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AT

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Summary

John Moore Heritage Services carried out an archaeological watching brief at Piddington Training Area, Piddington (NGR SP 63250 16930). The purpose of the watching brief was to monitor the excavation of two further ponds in the Piddington Training Area. During the course of the archaeological watching brief, an alluvial deposit, two small gullies and a gully terminus were identified whilst excavating Pond 8 area. The same alluvial deposit was also observed during excavations of Pond 9 area. No other archaeological features were identified in this area. A small number of finds were recovered during excavations. The pottery was dated to the early/middle Iron Age and ceramic building material was dated to the late post-medieval period, all likely to be residual finds from archaeological activity in the vicinity.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Site Location (Figure 1)

The development site is located on land south-west of Piddington village and northeast of Piddington Wood, Oxfordshire (NGR SP 63250 16930).

The site lies at approximately 90m aOD. The underlying geology is Weymouth Member Mudstone on the northern half of the site and West Walton Mudstone in the south. No superficial deposits are present.

1.2 Planning Background

The Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services advised that archaeological observation and investigation should be carried out during ground works due to the archaeological potential of the site.

1.3 Archaeological Background

The site lies in an area of archaeological interest and potential although there have not been any formal archaeological investigations in the area other than for the earlier ponds' excavation. The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) has recorded a concentration of metal detected finds in the field to the south-east of the development site. The recorded finds date from the Bronze Age, Roman, Medieval, and post-Medieval periods. LiDAR data suggests that the land is undisturbed, with the northern field showing the remains of ridge and furrow which could date from the Medieval period. Further PAS find spots have been recorded in the surrounding fields, mostly dating from the Medieval period.

Metal working survey for the earlier ponds only found modern materials. The only archaeological evidence recorded identified during the pond excavations was a buried soil horizon of a likely 18th century date which was stratified over the remains of ridge and furrow in the Pond 4 area (JMHS 2023).





Archaeological features

Figure 1: Site location

2 AIMS OF THE INVESTIGATION

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

• To make a record of any archaeological remains revealed during the course of the groundworks.

In particular:

• To record any evidence relating to the known metal detected finds recovered in the surrounding area.

3 STRATEGY

3.1 Research Design

John Moore Heritage Services carried out the work to a Written Scheme of Investigation agreed with Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services (OCAS).

The recording was carried out in accordance with the standards specified by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2020).

3.2 Methodology

Groundworks consisted of the excavation of two further ponds in the Piddington Training Area. These ponds were excavated to the natural horizon. Metal detecting was conducted throughout the groundworks due to the potential for metal finds within the area.

Where archaeological horizons were encountered they were cleaned by hand and excavated appropriately. Standard John Moore Heritage Services techniques were employed throughout, involving the completion of a written record for each deposit encountered, with scale plans and section drawings compiled where appropriate. A photographic record was also produced.

The resultant spoil from the works was visually scanned, especially for finds relating to known metal detected finds recovered in the surrounding area.

4 **RESULTS (Figures 2 & 3)**

All deposits and features were assigned individual context numbers. Context numbers without brackets indicate features i.e. pit cuts, numbers in () show feature fills or deposits of material, while numbers in bold indicate structural features.

Pond 8 and Pond 9 (Figures 2 and 3, Plans 1-2, Sections 1-5; Plates 1-2) were excavated down to the depth of the archaeological horizon.

The earliest recorded deposit was a natural geology deposit (Figure 2, Section, 4; Figure 3, Section 5; Plates 1-2) comprised of soft, mid greyish-yellow, clay (803)/(903) with inclusions of rare small, sub-angular stones. The deposit measured greater than 0.02m in thickness.



Plate 1: Post-excavation shot of Pond 8. Looking north-east.



Plate 2: Post-excavation shot of Pond 9. Looking north-east.

