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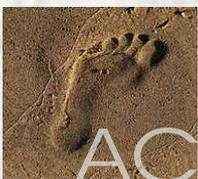
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Summary

An archaeological trench evaluation on land at Straitgate Farm, Whimble, Devon (centred on NGR SY 0673 9594) was undertaken by AC archaeology between September and November 2014. The site occupies approximately 39 hectares of agricultural land, close to Straitgate Farm, to the southeast of Whimble and west of Ottery St Mary. It is located in an area where previous excavations had identified a Middle to Late Iron Age open settlement immediately to the west. In addition, the Roman road from Dorchester to Exeter is also close by and also to the west.

The evaluation comprised the machine-excavation of 56 trenches totalling 3353m in length, with each trench 1.80m wide. These were positioned to test geophysical anomalies identified by an earlier survey, as well as to provide sample coverage of the proposed development area. The majority of trenches contained archaeological features, with these concentrated to the west on the higher ground. Here, further evidence for Middle to Late Iron settlement was identified in the form of pennanular gully and post-built roundhouses, as well as other associated features such as pits, stakeholes, ditches and a hearth. To the east of this a probable further roundhouse hints at potential Late Bronze/Early Iron Age occupation, while to the south, new evidence for Romano-British settlement was identified, dated from the artefacts recovered to the 2nd to 3rd centuries AD, including a substantial linear ditch of 30m length, c. 5m width and over 2.2m depth. Across the central and eastern parts of the site remains were more diffuse comprising occasional, apparently isolated earlier prehistoric features and possible field system ditches probably associated with the Iron Age and Romano-British settlement evidence upslope, as well as linear features relating to more recent land division.

1. INTRODUCTION (Fig. 1; Plates 1 and 2)

1.1 An archaeological trench evaluation on land at Straitgate Farm, Whimble, Devon (centred on SY 0673 9594), was undertaken by AC archaeology between September and November 2014. The work was carried out in support of a forthcoming planning application for a new strategic aggregate mineral resource extraction site. The work was commissioned by SLR Consulting on behalf of Aggregate Industries and was undertaken following consultation with the Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (hereafter DCCHET).

1.2 The site covers approximately 39 hectares of agricultural land and is located to the west of Ottery St Mary and southeast of Whimble. It is situated on land which slopes down from 160m aOD at the summit of the hill at its western corner to 125m aOD to the east. The underlying solid geology comprises the Budleigh Salterton Pebble Beds Formation over much of the site, with sandstone of the Otter Sandstone Formation on the east side.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 The main archaeological interest for the site is its proximity (immediately to the east) of evidence for Neolithic and Iron Age settlement recorded during excavations in advance of the present A30 (Butterworth 1999). These works revealed a single pit containing Early Neolithic pottery and worked flint, as well as two pennanular gullies and several post-built structures of Middle-Late Iron Age date.

2.2 On the site itself a north to south orientated undated boundary is present, which is likely to be of some antiquity as it can be traced for some 6km in the present landscape. Scatters of worked flint have also been previously found on the site itself.

- 2.3** A geophysical survey of the site has been undertaken by Substrata (Dean 2014). This identified a number of curvilinear, linear and discrete anomalies on the west side, which are characteristic of prehistoric settlement. Other features identified include ridge-and-furrow over the northern and central parts of the site, anomalies relating to former field boundaries, a farm building depicted on the Ottery St Mary tithe map of 1843 and later Ordnance Survey maps and other linear anomalies relating to various phases of land division and drainage.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1** The main aims of the evaluation were to establish the presence or absence, extent, depth, character and date of any archaeological features, deposits or finds within the site, in particular whether the Neolithic and Iron Age settlement remains previously identified in close proximity continue into the present site. The results of the work, as set out in this report, will be reviewed and used to inform any subsequent mitigation should planning consent be obtained.
- 3.2** In addition, the following aims and objectives were identified in an initial SLR Consulting Project Design (2014):

Aims

- to assess the heritage significance of any potential archaeological features and deposits within affected areas of the Site;
- to assess the significance of the impact which the proposed development would have on them;
- to provide sufficient information to identify what mitigation might be required, if any; and,
- to provide the client with information for budgetary and programming purposes.

Objectives

- to establish the extent, nature and condition of potential archaeological features within the trenches;
- to estimate the extent, nature and condition of any colluvium within the affected areas of the Site; and to identify any areas likely to be devoid of archaeological features and deposits.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1** The evaluation was undertaken in accordance with an initial Project Design prepared by SLR Consulting (2014) and a supplementary method statement by AC archaeology (Valentin 2014). It comprised the machine-excavation of 56 trenches totalling 3353m in length, with each trench, in most instances, measuring 1.8m wide (Figs 2 and 3). In some cases (eg. Trenches 9, 11, 22 and 56) trenches were extended or wider areas opened up to clarify the function of individual features or more complex areas of archaeological activity. All trenches were located with a Leica Netrover GPS accurate to 1cm and positioned principally to test features identified by the geophysical survey results (Figs 2-3). In addition, a number of 'control' trenches were excavated in seemingly negative geophysical areas. The removal of topsoil and soil overburden within the trenches was undertaken in 20cm spits under the control and direction of a site archaeologist.
- 4.2** All features and deposits revealed were recorded using the standard AC archaeology pro-forma 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 and plans were produced at a scale of 1:10, 1:20 or 1:50 as appropriate. All site levels relate to Ordnance Datum and spoilheaps were scanned both manually and by metal detector for displaced artefacts.

5. RESULTS

5.1 Introduction

The site was divided during the previous geophysical survey, by field, into 12 areas (Areas 1-12). For continuity, the results of the trench evaluation are discussed with reference to these areas, but are still set out in trench order. Areas 1, 5 and 9 were not evaluated during this phase of work. Detailed trench descriptions are given below and a tabulated list of context descriptions by trench is provided in Appendix 1. A total of 14 trenches (1-4, 6-7, 9, 11, 27, 39-41, 47 and 53) was archaeologically sterile and are not discussed in detail below. Detailed plans and sections are included as Figs 4-35 and photographs as Plates 3-10.

Overlying deposits encountered across the site were broadly consistent between 0.30 and 0.40m thick, comprising up to 0.30m of ploughsoil generally, although not always, overlying an agricultural subsoil, typically up to 0.10m thick where present. Exceptions to this were in downslope areas where localised pockets of deeper colluvial accumulation were encountered (in particular, Trenches 5, 45, and 54).

Area 11

5.2 Trench 5 (Plan Fig. 4a and section Fig. 4b)

This trench was aligned east-west and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (502) was encountered at a depth of 0.55m, overlain by subsoil (501) and ploughsoil (500). Towards the eastern end of the trench a single undated gully (F503) was exposed. A natural tree throw (F504 -not illustrated) was also exposed and investigated.

Gully F503 was aligned north to south, measured 0.8m wide and 0.4m deep and had steep straight sides onto a flat base. It contained a single fill (505) composed of light grey brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Area 10

5.3 Trench 8 (Plan Fig. 4c and section Fig. 4d)

This trench was positioned to target two linear anomalies interpreted from geophysics. It was aligned north-south and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (802) was encountered at a depth of 0.40m, overlain by subsoil (801) and ploughsoil (800). Towards the southern end of the trench a single undated gully (F803) was exposed that corresponded well with one of the targeted anomalies. Two natural silty hollows, F805 and F807 (not illustrated), were also exposed and investigated.

Gully F803 was linear in plan, aligned east-west, and measured 0.90m wide and 0.18m deep with shallow sides onto a concave base. It contained a single fill (804) composed of dark yellow brown clay silt. No finds were recovered.

5.4 Trench 10 (Plan Fig. 5a and section Fig. 5b; Plate 3)

This trench was positioned to target a disrupted linear anomaly interpreted from geophysics. It was 'L'-shaped, aligned east-west/northwest-southeast and was a total of 150m long. Natural subsoil (1001) was encountered at a depth of 0.40m, overlain by ploughsoil only (1000). A linear feature (F1005) located towards the centre of the trench corresponded well with the targeted geophysical anomaly. A probable burnt

root bole (1003) and possible tree throw (1011) were also exposed and investigated (not illustrated).

Ditch F1005 was aligned north-south, measured 1.2m wide and 0.56m deep with steep sides and a narrow concave base. It contained two fills (1006-7). Lower fill 1006 was composed of dark brown grey sandy silt and the upper fill (1007) a mid yellowish brown clayey silty sand. No finds were recovered.

5.5 Trench 12 (Plan Fig. 5c and section Fig. 5d)

This trench was aligned east-west and measured 25m long. Natural subsoil (1202) was encountered at a depth of 0.45m, overlain by subsoil (1201) and ploughsoil (1200). A possible pit (F1203) was partially exposed.

Possible pit F1203 was only partially exposed and continued beyond the limit of excavation to the north. It measured 1.3m across and 0.28m deep with steep sides and a flattish base. It contained a single fill (1204) composed of mid greyish brown silt. No finds were recovered.

5.6 Trench 13 (Plan Fig. 6a and sections Figs 6b-d)

This trench was 'L'-shaped, aligned north-south/east-west and measured a total of 100m long. Natural subsoil (1302) was encountered at a depth of 0.45m, overlain by subsoil (1301) and ploughsoil (1300). Two shallow linear features (F1303 and F1306) and a possible pit or tree throw (F1308) were exposed.

Gully F1303 was linear in plan, aligned north-south and measured 1.3m wide and 0.25m deep, with moderately sloping sides and an irregular base. It contained a single fill (1304) composed of light yellowish brown clayey sand. No finds were recovered.

Gully F1306 was aligned east-west, measured 0.67m wide and 0.28m deep, with moderate sides and a wide flattish base. It contained a single fill (1307) composed of dark greyish brown loam. No finds were recovered.

Possible pit F1308 was partially exposed. It was sub-circular in plan and continued beyond the limit of excavation to the east. It measured 2.2m wide and 0.65m deep, with an irregular and asymmetric profile and concave base. It contained two sterile fills (1309 and 1310) composed of mid brown and mid greyish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

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5.7 Trench 14 (Plan Fig. 7a and sections Figs 7b-c)

This trench was positioned to target a disrupted linear anomaly interpreted from the geophysics. It was aligned east-west and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (1401) was encountered at a depth of 0.44m, overlain by ploughsoil (1400). Two linear features were exposed (F1403 and F1411). Feature F1411 corresponded well to the targeted geophysical anomaly. A patch of natural disturbance (1404) was also investigated (not illustrated).

Ditch F1403 was aligned north-south, measured 1.63m across and 0.19m deep with shallow sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (1402) composed of mid greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F1411 was aligned north-south, measured 2.02m wide and 0.73m deep with straight moderately sloping sides and a narrow concave base. It contained six fills

(1405-10). Primary fills (1408-10) were composed of mid yellowish brown clayey silt with moderate rounded pebbles. The secondary and upper fills (1405-7) comprised mid greyish brown and mid orange brown sands and silts. A single sherd of Romano-British pottery was recovered from the upper fill (1405).

5.8 Trench 15 (Plan Fig. 8a and section Fig. 8b)

This trench was positioned to target a disrupted linear anomaly interpreted from the geophysics. It was aligned north-south and measured 75m long. Natural subsoil (1502) was encountered at a depth of 0.50m, overlain by subsoil (1501) and ploughsoil (1500). Two small discrete features (F1503 and 1505) and a probable ditch (1506), which corresponded well to the targeted geophysical anomaly, were exposed.

Possible posthole F1503 measured 0.40m in diameter and 0.14m deep with moderately steep sides and a concave base. It contained a single fill (1504) composed of mid greyish brown sandy clay. No finds were recovered.

Possible pit or terminus 1505 was partially exposed. It was circular in plan and continued beyond the limit of excavation to the east. It measured 0.55m wide and contained an exposed upper fill of dark brown clayey silt. No finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Probable ditch 1506 was aligned east-west and measured 2.8m wide with an exposed upper fill composed of mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small rounded pebbles. It was not excavated. It appears to represent an east-west return to ditch F1411. No finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

5.9 Trench 16 (Plan Fig. 8c and section Fig. 8b)

This trench was positioned to target a linear anomaly and a rectilinear anomaly group interpreted from geophysics. It was aligned north-south and measured 50m long, split either side of overhead cables. Natural subsoil (1602) was encountered at a depth of 0.50m, overlain by subsoil (1601) and ploughsoil (1600). A single linear feature (F1604) was exposed in the northern part of the trench, which corresponded well with the targeted linear anomaly. The anomaly group in the southern part of the trench was not present.

Ditch F1604 was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 1.4m wide and 0.55m deep, with straight moderately sloping sides and a narrow flattish base. It contained two fills (1603 and 1605). Primary fill 1605 was composed of mid reddish brown silty clay with abundant small-medium rounded pebbles. Upper fill 1603 was a mid reddish brown silty clay with charcoal flecks. No finds were recovered.

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5.10 Trench 17 (Plan Fig. 8e and section Fig. 8f)

This trench was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 27m long, split either side of overhead cables. Natural subsoil (1702) was encountered at a depth of 0.30m, overlain by subsoil (1701) and ploughsoil (1700). A curvilinear feature (F1703) and a possible stakehole (F1705) were exposed.

Ditch F1703 was curvilinear in plan, aligned approximately north-south and measured 1m wide and 0.25m deep, with moderate concave sides and a broad concave base. It contained a single fill (1704) composed of mid grey slightly sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Possible stakehole F1705 cut the fill of ditch F1703. It measured 0.18m in diameter and 0.40m deep, with very steep sides extending to a point. It contained a single fill (1706) of greyish brown sandy silty with occasional charcoal flecks. No finds were recovered.

5.11 Trench 18 (Plans Fig 9a and 9c, sections Figs 9b and 9d; Plate 4)

This trench was excavated in two parts 'a' and 'b'. Trench 18a was positioned to target an east-west aligned disrupted linear anomaly interpreted from geophysics. Trench 18b was aligned east-west and was positioned to cross the north-south aligned western boundary to Area 8; this boundary corresponds with a possibly ancient boundary feature in the landscape.

Trench 18a

This trench was aligned north-south and measured 62m long. Natural subsoil (1803) was encountered at a depth of 0.40m below topsoil (1813). A single linear feature (F1822) was exposed that corresponded well with the targeted anomaly.

Ditch F1822 was aligned east-west, measured 1.23m wide and 0.35m deep with moderate sides and a narrow concave base. It contained a single fill (1821) composed of light greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Trench 18b

This trench measured 12.5m long. Natural subsoil (1803) was exposed at a depth of 0.30-0.60m from east to west. The hedgebank (F1807) and three linear features were excavated (F1804, F1805 and F1806) and are described below.

At the centre of the trench, natural subsoil was overlain by hedgebank core 1812, composed of mid brown fine sandy clay loam with small gravel inclusions and to the west by a shallow colluvial soil layer (1802). To the west of the bank, layer 1802 and natural subsoil 1803 had been cut by ditch F1805 and its re-cut F1804. The upper fills of these were partially overlain by a shallow subsoil layer (1801) and fully sealed by topsoil (1800). To the east, natural subsoil had been cut by shallow lynchet F1806. No subsoil layer was present to the east of the bank, with the fill (1809) of F1806 overlain by topsoil (1818) only. Bank core 1812 was overlain by upper bank material (1813) composed of heavily bioturbated and loose sandy clay loam. This upper bank was further bioturbated and slumped around its margins with loose largely organic matter (1810 and 1811) overlying it and the topsoil to either side.

Ditch F1804 was aligned approximately north-south, parallel to the hedgebank and cut the upper fill (1817) of earlier ditch F1805. It measured 1.8m wide and 0.44m deep, with moderate concave sides and a flat base. It contained two fills (1814-15). Primary fill 1814 was composed of mid reddish brown clayey loam. Upper fill 1815 was composed of mid yellowish brown clay. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F1805 was aligned approximately north-south, parallel to the hedgebank. It measured 1.76m wide and 0.44m deep with moderate concave sides and a concave base. It contained two fills (1816-7). Primary fill 1816 was composed of mid yellowish brown silty clay. Upper fill 1817 was composed of mid red-brown silty clay. Fill 1817 had been cut by ditch F1804. No finds were recovered.

Possible lynchet F1806 was aligned approximately north-south along the east side of bank 1812. It took the form of a shallow terrace into the natural slope, up to 0.14m deep with a moderate concave cut along its west side. A lens of infilling material (1809) was composed of mid brown silty loam. It was overlain by topsoil (1808).

5.12 Trench 19

This trench was positioned to target a disrupted linear anomaly interpreted from the geophysics as a post-medieval boundary, which is also shown on historic mapping. Natural subsoil (1902) was encountered at a depth of 0.30m, overlain by subsoil (1902) and ploughsoil (1900). A single linear feature (1903) was exposed that corresponded well with the anomaly and is described below but not illustrated.

Probable post-medieval ditch 1903 was aligned east-west and measured 2.9m wide with an exposed upper fill composed of mid brown soft sandy clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed fill.

AREA 6

5.13 Trench 20 (Plan Fig. 10a and section Fig. 10b)

This trench was positioned to target a rectilinear enclosure interpreted from the geophysics. It was 'L'-shaped, aligned north-south/east-west and measured a total of 87m long. Natural subsoil (2002) was encountered at a depth of 0.40m, overlain by subsoil (2001) and ploughsoil (2000). A single linear feature (F2003) was exposed that corresponded well with the anomaly and is described below.

Ditch F2003 was aligned east-west and measured 1.5m wide and 0.55m deep, with moderate concave sides and a slightly irregular concave base. It contained a single fill (2004) composed of mid yellowish brown sandy clay loam. It represented one side of a squared enclosure interpreted from geophysics. No finds were recovered.

5.14 Trench 21 (Plan Fig. 10c and section Fig. 10d)

This trench was aligned north-south, measured 50m long and targeted an area devoid of geophysics anomalies. Natural subsoil (2102) was encountered at a depth of 0.40m, overlain by subsoil (2101) and ploughsoil (2100). A single linear feature (F2103) was exposed and is described below.

Gully F2103 was aligned east-west, measured 1.2m wide and 0.25m deep with shallow concave sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (2104) of mid greyish brown clayey silt which contained five sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery and two sherds of Romano-British pottery.

5.15 Trenches 22 and 56 (Plan Figs 11a and 11d, sections Figs 11b-c; Plate 5)

This trench was positioned to target linear and curvilinear anomalies interpreted from the geophysics. It was aligned northeast-southwest, measured 50m long and was extended to the north to expose the terminus of ditch F2222 and to the south as Trench 56 to expose its southern end (see below). Natural subsoil (2202) was encountered at a minimum depth of 0.20m, overlain by an intermittent subsoil (2201), present at the western extent of the trench only, and ploughsoil (2200). A complex of intercutting and partially exposed features. (F2202, 2217-21) was exposed at the western end of the trench. Towards the centre of the trench a wide linear feature was present (F2222) which corresponded with a geophysical anomaly. Adjacent to this a possible posthole (2233) was exposed.

Ditch F2222 was aligned northeast-southwest, continued beyond the limit of excavation to the southwest and terminated to the northeast within the extended trench. It measured approximately 4.5m wide and was excavated to a maximum depth of 2.28m below ground level. It had steep straight sides, but its full depth was not achieved due to safety concerns. Its south-western terminus was exposed in Trench 56 (F5604).

The excavated portion of the ditch contained a relatively complex fill sequence comprising lowest exposed fills (2215, 2223-5, 2227-8 and 2234-5), secondary backfill and accumulation fills (2214, 2216, 2226 and 2229), two lenses related to possible consolidation and occupation (2212 and 2207) and upper accumulation fills (2206 and 2208-11).

The lowest exposed fills were composed principally of redeposited natural. Possible slumped bank may be present on the northwest side of the feature, represented by fills 2223 and 2215 and possibly 2234. The principal secondary infill deposit (2226) was relatively homogenous and composed largely of well sorted rounded gravels. It is possible that some attempt was made at deliberate backfilling. This fill was overlain by subsequent layers of gradually accumulated material representing probable gradual secondary silting. Secondary fills were overlain by two layers of material of particular note. Fill 2212 was composed of clean, heat affected clay. Its consistency was homogenous with the appearance of having been created *in situ*. The second layer (2207) was a thin but consistent deposit of rounded cobbles possibly representing a rough surface. Both of these layers appear to relate to activity post-dating the backfilling of the feature for the purpose of either consolidation of the top of the fill or later surfacing and burning unrelated to the feature. The upper fills appear to represent later tertiary dumping and accumulation.

A large group of Romano-British pottery sherds were recovered, principally from the upper fills. A smaller quantity was recovered from the secondary fills. Upper primary fill (2227) produced a single, small, possible Late Bronze/Early Iron Age sherd which was too small to identify to form, but is residual in this context.

Probable pit F2202 was partially exposed and continued beyond the limit of excavation to the north. It appeared sub-rectangular in plan, measured a maximum of 1.75m wide and 0.29m deep with moderate undulating sides and flattish base. It contained two fills (2203-4). Primary fill 2203 was composed of light greyish brown silty clay. Upper fill 2204 was a mid greyish brown sandy clay loam and produced 11 sherds of Romano-British pottery. The remainder of this group of intercutting and partially exposed features (2217-21) remained unexcavated, however, six further sherds of Romano-British date were recovered from their exposed upper fills.

Trench 56 was positioned to target the same geophysics anomaly as Trench 22. It measured 9m by 9m. Natural subsoil (5602) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.40m, overlain by topsoil (5600) and subsoil (5601). A single linear feature (F5604) was revealed and is described below.

Ditch terminus F5604 extended beyond the limit of excavation in the north. Its exposed area measured 5m long by 5m wide. In plan two upper fills (5603 and 5605) were present. Fill (5603) consisted of blackish brown sandy silty clay and contained five sherds of Romano-British pottery. Fill (5605) was a very dark grey-brown, sandy silty clay with abundant charcoal and contained ten sherds of Romano-British pottery and metalworking debris.

5.16 Trench 23 (Plan Fig. 12a and sections Figs 12b-c)

This trench was aligned north-south and measured 50m long. It targeted a disrupted linear anomaly identified by the geophysics. Natural subsoil (2302) was encountered at a depth of 0.45m, overlain by subsoil (2301) and ploughsoil (2300). A single small pit or posthole (F2303) was exposed.

Small pit or posthole F2303 was circular in plan, measured 0.40m wide and 0.10m deep with shallow concave sides and a concave base. It contained a single fill (2304) composed of dark brown clayey sand with abundant charcoal fragments. No finds were recovered.

5.17 Trench 24 (Plan Fig. 12d and sections Figs 12e-j)

This trench was aligned approximately north-south and measured 50m long. It targeted a curvilinear anomaly identified by the geophysics. Natural subsoil (2401) was encountered at a depth of 0.30m, overlain by ploughsoil (2400). Two shallow curvilinear features (F2402 and F2406) and four small pits or postholes (F2404, F2408, 2409 and F2410) were exposed and are described below. In addition, two parallel unexcavated linear features (2415 and 2416) were present and represent parallel ditches from former post-medieval/modern hedgebanks.

Wide gully F2402 was curvilinear in plan, measured 1m wide and 0.20m deep with shallow concave sides and a slightly undulating base. It contained two fills (2403 and 2413). Primary fill 2413 was present in a consistent band extending along the eastern side of the cut only. It comprised dark brown clayey silt with frequent charcoal fragments and contained two sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery. Upper fill (2403) was composed of slightly mottled mid-dark brown, sandy silt and contained eight sherds of Romano-British pottery.

Gully F2406 was slightly curvilinear in plan and aligned approximately northeast-southwest. It measured 0.75m wide and 0.10m deep with a wide, shallow, concave profile. It contained a single fill (2407) composed of mid brown silty clay with rare flecks of charcoal and small rounded gravel. Five sherds of Romano-British pottery and two fragments of metalworking slag were recovered.

A group of three postholes (F2404, F2408 and 2409) were located towards the centre of the trench. Of these, two were investigated (F2404 and F2408).

Posthole F2404 measured 0.50m in diameter and was 0.20m deep, with steep sides and a concave base. It contained a single fill (2405) composed of mid greyish brown clayey sand and contained two sherds of Romano-British pottery.

Posthole F2408 measured 0.25m in diameter and was 0.15m deep with steep sides and narrow base. It contained a single fill (2412) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Probable posthole 2409 was circular in plan, measured 0.50m across and contained an exposed upper fill composed of mid greyish brown silty clay with common charcoal fragments. It was not excavated.

Small pit or posthole F2410 measured 0.50m in diameter and was 0.10m deep. It contained a single fill (2411) comprising a layer of dense charcoal possibly burnt *in situ*. No scorching, however, was noted around the margins of the feature. No finds were recovered.

5.18 Trench 25 (Plan Fig. 13a and section Figs 13b-c; Plate 6)

This trench was positioned to target an area devoid of geophysics anomalies. It was 'T'-shaped and measured 46m long north-south and 50m east-west. Natural subsoil (2502) was encountered at a depth of 0.40m, overlain by ploughsoil (2500) and subsoil (2501). A linear feature (F2503) and a small pit or posthole (F2506) were exposed.

Ditch F2503 was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 1.45m wide and 0.45m deep with a 'V'-shape profile. It contained two fills (2504-5). Primary fill 2505 consisted of dark brown silty clay. Secondary fill 2504 consisted of dark brown silty clay and contained eight sherds of prehistoric pottery of probable Early Neolithic date.

Small pit or posthole F2506 measured 0.50m in diameter and 0.11m deep with concave sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (2507) consisting of dark greyish brown silty clay, with common stones and abundant charcoal. No finds were recovered.

5.19 Trench 26 (Plans Figs 14a-b and sections Figs 14c-i)

This trench was aligned east-west and measured 50m long. It was positioned to target a curvilinear geophysics anomaly. Natural subsoil (2602) was encountered at a depth of 0.35m, overlain by an intermittent subsoil (2601) absent from the east end of the trench and ploughsoil (2600). Two linear features (F2613 and F2623), a small gully (F2608), a group of three discrete pits or postholes (F2611, 2618 and 2619), a very truncated possible oven or hearth base (F2609) and a discrete layer (2604) were exposed. Linear feature F2613 corresponded well with the geophysics anomaly.

Ditch F2613 was aligned north-south, measured 1.1m wide and 0.50m deep with a variable profile becoming steeper to the base. It contained two fills (2614 and 2607). Primary fill 2614 was composed of light reddish brown silty clay. Upper fill 2607 was composed of mid brown silty clay and contained 15 sherds of Romano-British pottery.

Ditch F2623 was aligned northwest-southeast, measured 1.8m wide and 0.30m deep with a wide, shallow, gently sloping concave profile. It contained a single fill (2603) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay with common charcoal flecks. Five sherds of Romano-British pottery were recovered.

Gully F2608 was aligned approximately north-south with a rounded terminus to the south. It measured 0.43m wide and 0.20m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a concave base. It contained two fills; primary fill 2610 was composed of reddish brown sandy loam. Upper fill 2606 was a reddish brown silty clay. Several fragments of iron slag were recovered.

A group of three discrete features (F2611, 2618 and 2619) were located to the west of ditch F2623; one was excavated. Posthole F2611 measured 0.38m in diameter and was 0.08m deep with moderate concave sides and flattish base. It contained a single fill (2612) composed of mid reddish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Feature F2609 was broadly oval in plan, measuring approximately 2m by 1.6m and 0.15m deep. It contained two fills (2605 and 2616). The primary fill (2616) principally occupied the west end of the cut and was composed of mid grey brown silty clay and contained seven sherds of Romano-British pottery. Secondary fill 2605 was localised at the eastern end of the feature. It comprised relatively clean, red, heat-affected clay with occasional small to large rounded pebbles. Seventy-two sherds of pottery, probably from a single vessel of Romano-British date, were recovered from this fill. A small associated posthole (F2621) was present in its base.

Discrete layer 2604 was not excavated but was a sub-circular layer of reddish brown silty clay measuring 1m long and 0.8m wide. Collected from its surface were 14 sherds of Middle or Late Iron Age pottery.

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5.20 Trench 28 (Plan Fig. 15a and section Figs 15b-g; Plate 7)

This trench was positioned to target two sub-circular and linear anomalies interpreted from the geophysics. It was aligned approximately north-south and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (2801) was encountered at a depth of 0.33m, overlain by ploughsoil (2800). Two linear features (F2809 and F2816), a linear terminus (F2802) and a group of six postholes (F2804, F2813 and 2823-6) were exposed and are described below.

Ditch F2809 was located at the southern end of the trench. It was aligned northeast-southwest and measured 1.08m wide by 0.34m deep. It contained three relatively sterile silty clay fills (2810-12) and had clearly been affected by root disturbance. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F2816 was located at the northern end of the trench and corresponded well with a curving linear geophysical anomaly. It was aligned northwest-southeast, measured 1.9m wide by 0.78m deep and had a moderately steep, straight sided, 'V'-shaped profile. It contained a series of five fills (2817-21) comprising three silty clay primary fills (2817-19) resulting from weathering of the surrounding natural and two secondary fills (2820 and 2821) composed of greyish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Probable ditch terminus F2802 was aligned approximately east-west and continued beyond the limit of excavation to the east. It measured 1.15m in width and 0.25m deep, with moderately sloping concave sides and flattish base. It contained a single fill (2803) composed of dark yellowish brown sandy loam. Two sherds of Middle or Late Iron Age pottery were recovered.

Closely grouped postholes F2804, F2813, 2823, 2824, 2825 and 2826 were positioned to the south of ditch F2816. Two were investigated (F2804 and F2813). Both measured approximately 0.75m in diameter and were of a relatively substantial depth (0.35m and 0.5m respectively) with steep sides and a concave base. Each contained a sequence of silty clay fills with charcoal flecks. The remaining four were unexcavated, although a single sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered from the exposed upper fill of possible posthole 2823.

5.21 Trench 29 (Plan Fig. 16a and sections Figs 16b-e)

This trench was positioned to target a linear anomaly representing a probable former historic field boundary. It was aligned approximately northeast-southwest and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (2901) was encountered at a depth of 0.41m, overlain by ploughsoil (2400). Two broadly parallel linear features (F2903 and F2904) and a possible posthole (2907) were exposed at the western end, a wide curvilinear feature (F2912) and one posthole (F2910) were exposed towards the eastern end. Two parallel, north-south aligned probable ditches (2913 and 2914) were exposed at the centre of the trench. All features are described below.

Gully F2903 was aligned northeast-southwest, measured 0.87m wide and 0.15m deep with shallow concave sides and wide concave base. It contained a single fill (2902) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay. A sherd of possible Early Neolithic pottery and two sherds of Romano-British pottery were recovered, along with one piece of worked flint.

Gully F2904 was aligned northeast-southwest, measured 1.1m wide and 0.18m deep with gently sloping and occasionally irregular sides and base. It contained a single fill (2905) composed of dark yellowish brown sandy silt. Two sherds of Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery were recovered.

Wide gully F2912 was curvilinear in plan, aligned northwest-southeast, measured 1.68m wide and 0.21m deep and had moderate, concave sides and a slightly undulating base. It contained a single fill (2911) composed of mid greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Two possible postholes (2907 and F2910) were located towards either end of the trench. F2910 measured 0.40m in diameter and 0.08m deep with a shallow concave profile. It contained a single yellowish brown silty clay fill (2909). No finds were recovered. Possible posthole 2907 measured 0.45m in diameter with an exposed upper fill of dark yellowish brown sandy silt. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed fill.

Two parallel, north-south aligned probable ditches (2913 and 2914) measured 1.2m and 0.75m wide respectively, with exposed upper fills of dark brown sandy loam. They correspond well with the geophysical anomaly and are the remains of a post-medieval field boundary.

5.22 Trench 30 (Plan Fig. 17a and sections Figs 17b-e)

This trench was aligned northeast-southwest and measured 50m long. It was positioned to target three curvilinear anomalies interpreted from the geophysics. Natural subsoil (3012) was encountered at a depth of 0.33m, overlain by subsoil (3001) and ploughsoil (3002). Twelve probable postholes and pits (F3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007, F3008, F3011, 3014, 3015, 3016, F3022 and 3029) were exposed throughout the trench, of these, four were excavated (F3003, F3008, F3011 and F3022) and are described below. Three natural tree throws (3013, 3017 and 3018) were also partially exposed and are not described below.

Posthole F3003 measured 0.60m in diameter and 0.29m deep, with moderate-steep convex sides and concave base. It contained two fills (3027-8). Primary fill 3027 was composed of mid reddish brown loamy sand with common medium sized rounded pebbles, possibly representing remnants of post-packing material. Upper fill 3028 was composed of mid greyish brown sandy loam becoming darker to the base. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F3011 measured 0.60m in diameter and 0.35m deep, with steep-near vertical sides and a concave base. It contained two fills (3012 and 3030). Primary fill 3030 was composed of reddish brown redeposited natural. Upper fill 3012 was composed of mid greyish brown clayey sand. No finds were recovered.

Large probable post-pit F3008 measured 1m in diameter and 0.45m deep, with steep convex sides and a flat base. It contained two fills (3009-10). The primary fill (3010) was composed of mid greyish brown clayey sand with frequent small to medium and occasional large rounded pebbles. Secondary fill 3009 was composed of mid greyish brown clayey silt with common small-medium rounded pebbles. No finds were recovered.

Post-pit F3022 measured 1m in diameter and 0.35m deep, with moderate-steep sides and a flat base. It contained two fills (3025 and 3026). Primary fill 3025 was composed of pale greyish brown silty loam. Upper fill 3026 was composed of mid greyish brown sandy clayey loam and contained one piece of worked flint.

The remaining probable postholes (3004-07, 3014-06 and 3029) were unexcavated. Four were only partially exposed. All were broadly or probably circular in plan, ranging in size between 0.30m and 0.85m in diameter, with an exposed upper fill typically of mid grey-brown silty loam. No finds were recovered.

5.23 Trench 31 (Plan Fig. 18a and sections Figs 18b-d)

This trench was aligned approximately east-west and measured 50m long. It targeted the location of two linear anomalies interpreted by the geophysics. Natural subsoil (3102) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.35m, overlain by subsoil (3101) and ploughsoil (3100). Two linear features (F3103 and F3116), two possible postholes (3118-9) and a group of intercutting features (3115, F3111, 3113 and 3114) were exposed and are described below.

Ditch F3103 was aligned north-south, measured 2.05m wide and 0.70m deep with moderate straight sides and a 'V'-shaped base. It contained a series of seven fills (3104-10). Primary fill 3104 was composed of mid reddish brown sandy clay. Second to fourth fills (3110, 3106 and 3107) represented probable dumping and waste disposal. They comprised dark greenish grey clayey loam. Fill 3106 contained abundant charcoal. Tertiary accumulation fills (3108-9) were composed of sandy clay and loamy sand with common charcoal flecks. No finds were recovered.

Gully F3116 was aligned approximately northeast-southwest, measured up to 1.2m wide and 0.19m deep, with shallow concave sides and concave base. It contained one fill (3117) composed of mid brown clayey loam. No finds were recovered.

Possible posthole 3118 was sub-circular, measuring 0.35m by 0.25m, with an exposed upper fill of mid grey brown clayey loam with frequent charcoal flecks. Possible posthole 3119 was oval in plan measuring 0.25m+ long and 0.12m+ wide, but was cut by ditch F3116. It had a greenish/greyish brown clayey loam upper fill with abundant charcoal flecks. They were not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Feature group 3115, F3111, 3113 and 3114 comprised a probable ditch (3115), a posthole (F3111) and two partially exposed possible postholes (3113 and 3114). Posthole F3111 measured 0.34m in diameter and 0.17m deep with steep sides and a flattish base. It contained a single fill (3112) composed of mid brown sandy loam with common charcoal towards the top. Probable postholes 3113 and 3114 were partially exposed within the trench. Both appeared circular in plan with an exposed upper fill composed of mid brown sandy clayey loam. Probable ditch 3115 was aligned approximately north-south, measured 1.5m wide and had an exposed upper fill of mid brown sandy loam with common small pebbles. Its fill was cut by posthole F3111 and probable posthole 3113. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

5.24 Trench 32 (Plan Fig. 19a and sections Figs 19b-d)

This trench was positioned to target linear and disrupted linear anomalies interpreted from the geophysics. It was aligned approximately north-south and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (3201) was encountered at a depth of 0.30m, overlain by ploughsoil (3200). Two linear features (F3203 and F3204) were exposed that corresponded well with a curvilinear geophysical anomaly and a long linear anomaly respectively. A third probable linear feature (3208) and later intercutting pit (3207) were not identified by the geophysics. At the north end of the trench a group of intercutting features (F3210, F3212, F3214, F3216 and 3217) broadly corresponded with a geophysics anomaly. They are described below.

Ditch F3203 was aligned approximately east-west and measured 1.86m wide and 0.27m deep. It had shallow gently sloping sides and a rounded base. It had a single fill (3202) composed of dark greyish brown sandy silt with frequent small-medium rounded pebbles. Eighteen sherds of Romano-British pottery and one piece of worked flint were recovered.

Ditch F3204 was aligned approximately east-west and measured 1.35m wide and 0.70m deep, with moderately sloping to steep sides and a flattish base. It contained two fills (3205-6). Lower fill 3205 was composed of grey clayey silt with abundant small-medium rounded pebbles and contained one sherd of unidentified prehistoric pottery. Upper fill 3206 was a yellowish brown silty clay. One sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered.

Probable ditch 3208 was aligned east-west, measured 1.1m wide and had an exposed upper fill of dark greyish brown sandy silt. It was not excavated. Its fill was cut by later probable pit 3207. Three sherds of Iron Age pottery were recovered.

Probable pit or large posthole 3207 measured 0.95m in diameter and cut the fill of probable ditch 3208. Its exposed upper fill was composed of very dark grey brown sandy silt. It was not excavated. One sherd of Iron Age pottery was recovered from the upper fill.

Group F3210, F3212, F3214, F3216 and 3217 comprised two smaller discrete features (F3214 and F3212) and two linear features (F3210 and F3216). All had been excavated into the top of layer/deposit 3217.

Posthole F3214 was oval in plan, measuring 0.60m long by 0.35m wide and 0.30m deep, with steep sides and concave base. It had a single fill (3213) of dark brown silty clay. It was cut by gully F3210 and pit F3212. No finds were recovered.

Pit F3212 was oval in plan measuring 1.15m long, 0.65m wide and 0.24m deep, with a bowl shaped profile. It contained a single fill (3211) consisting of dark greyish/yellow brown silty clay. A total of 16 sherds of Iron Age pottery was recovered.

Gully F3210 was east-west aligned and measured 0.72m wide and 0.35m deep, with uneven bowl shaped sides and an undulating rounded base. It contained a single fill (3209) consisting of dark greyish/yellow brown, silty clay with common medium to large rounded pebbles. No finds were recovered.

Gully F3216 was east-west aligned and measured 0.70m wide and 0.34m deep, with steep sides and a rounded base. It contained a single fill (3215) consisting of dark greyish brown, clay silt with common large rounded pebbles. No finds were recovered.

Deposit 3217 was revealed over an area with minimum dimensions of 3.1m and 2m consisting of yellow brownish grey silty clay. This was not excavated but may be a natural deposit.

