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## **Summary**

*An evaluation of the area was conducted by John Moore Heritage Services between 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Twenty four trenches were excavated revealing two palaeochannels and a three phase sequence of alluvial deposits. Associated with this sequence were two phases of human activity. A large number of ditches, pits and postholes were recorded. The majority of which are undated, but are considered to be contemporary with nearby Roman remains at Oxford Road which show a similar sequence.*

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Site Location (Figure 1)**

The site is located on the south side of Bicester, on the east side of the railway line to Oxford and north of the A41 (SP 5863 2161). The site is currently open flat grassland with two watercourses crossing the site. The site lies at approximately 70m OD and the underlying geology is Cornbrash over Oxford Clay with alluvium overlying.

### **1.2 Planning Background**

Planning permission is being sought from Cherwell District Council for a residential development on land at London Road, Bicester. The County Archaeological Services (OCAS) has advised that an archaeological field evaluation should be carried out prior to determination of the application.

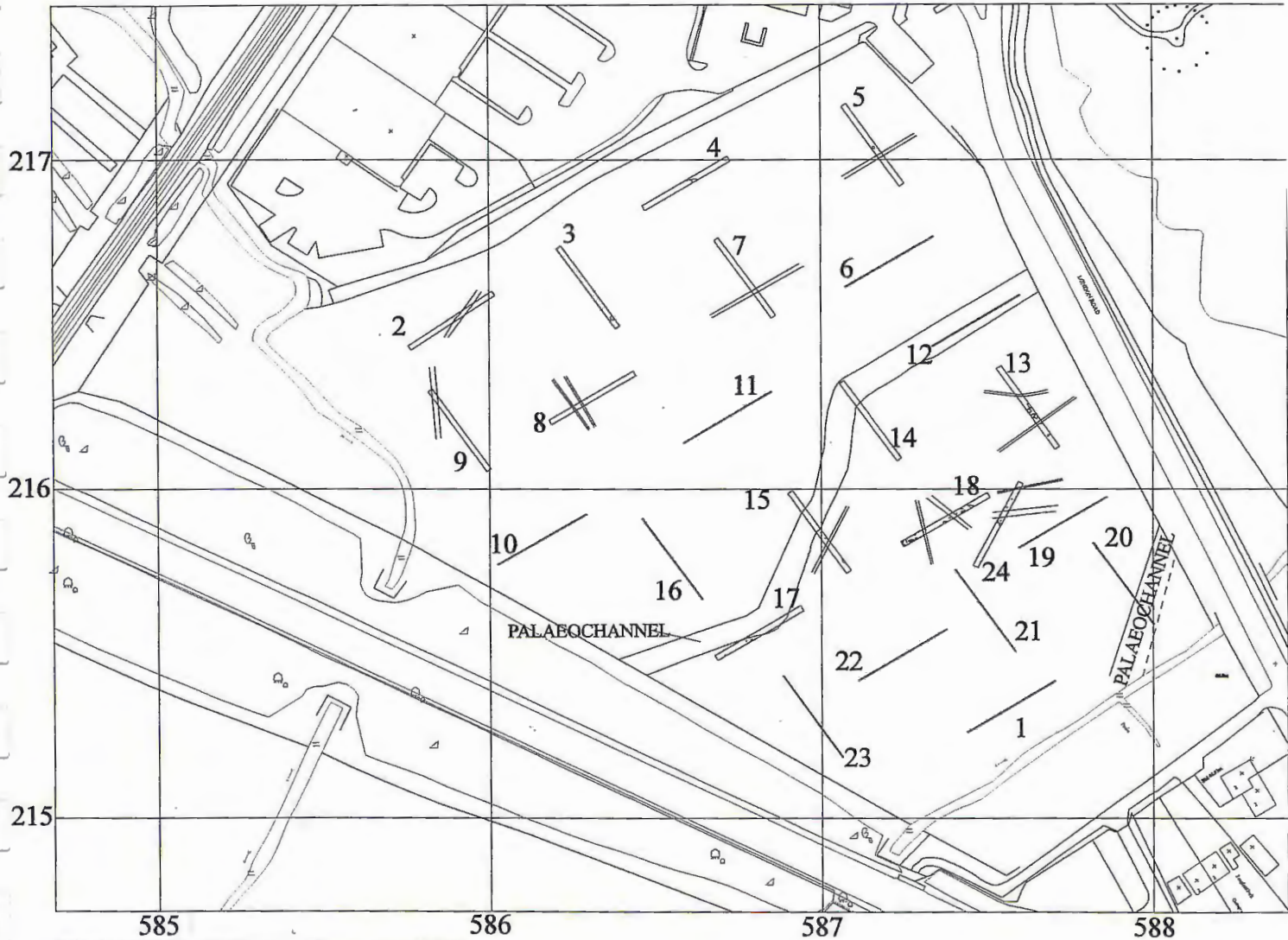
### **1.3 Archaeological Background**

The site is located 120m east of the site of a Roman settlement (SP5840 2171, PRN 15867). The site has extensive survival of Late Iron Age and Romano British settlement within the floodplain of Langford Brook. The features were all preserved under post-Roman alluvium, and were interpreted as two phases based on stratigraphy and pottery. Phase 1 was dated to AD20/30 to 60/70, and Phase 2 to AD 60/70 to 100/120. It was considered highly likely that further aspects of the site survive within this application area, particularly in the south-west corner.

The site is roughly 70m south of the site of two earthworks that probably formed part of the fishponds for the medieval priory. These features were destroyed during development in the 1960s but aspects of them were thought could survive below ground and within the application area.

On the Ordnance Survey map of 1885 the site is shown as open ground lined with trees and the area marked "liable to floods".





## 2 AIMS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The aims of the investigation as laid out in the Written Scheme of Investigation were as follows:

- To establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains within the site.
- To determine the extent, condition, nature, character, quality and date of any archaeological remains encountered.
- To make available to interested parties the results of the investigation subject to any confidentiality restrictions.

In particular:

- To establish whether any features associated with the Late Iron Age /Roman settlement continue into this area and to determine their extent, and to determine whether two phases are present.

## 3 STRATEGY

### 3.1 Research Design

In response to a *Brief* issued by Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services a scheme of investigation was designed by JMHS and agreed with the Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services and the applicant. The work was carried out by JMHS and involved the excavation of a total of twenty-four trenches across the site (Fig. 1).

Site procedures for the investigation and recording of potential archaeological deposits and features were defined in the *Written Scheme of Investigation*. The work was carried out in accordance with the standards specified by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (1994) and the principles of MoRPHE (English Heritage 2006).

### 3.2 Methodology

The trenching sample was to be twenty four 30m trenches (Fig. 1). In the event a proposed trench in the north-west corner of the site was not excavated due to access problems. A further trench (Tr 24) was excavated under contingency to aid in the determination of the extent of archaeology found in adjacent trenches. All trenches were 1.6 m wide and were excavated by a JCB fitted with a toothless ditching bucket. The resultant surfaces were cleaned by hand prior to limited hand excavation of any identified archaeological deposits. In some trenches the water-table was high, with planning and a written record of features being made as trenching took place. Any associated artefacts were recovered from the top of features.

Standard John Moore Heritage Services techniques were employed throughout, involving the completion of a written record for each deposit encountered, with scale plans and sections drawings compiled where appropriate. A photographic record was produced. The trenches were backfilled after recording.



## 4 RESULTS (Figures 2, 3 & 4)

All deposits and features were assigned individual context numbers. Context numbers in [ ] indicate features i.e. pit cuts; while numbers in ( ) show feature fills or deposits of material.

The natural for all trenches was a yellow-orange sandy clay with gravel (1/04), (2/03), (3/04), (4/04), (5/04), (6/04), (7/04), (8/10), (9/03), (10/04), (11/04), (12/05), (13/04), (14/06), (15/04), (16/04), (17/04), (18/04), (19/04), (20/05), (21/04), (22/04), (23/04) and (24/04). This natural undulated in depth across the site.

In three trenches (14, 18 and 24) faint traces of a buried land surface could be seen as a thin, dark orange brown layer just above the natural. Situated above the natural were layers of alluvial deposits. Three such alluvial layers could be distinguished.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Alluvial

This layer was seen within Trenches 12, 14, 15, 17 and 20. It was a dark grey silty clay up to 0.66m thick (12/04), (14/05), (15/15), (17/11) and (20/04). It appeared to be associated with the silting of two palaeo-channels. The first was recorded in Trenches 12, 14, 15 and 17 running roughly east to west through the centre of the site and the second to the south of the site in Trench 20 (Fig. 1).

Recorded only with in Trench 14 (Fig. 2) was an organic brown peaty layer 0.15m thick (14/04) above this alluvial deposit. This was sealed by the second phase alluvial (14/03).

Also sealed beneath the second phase of alluvial were several features cut into the natural (Figs. 2-3 for individual trenches, Fig. 4 for relationship of trenches and features)

#### Trench 4 (Fig. 2)

This trench contained a posthole [4/06] and a stake hole [4/11]. The posthole measured 0.3m by 0.47m and was 0.2m deep, it was filled with charcoal stained orange-brown clay (4/05). The stake hole was 0.19m in diameter and at least 0.07m deep. It was filled with dark grey silty clay flecked with charcoal (4/10).