Cut into the natural geology (803)/(903) was a linear gully 804 and two gully termini 805 and 808. Gully 804 (Figure 2, Plan 1, Sections 1-2; Plate 3) was located in the southern extent of Pond 8 area and ran on a north-east to south-west alignment, truncating an earlier gully 805. The south-west end of the gully 804 extended beyond the limit of excavation, with the north-east end terminating in cut 808. The gully appeared linear in plan, and had shallow sides, flat base and imperceptible break of slope and top and base. It measured approximately 7.5m in length, 0.3m in width and 0.08m in depth. The gully was filled by a single fill comprised of soft, dark greyish-





brown, silty-clay (806), with inclusions of small, sub-angular stones. The fill measured 0.08m in thickness and was sterile of archaeological finds.

Gully 805 (Figure 2, Plan 1, Section 2; Plate 3) appeared in plan as a linear terminus and was truncated on the north-east end by gully 804. The gully ran on north-east to south-west alignment and had a concave profile and base with imperceptible break of slope at top and base. It measured 0.74m in length, 0.18m in width and 0.07m in depth. The gully contained a single fill (807) comprised of soft, dark greyish-brown, silty-clay with moderate inclusions of small, sub-angular stones. It measured 0.07m in thickness and contained three small fragments of animal bone which remain undated.



Plate 3: Relationship section of gully 804 and gully 805. Section 02.

Terminus 808 (Figure 2, Plan 1, Section 3; Plate 4) was located on the north-east end of the gully and measured 0.9m in length, 0.4m n width and 0.04m in depth. The terminus had imperceptible break of slope at top and base, with shallow to sloping sides and a flat base. The terminus contained a single fill (809) comprised of soft, dark greyish-brown, silty-clay with rare inclusions of small, sub-angular stones. No dating evidence or finds were recovered from the fill.

Overlying the archaeological features was a deposit comprised of soft, mid brownishgrey, silty-clay (802)/(902) with rare inclusions of small sub-angular stones. This deposit was identified as an alluvial deposit and was seen across both ponds excavated. The deposit measured between 0.06m and 0.1m and contained two sherds of early/middle Iron Age pottery and two fragments of CBM roof tile dating to the late post-medieval period. These were likely examples of residual finds from surrounding site activity and do not give a date to the deposit itself.

The latest deposit recorded during excavations was a topsoil deposit (Figure 2, Section 4; Figure 3, Section 5) comprised of soft, dark greyish-brown, silty-clay (801)/(901) with rare inclusions of small, sub-angular stones. The deposit measured

0.22m in thickness and contained four bullet shells, located during metal detecting of the deposit.

No further archaeological features or other deposits were identified during excavations.



Plate 4: Half section of gully terminus 808. Section 03. Looking south-east.

Reliability of results

The excavation of the ponds was undertaken in fair weather conditions however, ground conditions were fairly waterlogged due to previous poor weather, resulting in the natural clay horizon being particularly saturated upon removal of overburden deposits. Wheel rutting from modern vehicle activity in the Pond 9 area meant that some disturbance was present in the soil horizons during archaeological monitoring, however this likely did not hinder the ability to see any surviving archaeology. The results of the archaeological watching brief are believed to be reliable even when considering these factors.

5 FINDS

5.1 Ceramics by Paul Blinkhorn

Two sherds of pottery with a total weight of 26g occurred in context 802. They are both in a fairly hard, hand-built, iron rich sandy fabric and are black with an unfinished, brown outer surface. Both are undecorated, and appear likely to be from the same vessel. The fabric is typical of early/middle Iron Age pottery in the region (eg. Woodward and Marley 2000, Table 7).

Context 802 also produced two fragments of roof-tile tile. One is in a hard, orangepink sandy fabric, weighs 42g and is 12mm thick, and the other is a fragment of a 'Cambridge buff' tile weighing 37g and is also 12mm thick. Both are late postmedieval.

5.2 Animal Bone

Three conjoining fragments of animal bone, weighing 5g in total, were recovered from deposit (807), the fill of gully 805. The items originated from a single small mammal rib. No butchering marks were observed.