5.25 Trench 33 (Plan Fig. 20a and sections Figs 20b-d)

This trench was positioned to target a curvilinear and disrupted linear anomaly interpreted from the geophysics. It was aligned approximately east-west and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (3302) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.38m, overlain by subsoil (3301) and ploughsoil (3300). One discrete shallow pit (F3303), one possible interconnected gully (F3309) and a posthole (F3307) were excavated and are described below. Two parallel, north-south aligned ditches (3305

and 3306) measuring 2.4m and 1.9m wide respectively, were exposed with upper fills of dark brown sandy loam. They correspond well with an interpreted geophysics anomaly representing a probable former historic field boundary. The other geophysics anomaly was not encountered.

Shallow pit F3303 was sub-circular in plan, measured 1m wide and 0.15m deep with moderately steep sides and a flattish base. It contained a single fill (3304) composed of mid yellowish grey silty clay with common small-medium rounded pebbles. No finds were recovered.

Shallow gully F3309 was aligned northeast-southwest and was exposed for a distance of approximately 0.75m. At its southwest end it appeared to terminate in a small adjoining posthole (F3307). It contained a single fill (3310) composed of mid brown sandy clay loam with moderate small rounded pebbles. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F3307 measured 0.47m in diameter and 0.23m deep with steep slightly concave sides to a narrow 'V'-shaped base. It contained a single fill (3308) composed of mid brown clayey loam with common small pebbles and occasional medium cobbles representing possible former post packing. These two interconnected features are likely to be contemporary, with no clear relationship visible in section. No finds were recovered.

5.26 Trench 34 (Plans Figs 21a and 21e and sections Figs 21b-d and 21f)

This trench was positioned to target a disrupted linear geophysical anomaly and a long linear anomaly representing probable former historic field boundaries. It was aligned approximately northeast-southwest and measured a total of 50m long and was split either side of overhead cables. Natural subsoil (3402) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.35m, overlain by subsoil (3401) and ploughsoil (3400). Two linear features (F3422 and F3412), three postholes (F3403, F3406, 3410) and one probable pit (3420) were exposed and are described below. Two parallel east-west aligned ditches (3414 and 3417) at the southern end of the trench, representing parallel ditches for a post-medieval hedgebank, and one approximately north-south aligned ditch (3411), corresponded well with geophysical anomalies. They measured 1.2m, 3m and 2.3m wide respectively with exposed upper fills of dark brown sandy loam.

Possible ditch terminus F3412 was aligned east-west and terminated to the west. It measured 1m wide and 0.16m deep, with moderate, irregular sides and an irregular base. It contained a single fill (3413) of light greyish brown sandy silt loam. No finds were recovered.

Narrow gully F3422 was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 0.30m wide and 0.08m deep, with moderate-steep sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (3423) composed of mid reddish brown clay. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F3403 was located at the southern end of the trench and measured 0.50m in diameter and 0.20m deep, with steep sides and a concave base. It contained two fills (3404 and 3405). Outer fill 3405 was composed of mid greyish brown silty clay. Inner fill 3404 was composed of mid brown silty clay and it had the appearance of a possible post-pipe. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F3406 was positioned at the northern end of the trench and measured 0.50m in diameter and 0.36m deep, with steep sides and a flattish base. It contained three fills (3407-9). Primary fill 3407 was composed of light yellowish brown compact

clayey loam with abundant rounded pebbles, possibly representing consolidation of the posthole base. Secondary fill 3408 was composed of mid yellowish brown clayey loam. Upper fill 3409 was composed of dark greyish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Possible posthole 3410 was positioned immediately to the south of F3406. It was oval in plan, measuring 0.72m by 0.6m with an exposed upper fill of mid brown sandy loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible pit 3420 was partially exposed and indistinct. It appeared sub-circular in plan and continued beyond the limit of excavation to the west. It measured 1.2m wide, with an exposed upper fill composed of pale grey brown sandy silt. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

5.27 Trench 35 (Plan Fig. 22a and sections Figs 22b-g; Plate 8)

This trench was aligned approximately east-west and measured 50m long. It was positioned to target an area devoid of geophysics anomalies. Natural subsoil (3501) was encountered at a depth of 0.25m, overlain by ploughsoil (3500). Two linear features (F3504 and F3510), two narrow curvilinear features (F3512, 3508), two shallow intercutting features (F3502, F3503) and three possible postholes and pits (F3514, 3515 and 3516) were exposed.

Gully F3504 was aligned northwest-southeast, measured 0.70m wide and 0.22m deep, with moderate concave sides and flattish base. It contained a single fill (3505) composed of pale greyish brown clayey silt. No finds were recovered.

Gully F3510 was aligned approximately northeast-southwest, measured 0.95m wide and 0.19m deep with gradual concave sides and slightly concave base. It contained a single fill (3509) composed of dark brown silty loam with abundant small rounded pebbles. No finds were recovered.

Curvilinear gully F3512 was aligned broadly east-west, was exposed for a length of 4.4m and terminated within the trench at its eastern extent. It measured 0.40m wide and 0.23m deep, with steep sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (3511) composed of mid brown clayey silt and contained six sherds of Middle Iron Age pottery.

Probable curvilinear gully 3508 was exposed for a length of approximately 3m and measured 0.30m wide. Its exposed upper fill was composed of pale greyish brown clayey silt with frequent medium-large pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. Three sherds of Iron Age pottery and one piece of worked flint were recovered from the exposed upper fill.

Intercutting features F3502 and F3503 comprised two probable gully termini, however both were only partially exposed and no clear relationship was visible between them in plan or section. As such their interpretation remains ambiguous. F3502 was aligned approximately north-south ending in a rounded terminus to the north. It had a single fill (3506) of dark greyish-brown sandy silt and contained 49 sherds of Iron Age pottery. F3503 was aligned northwest-southeast and appeared to terminate at its northwest end within F3502. It measured 0.7m wide, 0.11m deep and was exposed for a maximum length of 1.75m. It had a single fill (3507) of dark greyish brown sandy silt and contained seven sherds of Iron Age pottery.

Posthole F3514 was positioned at the terminus of gully F3512. It was circular in plan, measured 0.45m across and 0.14m deep and had moderate concave sides and a

concave base. It contained a single fill (3513) composed of mid yellow brown clayey silt. No finds were recovered.

Two possible pits or large postholes were partially exposed (3515 and 3516). Both continued beyond the limit of excavation to the south, appeared circular in plan and measured approximately 1m across, with an exposed upper, charcoal flecked fill composed of dark greyish brown clayey silt and dark yellowish brown clayey silt respectively. They were unexcavated and no finds were recovered.

5.28 Trench 36 (Plan Fig. 23a and sections Fig. 23b-d)

This trench was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 85m long. It was positioned to target repeated parallel geophysics anomalies. Natural subsoil (3602) was encountered at a depth of 0.44m, overlain by topsoil (3600) and subsoil (3601). Two postholes (F3603 and F3605) were excavated and three possible postholes and pits (3607, 3608 and 3610) and a possible linear feature (3609) were exposed and are described below.

Posthole F3603 was oval in plan, measuring 0.50m long by 0.33m wide and 0.07m deep, with only the rounded base surviving. It contained a single fill (3604) consisting of reddish brown silty clay with charcoal flecks. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F3605 measured 0.50m in diameter and 0.15m deep, with moderately concave sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (3606) consisting of mid to dark reddish brown silty clay with charcoal flecks. No finds were recovered.

Possible posthole 3607 measured 0.30m in diameter with an upper fill of mid-greyish brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible posthole 3608 measured 0.30m in diameter with an upper fill of mid-dark greyish brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible pit 3610 was of uncertain shape in plan measuring approximately 1m long and 0.60m wide, with an upper fill of mid reddish brown silty clay and common small stones and charcoal. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Probable ditch 3609 was aligned northeast-southwest linear and exposed over a distance of 1.8m. It measured 1m wide, with an upper fill of mid-reddish brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

5.29 Trench 37 (Plans 24a and 25a and sections Figs 24b-d and 25b-f; Plates 9-10)

This trench was positioned to target a series of sub-circular and disrupted linear anomalies interpreted from geophysics. It was 'L'-shaped, aligned approximately east-west/north-south and measured a total of 125m long. Natural subsoil (3702) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.40m, overlain by subsoil (3701) and ploughsoil (3700). A total of eight features was excavated and a further 31 possible features exposed. They are described below.

A total of eight curvilinear gully segments was exposed (3727-30, F3734, 3739, F3742, and 3744) that corresponded well with geophysical anomalies. They most likely represent up to six individual roundhouse structures. Of this group two were excavated (F3734 and F3742).

Gully F3734 was aligned approximately north-south, measured 1.6m wide and 0.30m deep, with moderate straight sides and a flattish base. It contained two fills (3757 and 3759). Primary fill 3757 was composed of mottled mid yellowish brown and light

brown silty clay and contained a single sherd of probable Middle Iron Age pottery and two sherds of Romano-British pottery. Secondary fill 3759 was composed of dark brown sandy clay with no finds.

Gully F3742 was aligned approximately north-south, measured 1.5m wide and 0.56m deep and had moderately sloping slightly variable sides onto a concave base. It contained a series of four fills (3760-63). Two lower fills (3760/3761) were equivalent and composed of mottled yellow and mid grey brown sandy loam. Fill 3762 represented secondary infill. Its shape in profile hints tentatively at a narrow re-cut to the wider gully. It was composed of mid yellowish brown sandy loam. Upper fill 3763 was composed of mid greyish brown sandy loam. No finds were recovered.

Probable gullies 3729-30 were aligned approximately north-south. Gullies 3739, 3744 and 3728 were aligned approximately northwest-southeast. Each measured between 0.75m-1.2m wide, with an exposed upper fill composed of mid-dark greyish brown sandy silt. The upper fill of 3730 contained common charcoal flecks and sixteen sherds of Late Iron Age pottery. Three sherds of Iron Age pottery were recovered from the exposed fill of 3729. All were unexcavated.

A group of possible associated postholes (3732, 3735, F3736, F3737, 3738, F3740, 3741, 3743 and F3754) were arranged principally within the putative interior of two potential pennanular gullies. Four were investigated (F3736, F3737, F3740 and F3754).

Possible posthole F3736 was circular in plan, measured 0.52m in diameter and 0.10m deep. It contained a single fill (3767) composed of dark greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Possible posthole F3737 was circular in plan, measured 0.60m in diameter and 0.10m deep. It contained a single fill (3768) composed of dark greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Features F3740 and F3754 were intercutting. F3740 was a potential posthole measuring 0.70m across and 0.44m deep, with steep sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (3752) of dark greyish brown sandy silt. F3754 was adjacent and either represents a second posthole or natural disturbance, its fill (3753) was dark brownish grey sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

In the north-south aligned portion of the trench, features exposed did not clearly correspond with interpreted geophysical anomalies. Only linear feature F3717 corresponded well with an anomaly. Elsewhere, a group of stone packed postholes (F3745 and 3747-9), a group of shallow discrete features representing likely natural hollows (3719-23 and 3733; not illustrated), three additional possible linear features (F3750, F3766 and 3751), a complex of intercutting probable, linear features, pits and postholes (3703-5, 3707-14 and 3755) and large pit (3715) and isolated possible features (3725-6) were exposed.

Linear feature F3717 corresponded well with a linear geophysical anomaly. It was aligned approximately east-west, measured 2.17m wide and 0.39m deep, with shallow slightly convex sides and a narrow base. It had a single fill (3718) of mid yellowish grey silty sand and contained 23 sherds of Iron Age pottery and two pieces of worked flint.

Posthole F3745 measured 0.47m in diameter and 0.28m deep with a 'U'-shaped profile. It had a single fill (3746) of mid greyish brown sandy loam. No finds were recovered.

Gully F3750 was curvilinear in plan and exposed over a distance of 2.9m. It was 0.60m wide and 0.27m deep, with a steeply sloping south side and shallow north side with a rounded base. It had a single fill (3764) of mid greyish/yellow brown, sandy silt/silty sand patches. No finds were recovered.

Linear terminus or pit F3766 was oval in plan measuring 0.84m long, 0.70m wide and 0.14m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It had a single fill (3765) consisting of a light to mid greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Of the probable features the exposed fills of 3703, 3704, 3709, 3712 and 3714 contained prehistoric pottery, with two sherds from 3703 and 3709 identified as Iron Age in date, a sherd from 3714 as Late Bronze Age or Early Iron Age and one from 3704 as Early Neolithic.

5.30 Trench 38 (Plan Fig. 26a and sections Figs 25b-d)

This trench was positioned to target an area devoid of geophysics anomalies. It was aligned north-south and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (3802) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.48m, overlain by subsoil (3801) and topsoil (3800). Two postholes (F3808 and F3810) were excavated and four possible postholes (3804, 3805, 3809 and 3813), a possible stakehole (3806), a possible pit (3812) and a possible linear feature (3803) were exposed. They are described below.

Posthole F3808 measured 0.55m in diameter and 0.31m deep, with near vertical sides and flat base. It contained two fills (3807 & 3814), with the lower fill (3814) a mid brown clay sand, while the upper fill (3807) consisted of mid blackish brown clayey sand. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F3810 was oval in plan and measured 0.38m in diameter and 0.37m deep, with vertical sides and a rounded base. It contained a single fill (3811) consisting of a mid brownish grey sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Possible posthole 3804 measured 0.50m in diameter, with a fill of mid-light brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible posthole 3805 measured 0.45m in diameter, with a fill of mid-reddish brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible posthole 3809 was oval in plan measuring 0.35m long and 0.25m wide, with a fill of mid to light brown silty clay with abundant charcoal. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible posthole 3813 measured 0.50m in diameter, with a fill of dark blackish brown clayey silt with frequent charcoal. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible stakehole 3806 measured 0.08m in diameter, with a black charcoal-rich upper fill. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible pit 3812 was oval in plan and measured 0.80m long and 0.40m wide with a fill of light brownish grey clayey sand. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible ditch 3803 was aligned approximately east-west and measured 0.70m wide, with a fill of mid-reddish brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

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5.31 Trench 42 (Plan Fig. 27a and sections Figs 27b-d)

This trench was positioned to target a disrupted linear geophysics anomaly. It was aligned approximately northwest-southeast and measured 75m long. Natural subsoil (4201) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.50m, overlain by topsoil (4200). One possible pit or tree throw (F4205) and a tree throw (F4207) were excavated, while a pair of possible linear features (4208 and 4209) a further linear feature (4202) and a possible tree throw (4203) were exposed but not excavated. They are described below.

Pit or tree throw F4205 was sub-oval in plan measuring 1.45m long, 1.19m wide and 0.34m deep, with moderately sloping irregular sides and an irregular base. It had a single fill (4204) consisting of mid greyish brown sandy silt and contained 21 sherds of pottery of Middle Neolithic date. F4205 cut F4207.

Tree throw F4207 was an irregular sub-oval in plan measuring 1.58m long, 1.07m wide and 0.44m deep, with irregular moderate to shallow sloping sides and a rounded base. It had a single fill (4206) consisting of a dark greyish brown sandy silt and contained a single piece of worked flint.

Possible pair of ditches 4208 and 4209 were 1.3m and 1.5m wide respectively. Both contained a fill of dark brown sandy silt. They were located parallel to each other, the most northerly of which matched the geophysics anomaly, and are probably post-medieval hedgebank boundary ditches. They were not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible tree throw 4203 was an amorphous oval in plan measuring 2m long and 0.80m wide with a fill of yellow/red, greyish brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

Possible ditch 4202 was linear in plan, measured 2.2m wide and consisted of a light greyish brown sandy silt. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered.

5.32 Trench 43 (Plan Fig. 28a and sections Figs 28b-c)

This trench was positioned to target an area devoid of geophysics anomalies. It was aligned north-south and measured 50m long. Natural subsoil (4302) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.33m, overlain by topsoil (4300) and subsoil (4301). A possible pit (F4303) and a curvilinear feature (F4305) were present. They are described below.

Pit F4303 was oval in plan, measuring 0.83m long, 0.70m wide and 0.22m deep, with moderately sloping slightly irregular concave sides and a flat, slightly concave, base. It had a single fill (4304) of mid brown, sandy clay loam with abundant charcoal flecks and contained pieces of worked flint and stone. It cut ditch F4305.

Ditch F4305 was curvilinear in plan and exposed for a length of approximately 2.80m. It measured 0.68m wide and 0.37m deep, with moderately steep straight to concave sides and a slightly 'U'-shaped base. It contained two fills (4306 and 4307). Primary

fill 4306 consisted of mid reddish brown loamy sand beneath the main fill (4307) consisting of mid brown sandy clay loam. No finds were recovered.

5.33 Trench 44 (Plans Fig. 29a and 29d and sections Figs 29b-c and 29e)

This trench was 'L'-shaped and positioned to target a mixed spread and repeated parallel linear geophysics anomalies. The north-south arm measured 51m in length and the east-west arm was 74m long. Natural subsoil (4402) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.45m, overlain by topsoil (4400) and subsoil (4401). Two possible pits (F4403 and F4408) and a linear feature (F4413) were excavated. They are described below. Three natural features (4410-2) were also present and are not discussed below or illustrated.

Possible pit F4403 was 1.82m in diameter and approximately 0.32m deep, with gently sloping undulating sides becoming steeper and more rounded onto a flat base. It contained three fills (4404-6). Primary fill 4404 was re-deposited natural, above which was a small patch of clean medium yellowish brown clay (4405). This was below the main fill (4406), a dark greyish black silty sandy loam. No finds were recovered.

Possible pit or ditch terminal F4408 was only partially revealed in the trench but appeared to be oval or linear in plan measuring 0.94m wide and 0.36m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It had two fills (4407 and 4409). Primary fill 4409 consisted of mid brownish black sandy silt. Upper fill 4407 was a dark greyish brown sandy silt and contained two worked stones.

Ditch F4413 was north-south aligned measuring 2.30m wide and 0.50m deep, with gently sloping sides, although steeper to the west, with a flat base. It contained three fills (4414-6). Primary fill 4416 consisted of mid yellowish grey clayey silt with abundant pebbles. Secondary fill 4415 was a light to mid reddish brown silty clay divided from the upper mid brown clayey silt fill (4414) by a lens of charcoal. No finds were recovered.

5.34 Trench 45 (Plan Fig. 30a and sections Fig. 30b)

This trench was positioned to target an area devoid of geophysics anomalies. It was aligned approximately northeast-southwest and was 75m long. Natural subsoil (4502) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.43m, overlain by topsoil (4500) and subsoil (4501). A possible pit (F4503) was excavated and is described below. Four natural features (4505-8) were also recorded and are not discussed below or illustrated.

Pit F4503 was broadly oval in plan measuring 0.88m long, 0.56m wide and 0.20m deep, with vertical into concave sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (4504) consisting of light to mid greyish brown clayey silt. No finds were recovered.

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5.35 Trench 46 (Plan Fig. 30c and sections Figs 30d-e)

This trench was positioned to target a disrupted oval and repeated parallel linear geophysics anomalies. It was aligned northwest-southeast and was 50m long. Natural subsoil (4602) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.30m, overlain by topsoil (4600) and subsoil (4601). A possible posthole (F4605) and linear feature (F4608) were excavated and are described below. Two natural features (4604 and 4606) and a modern ditch (4603) were also observed and are not discussed below or illustrated.

Possible posthole F4605 measured 0.45m in diameter and 0.21m deep, with steep slightly asymmetrical sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (4609) consisting of mid yellowish brown sandy clay and contained a sherd of prehistoric pottery, which was too small to identify.

Gully F4608 was northeast-southwest aligned and measured 2m wide and 0.32m deep, with a gentle concave side to the northwest and a steeper concave side to the southeast onto a flat base. It had a single fill (4607) consisting of mid reddish/yellowish brown silty clay loam and contained six pieces of worked flint.

5.36 Trench 48 (Plan Fig. 31a and section Fig. 31b)

This trench was positioned to target a short linear geophysics anomaly. It was aligned north-south and was 75m long. Natural subsoil (4802) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.47m, overlain by topsoil (4800) and subsoil (4801). A posthole or pit (F4804) was excavated and a possible pit (4805) was recorded in plan and are described below.

Posthole or pit F4804 was sub-circular in plan measuring 0.54m long, 0.52m wide and 0.22m deep, with steep sloping sides and a rounded base. It had two fills (4803 & 4807), with the lower fill (4807) a mid greyish brown, silty sand, while the upper fill (4803) consisted of a dark brownish grey sandy silt with abundant charcoal flecks. No finds were recovered.

Possible pit 4805 was not fully revealed in the trench but had maximum length of 0.9m with a fill of mid-greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

5.37 Trench 49 (Plan Fig. 31c and section Fig. 31d)

This trench was positioned in an area devoid of geophysical anomalies, but to establish whether a nearby curvilinear anomaly extended into this area. It was aligned northeast-southwest and was 50m long. Natural subsoil (4902) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.50m, overlain by topsoil (4900) and subsoil (4901). A pit (F4903) was present and is described below.

Pit F4903 was oval in plan measuring 0.73m long, 0.50m wide and 0.16m deep, with concave sides, sharper to the south, and a flat base. It had two fills (4905-6). Primary fill (4906) consisted of reddish brown silty clay. Upper fill (4905) was a reddish brown silty clay with common charcoal flecks. No finds were recovered.

5.38 Trench 50 (Plan Fig. 32a and sections Figs 32b-f)

This trench was positioned to target two disrupted linear and a curvilinear geophysics anomalies. It was aligned northeast-southwest and was 100m long. Natural subsoil (5002) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.30m, overlain by topsoil (5000) and subsoil (5001). Four linear features (F5009, F5011, F5014 and F5017) and two discrete features (F5003 and F5005) were excavated and five possible pits (5012, 5013, 5016, 5019 and 5021) were recorded in plan and are described below.

Gully F5014 was east-west aligned and measured 0.30m wide and 0.10m deep, with steep sides and a 'U'-shaped base. It had a single fill (5015) consisting of mid brown silty clay which contained twelve sherds of Late Bronze Age or Early Iron Age pottery.

Ditch F5017 was north-south aligned and measured 1.20m wide and 0.40m deep, with moderately straight sides and concave base. It contained a single fill (5018) of mid reddish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Curvilinear ditch F5009 was north-south aligned and exposed over a distance of 1.3m. It measured 1.2m wide and 0.15m deep, with shallow sloping sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (5008) of brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Gully F5011 was north-south aligned measuring 0.35m wide and 0.10m deep, with concave sides and an ill-defined base. It contained a single fill (5010) of brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Possible pit F5003 was sub-oval in plan measuring 0.70m long, 0.90m wide and 0.12m deep with gently sloping sides and undulating rounded base. It contained a single fill (5004) of mid brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F5005 was oval in plan measuring 0.60m long, 0.30m wide and 0.09m deep, with moderately straight sides and a concave base. It contained a single fill (5006) of mid greyish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Possible pit 5012 was broadly circular in plan, measuring 1.5m in diameter, with a fill of mid-greyish brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible pit 5013 was broadly circular in plan, measuring 2.4m in diameter, with a fill of mid-greyish brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible pit 5016 was amorphous in plan and cut by modern land drains. It measured 6m long and continued beyond the edges of the trench. It consisted of mid brown silty clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible pit 5019 was broadly oval measuring 1.5m long and 1m wide, with a fill of mid brown silty clay with common well rounded to rounded gravels. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible pit 5021 was broadly circular in plan measuring 0.90m in diameter with a light greyish/yellow sandy clay upper fill containing common charcoal flecks. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible linear features 5022 and 5023 are a continuation of post-medieval boundary features (5106-8) in Trench 51 (see below). They were not excavated.

5.39 Trench 51 (Plan Fig. 33a and sections Figs 33b-c)

This trench was positioned to target three disrupted linear geophysics anomalies. It was aligned approximately northeast-southwest and was 75m long. Natural subsoil (5101) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.29m, overlain by topsoil (5100). A posthole (F5103) and a linear feature (F5111) were excavated and are described below. Three probable post-medieval hedgebank ditches (5106-8), a subsoil deposit (5113) and several modern features were excavated or recorded in plan (F5105, 5109 and 5110) and these are not described below.

Posthole F5103 was sub-circular in plan measuring 0.45m across and 0.07m deep, with shallow sides and flattish base. It had a single fill (5102) consisting of pale reddish brown sandy clay loam with occasional large rounded packing cobbles. It contained one piece of worked flint.

Ditch F5111 was northeast-southwest aligned and exposed over a distance of 6m. It measured 1.10m wide and 0.18m deep, with shallow sides and a flat irregular base. It had a single fill (5112) consisting of dark greyish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

5.40 Trench 52 (Plan Fig. 34a and sections Figs 34b-g)

This trench was positioned to target disrupted curvilinear and linear geophysics anomalies. It was aligned northwest-southeast and was 50m long. Natural subsoil (5201) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.34m, overlain by topsoil (5200). Two postholes (F5223 and F5207), three linear features (F5202, F5204 and F5212) and a pennanular gully (F5209) were excavated and eight possible postholes or pits (5208, 5215, 5217-20 and 5222), the possible return of the pennanular gully (5214) and a probable post-medieval boundary ditch (5221) were recorded in plan and are described below.

Possible posthole F5207 continued beyond the limit of excavation but appeared to be oval in plan measuring at least 0.93m long and 0.40m deep, with sharp concave sides and rounded base. It contained three fills (5225-27). Primary fill 5225 consisted of a light brown silty sandy clay. Secondary fill 5226 was within a possible post-pipe and consisted of a mottled dark greyish/ yellowish black, organic silty clay. Upper fill (5227) was a mid greyish brown silty clay loam. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F5223 was sub-oval in plan measuring 0.55m long, 0.40m wide and 0.14m deep, with moderately steep sloping sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (5224) consisting of a mid greyish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Gully F5202 was north-south aligned and measured 0.70m wide and 0.22m deep, with gentle concave sides and a rounded base. It contained a single fill (5203) of mid reddish brown clayey loam. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F5204 was north-south aligned and measured 1.40m wide and 0.30m deep, with an irregular 'U'-shaped profile. It contained two fills (5205-6). Primary fill 5205 consisted of a yellowish brown clayey silt with common pebbles. Upper fill 5206 was a dark yellowish brown clayey silt and contained one sherd of undiagnostic prehistoric pottery.

Gully F5212 was northeast-southwest aligned and measured 0.80 wide and 0.11 deep, with a very shallow 'U'-shaped profile. It had a single fill (5213) consisting of yellowish red clayey silt which contained three sherds of Romano-British pottery.

Pennanular gully F5209 and 5214 was exposed in two places in the trench. Where excavated it measured 0.45m wide and 0.14m deep, with moderately concave sides and a rounded base. It contained two fills (5210-11). Primary fill 5210 consisted of a mid reddish brown clayey loam. The secondary fill (5211) consisted of dark brown sandy clayey loam. No finds were recovered.

Possible posthole or pit 5208 was oval in plan and measured 1m long and 0.5m wide, with a fill of mid greyish black sandy clay loam and abundant charcoal. It was not excavated.

Possible pit 5215 was oval in plan measuring 1.2m long and 0.4m wide with a fill light greyish brown sandy clay loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible posthole 5217 measured 0.25m in diameter, with a fill of mid brown sandy clay loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible posthole 5218 measured 0.30m in diameter, with a fill of mid brown sandy clay loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible posthole 5219 measured 0.50m in diameter, with a fill of mid brown sandy clay loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible posthole 5220 was oval in plan measuring 0.70m long and 0.32m wide, with a fill of mid brown sandy clay loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible pit 5222 was oval in plan measuring 0.90m long and 0.75m wide, with a fill of light brown sandy clay loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Probable post-medieval boundary ditch 5221 was 1.25m wide, with a fill of dark grey silty loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

5.41 Trench 54 (Plan Fig. 35a and section Fig. 35b)

This trench was positioned to target an area devoid of geophysics anomalies. It was aligned north-south and was 75m long. Natural subsoil (5402) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.55m, overlain by topsoil (5400) and subsoil (5401). A pit (F5405) was excavated and is described below. In addition two tree throws (5403-04) were recorded and are not described below or illustrated.

Pit F5405 was oval in plan measuring 2.5m long, 1.75m wide and 0.08m deep, with a shallow profile and flat bottom. It had a single fill (5406) consisting of dark greyish yellow silty sand and contained one piece of worked flint. It was dug within a probable tree throw (5404).

5.42 Trench 55 (Plan Fig. 35c and sections Fig. 35d-h)

This trench was positioned to target repeated parallel geophysics anomalies. It was aligned northwest-southeast and was 50m long. Natural subsoil (5501) was encountered at a typical depth of 0.48m, overlain by topsoil (5500). Two postholes (F5507 and F5509), three linear features (F5503, F5511 and F5513) and a ring gully (F5505) were excavated, while two possible postholes (5515 and 5518) and two possible linear features (5516-17) were recorded in plan. All are described below.

Posthole F5507 was oval in plan measuring 0.56m long, 0.44m wide and 0.15m deep, with steep sloping sides and a rounded base. It had two fills (5510 and 5506). Primary fill 5510 consisted of mid greyish yellow sandy silt. Secondary fill 5506 consisted of dark greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Posthole F5509 was oval in plan measuring 0.37m long, 0.34m wide and 0.13m deep, with steep sides curving into a rounded base. It had a single fill (5508) of mid greyish brown sandy silt. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F5503 was northeast-southwest aligned and measured 1.15m wide and 0.16m deep, with shallow sloping sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (5502) of

mid greyish brown sandy clay with common small to large rounded pebbles. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F5511 was northeast-southwest aligned and measured 0.67m wide and 0.23m deep, with moderately steep sides and a flat slightly sloping base. It had a single fill (5512) consisting of mid to dark brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F5513 was northeast-southwest aligned and measured 0.75m wide and 0.35m deep, with moderately steep concave sides and concave base. It had a single fill (5514) consisting of mid to dark brown silty clay and contained one sherd of Romano-British pottery.

Ring gully F5505 was a terminus measuring 0.81m long, 0.50m wide and 0.10m deep. It had a single fill (5504) of mottled greyish/ black brown silty clay loam and contained 114 sherds of Late Iron Age pottery. A continuation of the gully is probably represented by 5517.

Possible posthole 5515 was circular in plan measuring 0.40m long and 0.50m wide, with a fill of mid-reddish brown silty sandy loam. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible posthole 5518 was sub-circular in plan measuring 0.50m in diameter, with a fill of mid-greyish brown sandy silt. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible ditch 5516 was northeast-southwest aligned in plan measuring 1.2m wide, with a fill of mid reddish brown sandy clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

Possible curvilinear gully 5517 was broadly east-west aligned and was exposed over a length of 3m. It measured 0.5m wide with a fill of mid-greyish brown sandy clay. It was not excavated and no finds were recovered from its exposed surface.

6. THE FINDS *by Henrietta Quinnell and Charlotte Coles*

6.1 All finds recovered on site during the evaluation have been retained, cleaned and marked where appropriate. They have been quantified according to material type within each context and the assemblage scanned to extract information regarding the range, nature and date of artefacts represented. A moderate to large assemblage of prehistoric and Romano-British pottery was recovered, as well as a moderate assemblage of worked flint, ceramic building material and metal objects.

6.2 Prehistoric finds

Finds dating to the prehistoric period comprise pottery, worked flint and worked stone. These are itemised in Table 1 below.

Context	Context Description	Prehistoric pottery		Worked flint		Worked stone	
		No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt
1000	Topsoil			2	86		
1100	Topsoil			1	3		
2101	Subsoil	7	6				
2104	Fill of ditch F2103	5	26				
2206	Fill of ditch F2222					1	34
2227	Fill of ditch F2222	1	3				
2413	Fill of ditch F2402	2	14				
2500	Topsoil	3	23				
2504	Fill of ditch F2503	8	88	1	3		
2604	Spread, not excavated	14	97				
2800	Topsoil	1	2				
2803	Fill of ditch F2802	2	6				
2823	Possible posthole, unexcavated	1	10				
2900	Topsoil	2	5				
2902	Fill of ditch F2903	1	3	1	46		
2905	Fill of ditch F2904	2	16				
3001	Subsoil			1	19		
3100	Topsoil			3	9		
3101	Subsoil			1	7		
3200	Topsoil	3	25				
3202	Fill of ditch F3203			1	1	1	46
3205	Fill of ditch F3204	1	1				
3206	Fill of ditch F3204	1	2			1	31
3207	Possible ditch, unexcavated	1	10				
3208	Possible ditch, unexcavated	2	7				
3211	Fill of pit F3212	16	92				
3300	Topsoil			5	34	1	325
3301	Subsoil			1	20		
3400	Topsoil					2	515
3500	Topsoil	3	8	1	9		
3506	Fill of ditch F3502	49	348				
3507	Fill of ditch F3503	7	20				
3508	Possible gully, unexcavated	3	4	1	18		
3511	Fill of ditch F3512	6	25				
3600	Topsoil			1	3		
3601	Subsoil	1	6				
3700	Topsoil			12	68		
3701	Subsoil	4	26				
3703	Possible gully, unexcavated	1	10				
3704	Possible pit, unexcavated	1	11				
3709	Possible posthole, unexcavated	1	14				
3712	Possible ditch, unexcavated			1	30		
3714	Feature, unexcavated	1	28				
3718	Fill of ditch F3717	23	64	2	8		
3729	Possible ditch, unexcavated	3	14				
3730	Possible ditch, unexcavated	16	116				
3757	Fill of gully F3734	2	26				
3800	Topsoil			2	16		
4200	Topsoil			1	28		
4204	Fill of pit/tree throw	21	56				
4206	Fill of tree throw F4207			1	19		
4304	Fill of pit F4303			1	14	1	131
4400	Topsoil			1	2		
4407	Fill of pit/ditch terminus F4408					2	155
4600	Topsoil			2	8		
4607	Fill of ditch gully F4608			6	18		
4609	Fill of possible posthole F4605	1	1				
5015	Fill of ditch F5014	12	24				
5102	Fill of posthole F5103			1	19		
5200	Topsoil			3	50		
5206	Fill of ditch	1	1				
5211	Fill of gully F5209					1	263
5300	Topsoil			1	6		
5406	Fill of pit F5405			1	11		
5504	Fill of gully F5505	114	688				
Unstrat	-	1	14				
Total		344	1940	55	555	10	1500

Table 1. All prehistoric finds quantification (weight is in grams)

Pottery not included in the tables below are too small to identify with certainty.

Probable Early Neolithic pottery

Vein quartz inclusions do occur occasionally in Middle/Late Neolithic material, as well as also in Early Bronze Age and Late Bronze Age fabrics. Early Neolithic pottery occurs in a pit at Long Range, immediately adjacent to this site (Butterworth 1999).

Context	Context Description	No	Wt (g)	Comments
2504	Fill of ditch F2503	8	88	Featureless sherds with large inclusions, including crushed vein quartz. These inclusions are most commonly Early Neolithic and a tiny fragment of rim appears of this date
3704	Unexcavated pit	1	11	Body sherd, very fine crushed vein quartz inclusions
2902	Fill of ditch F2903	1	3	Body sherd, very fine crushed vein quartz inclusion, redeposited because Roman sherds also present. Probable base angle so not Early Neolithic but later; just possibly part of angle in body
Total		10	102	

Table 2. Early Neolithic pottery (This material is most probably Early Neolithic)

Middle Neolithic pottery

Generally Middle Neolithic pottery is rare in Devon compared to that of the preceding Early Neolithic. It was found at Castle Hill, Honiton in advance of the construction of the A30 (Fitzpatrick *et al.* 1999) and is known from four further sites in East Devon (Gillard and Quinnell 2012).

Context	Context Description	No	Wt (g)	Comments
4204	Fill of pit/tree throw	21	56	Peterborough, Mortlake sherds, probably all from one vessel
Total		21	56	

Table 3. Middle Neolithic pottery (This certainly is Middle Neolithic c. 3400-2900 *ca*/ BC)

Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery

This material suggests some activity in the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age but is all redeposited.

Context	Context Description	No	Wt (g)	Comments
2227	Fill ditch F2222	1	1	Simple upright rim of closed vessel, some large inclusions. Residual in this Roman context
2905	Fill of ditch F2904	2	16	Body sherds with large inclusions, abraded and possibly redeposited.
3714	Unexcavated feature	1	28	Unusual fabric
5015	Fill of ditch F5014	12	24	Unusual fabric, much abraded
Total		16	69	

Table 4. Late Bronze Age/ Early Iron Age pottery

Middle Iron Age pottery

This material is likely to date to the 3rd and 2nd centuries *ca*/ BC and is the same as the principal ceramic at the adjacent A30 Long Range site.

Context	Context Description	No	Wt (g)	Comments
2104	Fill of ditch F2103	5	26	Incised sherds South Western Decorated Ware and other sherds. No obvious Roman material
3511	Fill of ditch F3512	6	25	Incised sherds South Western Decorated Ware
Total		11	51	

Table 5. Middle Iron Age pottery

Late Iron Age Plain Ware

This ware has only been recently identified in Devon at Branscombe and at St Loyes College, Exeter (Quinnell and Reed 2012, 100-101) and belongs to the 1st century BC and the earlier 1st century AD in East Devon and around Exeter. A small Late Iron Age Plain Ware component can now be seen to be probably present at Long Range (Fitzpatrick *et al.* 1999, fig. 79, No 10). As it has no decoration and essentially comprises of the forms present in Middle Iron Age pottery, it is difficult to distinguish with certainty and the sites on which it has now been recognised only have a limited range of forms. The quantity of material in 5506 makes this attribution likely.

Context	Context Description	No	Wt (g)	Comments
3730	Possible ditch, unexcavated	16	116	Rim, plain girth, base etc.
5504	Fill of gully F5505	114	688	Several bead rims present.
Total		130	804	

Table 6. Late Iron Age Plain Ware

Middle or Late Iron Age

These sherds have been listed on general appearance and fabric.

Context	Context Description	No	Wt (g)	Comments
2101	Subsoil	7	6	
2413	Fill of ditch F2402	2	14	Upright burnished rim
2500	Topsoil	3	23	
2604	Spread, not excavated	14	97	Base
2800	Topsoil	1	2	
2803	Fill of ditch F2802	2	6	
2823	Possible posthole, unexcavated	1	10	
2900	Topsoil	2	5	
3200	Topsoil	3	25	
3206	Fill of ditch F3204	1	1	Bead rim
3207	Possible ditch, unexcavated	1	10	
3208	Possible ditch, unexcavated	2	7	
3211	Fill of pit F3212	16	92	
3500	Topsoil	3	8	Upright burnished rim
3506	Fill of ditch F3502	49	348	Base, other sherds
3507	Fill of ditch F3503	9	24	
3508	Possible gully, unexcavated	3	4	
3601	Subsoil	1	6	
3701	Subsoil	4	26	
3703	Possible gully, unexcavated	1	10	
3709	Possible posthole, unexcavated	1	14	
3718	Fill of ditch F3717	23	64	
3729	Possible ditch, unexcavated	3	14	
3757	Fill of gully F3734	2	26	
Total		154	842	

Table 7. Middle or Late Iron Age pottery

6.3 Stonework

Topsoil (3400) has a beach cobble with a surface used for rubbing and there is part of an unstratified muller. All other items are beach cobbles imported to the site without detectable wear; this includes a large chip of grey rock from (2206).