Also in this trench was a tree bowl [4/09] which appeared to have been burnt out *in situ* as the fill (4/08) contained large quantities of charcoal.

#### Trench 5 (Fig. 2)

This trench contained a ditch [5/08] and a posthole [5/06]. The linear ditch was 1.1m wide and 0.4m deep with a V-shaped profile. It was filled with a light blue-grey mottled brown silty clay (5/07). Situated close by was a posthole 0.6m in diameter and 0.19m deep. It was also filled with a light blue-grey mottled brown silty clay (5/05), that was also stained with charcoal.

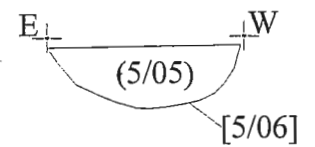
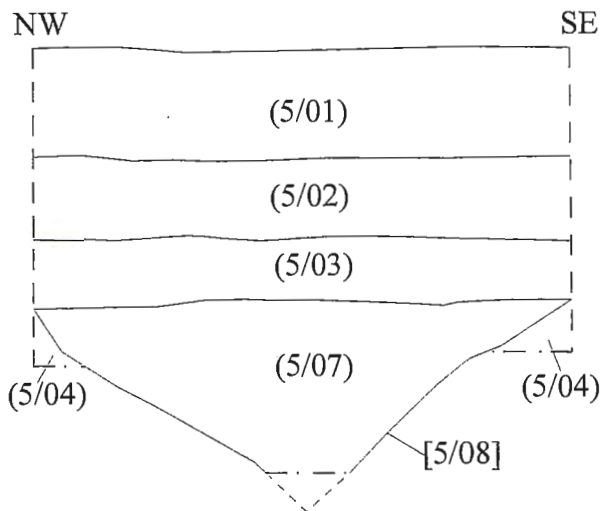
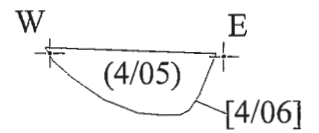
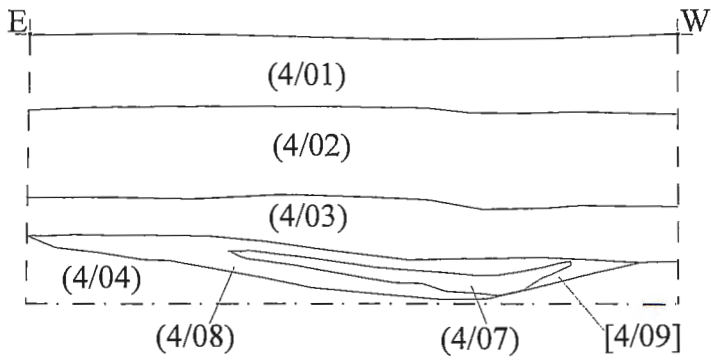
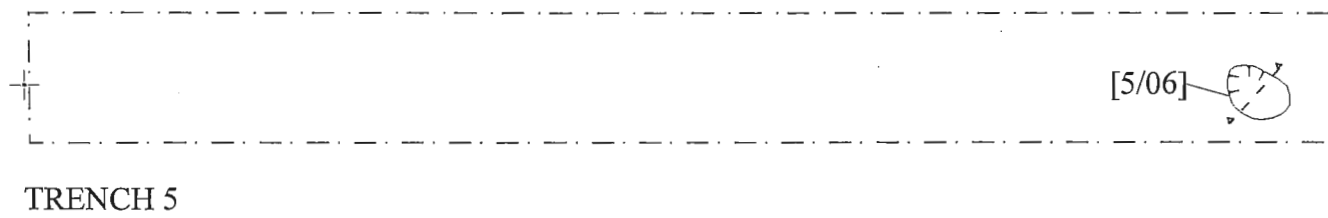
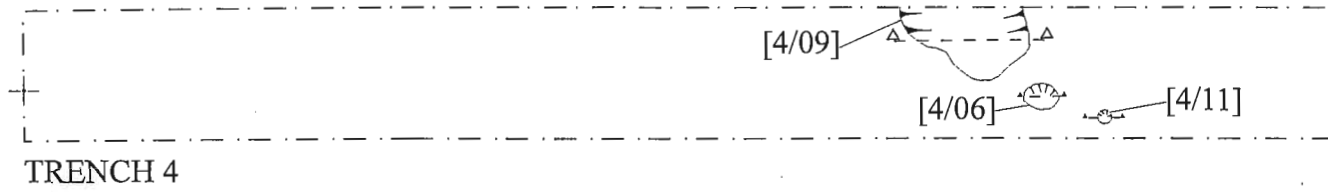
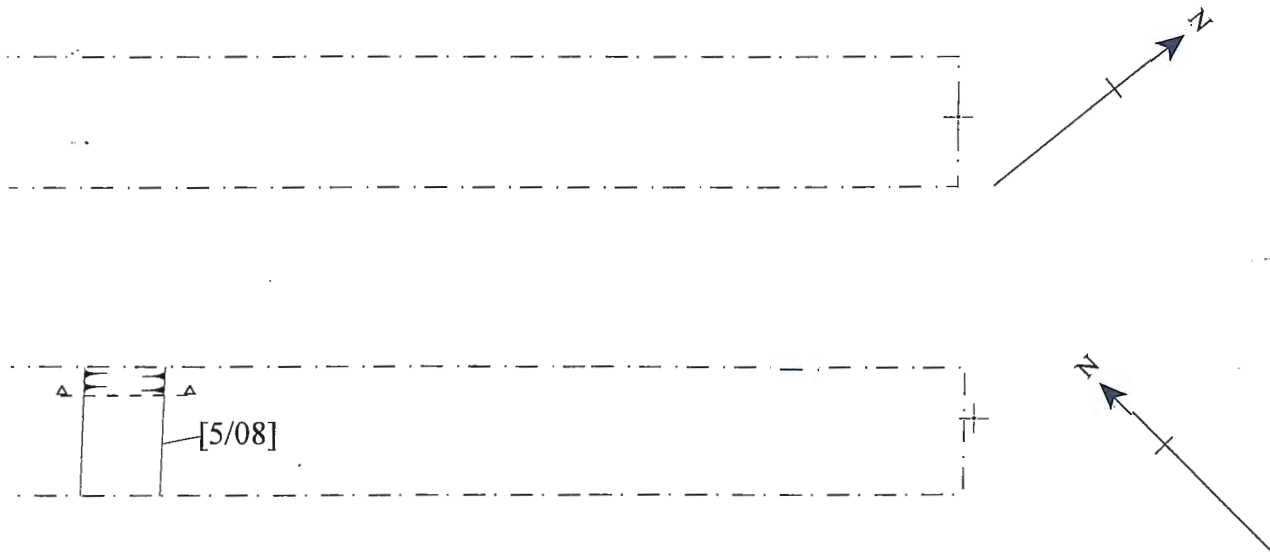


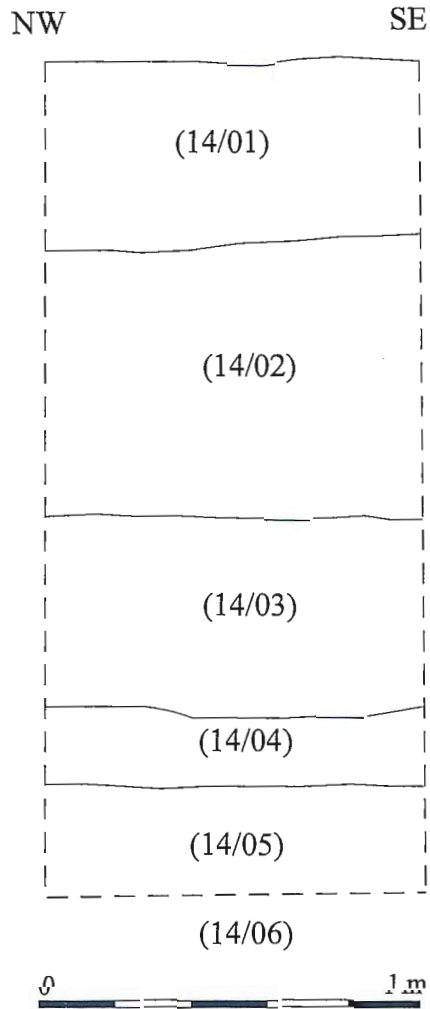
Figure 2. Trenches 4, 5 and 14 Plans and sections





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TRENCH 14



### Trench 13 (Fig. 3)

Two ditches and six possible pits were recorded in this trench. The rapid flooding of the trench made it impossible to sample excavate any of these features; however they were recorded in plan before being submerged. The first ditch [13/06] was 0.8m wide and the second [3/16] was 0.6m wide. The pits varied in size some appearing irregular in plan. The first [3/08] was 1m long by 0.5m wide, the second [3/10] was circular and 0.9m in diameter, the third [3/12] was irregular and 1.1m at it widest. The fourth [3/14] was a rough square 1m in length and width, the fifth [3/18] was oval measuring 0.8m by 0.6m and the sixth [3/20] was also oval measuring 0.5m by 0.7m.

