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Results of an Archaeological Trench Evaluation

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Summary

An archaeological trench evaluation carried out on land at Sawmills Field, Dartington, South Hams, Devon (centred on SX 785 620) was undertaken by AC archaeology during September 2013. The proposed development area occupies approximately three hectares of mainly agricultural land.

The evaluation comprised the machine-excavation of 12 trenches totalling 319.6m in length, with each trench measuring 2m wide. These were positioned to target anomalies identified in a previous geophysical survey and to provide sample coverage of the proposed development area. Anomalies identified by the geophysics included a possible enclosure (also recorded in 1984 as a cropmark from aerial photographs) and a circular feature, thought initially to be a prehistoric ring ditch.

The majority of archaeological features identified during the evaluation relate to the agricultural history of the site and can be associated to either field boundaries marked on historical maps or an earlier undated field pattern on a slightly different alignment. Other undated features include three isolated postholes and a pit containing animal bones. A general scatter of medieval, post-medieval and modern finds are consistent with the history of agricultural activity on the site. A large ditch containing five pieces of worked flint and a neighbouring smaller ditch in the southeast of the development area may be the earliest features revealed on the site and are potentially of later prehistoric in date. The evaluation confirmed that an early enclosure does not exist/survive on the site, with the presence of the circular feature also uncertain, although if present, this is unlikely to be of any great antiquity.

1. INTRODUCTION (Fig. 1)

- 1.1 This document sets out the results of an archaeological trench evaluation undertaken on land at Sawmills Field, Dartington, South Hams, Devon (centred on SX 7842 6210). It reports on the archaeological works required in support of a planning application for residential development, as required by South Hams District Council as advised by the Archaeology Officer, Devon County Historic Environment Team (hereafter DCHET). The work was undertaken in accordance with paragraph 128 of the *National Planning Policy Framework* (2012).
- 1.2 The archaeological works were commissioned by Cavanna Homes South West and carried out by AC archaeology between the 10th and 17th September 2013.
- 1.3 The proposed development site is situated to the northwest of the centre of Dartington and on both sides of the A385 main road. The area of most archaeological potential was on the north side of the road extending over an area of c. 3 hectares and comprises mainly the eastern part of a large agricultural field (Plate 1). The land slopes gently to the southeast at approximately 24-40m aOD, with the underlying solid geology consisting of sedimentary mudstone, siltstone, sandstone and limestone of the Norden Formation.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The site has been subject to a previous Historic Environment Assessment (Kerr-Peterson 2013) and geophysical survey (Dean 2013). The main archaeological interest in the site was the presence of a probable prehistoric settlement enclosure recorded as a cropmark from aerial photographs. The presence of this feature appears to have been confirmed by the geophysical survey carried out as part of this assessment (Fig. 2). In addition, the survey identified a possible associated ring ditch or roundhouse, as well as a series of linear anomalies probably relating to former field boundaries. Some of the linear anomalies are likely to be post-medieval in date as they are shown on 19th century maps, while others are not depicted and relate to an earlier pattern of land division or drainage (Kerr-Peterson 2013, Valentin 2013).

3. AIMS

- 3.1 The aims of the trench evaluation were to establish the presence or absence, extent, depth, character and date of any archaeological features, deposits or finds within the site. The results of the work as set out in this report will be reviewed and used to inform any subsequent mitigation and whether or not the significance and state of survival of any archaeological remains on the site is great enough to influence the layout of the proposed development should planning consent be obtained.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The evaluation comprised the machine excavation of 12 trenches totalling 319.6m in length, with each trench measuring 2m wide (Fig. 2). Trenches were positioned to test features identified by the geophysical survey results, as well as to provide sample coverage of the proposed development area. The removal of soil overburden was undertaken under the control and direction of the site archaeologist.
- 4.2 All features and deposits revealed were recorded using the standard AC archaeology proforma recording system, comprising written, graphic and photographic records, and in accordance with AC archaeology's *General Site Recording Manual, Version 2* (revised August 2012). Detailed sections or plans were produced at a scale of 1:10, 1:20 or 1:50 as appropriate. All site levels relate to Ordnance Datum.

5. RESULTS (Figs 2-8; Plates 2-12; Appendix 1)

5.1 Introduction

Archaeological features were present within the majority of trenches, with the exception of Trenches 1, 2, 6 and 7 and are discussed below. The overlying layer sequence was generally consistent across the site, comprising between 0.18-0.39m of topsoil, above between 0.05-0.25m of agricultural subsoil, which in turn was above a weathered natural subsoil of clay with degraded siltstone/mudstone. All of the trenches and contexts are summarised in tabulated form in Appendix 1. Detailed plans and sections are included as Figs 3-8.

Finds were recovered from six of the 12 evaluation trenches and are also discussed below.

5.2 Trench 3 (Plan and sections Fig. 3a-c; Plate 2)

Trench 3 was 22.5m in length and aligned E-W. A pit feature (F3003) was revealed towards the western end of the trench.

F3003 was sub-oval in shape with maximum dimensions of 1m by 0.5m and 0.08m deep. It had steep sloping sides and a shallow rounded base. A single fill was present (context 3004) which contained fragmented animal bones.

5.3 Trench 4 (Plan and sections Fig. 3a-c; Plate 3)

Trench 4 was 18.5m in length and aligned NW-SE. A double ditched probable former field boundary feature (F4003/F4006) with remnant truncated hedgebank (4005) was revealed in the trench.

F4003 was 2.7m wide, 0.2m deep and NE-SW aligned. It had a single fill (4004) with no finds.

F4006 was 2.4m wide, 0.22m deep and was NE-SW aligned. It had a single fill (4007) with no finds.

Deposit 4005 was located between ditches F4003 and F4006 and is either the remnant buried soil from beneath a former hedgebank or the hedgebank removed and truncated by ploughing.

5.4 Trench 5 (Plan and sections Fig. 4a-c; Plate 4)

Trench 5 was 31m in length and aligned NE-SW. Two linear probable ditch features (F5004/F5006) were revealed in the trench.

F5004 was 0.8m wide, 0.22m deep and NW-SE aligned, with moderately sloping sides and a flat base. It cut buried subsoil 5002 and contained a single fill (5005) with no finds.

F5006 was 0.9m wide, 0.35m deep and N-S aligned, with steep sides and a concave base. It got shallower and narrower to the south and may have been approaching a terminal. It contained a single fill (5007) with no finds.

5.5 Trench 8 (Plan and sections Fig. 4d-g; Plate 5)

Trench 8 was 23.5m in length and NW-SE aligned. A pair of linear probable ditch features (F8003/F8005) and a further linear ditch (F8007) were revealed in the trench.

F8003 was 1m wide, 0.2m deep and was NE-SW aligned. It had an asymmetrical profile with a steeper north side and a flat but uneven base. It contained a single fill (8004) with no finds.

F8005 was 1.2m wide, 0.18m deep and NE-SW aligned. It had an asymmetrical profile with a steeper north side and a flat but uneven base. It contained a single fill (8006) with no finds.

F8007 was 1.9m wide, 0.26m deep and N-S aligned. It had an asymmetrical profile with a steeper east side and a rounded base. It contained a single fill (8008) with no finds.

5.6 Trench 9 (Plan and sections Fig. 5; Plates 6 & 7)

Trench 9 measured 17m in length and was NE-SW aligned. A pair of linear probable ditch features (F9004/F9006), a possible posthole (F9010) and a natural depression (F9008) were revealed in the trench.

Linear feature F9004 was 1.2m wide, 0.2m deep and NW-SE aligned. It had gradual sloping sides and a flat base and contained a single fill (9005) with no finds.