6.4 Lithics

Most of the 55 pieces come from topsoil or subsoil contexts and the remainder is mostly either in features with ceramics of Iron Age or later date or in features without dating. Only context F4608 has several pieces and the number which are fresh, might indicate contemporaneity with the feature; these include a broken end scraper. The single piece from a tree throw fill in Trench 42 (4204) is a large fresh heavily used microdenticulate which is probably of Neolithic date (see Fitzpatrick *et al.* 1999, Fig 78, No 1, also from a tree throw). Only 2504 fill of F2503, Trench 25 has pottery likely to be contemporary with the use of flint; this piece is a small flake with use wear. There is one piece of Portland chert from the topsoil of Trench 52 (5200), a much used piercer. Only four pieces are of

Greensand chert: these include a notch with heavy use wear (2902; Trench 29) and a knife (4200; Trench 42).

The remaining assemblage is of local flint, the cortex of which is nodular but in some cases waterworn, suggesting a range of sources among clay with flint and with residual flint but also gravels. Most of the pieces are debitage and of poor quality. There is a scraper combined with an awl on one piece and several flakes or blades which have usewear. Most of the assemblage is likely to belong to the Late Neolithic or later, when the main product was broad blades taken from cores without prepared platforms, but the occasional blade may indicate earlier activity. Both flint and chert were found in the assemblage of 25 from Long Range, but the latter contained both distinctive pieces likely to be contemporary with the Early Neolithic pottery and the occasional piece suggested to have been of Bronze Age date.

6.5 Romano-British pottery

A total of 453 sherds of Romano-British pottery was recovered (Table 8) with 270 of these sherds from Trench 22. Of the total sherds, 375 are identifiable and described in Table 9. Black Burnished Ware and South Devon wares dominate the assemblage. The overall material appears to be 2nd century onward. No definite 1st century AD material has been identified which would indicate continuity of use from the Iron Age to the Romano-British period.

Context	Context Description	Romano-British pottery	
		No	Wt (g)
1405	Fill of ditch F1411	1	4
1500	Topsoil	1	5
2104	Fill of ditch F2103	2	13
2204	Fill of pit F2202	11	8
2206	Fill of ditch F2222	5	26
2209	Fill of ditch F2222	23	37
2210	Fill of ditch F2222	35	174
2211	Fill of ditch F2222	72	998
2212	Fill of ditch F2222	24	160
2214	Fill of ditch F2222	53	419
2215	Fill of ditch F2222	27	233
2216	Fill of ditch F2222	12	97
2217	Possible Pit, unexcavated	1	1
2218	Possible Pit, unexcavated	4	11
2219	Possible Pit, unexcavated	1	4
2226	Fill of ditch F2222	2	26
2400	Topsoil	3	6
2403	Fill of ditch F2402	8	88
2405	Fill of posthole F2404	2	6
2407	Fill of ditch F2406	3	4
2603	Fill of ditch F2623	5	38
2605	Fill of possible hearth F2609	72	304
2607	Fill of ditch F2613	15	26
2616/2617	Fill of possible hearth F2609	7	13
2902	Fill of ditch F2903	2	3
3202	Fill of ditch F3203	18	31
3757	Fill of gully F3734	2	26
5001	Subsoil	2	1
5213	Fill of gully F5212	3	3
5514	Fill of ditch F5513	1	1
5603	Fill of ditch F5604	5	30
5605	Fill of ditch F5604	10	6
Unstrat	-	21	267
Total		453	3069

Table 8. Romano-British pottery quantification

Context	Context Description	No	Wt (g)	
1405	Fill of ditch F1411	1	4	S Devon sherd
2206	Fill ditch F2222	5	26	3rd/4th century mortarium, South Devon sherds, S Western BB1 sherds, Grey ware storage jar, Gritty grey ware sherds, ?white colourcoat flagon sherds. These are likely to be 3rd century though there is a lot of SW BB1 which is thought to finish in the 3rd century
2209	Fill ditch F2222	23	370	
2210	Fill ditch F2222	35	174	
2211	Fill ditch F2222	72	998	
2212	Fill ditch F2222	24	160	
2214	Fill ditch F2222	53	419	
2215	Fill ditch F2222	27	233	
2216	Fill ditch F2222	12	97	
2403	Fill ditch F2402	8	88	SE Dorset BB1, broadly 2nd century
2603	Fill ditch F2623	5	38	Fine BB1 and buff ware sherds
2605	Fill of possible hearth F2609	72	304	Buff and red ware sherds
2607	Fill of ditch F2613	15	26	Roman fabrics present but also Medieval sherd
3202	Fill of ditch F3203	18	31	SW BB1 sherd
5603	Fill of ditch F5604	5	30	SE Dorset BB1 flanged bowl rim, later 3rd/4th centuries
Total		375	2998	

Table 9. Romano-British pottery identification (BB1 = Black Burnished Ware)

6.6 The metal finds

All of the metal finds were recovered from topsoil by use of a metal detector. A post-medieval copper alloy coin is 28cm in diameter, very worn and unidentifiable. Three very thin and small pieces of copper alloy sheet are from an unknown object. A bent piece of lead strip and a lump of lead are undated and of unknown function. Three pieces of iron include a nail and a heavily corroded small blade from Trench 34.

Context	Context Description	Copper Alloy Coin		Copper Alloy		Lead		Iron	
		No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt
900	Topsoil			3	2				
1000	Topsoil	1	6			1	50		
3000	Topsoil							2	60
3400	Topsoil					1	39	1	17
Total		1	6	3	2	2	89	3	77

Table 10. The metal finds (weight in grams)

6.7 Slag

A total of 159 pieces of iron slag was recovered from four contexts (2407, 2606, 3701 and 5605). 150 of these came from a Romano-British ditch in Trench 56 (F5604). No tap slags are present, although context 5605 also contained 6g of hammerscale (both globular and flakes) and two small stones with a glassy appearance.

6.8 Ceramic building material (CBM)

Six pieces of CBM were recovered from topsoil or unstratified, these include three pieces of abraded Roman tile and a piece of post-medieval brick, with the remaining two pieces not identifiable.

6.9 Fired clay

A total of 139 pieces of fired clay was recovered; of these, 129 pieces are from Romano-British ditch F2222 in Trench 22.

6.10 Slate

Two pieces of slate were found in context 2216, these are from a roof slate with a nail hole present. The slates were in a Romano-British ditch.

6.11 Animal bone

A single piece of burnt animal bone was recovered from context 2214, fill of ditch F2222, Trench 22, this was the only surviving piece from the site.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT *by Cressida Whitton*

7.1 A total of 12 bulk soil samples was processed for assessment of environmental potential, covering a range of archaeological features and from generally Iron Age and Romano-British contexts. Truncation by ploughing of archaeological deposits across the site was widespread and bulk samples were often restricted in volume. Sub-samples/samples of between 4 and 10 litres were processed. Samples were processed by standard AC archaeology methods using a siraf-type tank flotation and sieving (5.6mm; 2mm; 500 micron and 250 micron (flotation only) mesh sieves). All flots and smaller residues were scanned under a x 10 – x 30 stereo-binocular microscope and the presence of charred plant macrofossils and charcoal recorded (Table 11). The 5.6mm residues were sorted for artefacts and charcoal using an illuminated hand-lens.

7.2 Results indicate that a number of samples (4, 12, 15 and 21) contained variable and sometimes significant domestic material, including charred grain and weeds and small amounts of possible grain chaff, such as glume bases. One sample in particular (sample 4, context 3106) appears to represent a deliberate dump of mixed charred grain (including barley/wheat and oat/rye types), within ditch F3103. In addition to domestic evidence, two environmental samples (Sample 20 and 23) also showed there is potential for industrial/furnace waste on the site, including slag and small ferrous material, which was extracted from the 2mm residue of Sample 23.

Context No. and type	Sample No. and size	Weight of 5.6 mm residue	Charcoal	Charred grain/weed	Notes	Environmental potential
3106 - Charcoal-rich dump within ditch F3103, Trench 31 Undated but probably Iron Age	4/8lt	1649g	Charcoal xxx (200 + fragments of generally small (<1cm), eroded heartwood)	Charred grain xxx (est. 400+ in whole of processed sample). Barley/wheat and oat/rye types occur at a ratio of 2:1. <i>nb</i> 20% of sample sorted Occasional (< 5) charred weeds	This sample was extremely rich in well-preserved charred grain of both barley/wheat and oat/rye types	Y – Charred grain and weed
3507 - Fill of ditch F3503, Trench 35. Iron Age pottery	8/4lt	4038g	Charcoal (100 + fragments of generally small (<1cm), eroded heartwood)	No grain Occasional (<5) charred weed (e.g. Rubus sp.)		N
4304 - Fill of pit F4303, Trench 43 Prehistoric	11/8lt	1713g	Charcoal xxx (200 + fragments of generally small (<1cm), eroded heartwood)	2 x ?charred grain Occasional (<5) charred weed and 1 ?charred fruit x (small)		N
4204 - Fill of tree throw F4205, Trench 42 Middle Neolithic pottery	12/7lt	3165g	Charcoal xx (fragments of generally small (<1cm), eroded heartwood) Charred weed seeds x	2 x charred grain <5 x ?grain chaff (possible glume bases) 5 – 10 charred weeds Insect material xxx (see notes)	Possible cess/organic waste deposit. Frequent well-preserved insect material (e.g. heads/ wings/electra/egg cases and pupae)	Y – Insects Y – Charred grain/weeds/chaff. Chaff type may indicate processing activity
5504 - Fill of ring gully F5505, Trench 55 Late Iron Age pottery	15/8lt	3010g	Charcoal xxx (100 + fragments of generally small (<1cm), eroded heartwood). Occ. roundwood fragments.	Chaff xxx (< 5 frags.) Charred grain (x 2) Charred weed xxx		? Y – Charred grain/weeds. Chaff type may indicate processing activity.
2412 – Fill of posthole F2408, Trench 24 Undated but probably Roman	19/4.5lt	2023g	Charcoal xxx (100 + fragments of generally small (< 2 cm), eroded heartwood)	No charred grain or weeds		N
2413 – Fill of gully F2402, Trench 24 Iron Age pottery	20/8lt	2058g	Charcoal xx (50 + fragments of generally small (< 2 cm), eroded heartwood)	No charred grain or weeds	<i>nb</i> frequent slag fragments recovered from 5.6 mm residue	? Y- Charcoal, as frequent slag may indicate industrial/ furnace use of specific wood species.
2210 - Fill of ditch F2222, Trench 22 Roman pottery	21/8lt	1604g	Charcoal xxx (100 + fragments of generally small (< 2cm), eroded heartwood). Occasional roundwood charcoal	10 + charred grain <5 charred weed 1-2 charred fruit stone/nut		Y – Charred grain/weeds may represent domestic activity.
2212 – Fill of ditch F2222, Trench 22 Roman pottery	22/5lt	971g	Occasional small fragments heartwood charcoal	No charred grain/weed	<i>nb</i> 'burnt clay' layer not likely to be burnt as disaggregated in water.	N
5605 – Fill of ditch F5604, Trench 56 Roman pottery	23/8lt	2019g	Charcoal xxx (includes 50 + large charcoal fragments in 5.6mm residue and 100 + fragments of generally small (< 2 cm), eroded heartwood)	No charred grain/weed	Slag recovered from 5.6 mm residue	Y – Charcoal may indicate industrial use of specific wood species
2605 - Fill of possible hearth F2609, Trench 26 Roman pottery	24/10lt	596g	Charcoal xx (50 + fragments of generally small (< 2 cm), eroded heartwood)		<i>nb</i> , no evidence for heat affected clay	? Y - Charred grain/weeds
2616 - Fill of possible hearth F2609 Roman pottery	25/6lt	821g	Charcoal x (small fragments <2mm)		<i>nb</i> – very little charcoal – unlikely to be hearth deposit based on sample	N

Table 11. Results of environmental assessment (Key: **xxx** = frequent, **xx** = moderate; **x** = occasional)

8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1 Archaeological features encountered had been subject to truncation in all areas evaluated and were particularly severely affected in the northernmost field (Area 2). However, based on information provided by the tenant farmer, Areas 3, 6 and 7 have also been subjected to some degree by 'subsoiling' (use of a mole plough to break up soils to a greater depth). The overall results of the evaluation reasonably reflect those of the geophysical survey in terms of the density of archaeological features encountered and the survey was particularly effective in Area 3. However, shallower features in Areas 2 and 6 were under-represented in the interpreted geophysical results, as were discrete features where present in all areas. Nevertheless, as might be expected for a site of this scale, archaeology of most periods was represented in varying amounts, with this dating from the Early Neolithic period through to modern times.
- 8.2 The highest density of archaeological features was present in Areas 2, 3 and 6 on the higher ground along the western side of the evaluated area and, it is these fields that are considered to contain the main archaeological interest within the overall scheme area. The majority of archaeological features in these areas date to the Iron Age and Romano-British periods and are shown on Figs 2 and 3. While a moderate to large assemblage of artefacts was recovered, a number of features did not contain finds or were recorded in plan only. There is therefore clearly scope for discrepancies in this provisional phasing. However, the colour-coded period interpretations shown on Figs 2 and 3 are based on a combination of factors, including the presence of artefacts, proximity to other features containing artefacts, feature types and character, distribution, patterns, position in the layer sequence (eg. those features below the agricultural subsoil layer are likely to be earlier), fill composition and the results of the earlier work.
- 8.3 It is apparent from the evaluation that a continuation of the settlement activity recorded during works adjacent to the site at Long Range for the present A30 trunk road (Butterworth 1999) continues principally into Area 3, but also more localised in Areas 2, 6 and 8. At Long Range, an open settlement with evidence of three or possibly four roundhouses was identified. Adjacent to the houses were postholes from two, three or four-post structures typical of Iron Age settlement. These feature types are present even more abundantly and extensively at Straitgate and a much larger open settlement is clearly present. Including the Long Range site and Areas 2 and 6 at Straitgate it is apparent that this Iron Age open settlement extends over an area of potentially c. 10 hectares; its full extent to the west cannot be established, but it can be suggested that it is largely confined to the highest ground. However, a possible roundhouse was identified in Trench 17, off the slope and represented by a probable pennanular gully. Based on the geophysics and trial trenching at Straitgate a number of further Middle or Later Iron Age roundhouses are present, albeit in localised clusters, represented by either post-built or pennanular gullies, the total number of which cannot be accurately calculated within the confines of narrow trenches. However, based on the geophysics and trench results, around 12-15 further roundhouses in total might be anticipated, in addition to other potential 2, 3 and 4-post structures. Other Middle to Late Iron Age settlement-type features present included pits, stakeholes and a hearth.
- 8.4 The occupation at Long Range has been dated by radiocarbon method and ceramic evidence mainly to the Middle-Late Iron Age periods (c. 400 *cal.* BC – AD10) and a similar period of use at Straitgate can be suggested from the ceramic forms and fabrics represented. Iron Age pottery of identical type was present and, although full excavation was undertaken at Long Range, whereas hand-excavation at Straitgate was very much a targeted approach, similar quantities were recovered (365 sherds at Long Range, 293 sherds at Straitgate).

- 8.5** In Area 2, potential evidence for Late Bronze Age or Early Iron Age settlement was identified in the form of a probable roundhouse and associated features in Trench 50. This is relatively some distance away from the main focus of Middle to Late Iron Age settlement, so it is tempting to suggest that the pennanular gully and associated features in Trench 52, which contained only a single sherd of undiagnostic prehistoric pottery, might too be of this earlier date. However, a probable Late Iron Age structure was identified further to the east in Trench 55. The presence of at least one earlier structure does indicate a continuity of occupation on the site.
- 8.6** In Area 6, evidence for Romano-British settlement was identified, dating from the 2nd century AD onwards. Feature types present included pits, postholes ditches and gullies, as well as a possible roundhouse gully (F2613) with a hearth in Trench 26. The continuation of the roundhouse structure tradition into the Romano-British period in Devon is not uncommon and can, for example, be seen extensively at the 2nd to 3rd-century AD civil settlement at Pomeroy Wood near Honiton (Fitzpatrick *et al.* 1999, Plan 1: Phase 4i).
- 8.7** The majority of Romano-British features were shallow, up to 0.40m in depth and only occasionally deeper, up to approximately 1m. Many smaller discrete features were ephemeral. One exception to this was a large linear feature, targeted by Trenches 22 and 56, which was c. 5m wide and over 2.2m deep and had burnt clay and metalworking debris in its fill indicating probable small-scale industrial activity in the vicinity. The majority of finds were recovered from its upper fill and are likely to have been inserted post-use, including evidence for consolidation in the form of an area of cobbling. The finds from the ditch mainly date to the 2nd and 3rd-centuries AD, although a single sherd of Late Bronze Age or Early Iron Age pottery was recovered from its lower levels. The interpretation of function of this ditch is problematic as, while it is situated on hilltop, adjacent to a major Roman road and its width and exposed profile indicates a defensive function, it is only 30m long and has butt-end terminals at either end. It is clearly, therefore, not part of or associated with a wider defensive enclosure or as an outwork to one and, the date of the finds from within it and elsewhere on the site is later than would be expected for a Roman military feature. No close comparisons are therefore possible to draw at present, but further investigation may assist in clarifying its function. Three pieces of Romano-British period tile from overlying deposits and two holed slates from the large ditch in Trenches 22 and 56 may indicate a 'Romanised' building is present in the vicinity, but this was not present as buried archaeological features, and certainly no stone foundations were identified within the trenches.
- 8.8** Also in Area 6 was an isolated section of ditch containing pottery and flint of probable Early Neolithic date. A pit of similar date was seemingly cut by a roundhouse gully at the northern end of Trench 37 (3704). The location of these features is close to the spot of an Early Neolithic pit containing pottery and flint excavated ahead of the new A30, although evidence for activity at this date was regarded as being rare (Butterworth 1999).
- 8.9** Across the central portion of the site in Areas 4 and 7, remains were more diffuse comprising occasional, apparently isolated earlier prehistoric features, including a 'structured' Middle Neolithic deposit in the fill of a probable tree throw, and possible field system ditches potentially associated with the Iron Age and Romano-British settlement evidence upslope. The southern and eastern part of the site (Areas 8, 10, 11 and 12) demonstrated a generally low potential for the presence of early archaeological features and deposits, although a possible pennanular gully was present in Trench 17 (Area 8). However, this may be re-interpreted if more of this feature was to be exposed.
- 8.10** The historic hedgebank boundary investigated in Trench 18 did not appear to be of ancient origin and there were no surviving buried soils with archaeological potential beneath the bank, nor any early linear features to suggest the presence of a former trackway.

- 8.11** The previous excavations at the Long Range site, as well as elsewhere during investigations along the A30, demonstrated that there was good environmental potential in a number of features, comprising mainly charred plant remains and charcoal. An assessment of environmental remains from a number of Neolithic, Iron Age and Romano-British features at Straitgate has also indicated there is good potential here, again mainly for charred plant remains and charcoal, but also for insect material in the Middle Neolithic pit in Trench 42 (F4205).
- 8.12** A series of post-medieval to modern former field boundaries was identified in a number of trenches, with these generally conforming to the existing field pattern and are therefore of limited archaeological interest. In addition, a number of artefacts of most periods was recovered from overlying layers across the site, indicating a general continuity of settlement and agricultural practices. While all spoilheaps were scanned by a metal detector for displaced metal finds, very few items were recovered and what was is modern in date and therefore does not relate to the *in situ* settlement evidence recorded.

9. CONCLUSIONS

- 9.1** The evidence for Middle to Late Iron Age settlement on the western side of the site on higher ground matches the findings from the excavations ahead of the construction of the A30 and it is clear that the settlement is far more extensive than previously recognised. The evidence for Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age and Romano-British settlement is not matched by the results of the adjacent A30 excavations and provides previously unrecorded evidence for occupation of this period in a hilltop location next to the Roman road.
- 9.2** Based on present evidence, the main areas of archaeological activity are located on the higher, more elevated ground on the west side of the site. Once the slope drops off to the east, more localised archaeological activity was recorded, mainly in the form of evidence for early and recent agricultural field division.

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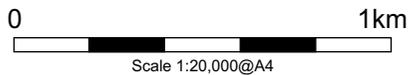
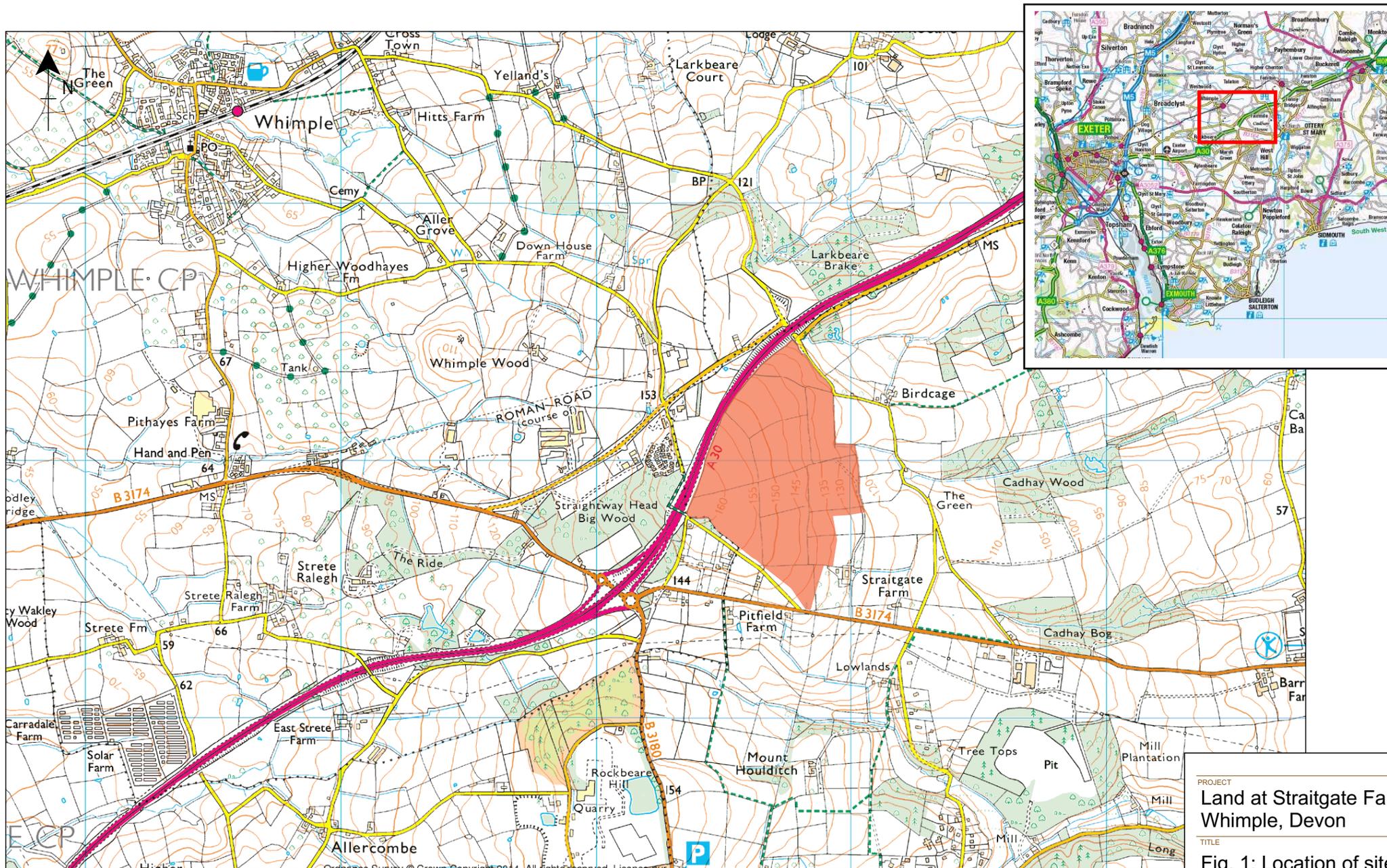
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- 10.2** An online OASIS entry has been completed, using the unique identifier **198719**, which will in due course include a digital copy of this report.

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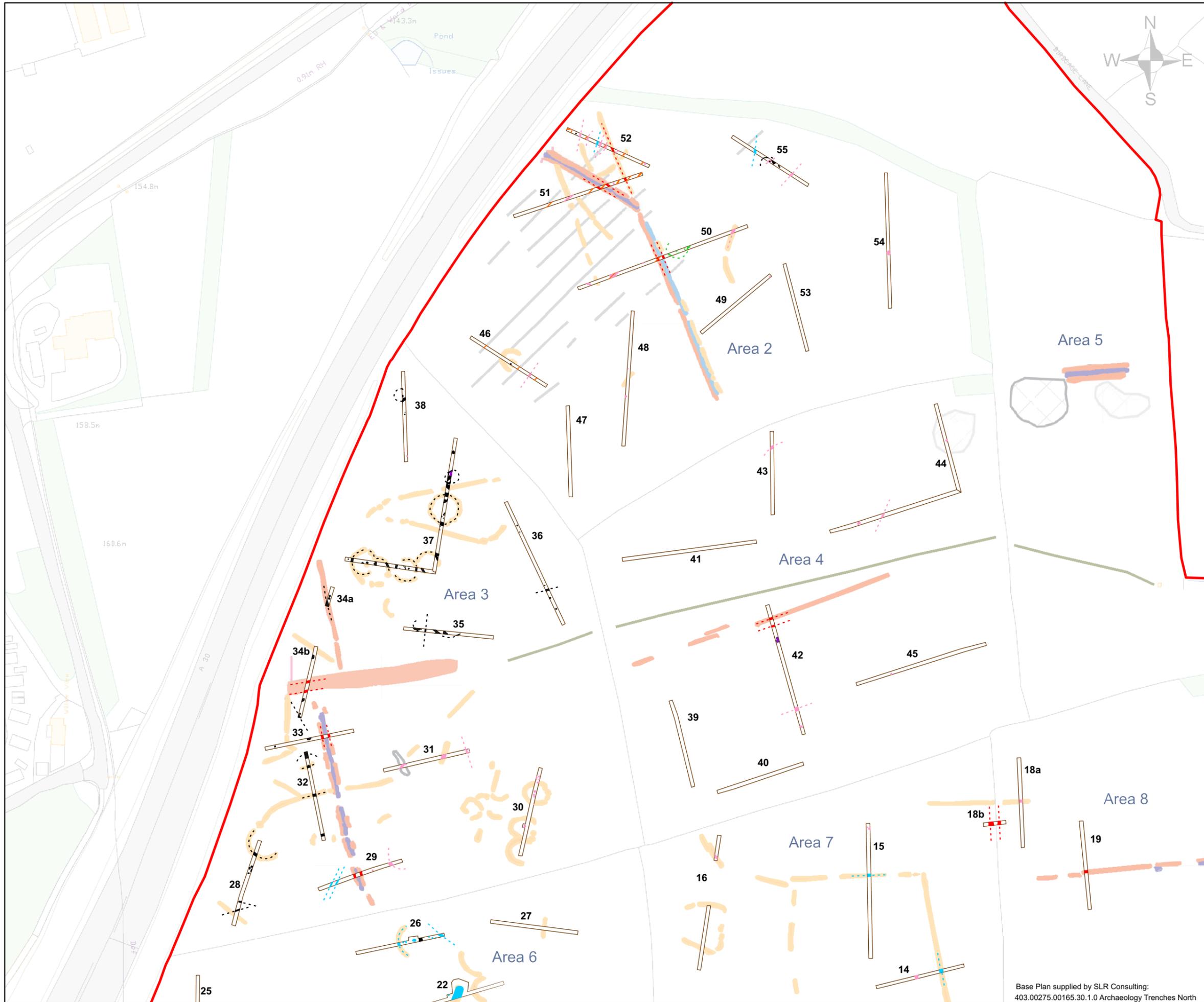
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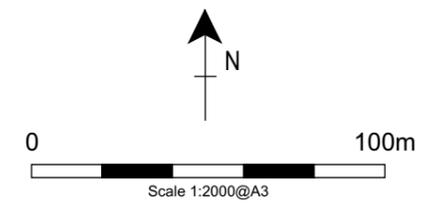
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- Features identified**
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 - Late Bronze Age/ Early Iron Age
 - Iron Age (certain and probable)
 - Romano-British (certain and probable)
 - Post-medieval
 - Undated
 - Modern

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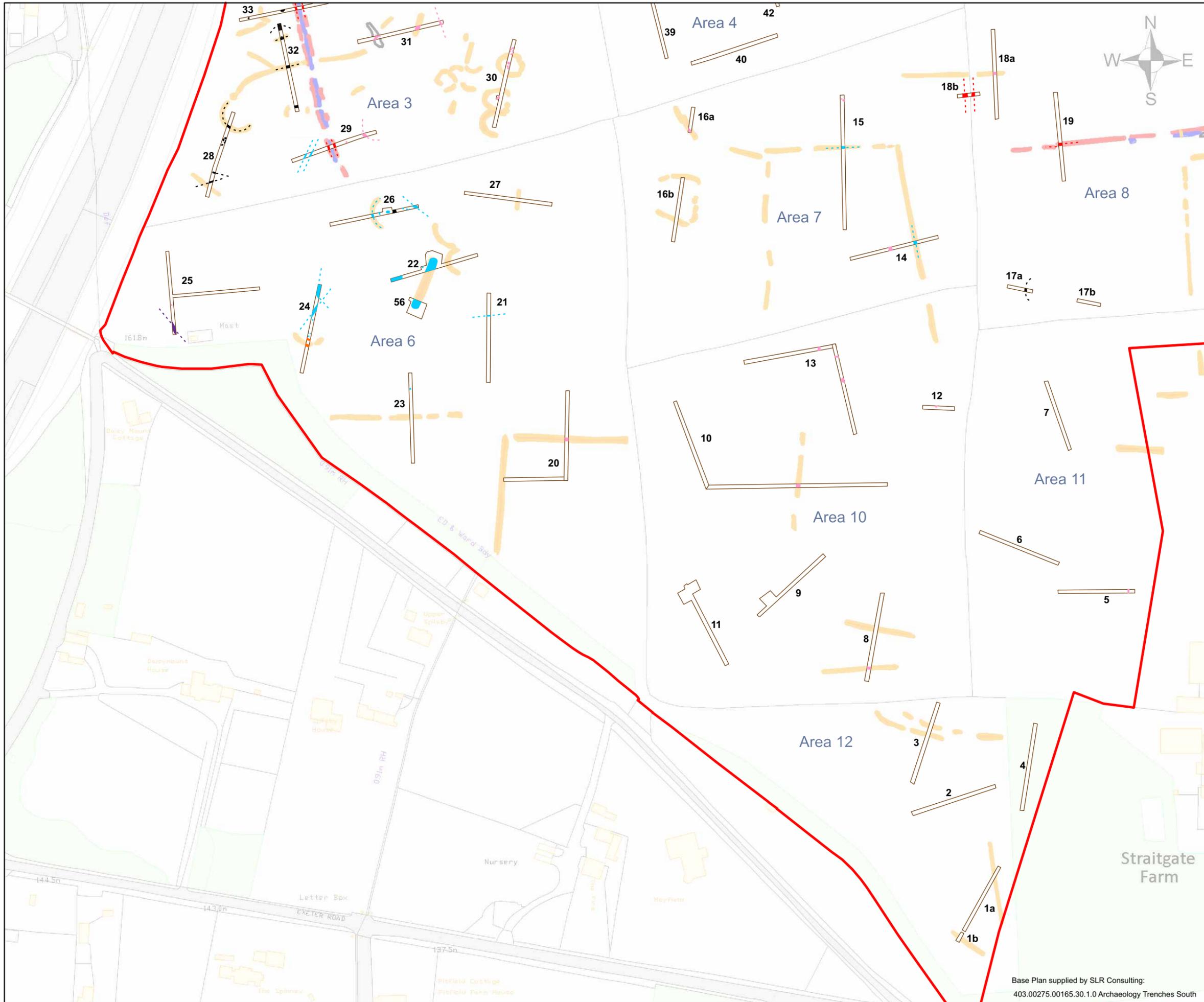


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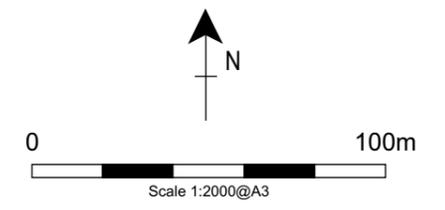


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- Legend**
- Site boundary
 - Trench locations
- Features identified**
- Neolithic
 - Late Bronze Age/ Early Iron Age
 - Iron Age (certain and probable)
 - Romano-British (certain and probable)
 - Post-medieval
 - Undated
 - Modern

- Archaeological gradiometer survey survey interpretation, all areas**
- possible archaeology**
likelihood, anomaly class
- likely positive (2)
 - likely negative (2)
 - likely mixed spread (2)
 - possible positive
 - possible negative
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- services and modern**
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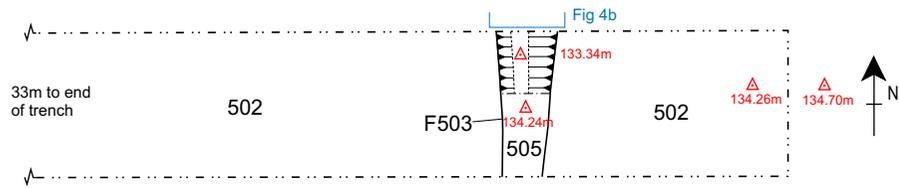
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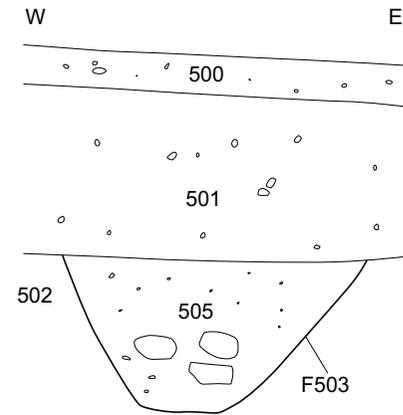


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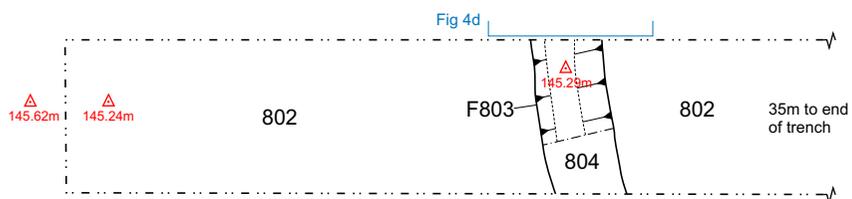
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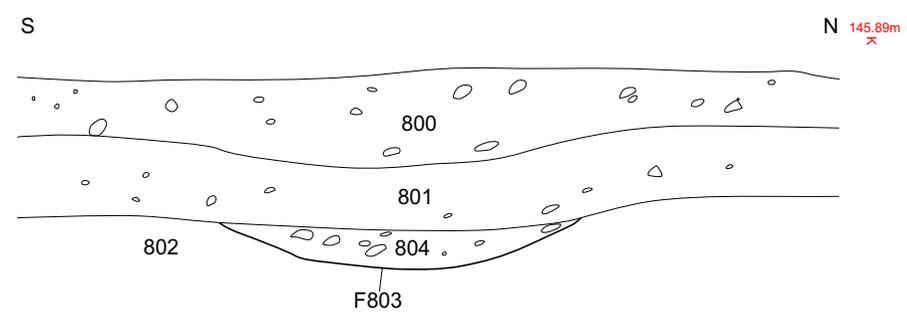
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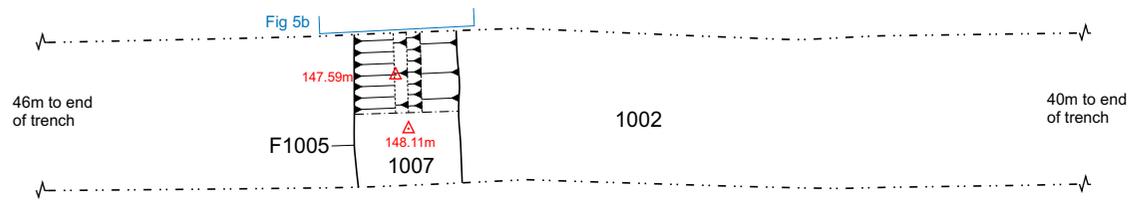