All features in this trench had a similar fill of light to mid blue-grey silty clay with charcoal flecks. None were excavated.

### Trench 15 (Fig. 3)

Located within this trench were a ditch, a pit and three postholes. The ditch [15/08] was 0.7m wide. It was unexcavated but contained a dark grey-brown clay fill (15/07) that contained some brick fragments. The pit [15/06] measured 1.6m by 0.4m in plan and contained a mid blue-grey silty clay (15/05) fill.

The first posthole [15/10] measured 0.15m by 0.2m in plan and contained a light blue-grey silty clay (15/09). The second [15/12] measured 0.2m by 0.4m in plan and contained a light blue-grey silty clay (15/11). The third posthole [15/14] measured 0.1m by 0.15m in plan and also contained a light blue-grey silty clay (15/13). All were unexcavated due to flooding of the trench.

### Trench 17 (Fig. 3)

Two postholes and a small pit were recorded in this trench. The pit [17/10] was oval and measured 0.8m by 0.4m, it was filled with a light blue-grey silty clay (17/09). The first posthole [17/06] measured 0.5m by 0.4m in plan and contained a light blue-grey silty clay (17/05). The second [17/08] was circular and measured 0.3m in diameter, it also contained a light blue-grey silty clay (17/07).

### Trench 18 (Fig. 3)

This trench rapidly filled with water when excavated and the features revealed could only be rudimentary investigated and recorded before submersion. Located with in the trench were 11 pits, 12 postholes and 2 linear ditches.

The pits were all only partially exposed continuing under the edges of the trench. The majority appeared to be oval in plan. Measurements given are parts within the trench; [18/06] measured 0.6m by 0.7m, [18/08] was also 0.6m by 0.7m, [18/18] was 0.45m by 0.75m, [18/20] was 0.4m by 0.7m, [18/22] was 0.4m by 0.8m, [18/24] was 0.4m by 0.8m, [18/34] was 0.55m by 1.2m, [18/42] was 0.45m by 0.75m, [18/52] was 0.5m by 0.8m and [18/54] measured 0.5m by 0.6m. All were filled with a similar mottled blue-grey to brown silty clay (18/05), (18/07), (18/17), (24/19), (18/21), (18/23), (18/33), (18/41), (18/51) and (18/53) respectfully. The only other pit [18/32] appeared to be larger and roughly square in plan.

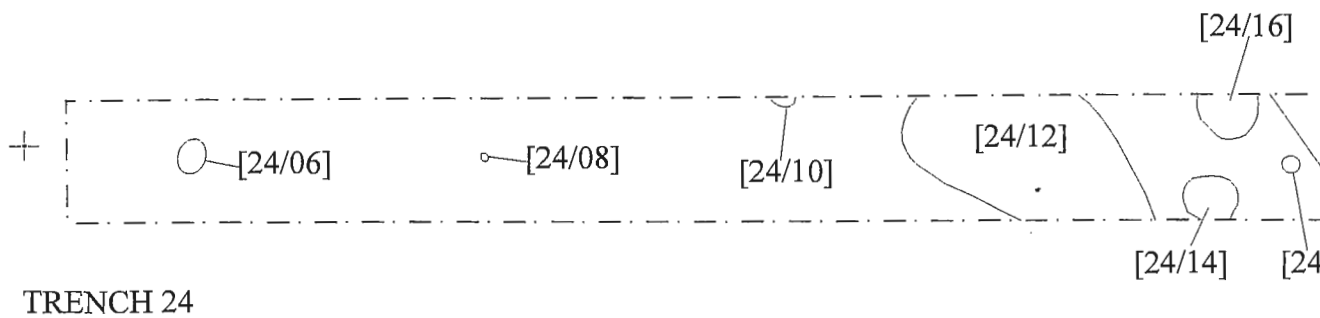
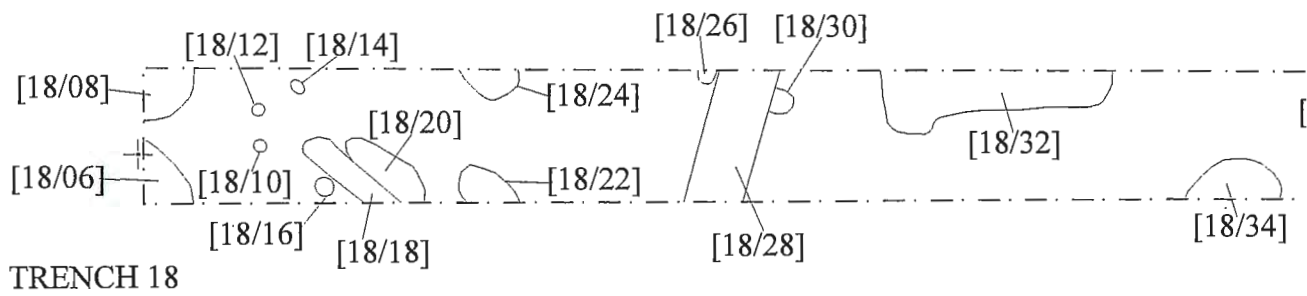
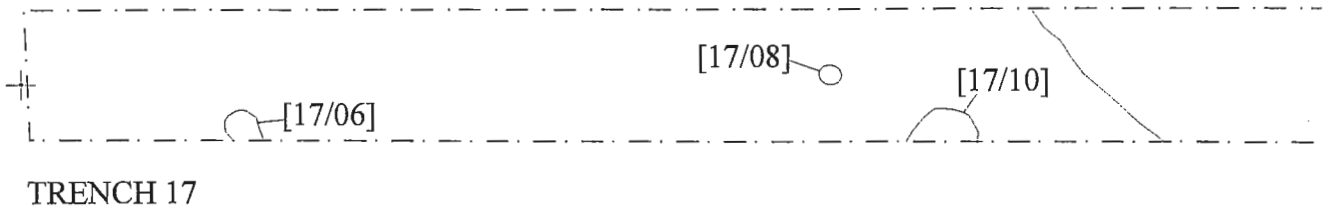
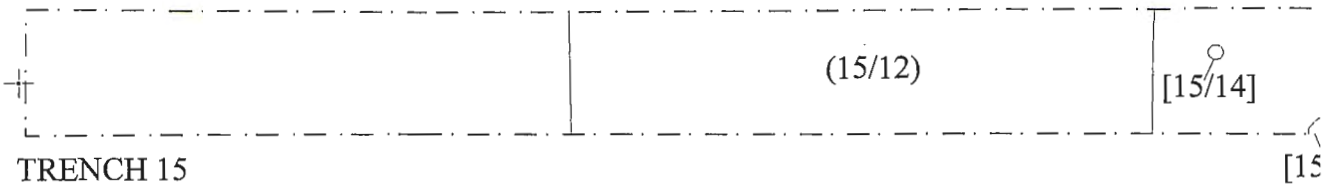
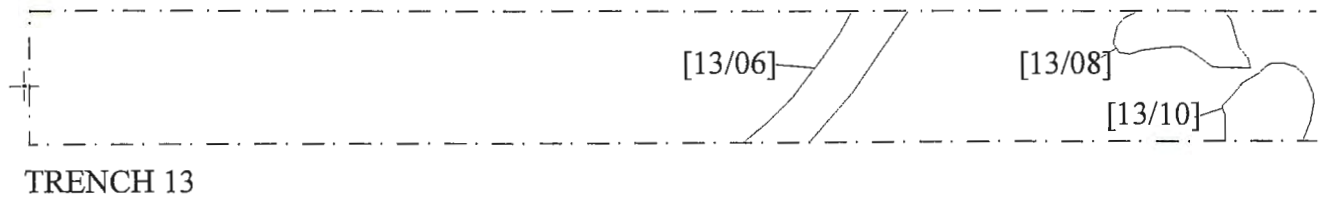
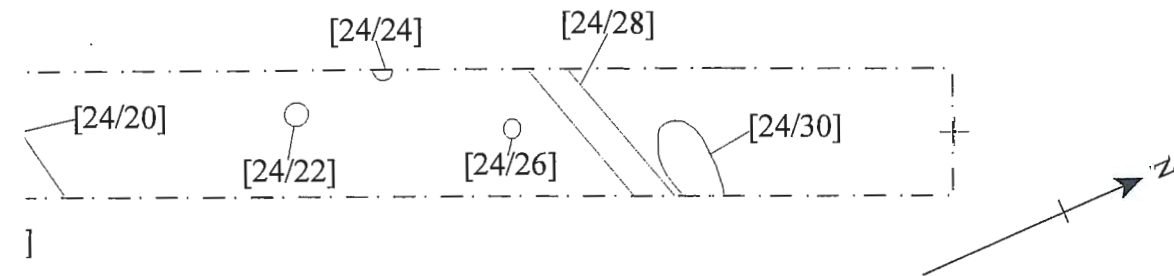
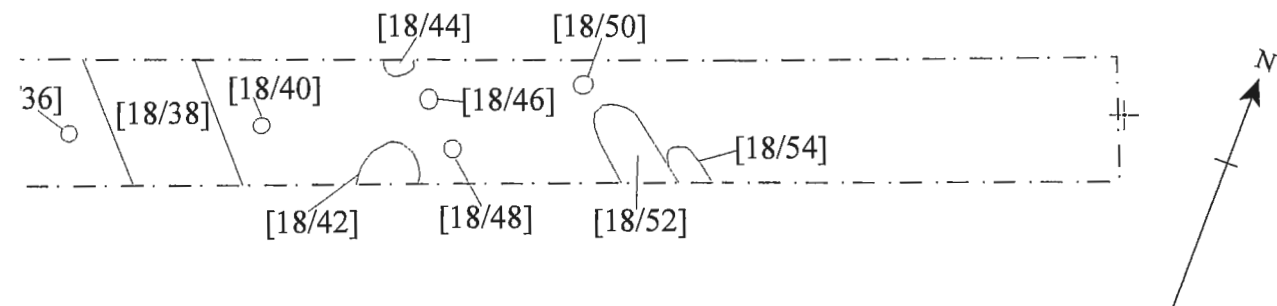
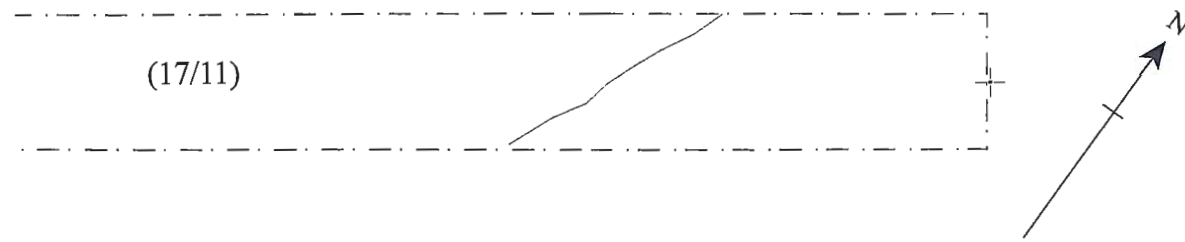
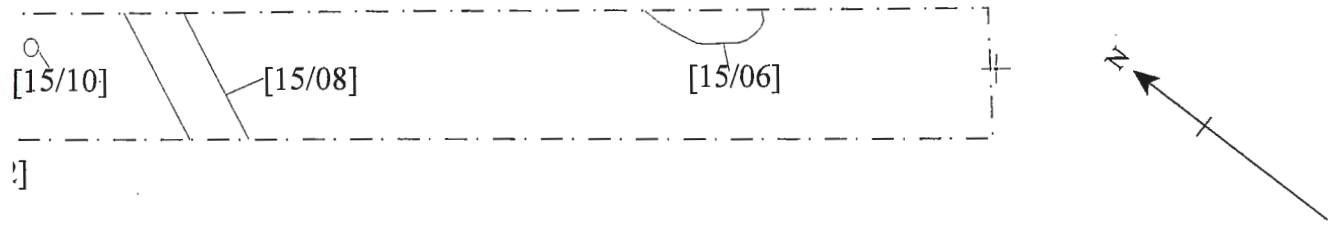
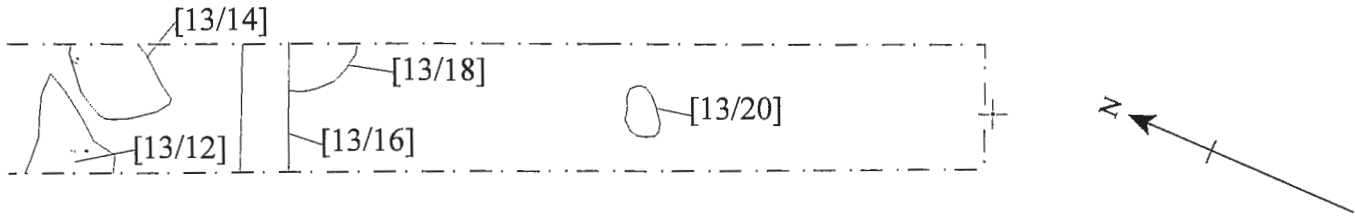