Linear feature F9006 was 1.48m wide, 0.16m deep and NW-SE aligned. It had irregular sides and an irregular base. A slight curve to the northwest was discernible in the segment revealed in the trench. It contained a single fill (9007) with no finds.

F9004 and F9006 were both sealed by a deposit (9003) which contained finds of modern date.

Possible posthole F9010 was 0.3m in diameter and 0.16m deep, with steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a single fill (9010) containing charcoal, but no finds.

Shallow depression F9008 was irregular in plan with maximum of dimensions of 1.9m by 0.8m and depth of 0.12m. It contained a single fill (9009) with no finds. This indistinct feature was probably of natural origin.

5.7 Trench 10 (Plan and sections Fig. 6; Plate 8)

Trench 10 was T-shaped measuring 39.5m in length NE-SW and 24m NW-SE. Four linear probable ditch features (F10003, F10007, F10009 and F10011) and a possible posthole (F10005) were revealed in the trench.

F10003 was 2m wide, 0.1m deep and N-S aligned, with short steep sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (10004) with no finds.

F10007 was 1.8m wide, 0.09m deep and E-W aligned, with short steep sides and an irregular base. It contained a single fill (10008) with no finds.

F10009 was 3m wide, 0.11m deep N-S aligned, with short steep sides and an irregular base. It contained a single fill (10010) with no finds.

F10011 was 3.1m wide, 0.1m deep and E-W aligned, with short steep sides and an irregular base. It contained a single fill (10012) with no finds.

Possible posthole F10005 was circular with a diameter of 0.35m and depth of 0.15m. It had moderate to steep sloping sides onto a flat base and contained a single fill (10006) with no finds.

5.8 Trench 11 (Plan and sections Fig. 7; Plates 9-11)

Trench 11 measured 24.3m in length and was NW-SE aligned. Two linear probable ditch features (F11003 and F11007) and a possible pit or linear terminal (F11005) were revealed in the trench.

F11003 was 1.05m wide, 0.2m deep and NE-SW aligned, with gently sloping sides and slightly concave base. It contained a single fill (11004) with no finds.

F11007 was 2.50m wide, 1m deep and was N-S aligned with moderately steep sloping sides and a rounded base. It contained four fills (11008-11) with prehistoric worked flint present in three of these.

Ditch/pit F11005 0.85m wide, 0.5m deep and N-S aligned parallel to ditch F11007. It had steep sides and a rounded but uneven base. It terminated within the trench and may be an elongated pit feature, if not a ditch terminal. It contained three fills (11012-14) with no finds.

Linear features F11005 and F11007 were sealed by a deposit (11006) which may represent a ploughed out bank or levelling layer. It contained prehistoric worked flint and medieval and post-medieval pottery.

5.9 Trench 12 (Plan and sections Fig. 8; Plate 12)

Trench 12 was 28m in length and NW-SE aligned. Two linear probable ditch features (F12003 and F12005), a possible pit or linear terminal (F12007) and a posthole (F12009) were revealed in the trench.

F12003 was 2m wide, 0.14m deep and had steep sides onto a flat base. It contained a single fill (12004) with no finds.

F12005 was 1.65m wide and 0.31m deep. It had an asymmetrical profile with a shallow rounded base. It contained a single fill (12006) with no finds. It was cut by ditch/pit F12007.

Ditch or pit F12007 was only partially revealed in the trench where it had maximum measurements of 1m wide and 0.48m deep. It had steep sides, a flat base and contained a single fill (12008) with no finds.

Probable posthole F12009 was circular with a diameter of 0.35m and depth of 0.11m, with steep sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (12010) with no finds.

6. THE FINDS by Naomi Payne

6.1 All finds recovered on site during the evaluation have been retained, cleaned and marked where appropriate. The material includes a small assemblage of prehistoric worked flint and small quantities of medieval and post-medieval pottery. Other post-medieval or undated finds include a few metal objects, a fragment of roofing slate, vessel glass, clay tobacco-pipe and animal bone. The finds are tabulated below in Table 1.

Context	Context Description	Medieval pottery		Post-medieval pottery		Copper alloy		Iron		Worked flint/chert		Worked stone		Glass		Tobacco pipe		Animal bone	
		No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt
3004	Fill of F3003																	30	232
6001	Trench 6 subsoil	2	80																
7001	Trench 7 subsoil	2	5																
9003	Deposit			7	70	1	37	2	33			1	68	3	15				
11000	Trench 11 topsoil									1	7					1	1		
11001	Trench 11 subsoil			1	8														
11006	Deposit	6	11	1	2					1	6								
11008	Fill of F11007									1	3								
11010	Fill of F11007									1	5								
11011	Fill of F11007									3	16								
12001	Trench 12 subsoil	1	42																
Total		11	138	9	80	1	37	2	33	7	37	1	68	3	15	1	1	30	232

Table 1. Summary of excavated finds (weights in grams)

6.2 Medieval pottery

Eleven sherds (138g) of medieval or early post-medieval pottery were recovered from four contexts. Most of the material is from overlying contexts and all of the sherds are Totnes-type wares. The agricultural subsoil produced a bung from a cistern (6001, Trench 6) a fragment of jug handle (12001, Trench 12) dating from the 15th to 17th centuries and two body sherds of earlier medieval date c. AD1250-1400 (7001, Trench 7). Deposit (11006, Trench 11) produced six small sherds of medieval Totnes-type pottery.

6.3 Post-medieval pottery

Nine sherds (80g) of post-medieval pottery were recovered from three contexts in two trenches. Deposit 9003 in Trench 9 produced six sherds of post-1770 industrial wares and a small scrap of tin-glazed earthenware which could be a little earlier. The two sherds from Trench 11 are both Totnes-type body sherds dating from c. AD 1500-1750.

6.4 Metalwork

Three metal objects were recovered from deposit 9003, Trench 9. The pottery from this context indicates a 19th century date. The metal finds include a copper alloy pulley from a sash window, an iron nail and a bit fragment from an iron key.

6.5 Worked flint

Seven pieces (37g) of prehistoric worked flint were recovered from Trench 11. The flints include a core, a core fragment, four complete flakes and a broken flake. The broken flake has been burnt. With no diagnostic pieces the assemblage can only be classified as late prehistoric.

6.6 Worked stone

A small fragment (68g) of modern roofing slate was recovered from context 9003, Trench 9. This has broken across a nail hole.

6.7 Glass

Three pieces (15g) of modern, industrially-produced glass were recovered from context 9003, Trench 9. They include a bottle glass sherd, a sherd from a marbled pink vessel and a window glass fragment.

6.8 Clay tobacco-pipe

A single stem fragment of clay pipe was recovered from context 9003, Trench 9.

6.9 Animal bone

Thirty fragments (232g) of animal bone were recovered from 3004, the fill of pit F3003 in Trench 3. The bone is all from a small mammal such as a dog.

7. DISCUSSION

7.1 Trenches 1 and 2 failed to locate the enclosure in the north of the proposed development area as identified in aerial photography and the geophysical survey. This may have been lost to ploughing subsequent to its identification as a cropmark, or it only survives within the topsoil itself. There were no finds in the trenches which indicate the former presence of an early settlement-type enclosure.

7.2 Trenches 4 and 5 located field boundaries of post-medieval or modern date that can be matched to those on 19th century maps and in the geophysical survey. Further probable field boundaries on the same 'broad' alignment were F8003/F8005 in Trench 8, a probable double ditched hedgebank feature, as well as F11003 in Trench 11.

7.3 The shallow and wide gullies in Trench 10 matched, in part, the anomalies identified in the geophysics results and most probably relate to a pattern of fields of an earlier date to those that can be matched with the historical maps.

