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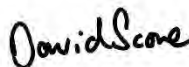
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Summary

Between the 21st and the 31st of October, Oxford Archaeology undertook a trial trench evaluation at Sketchley Lane, Sketchley, Leicestershire. The work was undertaken to inform a planning application for a mixed commercial and residential development. A total of 56 trenches were excavated across the site targeting the results of a geophysical survey.

The geophysical survey identified activity associated with the agricultural use of the site including areas of plough furrow.

The trial trenching identified a series of linear features and postholes that can be associated with medieval and post-medieval agricultural activity within the site. A sherd of Samian ware dating to the 2nd century AD was recovered from a ditch in the southern part of the site. However, the sherd is not considered indicative of the date of the feature and is probably a residual find.

No anomalies identified by the geophysical survey were identified within the trenches except those associated with extant and ploughed out ridge and furrow.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of work

- 1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology (OA) was commissioned by the Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd (EDP) on behalf of Barwood Strategic Land Ltd to undertake a trial trench evaluation at the site of a proposed mixed residential and commercial development.
- 1.1.2 The work was undertaken to inform the Planning Authority in advance of the submission of a planning application. A written scheme of investigation (WSI) was produced by OA (2019) detailing the Local Authority's requirements for work necessary to inform the planning process. This document outlines how OA implemented the specified requirements.
- 1.1.3 All work was undertaken in accordance with local and national planning policies, Leicestershire County Council's generic brief for archaeological evaluation (LCC 2019) and the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Evaluation* (CIFA 2014).

1.2 Location, topography and geology

- 1.2.1 The site lies on the southern edge of Sketchley, Leicestershire, a suburb of Burbage and Hinckley (Fig. 1; NGR: SP 42444 91892).
- 1.2.2 The area of proposed development consists of seven interconnected agricultural fields divided by hedgerows and fencing, and totals some 15.5 hectares. The site is bounded by the A5 (Watling Street) to the west, residential properties to the south and east, and commercial units, the Sketchley Grange Hotel and Spa, and Sketchley Lane to the north. The site slopes down from the north, south and east, to the centre and south-west, dropping from c 115m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) to c 105m aOD.
- 1.2.3 The geology of the area is mapped as Mercia Mudstone Group with superficial deposits of Dunsmore Gravel, Wolston Sand and Gravel, and Oadby Member on higher ground and deposits of Bosworth Clay Member in the lower lying areas (BGS Online).

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

- 1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background of the site has been described in detail in the Desk-based Assessment (DBA) produced by EDP (2019). The following summary is provided to place these results in context.

Designated heritage assets

- 1.3.2 No designated heritage assets lie within the site. The deserted village of Stetton Baskerville is a scheduled monument (1005732) and lies approximately 375m to the south-west of the site beyond the A5. The Ashby Canal Conservation Area is located c 900m to the west of the site.

Prehistoric period

- 1.3.3 No heritage assets are recorded within the site dating from the Palaeolithic through to the Iron Age.
- 1.3.4 Two crop marks are recorded on the HER c 120m to the south-west of the site. One is believed to be the remains of a Neolithic or Bronze Age barrow and the other the result of tractors turning. Neither has been subject to intrusive survey. Worked flints have been recorded 530m to the east of the site and a Neolithic axe head was recovered approximately 890m to the north-west.
- 1.3.5 Linear ditches and pits of suspected late Bronze Age/early Iron Age date were identified during an evaluation 30-60m to the north of the site, and a single sherd of Iron Age pottery was found c 340m to the east. However, no archaeological remains of a prehistoric date were identified during evaluation works undertaken immediately to the north-east and south-east of the site.

Roman

- 1.3.6 The projected route of Watling Street runs to the south-west of the site, traditionally along the route of the A5.
- 1.3.7 No other remains of Roman date are noted within the site or the study area of the DBA.

Early medieval

- 1.3.8 There is no recorded evidence for early medieval activity within the site or the surrounding area.

Medieval

- 1.3.9 Ridge and furrow is recorded on the HER within and surrounding the site. No other remains of medieval date are recorded within the site.
- 1.3.10 The medieval core of Sketchley lies immediately to the north of the site, and the aforementioned deserted settlement of Stretton Baskerville lies 370m to the south-west. The remains of the settlement include evidence of the village church and fish ponds.

Post-medieval and modern

- 1.3.11 Other than the potential for remains related to agricultural activity, there is no evidence of post-medieval to modern archaeological remains within the site. There are several heritage assets recorded in the wider area including the 19th-century Streeton House garden, Ashby Canal, Sketchley Dye Works and an area subject to fieldwalking which recovered large quantities of post-medieval and modern pottery along with iron working slag and clay pipe. Given the nature and our level of understanding of these remains the DBA did not consider them to influence the archaeological potential of the site.

Historic map regression

1.3.12 A review of the available historic maps from the Burbage Tithe Map of 1841 onwards shows little development within the site, although field boundaries were realigned, a pond was established in the centre of the of the site, and two small agricultural buildings were constructed.

Geophysical survey

1.3.13 A detailed magnetometer survey was undertaken in 2019 (Sumo 2019). The survey identified former field boundaries and plough furrows but no other remains with the potential to be of archaeological origin (Fig. 2).

2 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Aims

2.1.1 The general aims of the evaluation were to record the presence or absence of archaeological deposits and features and report on the findings to inform the planning process.

2.1.2 The specific aims and objectives of the evaluation were:

- i. To determine the presence or absence of any archaeological remains which may survive.
- ii. To ground truth the results of the geophysics.
- iii. To determine or confirm the approximate extent of any surviving remains.
- iv. To determine the date range of any surviving remains by artefactual or other means.
- v. To determine the condition and state of preservation of any remains.
- vi. To determine the degree of complexity of any surviving horizontal or vertical stratigraphy.
- vii. To assess the associations and implications of any remains encountered with reference to the historic landscape.
- viii. To determine the potential of the site to provide paleoenvironmental and/or economic evidence, and the forms in which such evidence may survive.
- ix. To determine the implications of any remains with reference to economy, status, utility and social activity.
- x. To determine or confirm the likely range, quality and quantity of the artefactual evidence present.
- xi. To disseminate the results of the evaluation through the production of a fieldwork report.

2.2 Methodology

2.2.1 The evaluation comprised the excavation of 56 trenches, 55 measuring 30m by 1.8m and one trench measuring 15m by 1.8m. The trenches were set-out as shown in Figure 2 using a GPS with sub-15mm accuracy. The trench locations vary slightly from those in the WSI due to on-site constraints. Trench 4 was broken into two halves to avoid a water pipe. Originally trenches 46-48 had been positioned to investigate a geophysical anomaly but the farmer informed the site team that the anomaly corresponded to a recently installed water pipe and therefore the trenches were repositioned. The Local Planning Archaeologist was informed of all of the trench alterations during the course of the fieldwork.

2.2.2 The trenches were excavated using a tracked 13t 360° excavator fitted with a toothless ditching bucket under constant archaeological supervision. Trenches were excavated to natural geology or the first significant archaeological horizon, depending on which was encountered first. The surface of all trenches was sufficiently clean to enable the identification of archaeological features or deposits if present. Several trenches, including Trenches 3, 4, 32 and 33 were re-machined as initial excavation did not

expose the natural horizon. In other trenches, including 13, 16 and 38, sondages were excavated to confirm the geological horizon.