Figure 3. Trenches 13, 15, 17, 18 and 24 Plans

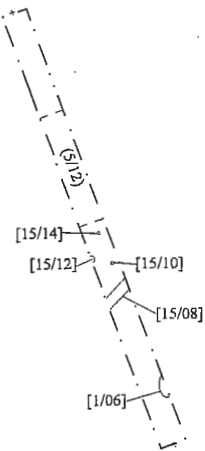




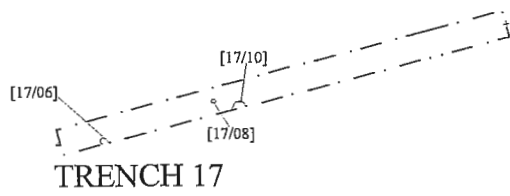
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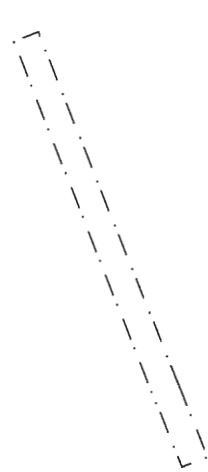
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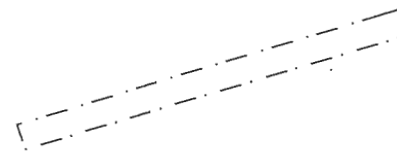
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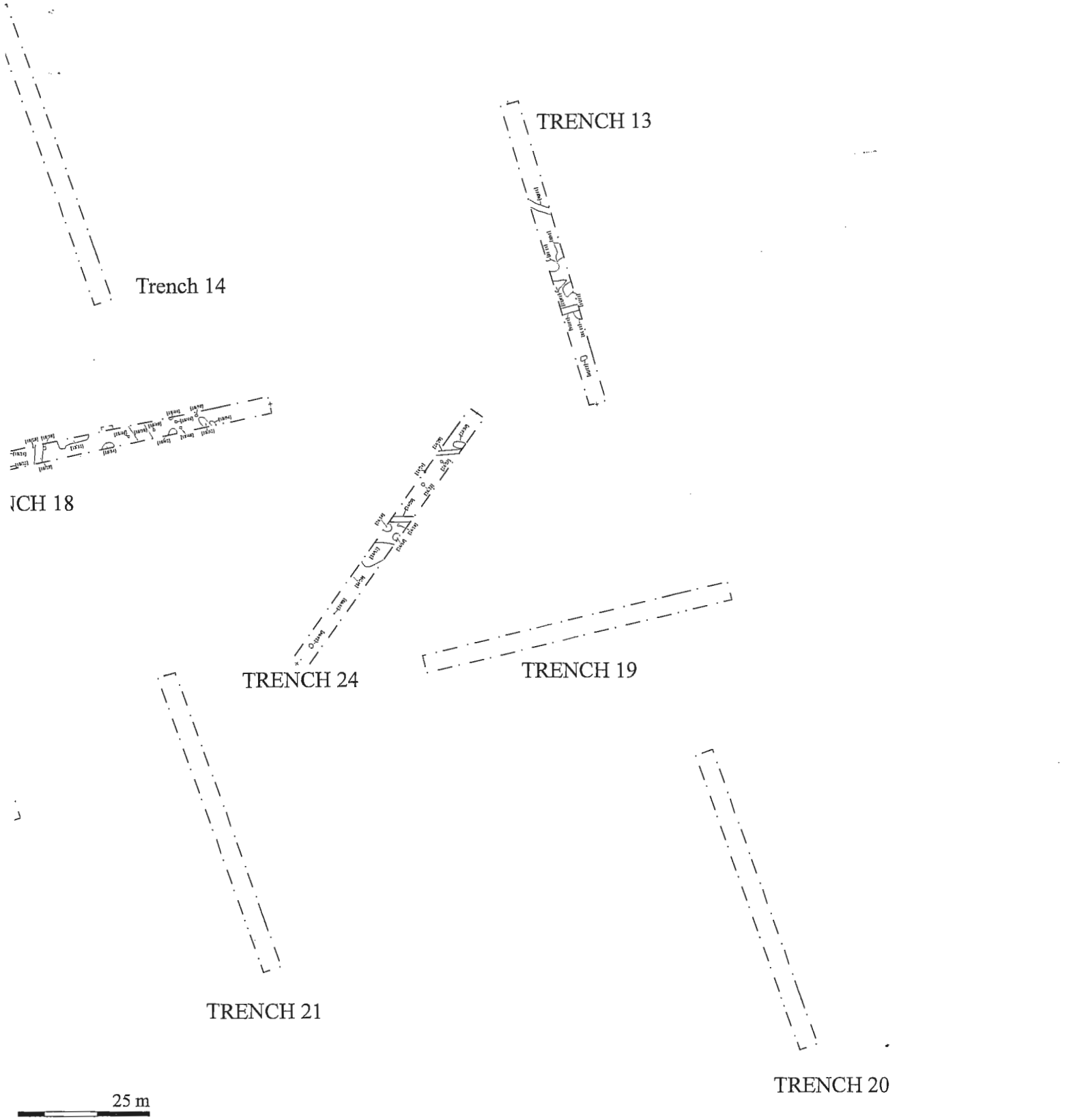
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Figure 4. Orientated Trenches 13, 15 and 17 - 24





One edge was 2.6m long and was over 0.9m wide, it was filled a mottled blue-grey to brown silty clay (18/31). It is possible that [18/18] and [18/52] represent the terminals of two gullies or small ditches.

