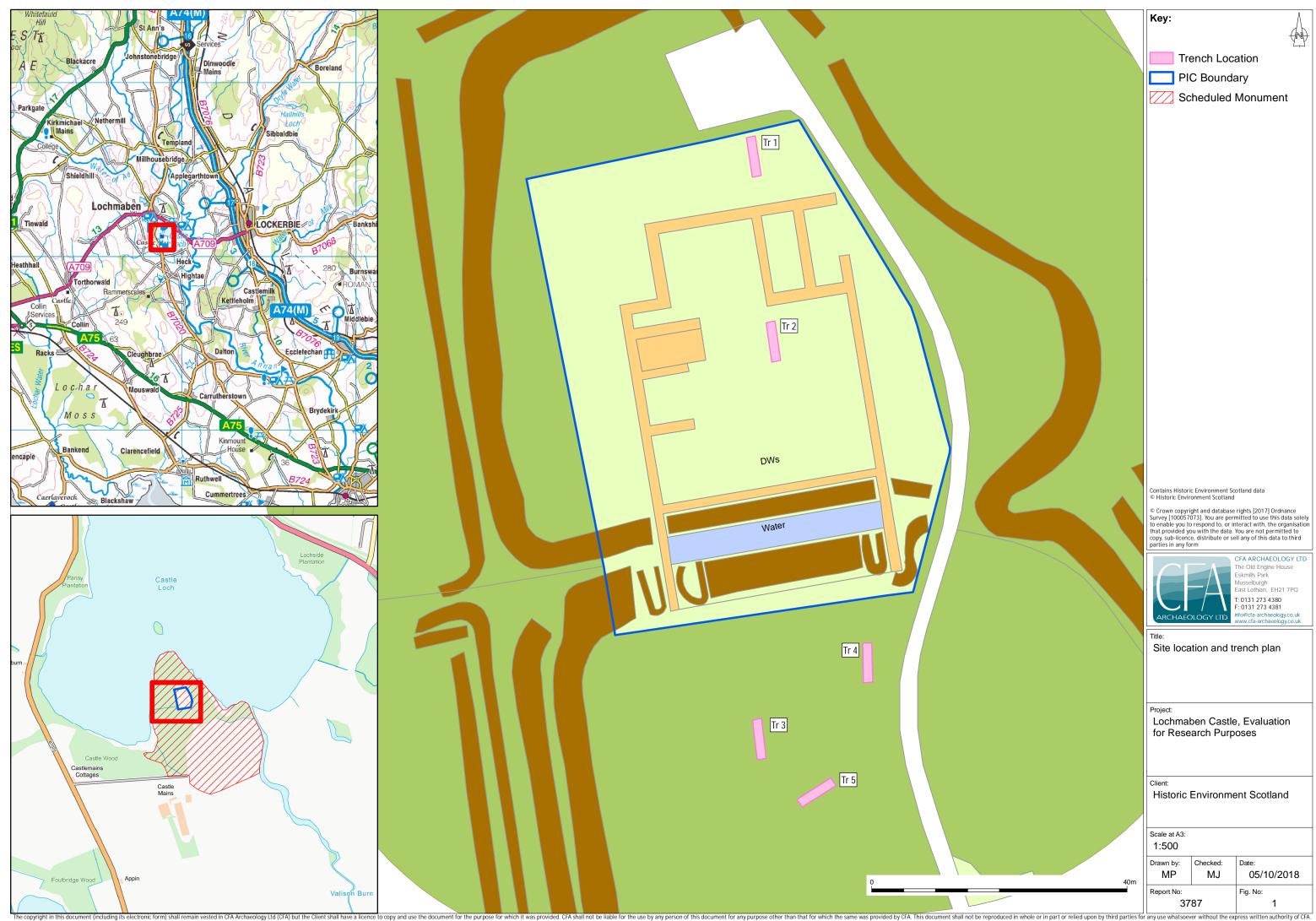




Fig. 2 - Post excavation plan shot of Trench 1

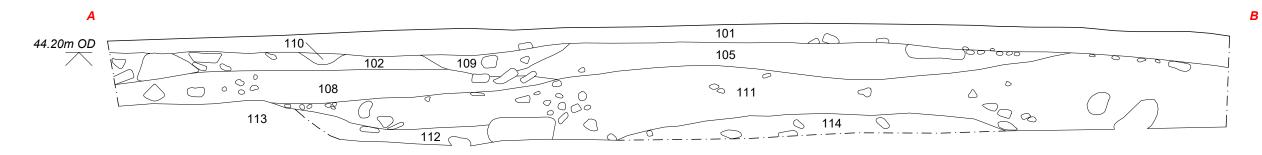
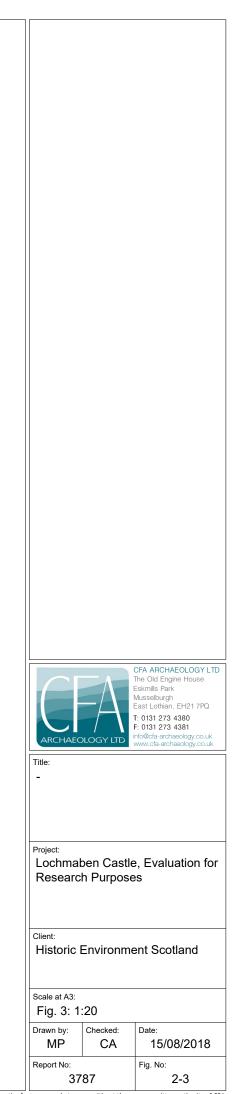


Fig. 3 - W facing section of Trench 1



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Fig. 4 - Post excavation plan shot of Trench 2



Fig. 5 - W facing section of Trench 2

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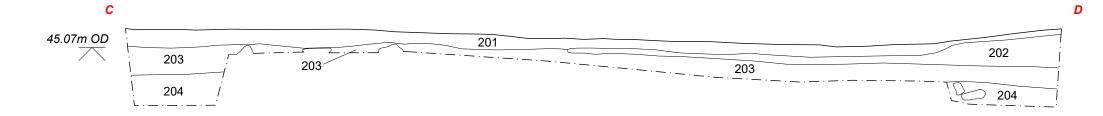