- 2.2.3 All hand excavation and recording was undertaken in accordance with the methodology outlined in the WSI.
- 2.2.4 Upon agreement from Sophie Clarke, Senior Archaeologist for Leicestershire County Council, the trenches were backfilled with the arising spoil in reverse order of excavation.

3 RESULTS

3.1 Introduction and presentation of results

3.1.1 The results of the evaluation are presented below including a stratigraphic description of the trenches that contained archaeological remains. The full details of all trenches with dimensions and depths of all deposits can be found in Appendix A. Finds data and spot dates are tabulated in Appendix B.

3.2 General soils and ground conditions

3.2.1 The underlying geology varied across the site. In the north east of the site it was recorded as a pale reddish clayey sand. The amount of clay within the natural geology increased towards the west with the underlying geology becoming a pale yellow clay in the south-west corner of the site (Plates 1-4).

3.2.2 Ground conditions throughout the evaluation were generally good, and the site remained dry throughout. Localised flooding did, however, occur in some of the lower lying trenches, notably in Trenches 45 and 48, although this did not prevent the appropriate recording of the trenches or testing of any possible features. Where present, the majority of the archaeological features were easy to identify against the underlying natural geology.

3.3 General distribution of archaeological deposits

3.3.1 Archaeological features were present in Trenches 34, 41, 46 and 52, and these are discussed in more detail below. No other trenches contained archaeological remains other than medieval or post medieval furrows and modern drainage pipes. The remains of ridge and furrow were recorded across parts of the northern and eastern areas but in most cases the furrows did not survive below the subsoil and were removed during the mechanical excavation of the trenches. The subsoil and natural geology in Trench 27 had been truncated by the dumping of modern waste. Investigation into a potential linear feature in the base of the trench confirmed its origin as modern: it contained plastic and fragments of tarmac.

3.4 Trench 34 (Fig. 3)

3.4.1 Aligned broadly NW-SE, Trench 34 contained a single linear feature. This feature - a ditch (3403) - crossed the centre of the trench on a NE-SW alignment. Measuring 1m wide and 0.28m deep, the ditch had straight sides and a flattish base. A single fragment of post-medieval brick was recovered from the fill but this was not retained. A ceramic land drain was recorded in the base of the feature.

3.4.2 Trench 34 was not targeted on a geophysical anomaly and the ditch identified within the trench does not correlate with any linear anomaly in the vicinity. However, the ditch does appear to correspond to a boundary ditch shown on the 1841 Burbage Tithe Map (DBA Plan EDP 3, Extract A)

3.5 Trench 41 (Fig. 4)

- 3.5.1 Trench 41 contained a single NE-SW aligned ditch or furrow and five postholes. The ditch / furrow, 4103, was located at the eastern end of the trench, it had a shallow concave profile and measured 1.8m wide and 0.28m deep. The feature was interpreted as a plough furrow but the absence of other evidence for ridge and furrow in the immediate vicinity suggest that it may be the remains of a boundary ditch and, like ditch 3403 aligns with a boundary shown on the Burbage Tithe map. The feature contained two fills: 4104 and 4105. A small, undatable, sheet or plate of iron was recovered from the upper fill of the ditch (4105). The ditch / furrow was truncated by a later ditch (4106) which contained a drain.
- 3.5.2 Although on the same alignment, Ditch 3403 and Ditch / Furrow 4103 have very different profiles. It is likely that Ditch 3403 is the continuation of Ditch 4106 which contained a drain and truncated Ditch / Furrow 4103.
- 3.5.3 Located to the west of the ditch or furrow in the centre of the trench, the five postholes - 4108, 4110, 4112, 4114 and 4116 - all had similar profiles with steep sides and slightly rounded bases, and all measured between c 0.3m wide and up to 0.19m deep. Each posthole contained a single fill. A small fragment of medieval ceramic building material (CBM) was recovered from the fill (4109) of posthole 4108. Post-medieval glass and pot were recovered from the fill (4115) of posthole 4114, and post-medieval clay tobacco pipe from the fill (4117) of posthole 4116. The material recovered suggests that the postholes were related to a post-medieval or later fence line.

3.6 Trench 46 (Fig. 5)

- 3.6.1 A roughly east-west aligned linear feature (4603) was located at the north-west end of Trench 46. The ditch measured only 0.24m wide and 0.12m deep and had a shallow concave profile. The ditch contained a single fill, 4604, from which no artefacts were recovered.
- 3.6.2 The ditch does not relate to any geological anomalies and does not appear to correlate with any features shown on the historic maps or align with the present field boundaries.

3.7 Trench 52 (Fig. 6)

- 3.7.1 Aligned broadly north-south, a single east-west aligned ditch was recorded at the southern end of Trench 52. A second possible linear feature was also investigated but was of natural origins.
- 3.7.2 The ditch, 5203, measured 1.2m wide by 0.7m deep and had steep concave sides and a rounded base. The ditch contained a single fill, 5204, from which a single sherd of Samian ware, dating from 150–240 AD, was recovered. However, the ditch truncated the subsoil suggesting that the pottery is residual and the ditch is of post-Roman origin.
- 3.7.3 An environmental sample taken from the fill of the ditch contained moderately well preserved charred plant remains includes wheat and a variety of weeds including chickweed (Appendix C.1)

3.7.4 As with other the linear features recorded within the site, the ditch cannot be associated with any of the geophysical anomalies recorded within the site nor with features shown on the historic maps.

3.8 Finds summary

3.8.1 Finds recovery was sparse across the site. With the exception of the single sherd of Samian ware, all finds recovered were either medieval or post-medieval in date and likely to reflect the agricultural use of the landscape.

4 DISCUSSION

4.1 Reliability of field investigation

4.1.1 The field investigation can be considered reliable. Despite localised flooding in some of the lower lying trenches, the majority remained dry throughout the works. Where present, archaeological features were mostly well defined against the natural geology. All features with the potential to be of archaeological origin were investigated and genuine features were 100% excavated to aid finds recovery.

4.2 Evaluation objectives and results

4.2.1 The evaluation aims are outlined in Section 2 above. The key aims were to identify the presence or absence of archaeological remains within the proposed development area, and, if possible, date any remains present through artefactual evidence. In addition, trenches were located to ground-truth the results of the geophysical survey.

4.2.2 Eight features of archaeological origin were identified within the site and artefactual evidence was recovered from seven of them. While the consistency of the dating evidence recovered from ditch 4103 and postholes 4108, 4110, 4112, 4114 and 4116 in Trench 41 can be considered a reliable indicator that this activity is medieval at the earliest, the presence of a single sherd of Samian Ware in ditch 5203 is less definitive. The route of the Roman road of Watling Street passes immediately to the south-west of the site, but very little evidence for other Roman activity is recorded in the area. The recovery of a single sherd of Roman pottery from the site does not support the idea of significant Roman activity within the site. In addition, the fact that Ditch 5203 is recorded as truncating the subsoil can be considered indicative of a more recent date than the Roman period.

4.2.3 None of the small number of archaeological features identified within the site relate to anomalies recorded in the geophysical survey, with the exception of the furrows associated with the extant and ploughed out ridge and furrow in the northern and eastern parts of the site.

4.3 Interpretation

4.3.1 The results of the evaluation indicate that there is limited potential for the presence of archaeological remains predating the medieval period within the site. Activity recorded within the site associated with the medieval and post-medieval period relates to the agricultural use of the landscape comprising ridge and furrow and field boundaries.