All the post holes were roughly circular in plan, the diameters of each were [18/10] 0.2m, [18/12] 0.25m, [18/14] 0.2m, [18/16] 0.2m, [18/26] 0.2m, [18/30] 0.3m, [18/36] 0.2m, [18/40] 0.2m, [18/44] 0.4m, [18/46] 0.2m, [18/48] 0.2m and [18/50] 0.2m. All were filled with a similar mottled blue-grey to brown silty clay (18/09), (18/11), (18/13), (18/15), (18/25), (18/29), (18/35), (18/39), (18/43), (18/45), (18/47) and (18/49) respectfully.

The first ditch [18/28] was 0.6m wide and aligned roughly north to south. The second [18/38] was 1.5m wide and aligned roughly north-west to south-east. Both were filled with a similar mottled blue-grey to brown silty clay (18/27) and (18/37) respectfully.

#### Trench 24

When excavated this trench also rapidly filled with water the features revealed could only be rudimentary investigated and recorded before submersion. Located with in the trench were 4 pits, 7 postholes and 2 linear ditches.

Two pits appeared roughly circular, [24/14] was 0.8m in diameter and [24/16] was 0.7m in diameter. Both were filled with a similar mottled blue-grey to brown silty clay (24/13) and (24/15) respectfully. The other two pits were more irregular or oval, [24/12] measured 2.9m by 1.6m and [24/30] was 0.9m by 0.7m in plan, again both were filled with a similar mottled blue-grey to brown silty clay (24/11) and (24/29) respectfully.

All the post holes were roughly circular in plan, the diameters of each were [24/06] 0.45m, [24/08] 0.1m, [24/10] 0.25m, [24/18] 0.3m, [24/22] 0.3m, [24/24] 0.3m, and [24/26] 0.3m. All were filled with a similar mottled blue-grey to brown silty clay (24/05), (24/07), (24/09), (24/17), (24/21), (24/23) and (24/25) respectfully.

The two ditches [24/20] and [24/28] were 0.8m and 0.6m wide, both aligned roughly east to west and both were filled with a similar mottled blue-grey to brown silty clay (24/19) and (24/27) respectfully.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Alluvial

This layer was present with in all Trenches (1/03), (2/06), (3/03), (4/03), (5/03), (6/03), (7/03), (8/03), (9/02), (10/03), (11/03), (12/03), (13/03), (14/03), (15/03), (16/03), (17/03), (18/03), (19/03), (20/03), (21/03), (22/03), (23/03) and (24/03). It consisted of a mottled grey-brown silty clay with some small gravels (c.3%) and varied from 0.16m to 0.9m thick. The increased depth of deposits in certain trenches (see Appendix A) appears to coincide with palaeo-channels and present streams.

Cut into this alluvial deposit were several features, these were sealed beneath the third alluvial layer.

### Trenches 2 & 9 (Figs. 5 & 6)

A linear ditch was recorded in Trench 2 [2/04] and also in Trench 9 [9/04]. In Trench 2 it was 1.84m wide and had narrowed to 1.4m in Trench 9. The depth was approximately 0.24m with rounded sides, more vertical near the top and a relatively flat base. It was filled with a mid blue-grey silty clay (2/05) and (9/05) with small flint pebbles and water snail shells in abundance.

### Trench 3 (Figs. 5 & 6)

Also cut into this deposit was a sub-circular pit [3/06]. It measured 0.9m by 0.5m and was 0.11m deep. It was filled with a dark blue-grey silty clay with some charcoal and limestone fragments.

### Trench 7 (Figs. 5 & 6)

This trench contained a large 2.23m wide ditch. Its full extent is unknown but it is at least 0.4m deep and judging by the sides exposed may be V-shaped in profile. It has a sequence of at least three fills. The lowest exposed was a light blue-grey mottled orange silty clay (7/08). This was covered with a mid blue-grey-orange silty clay (7/07) that was 0.24m thick and above this a 0.14m thick dark blue-brown silty sandy clay (7/06).

### Trench 8 (Figs. 5 & 6)

Two parallel ditches were recorded within this trench. The first [8/04] was 0.9m wide and 0.46m deep with a U-shaped profile. The primary fill was a brown-grey silty clay (8/06) that was 0.24m thick. Above this was a deposit of dark yellowish grey-brown silty sandy clay (8/05) that was 0.22m thick. The second [8/07] was 1.06m wide and 0.45m deep. It had a similar sequence of fills. The primary fill was a brown-grey silty clay (8/09) that was 0.25m thick. Above this was a deposit of dark yellowish grey-brown silty sandy clay (8/08) that was 0.2m thick.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase Alluvial

As with the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase alluvial this layer was present within all Trenches (1/02), (2/02), (3/02), (4/02), (5/02), (6/02), (7/02), (8/02), (9/06), (10/02), (11/02), (12/02), (13/02), (14/02), (15/02), (16/02), (17/02), (18/02), (19/02), (20/02), (21/02), (22/02), (23/02) and (24/02). It consisted of a light blue grey silty clay and varied from 0.12m to 0.62m thick. Again, the increased depth of deposits in certain trenches (see Appendix A) appears to coincide with palaeo-channels and present streams. Also notable in this respect was the obvious numbers of water snail shells present in trenches not associated with palaeo-channels.

No features were cut into this alluvial deposit.

The uppermost layer (1/01), (2/01), (3/01), (4/01), (5/01), (6/01), (7/01), (8/01), (9/01), (10/01), (11/01), (12/01), (13/01), (14/01), (15/01), (16/01), (17/01), (18/01), (19/01), (20/01), (21/01), (22/01), (23/01) and (24/01) in all trenches was a brown-grey sandy clay loam topsoil with a small quantity of limestone fragments. This lay directly