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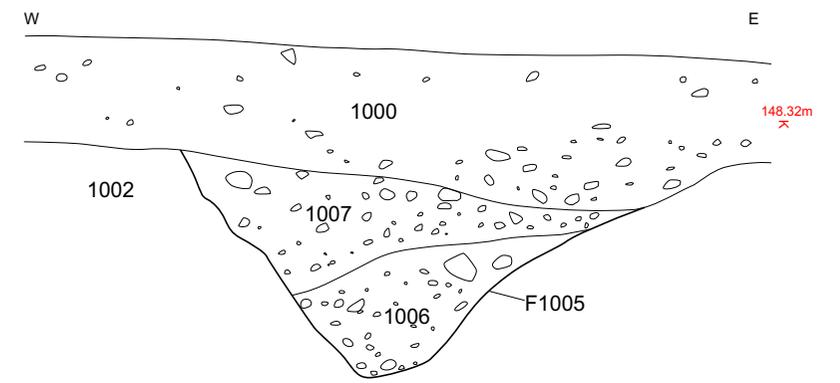
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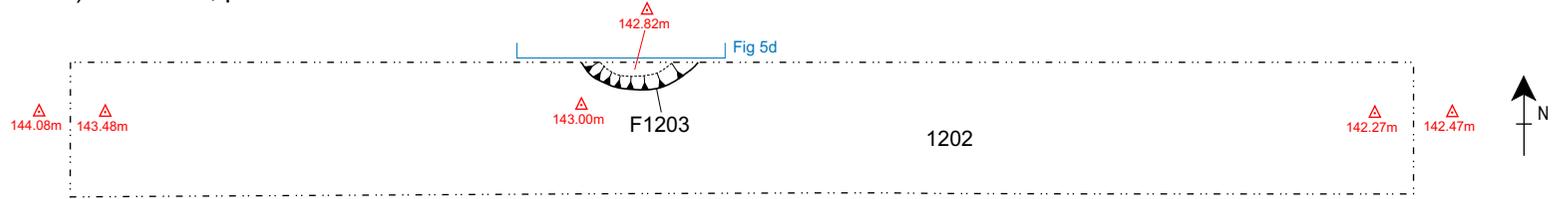
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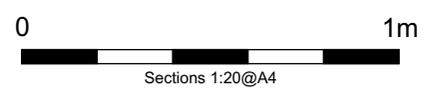
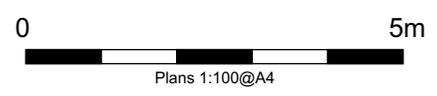
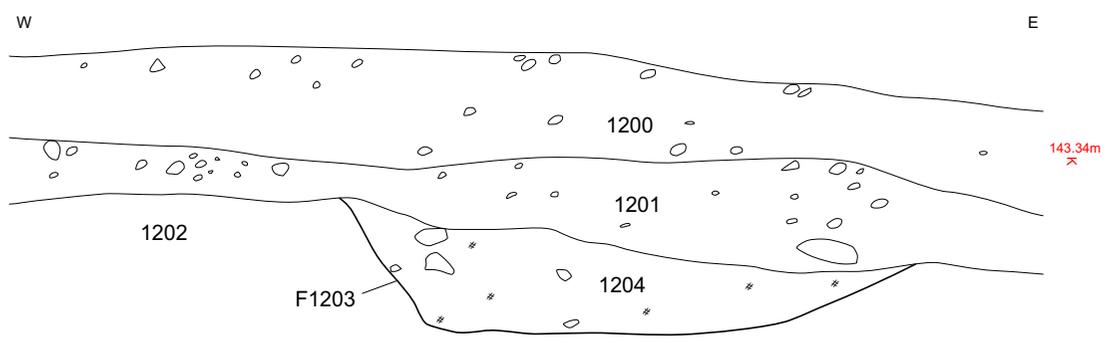
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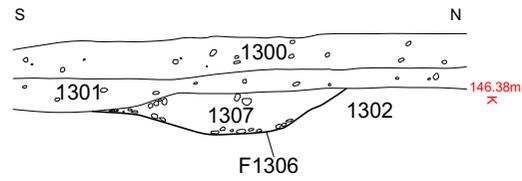
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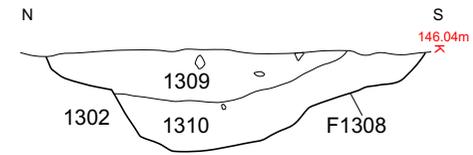
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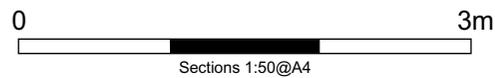
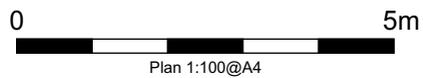
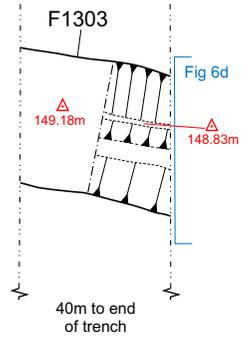
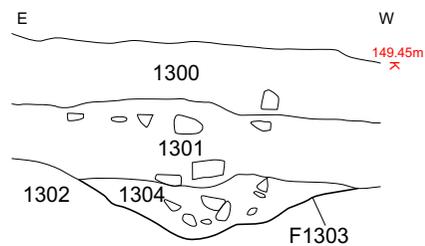
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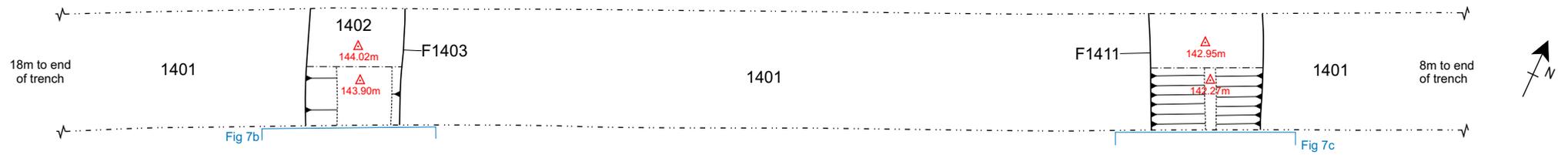


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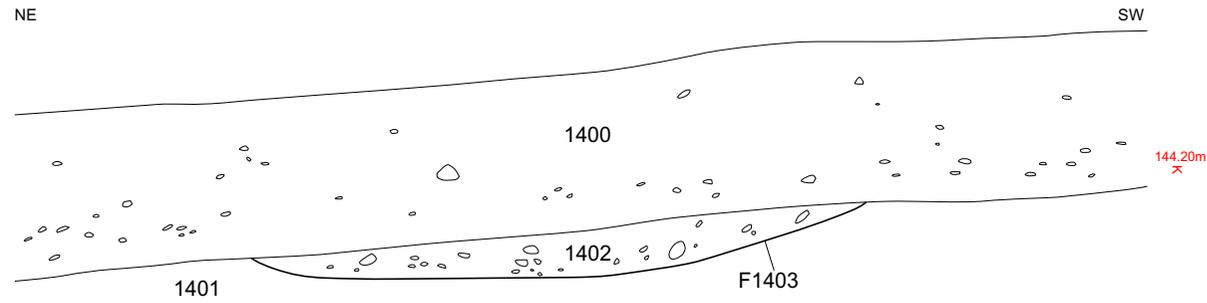
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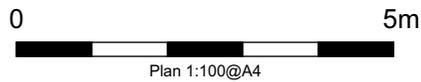
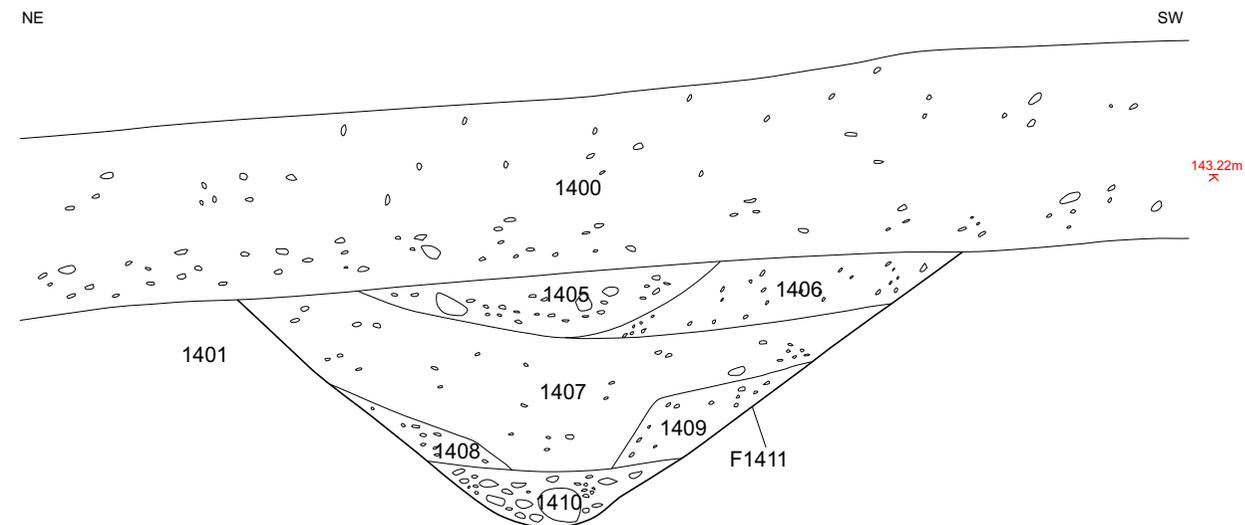
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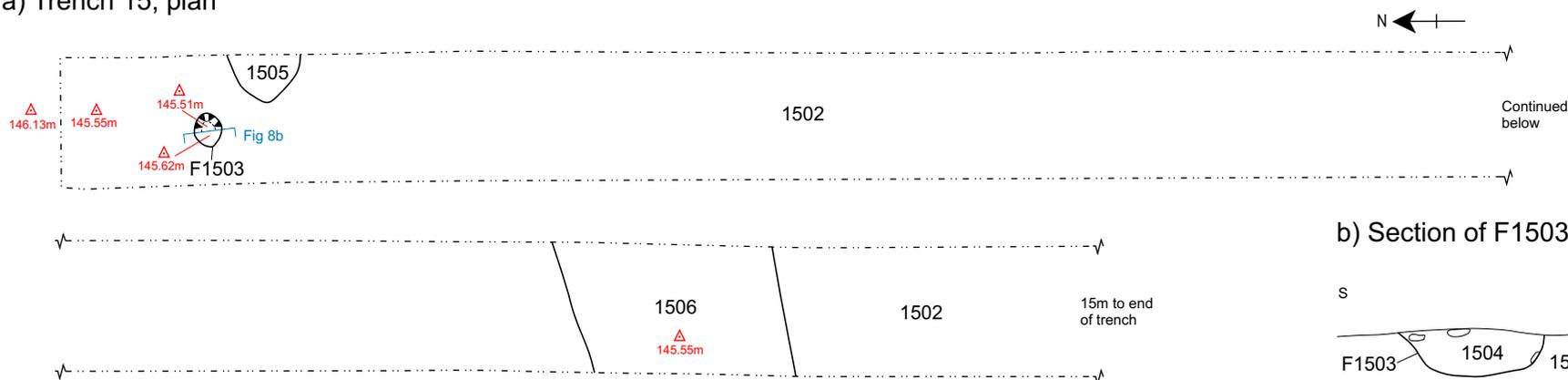


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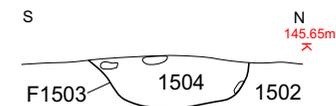
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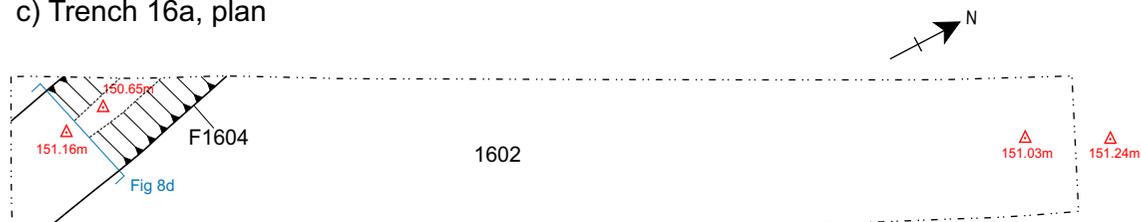
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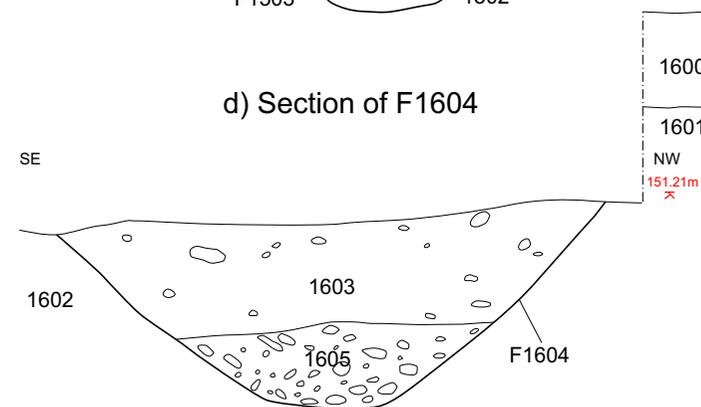
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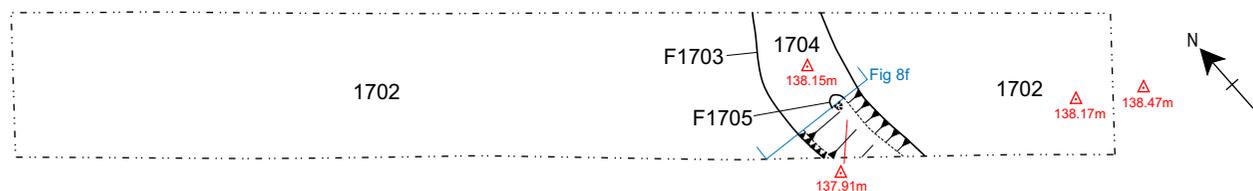
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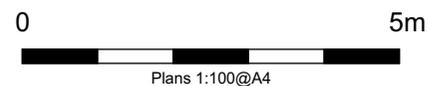
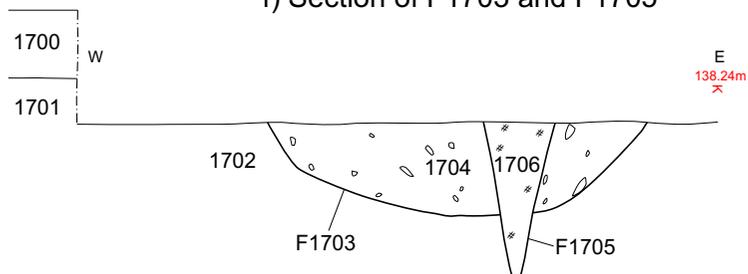
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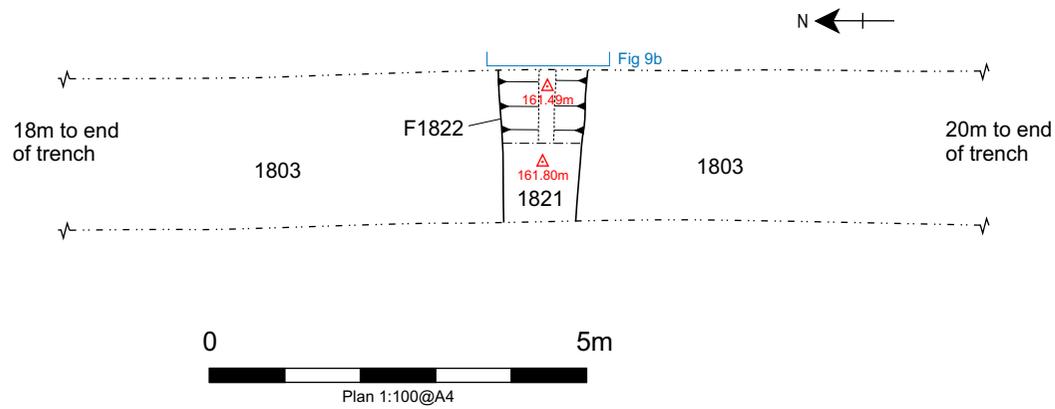


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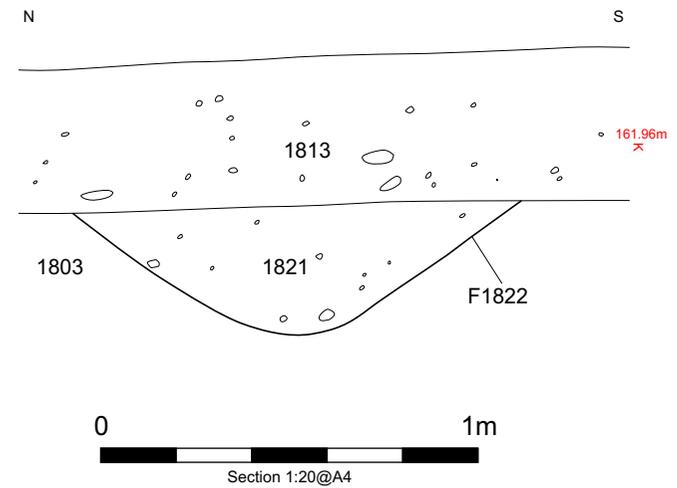
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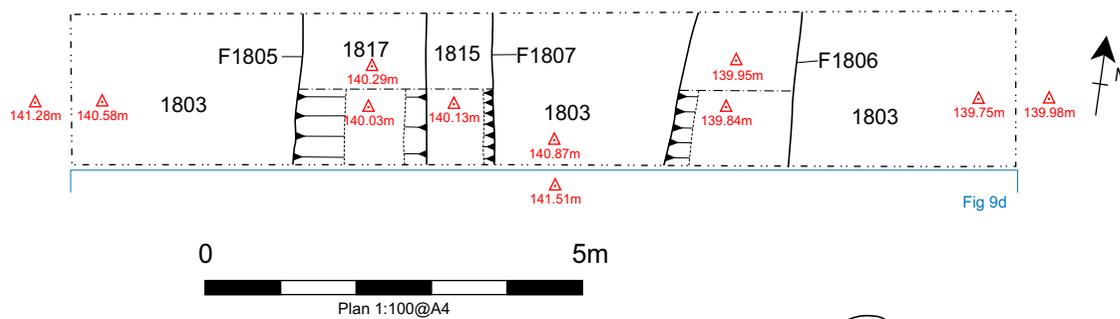
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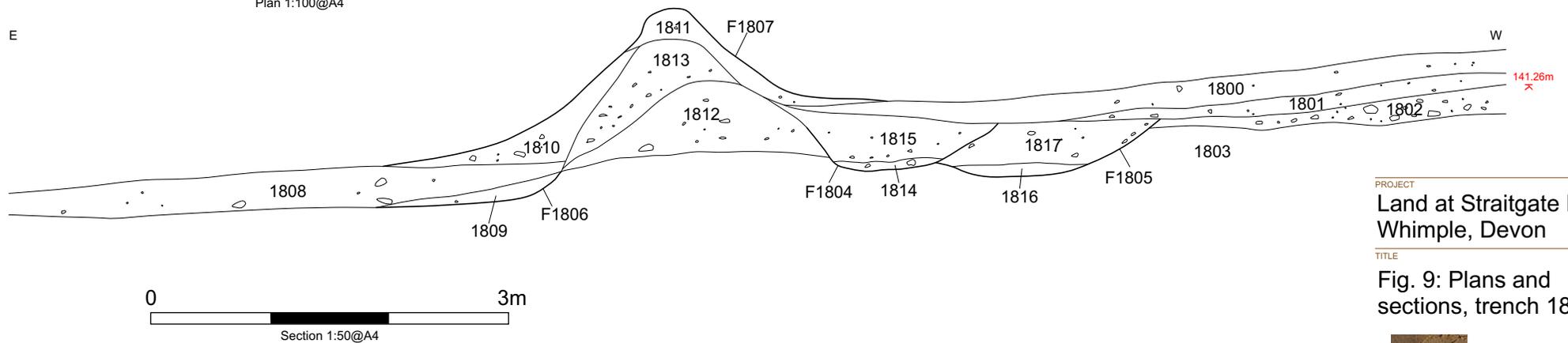
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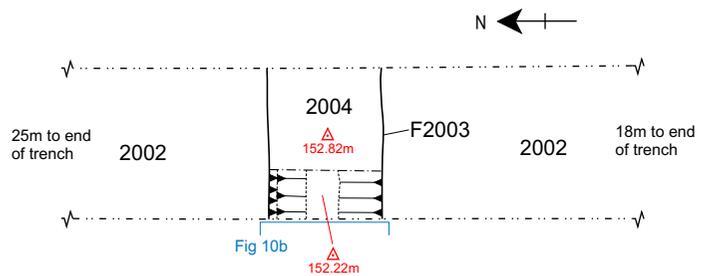


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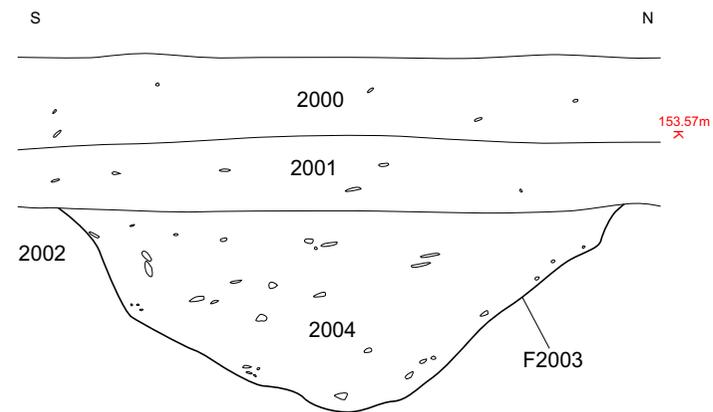
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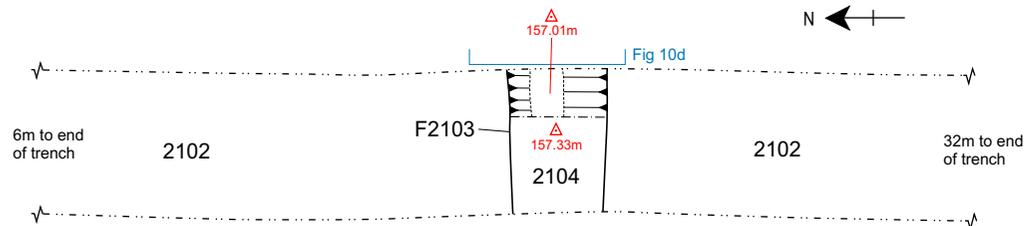
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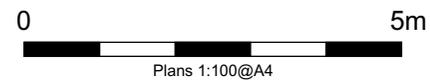
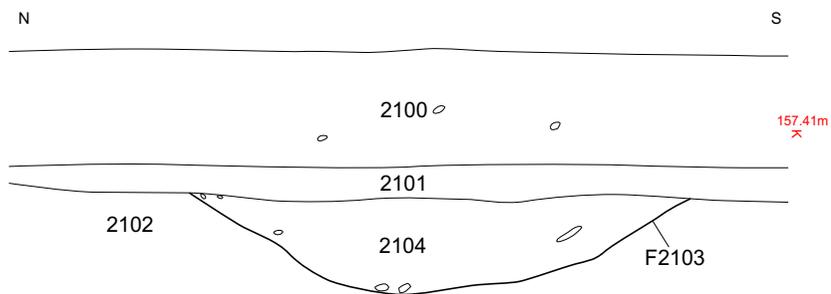
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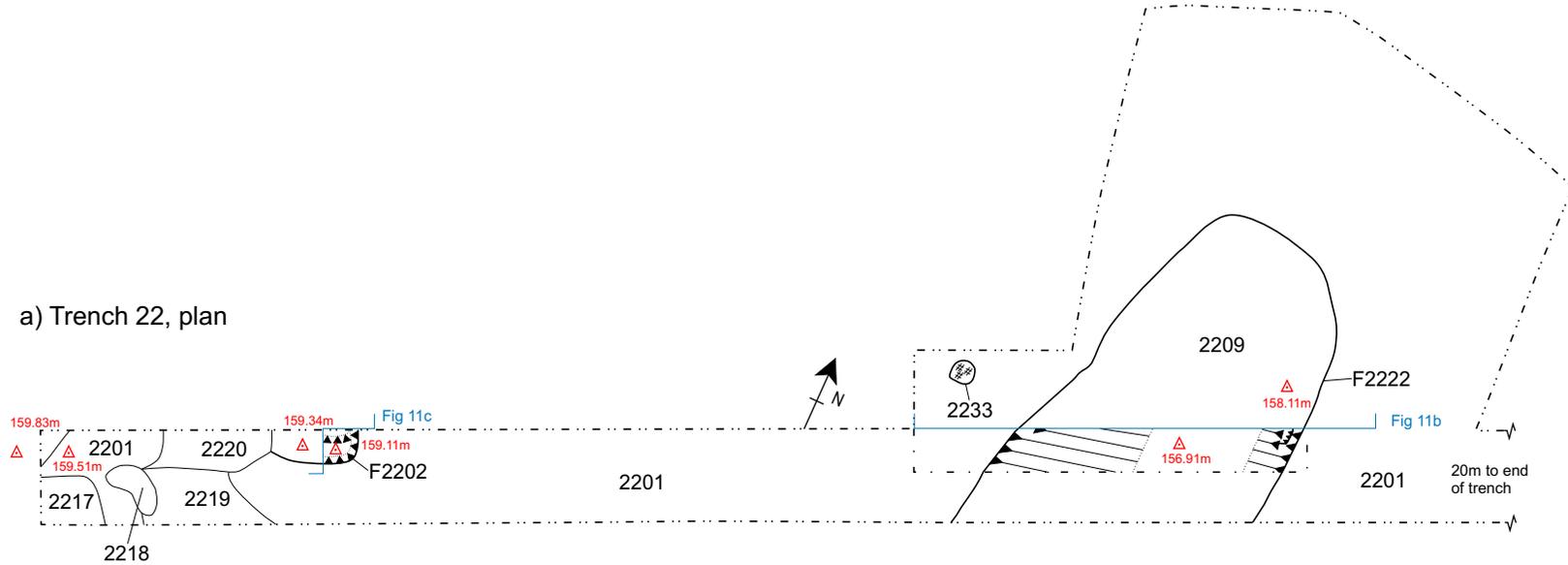


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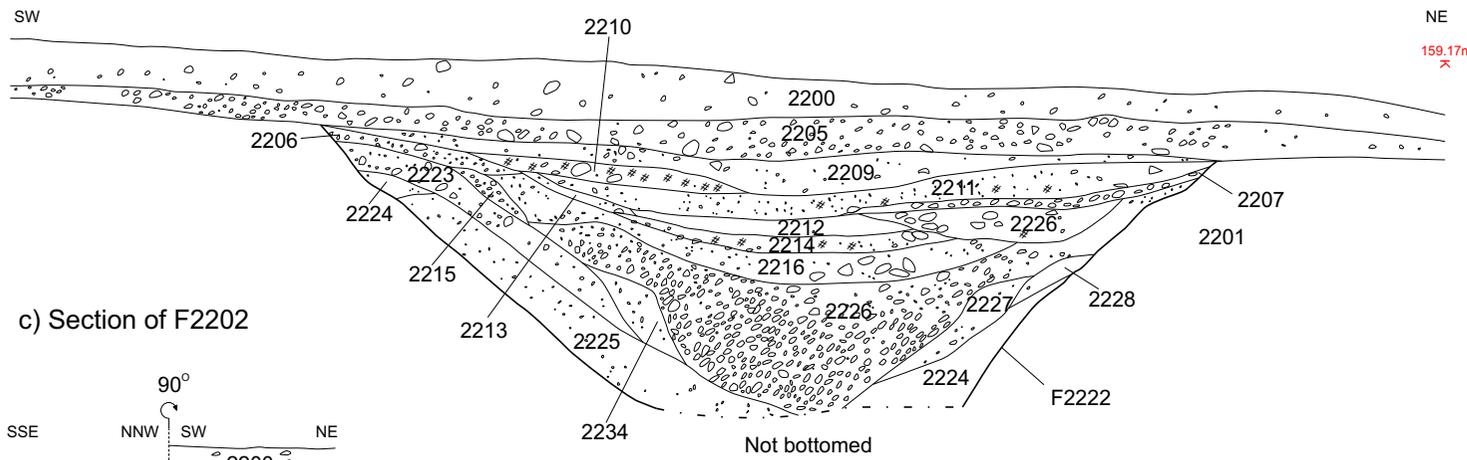
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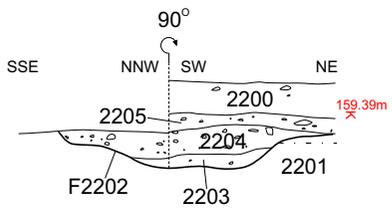
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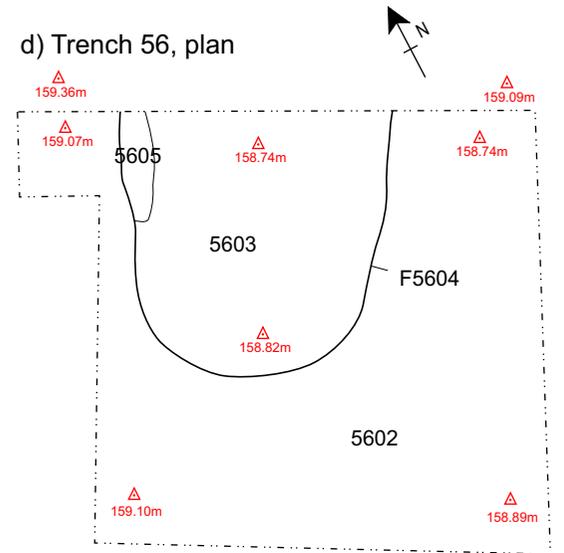
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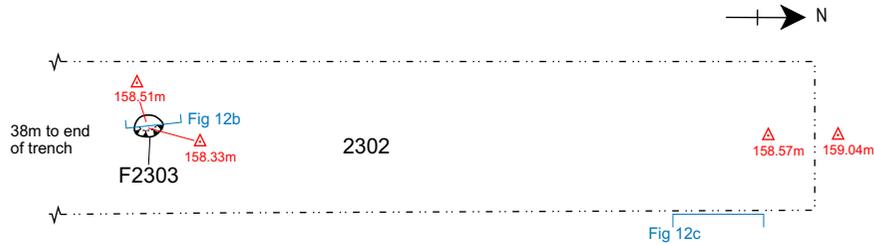


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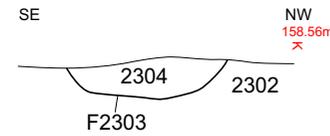
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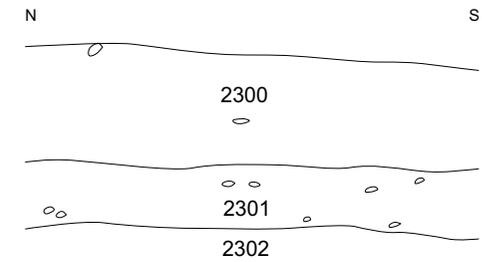
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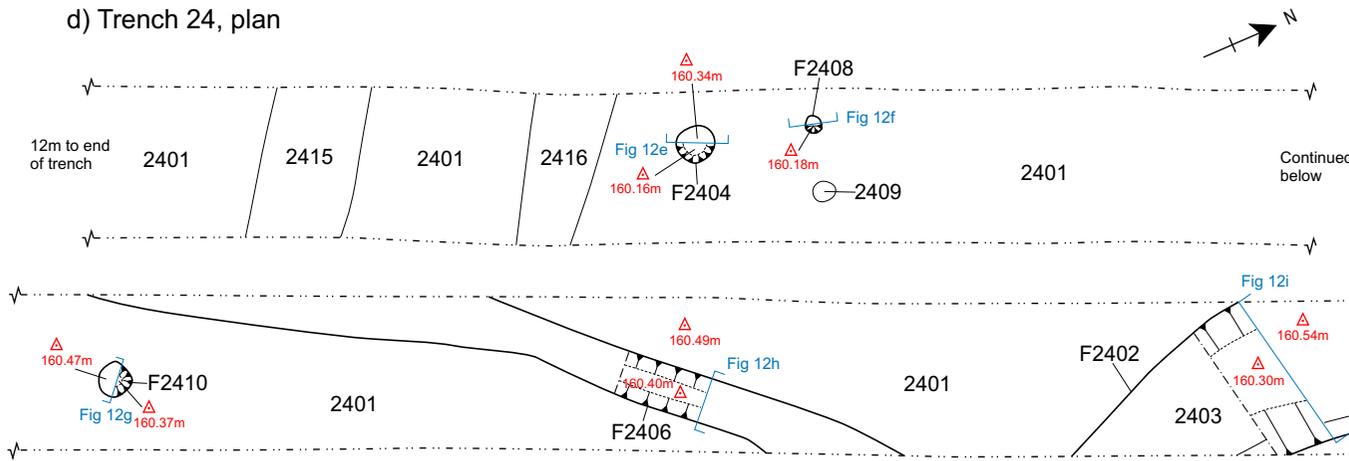
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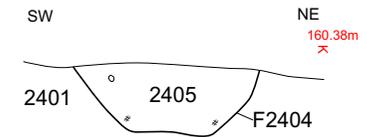
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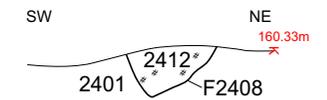
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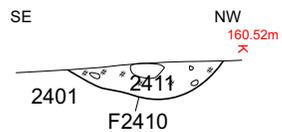
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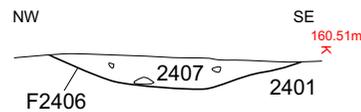
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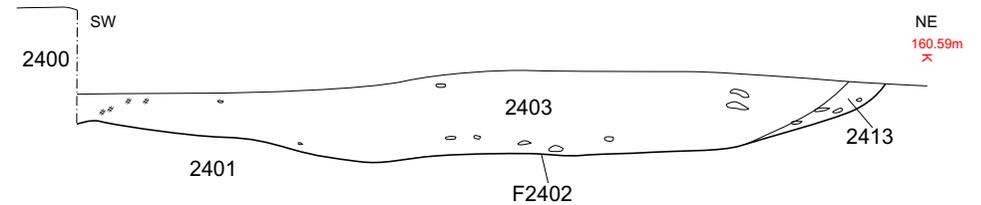
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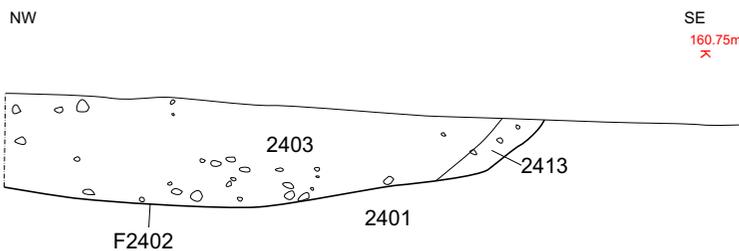
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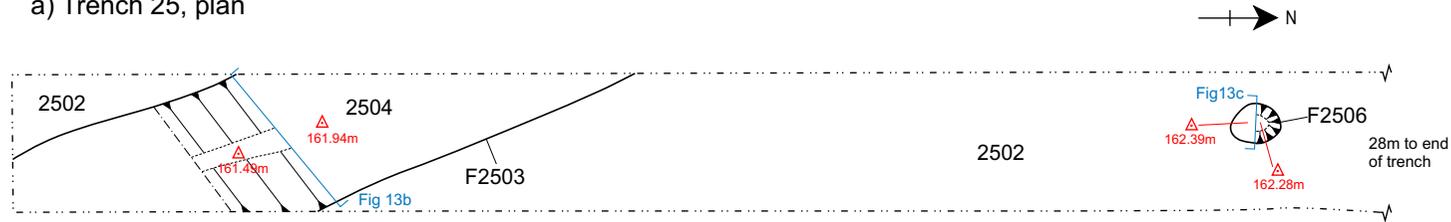
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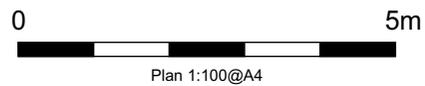
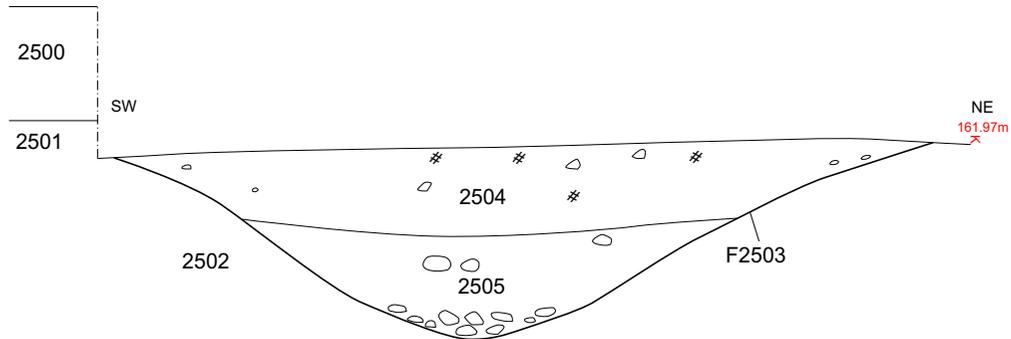


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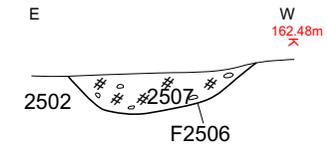
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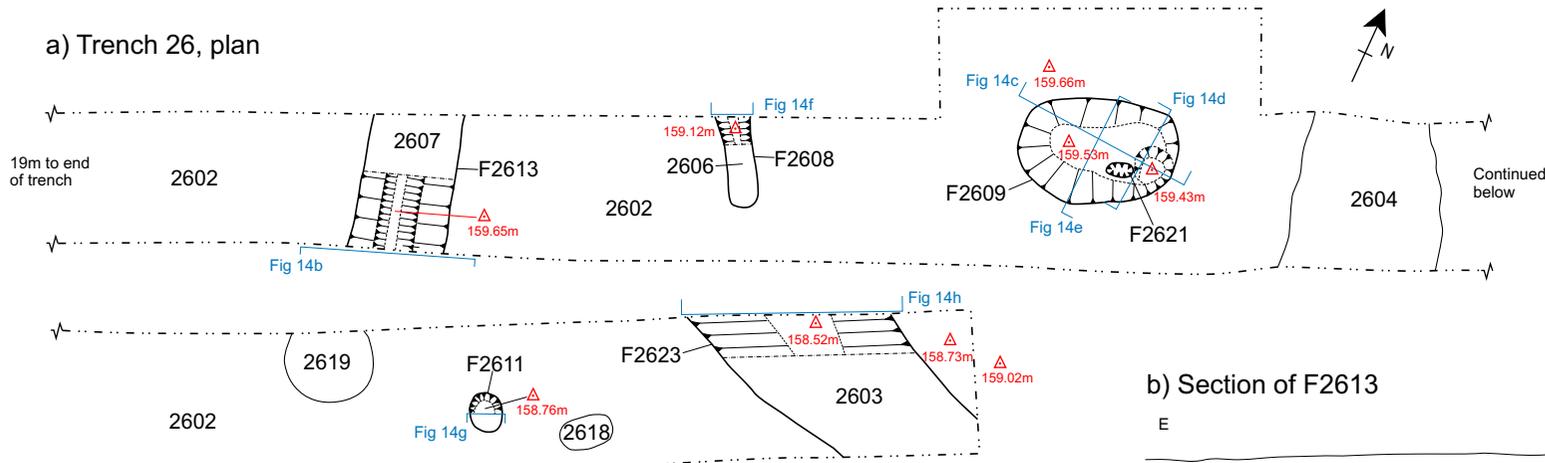