APPENDIX A TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS AND CONTEXT INVENTORY

Trench 1							
General description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.75	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
100	Layer		1.8	0.22	Topsoil. Dark brown, silty layer. No inclusions		
101	Layer		1.8	0.53	Subsoil. Light reddish brown layer. Soft clayey silt. No inclusions.		
102	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from a light reddish brown colour to a medium reddish brown. Frequent, sub-angular, moderately sorted gravel inclusions.		

Trench 2							
General description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.4	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
200	Layer		1.8	0.15	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions.		
201	Layer		1.8	0.25	Subsoil. Medium reddish brown. Clayey silt. No inclusions.		
202	Layer		1.8		Natural. Light reddish brown. Clayey silt with frequent, sub-angular, moderately sorted gravel inclusions.		

Trench 3							
General description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	76	

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
300	Layer			0.16	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions.		
301	Layer			0.28	Subsoil. Medium reddish brown. Clayey silt. No inclusions.		
302	Layer				Natural. Light reddish brown. Clayey silt with frequent, sub-angular, moderately sorted gravel inclusions.		

Trench 4
General description

Due to the presence of a pipe going through the trench it has been split into two smaller trenches. Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Contains one land pipe.

Orientation NE-SW

Length (m) 30

Width (m) 1.8

Avg. depth (m) 0.65

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
	Layer			0.22	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions.		
	Layer			0.30	Subsoil. Medium reddish brown. Clayey silt. No inclusions.		
	Layer				Natural. Light reddish brown. Clayey silt with frequent, sub-angular, moderately sorted gravel inclusions.		

Trench 5
General description

Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.

Orientation NE-SW

Length (m) 30

Width (m) 1.8

Avg. depth (m) 0.56

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
500	Layer		1.8	0.15	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer. No inclusions.		
501	Layer		1.8	0.41	Subsoil. Medium reddish brown, clayey silt. Few sub-angular inclusions.		
502	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from a light reddish brown natural to a medium reddish brown. Frequent sub-angular gravel inclusions.		

503	Cut		2.3	0.26	Plough Furrow. Cut of furrow.		
504	Fill	503	2.3	0.26	Secondary Fill. Farrow		

Trench 6							
General description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.46	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
600	Layer		1.8	0.21	Topsoil. Dark brown, silty layer with no inclusions.		
601	Layer		1.8	0.25	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. No inclusions.		
602	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

Trench 7							
General description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Contains medieval pottery and land drain. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.5	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
700	Layer		1.8	0.18	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions.		
701	Layer		1.8	0.32	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown. clayey silt. No inclusions.		
702	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from light to mid brown reddish brown. clayey silt. Frequent sub-angular, moderately sorted inclusions.		
703	Cut		3	0.26	Plough Furrow.		
704	Fill	703	3	0.26	Secondary Fill. Mid reddish brown, clay silt	Pot	Post med

Trench 8							
General description					Orientation	NNW-SSE	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.34	

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
800	Layer		1.8	0.23	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions.		
801	Layer		1.8	0.11	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown, clayey silt layer. No inclusions.		
802	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varied from mid to dark reddish brown layer. Clayey silt. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		
803	Void						

Trench 9							
General description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.54	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
900	Layer		1.8	0.24	Topsoil. Dark brown silty later with no inclusions		
901	Layer		1.8	0.3	Subsoil. Mid reddish orange clayey silt with no inclusions		
902	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from light to mid reddish brown. Clayey silt with frequent, sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions		
903	Cut		3.8	0.2	Plough Furrow. Cut of furrow		
904	Fill	903	3.8	0.2	Secondary Fill. Fill of furrow		

Trench 10							
General description					Orientation	NNW-SSE	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.48	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1000	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer. No inclusions.		
1001	Layer		1.8	0.22	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown, clayey silt layer. No inclusions.		
1002	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from mid to dark reddish brown clayey silt layer. Frequent sub angular,		

					moderately sorted stone inclusions.		
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Trench 11							
General description					Orientation	NW-SE	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.84	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1100	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Dark brown, silty layer with no inclusions.		
1101	Layer		1.8	0.58	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown, clayey silt layer. Few sub angular, poorly sorted stone inclusions.		
1102	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from mid to dark reddish brown layer. Clayey silt. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

Trench 12							
General description					Orientation	NNW-SSE	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.45	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1200	Layer		1.8	0.23	Topsoil. Dark brown, silty loam, no inclusions		
1201	Layer		1.8	0.22	Subsoil. Mid brown orange, clay silt, moderate stones		
1202	Layer		1.8		Natural. Dark reddish orange, silty clay, frequent stone inclusions		

Trench 13							
General description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.52	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

1300	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Dark brown, silty loam. No inclusions		
1301	Layer		1.8	0.32	Subsoil. Mid brownish orange, silty clay, moderate, unsorted stones		
1302	Layer		1.8		Natural. Light brown orange, silty clay, frequent unsorted stones		
1303	Cut		1.84	0.1	Plough Furrow. Cut of furrow		
1304	Fill	1303	1.84	0.1	Secondary Fill. Fill of furrow		

Trench 14							
General description						Orientation	NE-SW
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1400	Layer		1.8	0.1	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer. No inclusions.		
1401	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Mid reddish orange. Clayey silt. No inclusions		
1402	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown layer. Sandy silt. Frequent, sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions. Rooting		

Trench 15							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.62
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1500	Layer		1.8	0.28	Topsoil. Dark brown silty later with no inclusions.		
1501	Layer		1.8	0.34	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt layer. No inclusions		
1502	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown, sandy silt. Frequent, moderately sorted, sub angular stone inclusions.		

Trench 16							
General description						Orientation	WNW-ESE
						Length (m)	30

Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.7
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1600	Layer		1.8	0.25	Topsoil. Dark brown silty later with no inclusions		
1601	Layer		1.8	0.45	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt layer. No inclusions.		
1602	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown sandy silt layer. Frequent sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 17							
General description						Orientation	NE-SW
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1700	Layer		1.8	0.24	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer. No inclusions.		
1701	Layer		1.8	0.24	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown layer. Clayey silt. No inclusions.		
1702	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown layer. Clayey silt. Frequent, sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

Trench 18							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1800	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer. No inclusions.		
1801	Layer		1.8	0.2	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No inclusions.		
1802	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt layer. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

Trench 19							
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General description						Orientation	NE-SW
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Furrows present.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.36
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
1900	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer. No inclusions		
1901	Layer		1.8	0.16	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. No inclusions		
1902	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from light to mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. Frequent, moderately sorted, sub angular stone inclusions.		