7.4 Possible postholes F9010, F10005 and F12009 were in isolated positions with no obvious associations.

7.5 Pit F3003 was probably for modern animal disposal.

7.6 The apparent circular feature identified from the geophysics results as a possible roundhouse or ring ditch and tested by Trench 9 did not appear to be of great antiquity. The two segments of ditch (F9004 and F9006) were not obviously part of the same feature, but both were sealed by a deposit (9003) containing finds of a modern date.

7.7 Ditch F11007 in Trench 11, situated in the eastern extremity of the site, stands out as different to the other ditches on the site. Its alignment is eccentric when compared to the other linear features and it was also of much greater depth and therefore survival. It was sealed by a spread bank or levelling material (11006) containing medieval and early post-medieval pottery. Ditch F11007 is paired with the smaller parallel ditch or elongated pit F11005, which is also sealed by deposit (11006). Five pieces of worked flint were found in three of the four fills of ditch F11007 and may indicate a later prehistoric date for this feature. Ditch F12005 (and possibly F12007) in Trench 12 shared this orientation, but were much shallower in depth.

8. CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1** The majority of archaeological features on the site relate to its agricultural history and are either field boundaries marked on historical maps or part of an earlier undated field pattern on a slightly different alignment. Other undated features include three isolated postholes and a pit containing animal bones.
- 8.2** The general scatter of medieval, post-medieval and modern finds are consistent with the history of agricultural activity on the site, and are likely to relate to various episodes of manuring the fields.
- 8.3** The large ditch (F11007), with its neighbouring ditch or pit (F11005), may be the earliest features on the site and would appear to be early post-medieval or earlier in date. Ditch F11007 is located in the southeast of the proposed development area and can be traced in the geophysics results over a distance of 65m, with the expectation that it continues beyond the field boundaries to the northeast and southwest. The date and function, however, remain uncertain.
- 8.4** The main reason for undertaking the evaluation was the assumed presence of a small rectangular ditched enclosure plotted as a cropmark and by the geophysical survey, as well as a possible circular feature identified by the latter technique. The evaluation confirmed that the enclosure does not exist/survive on the site, with the presence of the circular feature also uncertain, although if present, it is unlikely to be of any great antiquity.

9. ARCHIVE AND OASIS

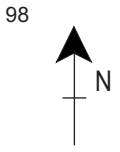
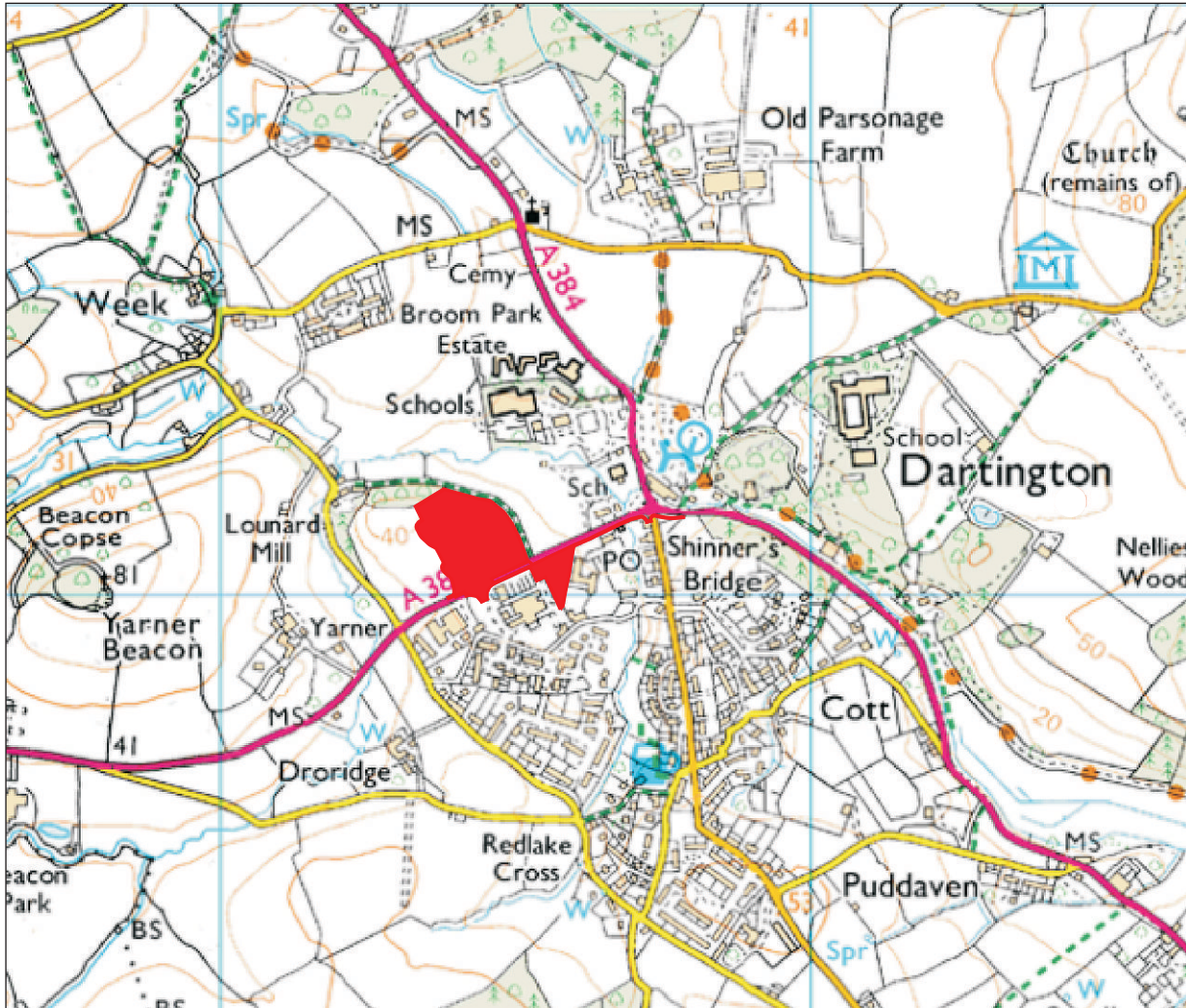
- 9.1** The paper and digital archive is currently held at the offices of AC archaeology Ltd, at 4 Halthaies Workshops, near Exeter, Devon, EX5 4LQ. It will be held until the need for any further archaeological work on the site is established and whether the creation of a digital archive for deposition at the Archaeology Data Service is required. A museum-allocated temporary reference number has been obtained from the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, which is 13/52.
- 9.2** An online OASIS entry has been completed, using the unique identifier 160013, which includes a digital copy of this report.