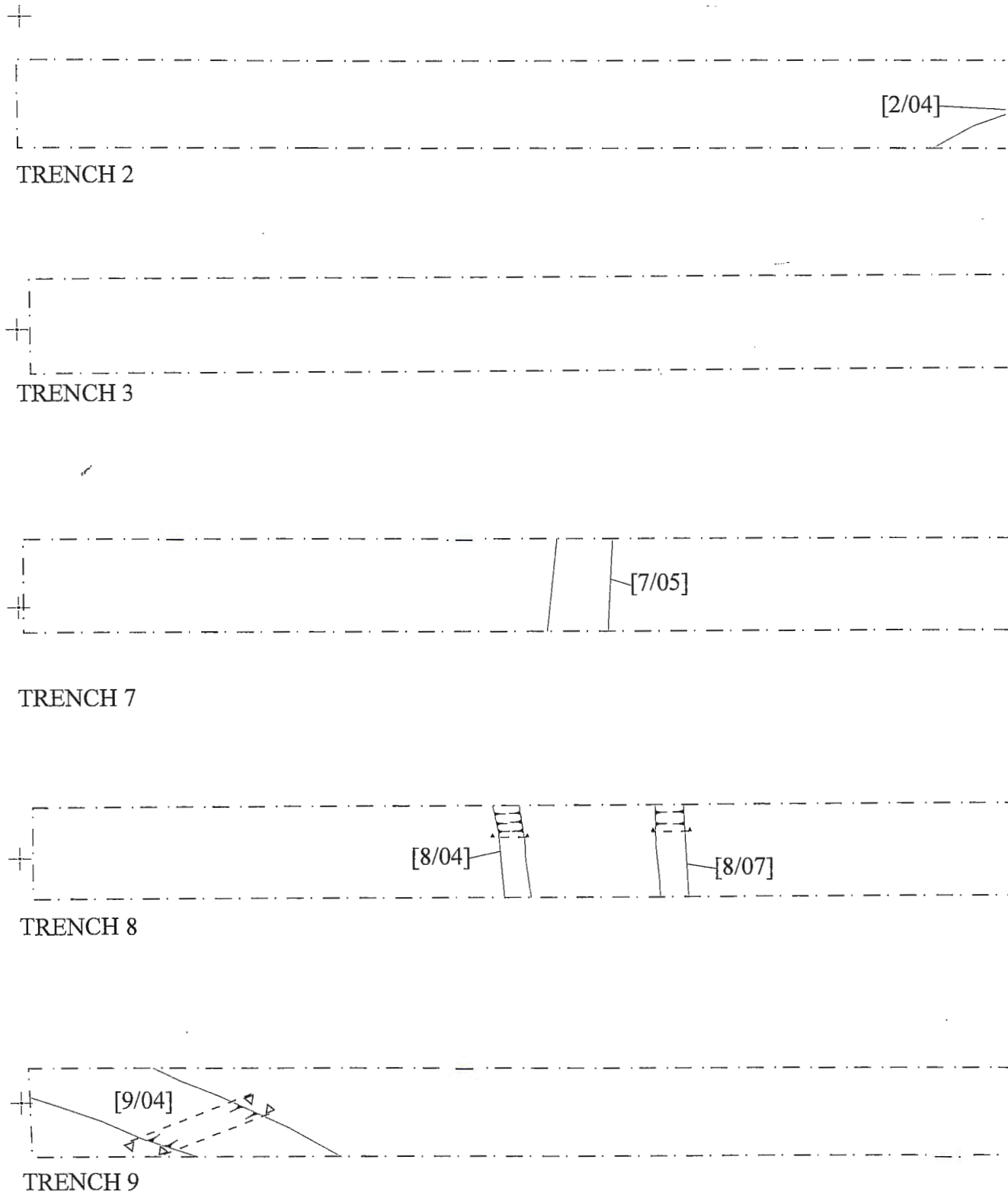
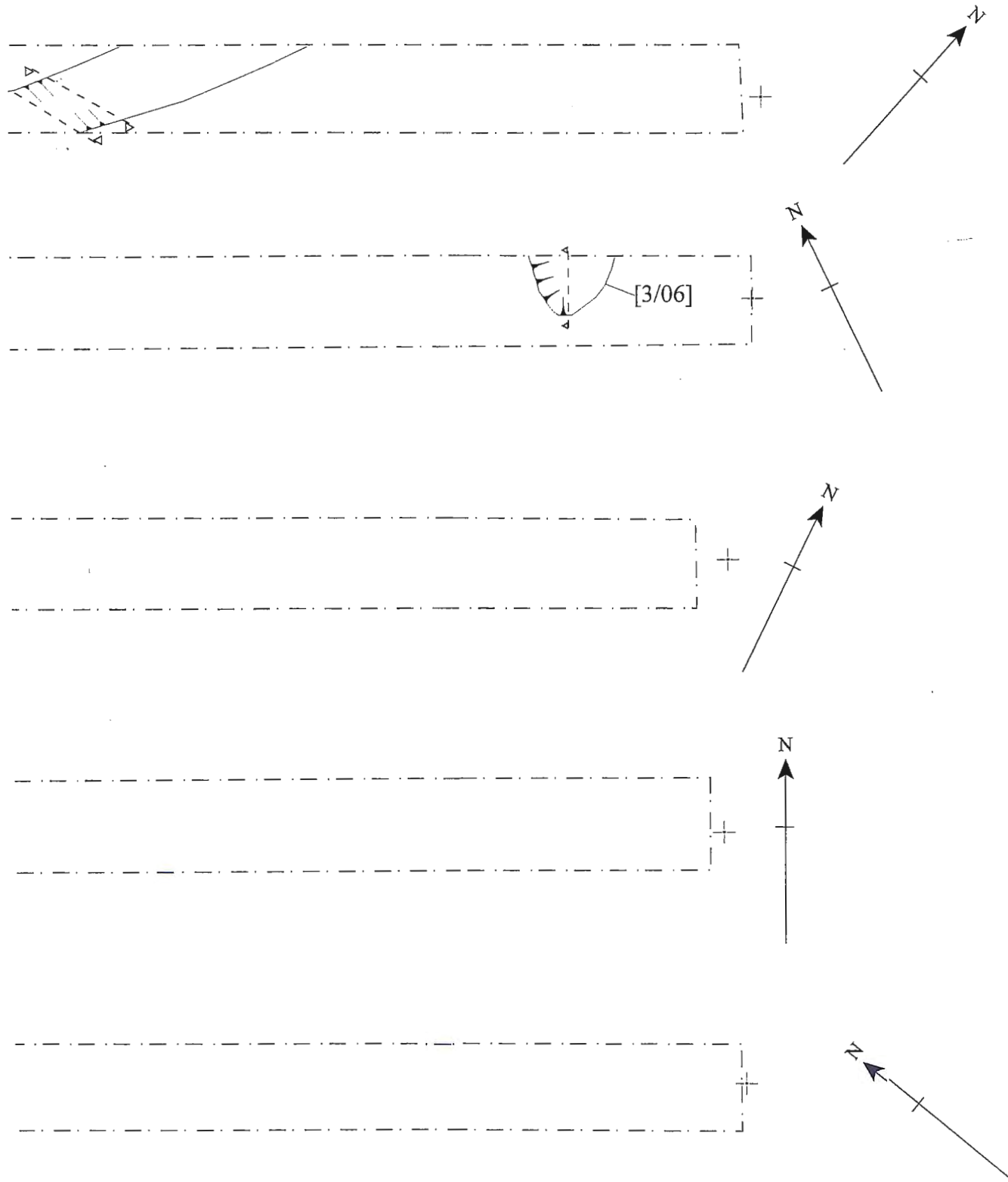


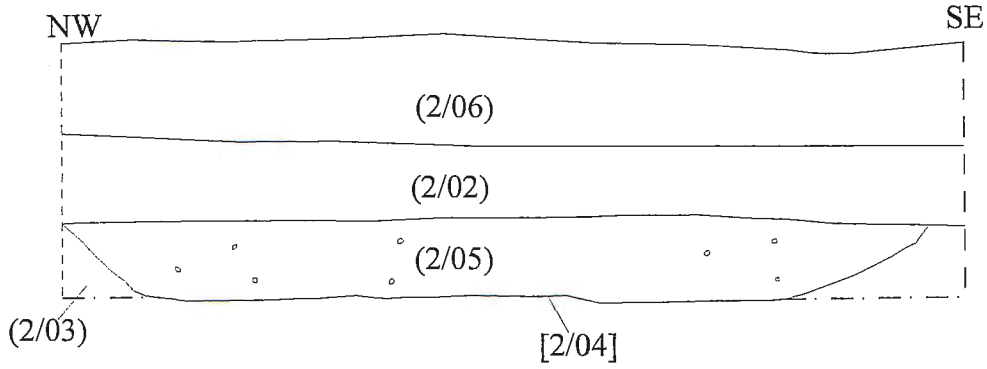
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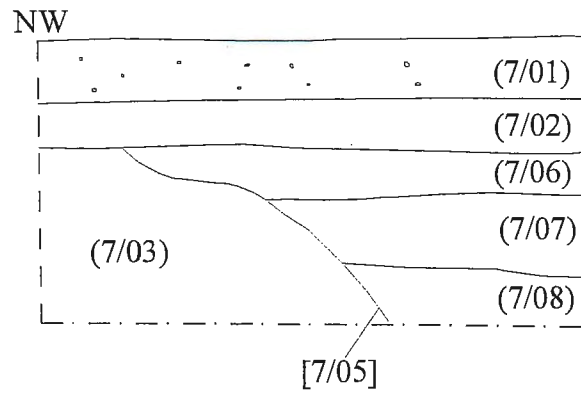


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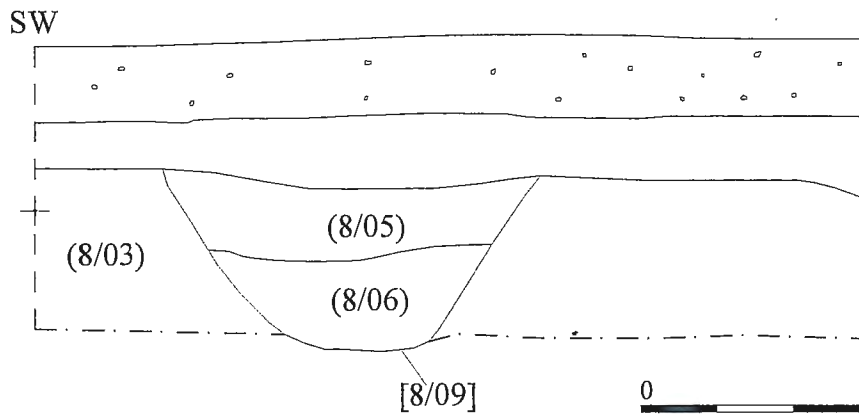
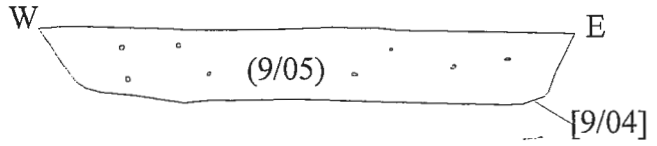
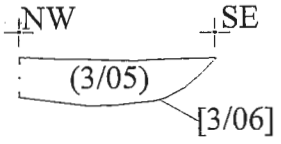


Figure 6. Trenches 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 Sections

TRENCH 3

TRENCH 9



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(7/03)

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(7/01)

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(8/09)

(8/03)

[8/07]

1 m

above a pale brown-grey sandy clay loam subsoil. The average depth of these layers was approximately 0.4m. A small quantity of post-medieval pottery was recovered from the layer.

