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Summary

In August 2011 Oxford Archaeology South (OAS) carried out an archaeological evaluation on land at Grenville College, Bideford, Devon. The investigation comprised 41 trenches measuring 40 m x 1.8 m.

Two pieces of worked flint were found, one of which was from topsoil and one was the only find from the fill of a ditch in Trench 29. The quantity is too small to suggest significant activity of prehistoric date.

Nine ditches, two pits and a series of stone-filled land drains were identified in the course of the investigation. Of these, one pit contained post-medieval pottery and one, although undated, contained a deposit of burnt material. The ditches, where dated, all appear to be post-medieval in origin and represent field boundary and drainage ditches seen on historic maps of the site. The in situ pottery finds, from Trenches 11, 14, 28 and 30 are only broadly datable to the period c.1550-1850.

There was a high concentration of post-medieval/ modern finds in the ploughsoil which may result from manuring of the ground using domestic refuse.

Some evidence for landscaping was noted to the west of the site where the upper terrace appears to have been levelled. Given that the levelling material seals the post-medieval ditches this landscaping is likely to have occurred when the college playing fields were laid out.

In the north-eastern corner of site, adjacent to an area of potential open-cast mining, an area of disturbance was noted. Here the underlying natural had been disturbed creating a broad shallow ditch-like feature which may have related to the mining activity. No dating evidence was found.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Location and scope of work

1.1.1 In August 2011 Oxford Archaeology South (OAS) carried out an archaeological evaluation on land at Grenville College, Bideford, Devon. The work was commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of Redrow Homes and Bloor Homes and was carried out in advance of the proposed construction two housing blocks; one east of and one west of, the existing tennis courts. The development will also involve providing access roads and landscaping. The current tennis courts will be resurfaced but otherwise left intact.

1.1.2 The brief was set by the Devon County Council Historic Environment Service, in their role as advisors to the Local Planning Authority (DCCHES, August 2010, Ref ARCH.DC.TO.12087) and the work was undertaken as a condition of Planning Permission (planning ref: 1/0407/2011/EXTM).

1.2 Geology and topography

1.2.1 The site was located approximately 2km to the west of Bideford (Figure 1). Bideford itself is situated on the River Torridge on the northern coast of Devon. The site was centred on SS 4390 2651 and was bounded by Abbotsham Road to the north; the access road to Moreton House to the west; the gardens of houses along Laurel Avenue to the east; and open grounds to the south. The site is 6.5 in extent.

1.2.2 At the time of the investigation the area of proposed development comprised open land under short grass and was formerly used for recreational purposes as formal playing fields.

1.2.3 A site visit carried out during Exeter Archaeology's Desk Based Assessment (DBA) noted that “the structures within the eastern part of the site consist of a tarmac tennis court, a late 20th-century pavilion and a range of 19th-century agricultural buildings to the west of which is a small car park. The ground is otherwise under grass. Small patches of concrete (ie. *c*. 2m by 2m) in the grass to the east of the agricultural buildings suggests the former existence of insubstantial structures, or perhaps features associated with sports activities. A single mature tree lies to the north of the pavilion. The western part of the site forms a separate grass field. The western end of the field is relatively level but much of the remainder slopes moderately, to fairly steeply, to the north-east. It is divided from the playing fields to the east by a wire fence”, (Exeter Archaeology 2007, p1).

1.2.4 The land slopes moderately downwards from the south-west to north-east, varying from 55 mOD to 40 mOD (Fig. 1). Artificially levelled areas have been achieved by terracing into the slopes, however, some infilling may also have occurred.

1.2.5 The underlying geology of the area consists of the Bude Formation, which comprises sandstones intermixed with siltstones and shale. To the north-east are the mudstone and siltstones of the Bideford Formation. These date to the Upper Carboniferous era, between approximately 313 and 310 million years old, (BGS 1977; http://www.bgs.ac.uk/discoveringGeology/geologyOfBritain/home.html).

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background to the site has been described in detail in the DBA carried out in 2007 (Exeter Archaeology 2007, p2-8), and will not be reproduced here. A check of updated records available through the ADS

(Archaeological Data Service) and Pastscape (English Heritage) revealed no new sites to the DBA's gazetteer that would be affected by the proposals. To summarise, the DBA demonstrated that there were 7 potential sites that would be affected directly by below ground disturbance or demolition activity. All were post-medieval in date and related to the agricultural use of the area and the associated property of Moreton House. A number of other sites in the immediate vicinity of the proposed area demonstrate the presence of Prehistoric and other post-medieval occupation and activity.

1.4 Potential

Prehistoric

1.4.1 There is evidence for prehistoric activity in the surrounding landscape of the proposed development site in the form of a possible ring-ditch to the north of Abbotsham Road. In addition there are two 19th-century records of earthworks at, and near, Daddon, although the locations of these sites are uncertain. Therefore there exists the potential, although low, of the presence of as yet unknown Prehistoric remains within the proposed site.

Medieval

1.4.2 There is some potential that Abbotsham Road, on the northern boundary of the site is of Medieval date. There also appears to be evidence of the former Medieval strip fields extending westward from Bideford as far as the stream to the east of Moreton, as hinted at by the elongated field pattern depicted on the 1841 Tithe Map. The likelihood of surviving remains associated with Medieval activity is low as the site is thought to lie on the periphery of Medieval Bideford.

Post-medieval

1.4.3 The site lies within the former estate of Daddon, later Moreton, which appears to have been built as a mansion by the late 17th century, although there is evidence of a house earlier in that century (Site 1). As the land on which the house was built was apparently called Daddon Moor, it was presumably marginal land. It is likely that the land around the house was landscaped when Daddon was built, or rebuilt, in the 17th century, as was usual with large houses of this period, and the park shown to the south of the house on Donn's Map of 1765 is an indication of such. There may also have been alterations to the grounds when the house was rebuilt in 1821.

1.4.4 Within the site area a number of possible structures may survive as below ground remains:

- a tentative dwelling of 19th-century or earlier date suggested from the 1804 OS surveyors drawing (Site 2);
- 19th-century agricultural buildings on the northern boundary (Site 5);
- a trackway of 18th-century or earlier date (Site 3);
- and a building visible on a 1946 aerial photograph (Site 6).

1.4.5 The location of the open cast mining (Site 4) is thought to actually lie to the north, outside the boundary of the prosed development. There remains the possibility that mine workings associated with the extraction of 'Bideford Black' exist within the site area. There are also known stone quarries to the north of the site and evidence of other such workings could be found. A field called 'Quarye Parkes' formed part of the tenement of Daddon in 1641.

1.4.6 Within the site area, evidence of former field boundaries and landscape features, such as tree enclosures, may be encountered. As this appears to have been marginal land, which was probably not cultivated in the Medieval period, such boundary features are most likely to be of post-medieval or later origin. There are a number of slight undulations and surface anomalies within the site, many of which could relate to the sites of former trees.

1.5 Acknowledgements

1.5.1 The project was funded by CgMs consulting and was managed on their behalf by Greg Pugh. A site monitoring visit was carried out by Stephen Reed of DCCHES. The reporting was carried out by site supervisor Laura King and the fieldwork was carried out by Vix Hughes and Laura King assisted by Natalie Anderson, Tom Black, Nathan Chinchen, Paul Dunn, Nate Jepson, Jon Onreat and Lee Sparks. The project was managed by Stuart Foreman.

2 Evaluation Aims and Methodology

2.1 General

2.1.1 The general and and objectives of the evaluation were:

- To establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains within the site area (within the impact depth of the proposed work);
- To determine the extent, condition, nature, character, quality and date of any archaeological remains present;
- To establish the significance of the archaeological remains;
- To establish the ecofactual and environmental potential of archaeological deposits and features;
- To assess the nature and extent of any existing disturbance on the site and comment on the potential for archaeological deposits to survive across the site of the proposed works;
- To make available the results of the investigation.

2.2 Specific aims and objectives

2.2.1 The specific aims and objectives of the evaluation were:

(i) To investigate the presence of any previously unknown prehistoric enclosures, since the South-West Archaeological Research Framework (SWARF) notes that recent discoveries continue to surprise, including several Neolithic enclosures in Devon (SWARF 2007, p270; Griffith 2001);

(ii) To highlight any evidence of Roman activity since there is very little evidence for the Roman period in North and West Devon and any data can contribute to the assessment of whether this reflects the archaeological situation or whether it is a factor of biased, or insufficient fieldwork (SWARF 2007, p286);

(iii) To investigate the presence of any mineral extraction sites as part of the SWARF Research Aim 38 Widen our understanding of the extraction, processing and transportation of minerals, stone and aggregates (SWARF 2007, p288);

(iv) To take the opportunity to produce publicly, any significant information with regard to post-medieval pottery in order to help facilitate the consolidation of post-medieval pottery assemblages and their study.