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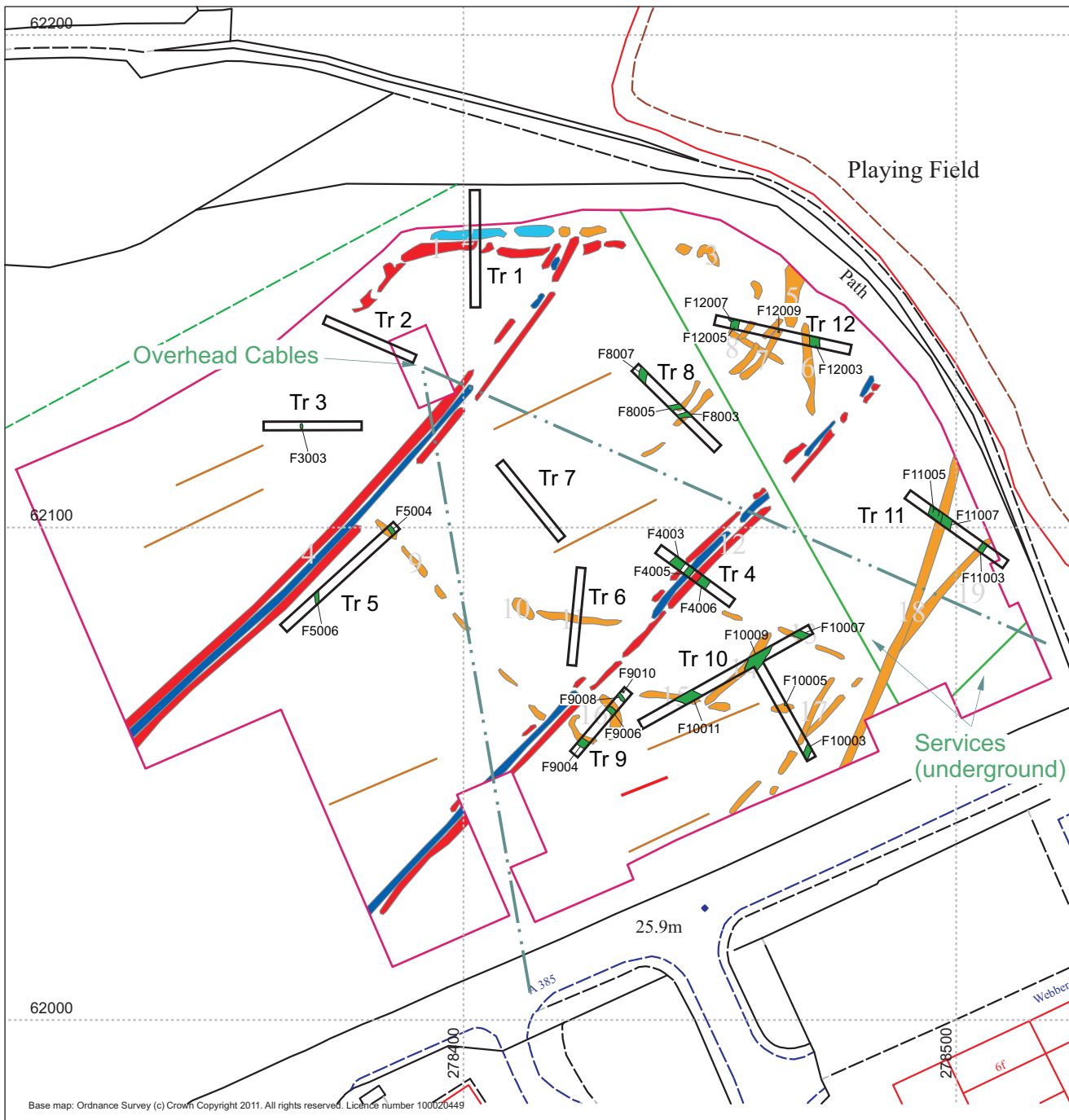


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Fig. 1: Location of site





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 Report: 130425

Legend

- gradiometer survey area
- gradiometer potential archaeology**
- likely archaeology, positive anomaly (4)
- likely archaeology, negative anomaly (4)
- possible archaeology, positive anomaly
- possible archaeology, negative anomaly
- possible archaeology, ploughing traces (2)
- gradiometer possible services**
- possible service, ferrous cable, pipe or drain
- evaluation trenches with archaeological features

Notes:

1. All interpretations are provisional and represent potential archaeological deposits.
2. Representative of trends; only anomalies relevant to potential archaeology are recorded.
3. Anomalies likely to represent very recent ground disturbance are not highlighted.
4. Anomalies designated "likely archaeology" have supporting evidence e.g. historical maps and/or visible earthworks.

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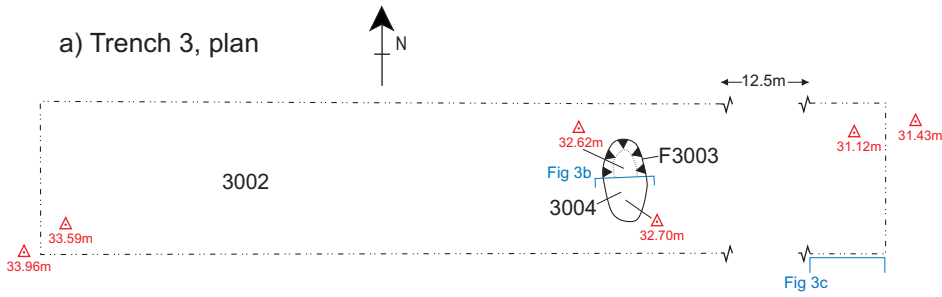
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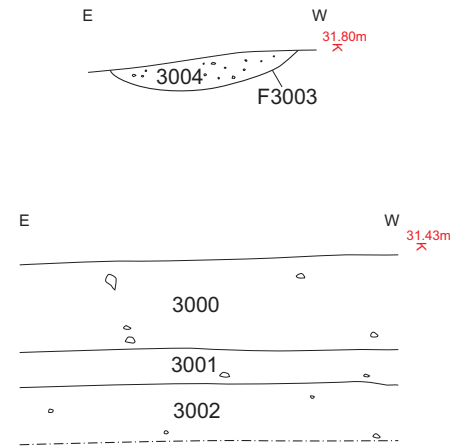
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Fig. 2: Trench locations in relation to the geophysical survey results. Archaeological features recorded in the trenches are shown in green

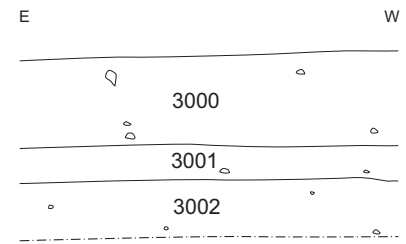
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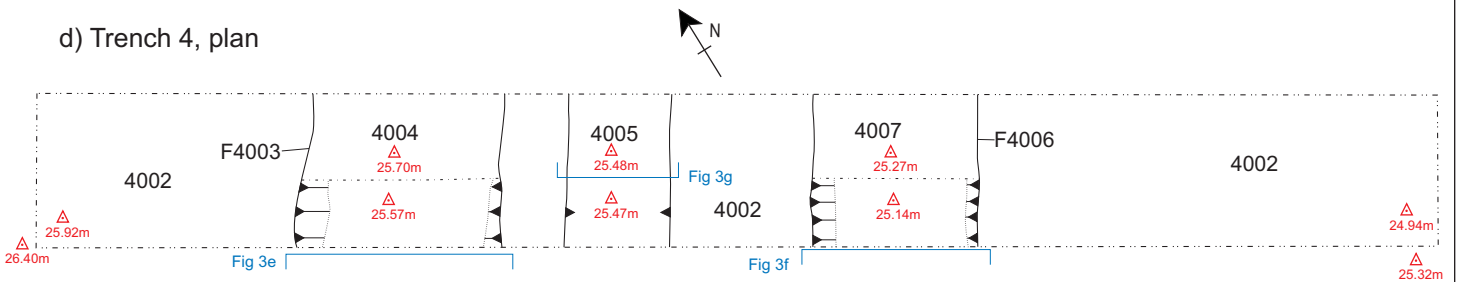
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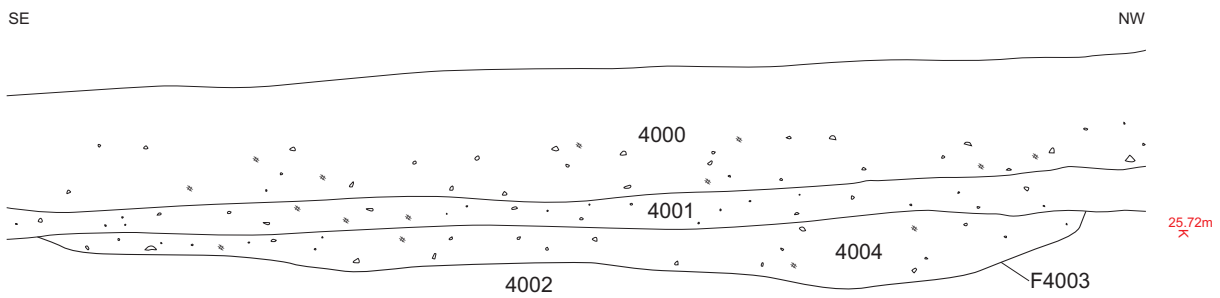
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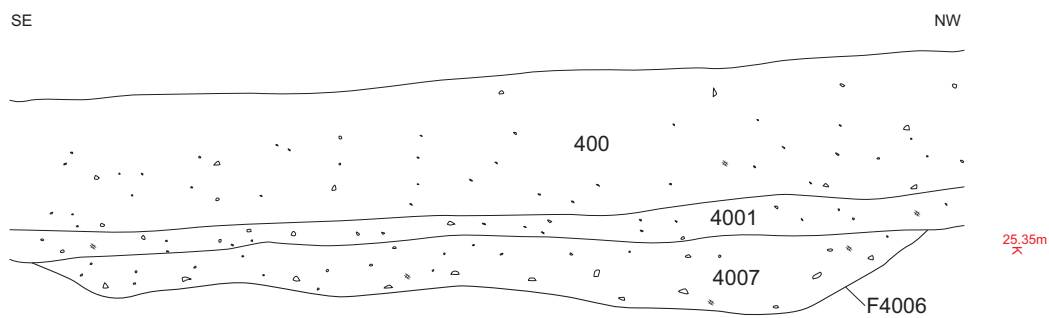
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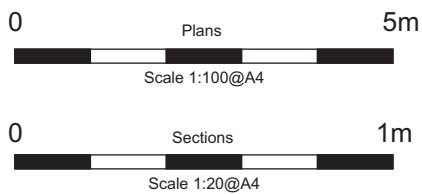
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g) Section of hedgebank 4005