## **5 FINDS**

### **5.1 Medieval and Post-Medieval Pottery**

The pottery was recorded utilizing the coding system and chronology of the Oxfordshire County type-series (Mellor 1984; 1994).

The topsoil across the site contained sherds of:

OXDR: Red Earthenwares, 1550+.

OXRESWL: Polychrome Slipwares, 17<sup>th</sup> century.

OXCE: Tin-glazed Earthenware, 1613 – 1800.

OXEST: Late English Stoneware, 1750+.

CRM: Creamware, late 18th - early 19th C.

WHEW: Mass-produced white earthenwares, mid 19th - 20th C.

A selective representation of this material was retained.

### **5.2 Romano-British Pottery (By Paul Blinkhorn)**

A single sherd of pottery was noted, from Trench 6 context 2. It weighs 6g, and is a fragment of Romano-British grog-tempered ware, a type common in Oxfordshire throughout the Roman period (eg Timby 1996, 141).

### **5.3 Other Finds**

A 1753 halfpenny of George II was recovered from the topsoil (13/01) in Trench 13. It was in rather poor condition.

## **6 DISCUSSION**

A palaeo-channel meanders roughly north east to south-west across the centre of the site. It is seen on Trenches 12, 14, 15 and 17. At its lowest point in Trench 14 its base is 63.44m OD, in Trench 12 it was 64.14m OD and the river edge deposit in Trench 17 was 63.80m OD. This probably gives some indication of the direction of the water flow, which is comparably to modern streams in the area. This palaeo-channel showed a sequence of silting and peat build up (14/04) in localised areas.

A second palaeo-channel was recorded in the extreme south-east of the site, again running roughly north east to south-west. The natural was not recorded at the base, but was excavated to a depth of 63.48m OD.

The two channels effectively formed an "island" of land between them which became a focus of activity, as recorded in Trench 13, 18 and 24. The old land surface in the



area appears to have been around 64.4m OD. The land sloped away from here to the south and west where it was 64.19m OD in Trench 21 and 63.8m OD in Trench 23. There were some isolated areas of higher ground such as in Trench 1 recorded at 64.75m OD.

This presents a picture of the landscape as low lying and possibly marshy with localised areas of higher dry land. It was the larger areas of this dry land that appeared to form the focus for activity during the first phase of the site. Some contemporary features are recorded in Trenches 4 and 5 but apart from these all the activity is located south of the central palaeo-channel.

This activity was most likely exploiting the wetland resources, possibly in the form of fishing and trapping, rather than being a habitation or agricultural site. This may go some way to explain the apparent lack of finds.

A second phase of alluvium took place covering the lower ground to the south and the focus of activity moved to the north-west into the area of Trenches 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9. Here the natural is recorded at roughly 64.9m OD in all trenches.

The activity associated with this second phase appears to be agricultural with irrigation or boundary ditch for plots of land. It is possibly that these ditches were dug to help control flooding, as is recorded elsewhere in the Thames Valley region (BAFAU 1995).

Later this activity was also covered by a third phase of alluvium and later again by more recent deposits. By this time the ground had probably become too wet for any settlement or agricultural use.

Dating evidence for the phases recorded is scant. This is mostly due to the high water table and the inability to excavate the majority of the located features. Pottery dated to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and later appears in the topsoil, but is not associated with any of the alluvial phases. It must therefore be assumed that all such phases pre-date this *terminus ante quem*.

Context (6/02) contained a single sherd of Romano-British grog-tempered ware, this coupled with the small brick fragments from some features, particularly those in Trench 18, may suggest a Roman date for both phase 1 and phase 2 activity.

The picture of the landscape as a marshy area with island of dry ground is indicative of the area during the Iron Age and Roman periods (BUFAU 1995). The two phases of activity recorded at the nearby Oxford Road site are dated to c.25-65AD and c.65-110AD and both show evidence of alluvial deposits (BAFAU 1995). It is likely that they are contemporary with the first two phases recorded here.

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**APPENDIX – ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT INVENTORY**

Context	Type	Description	Depth (m)	Width (m)	Length (m)	Findings	Date
<b>Trench 1</b>							
1/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.40	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery	
1/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.51	Tr.	Tr.		
1/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.58	Tr.	Tr.		
1/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 2</b>							
2/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.22	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery, CBM	
2/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.42	Tr.	Tr.		
2/03	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
2/04	Cut	Ditch	0.24	1.84+	1.60+		
2/05	Fill	Fill of [2/04]	0.24	1.84+	1.60+		
2/06	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.40	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 3</b>							
3/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.22	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery	
3/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.20	Tr.	Tr.		
3/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.35	Tr.	Tr.		
3/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
3/05	Fill	Fill of [3/06]	0.11	0.50	0.90		
3/06	Cut	Posthole	0.11	0.50	0.90		
<b>Trench 4</b>							
4/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.18	Tr.	Tr.		
4/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.26	Tr.	Tr.		
4/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.16	Tr.	Tr.		
4/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
4/05	Fill	Fill of [4/06]	0.20	0.30	0.47		
4/06	Cut	Posthole	0.20	0.30	0.47		
4/07	Fill	Fill of [4/09]	0.17	0.70+	1.00+		
4/08	Fill	Fill of [4/09]	0.16	0.90+	1.70+		
4/09	Cut	Tree Throw	0.20	1.00+	1.70+		
4/10	Fill	Fill of [4/11]	0.07	0.19	0.20		
4/11	Cut	Stake Hole	0.07	0.19	0.20		
<b>Trench 5</b>							
5/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.37	Tr.		Pottery	



5/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.21				
5/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.18				
5/04	Layer	Natural	-				
5/05	Fill	Fill of [5/06]	0.19	0.60	0.90		
5/06	Cut	Posthole	0.19	0.60	0.90		
5/07	Fill	Fill of [5/08]	0.40	1.10	1.65		
5/08	Cut	Ditch	0.40	1.10	1.65		
<b>Trench 6</b>							
6/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.14	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery	
6/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.28	Tr.	Tr.	Bone	
6/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.40	Tr.	Tr.	Bone	
6/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 7</b>							
7/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.18	Tr.	Tr.	CBM, Pottery	
7/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.12	Tr.	Tr.		
7/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.46	Tr.	Tr.		
7/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
7/05	Cut	Ditch	-	2.23+	1.60+		
7/06	Fill	Fill of [7/05]	0.14	2.23+	1.60+		
7/07	Fill	Fill of [7/05]	0.24	1.64+	1.60+		
7/08	Fill	Fill of [7/05]	0.15+	1.21+	1.60+	CBM	
<b>Trench 8</b>							
8/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.21	Tr.	Tr.		
8/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.26	Tr.	Tr.		
8/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.41	Tr.	Tr.		
8/04	Cut	Ditch	0.46	0.90+	1.60+		
8/05	Fill	Fill of [8/04]	0.22	0.90+	1.60+		
8/06	Fill	Fill of [8/04]	0.24	0.64+	1.60+		
8/07	Cut	Ditch	0.45	1.06+	1.60+		
8/08	Fill	Fill of [8/07]	0.20	1.06+	1.60+		
8/09	Fill	Fill of [8/07]	0.25	0.84+	1.60+		
8/10	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 9</b>							
9/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.25	Tr.	Tr.	Shell	
9/02	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.75	Tr.	Tr.		



9/03	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
9/04	Cut	Ditch	0.20	1.40+	2.00+		
9/05	Fill	Fill of [9/04]	0.20	1.40+	2.00+	Pottery, Bone	
9/06	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.30	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 10</b>							
10/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.17	Tr.	Tr.	CBM	
10/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.31	Tr.	Tr.		
10/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.42	Tr.	Tr.		
10/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 11</b>							
11/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.30	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery	
11/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.31	Tr.	Tr.		
11/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.27	Tr.	Tr.		
11/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 12</b>							
12/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.41	Tr.	Tr.		
12/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.23	Tr.	Tr.		
12/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.35	Tr.	Tr.		
12/04	Layer	Alluvium 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase	0.40	Tr.	Tr.		
12/05	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 13</b>							
13/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.30	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery	
13/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.50	Tr.	Tr.		
13/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.40	Tr.	Tr.		
13/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
13/05	Fill	Fill of [13/06]	-	0.80+	1.65+		
13/06	Cut	Ditch	-	0.80+	1.65+		
13/07	Fill	Fill of [13/08]	-	0.50+	1.00+		
13/08	Cut	Tree Throw?	-	0.50+	1.00+		
13/09	Fill	Fill of [13/10]	-	0.90+	0.90+		
13/10	Cut	Tree Throw?	-	0.90+	0.90+		
13/11	Fill	Fill of [13/12]	-	1.10+	1.10+		
13/12	Cut	Tree Throw?	-	1.10+	1.10+		
13/13	Fill	Fill of [13/14]	-	1.00+	1.00+		
13/14	Cut	Ditch?	-	1.00+	1.00+		