2.3 Methodology

2.3.1 The evaluation originally comprised 48 trenches measuring 40 m x 1.8 m. Their locations are shown in Figure 2. However on production of the service and, following a discussion with Stephen Reed of Devon County Council Heritage Environment Service, it was agreed that those trenches overlying major services would not be excavated at this time. This meant that a total of seven trenches were removed from the investigation.

2.3.2 The trenches were excavated using a tracked, 360º mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket under the supervision of the project archaeologist.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

3.1.1 The results of the evaluation are presented below, beginning with a stratigraphic description of the trenches which contained archaeological remains, followed by an overall discussion and interpretation. An index of all trenches is also presented in tabular form in Appendix A. The trenches are illustrated in plan on Figures 2-5. Figure 6 comprises a representative series of section drawings illustrating the soil sequence at the site (none of the features illustrated are considered archaeologically significant). Additional sections shown on Figures 2 - 5 can be found in the archive.

3.2 General soils and ground conditions

3.2.1 The underlying geology comprised mud and siltstone with clay to the north, which was overlain by colluvium down-slope, to the north of the site. Unless otherwise stated the archaeology cut the the natural mudstone and was sealed by the subsoil.

3.2.2 The investigation area lay on the site of former college playing fields in an area of recently mown grass. Despite heavy rainfall the trenches remained well drained.

3.3 General distribution of archaeological deposits

3.3.1 At the northernmost extent of the site the investigation revealed an underlying geology of yellow clay. The remainder of the site was characterised by mud and siltstone geology. This was cut by a series of nine ditches, dispersed throughout the site, the majority of which were post-medieval in date. A potentially prehistoric ditch and a post-medieval pit were identified in the centre of Area 2, and an area of disturbed ground was seen in the north-easternmost corner of Area 1.

3.3.2 Trenches 3 to 7, 10, 12, 13, 15 to 21, 23, 26, 33, 39-42, 44, 47 and 48 were empty.

3.3.3 Trenches 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 43 and 45 were not excavated due to the presence of live services. Trench 39 was shortened to 18 m as a previously unidentified gas main was found at its northern end.

3.4 Trenches in Area 1 (Fig. 3)

3.4.1 Trench 1 contained a broad shallow feature which appeared in plan as an east-west orientated linear (104). This feature was 4 m wide and up to 0.16 m deep with shallow sloping sides and an undulating base, it was filled with a stone rich silty deposit (105). No finds were recovered from the fill, but the feature was sealed by a 0.14 m thick layer of colluvium, which in turn was sealed by a thin layer of subsoil. The subsoil was cut by a 0.58 m wide, 0.62 m deep, north-south aligned, stone filled land drain (108).

3.4.2 A northwest-southeast aligned ditch was recorded in the centre of Trench 2. Ditch 203 was 0.6 m wide and 0.45 m deep, it had a v-shaped profile and appeared to terminate within the trench. The ditch was sealed by a 0.12 m thick layer of subsoil.

3.4.3 An east-west aligned ditch (803) was seen cutting the northern end of trench 8. This was 0.92 m wide, 0.37 m deep and was filled with a homogeneous, brown silty clay deposit (804). A cluster of stones were seen at the base of the colluvium (802) on the southern edge of the ditch in the trench section. However investigation proved these to be an isolated anomaly and unlikely to represent an associated bank.

3.4.4 The south-eastern end of Trench 9 contained a shallow northeast-southwest aligned linear (903). This was 0.87 m wide and just 0.08 m deep and has been tentatively interpreted as a furrow.

3.4.5 Trench 11 contained a north-south aligned ditch (1103) and a small pit like feature recorded as root disturbance (1105). Ditch 1103 was 1.05 m wide and 0.23 m deep, with shallow sloping sides and a concave base. Post-medieval pottery and animal bone was recovered from the fill. Feature 1105 was 0.4 m wide and 0.09 m wide with an irregular base and sides.

3.4.6 A pair of north-south aligned ditches were seen at the north-western end of Trench 14. The westernmost ditch (1403), was 0.8 m wide and 0.09 m deep with a shallow concave profile. The ditch was partially sealed by deposit 1402. The easternmost ditch (1405) cut deposit 1402, it was 0.98 m wide and 0.24 m deep, with steep sides and a concave base. The handle from a post-medieval flagon was recovered from the fill.

3.5 Trenches in Area 2 (Fig. 4)

3.5.1 Trench 22 contained one possible pit (2205), one episode of rooting (2208) and evidence of a levelling/landscaping deposit (2203). The natural mudstone (2202) was cut by rooting episode 2208, which was seen at the north-western end of the trench and was 0.38 m wide and 0.18 m deep. This was sealed by a 0.3 m thick deposit of subsoil (2201) which was in turn cut by pit 2205. This was 3 m wide and 0.45 m deep with an irregular base. Pit 2205 was sealed by a 0.25 m thick layer of redeposited natural (2203), which in turn was sealed by the modern topsoil (2200).

3.5.2 Trench 24 also showed evidence for landscaping. A natural depression was seen at the north-western end of the trench. Here the natural (2504) and subsoil (2501) were overlain by a series of dumped deposits, 2502 and 2503, measuring 0.23 m and 0.06 m thick respectively, in order to create the edge of a terrace. These deposits were sealed by the modern topsoil (2500).

3.5.3 A pair of north-south aligned ditches were identified at the south-eastern end of Trench 27. The south-easternmost ditch (2703) was 1 m wide and 0.4 m deep and had been allowed to silt up naturally. The north-westernmost ditch (2705) was 0.75 m wide and 0.2 m deep. These ditches are on the same alignment as those seen in Trench 14 and are likely to be the same feature.

3.5.4 A large pit (2806) was identified at the south-eastern end of Trench 28. This pit was 2.8 m in diameter, 0.43 m deep and was filled with a greenish-grey silty clay (2804) which yielded post-medieval pottery. The pit was sealed by a 0.15 m thick layer of subsoil and both the subsoil and the pit were truncated by a stone filled field drain (2803).

3.5.5 Trench 29 contained an east-west orientated ditch (2905) at its northern end and a stone filled field drain. Ditch 2905 was 1.03 m wide, 0.54 m deep and had a v-shaped profile, a flint tool was recovered from its basal fill (2904).

3.5.6 A north-south orientated ditch (3004) crossed the south-west end of Trench 30 at an oblique angle. It was 0.78 m wide and 0.15 m deep, with a shallow concave profile. Glass and CBM were recovered from the fill. This ditch was also recorded in Trench 31 (3103), where it was recorded as being 0.9 m wide and 0.2 m deep with a shallow concave profile.

3.6 Trenches in Area 3 (Fig. 5)

3.6.1 Trench 36 contained a 0.4 m thick dumped deposit of Victorian waste (3603) which overlay the subsoil at the south-western end of the trench.

3.6.2 Trench 46 contained one ditch (4606) and one pit (4609). Ditch 4606 was east-west orientated and was 1.2 m wide and 0.3 m deep, with a wide flat base. Pit 4609 was 0.6 m in diameter and 0.09 m deep and contained a small quantity of burnt stone. No dating was recovered.

3.7 Finds summary

3.7.1 Post-medieval pottery was recovered from three features and was seen in high quantities within the topsoil throughout the site. The assemblage comprised North Devon granite tempered wares dating to 1550-1850, and a variety of local slipwares. Slipwares that were likely to have been made in the Bristol region were also noted, along with some examples of local Sgraffito pottery. Post-medieval clay pipe and bottle glass was also recovered from the topsoil. Two pieces of flint were recovered from Trench 29, one from a ditch and the second from the interface between the subsoil and the natural.

4 Discussion

4.1 Reliability of field investigation

4.1.1 The trenches excavated represent a 5% sample of the total investigation area (6.5Ha). The total area of the 41 trenches was 0.328 ha. The results of the investigation indicate a relatively low level of archaeological activity. A 5% sample gives a generally high degree of confidence in the trenching results, although the presence of more significant but localised or ephemeral remains cannot be excluded. The cancelled trenches are unlikely to have significantly affect the result, as the areas omitted have previously been cut by major service trenches will have severely disturbed any archaeology that may have been present.