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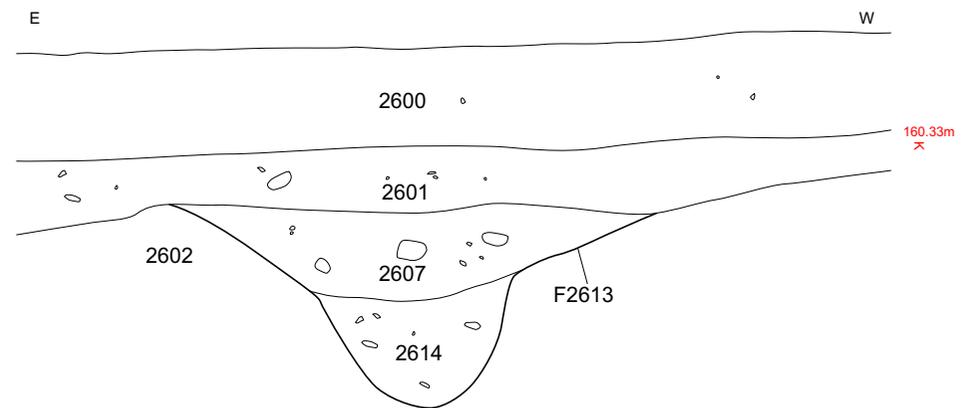
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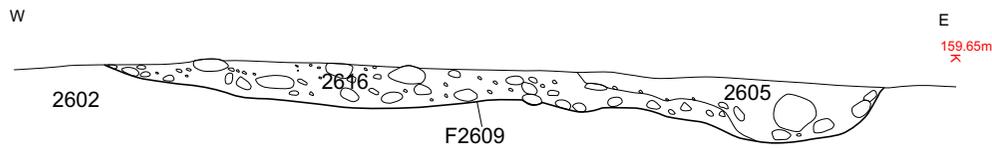
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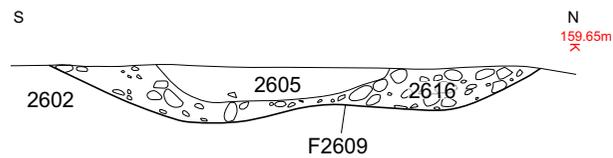
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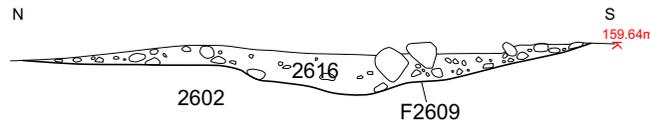
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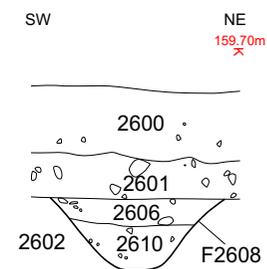
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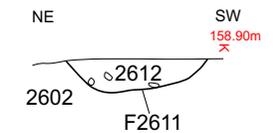
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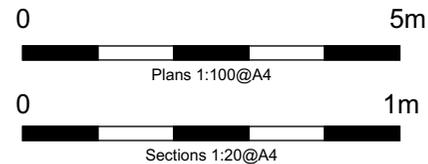
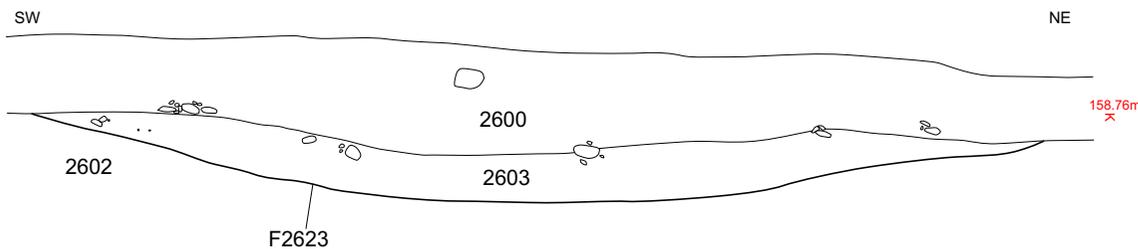
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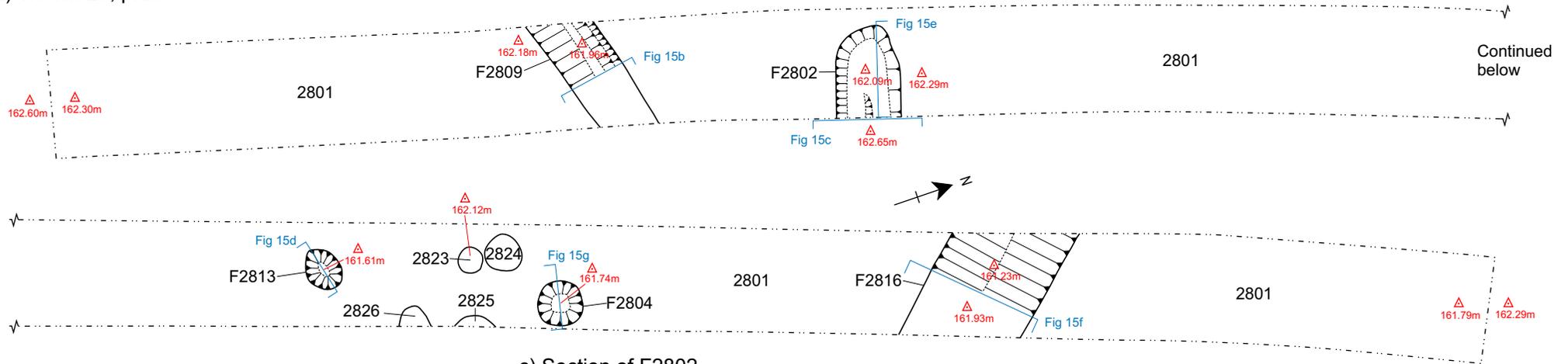


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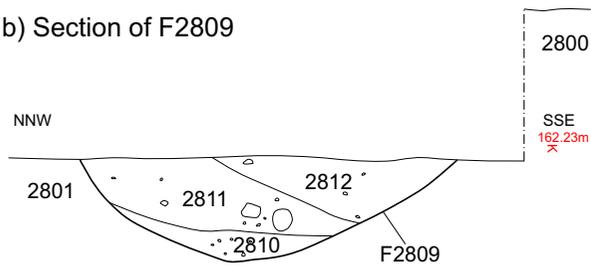
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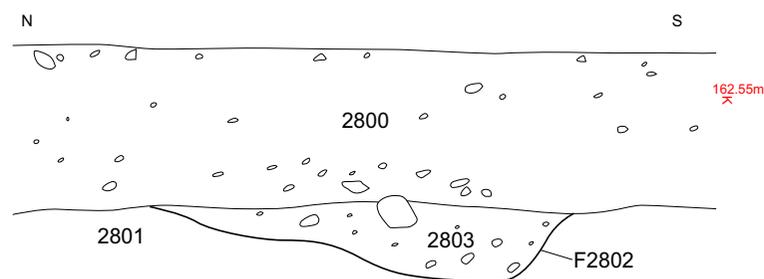
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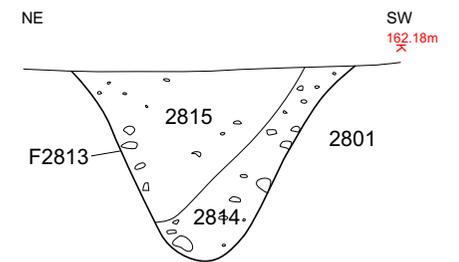
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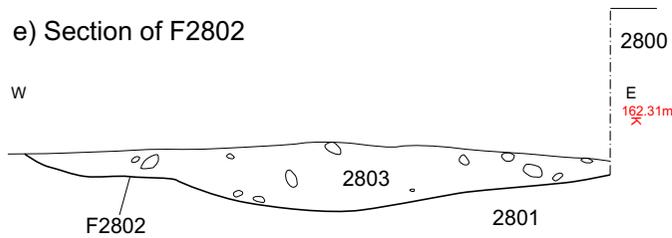
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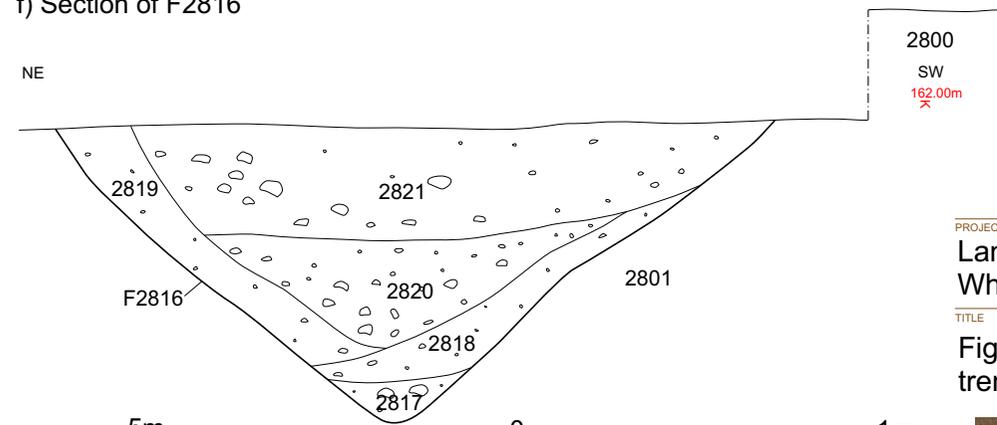
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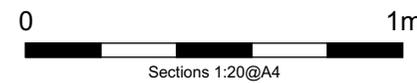
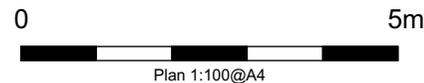
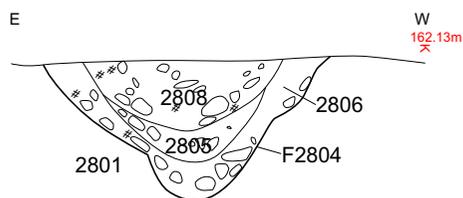
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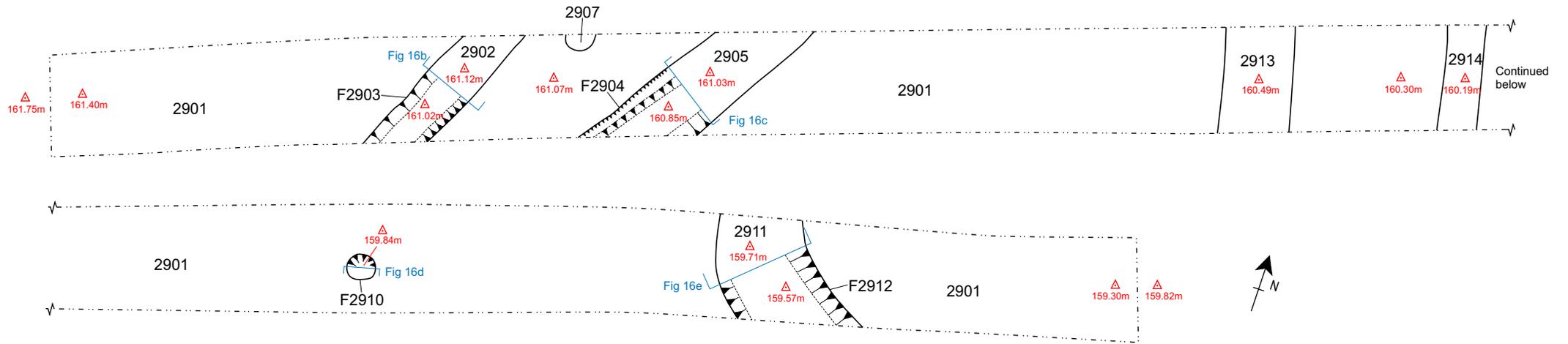


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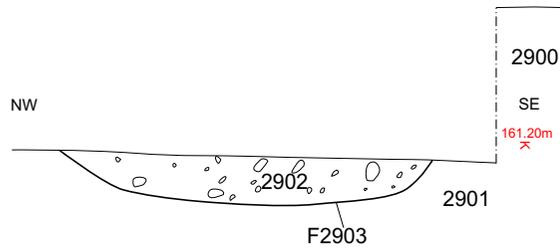
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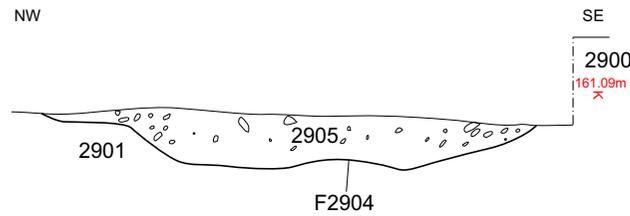
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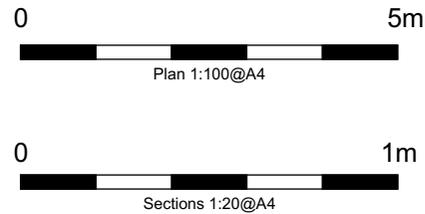
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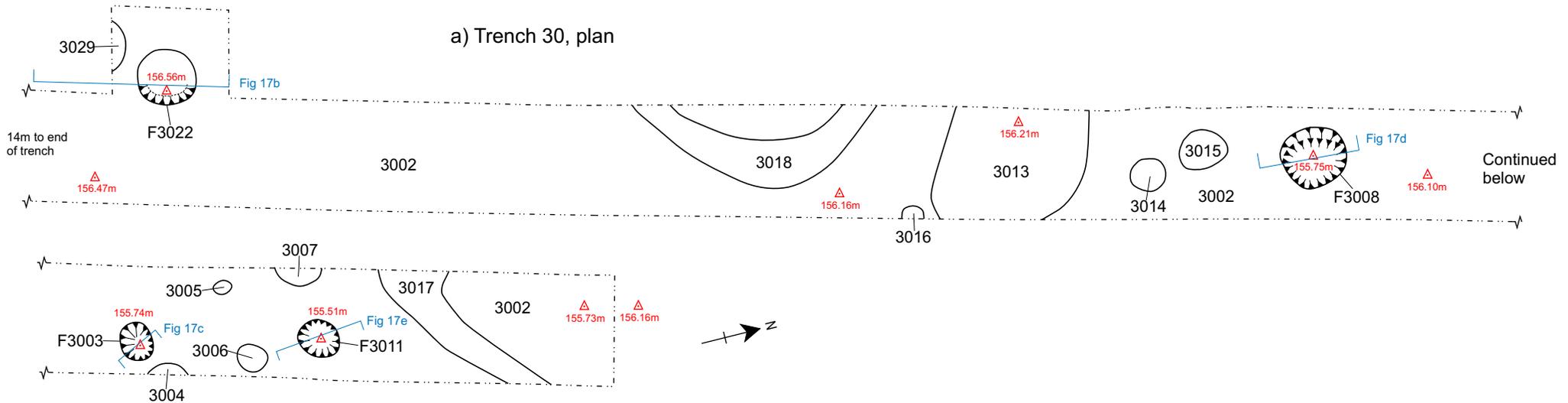
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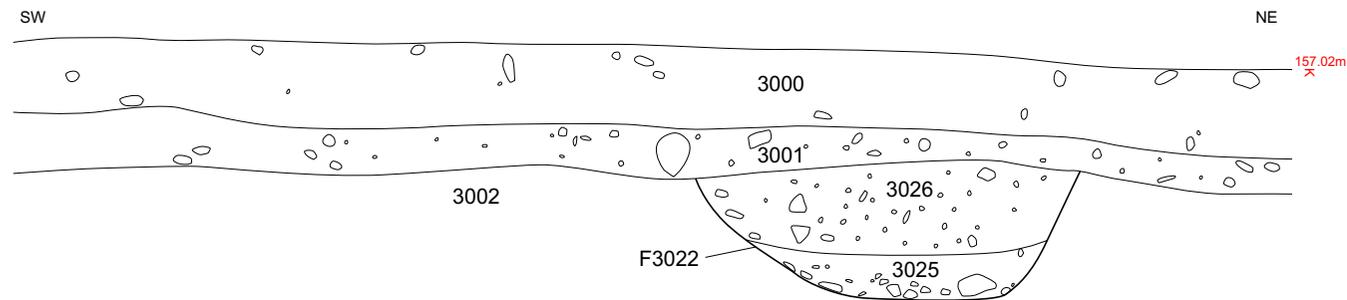
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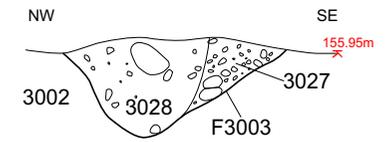




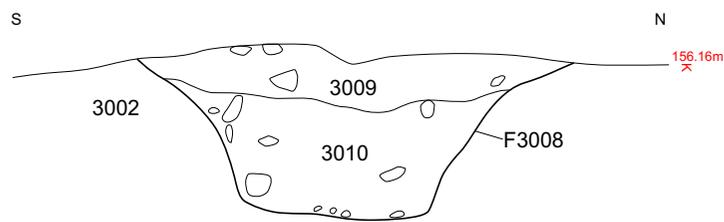
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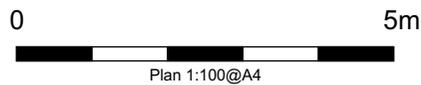
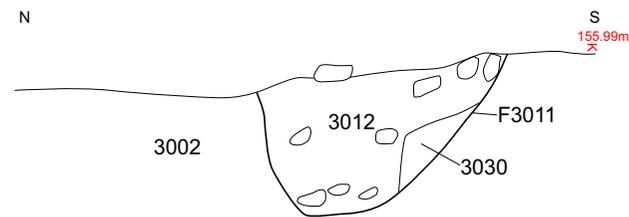
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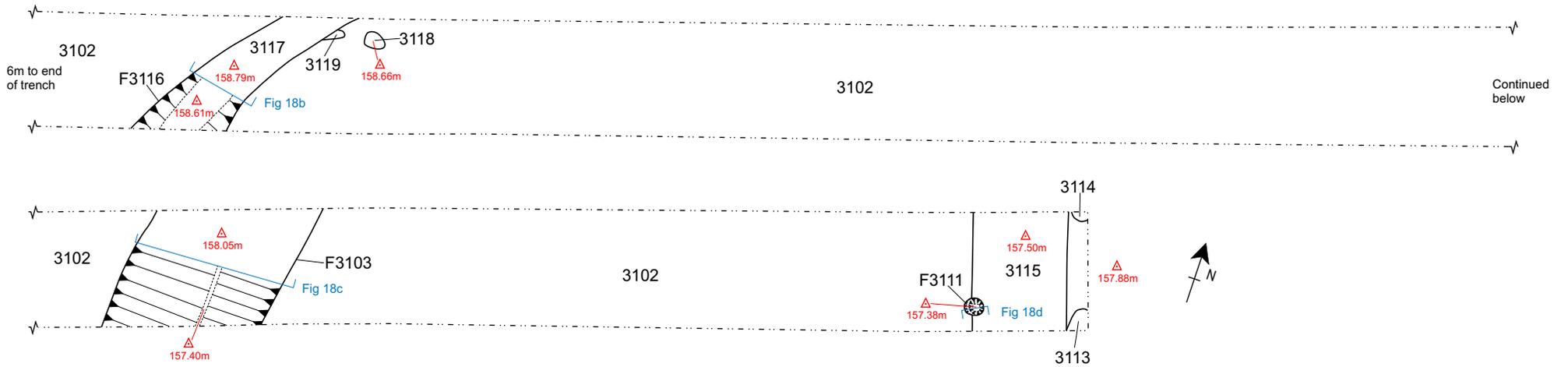


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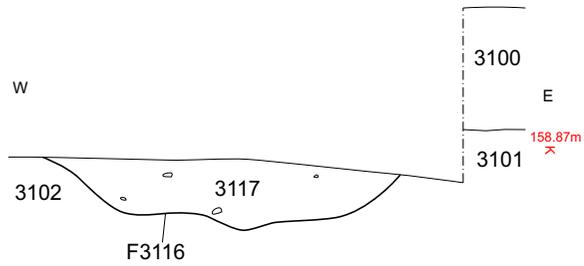
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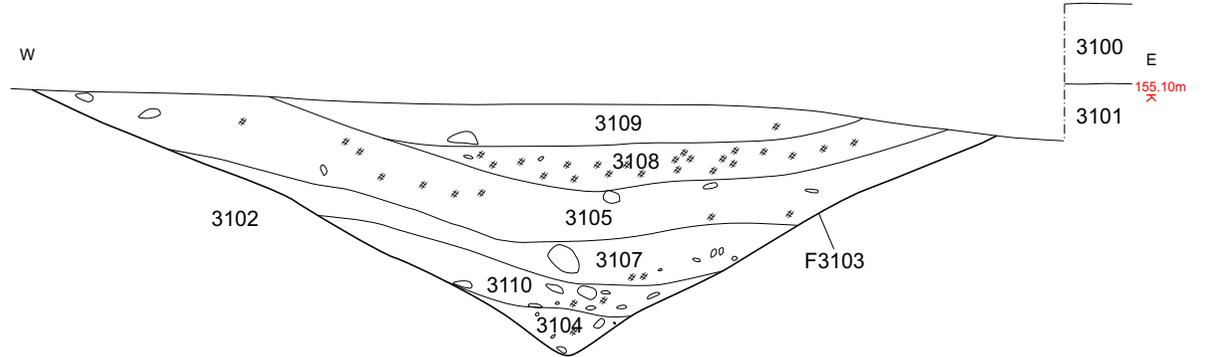
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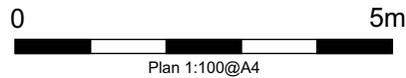
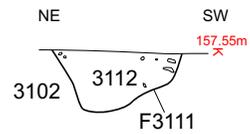
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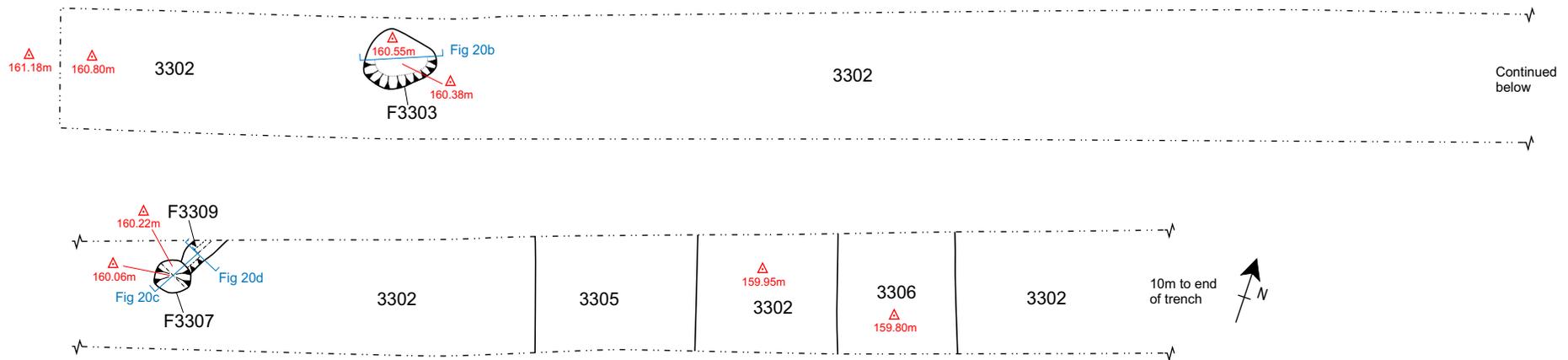


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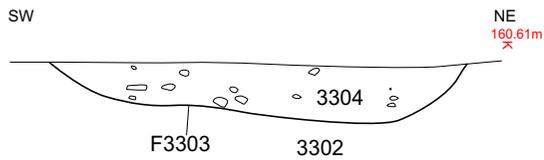
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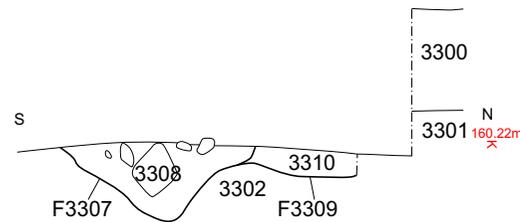
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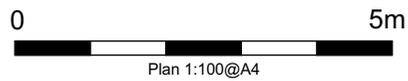
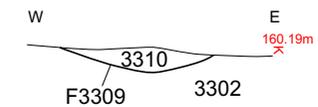
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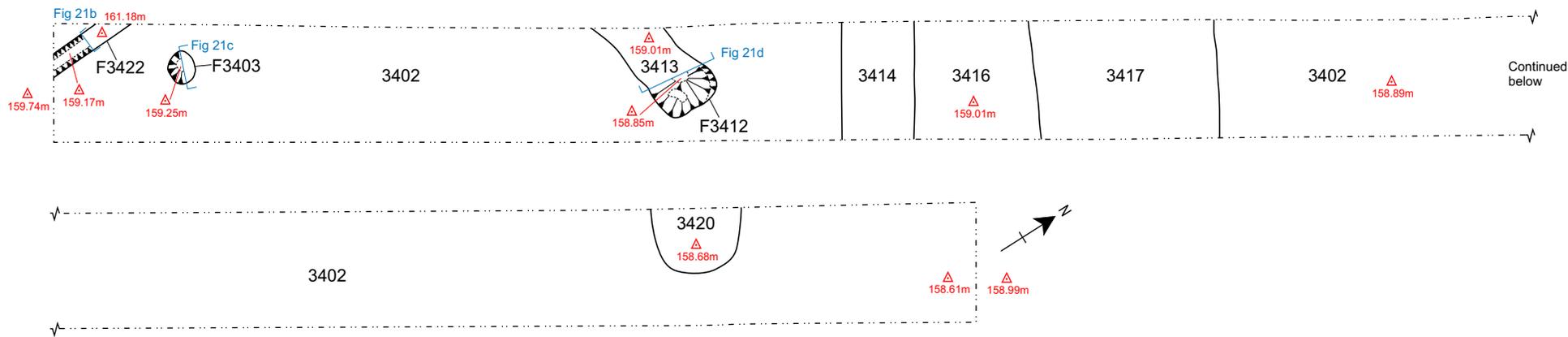


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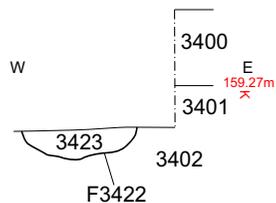
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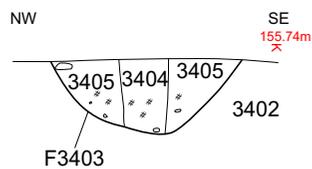
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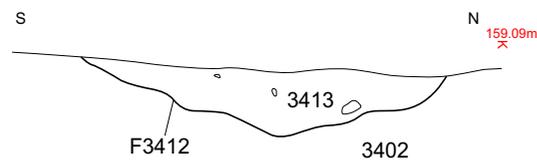
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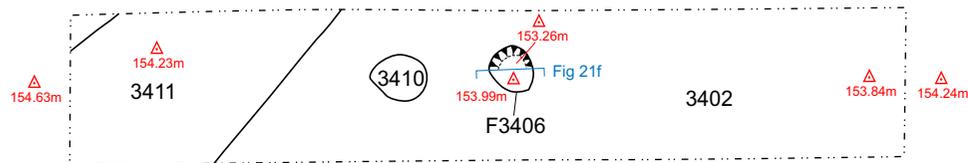
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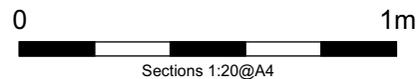
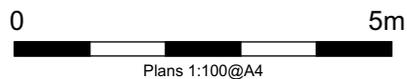
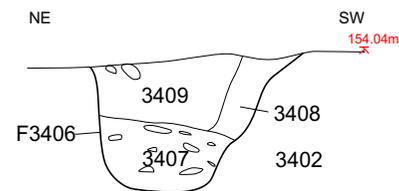
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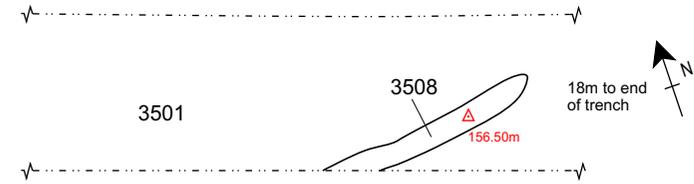
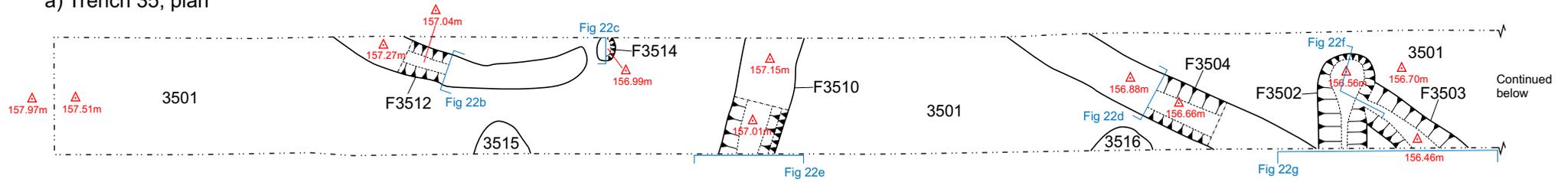


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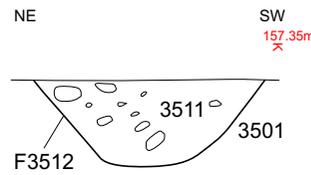
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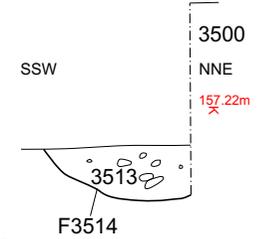
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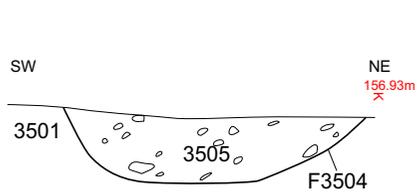
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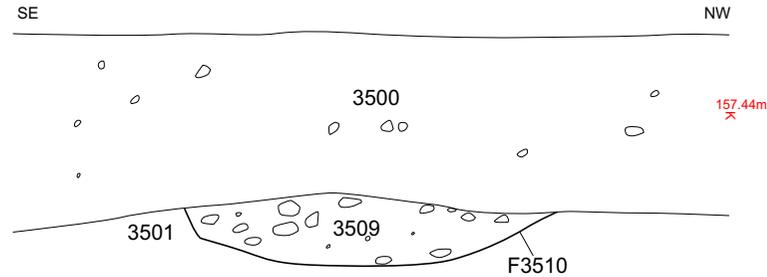
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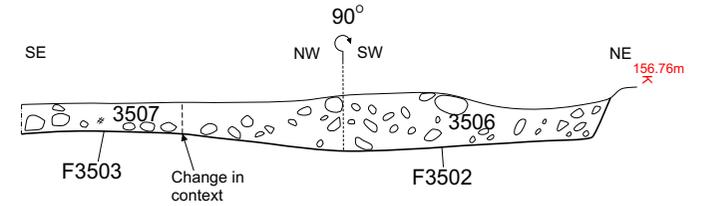
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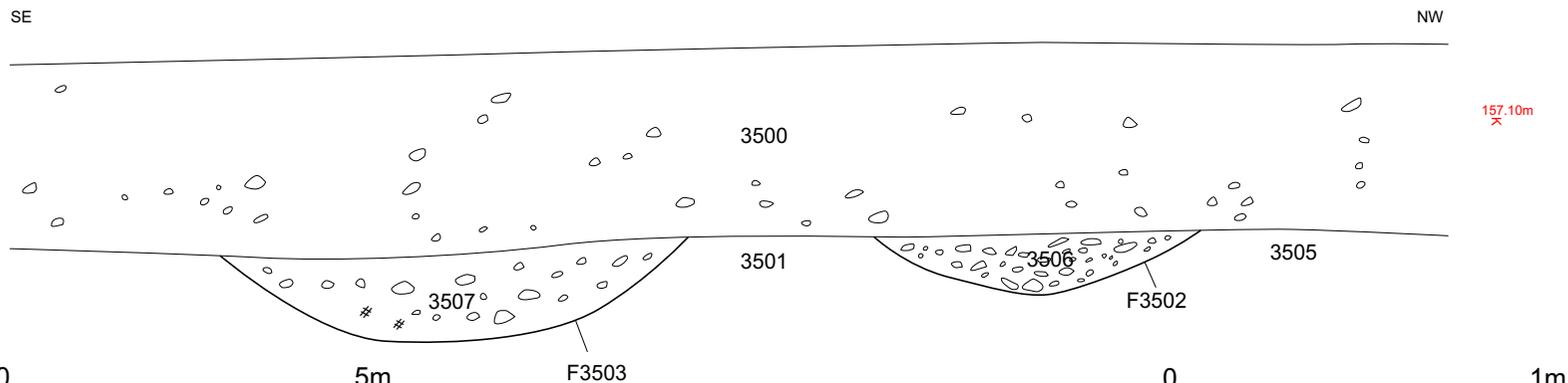
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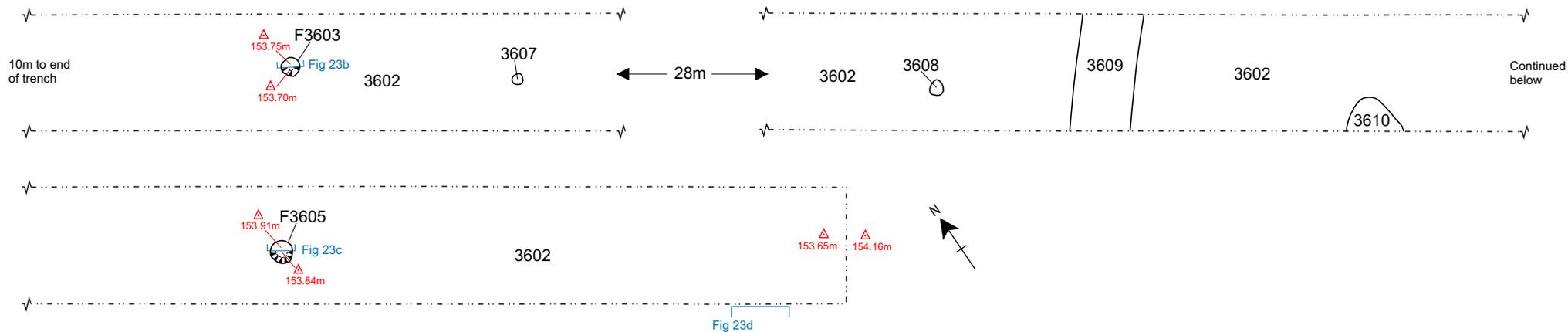


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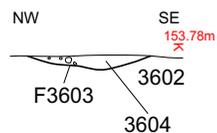
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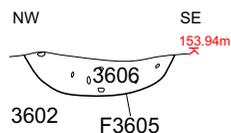
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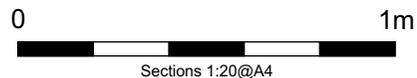
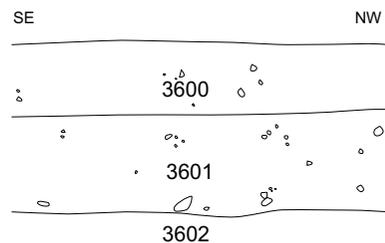
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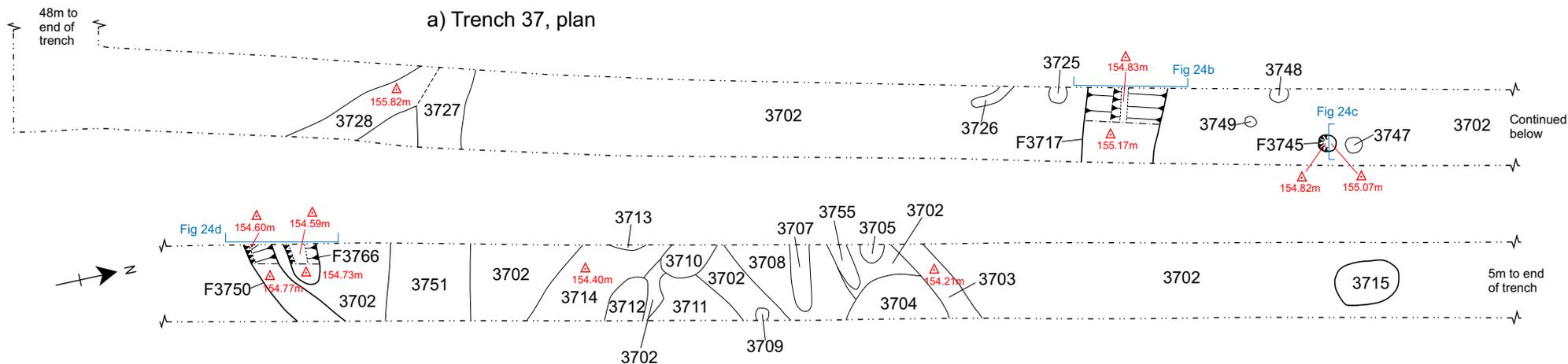
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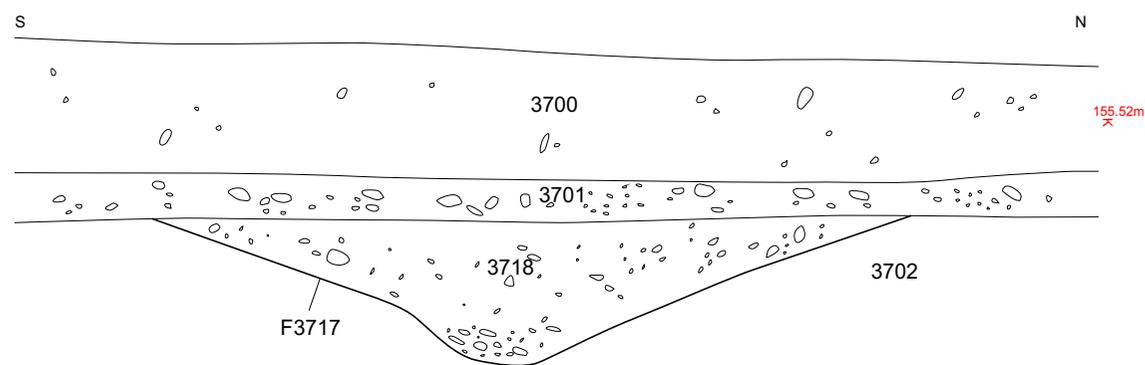
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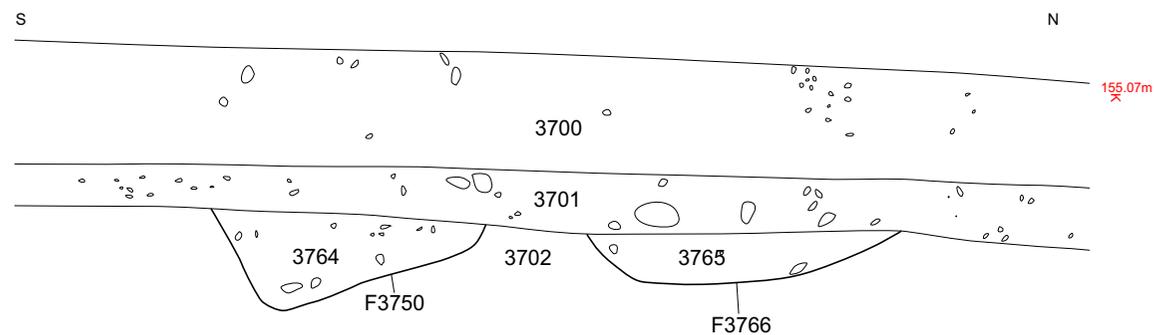