Trench 20							
General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.52
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2000	Layer		1.8	0.31	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions.		
2001	Layer		1.8	0.28	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. No inclusions		
2002	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt but there were also patches of bluey white clay		

Trench 21							
General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench contains four land drains.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.47
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2100	Layer		1.8	0.28	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions		
2101	Layer		1.8	0.19	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown, clayey silt layer with no inclusions		
2102	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt and patches of greyish/ white clay. Frequency		

					sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions		
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Trench 22							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.46
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2200	Layer		1.8	0.23	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions		
2201	Layer		1.8	0.23	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No inclusions		
2202	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. Frequent, sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions		

Trench 23							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of top soil over subsoil with evidence of ground levelling with natural clay						Length (m)	31
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.57
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2300	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer. No inclusions		
2301	Layer		1.8	0.28	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown. No inclusions. Clayey silt		
2302	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown with patches of dark reddish brown. Clayey silt. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

Trench 24							
General description						Orientation	NE-SW
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	31
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.53
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2400	Layer		1.8	0.32	Topsoil. Dark brown silt. No inclusions		

2401	Layer		1.8	0.29	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. No inclusions.		
2402	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from mid to dark reddish brown. Clayey silt. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

Trench 25							
General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench contains land drain.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.42
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2500	Layer		1.8	0.24	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer with no inclusions.		
2501	Layer		1.8	0.18	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. No inclusions.		
2502	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

Trench 26							
General description						Orientation	SW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	31
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.38
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2600	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Dark brown silt later. No inclusions.		
2601	Layer		1.8	0.23	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions.		
2602	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. Frequent moderately sorted and sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 27							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Modern feature present.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.83

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2700	Layer		1.8	0.38	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer. No inclusions		
2701	Layer		1.8	0.34	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
2702	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from mid reddish brown clayey silt to mid grey silty clay. Occasional moderately sorted, sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 28
General description

Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.

Orientation N-S

Length (m) 30

Width (m) 1.8

Avg. depth (m) 0.45

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2800	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Dark brown silt. No inclusions.		
2801	Layer		1.8	0.15	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions.		
2802	Layer		1.8	0.45	Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. Frequent moderately sorted and sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 29
General description

Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.

Orientation ENE-WSW

Length (m) 30

Width (m) 1.8

Avg. depth (m) 0.5

Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
2900	Layer		1.8	0.29	Topsoil. Dark brown silt level. No inclusions.		
2901	Layer		1.8	0.21	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions.		
2902	Layer		1.8	0.5	Natural. Mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

Trench 30
General description
Orientation N-S

Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Cable present in the southern end of trench.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.58
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3000	Layer		1.8	0.14	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer with no inclusions		
3001	Layer		1.8	0.44	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt layer. No inclusions		
3002	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. Occasional stone inclusions that are sub angular and moderately sorted		

Trench 31							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.44
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3100	Layer		1.8	0.26	Subsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions		
3101	Layer		1.8	0.18	Subsoil. Light reddish brown, clayey silt with no inclusions		
3102	Layer		1.8	0.44	Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with occasional moderately sorted, sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 32							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.6
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3200	Layer		1.8	0.36	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer with no inclusions		
3201	Layer		1.8	0.24	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
3202	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with frequent, moderately sorted and sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 33							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.49
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3300	Layer		1.8	0.4	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer. No inclusions.		
3301	Layer		1.8	0.09	Subsoil. Light reddish brown, clayey silt with no inclusions		
3302	Layer		1.8	0.49	Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with frequent moderately sorted, sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 34							
General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. 1x boundary ditch [3403].						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.66
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3400	Layer		1.8	0.35	Topsoil. Dark brown silt. No inclusions.		
3401	Layer		1.8	0.31	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No Inclusions		
3402	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from northern end of trench which is light reddish brown to mid reddish brown in south. Clayey silt but clay content increases from north to south of trench. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions		
3403	Cut		1	0.28	Ditch.		
3404	Fill	3403	1	0.28	Secondary Fill. Mid grey brown, silty clay, no inclusions		

Trench 35							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.5

						Avg. depth (m)	0.5	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date	
3500	Layer		1.8	0.37	Topsoil. Dark brown silt later with no inclusions			
3501	Layer		1.8	0.13	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions			
3502	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with patches of mid grey clay. Occasional sub angular stone inclusions			

Trench 36								
General description						Orientation	NNW-SSE	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench contains eight land drains.						Length (m)	30	
						Width (m)	1.8	
						Avg. depth (m)	0.46	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date	
3600	Layer		1.8	0.22	Topsoil. Dark brown silty layer with no inclusions			
3601	Layer		1.8	0.24	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions			
3602	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with frequent moderately sorted, sub angular stone inclusions			

Trench 37								
General description						Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30	
						Width (m)	1.8	
						Avg. depth (m)	0.6	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date	
3700	Layer		1.8	0.31	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer with no inclusions			
3701	Layer		1.8	0.29	Subsoil. Light reddish brown, clayey silt with no inclusions			
3702	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from mid to dark reddish brown. Clayey silt with occasional moderately sorted, sub angular stone inclusions			

Trench 38							
General description					Orientation	NNE-SSW	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.39	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3800	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Dark brown. Silt. No inclusions		
3801	Layer		1.8	0.19	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No inclusions.		
3802	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from light to mid reddish brown. Clayey silt. Patches of mid grey clay. Frequent sub angular and moderately sorted stone inclusions		

Trench 39							
General description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.41	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
3900	Layer		1.8	0.22	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer. No inclusions.		
3901	Layer		1.8	0.19	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No inclusions.		
3902	Layer		1.8	0.41	Natural. Mid reddish clayey silt layer with frequent, moderately sorted. Sub angular stone inclusions. Contains land drain.		

Trench 40							
General description					Orientation	NE-SW	
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.					Length (m)	30	
					Width (m)	1.8	
					Avg. depth (m)	0.33	
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4000	Layer		1.8	0.19	Topsoil. Dark brown silt level. No inclusions.		

4001	Layer		1.8	0.14	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No inclusions.		
4002	Layer		1.8	0.33	Natural. Mid reddish clayey silt layer with frequent, moderately sorted. Sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 41							
General description						Orientation	ENE-WSW
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. 4 postholes and 1 furrow excavated.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4100	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer. No inclusions.		
4101	Layer		1.8	0.24	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No inclusions.		
4102	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish clayey silt layer with frequent, moderately sorted. Sub angular stone inclusions		
4103	Cut		1.8	0.28	Plough Furrow / Ditch		
4104	Fill	4103	0.98	0.12	Secondary Fill. Redeposited natural. Light yellowish brown, silty clay, no inclusions.		
4105	Fill	4103	1.64	0.18	Secondary Fill. Mid grey brown, clay silt, no inclusions. Rooting present.	Fe Obj	-
4106	Cut		0.56	0.26	Ditch		
4107	Fill	4106	0.56	0.26	Secondary Fill. Mid grey, clay silt, no inclusions		
4108	Cut		0.32	0.19	Posthole. Cut of post hole of possible fence.		
4109	Fill	4108	0.25	0.19	Secondary Fill. Fill of post hole of possible fence.	CBM	Med?
4110	Cut		0.3	0.11	Posthole. Cut of post hole from possible fence line.		
4111	Fill	4110	0.30	0.11	Secondary Fill. Fill of post hole from possible fence line.		
4112	Cut		0.3	0.19	Posthole. Cut of post hole of possible fence line.		
4113	Fill	4112	0.3	0.2	Secondary Fill. Fill of post hole from possible fence line.		
4114	Cut		0.3	0.1	Posthole. Cut of post hole from possible fence line.		
4115	Fill	4114	0.3	0.1	Secondary Fill. Fill of post hole from possible fence line.	Pot, glass	Post med

4116	Cut		0.35	0.11	Posthole. Cut of post hole from possible fence line.		
4117	Fill	4116	0.35	0.11	Secondary Fill. Fill of post hole from possible fence line.	CTP	Post med

Trench 42							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.51
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4200	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer. No inclusions.		
4201	Layer		1.8	0.31	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No inclusions.		
4202	Layer		1.8	0.41	Natural. Mid reddish clayey silt layer with frequent, moderately sorted. Sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 43							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.4
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4300	Layer		1.8	0.25	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer with no inclusions		
4301	Layer		1.8	0.15	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
4302	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from mid reddish brown to mid grey clayey silt. Occasional sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions		