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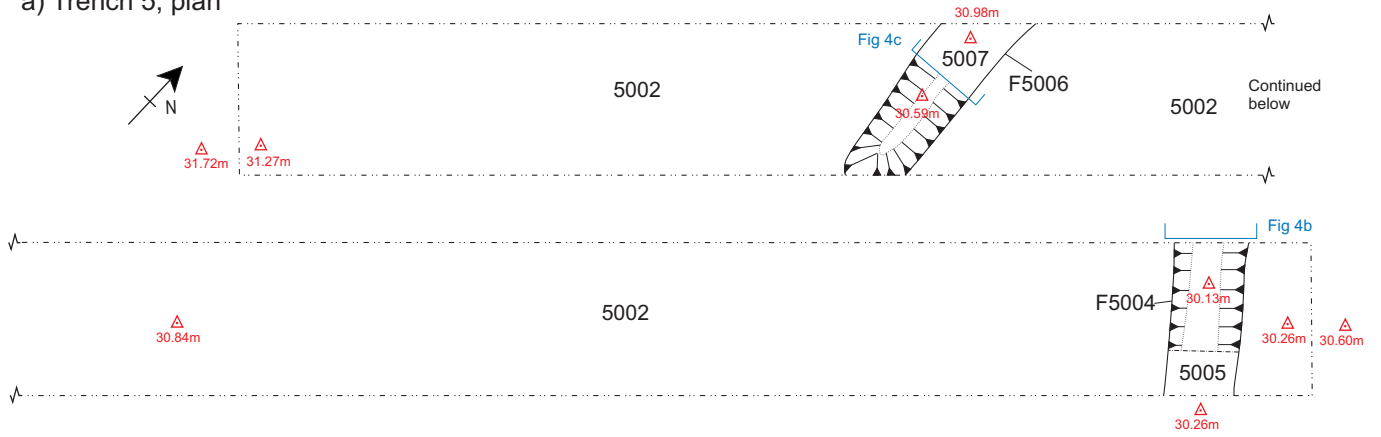
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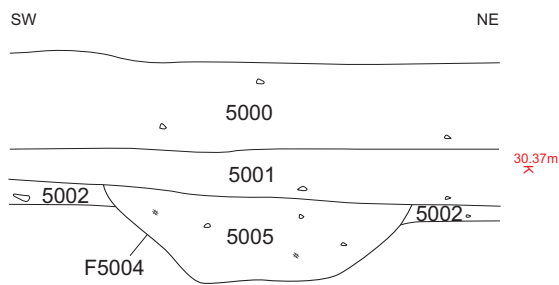
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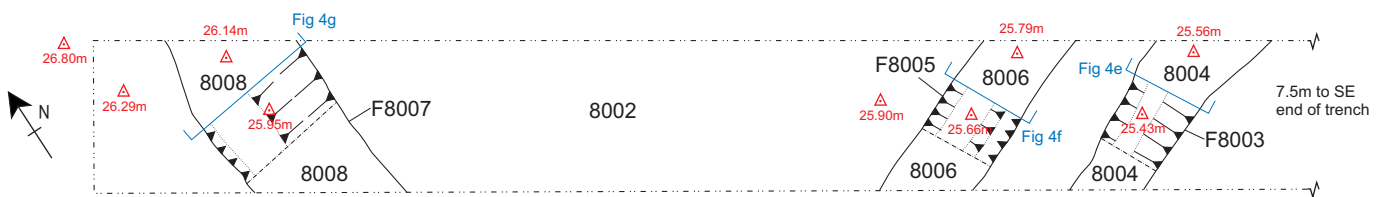
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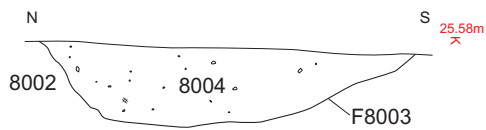
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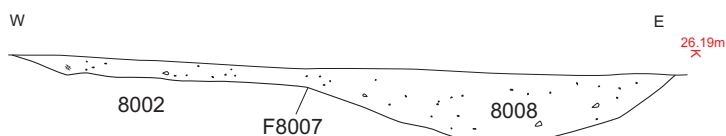
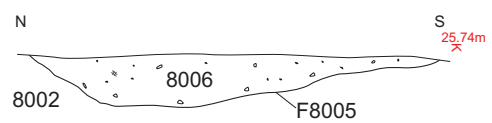
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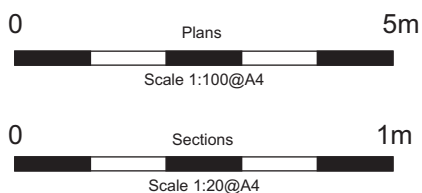
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f) Section of F8005