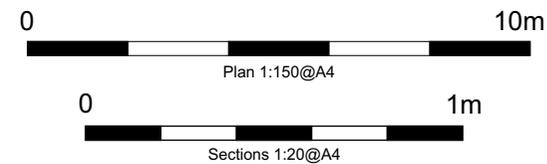
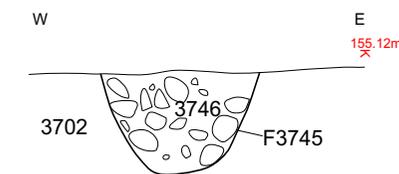
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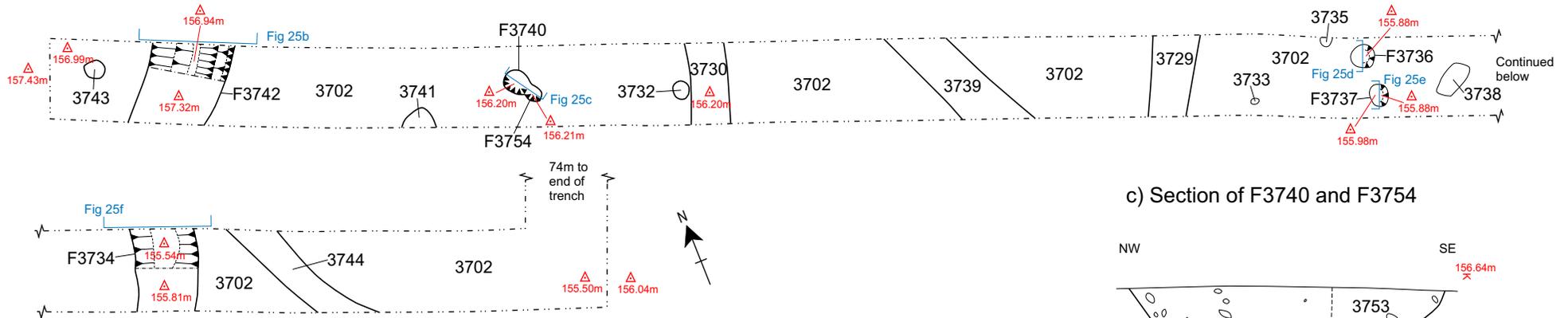


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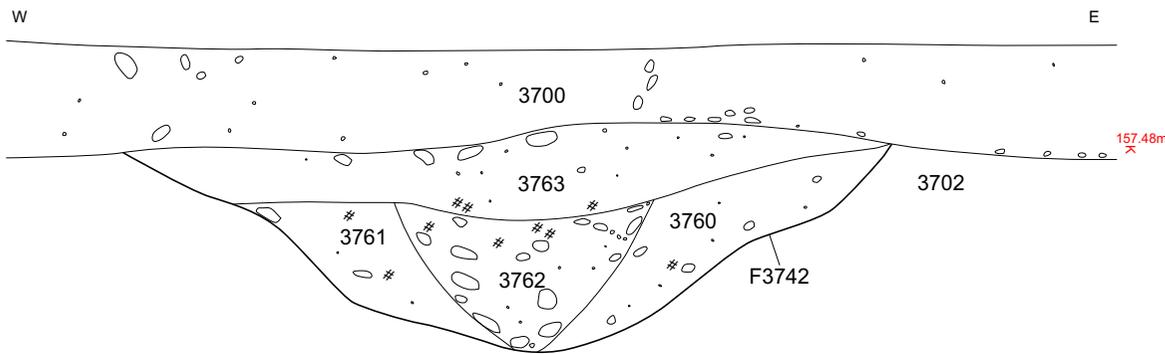
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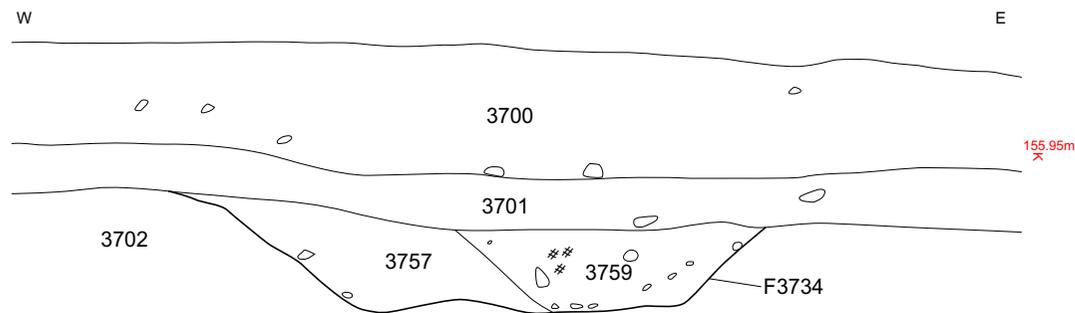
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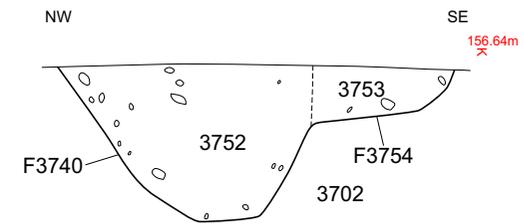
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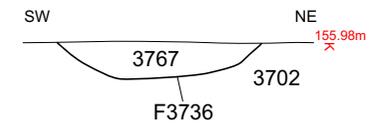
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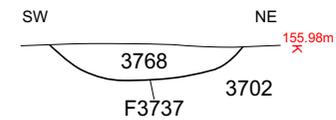
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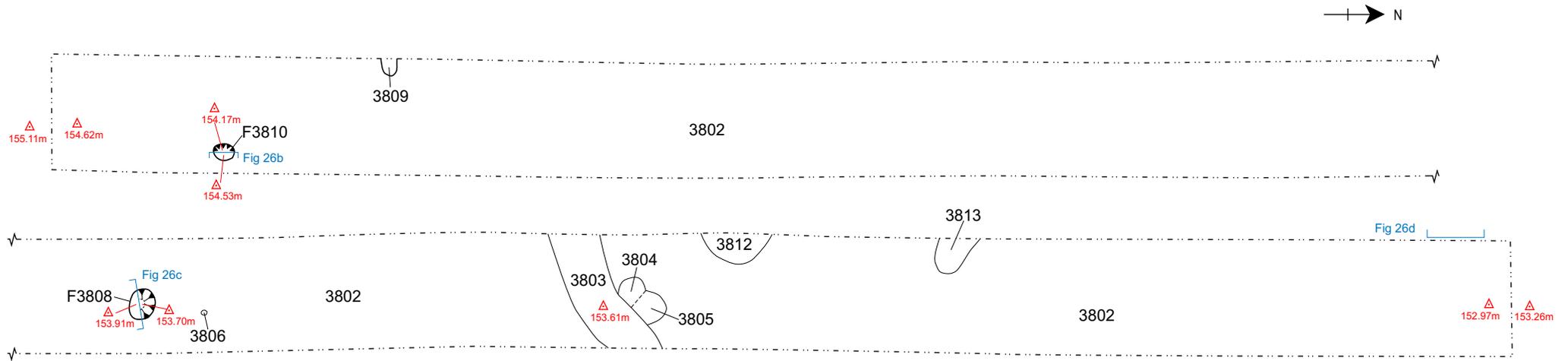
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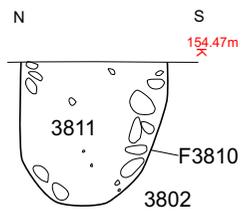
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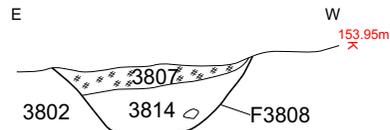
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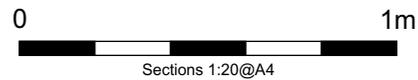
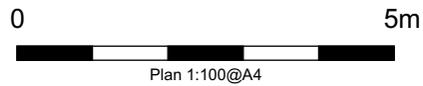
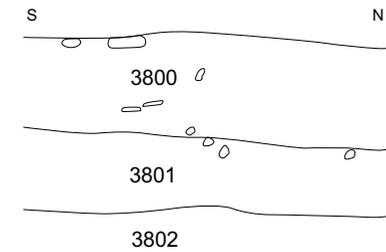
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d) Representative section, Trench 38

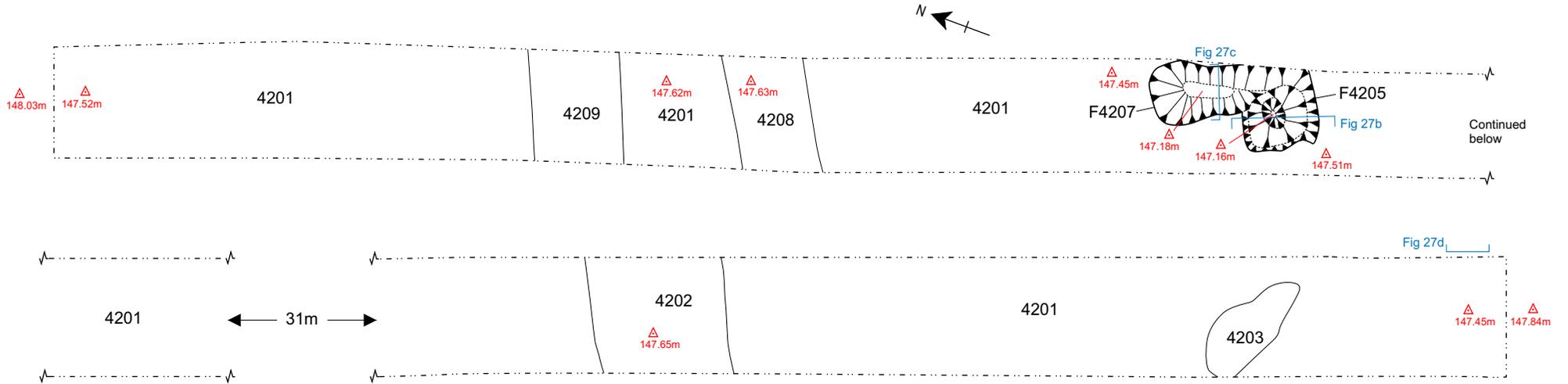


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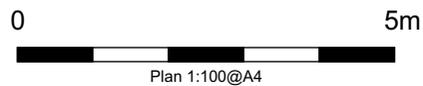
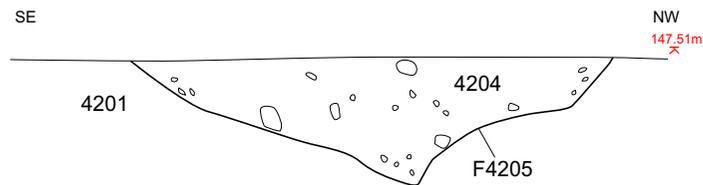
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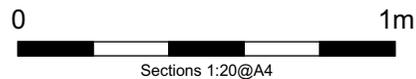
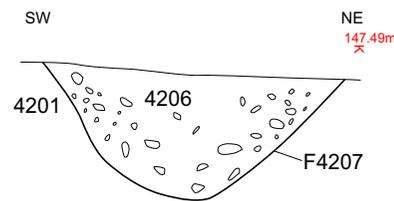
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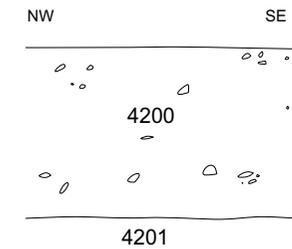
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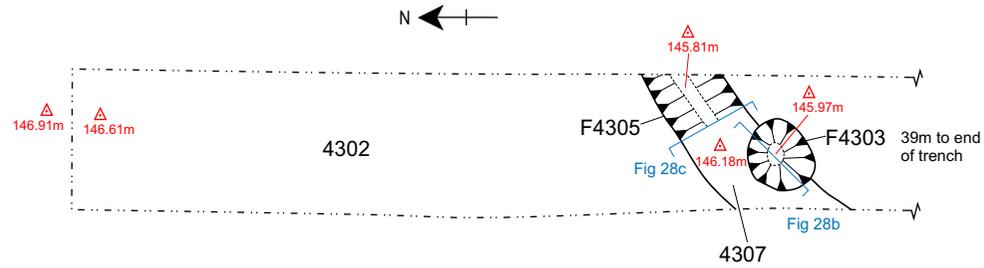
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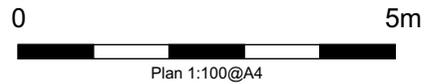
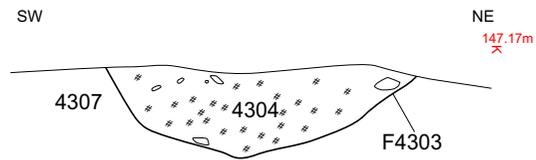
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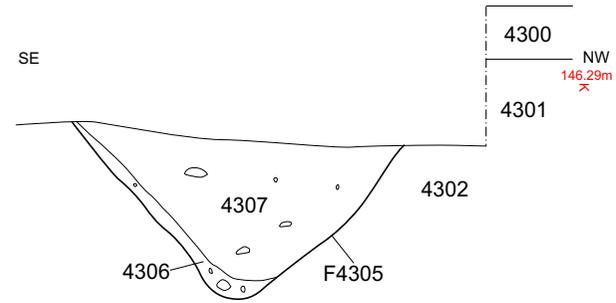
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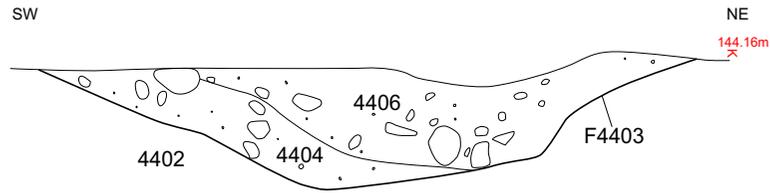
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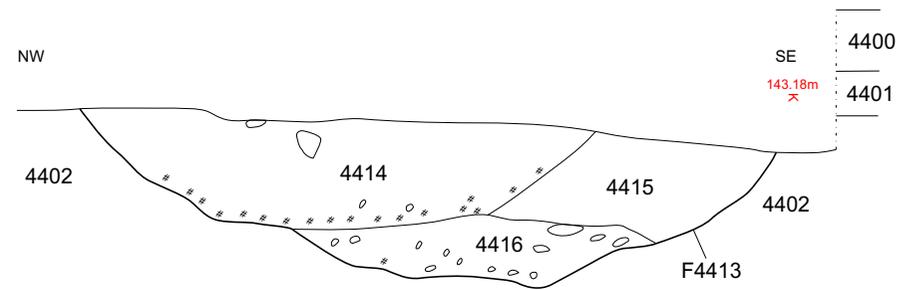
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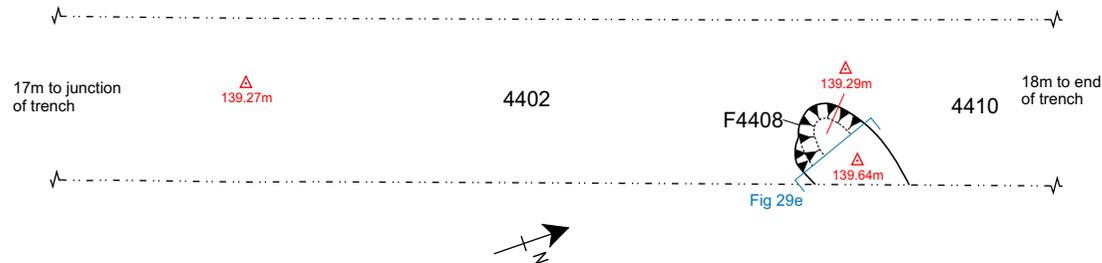
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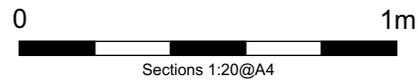
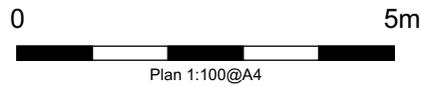
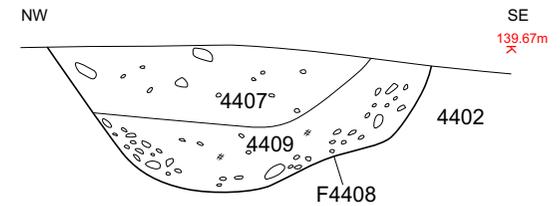
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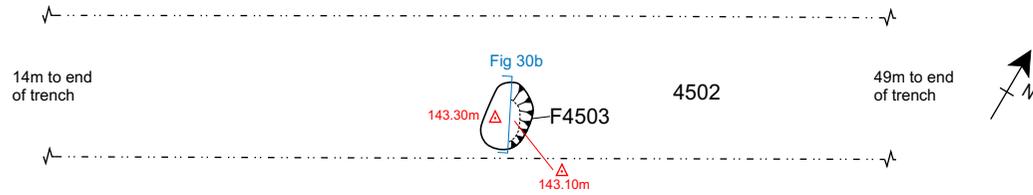


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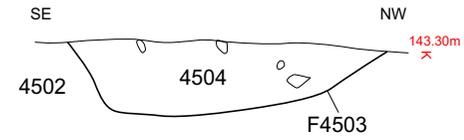
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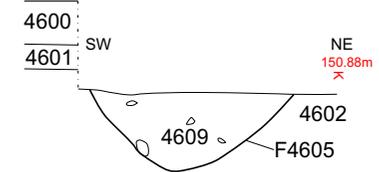
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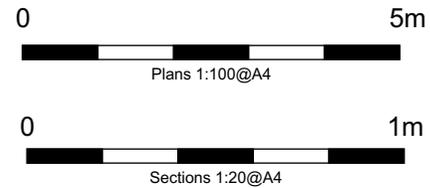
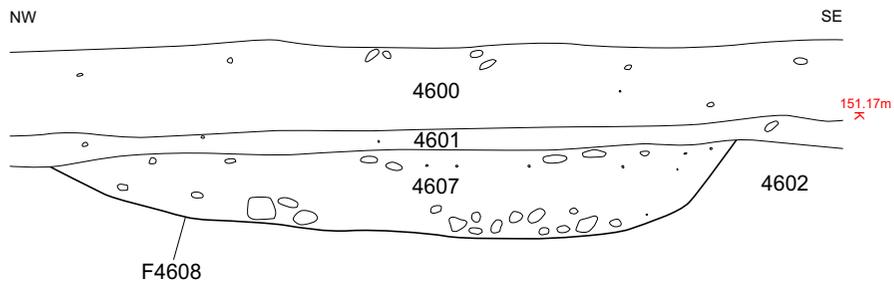
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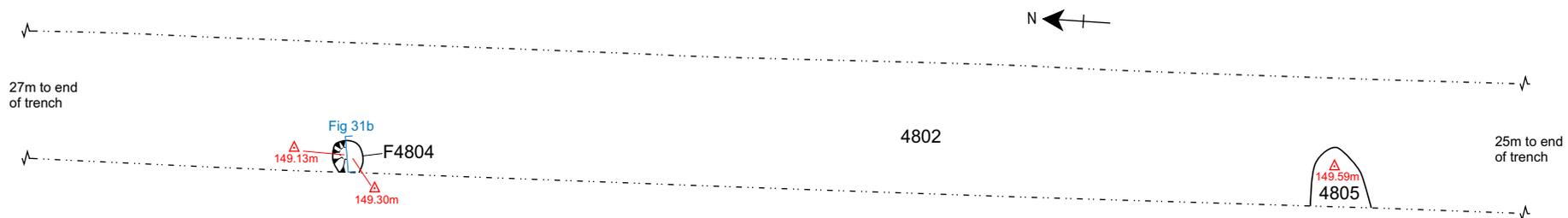


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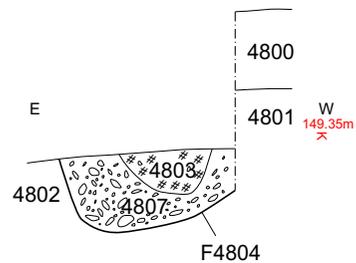
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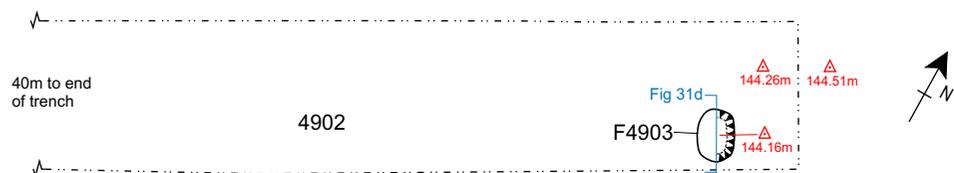
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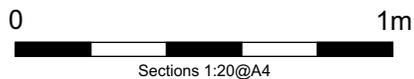
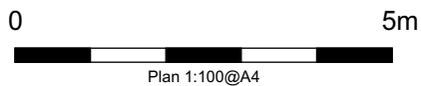
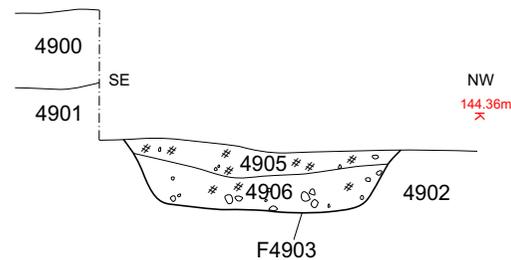
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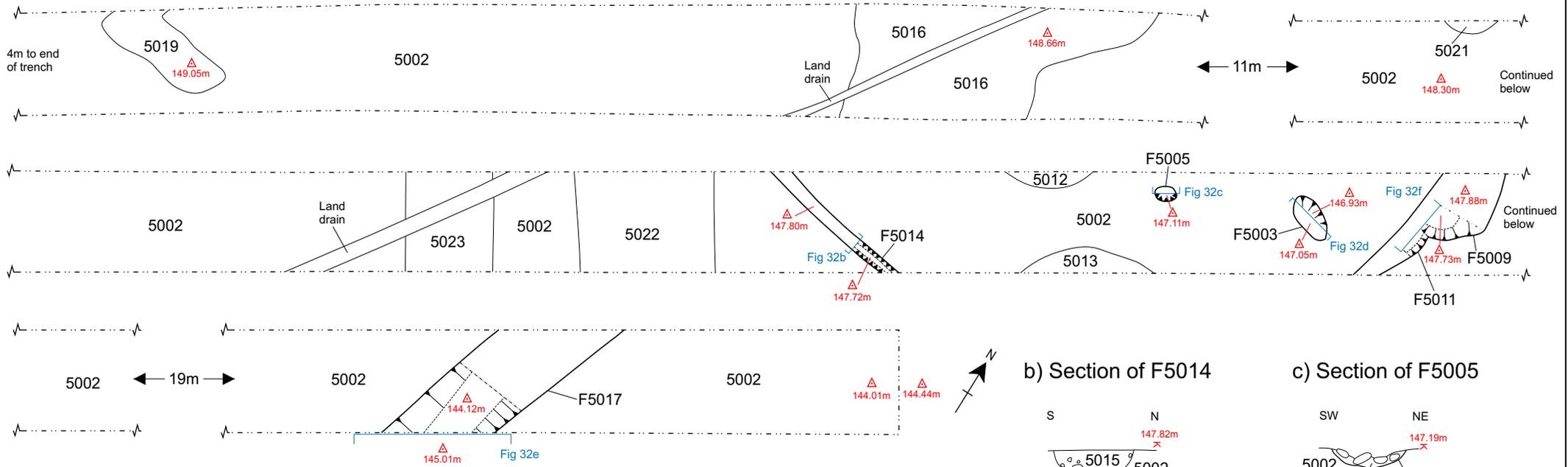


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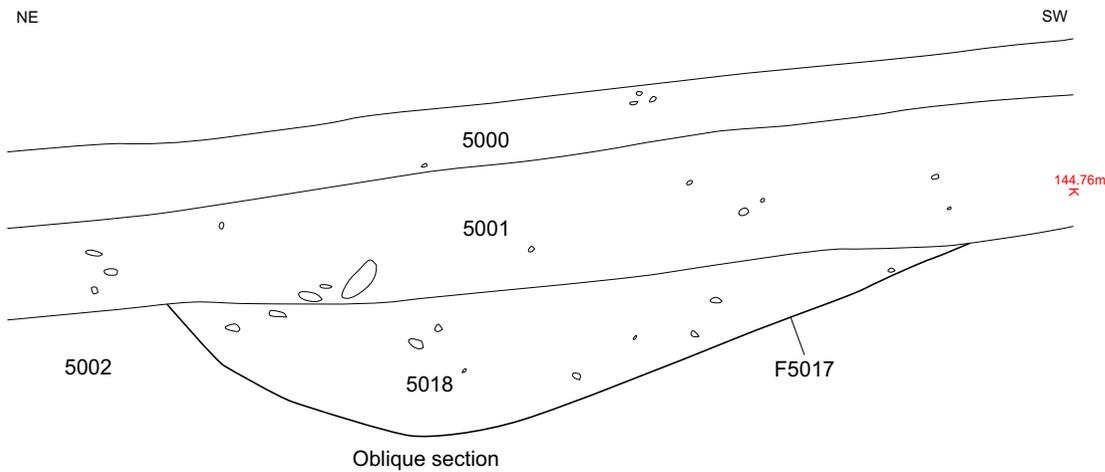
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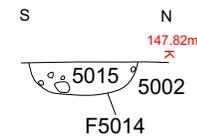
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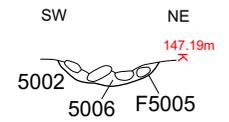
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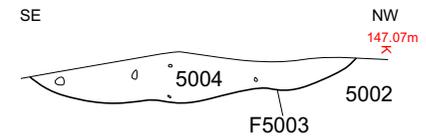
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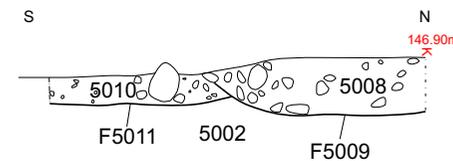
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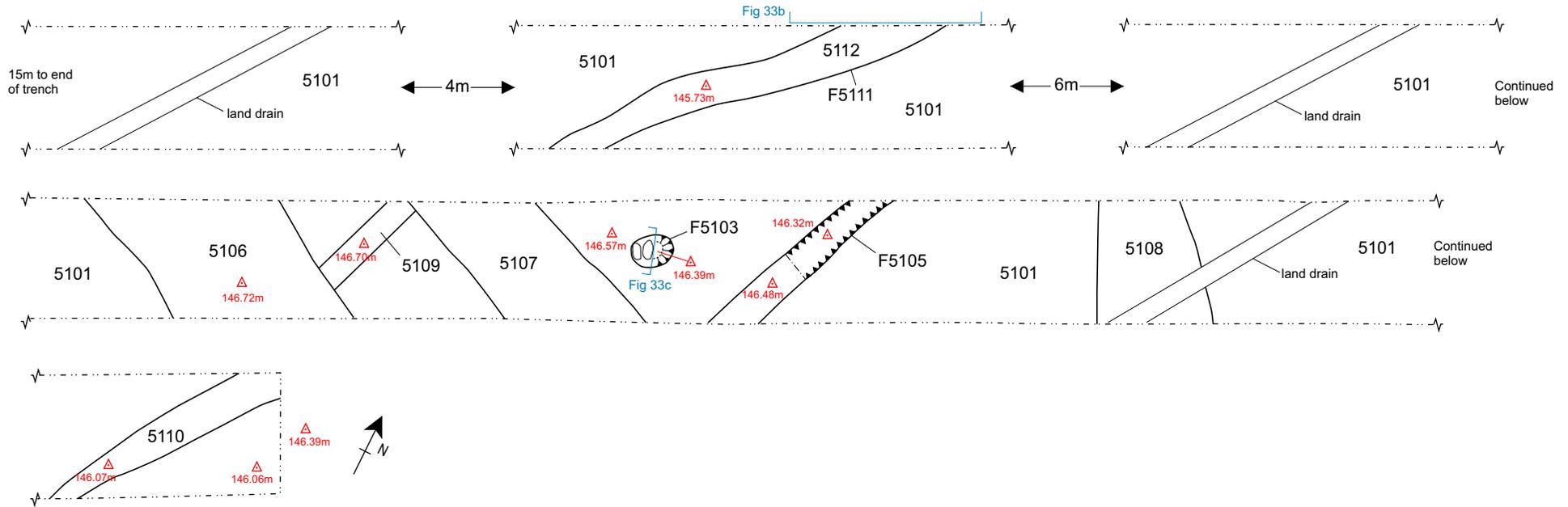


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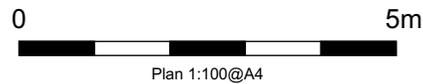
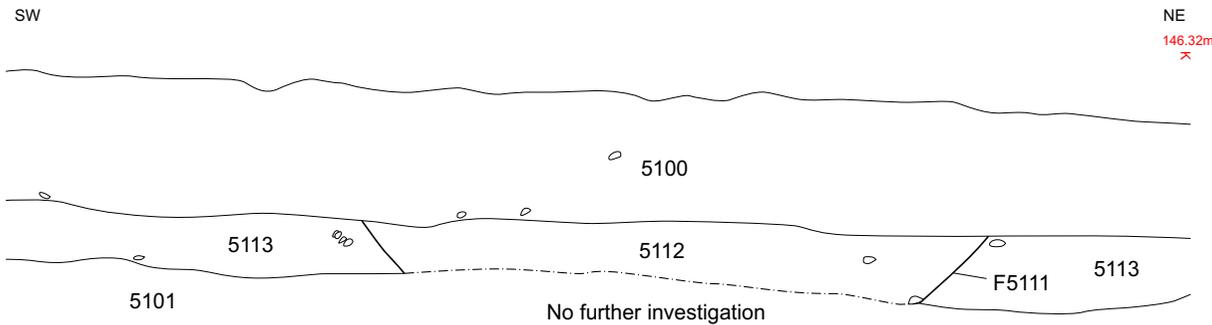
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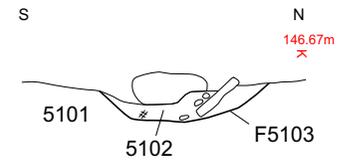
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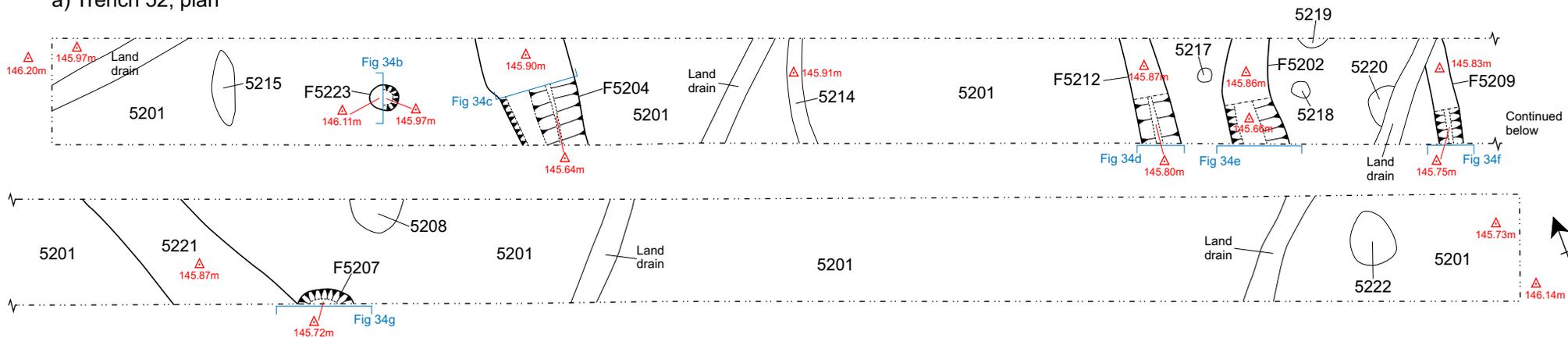


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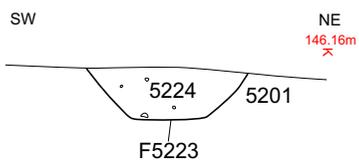
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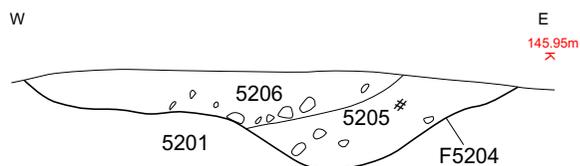
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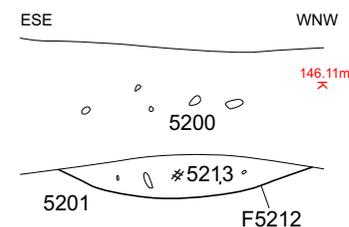
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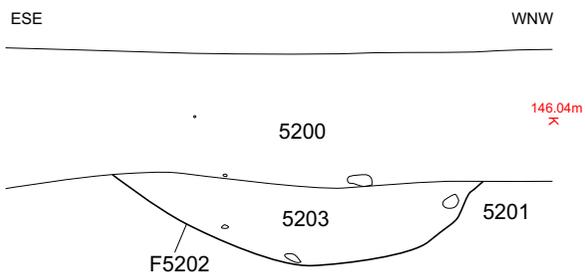
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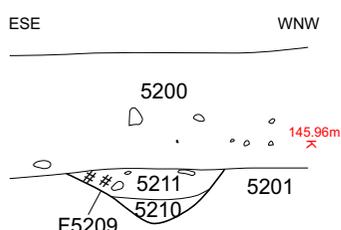
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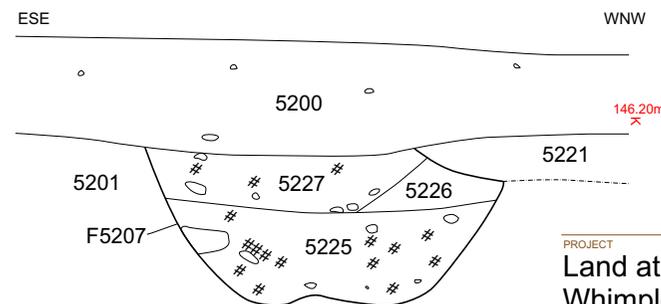
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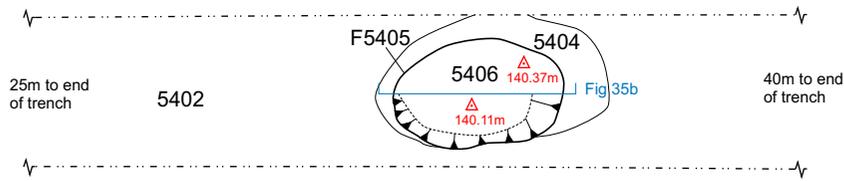


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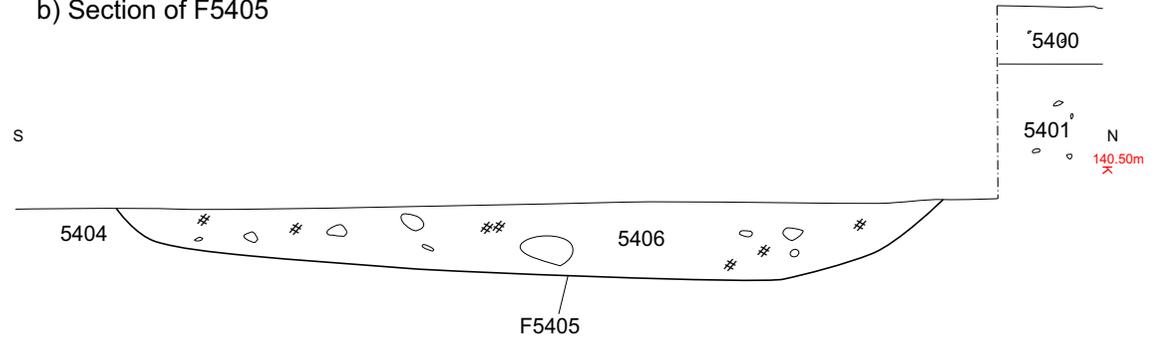
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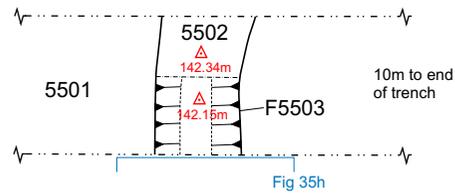
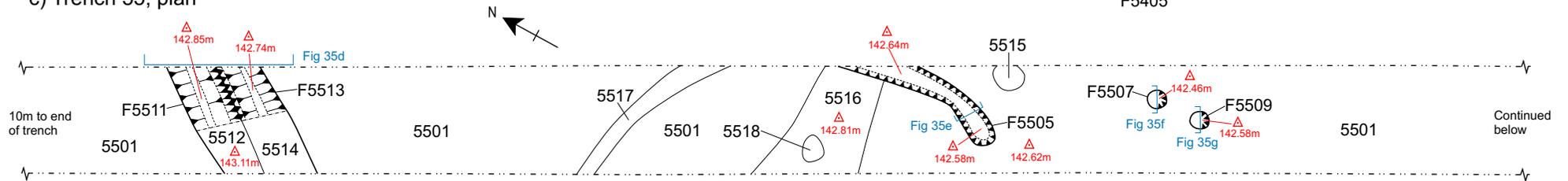
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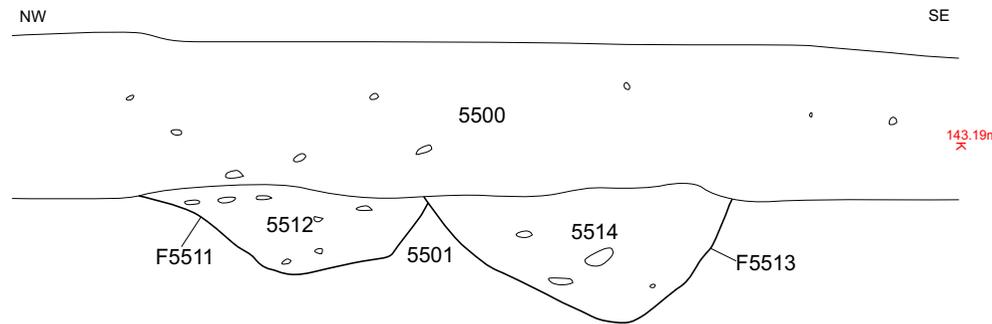
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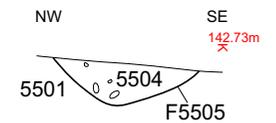
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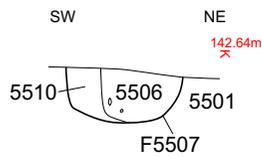
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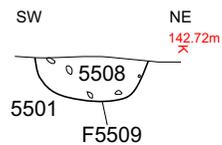
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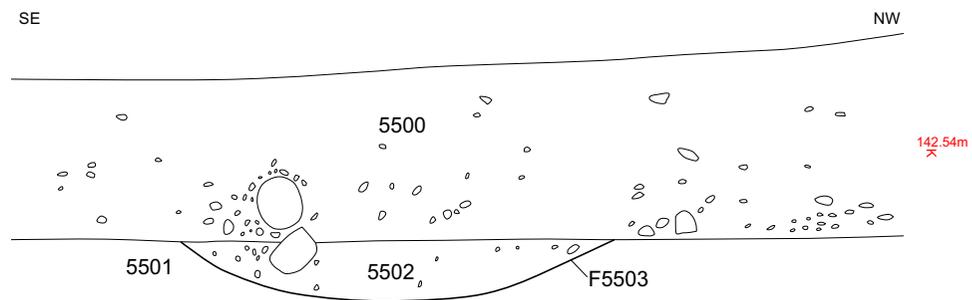
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Plate 1: General view of Area 3, looking north