Trench 44							
General description						Orientation	NNE-SSW
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench contains one land drain.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.56
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date

4400	Layer		1.8	0.3	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer with no inclusions		
4401	Layer		1.8	0.26	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
4402	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies along trench from light to mid reddish brown. Occasional moderately sorted, sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 45

General description						Orientation	ENE-WSW
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench contains a brick wall.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.56
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4500	Layer		1.8	0.24	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer. No inclusions.		
4501	Layer		1.8	0.33	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt. No inclusions.		
4502	Layer		1.8	0.56	Natural. Mid grey clayey silt layer with a high clay content. Frequent, moderately sorted. Sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 46

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology. Field boundary excavated, undated						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.5
						Avg. depth (m)	0.66
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4600	Layer		1.8	0.22	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
4601	Layer		1.8	0.44	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
4602	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from mid to dark reddish brown clayey silt. Frequent, sub angular stone inclusions		
4603	Cut		0.24	0.12	Ditch. Field boundary		
4604	Fill	4603	0.24	0.12	Secondary Fill. red-brown sandy silts		

Trench 47

General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench contains one land drain.						Length (m)	15
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.3
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4700	Layer		1.8	0.14	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
4701	Layer		1.8	0.16	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
4702	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from mid to dark reddish brown clayey silt. Frequent, moderately sorted and sub angular stone inclusions.		

Trench 48							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.5
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4800	Layer		1.8	0.13	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
4801	Layer		1.8	0.37	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown with no inclusions. Clayey silt		
4802	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varied from mid reddish brown to mid grey. clayey silt. Occasional sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 49							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.49
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
4900	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
4901	Layer		1.8	0.33	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
4902	Layer		1.8	0.53	Natural. Varies from mid to dark reddish brown clayey silt.		

					Frequent, sub angular stone inclusions		
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Trench 50							
General description						Orientation	NE-SW
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.56
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5000	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
5001	Layer		1.8	0.3	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
5002	Layer		1.8		Natural. Varies from light to mid reddish brown clayey silt. Frequent, moderately sorted and sub angular stone inclusion		

Trench 51							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	1.08
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5100	Layer		1.8	0.69	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
5101	Layer		1.8	0.39	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
5102	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown sandy silt. Frequent sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions. Rooting present		

Trench 52							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.66
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5200	Layer		1.8	0.26	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		

5201	Layer		1.8	0.4	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
5202	Layer		1.8	0.66	Natural. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with occasional sub angular stone inclusions		
5203	Cut		1.2	0.70	Ditch. Boundary ditch/hedgeline		
5204	Fill	5203	1.2	0.70	Secondary Fill. Light brown sandy silts	Pot	Roman

Trench 53							
General description						Orientation	E-W
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.8
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5300	Layer		1.8	0.2	Topsoil. Dark brown silt layer with no inclusions		
5301	Layer		1.8	0.6	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
5302	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with frequent, sub angular and moderately sorted stone inclusions		

Trench 54							
General description						Orientation	N-S
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.75
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	Finds	Date
5400	Layer		1.8	0.38	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
5401	Layer		1.8	0.37	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
5402	Layer		1.8	0.75	Natural. Mid to dark reddish brown sandy silt. Few sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions. Rooting present		

Trench 55							
General description						Orientation	E-W
						Length (m)	30

Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.69
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	 Finds	 Date
5500	Layer		1.8	0.54	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
5501	Layer		1.8	0.15	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
5502	Layer		1.8		Natural. Mid reddish brown sandy silt with occasional sub angular stone inclusions		

Trench 56							
General description						Orientation	NW-SE
Trench consists of topsoil overlying subsoil which overlies natural. Trench devoid of archaeology.						Length (m)	30
						Width (m)	1.8
						Avg. depth (m)	0.71
Context No.	Type	Fill Of	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Description	 Finds	 Date
5600	Layer		1.8	0.22	Topsoil. Dark brown silt with no inclusions		
5601	Layer		1.8	0.49	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown clayey silt with no inclusions		
5602	Layer		1.8	0.71	Natural. Mid reddish brown sandy silt. Few sub angular, moderately sorted stone inclusions.		

APPENDIX B FINDS REPORTS

B.1 Pottery

By John Cotter and Edward Biddulph

Context	Description	Date
704	Wide bowl rim in Midlands orange ware, 182g	Late 17th – 19th century
4115	Bowl base sherd in Midlands black ware with internal black glaze, 10g	16th – 19th century
5204	Single sherd Samian ware, Drag. 38., 37g	150 – 240 AD

B.2 Clay tobacco pipe

By John Cotter

Context	Description	Date
4117	One stem fragment, fairly abraded, 3g	18th - early 19th century

B.3 Ceramic building material

By John Cotter

Context	Description	Date
4109	Small fragment of peg tile, 20g	?13th – 16th century

B.4 Glass

By Ian Scott

Context	Description	Date
4115	Single sherd flat sheet glass, 3g	16th – 19th century

B.5 Iron

By Ian Scott

Context	Description	Date
4105	One fragment iron sheet/plate, three heavily corroded strip fragments with rectangular section, possibly slightly curved profile, 35g	Not closely datable

APPENDIX C ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

C.1 Environmental samples

By Richard Palmer

Introduction

C.1.1 A single 38L bulk sample was taken from the evaluation at Sketchley Lane, Leicestershire, primarily for the retrieval and assessment of charred plant remains (CPR) and the recovery of bones and artefacts.

Method

C.1.2 The sample was processed in its entirety at Oxford Archaeology using a modified Siraf-type water flotation machine. The flot was collected in a 250µm mesh and the heavy residue in a 500µm mesh and dried. The residue fractions were sorted by eye and with the aid of a magnet while the flot material was sorted using a low power (x10) binocular microscope to extract cereal grains and chaff, smaller seeds and other quantifiable remains.

Results

C.1.3 The flot details are presented in Table 1.

C.1.4 Sample 1 is from fill 5204 of ditch 5203. The sediment was a brown sand (Munsell 7.5YR 4/4) and produced a 50ml flot. A good quantity of charcoal was recovered in good condition, some of which is ring porous. Identifiable recovered grain is wheat (*Triticum* sp.). Preservation varies but generally ranges from fair to good. The weed assemblage was obscured by the presence of modern specimens but some charred examples of common chickweed (*Stellaria media*) are potentially present. No material was recovered from the residue.

Discussion

C.1.5 On its own the sample has limited interpretive value. It does, however, indicate good potential for preservation and recovery of charred material on site.

Sample no.	Context no.	Area/Trench	Feature/Deposit	Date	Sample vol. (L)	Flot vol. (ml)	Charcoal >2mm	Grain	Chaff	Weeds	Molluscs	Other	Notes
1	5204	52	5203	RB	38	50	+++	++		+			7.5YR 4/4 sand. Modern roots and seeds present.

Key: +=present (up to 5 items), ++=frequent (6-25), +++=common (26-100), ++++=abundant (101+).

Table 1: Assessment of Bulk Sample Flot.