The animal bone is not recommended for retention, due to its very limited potential for further analysis.

6 **DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the archaeological watching brief was to determine any archaeological evidence relating to the Bronze Age, Roman or Medieval periods.

The archaeological monitoring revealed two archaeological features, located within the Pond 8 area, with Pond 9 being sterile of archaeological features and finds. The features that were identified during excavations contained no dating evidence to suggest a possible date and therefore cannot contribute to the aims set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation.

A small number of finds were recovered during excavations. The pottery was dated to the early/middle Iron Age and ceramic building material was dated to the late postmedieval period, all likely to be residual finds from archaeological activity in the vicinity.

7 ARCHIVE

Digitised copies of all the primary records and drawings, as well as a selection of digital photographs, will be made publicly available as an appendix to the Final Report submitted to information-gathering tool OASIS (ID johnmoor1-520861), for public release in the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) Library.

Additionally, the most recent version of all digital files is maintained by John Moore Heritage Services (Project Number 4958) and will be made available to the public upon request (to <u>admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk</u>). Security copies of all primary records will be made in digital format and stored on the Company's server, together with final versions of all born-digital files.

8 **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBSERVATION AND INVESTIGATION

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SELECTION STRATEGY

AUGUST 2023

Document Information			
Title	Data Management Plan and Selection Strategy		
Author	Simona Denis		
Description	This document describes the type of data that was acquired and generated during the archaeological project, the way the data will be selected, managed and stored, and the mechanisms to preserve and share the data; it also describes the criteria for the selection of the data, documents and materials to be included in the final project archive		

Document History				
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2.1	Draft	24/11/2023	Simona Denis		Report completion
2.2	Final	31/01/2024	Simona Denis		Project archiving

Section 1 – Administrative Data			
Data Set ID	Site Code	PIPTA 23	
	JMHS Project No.	4958	
	OASIS ID	johnmoor1-520861	
Project Name	Piddington Training Area		
Data Set Description	Nature of Project	Watching Brief	
	Aims of Investigation	to record any evidence relating to the known metal detected finds recovered in the surrounding area	
	Investigation Techniques	Groundworks consisted of the excavation of two further ponds in the Piddington Training Area. These ponds were excavated to the natural horizon. Metal detecting was conducted throughout the groundworks due to the potential for metal finds within the area	
	Purpose	creation of two new ponds	
Project Funder	Newt Conservation Partner	ship	
Project Manager	John Moore	Director, John Moore Heritage Services	
Principal Investigator	Maxwell Talbot	Project Supervisor, John Moore Heritage Services	
Data Contact Person	Simona Denis	Archive Manager, John Moore Heritage Services	
Data Management Policies and Guidance	Simona DenisArchive Manager, John Moore Heritage ServicesArchaeology Data Service, 2022 Instructions for DepositorsAustralian Research Data Commons, 2022 Data Management PlansChartered Institute for Archaeologists, Historic England, 2019 Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological ArchivesDigital Curation Centre, 2013 Checklist for Data Management Plan v.4.0 EdinburghDigital Preservation Coalition, 2015 Digital Preservation Handbook, 2 nd Edition. Technical Solutions and ToolsDuranti, L., Suderman, J. and Todd, M., 2005 A Framework of Principles for the Development of Policies, Strategiesand Standards for the Long-term Preservation of Digital Records. The InterPARES 2 ProjectFoster, M., 2019 Work digital/think archive. A guide to managing digital data generated from archaeologicalinvestigations. DigVenturesHistoric England, 2018 Historic England Excavation Recording ManualInternational Standards Organization, 2003 standards: Reference Model (ISO 14721:2003)John Moore Heritage Services, 2023 POL0006: Quality Control Policy StatementJohn Moore Heritage Services, 2023 POL0014: Data Protection Policy StatementJohn Moore Heritage Services, 2023 Archive Guidelines. DraftThe National Archives, 2011 Digital Preservation Policies: Guidance for archivesTranter, R., 2023 Archaeological Watching Brief at Piddington Training Area, Piddington, Oxfordshire. UnpublishedJMHS Report No.4958Oxfordshire County Museum Service, 2023 Requirements for Transferring Archaeological Archives 2023-2024Thomas, S., 2009 A Guide to Archival and Related Standards. Society of Archivists Data Standard GroupWhyte R.Outide to Archival and Related Standards.		