Plate 2: General view of Area 10, looking northeast



Plate 3: Trench 10, south-facing section of ditch F1005 (scale 1m)



Plate 4: Trench 18b, hedgebank F1807, looking southeast (scale 2m)



Plate 5: Trench 22, ditch terminus F2222, looking northwest (scale 1m)



Plate 6: Trench 25, southeast-facing section of ditch F2503 (scale 1m)



Plate 7: Trench 28, north-facing section of pit or posthole F2804 (scale 1m)



Plate 8: Trench 35, General view, looking west (scale 1m)



Plate 9: Trench 37, General view, looking northwest (scale 1m)



Plate 10: Trench 37, east-facing section of gully F3717 (scale 1m)

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Tabulated Context Descriptions by Trench



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Trench 1		Length 48m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
100	Dark brown sandy-loam	0-0.27m	Topsoil	
101	Dark brown sandy clay	0.27-0.43m	Subsoil	
102	Pale reddish brown silty clay	0.43m+	Natural subsoil	

Trench 2		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
200	Dark brown sandy loam	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
201	Dark brown sandy clay	0.30-0.40m	Subsoil	
202	Pale reddish brown silty clay	0.40m+	Natural subsoil	

Trench 3		Length 46m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
300	Dark brown sandy loam	0-0.35m	Topsoil	
301	Dark brown sandy clay	0.35-0.50m	Subsoil	
302	Pale reddish brown gravel and silty sand	0.50m+	Natural subsoil	

Trench 4		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
400	Dark brown sandy loam	0-0.24m	Topsoil	
401	Mid brown sandy clay	0.24-0.44m	Subsoil	
402	Pale reddish brown silty clay	0.44m+	Natural subsoil	

Trench 5		Length 43m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
500	Dark grey brown silty loam	0-0.10m	Topsoil	
501	Mid reddish brown silty clay	0.10-0.55m	Subsoil	
502	Light reddish brown gravel and silty sand	0.55m+	Natural subsoil	
F503	N-S aligned gully, measures 0.8m wide and 0.4m deep with steep straight sides and a concave base	-	Cut of gully	
F504	Tree throw / pit, measures 1.0m in diameter with moderately steep sides and an irregular base	-	Cut of tree throw	
505	Light grey brown silty clay	-	Fill of F503	
506	Mid reddish brown silty clay	-	Fill of F504	

Trench 6		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
600	Dark brown sandy loam	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
601	Mid reddish brown sandy silty	0.25-0.35m	Subsoil	
602	Pale reddish brown silty clay	0.35m+	Natural subsoil	

Trench 7		Length 40m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
700	Dark brown sandy loam	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
701	Mid reddish brown sandy silty	0.20-0.30m	Subsoil	
702	Pale reddish brown silty clay	0.30m+	Natural subsoil	

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Trench 8		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
800	Dark brown sandy silt loam	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
801	Dark brown sandy silt clay	0.25-0.40m	Subsoil	
802	Mid yellow red gleyed silts	0.40m+	Natural subsoil	
F803	E-W aligned linear, measures 0.9m wide and 0.18m deep with shallow sides and a flat base	-	Cut of ditch	
804	Dark yellow brown clay silt	-	Fill of F803	
F805	Tree throw / pit, measures 1.0m wide, 1.4m length and 0.33m deep with steep sides and a concave base	-	Cut of tree throw	
806	Light yellow red silty clay	-	Fill of F805	
F807	Pit, measures 0.4m wide, 0.5m length and 0.25m deep with steep sides and a concave base	-	Cut of natural silt hollow	
808	Dark red brown clay silt	-	Fill of pit F807	

Trench 9		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
900	Dark brown silty loam	0-0.52m	Topsoil	
901	Light greyish yellow to mid brownish red silty clay to gravelly clay	0.52m+	Natural subsoil	
902	Mid brown clay silt	-	Upper fill of 911	
903	Mid brown orange silty clay	-	Fill of 911	
904	Mid yellow brown silty clay	-	Fill of 911	
905	Dark greyish brown clay silt	-	Fill of 911	
906	Light brown yellow silty clay	-	Fill of 911	
907	Mid brown orange silty clay	-	Fill of 911	
908	Mid reddish brown silty clay	-	Fill of 911	
909	Mid brownish grey silty clay	-	Fill of 911	
910	Light yellow brown clay silt	-	Primary fill of 911	
911	Tree throw, measures 0.9m wide, 0.44m length and 0.15m deep with an irregular profile	-	Tree throw	

Trench 10		Length 150m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W, NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1000	Dark brown silty loam	0-0.40m	Topsoil	
1001	Void			
1002	Light yellow brown	0.40+	Natural subsoil	
1003	Tree throw, measures 0.5m in diameter and 0.20m deep with an irregular profile	-	Cut of tree throw	
1004	Dark blackish brown clay sand	-	Fill of 1003	
F1005	N-S aligned linear, measures 1.2m wide and 0.56m deep with steep sides and a conical base	-	Cut of ditch	
1006	Dark brown grey sandy silt	-	Primary fill of F1005	
1007	Mid yellowish brown clayey silty sand	-	Fill of F1005	
1008	Light yellow brown clay silt	-	Upper fill of F1011	
1009	Mid orange brown silty clay	-	Fill of F1011	
1010	Dark greyish brown clay silt	-	Primary fill of F1011	
1011	Pit measures 0.95m wide, 2.25m length and 0.68m deep with moderately sloping sides and a concave base	-	Cut of tree throw	

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Trench 11		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1100	Dark brown silty sand loam	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
1101	Mid red brown silty sandy loam	0.20-0.35m	Subsoil	
1102	Mid brown red silty sand, silty clay to silty sand	0.35-0.53m	Interface	
1103	Mixed mid brown red to light brown yellow	0.53m+	Natural subsoil	
1104	Tree throw, measures 2.2m wide, 1.0m length and 0.8m deep with an irregular profile	-	Tree throw	
1105	Light yellow grey silty clay	-	Fill of 1104	
1106	Light yellow grey silty sand	-	Fill of 1104	
1107	Medium grey brown silty clay	-	Fill of 1104	
1108	Burrow, measures 0.1m diameter and 0.21m deep with undercutting sides and no base.	-	Cut of animal burrow	
1109	Mid orange brown silty sand clay	-	Fill of 1101	
1110	Hole measures 0.12m diameter and 0.2m deep with steep sides and a concave base.	-	Natural root hole	
1111	Mid grey black sandy clay	-	Fill of 1110	
1112	Mid brown orange clay	-	Fill of 1104	
1113	Tree throw, measures 0.96m wide, 0.70m length and 0.32m deep with an irregular profile	-	Tree throw	
1114	Mid brown red clay	-	Fill of 1113	
1115	Mid grey brown silty clay	-	Fill of 1113	
1116	Mid red brown silty clay	-	Fill of 1113	

Trench 12		Length 17.5m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1200	Dark brown silty loam	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
1201	Mid reddish grey brown silty sand	0.25-0.45m	Subsoil	
1202	Mixed mid brown red to light grey yellow, silty clay to sandy clay	0.45m+	Natural subsoil	
F1203	Pit, measures 0.45m wide, 1.3m length and 0.28m deep with gradual sloped sides and a flat base	-	Cut of pit	
1204	Mid greyish brown silt	-	Fill of F1203	

Trench 13		Length 100m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W, N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1300	Dark brown silty loam	0-0.15m	Topsoil	
1301	Mid brown sandy silt	0.15-0.45m	Subsoil	
1302	Light reddish brown silty clay	0.45m+	Natural subsoil	
F1303	N-S aligned linear, measures 1.3m wide and 0.25m deep with moderately gentle sloped sides and a flat base	-	Cut of gully	
1304	Light yellowish brown clayey sand	-	Fill of F1303	
1305	Natural frost wedge, measures 0.94m wide and 0.53m deep.	-	Cut of natural frost wedge	
F1306	E-W aligned linear, measures 1.67m wide and 0.28m deep with shallow sides and a flat base	-	Cut of linear	
1307	Dark greyish brown loam	-	Fill of F1306	
F1308	Tree throw / ditch terminus, measures 2.2m in diameter and 0.65m deep with moderately steep sides and a concave base	-	Cut of tree throw / ditch terminus	
1309	Mid brown silty clay	-	Fill of F1308	
1310	Mid greyish brown silty clay	-	Fill of F1308	

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Trench 14		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1400	Dark grey brown silty loam	0-0.44m	Topsoil	
1401	Mixed mid brown red to light grey yellow, silty clay to sandy clay	0.44m+	Natural	
1402	Mid greyish brown sandy silt	-	Fill of F1403	
F1403	N-S aligned linear, measures 1.63m wide and 0.19m deep with shallow sides and a flat base	-	Cut of ditch	
1404	Pit / bioturbation feature comprised of mid grey-brown silty clay to sandy silt. Unexcavated	-	Natural anomaly	
1405	Dark grey brown sandy silt	-	Fill of F1411	
1406	Mid orange brown clay silt	-	Fill of F1411	
1407	Mid greyish brown sandy silt	-	Fill of F1411	
1408	Mid yellowish brown clayey silt	-	Fill of F1411	
1409	Mid yellowish brown clayey silt	-	Fill of F1411	
1410	Mid yellowish brown clayey silt	-	Fill of F1411	
F1411	N-S aligned linear, measures 2.02m wide and 0.73m deep with moderately sloping sides and a concave base	-	Cut of ditch	

Trench 15		Length 74m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1500	Dark brown clay silt	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
1501	Mid brown clay silt	0.30-0.50m	Subsoil	
1502	Mixed mid red brown to dark brown, clay to silty clay	0.50m+	Natural subsoil	
F1503	pit, measures 0.4m in diameter and 0.14m deep with moderately steep sides and a concave base	-	Cut of pit	
1504	Mid greyish brown sandy clay	-	Fill of F1503	
1505	Pit feature, measuring 0.55 m wide comprised of dark brown clayey silt. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
1506	Linear feature aligned NE-SW, 2.8m wide comprised of mid greyish brown clayey silt. Unexcavated	-	Possible linear	

Trench 16		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1600	Dark reddish brown silty loam	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
1601	Light reddish brown silty clay	0.25-0.50m	Subsoil	
1602	Light yellow red silty clay	0.50m+	Natural subsoil	
1603	Mid reddish brown silty clay	-	Fill of F1604	
F1604	NW-SE aligned linear, measures 1.4m wide and 0.55m deep with shallow sides and a flat base	-	Cut of ditch	
1605	Mid reddish brown silty clay	-	Fill of F1604	

Trench 17		Length 27m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1700	Dark brown silty loam	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
1701	Mid reddish-brown sandy-loam	0.30-0.40m	Subsoil	
1702	Pale brown silty clay	0.40m+	Natural subsoil	
F1703	N-S aligned curvilinear, measures 1m wide, 0.25m deep.	-	Cut of curvilinear ditch	
1704	Mid grey slightly sandy silt, occasional rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F1703	
F1705	Circular in plan measures 0.18 in diameter, 0.4m deep, with v. steep sides to point	-	'Cut' of stakehole	
1706	Mid greyish brown sandy silty, occasional charcoal flecks	-	Fill of 1705	

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Trench 18		Length 62m/12.5m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S/E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1800	Dark brown silty loam	0.0.26m	Topsoil west of hedgebank	
1801	Mid reddish-brown clay-silt	0.26-0.40m	Subsoil west of hedgebank	
1802	Mid brown clay loam with common sub-rounded pebbles	0.40-0.60m	Colluvial soil west of hedgebank	
1803	Mid red brown clay silt and gravels	0.60m+	Natural subsoil	
F1804	N-S aligned linear, measures 1.8m wide and 0.44m deep with moderate concave sides and flat base.	-	Re-cut hedge bank ditch	
F1805	N-S aligned linear measures 1.76m wide and 0.44m deep with moderate concave sides and concave base.	-	Hedgebank ditch	
F1806	N-S aligned 'lynchet' c.1.54m wide and 0.14m deep	-	Shallow lynchet to the east of hedgebank	
F1807	Group number	-	Hedgebank	
1808	Dark brown silty loam, rare small sub-rounded pebbles	0-0.34m	Topsoil east of hedgebank	
1809	Mid brown, silty loam, rare small pebbles	-	Infill of shallow lynchet F1806 (similar to topsoil)	
1810	Dark brown, loose, humic loam. Heavily root affected	-	Slumped, bioturbated east face of hedgebank	
1811	Dark brown, humic loam. Heavily root affected	-	Slumped, bioturbated top and west face of hedgebank	
1812	Mid brown fine sandy clay loam, with small gravel inclusions	-	Hedgebank core.	
1813	Mid-light brown, loose, sandy clay loam, common small gravel and pebbles. Heavily bioturbated	-	Upper hedgebank deposit	
1814	Mid reddish brown clayey loam, rare gravel inclusions	-	Primary fill of re-cut hedgebank ditch F1804	
1815	Mid yellowish brown, clay, rare gravel	-	Principal fill of ditch F1804	
1816	Mid yellowish brown, silty clay, rare gravel	-	Primary fill of hedgebank ditch F1805	
1817	Mid red-brown, silty clay, rare gravel	-	Upper fill of hedgebank ditch 1805	
1818		-	Same as 1812 (not shown)	
1819	Dark brown humic silty loam	-	Same as 1811 (not shown)	
1820	Tree throw	-	Tree throw	
1821	Light greyish brown, sandy silt, occasional small rounded pebbles	-	Fill of ditch F1822	
F1822	E-W aligned Linear feature, measures 1.23m wide and 0.35m deep with moderate sides and narrow concave base	-	Cut of ditch	
1823	Dark grey-brown, sandy-silt, frequent small-large rounded pebbles and charcoal flecks	-	Fill of probable natural burnt root bole 1824	
1824	Irregular cut of probable root hole. Highly diffuse edges	-	Probable burnt root hole	

Trench 19		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1900	Dark brown sandy loam	0.0.15m	Topsoil	
1901	Mid grey-brown sandy-silt	0.15-0.30m	Subsoil	
1902	Pale brown silty clay	0.30m+	Natural subsoil	
1903	E-W aligned linear, measures 2.9m wide. Upper fill of mid brown softy sandy clay with common small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Cut of post-medieval boundary ditch	

Trench 20		Length 87m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S, E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2000	Dark brown silty loam	0.0.25m	Topsoil	
2001	Mid reddish brown silty-loam	0.25-0.40m	Subsoil	
2002	Pale brown silty clay	0.40m+	Natural subsoil	
F2003	E-W aligned linear, measures 1.5m wide, 0.55m deep with moderate concave sides and concave base	-	Cut of ditch	
2004	Mid yellowish brown sandy clay loam with occasional small-medium sub-rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F2003	

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Trench 21		Length 87m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S, E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2100	Dark brown silty loam	0.0.3m	Topsoil	
2101	Mid brown sandy-loam	0.3-0.40m	Subsoil	
2102	Pale brown silty clay	0.4m+	Natural subsoil	
F2103	E-W aligned linear gully, measures 1.2m wide, 0.25m deep with shallow concave sides and base	-	Cut of gully	
2104	Mid greyish brown, clayey silt rare small gravel inclusions	-	Fill of F2103	

Trench 22		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2200	Dark brown silty loam	0.0.20m	Topsoil	
2201	Pale yellowish brown sandy clay and gravels	0.2m+	Natural subsoil	
F2202	Small possible pit, measures 0.67m wide and 0.1m deep with undulating sides and base.	-	Possible pit	
2203	Light greyish brown, silty clay, rare small gravel	-	Lower fill of F2202	
2204	Mid greyish brown, sandy clay loam, common sub rounded gravel and pebbles	-	Upper fill of F2202	
2205	Mid red-brown clay loam, common gravel and pebbles	0.2-0.3m	Subsoil	
2206	Dark brown, silty-clay abundant small rounded pebbles	-	Tertiary fill of F2222	
2207	Layer of small – medium rounded and sub rounded cobbles in a dark brown, clay silt matrix.	-	Cobble layer within ditch F2222	
2208	Dark brown clay-silt, occasional small pebbles	-	Tertiary fill of F2222	
2209	Dark brown, clay silt (humic)	-	Tertiary fill of F2222	
2210	Dark brown, clay-silt, occasional large rounded cobbles and common charcoal flecking	-	Tertiary fill of F2222	
2211	Mid brown, sandy clay, rare charcoal flecks	-	Tertiary fill of F2222	
2212	Red clay, occasional small-medium pebbles	-	Lense of burnt clay in ditch F2222	
2213	Yellow-brown silt	-	Secondary fill of F2222	
2214	Yellowish-brown silty-sand occasional small pebbles and charcoal flecks	-	Secondary fill of F2222	
2215	Reddish brown, clay-silt	-	Element of poss bank slumping in F2222	
2216	Light brown silty-sand, moderate small pebbles	-	Secondary fill of F2222	
2217	Possible pit, sub-rectangular, measures -1.2m across, with mid brown silty clay upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
2218	Possible pit, sub oval in plan measuring 1.2m x 0.5m. Upper fill of dark brown sandy clay with occasional small pebbles and common charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible Pit	
2219	Possible pit, measures 2.60m across with mid brown sandy-clay upper fill. Unexcavated.	-	Possible pit	
2220	Possible pit, measures 2.30m across with mid brown sandy-clay upper fill. Unexcavated.	-	Possible pit	
2221	Possible pit, partially exposed, measures 0.7m+ across. Shape in plan unknown. Upper fill of mid brown sandy silt loam with sparse small stones and charcoal flecks	-	Possible pit	
F2222	NE-SW aligned linear ditch cut. Measures 4.5m wide and 2.2m+ deep. Steep straight sides terminates to the NE. Not fully excavated.	-	Cut of large ditch terminus	
2223	reddish brown silty clay moderate small gravel inclusions	-	Possible slumped bank material in F2222	
2224	Yellow brown, silt, rare inclusions	-	Fill of F2222	
2225	Pale greyish brown, compact, sandy clay with common gravel	-	Weathered primary fill of F2222	
2226	Pale yellowish-grey, sandy-silt, abundant small-large rounded gravel and pebbles	-	Secondary infilling of ditch F2222	
2227	Yellowish brown, clay-silt	-	Primary fill of F2222	
2228	Reddish-brown, silty-clay, rare inclusions	-	Re-dep natural primary fill of F2222	
2229	Pale grey-brown, clay silt with occasional small pebbles	-	Secondary fill of F2222	
2230	Pale grey-brown, sandy silt	-	Natural geological change	
F2231	Natural geological change	-	Natural	
2232	V dark reddish brown, clay-silt, abundant charcoal	-	Fill of F2233	
2233	Circular in plan measuring 0.4m across. Unexcavated.	-	Posthole	
2234	Yellowish-brown, Clay silt, common gravels and occasional small pebbles	-	Primary fill of F2222	
2235	Grey, silty-sand, smooth, rare inclusions	-	Primary fill of F2222	

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Trench 23		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2300	Dark brown silty loam	0.0-0.3m	Topsoil	
2301	Mid brown sandy-loam	0.3-0.45m	Subsoil	
2302	Pale yellowish-brown sandy clay	0.45m+	Natural subsoil	
F2303	Circular in plan measuring 0.4m wide and 0.1m deep with moderate concave sides and concave base.	-	Cut of small pit/ posthole	
2304	Dark brown clayey sand, abundant charcoal fragments	-	Fill of F2303	

Trench 24		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2400	Mid grey-brown silty clay, with occasional small/ medium stones and pebbles.	0.0-0.30m	Topsoil	
2401	Mixed greyish brown, clay silt, common gravels.	0.30m+	Natural subsoil	
F2402	Curvilinear in plan measuring c1.9m wide and 0.2m deep with undulating concave sides and an undulating flat base.	-	Cut of curvilinear ditch.	
2403	Slightly mottled mid-dark brown, sandy silt, fairly compacted with occasional small/ medium sub- rounded pebbles/ stones.	-	Upper fill of F2402.	
F2404	Round in plan measuring 0.5m wide and 0.2m deep, with sharp sides and a slightly concave flat base.	-	Cut of possible posthole.	
2405	Mid greyish brown, clayey sand, firm compaction, with occasional small rounded pebbles. Contains abundant charcoal.	-	Fill of F2404.	
F2406	Slightly curvilinear in plan measuring 0.75m wide and 0.10m deep, with gradually sloping sides with no perceptible change at the base.	-	Cut for slight curvilinear ditch.	
2407	Mid brown silty clay with occasional rounded and angular gravels. Fill contains charcoal flecks.	-	Fill of F2406.	
F2408	Roughly, round in plan measuring 0.25m wide and 0.15m deep with vertical yet slight concave sides.	-	Cut of possible posthole.	
2409	Round feature, measuring 0.5m wide, with a mid greyish brown silty clay upper fill with occasional rounded medium sized pebbles. Charcoal flecks visible.	-	Possible posthole.	
F2410	Round in plan measuring 0.5m and 0.10m deep, with moderate sloping slightly concave sides and an indistinguishable base.	-	Possible posthole.	
2411	Band of charcoal.	-	Fill of F2410.	
2412	Mid greyish brown, silty clay, firm compaction with sparse grit.	-	Fill of F2408.	
2413	Dark brown, clayey silt, firm compaction with sparse grit. Mostly charcoal.	-	Primary fill of F2402.	
F2414	Curvilinear in plan measuring 1.5m wide and 0.22m deep with shallow sloping sides and a flat base.	-	Cut of curvilinear ditch. Same as F2402	
2415	Unexcavated linear feature with exposed fill composed of a dark greyish brown silty clay		Post-medieval ditch for former hedgebank	
2416	Unexcavated linear feature with exposed fill composed of a dark greyish brown silty clay		Post-medieval ditch for former hedgebank	

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Trench 25		Length 96m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S, E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2500	Dark brown silty loam	0-0.3m	Topsoil	
2501	Mid-dark reddish brown silty loam with common sub-rounded pebbles	0.3-0.4m	Subsoil	
2502	Reddish yellow silty clay	0.4m+	Natural subsoil	
F2503	Linear in plan running NNW/SSE measuring 1.45m wide and 0.45m deep with a "V"-shape profile	-	Cut of ditch	
2504	Dark brown, silty clay, with rare charcoal flecks, angular and sub angular medium gravel	-	Upper fill of F2503	
2505	Dark brown silty clay, with rare well-rounded gravels throughout and well sorted medium cobbles in the base	-	Lower fill of F2503	
F2506	Circular in plan measuring 0.5m wide and 0.11m deep with concave sides and a flat base	-	Cut of pit/ posthole	
2507	Dark greyish brown, silty clay, with common stones and abundant charcoal	-	Fill of F2506	

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Trench 26		Length 51m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2600	Dark reddish brown, silty loam with rare sub- rounded/ rounded stones	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
2601	Reddish brown, silty clay with rare rounded/ sub- rounded stones	0.25-0.35m	Subsoil	
2602	Reddish yellow, silty clay with gravel banding	0.35m+	Natural subsoil	
2603	Mid greyish brown, silty clay, with rounded gravel pockets and common charcoal flecks and burnt clay	-	Fill of F2623	
2604	Sub-circular layer/ spread measuring 1m long and 0.8m wide. Reddish brown, silty clay with rare sub- angular medium sized stones. Unexcavated	-	Irregular spread, possible interface layer	
2605	Red heat affected fill	-	Fill of F2609	
2606	Reddish brown, silty clay, soft compaction with round sub- rounded medium sized pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. Contains pottery and slag	-	Secondary fill of F2608	
2607	Mid brown, silty clay, with rare rounded gravels and charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F2613	
F2608	Linear in plan measuring 0.43m wide and 0.2m deep with shallow sloping sides and a concave base. May terminate within trench	-	Cut of gully	
F2609	Irregular ovoid in plan measuring 2m long and 1.6m wide. Gradual scrape, slightly deeper to E with an irregular base at 0.15m. Contains possible hearth	-	Cut of shallow scrape	
2610	Reddish brown, sandy loam, soft compaction with medium sub- rounded/ rounded pebbles	-	Secondary fill of F2608	
F2611	Circular in plan measuring 0.38m wide and 0.08m deep with moderate concave sides, slightly sharper to E with a flat base	-	Cut of possible pit/ posthole	
2612	Mid reddish brown, silty clay, moderate compaction with occasional small rounded stones	-	Fill of F2611	
F2613	Linear in plan running N/S with sharp stepped sides and tapered base	-	Cut of linear ditch	
2614	Light reddish brown, silty clay, loose compaction with rounded and sub- rounded gravels	-	Primary fill of F2613	
2615	Red clay, stiff compaction with occasional rounded pebbles	-	Heat affected fill of F2609. Same as 2605	
2616	Mid grey brown, silty clay with gravels, with medium and coarse rounded sub- rounded quartz and chert gravel. Assoc with hearth and 2615	-	Fill of F2609	
2617	Brown, silty clay, stiff compaction with occasional fine/coarse, sub/ sub-rounded quartz and chert gravels. Associated with hearth deposit	-	Fill of F2609. Same as 2616	
2618	Irregular feature in plan measuring 0.40m long and 0.30m wide with a mid -orange brown, silty clay upper fill. Friable compaction with common charcoal flecks and moderate medium sized gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
2619	Round ovoid in plan measuring 1m long and 0.9m wide. Upper fill is mid yellowish brown clay silt, loose compaction with common medium rounded gravels and rare charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
2620	Reddish brown silty clay. Soft compaction with rounded/ sub- rounded, medium- large pebbles. Fill also contains occasional charcoal and daub flecks	-	Fill of F2621	
F2621	Oval in plan measuring 0.3m long, 0.2m wide and 0.25m deep. Vertical sides with a concave base	-	Cut of possible posthole	
F2623	Linear running NE-SW with gradual sides and imperceptible base	-	Cut of ditch	

Trench 27		Length 48m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2700	Dark brown, clay silt, friable compaction with scarce rounded medium sized pebbles	0.0-0.25m	Topsoil	
2701	Mid to dark brown, clay silt, firm compaction with rounded medium sized pebbles	0.25-0.50m	Subsoil	
2702	Light yellowish brown, clay silt, friable compaction	0.50m+	Natural subsoil	

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Trench 28		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2800	Dark brown, sandy silt, friable compaction with moderate rounded pebbles	0.0-0.33m	Topsoil	
2801	Yellow brown, clay silt, compact/ plastic compaction with common rounded pebbles	0.33+	Natural subsoil	
F2802	E/W aligned linear in plan measuring 1.68m long, 1.15m wide and 0.25m deep with shallow sloped sides and undulating base	-	Cut for possible ditch terminus	
2803	Dark yellow/brownish grey, clay silt sand. Compacted yet friable with moderate rounded pebbles. Possible backfill material	-	Fill of F2802	
F2804	Circular in plan measuring 0.71m long, 1.10m wide and 0.41m deep with stepped sides, concave to vertical with a shallow rounded base	-	Cut for possible posthole	
2805	Mid yellowish brown, silty sandy clay, soft compaction with common small rounded/ sub- angular stones and smaller gravels. Frequent charcoal flecks and possible packing	-	Fill of F2804	
2806	Light yellowish brown, silty clay with sand, soft compaction with moderate medium sub- angular/ rounded stones/ gravels and charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F2804	
2807	Mid yellow/greyish brown, silty clay with sand, loose compaction with moderate medium rounded stones and smaller gravels	-	Fill of F2804	
2808	Dark yellow/greyish brown, silty clay with sand, moderate compaction with common large rounded/ sub- angular stones and occasional smaller gravels. Frequent charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F2804	
F2809	Linear in plan measuring 2m long, 1.08m wide and 0.34m deep with moderate steep sloping sides and concave base	-	Cut of possible boundary ditch	
2810	Light yellowish grey, silty clay, soft compaction with rare large sub-rounded pebbles	-	Primary fill of F2809	
2811	Mid yellowish grey, silty clay, soft compaction with rare large sub-rounded pebbles	-	Secondary fill of F2809	
2812	Light greyish yellow, silty clay, soft compaction with rare large sub-rounded pebbles	-	Upper fill of F2809	
F2813	Sub oval in plan measuring 0.78m long, 0.5m wide and 0.5m deep, with almost vertical sides and a concave base	-	Cut of pit or posthole	
2814	Mid yellowish grey, silty clay, soft compaction with rare large sub-rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F2813	
2815	Mid yellowish grey, silty clay, soft compaction with rare large sub-rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F2813	
F2816	It was aligned northwest-southeast, measured 1.9m wide and 0.78m deep with a moderately steep, straight sided, 'V'-shaped profile. silty-clay primary fills (2817-19) resulting from weathering of the surrounding natural and two secondary fills (2820 and 2821)	-	Cut of ditch	
2817	Yellow brown silty clay with rare small sub-rounded stones	-	Primary fill of F2816	
2818	Yellow brown silty clay with rare small sub-rounded stones	-	Primary fill of F2816	
2819	Yellow brown silty clay with rare small sub-rounded stones	-	Primary fill of F2816	
2820	Greyish brown, silty clay with small-medium rounded pebbles	-	Secondary fill of F2816	
2821	Greyish brown silty clay with small-medium rounded pebbles	-	Secondary fill of F2816	
2823	Circular in plan, 0.4m in diameter with a mid-greyish brown, silty loam upper fill. Contains small to medium rounded cobbles with sparse burnt clay and occasional charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole.	
2824	Circular in plan, 0.65m in diameter with a mid-greyish brown, silty loam upper fill. Contains occasional small rounded pebbles and sparse charcoal. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole.	
2825	Circular in plan, 0.7m in diameter with mid greyish brown, silty loam upper fill. Contains occasional small rounded pebbles. Extends beyond trench to E. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole.	
2826	Circular in plan, mid greyish brown, silty loam upper fill. Contains occasional small rounded pebbles. Extends beyond trench to E. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole.	

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Trench 29		Length 45m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE- SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2900	Mid brown, silty loam, firm compaction with moderate small rounded pebbles	0.0m- 0.43m	Topsoil	
2901	Light greyish yellow to mid brownish red, silty clay to gravelly clay. Friable compaction with abundant small to medium rounded gravel patches	0.43m+	Natural subsoil	
2902	Mid greyish brown, silty clay. Friable compaction with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F2903	
F2903	Linear in plan measuring 0.87m wide and 0.15m deep with shallow sloping sides and a rounded base	-	Cut of possible drainage/ field boundary	
F2904	N/S linear measuring 3m+ long, 1.10m wide and 0.18m deep with very gradual sloping sides and uneven base. Bioturbated	-	Cut of shallow ditch	
2905	Dark yellowish brown, sandy silt. Friable compaction with common pebbles and cobbles particularly to the sides. Colluvial layer contiguous with F2903	-	Fill of F2904.	
2906	Sub circular in plan measuring 0.60m long and 0.45m wide with a dark yellow brown, sandy silt upper fill containing pebble bed cobbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit/ posthole	
2907	Dark yellowish brown, sandy silt. Friable with rare rounded pebble bed cobbles. Unexcavated	-	Fill of 2906	
2908	Circular in plan measuring 0.55m long and 0.40m wide with a yellow brown, silty sand upper fill containing moderate pebble bed cobbling. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit or posthole	
2909	Yellowish brown, silty clay. Friable compaction with moderate pebble bed cobbles and water worn quartz	-	Fill of F2910	
F2910	Sub- circular in plan measuring 0.55m long, 0.40m wide and 0.08m deep with gradually sloping, sides (deeper upslope) and a bowl shaped base	-	Cut of pit/ posthole	
2911	Mid greyish brown, sandy silt. Firm compaction with abundant small to large rounded gravels	-	Fill of F2912	
F2912	Poss curvilinear in plan measuring 1.68m wide and 0.21m deep with moderate sloping sides curving down to a flat base	-	Cut of ditch	
2913	Probable ditch in plan measuring 1.2m wide. Upper fill of dark brown sandy loam	-	Ditch	
2914	Probable ditch in plan measuring 0.75m wide. Upper fill of dark brown sandy loam	-	Ditch	

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Trench 30		Length 50m	Width 1.80m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3000	Light brown grey with red hues, silty loam. Ex friable compaction with moderate sub- angular/ rounded chert and quartz gravel	0-0.22m	Topsoil	
3001	Light to mid grey brown, silty loam. Moderate compact with friable gravel patches and sub- angular to well-rounded large gravels	0.22-0.36m	Subsoil	
3002	Bands of orange gravel beds and brick earth with clays	0.36m+	Natural subsoil	
F3003	Circular measuring 0.6m in diameter and 0.29m deep with asymmetric, steep and slightly concave sides, with a concave base. Mid brownish grey, sandy silt upper, fill with common rounded medium sized pebbles and charcoal flecking	-	Cut / fill of posthole	
3004	Oval in plan measuring 0.5m long and 0.2m wide with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt loam upper fill	-	Possible posthole	
3005	Roughly circular in plan measuring 0.17m in diameter with a mid-brownish/ grey upper fill and medium rounded inclusions. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3006	Oval in plan measuring 0.50m long and 0.37m wide with a mid brownish grey sandy silt loam upper fill and sub/ well rounded large gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3007	Oval in plan measuring 0.70m long and 0.30m wide with a mid- greyish brown upper fill and medium sized rounded gravel. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
F3008	Circular in plan measuring c 1.10m in profile and 0.45m deep with straight to vertical sides and a flat base	-	Cut of posthole	
3009	Mid greyish brown, clayey silt with common small-medium round pebbles	-	Fill of F3008	
3010	Mid greyish brown, clayey sand with frequent small to medium gravels and occasional large rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3008	
F3011	Roughly circular in plan measuring 0.7m long, 0.6m wide with concave to vertical sides into a flat base	-	Cut of posthole	
3012	Mid to light greyish brown, clay sand with medium rounded pebbles and sub-angular gravels	-	Fill of F3011	
3013	Sub- oval in plan measuring 1.9m+ long and 2.55m wide with a mid-grey brown loamy upper fill and sub/ rounded large gravels. Partially excavated	-	Probable tree throw	
3014	Sub- circular in plan measuring 0.6m long and 0.5m wide with a mid-brownish grey, sandy silt loam/ sandy clay loam upper fill and large rounded gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3015	Sub-circular in plan measuring 0.75m long and 0.65m wide with a mid-brownish grey upper fill and large rounded gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3016	Poss sub square in plan measuring 0.24m long from trench edge and 0.34m wide with a dark brownish grey, silt clay loam upper fill and medium rounded gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3017	Poss oval in plan measuring 3.9m+ long and 1.9m+ wide with a light whitish/ yellow brown, silt loam upper fill and large rounded gravels. Partially excavated	-	Possible tree throw	
3018	Sub- circular in plan measuring c 4.25m long and c 1.45m wide with a loamy upper fill with charcoal flecks and re- dep gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible tree throw	
3019	Poss sub- circular in plan measuring c5.5m long and 1.9m wide, with a grey loam upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible tree throw	
3020	Flared linear in plan measuring 1.43m wide and 0.29m deep, with shallow concave sides and a long shallow base	-	Probable geological feature	
3021	Mid orange brown, sandy clay loam with common medium sub-angular stones and gravels	-	Fill of 3020	
F3022	Roughly circular in plan measuring 0.15m from section with sharp sides. Seen in section	-	Cut of possible posthole	
3023	Mid yellowish/ orange brown, sandy loam with moderate medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3022	
3024	Mid yellow/ orange brown, sandy loam with medium sub- angular stones and small gravels	-	Fill of F3022	
3025	Pale greyish brown, silty loam with charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3022	
3026	Mid greyish brown, sandy clayey loam with abundant sub- angular large pebbles and small gravels	-	Fill of F3022	
3027	Mid reddish brown, loamy sand with large rounded gravels	-	Fill of F3003	
3028	Mid greyish brown, sandy loam with charcoal flecks and large gravels	-	Fill of F3003	
3029	Probable posthole. Unexcavated	-	Posthole	
3030	Reddish brown redeposited natural	-	Fill of F3011	

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Trench 31		Length 50m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3100	Dark brown, sandy loam with sparse rounded gravels	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
3101	Mid brown, sandy clay loam with moderate rounded gravels/ pebbles	0.20-0.35m	Subsoil	
3102	Brown orange, loam sand with moderate sub-angular pebbles/ gravels	0.35m+	Natural subsoil	
F3103	N/S linear in plan measuring 2m+ long, c2.05m wide and 0.70m deep with moderate steep straight sides and 'V'-shaped base	-	Cut of boundary ditch	
3104	Mid orange brown, sandy clay with moderate sub-rounded small gravels and charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3103	
3105	Greenish grey, clayey loam with sparse sub- rounded small pebbles	-	Fill of F3103	
3106	Dark greenish grey, clayey loam with sparse sub- rounded small pebbles, abundant charcoal and sparse heat affected clay	-	Fill of F3103	
3107	Mid greenish grey, sandy clayey loam with sparse small sub- rounded gravels	-	Fill of F3103	
3108	Greenish brown, sandy clay with sparse sub- rounded gravels and moderate charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3103	
3109	Mid brown, loam sand with sparse medium sub- rounded gravels	-	Fill of F3103	
3110	Greenish grey, sandy clay with abundant medium sub- rounded gravel and sparse charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3103	
F3111	Sub- circular in plan measuring 0.34m in diameter and 0.17m deep with almost vertical sides to irregular flat base	-	Cut of posthole	
3112	Mid brown, sandy loam with common medium sized sub- rounded gravels	-	Fill of F3111	
3113	Circular in plan measuring c 0.40m with a mid-brown, sandy clay loam upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3114	Circular in plan measuring 0.21m+ with a medium brown, sandy clayey loam upper fill with charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3115	Linear in plan measuring c1.5m with a mid-brown, sandy loam upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible linear feature	
F3116	Possible curvilinear in plan measuring c3.5m long, up to 1.20m wide and 0.19m deep with shallow concave sides and irregular concave base	-	Cut of possible curvilinear ditch	
3117	Mid brown, clayey loam with sparse angular gravels	-	Fill of F3116	
3118	Oval in plan measuring 0.35m long and 0.27m wide with a mid-grey brown, clayey loam upper fill with abundant charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3119	Oval in plan measuring 0.25m+ long and 0.12m+ wide with a greenish/ greyish brown clayey loam upper fill with abundant charcoal flecks	-	Possible posthole	