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APPENDIX E SITE SUMMARY DETAILS / OASIS REPORT FORM

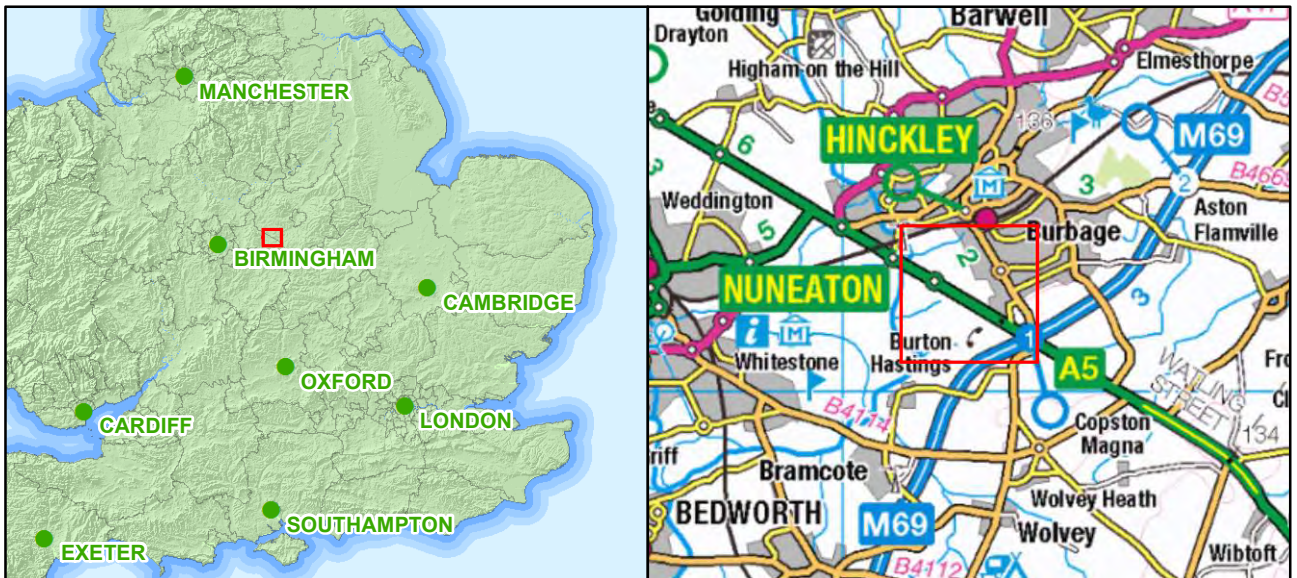
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Type: Evaluation
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Area of Site 15.5ha
Location of archive: The archive is currently held at OA, Janus House, Osney Mead, Oxford, and will be deposited with Leicestershire Museum in due course, under the following accession number: X.A100.2019.

Summary of Results: Between the 21st and the 31st of October, Oxford Archaeology undertook a trial trench evaluation at Sketchley Lane, Sketchley, Leicestershire. The work was undertaken to inform a planning application for a mixed commercial and residential development. A total of 56 trenches were excavated across the site targeting the results of a geophysical survey.

The geophysical survey identified activity associated with the agricultural use of the site including areas of plough furrow.

The trial trenching identified a series of linear features and postholes that can be associated with medieval and post-medieval agricultural activity within the site. A sherd of Samian ware dating to the 2nd century AD was recovered from a ditch in the southern part of the site. However, the sherd is not considered indicative of the date of the feature and is probably a residual find.

No anomalies identified by the geophysical survey were identified within the trenches except those associated with extant and ploughed out ridge and furrow.



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Figure 1: Site location

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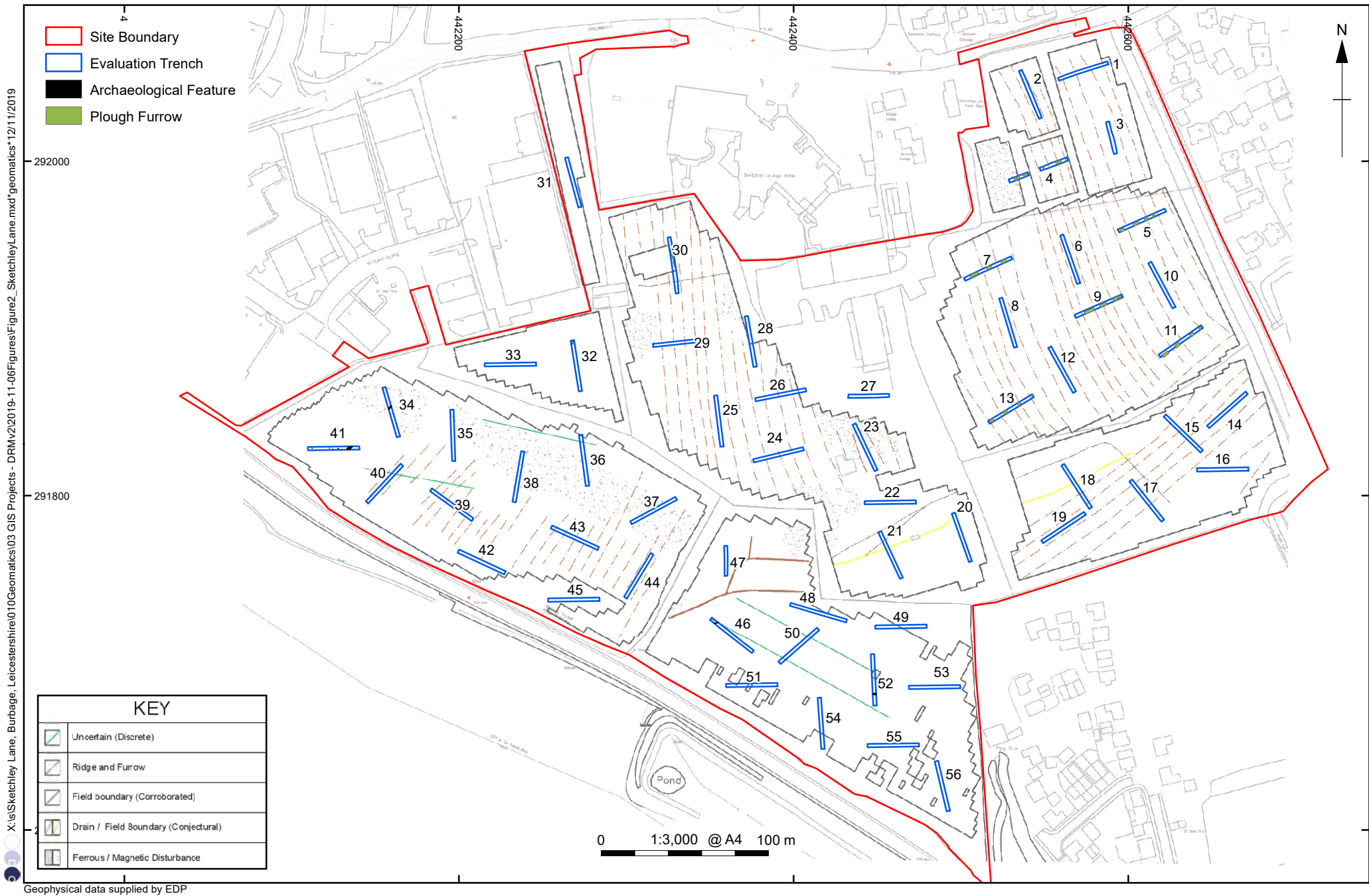