Fig. 6 - W facing section of Trench 2



Fig. 7 - Culvert **306** pre excavation

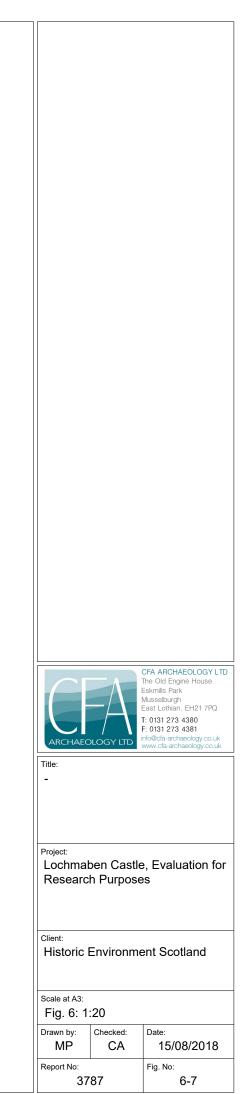




Fig. 8 - Culvert **306** half section



Fig. 9 - Post excavation shot of Trench 3

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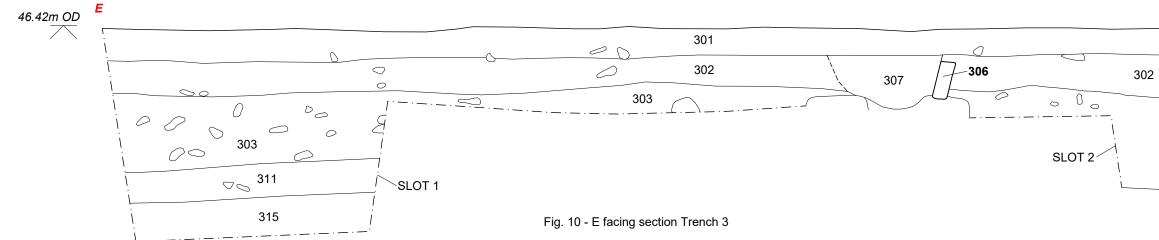
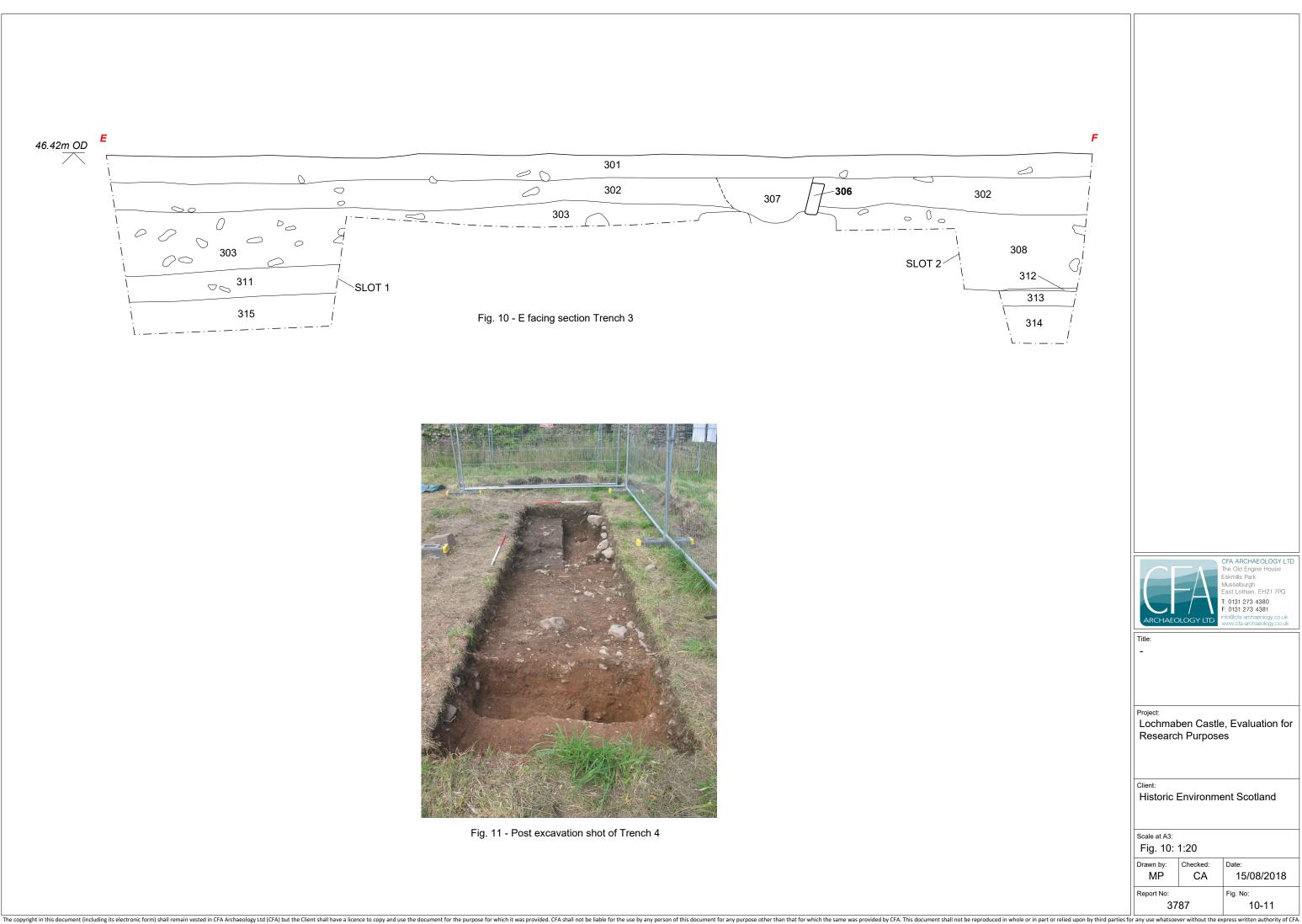
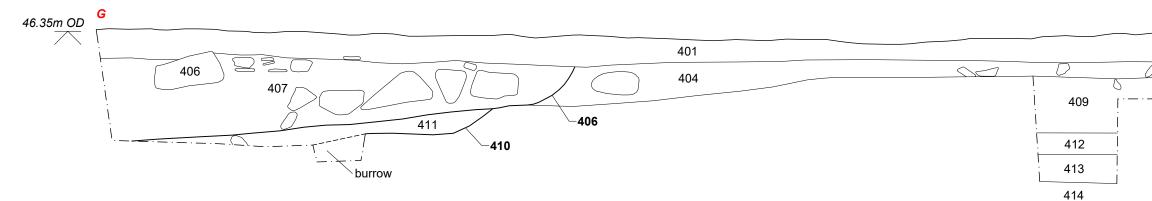
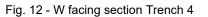