4.2 Interpretation

4.2.1 Very little evidence was found for activity prior to the post-medieval period. The ditch recorded in Trench 29 which contained a flint scraper may represent some low level prehistoric activity in the landscape. This ditch is on a different alignment to the others recorded on the site, potentially indicating a different date. However, given the lack of associated evidence the flint is just as likely to be residual in a later context.

4.2.2 The pit recorded in Trench 46 represents the only evidence for non-agricultural activity on the site. This featured contained small pieces of burnt stone and soot like material indicative of someone having buried the remains of a fire. No dating was recovered from the feature, but the material had clearly been deliberately deposited.

4.2.3 According to the documentary evidence the site was utilised for agricultural purposes from at least the 18th Century until its utilisation as college playing fields. The ditches recorded in Trench 11 and Trenches 30 and 31 lie on the same alignment as a field boundaries seen on OS Maps from 1841 to 1963 and 1889 to 1963 (DBA 2007).

4.2.4 The pair of ditches seen in Trenches 14 and 27 were described as a classic example of a ploughed out Devonshire hedgerow (Stephen Reed: pers.comm.) and may represent the eastern boundary of Daddon's fenced park, shown on Donn's map of 1765 (DBA 2007). The ditches recorded in Trenches 9 and 46 cannot be firmly tied into the documentary evidence but given that their profiles and fills are similar to those recorded elsewhere on site they too are likely to be post-medieval field boundaries.

4.2.5 The disturbance seen in Trench 1 was sealed by post-medieval colluvium and was shallow and irregular. Although the cause of the disturbance is not clear it seems likely given its proximity to recorded episodes of open cast mining that it was caused by mining related activity.

4.3 Conclusions and Significance

4.3.1 The aims and objectives of the project are detailed in section 2 above.

4.3.2 No evidence was seen for prehistoric enclosures or Roman activity, although the presence of worked flint, does indicate the presence of prehistoric people within the landscape.

4.3.3 The recent remains serve to confirm the documentary evidence regarding the use of the land in the post-medieval period and the remains are judged to be of low significance.

Appendix A. Trench Descriptions and Context Inventory

Trench 1						
General description					**Orientation**	NW-SE
Trench comprised natural siltstone cut by one linear feature and one stone-filled field drain.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.4
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
100	Layer	-	0.18	Topsoil	42 sherds pot; 5 pipe stems, 5 bowl frags; 1 glass	Post-medieval/ modern
101	Layer	-	0.18	Subsoil	1 pot frag	Post-medieval/ modern
102	Layer	-	0.36	Colluvium	1 clay pipe stem	Post-medieval/ modern
103	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
104	Cut	4	0.16	Linear	-	-
105	Fill	4	0.16	Fill of 104	-	-
106	Fill	0.58	0.24	Fill of 108	-	-
107	Fill	0.55	0.4	Fill of 108	-	-
108	Fill	0.58	0.62	Land Drain	-	-

Trench 2						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench comprised natural siltstone cut by one NW-SE aligned ditch.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.45
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
200	Layer	-	0.39	Topsoil	29 pot frags; 5 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
201	Layer	-	0.12	Subsoil	-	-
202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
203	Cut	0.6	0.45	Ditch	-	-
204	Fill	0.24	0.27	Fill of 203	-	-
205	Fill	0.6	0.3	Fill of 203	-	-

Trench 3						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and colluvium overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.92
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
300	Layer	-	0.52	Topsoil	26 pot frags; 5 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
301	Layer	-	0.4	Colluvium	-	-
302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 4						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and colluvium overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.58
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
400	Layer	-	0.38	Topsoil	11pot frags; 3 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
401	Layer	-	0.2	Colluvium	-	-
402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 5						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.4
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
500	Layer	-	0.18	Topsoil	14 pot frags	Post-medieval/ modern
501	Layer	-	0.2	Subsoil	-	-
502	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 6						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.42
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
600	Layer	-	0.17	Topsoil	11 pot frags; 2 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
601	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-
602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 7						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.42
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
700	Layer	-	0.23	Topsoil	10 pot frags; 5 pipe stem frags; CBM	Post-medieval/ modern
701	Layer	-	0.19	Subsoil	-	-
702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 8						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench comprises natural siltstone cut by one E-W orientated ditch.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.44
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
800	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	28 pot frags; 10 pipe stem frags, 6 glass; bone; Fe nail	Post-medieval/ modern
801	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
802	Layer	-	0.28	Colluvium	-	-
803	Cut	0.92	0.37	Ditch	-	-
804	Fill	0.92	0.37	Fill of 803	-	-
805	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 9						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench comprised natural siltstone cut by a single furrow like feature.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.4
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
900	Layer	-	0.13	Topsoil	6 pot frags; 1 pipe stem frag; Fe nail	Post-medieval/ modern
901	Layer	-	0.27	Subsoil	-	-
902	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
903	Cut	0.87	0.08	Furrow?	-	-
904	Fill	0.87	0.08	Fill of 903	-	-

Trench 10						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and colluvium overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.46
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1000	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	13 pot frags; 9 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
1001	Layer	-	0.18	Colluvium	-	-
1002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 11						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench comprises a natural of siltstone cut by one ditch and an episode of root disturbance.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.45
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1100	Layer	-	0.19	Topsoil	10 pot frags; 6 pipe stem frags; CBM	Post-medieval/ modern
1101	Layer	-	0.26	Subsoil	-	-
1102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
1103	Cut	1.05	0.23	Ditch	-	Post-medieval
1104	Fill	1.05	0.23	Fill of 1103	Clay pipe	Post-medieval
1105	Cut	0.4	0.09	Rooting	2 pot frags; animal bone	Post-medieval
1106	Fill	0.4	0.09	Fill of 1105	-	-

Trench 12						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.42
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1200	Layer	-	0.15	Topsoil	14 pot frags; 8 pipe stem frags; 1 glass	Post-medieval/ modern
1201	Layer	-	0.27	Subsoil	-	-
1202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 13						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.45
					Width (m)	1.65
					Length (m)	40.3
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1300	Layer	-	0.28	Topsoil	4 pot frags; 4 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
1301	Layer	-	0.11	Subsoil	-	-
1302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 14						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench contained natural siltstone cut by two ditches.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.55
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1400	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	8 pot frags; 4 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
1401	Layer	-	0.4	Subsoil	-	-
1402	Layer	-	0.12	Colluvium	-	-
1403	Cut	0.8	0.09	Ditch	-	-
1404	Fill	0.8	0.09	Fill of 1403	-	-
1405	Cut	0.98	0.24	Ditch		Post-medieval
1406	Fill	0.98	0.24	Fill of 1405	3 pot frags	Post-medieval
1407	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 15						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil, subsoil and colluvium overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.49
					Width (m)	1.5
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1500	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	19 pot frags; 7 pipe stem frags; CBM	Post-medieval/ modern
1501	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
1502	Layer	-	0.15	Colluvium	-	-
1503	Layer	-	0.3	Colluvium	-	-
1504	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 16						
General description					**Orientation**	SSE-WNW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.6
					Width (m)	1.6
					Length (m)	41.1
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1600	Layer	-	0.31	Topsoil	25 pot frags; 6 pipe stem frags; glass	Post-medieval/ modern
1601	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-
1602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 17						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.45
					Width (m)	1.55
					Length (m)	40.1
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1700	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	16 pot frags; 6 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
1701	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
1702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 18						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.3
					Width (m)	1.6
					Length (m)	49.1
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1800	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	23 pot frags; 1 pipe stem frags; glass	Post-medieval/ modern
1801	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 19						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.35
					Width (m)	1.6
					Length (m)	40.6
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
1900	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	41 pot frags; 5 pipe stem frags; Fe nail	Post-medieval/ modern
1901	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 20						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.2
					Width (m)	1.6
					Length (m)	39.6
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2000	Layer	-	0.2	Topsoil	10 pot frags; 1 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
2001	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 21						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.3
					Width (m)	1.6
					Length (m)	39.6
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2100	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	12 pot frags; 4 pipe stem frags; Fe nail; CBM	Post-medieval/ modern
2101	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 22						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench devoid comprised natural siltstone cut by a pit and an episode of rooting.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.15-0.9
					Width (m)	1.6
					Length (m)	39.8
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2200	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	5 pot frags; 1 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
2201	Layer	-	0.01	Subsoil	-	-
2202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
2203	Deposit	15	0.25	Levelling Layer	-	-
2204	Fill	3.6	0.4	Fill of 2205	-	-
2205	Cut	3	0.45	Pi2?	-	-
2206	Fill	0.6	0.08	Fill of 2205	-	-
2207	Fill	0.45	0.18	Fill of 2208	-	-
2208	Cut	0.45	0.18	Rooting?	-	-