Figure 2: Trench locations and geophysical survey results

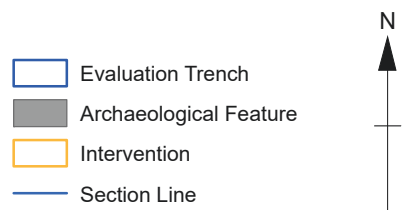
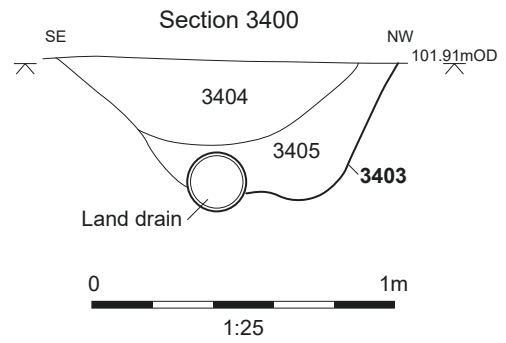
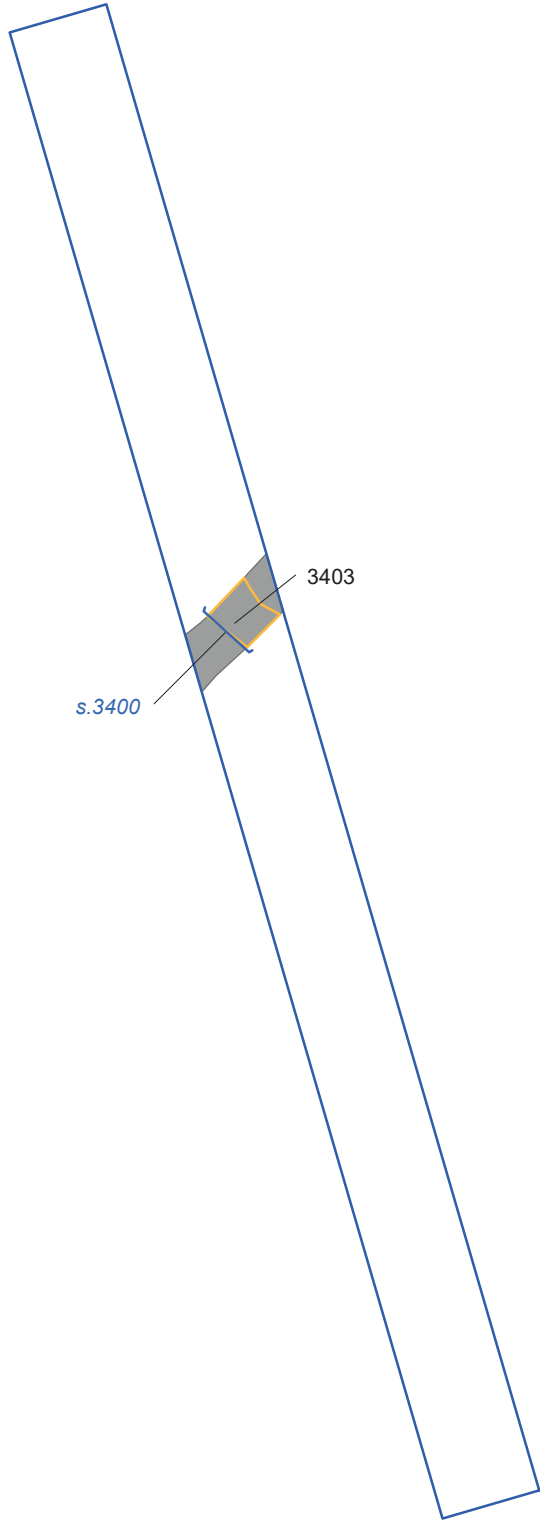
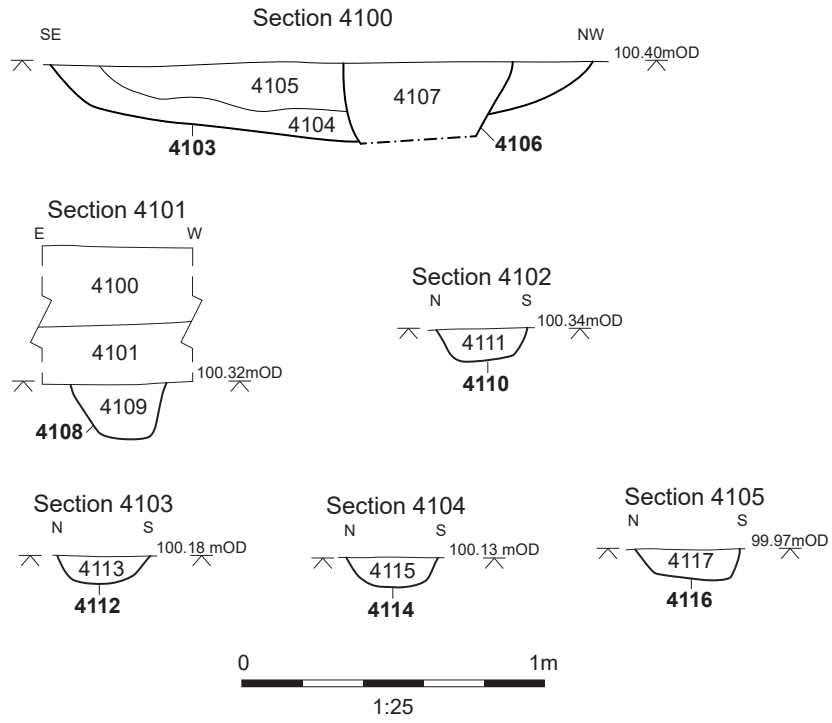