Fig. 11 - Post excavation shot of Trench 4







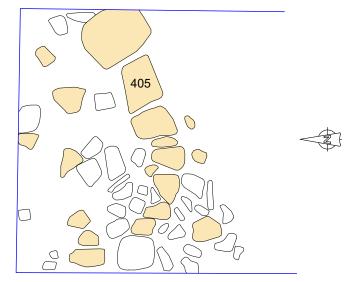
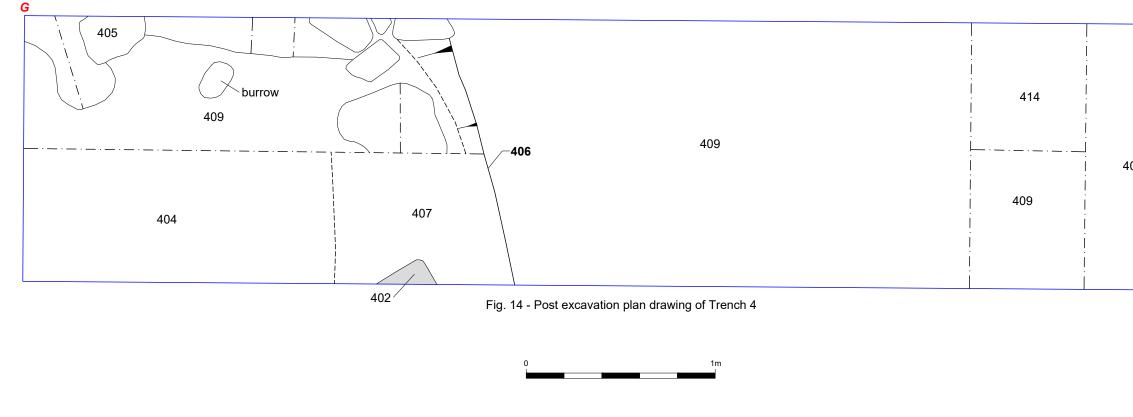
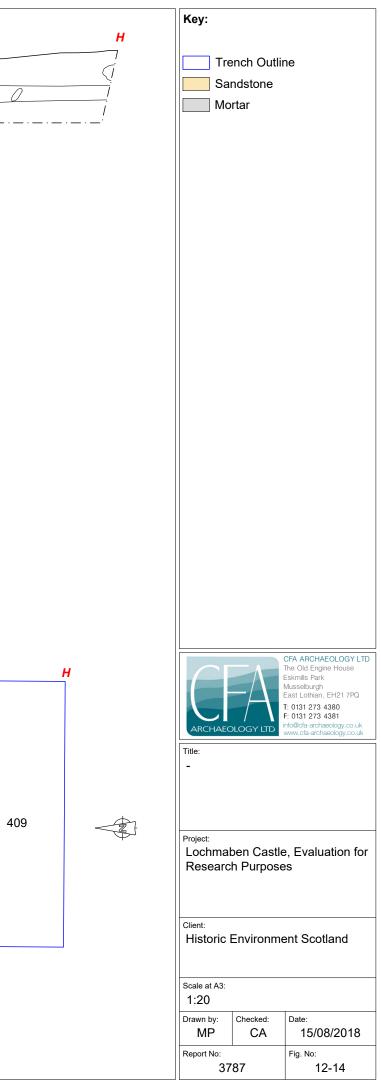


Fig. 13 - Plan drawing of possible wall 405





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