Trench 23						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.3
					Width (m)	1.6
					Length (m)	39.8
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2300	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	5 pot frags; 1 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
2301	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 24						
General description					**Orientation**	ESE-WSW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.35
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	39.5
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2400	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	8 pot frags; 3 pipe stem frags; Fe nail	Post-medieval/ modern
2401	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
2402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 25						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench comprised natural siltstone overlain by levelling material, subsoil and topsoil.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.45-0.7
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	40.4
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2500	Layer	-	0.43	Topsoil	5 pot frags; 5 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
2501	Layer	-	0.32	Subsoil	-	-
2502	Layer	10.5	0.23	Levelling deposit	-	-
2503	Layer	10.5	0.03	Buried soil	-	-
2504	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 26						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.55
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	40.1
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2600	Layer	-	0.35	Topsoil	7 pot frags; 3 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
2601	Layer	-	0.05	Subsoil	-	-
2602	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 27						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench comprised natural siltstone cut by two parallel ditches.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.48
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2700	Layer	-	0.25	Topsoil	12 pot frags; 4 pipe stem frags; glass; Fe nail	Post-medieval/ modern
2701	Layer	-	0.23	Subsoil	-	-
2702	Fill	1	0.4	Fill of 2703	-	-
2703	Cut	1	0.4	Ditch	-	-
2704	Fill	0.75	0.2	Fill of 2705	-	-
2705	Cut	0.75	0.2	Ditch?	-	-
2706	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 28						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench comprises natural siltstone cut by one pit and one drain.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.32
					Width (m)	1.85
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2800	Layer	-	0.12	Topsoil	10 pot frags; 2 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
2801	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
2802	Fill	0.45	0.32	Fill of 2803	2 clay pipe stem	Post-medieval/ modern
2803	Cut	0.45	0.32	Drain	-	-
2804	Fill	1	0.19	Fill of 2806	3 pot frags;	Post-medieval
2805	Fill	0.24	0.24	Fill of 2806	-	Post-medieval
2806	Cut	2.6	0.43	Pit	-	Post-medieval
2807	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 29						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench comprised natural siltstone cut by a single ditch.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.6
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
2900	Layer	-	0.1	Topsoil	17 pot frags; glass Flint	Post-medieval/ modern Undiagnostic prehistoric
2901	Layer	-	0.1	Subsoil	-	-
2902	Layer	-	0.2	Deposit	-	-
2903	Fill	1.03	0.36	Fill of 2905	-	-
2904	Fill	0.5	0.18	Fill of 2906	Flint	Undiagnostic prehistoric
2905	Cut	1.03	0.54	Ditch	-	-
2906	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 30						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench comprised natural siltstone cut by one ditch and one field drain.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.5
					Width (m)	1.9
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
3000	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	-	-
3001	Layer	-	0.16	Subsoil	-	-
3002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
3003	Fill	0.78	0.15	Fill of 3004	Glass CBM	Post-medieval
3004	Cut	0.78	0.15	Ditch		
3005	Fill	-	-	Fill of 3006	-	-
3006	Cut	-	-	Drain	-	-

Trench 31						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench comprised natural siltstone cut by a single ditch.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.4
					Width (m)	1.9
					Length (m)	43
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
3100	Layer	-	0.31	Topsoil	7 pot frags; 1 pipe stem frags	Post-medieval/ modern
3101	Layer	-	0.24	Subsoil	-	-
3102	Fill	0.9	0.2	Fill of 3103	-	-
3103	Cut	0.9	0.2	Ditch	-	-
3104	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 32		
General description	**Orientation**	
Trench not excavated due to services.	**Avg. depth (m)**	
	Width (m)	
	Length (m)	

Trench 33						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.37
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
3300	Layer	-	0.22	Topsoil	10 pot frags; 1 pipe stem frags; glass; Fe nail and button	Post-medieval/ modern
3301	Layer	-	0.15	Subsoil	-	-
3302	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 34		
General description	**Orientation**	
Trench not excavated due to services.	**Avg. depth (m)**	
	Width (m)	
	Length (m)	

Trench 35		
General description	**Orientation**	
Trench unexcavated due to services.	**Avg. depth (m)**	
	Width (m)	
	Length (m)	

Trench 36						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil, subsoil and dumped material overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.6
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	41
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
3600	Layer	-	0.3	Topsoil	11 pot frags; glass	Post-medieval/ modern
3601	Layer	-	0.3	Subsoil	-	-
3602	Layer	15	0.4	Dumped material	-	-
3603	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 37		
General description	**Orientation**	
Trench unexcavated due to services.	**Avg. depth (m)**	
	Width (m)	
	Length (m)	

Trench 38		
General description	**Orientation**	
Trench unexcavated due to services.	**Avg. depth (m)**	
	Width (m)	
	Length (m)	

Trench 39						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil overlying a natural of siltstone. Trench shortened due to services.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.38
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	14
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
3900	Layer	-	0.38	Topsoil	-	-
3901	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 40						
General description					**Orientation**	SE-NW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.45
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
4000	Layer	-	0.27	Topsoil	12 pot frags	Post-medieval/ modern
4001	Layer	-	0.18	Subsoil	-	-
4002	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 41						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.5
					Width (m)	1.8
					Length (m)	40.1
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
4100	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	7 pot frags	Post-medieval/ modern
4101	Layer	-	0.18	Subsoil	-	-
4102	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 42						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.56
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
4200	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	15 pot frags; glass	Post-medieval/ modern
4201	Layer	-	0.30	Subsoil	-	-
4202	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 43		
General description	**Orientation**	
Trench unexcavated due to services.	**Avg. depth (m)**	
	Width (m)	
	Length (m)	

Trench 44						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.41
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
4400	Layer	-	0.19	Topsoil	14 pot frags; glass	Post-medieval/ modern
4401	Layer	-	0.25	Subsoil	-	-
4402	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 45		
General description	**Orientation**	
Trench unexcavated due to services.	**Avg. depth (m)**	
	Width (m)	
	Length (m)	

Trench 46						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench natural siltstone cut by one ditch and one pit.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.4
					Width (m)	1.9
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
4601	Layer	-	0.18	Topsoil	13 pot frags; glass	Post-medieval/ modern
4602	Layer	-	0.18	Subsoil	-	-
4603	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-
4604	Fill	1.2	0.22	Fill of 4606	-	-
4605	Fill	1.12	0.12	Fill of 4606	-	-
4606	Cut	1.2	0.3	Ditch	-	-
4607	Fill	0.2	0.08	Fill of 4609	Burnt Stone	-
4608	Fill	0.09	0.07	Fill of 4609	-	-
4609	Cut	0.6	0.09	Pit	-	-

Trench 47						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.48
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
4700	Layer	-	0.32	Topsoil	13 pot frags; 3 pipe stem frags; glass; CBM	Post-medieval/ modern
4701	Layer	-	0.32	Subsoil	-	-
4702	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

Trench 48						
General description					**Orientation**	NE-SW
Trench devoid of archaeology. Consists of soil and subsoil overlying a natural of siltstone.					**Avg. depth (m)**	0.35
					Width (m)	2
					Length (m)	40
Contexts						
context no	**type**	**Width (m)**	**Depth (m)**	**comment**	**finds**	**date**
4800	Layer	-	0.26	Topsoil	13 pot frags;	Post-medieval/ modern
4801	Layer	-	0.19	Subsoil	-	-
4802	Layer	-	-	Natural	-	-

APPENDIX B. FINDS REPORTS

B.1 The flint

B.1.1 Two flints were recovered from Trench 29.

Context	Description	Date
2900	Triangular-section fabricator on dark brown flint. Retouch/usewear on proximal end with possible notch on distal end. Usewear on right ventral and dorsal margins; post-depositional edge-damage on both lateral margins. 78mm x 22mm x 13mm, 22g.	Undiagnostic prehistoric
2904	Flake on orange-red cherty flint with large cherty inclusion at butt end. Bifacially worked at distal end, retouched along left lateral margin, creating side-scraper of distinctive appearance, 14g.	Undiagnostic prehistoric

B.1.2 The worked flint recovered during excavation is distinctive but undateable with both fabricators and scrapers being produced throughout the prehistoric period. The usewear on the fabricator (2900) indicates damage during twisting movement. The retouch and flaking on the scraper (2904), undertaken in spite of the poor quality of the raw material, suggests the knapper was attracted by the unusual appearance created by the inclusion at the butt of the flake.