g) Section of F8007



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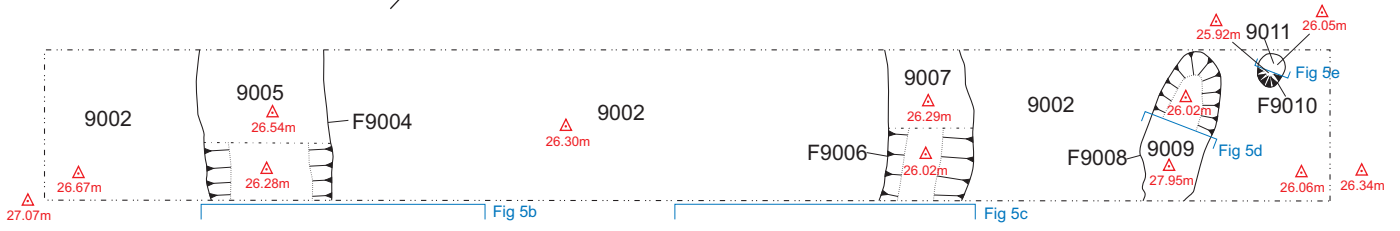
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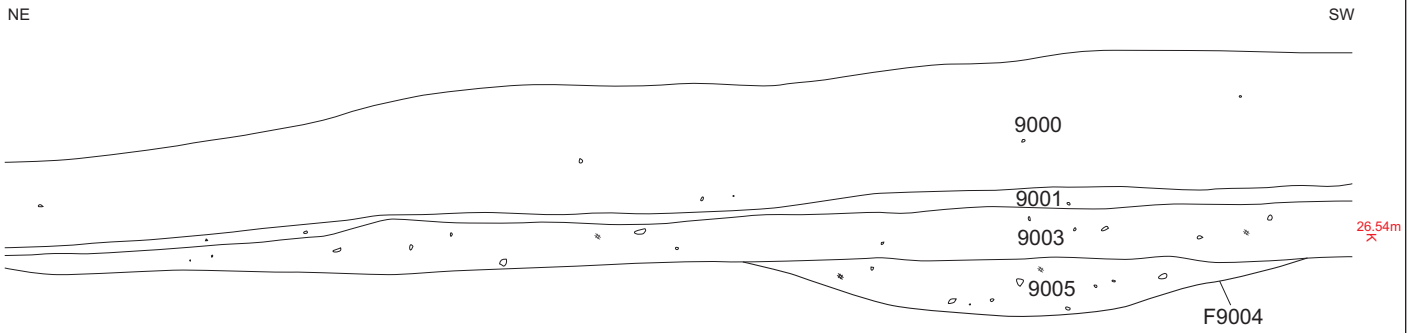
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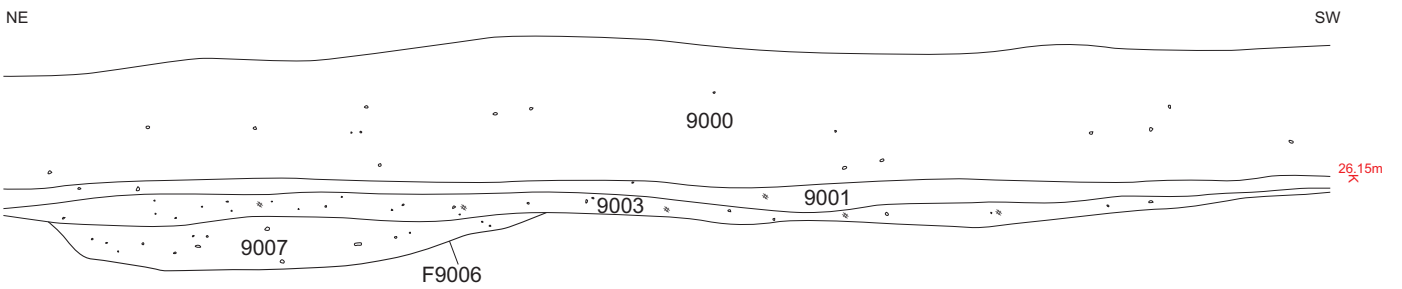
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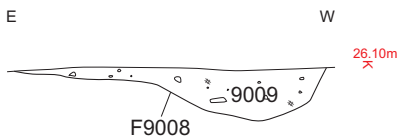
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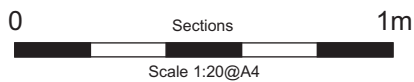
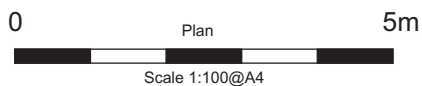
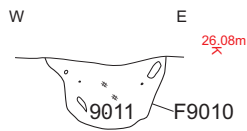
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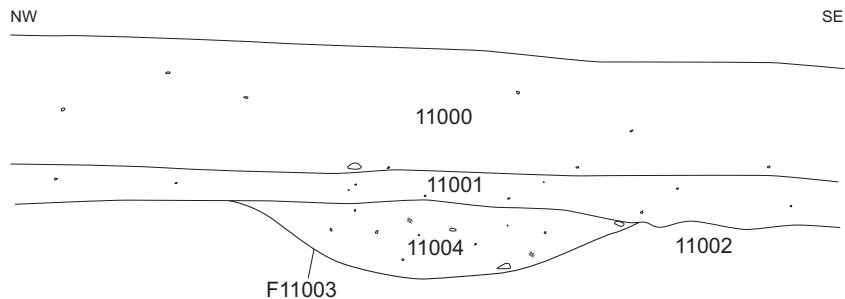
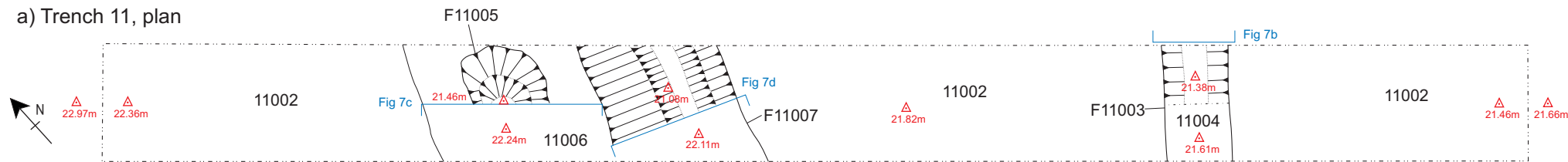
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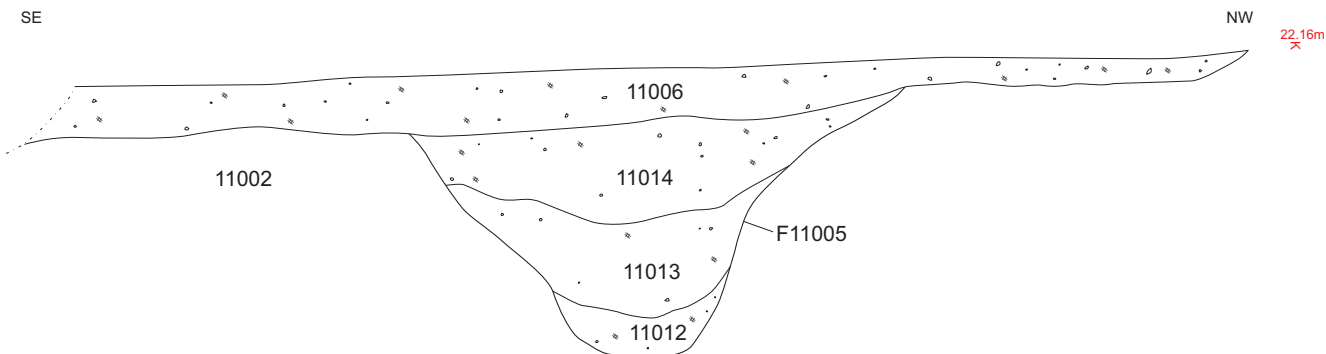