Section 2 – Data Collection					
Assessment of Existing Data	Existing quantitative and qualitative data provided by third parties as well as non-proprietary data were accessed, re- used and re-evaluated, and the generated information supplemented the data collected during the project. Selected generated data were incorporated in the final report text and included in the project archive				
Data Collection Standards and Methodologies	Analogue data sets acquisition standards	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014 Standards and Guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials English Heritage, 2015 Digital Image Capture and File Storage John Moore Heritage Services, 2022 Field Handbook. Draft Museum of London Archaeology Service, 1994 Archaeological Site Manual. Third Edition			
	Digitised data sets acquisition standards	The National Archives, 2016 <i>Digitisation at The National Archives</i> Thomas, S., 2009 <i>A Guide to Archival and Related Standards</i> . Society of Archivists Data Standard Group			
	Born-Digital data creation standards	data creation Archaeology Data Service/Digital Antiquity, 2011 Guides to Good Cole, S., 2015 Digital Image Capture and File Storage. Guideline English Heritage			
Created Data	This table summarises the da	ta types, formats and	archive volume for this pro	ject	
	File		Data Archive Estimated	Volume	
	Туре	Format No. of Files No. of Bytes			
	Text	.odt	1	96,000	
		.doc 4 20,728,		20,728,000	
		.docx	1	1,067,000	

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		.pdf	3	3,566,000
	Spreadsheet	.xlsx	None	
	Raster Image	.jpg	104	444,598,572
	Vector Graphic	.svg	4	1,301,000
		.dxf	None	
	Photogrammetry	.obj/.mtl/.jpg	None	
	Geospatial Vector Data	shp/.shx/.dbf	None	
		.qgz	1	681,000
Data Storage and File Naming System	 The working project archive is stored in a dedicated project folder in the 'Projects' partition of JMHS's server. All files were: renamed following JMHS's file naming format, based on ADS standard and including version control, as laid out in JMHS' Archive Guidelines organised following JMHS's project folder structure laid out in JMHS' Archive Guidelines All files included in the final project archive indicate: Company's project identifier File descriptor Version number 			
Quality Control	 All mechanical and electronic equipment used in the collection of data was calibrated prior to use All collected data was checked during project delivery 			

Section 3 – Documentation and Metadata			
Data Documentation	Data documentation is compliant with the Project Brief, Written Scheme of Investigation and ADS requirements and is provided via: • Collection-level metadata providing a detailed overview of the collection • File-level metadata providing details of each data group and individual files All data included in the final project archive were migrated to: • most recent format version		
Metadata	All metadata was created in compliance with releva	ant ADS standards	
	Metadata for all files include	File name File format Language Creation/conversion software and version	
	Text Metadata for text files include	Title Abstract Name of the creators Page count Publishing details	
	Metadata for raster image files include	Caption Subject keywords Period Name of the creator Copyright holder Location Date of the capture of the image	
	Metadata for vector graphic files include	Caption Description Name of the illustrator Copyright holder Period of creation Location Conventions used in the illustration Location	
	Metadata for geospatial vector data files include	Type of element captured Type of features and/or contexts represented Purpose of data collection Data source and type Data accuracy level Coordinate system used Method of capture Name of surveyor	

Section 4 – Ethics and Intellectual Property			
Legal and Regulatory	Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988		