B.1.3 The small quantity of worked flint limits the interpretation of the material, beyond illustrating a human presence in the local area during the prehistoric period.

B.1.4 The assemblage is generally of low potential and requires no further work.

B.2 Pottery

B.2.1 Some 6184g (553 sherds) of mostly post-medieval / modern pottery were recovered during the evaluation, the vast majority from the topsoil. This represents a very high density and could perhaps derive from manuring of the site using domestic refuse. These were scanned briefly and the information tabulated by context below. The pottery was in relatively good condition. The assemblage comprised a combination of local slipwares and North Devon Granite Tempered (NDGT) ware, with occasional examples of sgraffito ware and stoneware. The assemblage dated to between the 16th and the 20th centuries with the majority of the material coming from the middle of this date range.

Context	No. of sherds	Weight (g)	Comments
100	42	402	21 sherds NDGT, incl. 1 rim and 1 basal sherd, 19 sherds slipware, 2 sgraffito ware body sherds
101	1	43	Green-glazed NDGT rim sherd
200	29	487	17 sherds slipware, 12 sherds NDGT
300	26	440	20 sherds slipware, 3 sherds NDGT, 3 sherds orange coarseware

Context	No. of sherds	Weight (g)	Comments
400	11	103	6 sherds NDGT, 5 sherds slipware
500	14	156	11 sherds slipware, 3 sherds NDGT
600	11	76	5 sherds NDGT, 3 sherds slipware incl. 1 handle, 2 sherds white china, 1 sherd stoneware
700	10	71	8 sherds slipware, 1 sherd stoneware, 1 sherd NDGT
800	28	228	14 sherds NDGT, 14 sherds slipware
900	6	95	3 sherds NDGT, 2 sherds slipware, 1 coarseware body sherd
1000	13	75	11 sherds slipware, 1 NDGT base frag, 1 orange coarseware
1100	10	164	6 sherds NDGT, 3 sherds of slipware incl. 1 base frag and 1 handle, 1 sherd white china
1105	2	35	2 green-glazed NDGT body sherds
1200	14	183	10 sherds slipware, 3 sherds NDGT, 1 sherd stoneware
1300	4	36	2 sherds NDGT, 2 sherds slipware
1400	8	91	8 slipware body sherds
1405	3	72	3 sherds NDGT including one green-glazed flagon handle
1500	19	281	11 sherds slipware, 8 sherds NDGT – 2 with green glaze
1600	25	330	10 sherds NDGT, 9 sherds slipware, 6 sherds orange coarseware
1700	16	79	9 sherds NDGT, 7 sherds slipware
1800	23	196	21 sherds slipware, 2 sherds NDGT
1900	41	252	27 sherds NDGT, incl. 4 basal sherds, 14 sherds slipware
2000	10	139	6 sherds NDGT, incl. 1 rim sherd and 1 handle, 4 sherds slipware
2100	12	89	6 sherds NDGT, 6 sherds slipware, incl. 1 handle
2200	5	65	3 sherds of slipware; 1 with “Barnstaple” written on it, 1 handle, 2 sherds unglazed orange coarseware
2300	5	28	3 sherds NDGT, 2 sherds slipware
2400	8	142	5 sherds NDGT ware, 2 sherds sgraffito ware, 1 sherd blue and white table ware
2500	5	131	3 sherds deco'd slipware, 2 sherds NDGT
2600	7	121	7 slipware body sherds
2700	12	58	10 sherds slipware, incl. 1 goblet base, 2 sherds NDGT
2800	10	200	10 sherds NDGT, incl. 1 handle and 1 rim frag
2804	3	24	2 sherds NDGT, 1 slipware handle
2900	17	179	11 sherds slipware incl. 1 handle and 1 deco'd rim, 6 sherds orange coarseware
3100	7	80	5 sherds slipware, 2 sherds NDGT

Context	No. of sherds	Weight (g)	Comments
3300	10	67	8 sherds slipware, 2 sherds NDGT, incl. 1 glazed
3600	11	212	3 sherds unglazed orange coarseware, 2 sherds NDGT, 6 sherds slipware
4000	12	111	8 sherds slipware, 4 sherds orange coarseware
4100	7	86	6 sherds slipware, 1 sherd orange coarseware
4200	14	175	8 sherds NDGT, incl. 2 handle frags, 6 sherds slipware, incl. 1 handle
4400	13	114	10 sherds slipware, 2 sherds NDGT, incl. 1 rim sherd, 1 orange coarse ware body sherd.
4600	15	154	10 sherds slipware, 3 sherds NDGT, 2 sherds white china
4700	14	114	10 sherds slipware, 3 sherds orange coarseware, 1 sherd NDGT

B.3 Clay Pipe

B.3.1 Some 89 fragments of clay pipe, weighing a total of 335 g were recovered, mostly from the topsoil during the course of the evaluation. These were scanned briefly and the information tabulated by context below. Two

Context	No.	Weight (g)	Comment
100	11	47	5 Stems – variable diameter, 1 near complete undeco'd bowl, 5 bowl frags
102	1	4	Stem frag
200	5	12	Stems – variable diameter
300	3	9	Stems – variable diameter
400	3	12	Stems – variable diameter
600	2	11	Stems
700	5	20	Stems – variable diameter
800	10	35	Stems – variable diameter
900	1	5	Stem
1000	9	19	7 Stems – variable diameter, 2 bowl frags
1100	6	21	1 bowl frag, 5 stems – variable diameter
1200	8	20	Stems – variable diameter
1300	4	23	Stems – variable diameter
1400	4	13	3 Stems – variable diameter, 1 bowl frag
1500	7	33	Stems – variable diameter
1600	6	28	Stems – variable diameter
1700	6	19	5 Stems – variable diameter, 1 bowl frag
1800	1	1	Stem

Context	No.	Weight (g)	Comment
1900	5	13	1 bowl frag, 4 stems – variable diameter
2000	1	5	Stem
2100	4	10	Stems – variable diameter
2200	1	3	Stem frag
2400	3	11	1 bowl base, 2 stems
2500	5	11	Stems – variable diameter
2600	3	8	Stems – variable diameter
2700	4	22	Stems – variable diameter
2800	2	10	Stems – variable diameter
2802	2	5	Stem frags
3100	1	2	Stem
3300	1	8	Stem
4700	3	7	2 bowl frags, 1 stem

Recommendations

The assemblage is of low potential and requires no further work.

B.4 Glass

Context	No.	Weight (g)	Comments
100	1	26	Complete small clear bottle
800	6	27	Green bottle glass frags
1200	1	5	Green bottle glass
1600	1	1	Green bottle glass
1800	3	50	1 frag green bottle glass, 2 frags clear bottle glass
2700	3	5	2 partially opaque frags, 1 clear frag
2900	1	60	Green bottle glass frags
3003	1	127	Base of green bottle
3300	2	27	2 frags green bottle glass, incl 1 rim sherd
3600	1	346	Base of green bottle
3802	2	11	1 frag green bottle glass, 1 deco'd green bottle frag
4200	3	6	Clear vessel glass
4400	4	22	Clear glass frags
4600	2	26	Multi-coloured glass vessel base
4700	1	3	Clear bottle glass

B.5 Animal Bone

Context	No.	Weight (g)	Comments
800	5	29	Unidentifiable mammal bone frags
1100	1	10	Unidentifiable mammal bone frags
1105	8	147	1 cattle distal humerous, 7 frags large mammal bone

Recommendations
The assemblage is of low potential and requires no further work.

B.6 Metalwork

Context	No.	Weight (g)	Comments
800	1	30	Iron nail
1000	3	28	Iron nails
1900	1	6	Iron nail
2100	1	9	Iron nail
2400	1	7	Iron nail
2700	1	125	Iron rod
3300	3	36	3 Iron nails, 1 button marked Excelsior

Recommendations
The assemblage is of low potential and requires no further work.

B.7 Burnt Stone

Context	No.	Weight (g)	Comments
4607	1	14	Frag of burnt sandstone

Recommendations
The assemblage is of low potential and requires no further work.

B.8 Miscalleanous topsoil finds

Context	No.	Weight (g)	Comments
700	1	18	CBM
800	1	4	Slate - No evidence for working
800	3	31	Coal frags
1100	1	71	Tile frag
1500	2	58	CBM
1800	1	34	Slate frag with nail hole
2100	1	8	CBM
2700	1	20	Slate frag with nail hole
4700	2	2	CBM

Recommendations
The assemblage is of low potential and requires no further work.