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Trench 32		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3200	Dark greyish brown, sandy clay silt with pebbles	0-0.35m	Topsoil	
3201	Yellow/ red clay silt with abundant pebbles	0.35m+	Natural subsoil	
3202	Mid-dark greyish brown, sandy silt with common small to medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3203	
F3203	Linear in plan measuring 1.86m wide and 0.27m deep with shallow sloping sides and a rounded base	-	Cut of ditch	
F3204	E-W linear in plan measuring 2m+ long, 1.35m wide and 0.70m deep with steep stepped sides and 'V'-shaped profile	-	Cut of ditch	
3205	Grey clayey silt with abundant rounded pebbles	-	Primary fill of F3204	
3206	Yellowish brown silt clay with moderate rounded pebbles	-	Secondary fill of F3204	
3207	Sub- circular in plan measuring 1.15m long and 0.95m wide with a very dark grey brown, sandy silt upper fill with occasional small to medium rounded pebbles and frequent charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
3208	Linear in plan measuring 2m long and 1.10m wide with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common small- medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible ditch	
3209	Dark greyish/yellow brown, silty clay with moderate small- medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3210	
F3210	E/W linear measuring 2m+ long, 0.72m and 0.35m deep with uneven bowl shaped sides and undulating rounded base	-	Cut of ditch	
3211	Dark greyish/ yellow brown, silty clay with common medium- large rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3212	
F3212	Oval in plan measuring 1.15m long, 0.65m wide and 0.24m deep with a bowl shaped profile	-	Cut of pit	
3213	Dark brown silty clay with common rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3214	
F3214	Sub- circular in plan measuring 0.35m long, 0.60m wide and 0.30m deep with steep sides and a concave flat base	-	Cut of posthole	
3215	Dark greyish brown, clay silt with common large rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3216	
F3216	E/W linear measuring 2m+ long, 0.70m wide and 0.34m deep with steep sides and rounded base	-	Cut of gully/ ditch	
3217	Yellow brownish grey, silty clay with moderate rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Natural feature	

Trench 33		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3300	Mid reddish brown, silt loam with rare sub- rounded large pebbles	0.0-0.27m	Topsoil	
3301	Mid grey orange, silt clay with common sub- rounded large pebbles	0.27-0.38m	Interface layer	
3302	Mid yellowish orange, clay silt with common sub- rounded large pebbles and common pebble patches	0.38m+	Natural subsoil	
F3303	Irregular in plan measuring 1m in diameter and 0.15m deep, with moderate steep sides and a flat base	-	Cut of pit	
3304	Mid yellowish grey, silt clay with common rounded medium stones	-	Fill of F3303	
3305	N/S linear measuring 2m long and 2.55m wide with a mid-brown grey silt clay upper fill and common medium sub- rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible field boundary	
3306	N/S linear measuring 2m long and 1.85m wide with a medium brown grey silt clay upper fill and common sub- rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible field boundary	
F3307	Circular in plan measuring 0.47m in diameter and c0.23m deep with steep slightly concave sides and base	-	Cut of posthole	
3308	Mid brown, clayey loam with common sub- rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3307	
F3309	Linear in plan measuring 0.74m+ and 0.31m wide with moderate steep sides and an uneven flat base	-	Cut of gully	
3310	Mid brown, sandy clay loam with moderate small rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3309	
F3311	Linear in plan measuring 0.46m wide and 0.33m deep with moderate steep sloping sides and 'V'-shaped base	-	Cut of gully.	
3312	Light yellow grey, silt clay with rare sub-rounded medium pebbles	-	Fill of F3311	

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Trench 34		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3400	Dark brown, sandy loam with rare, rounded gravels	0-0.23m	Topsoil	
3401	Mid brown, sandy clay loam with moderate rounded gravels/ pebbles	0.23-0.38m	Subsoil	
3402	Yellow brown silty clay with gravel bands	0.38m+	Natural subsoil	
F3403	Circular in plan with sloping moderate steep sides and a concave base	-	Cut of possible posthole	
3404	Mid brown silty clay with occasional charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3403	
3405	Mid-greyish brown silty clay with rare small gravel and occasional charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3403	
F3406	Roughly circular in plan measuring 0.51m in diameter and c0.36m deep with steep straight (slightly irregular to S) sides which break sharply to a flat base	-	Cut of posthole	
3407	Light yellowish brown, clayey loam with abundant rounded medium pebbles	-	Fill of F3406	
3408	Mid yellowish brown, clayey loam with sparse medium gravels	-	Fill of F3406	
3409	Dark greyish brown, silty clay with sparse medium pebbles	-	Fill of F3406	
3410	Oval in plan measuring c0.72m long and 0.60m wide with a mid-brown sandy loam upper fill and abundant medium-large pebbles and gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3411	Linear in plan measuring 2.80m+ long and c2.40m wide with a dark brown loam upper fill and common medium gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible field boundary	
F3412	NW-SE linear in plan measuring 1.7m long, c1m wide and c0.16m deep with moderate irregular side and irregular concave base	-	Cut of ditch terminus	
3413	Light greyish brown, sandy silt loam with sparse sub-rounded large gravels	-	Fill of F3412	
3414	E-W linear in plan measuring 2m+ long and 1.4m wide. Unexcavated	-	Possible field boundary	
3415	Dark brown, silt clay with abundant rounded pebbles	-	Upper fill of 3414	
3416	Light yellow brown, silt clay with moderate small pebbles. Between 3414 and F3417	-	Possible bank material	
3417	E-W linear in plan measuring 2m+ long and 3m wide. Unexcavated	-	Possible hedgebank	
3418	Dark reddish brown, sand silt clay with moderate small-medium pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Upper fill of 3417	
3419	Linear in plan measuring 2m+ long and 0.80m wide with a red brown, clay silt upper fill and occasional pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible plough scars	
3420	Sub- circular in plan measuring 1.2m wide. Upper fill of pale grey brown sandy silt. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
3421	Yellow brown, clay silt with moderate pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Upper fill of 3420	
F3422	NW-SE linear in plan measuring 1.20m+ long, 0.30m wide and 0.08m deep with moderate steep sides and flat base	-	Cut of gully	
3423	Mid reddish brown, clay with sparse sub- rounded gravels	-	Fill of F3422	

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Trench 35		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3500	Dark greyish brown, sand silt with moderate small rounded pebbles	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
3501	Mid brownish yellow to mid yellow red, sand clay/ gravel sand with abundant small to large rounded pebbles	0.30m+	Natural subsoil	
F3502	Possible linear terminus/ pit (beyond trench edge) with moderate sloping sides and a round base	-	Cut of terminus/ pit	
F3503	Possible linear terminus with shallow sloping sides and round base	-	Cut of possible terminus	
F3504	NW-SE linear in plan measuring 3m+ long, c0.70m wide and 0.22m deep with gradually sloping sides and a flat base	-	Cut of gully	
3505	Pale greyish brown, clayey silt sand with moderate pebbles/ cobbles and gravels/ grit	-	Fill of F3504	
3506	Dark greyish brown, sandy silt with common small-medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3502	
3507	Dark greyish brown, sandy silt with common small – medium round pebbles and moderate charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3503	
3508	Indistinct linear in plan measuring 3m+ long and c0.30m wide with a pale greyish brown clayey silt upper fill and common medium- large pebbles/ cobbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible linear/ deposit	
3509	Dark brown, silty loam with abundant small rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3510	
F3510	NE-SW linear measuring 2m+ long, 0.95m wide and 0.19m deep with gradually sloping (steeper to W) sides with a rounded base	-	Cut of gully	
3511	Mid brown, clayey silt with moderate pebbles/ cobbles and charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3512	
F3512	E-W curvilinear in plan, measuring 4.25m+ long, 0.40m wide and 0.11m deep, with a shallow bowl shaped profile	-	Cut of curvilinear	
3513	Mid yellow brown, clayey silt with moderate gravels/ grit	-	Fill of F3514	
F3514	Circular in plan measuring 0.45m in diameter and 0.14m deep with a shallow bowl shaped profile	-	Cut of posthole	
3515	Circular in plan measuring 1m in diameter with a dark greyish brown, clayey silt upper fill and charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit/ posthole	
3516	Circular in plan measuring 1m in diameter with a dark yellowish brown, clayey silt upper fill and gravel/ grit inclusions. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	

Trench 36		Length 85m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3600	Dark greyish brown, silty loam with common pebbles	0-0.18m	Topsoil	
3601	Mid brownish grey, silty sand with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles	0.18-0.38m	Subsoil	
3602	Mid reddish yellow to mid greyish brown, clay sandy to silt sand with abundant small to medium rounded gravels	0.38m+	Natural subsoil	
F3603	Oval in plan measuring 0.5m long, 0.33m wide and 0.07m deep with only a rounded base visible	-	Cut of posthole/ pit	
3604	Reddish brown, silty clay with sub- angular/ rounded and rounded small pebbles and charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3603	
F3605	Circular in plan measuring 0.5m in diameter and 0.15m deep with moderate concave sides and a flat base	-	Cut of posthole	
3606	Mid to dark reddish brown, silty clay with common small angular flint and occasional charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3605	
3607	Circular in plan measuring 0.3m in diameter with a mid-greyish brown silty clay upper fill and occasional angular flint inclusions and charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3608	Circular in plan measuring 0.3m in diameter with a mid-dark greyish brown, silt clay upper fill and common stone inclusions/ charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3609	NE- SW linear measuring 7.2m long and 1m wide with a mid-reddish brown silty clay upper fill and moderate small stones and occasional charcoal flecks	-	Possible linear	
3610	Uncertain shape in plan measuring c1m long and c0.6m wide with a mid-reddish brown, silty clay upper fill and common small stones and charcoal. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	

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Trench 37		Length 125m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S/ E-W
Context	Description	Depth		Interpretation
3700	Dark greyish brown, silty loam with common small to medium rounded pebbles	0.0-0.27m		Topsoil
3701	Mid brownish grey, silty sand with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles	0.27-0.42m		Subsoil
3702	Mid reddish yellow to mid greyish brown, clay sandy to silt sand with abundant small to medium rounded gravels	0.42m+		Natural subsoil
3703	Curvilinear in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible gully
3704	Irregular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible pit
3705	Semi- circular in plan with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible posthole
3707	Linear in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with abundant small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible gully terminus
3708	Possible linear in plan with very dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible gully
3709	Circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible posthole.
3710	Possibly circular in plan with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible pit
3711	Irregular in plan with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible pit
3712	Possible linear terminus in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible linear terminus
3713	Curving edge visible in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common small rounded pebbles and charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-		Possible pit/ terminus
3714	Irregular in plan with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible feature
3715	Oval in plan with dark blackish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small rounded pebbles and frequent charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-		Possible pit
3716	VOID	-		-
F3717	Linear in plan measuring 2.17m wide and 0.39m deep with shallow sloping sides, becoming steeper to a round base	-		Cut of ditch
3718	Mid yellowish grey, silty sand with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles	-		Fill of F3717
3719	Semi- circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sand silt upper fill with sparse small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Natural feature
3720	Circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Natural feature
3721	Oval in plan with dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small round pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Natural feature
3722	Sub- circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Natural feature
3723	Sub- circular in plan measuring c.0.48m long, c.0.45m wide and 0.25m deep with gently sloping concave sides and a slightly rounded base	-		Natural feature
3724	Mid orange brown, silty clay loam (some sand) with rare medium sub-angular stones and sparse small rounded pebbles	-		Fill of F3723
3725	Semi-circular in plan with dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible posthole
3726	Curvilinear terminus in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible curvilinear terminus
3727	Curvilinear in plan with a mid-greyish white to light brownish yellow, silty sand to sandy silt. Moderate small to medium/ rounded pebbles and occasional charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-		Possible curvilinear ditch
3728	Curvilinear in plan with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible ring gully
3729	Linear in plan measuring 1.8m long and 0.86m wide with a mid to light yellowish brown, silty clay with sparse medium pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible ring ditch
3730	Curvilinear in plan with a mid-dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common small to medium rounded pebbles and charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-		Possible ring ditch
3732	Circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-		Possible pit
3733	Oval in plan with dark greyish brown to mid brownish yellow, sand silt to sand clay upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles	-		Natural feature

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F3734	Linear in plan measuring 1.80m long, 1.60m wide and 0.30m deep with steep sides and a flat base	-	Cut of ring gully
3735	Semi- circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit
3736	Circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Natural feature
3737	Circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Natural feature
3738	Sub- rectangular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with abundant small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit/ posthole
3739	Linear in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible linear
F3740	Oval in plan measuring 0.70m long, 0.68m wide and 0.44m deep with steeply sloping concave sides and a flat base	-	Cut of posthole
3741	Semi- circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles and charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit/ posthole
F3742	Curvilinear in plan measuring 1.50m wide with moderate steep concave sides and rounded base	-	Cut of curvilinear ditch
3743	Round in plan measuring 0.5m in diameter with a dark orange brown, silty clay loam upper fill with common medium pebbles and sparse small sub-angular stones. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole
3744	Curvilinear in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible curvilinear ditch
F3745	Circular in plan measuring 0.47m in diameter and 0.28m deep with a 'U'-shaped profile	-	Cut of posthole
3746	Mid greyish brown, sandy loam with abundant medium rounded cobbles	-	Fill of F3745
3747	Sub – circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with common medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole
3748	Sub- circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole
3749	Sub- circular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole
F3750	Curvilinear in plan measuring c2.90m, 0.60m wide and 0.27m deep with steeply sloping S side and shallow N side with a round base	-	Cut of gully
3751	Linear in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible linear
3752	Dark greyish brown, sandy silt with sparse small round pebbles and frequent charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3740
3753	Dark brownish grey, sandy silt with sparse small rounded pebbles and charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F3754
F3754	Oval in plan measuring 0.41m long, 0.35m wide and 0.11m deep with moderate sloping sides and a flat base	-	Cut of possible posthole
3755	Linear terminus in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible linear terminus
3757	Mid yellowish brown, silty clay with sparse small rounded/ angular pebbles	-	Fill of F3734
3759	Dark brown, sandy clay with small pebbles and medium gravels	-	Fill of F3734
3760	Mottled yellow and mid grey, sandy loam with sparse rounded stones and rare gravels	-	Fill of F3742
3761	Mottled yellow and mid grey, sandy loam with rare medium rounded stones and moderate rounded/ angular small gravels	-	Fill of F3742
3762	Mid yellowish brown, sandy loam (some clay) with common large rounded / sub- angular stones and common small gravels/ mudstone	-	Fill of F3742
3763	Mid greyish brown, sandy loam with moderate small rounded pebbles/ gravels and rare medium mudstone	-	Fill of F3742
3764	Mid greyish/ yellow brown, sandy silt/ silty sand patches with sparse small to medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3750
3765	Light to mid greyish brown, sandy silt with sparse small rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F3766
F3766	Elongated oval in plan measuring 0.70m long, 0.84m wide and 0.14m deep with moderate sloping sides and round base. Extends beyond trench	-	Cut of linear terminus/ oval pit
3767	Dark greyish brown sandy silt	-	Fill of F3736
3768	Dark greyish brown sandy silt	-	Fill of F3737

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Trench 38		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3800	Mid to dark brown, clay silt with sparse small pebbles and grit	0.0-0.28m	Topsoil	
3801	Mid brown, clay silt with sparse grit bands	0.28-0.48m	Subsoil	
3802	Mid red brown to mid yellow brown, sandy clay to clay sand with moderate rounded pebbles	0.48m+	Natural subsoil	
3803	WSW—ENE linear with a mid-reddish brown, silty clay upper fill with small to medium round pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible linear	
3804	Circular in plan measuring 0.50m in diameter with a mid-whitish brown upper fill, silty clay with sparse sub- angular pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3805	Circular in plan measuring 0.45m in diameter with a mid-reddish brown, silty clay upper fill with rare sub- angular pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3806	Circular in plan measuring 0.08m in diameter with a black charcoal-rich upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible tree root/ stakehole	
3807	Mid blackish brown, clayey sand with sparse medium sub- angular and round pebbles	-	Fill of F3808	
F3808	Circular in plan measuring 0.55m in diameter and 0.31m deep with near vertical sides and flat base	-	Cut of posthole	
3809	Oval in plan measuring 0.35m long and 0.25m wide with a mid to light brown, silty clay upper fill with sparse medium sub- angular pebbles and abundant charcoal. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
F3810	Oval in plan with vertical sides and a round base	-	Cut of posthole	
3811	Mid brownish grey, sandy silt with moderate small to medium round pebbles	-	Fill of F3810.	
3812	Oval in plan measuring 0.80m long and 0.40m wide with a light brownish grey, clayey sand upper fill with sparse medium angular/ sub- angular pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
3813	Circular in plan measuring 0.50m in diameter with dark blackish brown, clayey silt upper fill with sparse small angular and sub- angular pebbles. Frequent charcoal. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
3814	Mid brown, clay sand with sparse medium sub- angular pebbles	-	Fill of F3808	

Trench 39		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW- SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3900	Mid brownish grey, clay silt with common small to medium rounded stones	0.0-0.23m	Topsoil	
3901	Mid greyish brown, clay silt with common small to medium rounded stones	0.23-0.43m	Subsoil	
3902	Light orange brown, silty clay with abundant small to medium rounded stones	0.43m+	Natural subsoil	
3903	Irregular in plan measuring 3.25m long, 1.90m+ wide and 0.40m deep with a mid-brownish grey, clay silt upper fill with sparse small to medium round stones	-	Tree throw	
3904	Irregular in plan measuring 1.90m+ long and to 0.10m deep with a mid-greyish brown, clay silt upper fill with rare small to medium rounded stones	-	Tree throw	

Trench 40		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4000	Dark greyish/ yellow brown, silty loam with moderate large rounded gravels	0-03m	Topsoil	
4001	Light yellowish/ red brown, sandy silt loam with common large rounded gravels	0.3-0.4m	Subsoil	
4002	Mid to dark reddish brown, sandy clay	0.4m+	Natural subsoil	
F4003	N/S linear measuring 2m long, 0.50m wide and 0.10m deep with gently sloping sides and indistinguishable flat base	-	Cut of gully	
4004	Light to mid reddish brown, clay silt	-	Fill of F4003	

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Trench 41		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4100	Dark greyish brown, sandy silt with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles	0.0-0.58 m	Topsoil	
4101	Dark yellowish brown, sandy silt with common small to medium rounded pebbles	0.58m-0.73m	Subsoil	
4102	Mid brownish yellow, sandy clay with abundant small to large rounded pebbles	0.73.m+	Natural subsoil	

Trench 42		Length 75m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4200	Dark brown, silty sandy clay with moderate gravel pebble stones	0.0-0.50m	Topsoil	
4201	Yellow red, sandy clay with abundant pebble gravels	0.50m+	Natural subsoil	
4202	Linear in plan with a light greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Shallow sloping sides and roundish base	-	Unexcavated ditch	
4203	Amorphous oval in plan measuring 2m long, 0.80m wide and 0.12m deep with a yellow/ red, greyish brown silty clay upper fill. Shallow uneven sides with a flat base	-	Tree throw	
4204	Mid greyish brown, sandy silt with sparse small to medium rounded pebbles and charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F4205	
F4205	Sub- oval in plan measuring 1.45m long, 1.19m wide and 0.34m deep with moderate sloping irregular sides and irregular base	-	Cut of tree throw/ pit	
4206	Dark greyish brown, sandy silt with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F4207	
F4207	Irregular sub- oval in plan measuring 1.58m long, 1.07m wide and 0.44m deep with irregular moderate to shallow sloping sides and a round base	-	Cut of tree throw	
4208	Linear in plan with a dark brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated.	-	Hedgebank ditch	
4209	Linear in plan with a dark brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Hedgebank ditch	

Trench 43		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4300	Mid brown, sandy loam with common medium sub-angular gravels	0.0-0.18 m	Topsoil	
4301	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay loam with common large sub- angular gravels and pebbles	0.18-0.33m	Subsoil	
4302	Mid reddish brown, clay, clay/ loam with sparse to abundant, medium to large pebbles and gravels	0.33m+	Natural subsoil	
F4303	Oval in plan measuring 0.83m long, c0.70m wide and 0.22m deep with moderate slightly irregular concave sides and a flat, slightly concave base	-	Cut of pit	
4304	Mid brown, sandy clay loam with sparse medium gravels, pebbles and abundant charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F4303	
F4305	Curvilinear in plan measuring c2.80m+ long, c0.68m wide and 0.37m deep with moderate steep, straight to concave sides and slightly 'U' shaped base	-	Cut of curvilinear ditch	
4306	Mid reddish brown, loamy sand with sparse medium sub-rounded gravels	-	Fill of F4305	
4307	Mid brown, sandy clay loam with common small sub-rounded gravels and sparse large sub- rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F4305	

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Trench 44		Length 125m	Width 1.8m	Alignment E-W/ N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4400	Mid greyish brown, silty clay loam with common small gravels and rounded pebbles	0.0-0.30m	Topsoil	
4401	Mid orange brown, silty clay with moderate medium pebbles and sparse large gravel/ grit	0.30-0.45m	Subsoil	
4402	Mid reddish brown, silty sandy clay with common large round pebbles and large round gravels	0.45m+	Natural subsoil	
F4403	Amorphously circular in plan measuring c1.82m long and c0.32m deep with gently sloping undulating sides becoming shaper and more rounded with a flat base	-	Cut of possible pit	
4404	Light yellowish brown, silty clay loam (some sand), with moderate rounded large stones and sparse small gravels/ grit	-	Fill of F4403	
4405	Mid yellowish brown, clay	-	Fill of F4403	
4406	Dark greyish black, silty sandy loam with abundant large rounded pebbles and sub- angular stones	-	Fill of F4403	
4407	Dark greyish brown, sandy silt with sparse small to medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F4408	
F4408	Oval/linear in plan measuring 0.94m wide and 0.36m deep with moderate sloping sides and a rounded base	-	Cut of pit/ ditch terminus	
4409	Mid brownish black, sandy silt with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles and sparse charcoal flecks	-	Primary fill of F4408	
4410	Crescent shape in plan with a dark greyish black charcoal upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Probable burnt shrub hole	
4411	Irregular oval in plan measuring c0.36m long and 0.19m wide with a mid-greyish brown, silty loam upper fill with moderate sub- rounded medium stones and sparse small gravels. Charcoal flecks. Unexcavated	-	Probable burnt shrub hole	
4412	Irregular shape in plan measuring c0.16m long and 0.18m wide with dark blackish grey charcoal/ organic upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Probable burnt root bole	
F4413	Roughly linear in plan measuring 2.80m long, 2.30m wide and 0.50m deep with a gentle slope, which is sharper to the W with a flat base	-	Cut of linear ditch	
4414	Mid brown, clayey silt with sparse medium to large sub-angular pebbles	-	Fill of F4413	
4415	Light to mid reddish brown, silty clay with sparse gravels	-	Fill of F4413	
4416	Mid yellowish grey, clayey silt with abundant round pebbles	-	Fill of F4413	

Trench 45		Length 75m	Width 1.80m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4500	Dark brown, silty loam with moderate rounded pebbles	0.0-0.21 m	Topsoil	
4501	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay loam with common large sub- angular gravels and pebbles	0.21-0.43m	Subsoil	
4502	Yellow red, sandy clay with moderate to abundant rounded pebbles	0.43m+	Natural subsoil	
F4503	Roughly oval in plan measuring 0.88m long, 0.56m wide and 0.20m deep with vertical into concave sides and a flat base	-	Cut of possible pit	
4504	Light to mid greyish brown, clayey silt with sparse small to medium rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F4503	
4505	Roughly oval in plan measuring c6.20m long with a mid-greyish brown, silty clay upper fill with sparse medium rounded pebbles. Partially excavated	-	Probable tree throw	
4506	Roughly oval in plan measuring 1.60m long, 1m wide and 0.34m deep, with a mid to light reddish grey upper fill with sparse medium pebbles. Steep, slightly stepped sides, almost vertical to N with a flat base	-	Probable tree throw	
4507	Amorphous ovoid in plan measuring c1.28m long and c0.50m wide with a mid-greyish brown, sandy clay (some silt) upper fill with moderate medium rounded pebbles and sparse small gravels. Unexcavated	-	Probable geological/ natural feature	
4508	Irregular shape in plan measuring c2.6m long and c0.60m wide with a light yellowish brown, silty clay loam upper fill with common large rounded gravels. Unexcavated	-	Probable natural feature	

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Trench 46		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4600	Dark greyish brown, silty loam with sparse small to medium rounded pebbles	0-0.22m	Topsoil	
4601	Mid brownish grey, sandy silt with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles	0.22-0.29m	Subsoil	
4602	Mid greyish yellow to mid brownish red with abundant small to large rounded pebbles	0.29m+	Natural subsoil	
4603	Linear in plan with a dark black, silty loam upper fill with sparse small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Probable modern feature	
4604	Irregular in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small to medium rounded pebbles and charcoal. Unexcavated	-	Probable natural feature	
F4605	Circular in plan measuring 0.45m in diameter and 0.21m deep with steep slightly asymmetrical sides and a concave base	-	Cut of posthole	
4606	Circular in plan with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Probable geological feature	
4607	Mid reddish/ yellowish brown, silty clay loam with abundant round large pebbles and sparse rounded smaller gravels	-	Fill of F4608	
F4608	NE-SW linear in plan measuring c2m wide and 0.32m deep with gentle concave side to NW with a sharper concave side to SE and a flat base	-	Cut of ditch	
4609	Mid yellowish brown, sandy clay with sparse small rounded gravels	-	Fill of F4605	

Trench 47		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4700	Dark greyish brown, sandy silt with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles	0.0-0.42 m	Topsoil	
4701	Mid brownish yellow, sandy clay with abundant small to large rounded pebbles	0.42m+	Natural subsoil	

Trench 48		Length 75m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4800	Mid greyish brown, silty loam with moderate sub- angular small rounded pebbles and sparse small sub- angular grit	0.0-0.22 m	Topsoil	
4801	Mid reddish brown, silty clay with common large rounded pebbles and common medium grit/ gravels	0.22-0.47m	Subsoil	
4802	Light brown orange, clay (some silt) with sparse large pebbles and common medium sub- angular stones	0.47m+	Natural subsoil	
4803	Dark brownish grey, sandy silt with sparse small rounded stones and abundant charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F4804	
F4804	Circular in plan measuring 0.52m long, 0.54m wide and 0.22m deep with steep sloping sides and a round base	-	Cut of pit	
4805	Sub semi- circular in plan with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit/ ditch terminus	
4806	Amorphous circular in plan measuring c1m long and c0.65m wide with a dark yellow brown, silty clay upper fill with common small sub- angular stones and sparse small gravels. Unexcavated	-	Natural feature	
4807	Mid greyish brown, silty sand with abundant small to medium rounded pebbles	-	Primary fill of F4804	

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Trench 49		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4900	Mid greyish brown, silty clay	0.0-0.20 m	Topsoil	
4901	Mid reddish brown, silty clay	0.20-0.40m	Subsoil	
4902	Light reddish brown, clay	0.40m+	Natural subsoil	
F4903	Oval in plan measuring 0.73m long, 0.5m wide and 0.16m deep with concave sides, sharper to S and a flat base	-	Cut of pit	
4904	VOID	-	-	
4905	Reddish brown, silty clay with sparse round/ sub- rounded pebbles and common charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F4903	
4906	Reddish brown, silty clay with moderate rounded/ sub- rounded pebbles and sparse charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F4903	

Trench 50		Length 100m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5000	Dark brown, silty loam with sparse medium sub-rounded/ rounded/ angular gravel and flint	0.0-0.18 m	Topsoil	
5001	Mid brown, silty clay with moderate medium rounded/ sub- rounded/ angular flint and gravels	0.18-0.30m	Subsoil	
5002	Mottled orange brown, sparse to moderate well rounded and coarse medium gravels	0.30m+	Natural subsoil	
F5003	Roughly oval in plan measuring 0.7m long, 0.9m wide and 0.12m deep with gently sloping sides and undulating rounded base	-	Cut of shallow pit/ natural depression	
5004	Mid brown, silty clay with sparse well rounded gravel and rare charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F5003.	
F5005	Oval in plan measuring 0.60m long, 0.3m wide and 0.09m deep with moderate straight sides and a concave base	-	Cut of posthole	
5006	Mid greyish brown, silty clay with abundant small round pebbles and sparse charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F5005	
5008	Brown, silty clay with sparse rounded, sub- rounded and sub- angular medium to large pebbles	-	Fill of F5009	
F5009	N-S sub- rounded linear in plan measuring 1.3m long, 1.2m wide and 0.15m deep with shallow sloping sides and a flat base	-	Cut of possible linear/ sub-circular feature	
5010	Brown, silty clay with sparse rounded and sub-rounded medium to large pebbles	-	Fill of F5011	
F5011	N-S linear in plan measuring 1.3m long, 0.35m wide and 0.10m deep with concave sides	-	Cut of gully	
5012	Roughly circular in plan, measuring c1.5m in diameter, with mid-greyish brown, silty clay upper fill with occasional flint. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
5013	Roughly circular in plan measuring c2.4m in diameter with mid-greyish brown, silty clay upper fill with occasional small flint. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
F5014	NW-SE linear in plan measuring c0.70m long, 0.3m wide and 0.10m deep with steep sides and a 'U'-shaped base	-	Cut of gully	
5015	Mid brown, silty clay with sparse rounded medium gravel and occasional charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F5014	
5016	Amorphous in plan with exposed upper fill of mid brown silty clay with common small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible feature or group of features	
F5017	Linear in plan, measuring c2m long, 1.20m wide and 0.40m deep, with moderate straight sides and concave base	-	Cut of ditch	
5018	Mid reddish brown, silty clay with common small stones	-	Fill of F5017	
5019	Roughly oval measuring c1.5m long and 1m wide. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
5020	Mid brown, silty clay with common well rounded to rounded gravels. Unexcavated	-	Fill of 5019	
5021	Roughly circular in plan measuring 0.90m+ in diameter with a light greyish/ yellow, sandy clay upper fill with common charcoal flecks and sparse rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit/ ditch terminus	
5022	2.5m wide. Unexcavated	-	Post-medieval field boundary ditch	
5023	1.57m wide. Unexcavated	-	Post-medieval field boundary ditch	

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Trench 51		Length 75m	Width 1.8m	Alignment SW-NE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5100	Dark grey brown silty loam with occasional small sub-rounded pebbles	0-0.35m	Topsoil	
5101	Reddish clay and yellow brown silty clay	0.35m+	Natural subsoil	
5102	Pale reddish-brown sandy clay loam with rare charcoal and occasional large rounded cobbles (packing)	-	Fill of F5103	
F5103	Oval in plan measuring 0.45m across and 0.07m deep with shallow sides and flattish base.	-	Cut of posthole	
5104	Mid greyish brown to mid yellowish red, sandy silt to sandy clay with moderate small to medium rounded pebbles.	-	Fill of F5105	
F5105	Linear in plan measuring c3m long, 0.55m wide and 0.27m deep with vertical sides and a flat base	-	Cut of modern drain	
5106	Linear in plan measuring 2.5m wide with a dark greyish brown, sandy loam, with small to medium round pebbles and clinker. Unexcavated	-	Possible post-medieval hedge bank ditch	
5107	Linear in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy loam, with small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible post-medieval hedge bank ditch	
5108	Linear in plan with a dark greyish brown, sandy loam with common small to medium rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible post-medieval hedge bank ditch	
5109	Linear in plan with light greyish brown, silty sand with common small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Possible land drain	
5110	Linear in plan with a light grey upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible land drain	
F5111	NE-SW linear measuring 6m long, 1.10m wide and 0.18m deep with shallow sides and a flat irregular base	-	Cut of linear ditch	
5112	Dark greyish brown, silty clay with sparse small sub-angular pebbles	-	Fill of F5111	
5113	Mid greyish brown, clay sand with moderate medium sub-angular pebbles	0.35-0.48	Subsoil	

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Trench 52		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5200	Dark brown, clay loam with sparse large sub- rounded gravels	0.0-0.30 m	Topsoil	
5201	Mid reddish orange, silty clay loam with sparse to abundant, small to medium, sub- rounded gravels and pebbles	0.30m+	Natural subsoil	
F5202	Linear in plan measuring 2m long, 0.70m wide and 0.22m deep with gentle concave sides and concave base	-	Cut of linear gully	
5203	Mid reddish brown, clayey loam with sparse large sub- rounded gravels	-	Fill of F5202	
F5204	N-S linear in plan measuring 2m+ long, 1.4m wide and 0.30m with irregular 'U' shaped profile	-	Cut of linear.	
5205	Yellowish brown, clayey silt with common pebbles	-	Fill of F5204	
5206	Dark yellowish brown, clayey silt with sparse pebbles	-	Fill of F5204	
F5207	Roughly circular in plan measuring 0.93m wide and 0.40m deep with sharp concave sides and double rounded base	-	Cut of possible posthole	
5208	Roughly circular in plan measuring c1m long and 0.5m wide with a mid-greyish black sandy clay loam upper fill with sparse medium rounded pebbles and sparse small gravels. Abundant charcoal. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
F5209	Curvilinear in plan measuring 2m long, 0.45m wide and 0.14m deep with moderate concave sides and concave base	-	Cut of ring gully	
5210	Mid reddish brown, clayey loam	-	Fill of F5209	
5211	Dark brown, sandy clayey loam with sparse sub- rounded small gravels and sparse charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F5209	
F5212	NE-SW linear in plan measuring 2m+ long, 0.80 wide and 0.11 deep with very shallow elongated 'U'-shaped profile	-	Cut of gully	
5213	Yellowish red, clayey silt with sparse gravels/ pebbles and moderate charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F5212	
5214	Linear in plan measuring 2m+ long, 0.35m wide with mid yellow brown, sandy clay loam upper fill with common large rounded gravel. Unexcavated	-	Possible return of F5209	
5215	Oval in plan measuring 1.2m long and 0.4m wide with light greyish brown upper fill, sandy clay loam with sparse gravel and charcoal. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
5216	Duplicate of F5223	-		
5217	Circular in plan measuring 0.25m in diameter with a mid-brown sandy clay loam upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
5218	Circular in plan measuring 0.30m in diameter with a mid-brown sandy clay loam upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
5219	Circular in plan measuring 0.50m in diameter with a mid-brown sandy clay loam upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
5220	Oval in plan measuring 0.70m long and 0.32m+ wide with a mid-brown sandy clay loam upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	
5221	Linear in plan measuring 2.7m+ long and 1.25m wide with a dark grey silty loam upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible post-medieval hedge bank ditch	
5222	Oval in plan measuring 0.9m long and 0.75m wide with light brown sandy clay loam upper fill upper fill. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit	
F5223	Sub-oval in plan measuring 0.55m long, 0.4m wide and 0.14m deep with moderate steep sloping sides and flat base	-	Cut of possible posthole	
5224	Mid greyish brown, silty clay with sparse small sub- rounded stones	-	Fill of F5223	
5225	Light brown, silty sandy clay with moderate large rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F5207	
5226	Mottled dark greyish/ yellowish black, silty clay (organic) with sparse small rounded pebbles/ gravel	-	Fill of F5207	
5227	Mid greyish brown, silty clay loam with moderate medium rounded pebbles and sparse small gravels.	-	Fill of F5207	

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Trench 53		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5300	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam with sparse large sub-rounded gravel	0.0-0.30m	Topsoil	
5301	Mid brown, clay loam with sparse medium sub- rounded gravels and pebbles	0.30m-0.50m	Subsoil	
5302	Mid yellowish/ red brown, loamy clay with sparse to abundant large gravels and pebbles	0.50m+	Natural subsoil	

Trench 54		Length 75m	Width 1.8m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5400	Dark brown, loamy silt with sparse pebbles	0.0-0.20 m	Topsoil	
5401	Red brown, sandy silt clay with common pebbles	0.20-0.55m	Subsoil	
5402	Light yellowish red, sandy gravel with abundant rounded gravels	0.55m+	Natural subsoil	
5403	Amorphous in plan measuring 2m long and 1.5m wide with yellow brown, sandy silt upper fill with common pebbles and gravels. Unexcavated	-	Probable natural feature	
5404	Oval in plan measuring 3m long, 1.75m wide and 0.12m deep with shallow bowl shaped depression in profile	-	Probable tree throw	
F5405	Oval in plan measuring 2.5m long, 1.75m wide and 0.08m deep with shallow profile with a flat bottom	-	Cut of shallow feature	
5406	Dark greyish yellow, silty sand with sparse pebbles and moderate charcoal flecking	-	Fill of F5405	
5407	Light yellowish brown, sandy silt gravels with abundant round pebbles and sparse charcoal flecks	-	Fill of F5404	

Trench 55		Length 50m	Width 1.8m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5500	Dark greyish brown, silty loam with common small to medium rounded pebbles	0.0-0.48m	Topsoil	
5501	Light orange brown to mid greyish yellow, gravel clay sand with abundant small to large rounded pebbles	0.48m+	Natural subsoil	
5502	Mid greyish brown, sandy clay with common pebbles	-	Fill of F5503	
F5503	Linear in plan measuring 2m long, 1.15m wide and 0.16m deep with shallow sloping sides and a flat base	-	Cut of ditch	
5504	Mottled greyish/ black brown, silty clay loam with common small rounded pebbles and sparse small gravel	-	Fill of F5505	
F5505	Curvilinear terminus in plan measuring 0.81m long, 0.50m wide and 0.10m deep	-	Cut of ring gully	
5506	Dark greyish brown, sandy silt with sparse pebbles	-	Fill of F5507	
F5507	Oval in plan measuring 0.44m long, 0.56m wide and 0.15m deep with steep sloping sides and a round base	-	Cut of posthole	
5508	Mid greyish brown, sandy silt with moderate pebbles	-	Fill of F5509	
F5509	Oval in plan measuring 0.37m long, 0.34m wide and 0.13m deep with steep sides curving into a round base	-	Cut of posthole	
5510	Mid greyish yellow, sandy silt with sparse pebbles	-	Fill of F5507	
F5511	Linear in plan measuring 2m long, 0.67m wide and 0.23m deep with moderate sharp concave profile	-	Cut of ditch	
5512	Mid to dark brown, silty clay with small rounded pebbles	-	Fill of F5511	
F5513	Linear in plan measuring 2m long, 0.75m wide and 0.35m deep with moderate sharp concave sides and base	-	Cut of ditch	
5514	Mid to dark brown, silty clay with common sub- angular to rounded medium pebbles	-	Fill of F5513	
5515	Circular in plan measuring 0.40m long and 0.50m wide, with a mid-reddish brown, silty sandy loam with moderate small pebbles and sparse small gravels. Unexcavated	-	Probable posthole	
5516	NE- SW linear in plan measuring 1.2m wide with mid-reddish brown, sandy clay, upper fill with abundant small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Probable linear	
5517	E-W curvilinear in plan measuring 3m+ long and 0.5m wide with a mid-greyish brown, sandy clay upper fill with common small rounded pebbles. Unexcavated	-	Probable curvilinear	
5518	Sub-circular in plan measuring 0.5m in diameter with a mid-greyish brown, sandy silt upper fill with sparse small round gravels. Unexcavated	-	Possible posthole	

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Trench 56		Length 9m	Width 9m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5600	Dark Brown, sandy silt loam	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
5601	Brown, sandy silt loam with gravels	0.30-0.40m	Subsoil	
5602	Gravelly clay	0.40m+	Natural subsoil	
5603	Flecked blackish brown, sandy silty clay with abundant rounded, sub-rounded medium gravel with occasional charcoal	-	Exposed upper fill of 5604	
5604	Oval in plan measuring c.5m wide and c.5m long, extending beyond trench edge. Unexcavated	-	Possible pit or terminus	
5605	V dark grey-brown, sandy silt clay with abundant rounded, sub-rounded medium gravel with abundant charcoal	-	Exposed upper fill of 5604	

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