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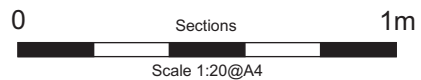
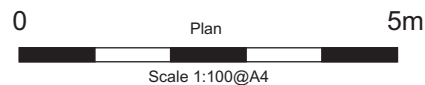
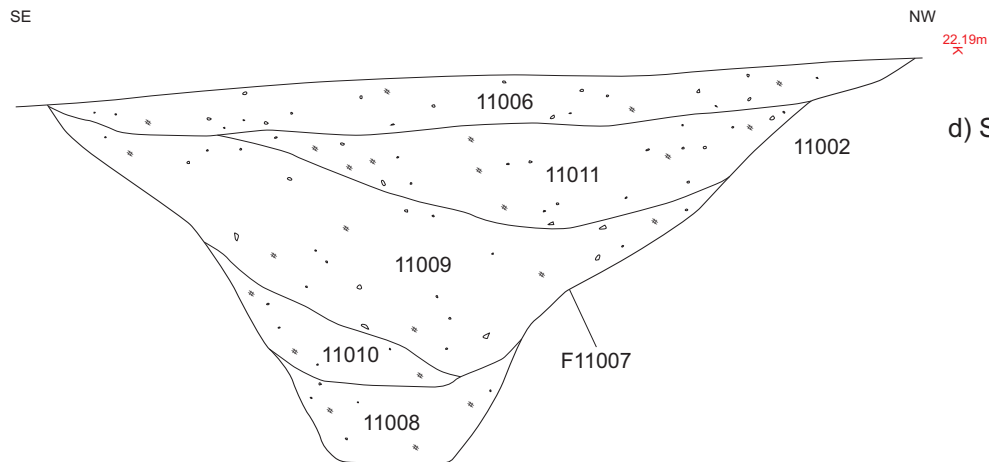


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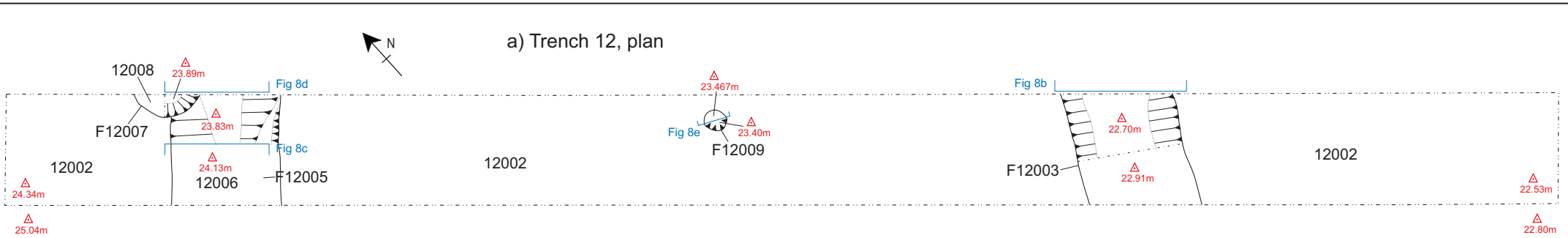
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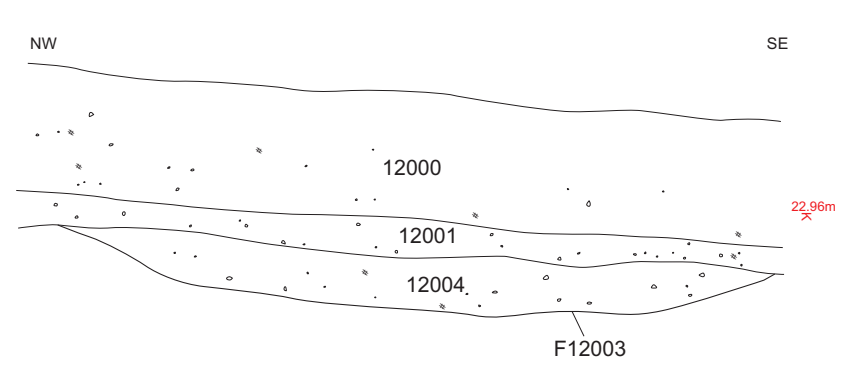
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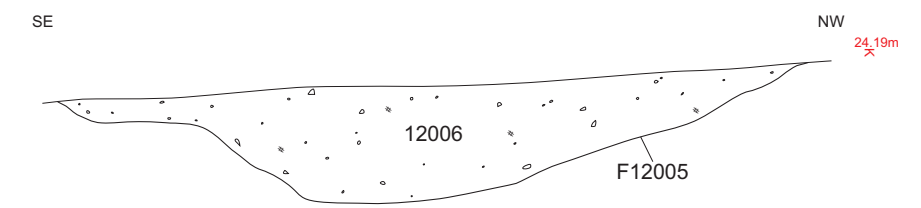




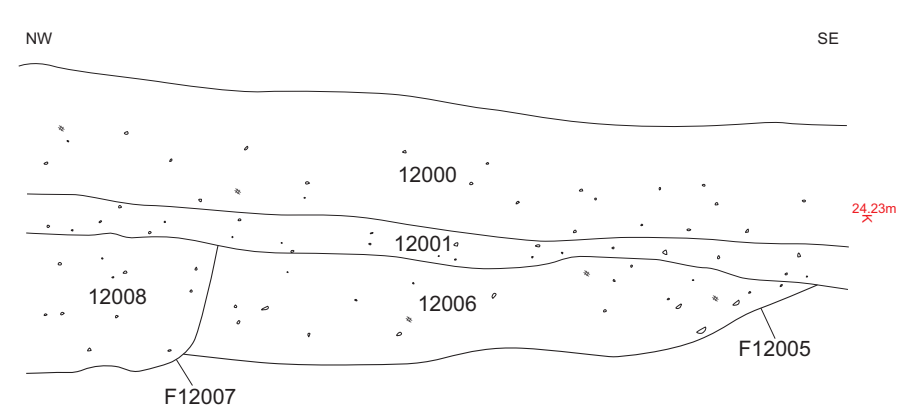
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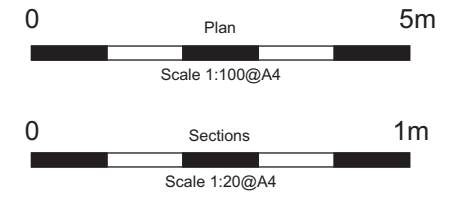
c) NE facing section of F12005



d) SW facing section of F12005 and F12007



e) Section of F12009



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Fig. 8: Trench 12,
plan and sections





Plate 1: General view of the site from the southeast



Plate 2: General shot of pit F3003, looking west (scale 0.5m)



Plate 3: Linear feature F4003, Trench 4, looking northeast (scale 1m)



Plate 4: South-facing section of ditch F5006, Trench 5 (scale 1m)



Plate 5: General view of Trench 8, looking north (scale 1m)



Plate 6: General view of Trench 9, looking southwest (scale 1m)



Plate 7: North-facing section of posthole F9010, Trench 9 (scale 0.5m)

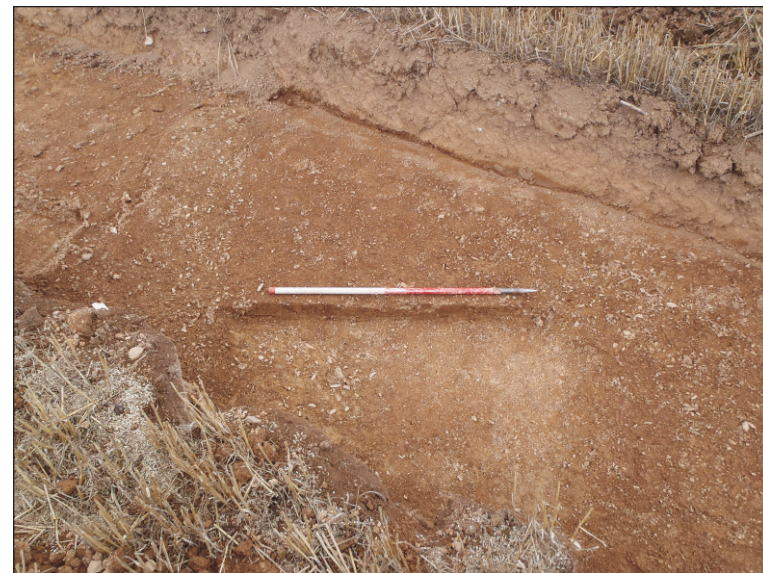


Plate 8: West-facing section of ditch F10007, Trench 10 (scale 1m)