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Appendix D. Summary of Site Details

Site name: Land at Grenville College, Bideford, Devon

Site code: BIDGR11

Grid reference: SS 4390 2651

Type: Evaluation

Date and duration: 30th August to 2nd September 2011

Area of site: 6.5 ha

Summary of results: 41 trenches measuring 40 m x 1.8 m were excavated, revealing nine ditches, two pits and a series of stone filled drains. The features are all likely to be post-medieval in date and relate to the areas use as agricultural and parkland.

Location of archive: The archive is currently held at OA, Janus House, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES, and will be deposited with the Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon on completion of all archaeological works associated with the site. The accession number is NDDMS2011.39.

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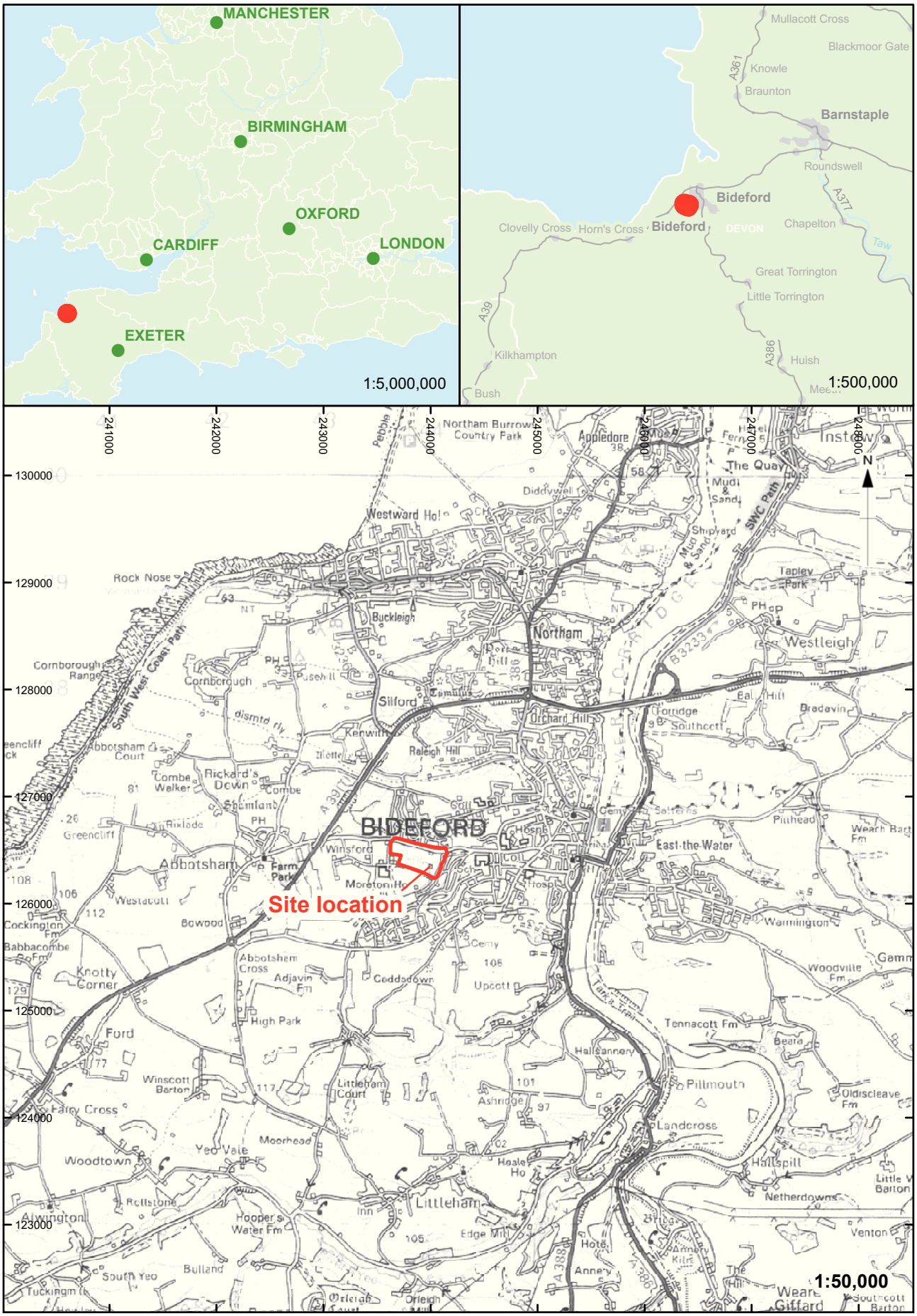