Figure 3: Trench 34



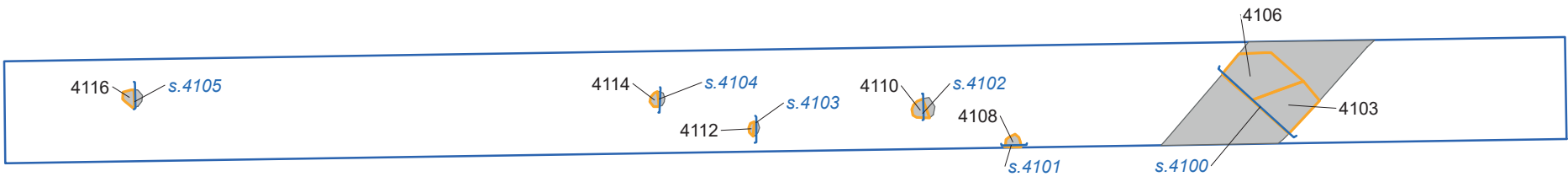
a) Ditch 4103, view to SW



b) Posthole 4110, view to NE



c) Posthole 4112, view to NE



- Evaluation Trench
- Archaeological Features
- Intervention
- Section Line



Figure 4: Trench 41

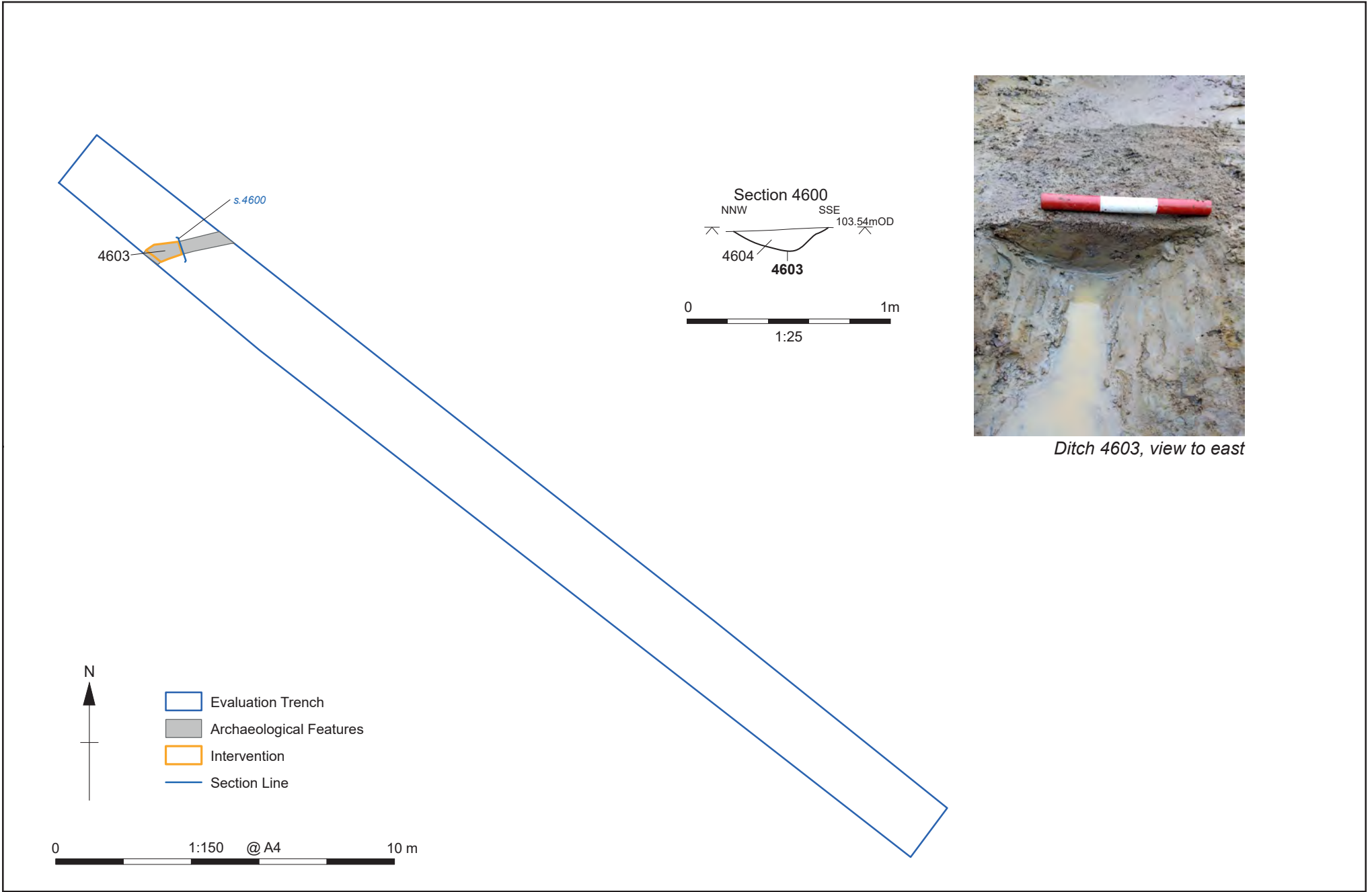


Figure 5: Trench 46

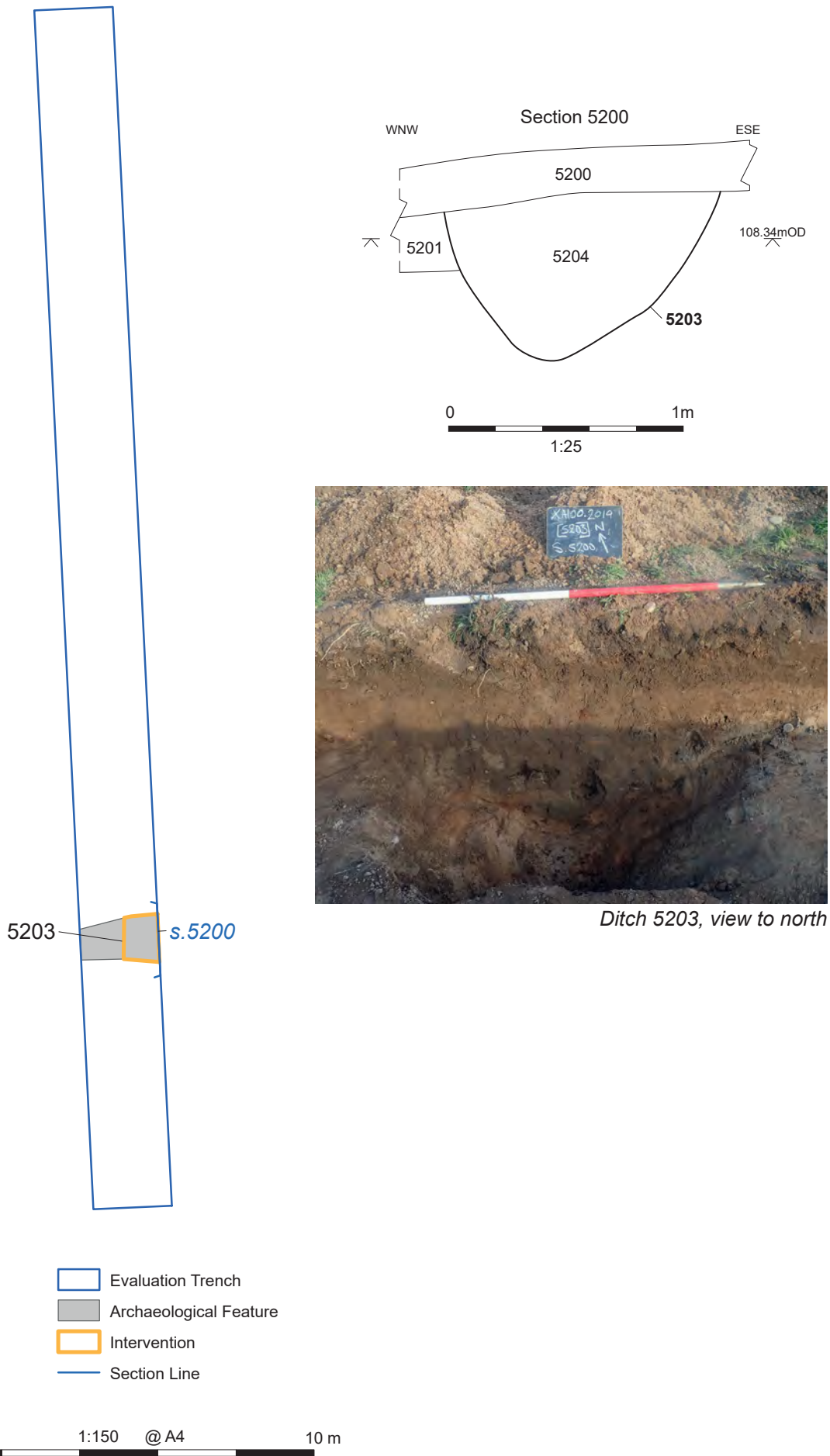


Figure 6: Trench 52



Plate 1: Trench 12, view to SE



Plate 2: Trench 27, view to E



Plate 3: Trench 37, view to SW



Plate 4: Trench 44, view to W



Plate 5: Trench 45, view to NW



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