Plate 9: Southwest-facing section of ditch F11007, Trench 11 (scale 1m)



Plate 10: Excavations in Trench 11, with ditch F11007 in the foreground. View to west



Plate 11: Ditches F11005 and F11007, Trench 11, looking south (scale 1m)



Plate 12: Southwest-facing section of ditch F12003, Trench 12 (scale 1m)

Appendix 1

Tabulated trench descriptions

APPENDIX 1: TABULATED TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS

Trench 1			Length 23.8m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
1000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.24m	Topsoil		
1001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.24-0.30m	Agricultural subsoil		
1002	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.30m+	Natural subsoil		

Trench 2			Length 23.5m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
2000	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.35m+	Natural subsoil		
2001	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.20m	Topsoil		
2002	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.20-0.25m	Agricultural subsoil		
2003	Light brown yellow silty clay	0.25-0.35m	Buried subsoil		

Trench 3			Length 22.5m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
3000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.30m	Topsoil		
3001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.30-0.38m	Agricultural subsoil		
3002	Brown yellow silt clay	0.38-0.48m	Buried subsoil		
3003	Cut of pit	0.48-0.56m	Pit		
3004	Mid grey brown silty clay	0.48-0.56m	Fill of pit F3003		
3005	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.48m+	Natural subsoil		

Trench 4			Length 18.5m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
4000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.32m	Topsoil		
4001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.32-0.48m	Agricultural subsoil		
4002	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.48m+	Natural subsoil		
4003	Cut of linear	0.48-0.68m	Field boundary		
4004	Light brown and brownish grey compact silty clay	0.48-0.68m	Fill of F4003		
4005	Dark grey and grey brown silty clay loam	0.48-0.56m	Spread of material, field bank		
4006	Cut of linear	0.48-0.70m	Field boundary		
4007	Light brown and light brownish grey silty clay loam	0.48-0.70m	Fill of F4006		

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Trench 5			Length 31m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
5000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.18m	Topsoil		
5001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.18-0.32m	Agricultural subsoil		
5002	Mid brown yellow silty clay	0.32-0.39m	Buried subsoil		
5003	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.39m+	Natural subsoil		
5004	Cut of linear	0.39-0.61m	Field boundary		
5005	Mid yellowish grey silty clay	0.39-0.61m	Fill of linear F5004		
5006	Cut of linear	0.39-0.64m	Field boundary		
5007	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.39-0.64m	Fill of linear F5006		

Trench 6			Length 17m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
6000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.23m	Topsoil		
6001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.23-0.46m	Agricultural subsoil		
6002	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.46m+	Natural subsoil		

Trench 7			Length 27m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
7000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.35m	Topsoil		
7001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.35-0.60m	Agricultural subsoil		
7002	Light brownish yellow silty clay	0.60-0.75m	Buried subsoil		
7003	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.75m+	Natural subsoil		

Trench 8			Length 23.5m	Width 1.80m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
8000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.32m	Topsoil		
8001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.32-0.47m	Agricultural subsoil		
8002	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.47m+	Natural subsoil		
8003	Cut of linear	0.47-0.67m	Field boundary		
8004	Dark yellow to yellowish brown silty clay	0.47-0.67m	Fill of F8003		
8005	Cut of linear	0.47-0.65m	Field boundary		
8006	Dark yellow to yellowish brown silty clay	0.47-0.65m	Fill of F8005		
8007	Cut of linear	0.47-0.63m	Field boundary		
8008	Dark yellow to yellowish brown silty clay	0.47-0.63m	Fill of F8007		

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Trench 9			Length 17m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
9000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.36m	Topsoil		
9001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.36-0.51m	Agricultural subsoil		
9002	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.51m+	Natural subsoil		
9003	Mid yellow brown silty clay	0.41-0.51m	Deposit sealing F9004 & F9006		
9004	Cut of linear	0.51-0.71m	Ditch		
9005	Mid brown silty clay	0.51-0.71m	Fill of F9004		
9006	Cut of linear/curvilinear	0.51-0.67m	Ditch		
9007	Dark brown to dark reddish brown silty clay loam	0.51-0.71m	Fill of F9006		
9008	Cut of hollow	0.51-0.63m	Tree throw?		
9009	Dark grey brown silty clay	0.51-0.63m	Fill of F9008		
9010	Cut of pit	0.51-0.67m	Posthole?		
9011	Dark grey to grey brown silty clay	0.51-0.67m	Fill of F9010		

Trench 10			Length 39.5, 24m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW, NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
10000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.38m	Topsoil		
10001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.38-0.55m	Agricultural subsoil		
10002	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.55m+	Natural subsoil		
10003	Cut of linear	0.55-0.65m	Field boundary		
10004	Dark yellow to yellow grey silty clay	0.55-0.65m	Fill of F10003		
10005	Cut of pit	0.55-0.70m	Posthole		
10006	Dark grey to grey brown silty clay loam	0.55-0.70m	Fill of F10005		
10007	Cut of linear	0.55-0.64m	Field boundary		
10008	Dark yellow to yellow grey silty clay	0.55-0.64m	Fill of F10007		
10009	Cut of linear	0.55-0.66m	Field boundary		
10010	Dark grey brown to orange yellow silty clay	0.55-0.66m	Fill of F10009		
10011	Cut of linear	0.55-0.65m	Field boundary		
10012	Dark yellow to yellow grey silty clay	0.55-0.65m	Fill of F10011		

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Trench 11			Length 24.3m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
11000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.38m	Topsoil		
11001	Yellow and brown silty clay loam	0.38-0.51m	Agricultural subsoil		
11002	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.51m+	Natural subsoil		
11003	Cut of linear	0.51-0.71m	Field boundary		
11004	Mid brown silty clay loam	0.51-0.71m	Fill of F11003		
11005	Cut of linear/pit	0.51-1.01m	Ditch terminal/pit?		
11006	Dark reddish brown to grey brown silty clay loam	0.29-0.51m	Deposit sealing F11005 and F11007		
11007	Cut of linear	0.51-1.51m	Ditch		
11008	Yellow to yellow, white and grey silty clay	1.29-1.51m	Primary fill of F11007		
11009	Dark yellow to yellow brown silty clay	0.85-1.29	Main fill of F11007		
11010	Dark grey to grey brown silty clay loam	0.74-0.85m	Slump fill of F11007		
11011	Dark grey to dark grey brown silty clay loam	0.51-0.74m	Upper fill of F11007		
11012	Light yellow to yellow orange silty clay	0.89-1.01m	Primary fill of F11005		
11013	Dark grey to grey brown silty clay loam	0.61-0.89m	Dump fill of F11005		
11014	Dark grey brown silty clay loam	0.51-0.69m	Upper fill of F11005		

Trench 12			Length 28m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation		
12000	Light brown to greyish brown silty clay loam	0-0.39m	Topsoil		
12001	Light orange to dark yellow/brown silty clay loam	0.39-0.55m	Agricultural subsoil		
12002	Light yellow clay degraded mudstone/siltstone	0.55m+	Natural subsoil		
12003	Cut of linear	0.55-0.69m	Small ditch		
12004	Dark yellow/grey and orange silty clay	0.55-0.69m	Fill of F12003		
12005	Cut of linear	0.55-0.86m	Field boundary		
12006	Dark grey to grey/yellow silty clay	0.55-0.86m	Fill of F12005		
12007	Cut of linear/pit	0.55-1.03m	Boundary ditch terminal?		
12008	Light grey to grey brown silty clay	0.55-1.03m	Fill of F12007		
12009	Cut of pit	0.55-0.61m	Posthole		
12010	Dark grey silty clay with large fragments of charcoal	0.55-0.61m	Fill of F12009		

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