Figure 1: Site location

Figure 2: Grenville College, Bideford; Overall trench locations

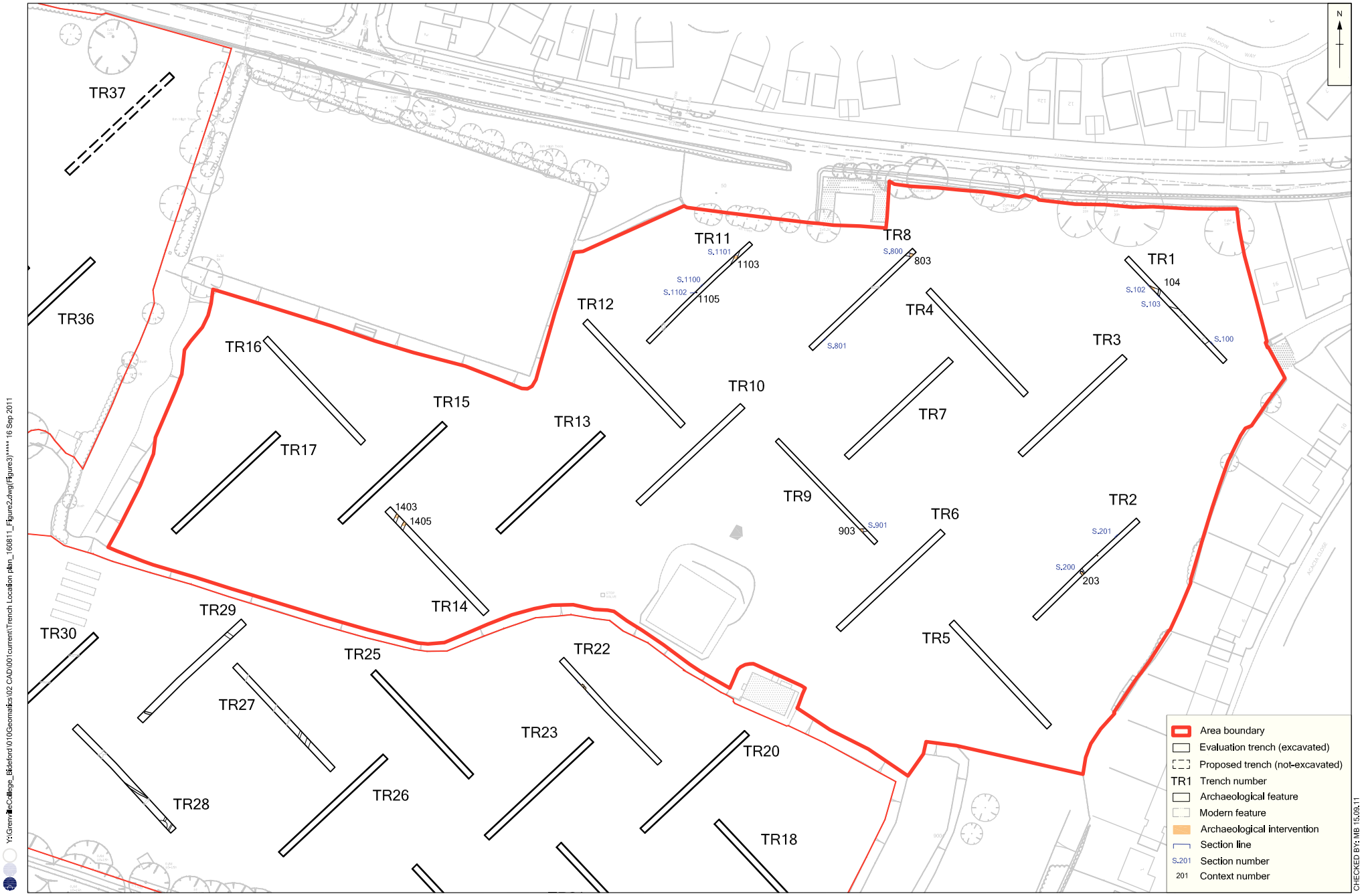

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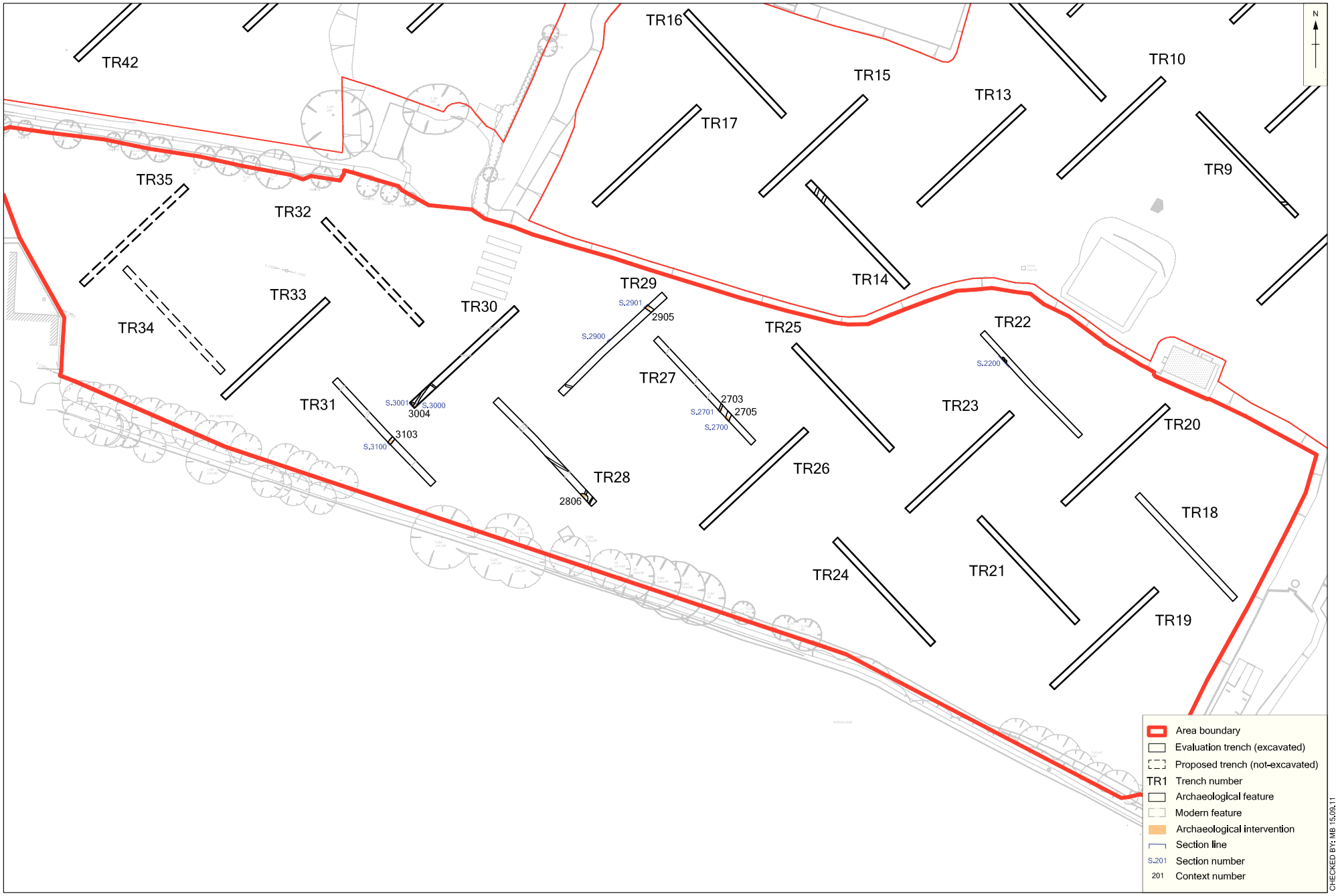
Figure 3: Grenville college, Bideford; Area 1



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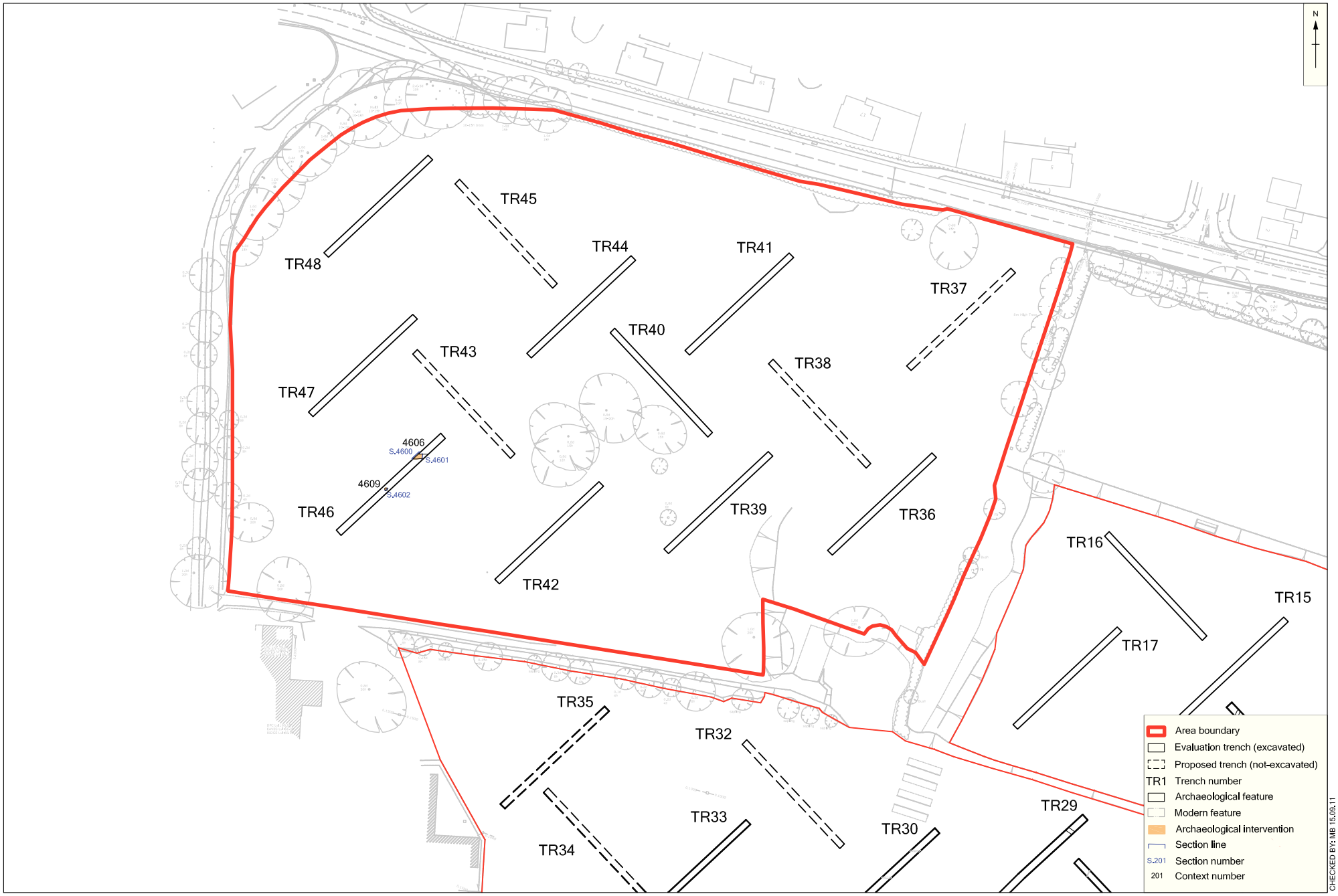

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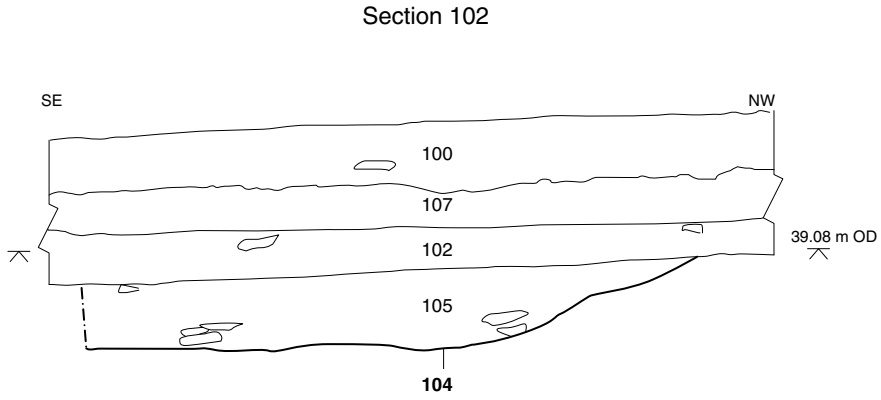