13/15	Fill	Fill of [13/16]	-	0.60+	1.65+		
13/16	Cut	Ditch	-	0.60+	1.65+		
13/17	Fill	Fill of [13/18]	-	0.60+	0.80+		
13/18	Cut	Tree Throw?	-	0.60+	0.80+		
13/19	Fill	Fill of [13/20]	-	0.50+	0.70+		
13/20	Cut	Pit	-	0.50+	0.70+		
<b>Trench 14</b>							
14/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.49	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery, CBM	
14/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.62	Tr.	Tr.		
14/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.51	Tr.	Tr.		
14/04	Layer	Organic Layer	0.15	Tr.	Tr.		
14/05	Layer	Alluvium 1 <sup>st</sup> Layer	0.31	Tr.	Tr.		
14/06	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
14/07	Layer	Layer	0.30	8.10+	Tr.	CBM	
<b>Trench 15</b>							
15/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.20	Tr.	Tr.		
15/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.28	Tr.	Tr.		
15/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.56	Tr.	Tr.		
15/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
15/05	Fill	Fill of [15/06]	-	0.40+	1.60+		
15/06	Cut	Ditch?	-	0.40+	1.60+		
15/07	Fill	Fill of [15/08]	-	0.40+	1.60+	CBM	
15/08	Cut	Ditch	-	0.40+	1.60+		
15/09	Fill	Fill of [15/10]	-	0.20	0.15		
15/10	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.15		
15/11	Fill	Fill of [15/12]	-	0.40	0.20		
15/12	Cut	Posthole	-	0.40	0.20		
15/13	Fill	Fill of [15/14]	-	0.15	0.10		
15/14	Cut	Posthole	-	0.15	0.10		
15/15	Layer	Alluvium 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase	0.10	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 16</b>							
16/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.45	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery, CBM	
16/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.55	Tr.	Tr.		
16/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.70	Tr.	Tr.		
16/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		



<b>Trench 17</b>						
17/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.19	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery
17/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.28	Tr.	Tr.	
17/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.40	Tr.	Tr.	
17/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.	
17/05	Fill	Fill of [17/06]	-	0.50+	0.40+	
17/06	Cut	Pit?	-	0.50+	0.40+	
17/07	Fill	Fill of [15/08]	-	0.30	0.30	
17/08	Cut	Posthole	-	0.30	0.30	
17/09	Fill	Fill of [17/10]	-	0.80+	0.40+	
17/10	Cut	Pit?	-	0.80+	0.40+	
17/11	Layer	Alluvium 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase	0.66	Tr.	7m	
<b>Trench 18</b>						
18/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.21	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery
18/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.41	Tr.	Tr.	
18/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.36	Tr.	Tr.	
18/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.	
18/05	Fill	Fill of [18/06]	-	0.60+	0.70+	
18/06	Cut	Pit?	-	0.60+	0.70+	
18/07	Fill	Fill of [18/08]	-	0.70+	0.60+	
18/08	Cut	Pit?	-	0.70+	0.60+	
18/09	Fill	Fill of [18/10]	-	0.20	0.15	
18/10	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.15	
18/11	Fill	Fill of [18/12]	-	0.25	0.30	
18/12	Cut	Posthole	-	0.25	0.30	
18/13	Fill	Fill of [18/14]	-	0.20	0.20	
18/14	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.20	
18/15	Fill	Fill of [18/16]	-	0.25	0.20	
18/16	Cut	Posthole	-	0.25	0.20	
18/17	Fill	Fill of [18/18]	-	0.45+	0.75+	
18/18	Cut	Ditch?	-	0.45+	0.75+	
18/19	Fill	Fill of [18/20]	-	0.40+	0.70+	
18/20	Cut	Ditch?	-	0.40+	0.70+	
18/21	Fill	Fill of [18/22]	-	0.80+	0.40+	
18/22	Cut	Pit	-	0.80+	0.40+	
18/23	Fill	Fill of [18/24]	-	0.80+	0.40+	
18/24	Cut	Pit	-	0.80+	0.40+	
18/25	Fill	Fill of	-	0.20	0.20	

		[18/26]					
18/26	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.20		
18/27	Fill	Fill of [18/28]	-	0.60+	1.65+		
18/28	Cut	Ditch	-	0.60+	1.65+		
18/29	Fill	Fill of [18/30]	-	0.30+	0.30		
18/30	Cut	Posthole	-	0.30+	0.30		
18/31	Fill	Fill of [18/32]	-	2.60+	0.90+		
18/32	Cut	Pit?	-	2.60+	0.90+		
18/33	Fill	Fill of [18/34]	-	1.20+	0.55+		
18/34	Cut	Pit	-	1.20+	0.55+		
18/35	Fill	Fill of [18/36]	-	0.20	0.20		
18/36	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.20		
18/37	Fill	Fill of [18/38]	-	1.50+	1.65+	CBM	
18/38	Cut	Ditch	-	1.50+	1.65+		
18/39	Fill	Fill of [18/40]	-	0.20	0.20		
18/40	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.20		
18/41	Fill	Fill of [18/42]	-	0.75+	0.45+	CBM	
18/42	Cut	Pit	-	0.75+	0.45+		
18/43	Fill	Fill of [18/44]	-	0.40+	0.20+		
18/44	Cut	Pit	-	0.40+	0.20+		
18/45	Fill	Fill of [18/46]	-	0.20	0.20		
18/46	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.20		
18/47	Fill	Fill of [18/48]	-	0.20	0.20		
18/48	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.20		
18/49	Fill	Fill of [18/50]	-	0.20	0.20		
18/50	Cut	Posthole	-	0.20	0.20		
18/51	Fill	Fill of [18/52]	-	0.50+	0.80+		
18/52	Cut	Ditch	-	0.50+	0.80+		
18/53	Fill	Fill of [18/54]	-	0.50+	0.50+		
18/54	Cut	Pit?	-	0.50+	0.50+		
<b>Trench 19</b>							
19/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.28	Tr.	Tr.	CBM	
19/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.24	Tr.	Tr.		
19/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.68	Tr.	Tr.		
19/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 20</b>							
20/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.40	Tr.	Tr.	Pottery	
20/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.60	Tr.	Tr.		
20/03	Layer	Alluvium	0.90	Tr.	Tr.		



		2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase					
20/04	Layer	Alluvium 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase	0.30+	5.0+	Tr.		
20/05	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 21</b>							
21/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.28	Tr.	Tr.		
21/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.44	Tr.	Tr.		
21/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.29	Tr.	Tr.		
21/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 22</b>							
22/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.12	Tr.	Tr.		
22/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.70	Tr.	Tr.		
22/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.38	Tr.	Tr.		
22/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 23</b>							
23/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.18	Tr.	Tr.		
23/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.20	Tr.	Tr.		
23/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	1.00	Tr.	Tr.		
23/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
<b>Trench 24</b>							
24/01	Layer	Topsoil	0.40	Tr.	Tr.		
24/02	Layer	Alluvium 3 <sup>rd</sup> Phase	0.32	Tr.	Tr.		
24/03	Layer	Alluvium 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	0.46	Tr.	Tr.		
24/04	Layer	Natural	-	Tr.	Tr.		
24/05	Fill	Fill of [24/06]	-	0.50	0.40		
24/06	Cut	Posthole	-	0.50	0.40		
24/07	Fill	Fill of [24/08]	-	0.10	0.10		
24/08	Cut	Stake Hole	-	0.10	0.10		
24/09	Fill	Fill of [24/10]	-	0.30	0.20		
24/10	Cut	Posthole	-	0.30	0.20		
24/11	Fill	Fill of [24/12]	-	2.90+	1.60+		
24/12	Cut	Pit	-	2.90+	1.60+		
24/13	Fill	Fill of [24/14]	-	0.80	0.60+		
24/14	Cut	Pit	-	0.80	0.60+		
24/15	Fill	Fill of [24/16]	-	0.80	0.70+		
24/16	Cut	Pit	-	0.80	0.70+		
24/17	Fill	Fill of [24/18]	-	0.30	0.30		
24/18	Cut	Posthole	-	0.30	0.30		

24/19	Fill	Fill of [24/20]	-	0.80+	1.60+		
24/20	Cut	Ditch	-	0.80+	1.60+		
24/21	Fill	Fill of [24/22]	-	0.30	0.30		
24/22	Cut	Posthole	-	0.30	0.30		
24/23	Fill	Fill of [24/24]	-	0.40+	0.20+		
24/24	Cut	Posthole	-	0.40+	0.20+		
24/25	Fill	Fill of [24/26]	-	0.30	0.25		
24/26	Cut	Posthole	-	0.30	0.25		
24/27	Fill	Fill of [24/28]	-	0.60+	1.60+		
24/28	Cut	Ditch	-	0.60+	1.60+		
24/29	Fill	Fill of [24/30]	-	0.70+	0.90+		
24/30	Cut	Pit	-	0.70+	0.90+		