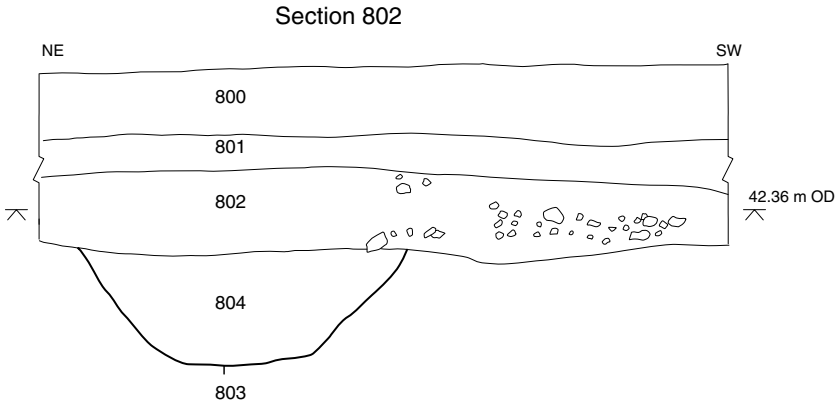

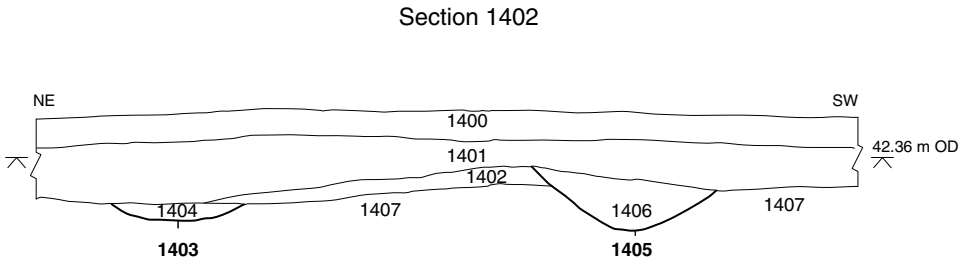

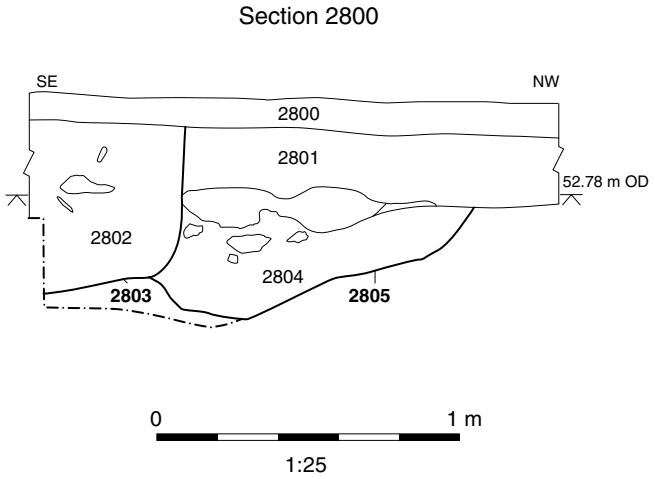

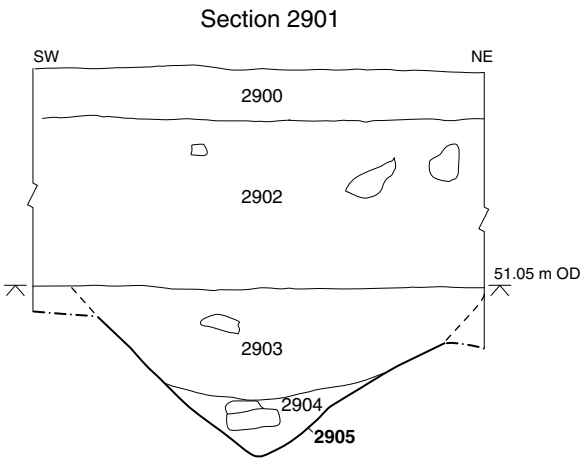

Figure 6: Sections 102, 802, 1402, 2800, 2901

Plate 1: Section 102

Plate 2: Section 802

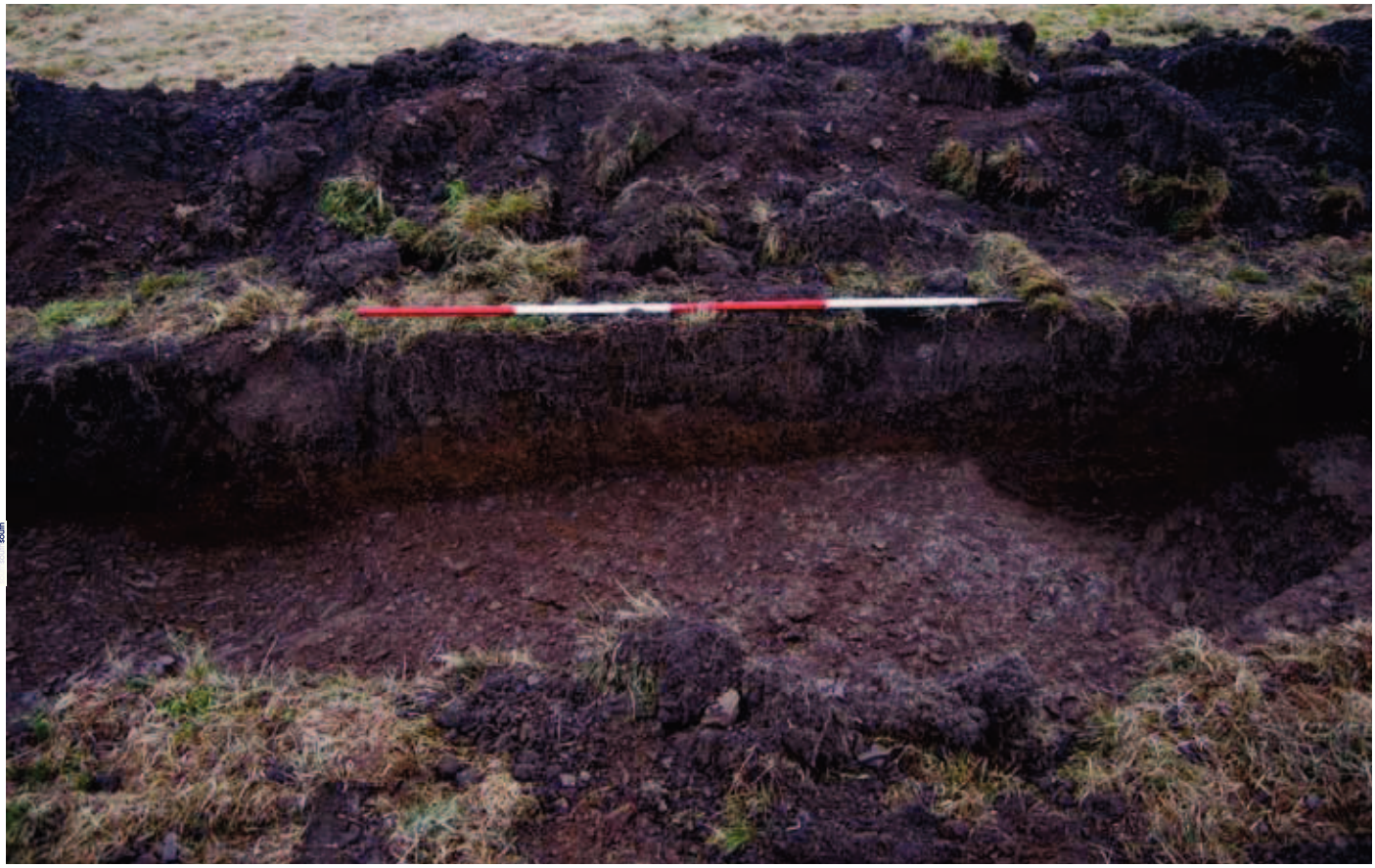

Plate 3: Section 1402

Plate 4: Section 2800

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