	Duta Management 1 tan ana Selection Strategy				
Framework	General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 EU Copyright Directive 2001 Data Protection Act 1998 Current best practice				
Collected Personal Data	Donor Name Address Project Team Members Name External Specialist Name				
Personal Data Management	Management of personal data is carried out in compliance with JMHS' Data Protection Policy Statement. Written consent to process and share with the repository personal data was secured for the use specified below: Donor: Name and address are included in the transfer of ownership documentation Project Team Members: Names are included in the project archive External Specialist: Name is included in the project archive and in the licence of copyright documentation Files containing personal data are: Password-protected Securely stored on a server partition with restricted access Kept only as long as necessary for the relevant, valid purposes 				
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	 Copyright Holder: JMHS is the copyright holder of any collected and created data included in the project archive in all forms of records and media Permission to Reuse Third-Party Data: formal consent to include, reuse and share data generated by external specialists was secured Licence of Copyright: JMHS grants to ADS perpetual and royalty-free licence throughout the world to: reproduce all or any part of the project archive for the purposes of research, study, conservation or publicity relating to ADS display copies of all or part of the project archive in any medium publish any part of the project archive in any form or medium permit third parties to do any of the above 				

	Section 5 – Storage and Backup			
Storage System Details	Long-term preservation of electronic records is ensured by storage on magnetic media on a Synology NAS server device with a storage capacity of 5.4TB			
	• The device is part of a network based on the client-server model with servers situated in separate geographical locations (JMHS's main office in Wheatley and the Director's office in Launton, Bicester)			
	The system is managed via Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)			
	• The system is set as a Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID) and failover			
Security Copies	 Back-up of raw digital data generated during fieldwork was provided by secure remote access to JMHS's server 			
	 Digital copies of the primary records were made immediately on completion of fieldwork and stored on JMHS's server 			
	• Security copies of all archive records and born-digital files were made in digital format and stored on JMHS's server			
Data Storage and Access	Data storage			
	• Main and secondary servers are set up to constantly synchronise, effectively creating two copies of each file at any time			
	 Two additional copies of all files are created via backups: 			
	O The main server backs up to the Synology C2 Cloud Backup Server daily, starting at 17:30			
	• The secondary server backs up to a local drive daily, starting at 17:30			
	 Versioning of files and backups is available for 30 days 			
	• Multiple recovery methods are used, depending on the nature of the failure			
	Data access			
	 JMHS's server is accessible through a secure log-in by authorised staff on and off-site, via any web browser 			
	• Secure access to the server is granted by a two-factor authentication method. Access to server's partitions containing sensitive data is restricted to authorised users through role-based access control			

Section 6 – Selection and Preservation			
Appraisal and Selection of Data	All data generated by all stages of the project is stored on JMHS's server. An appraisal of the digital data was carried out prior to the completion of the project, in order to select data for long-term curation.		

	The assessment of each dataset's value was carried out by the Post-Excavation Project Team and based on the following criteria:			
	• Relevance			
	Scientific/Historic value			
	• Uniqueness			
	• Non-Replicability			
	• Potential for redistribution			
Data Reuse	The project results were limited and failed to provide new data regarding pre-modern occupation in the Piddington area			
Selection Review Points	Data Management Plan and Selection Strategy was revised in consultation with the relevant stakeholders and updated at the following stages:			
	• Project Design			
	Project Reporting			
	Archive Preparation			
Selected Data Preparation	on Selected data was normalised and organised in standardised folders, to guarantee consistency and retrievability, a prevent data loss. Normalisation included:			
	• Version migration to most recent format version			
	File naming normalisation to ADS standards			
	Organisation in the predefined file structure			
	Metadata compliant with ADS standards was generated for all selected data			
Long-Term Preservation of Selected Data	• Digital data: selected data was prepared for long-term curation and transferred to the CoreTrustSeal certified ADS, via OASIS V. A further copy of the full digital archive will be maintained on JMHS's servers			
Long-Term Preservation of Deselected Data	• Long-term preservation of electronic records is ensured by storage on magnetic media on a server device. The device is part of a network based on the client-server model, available online and securely accessible remotely via any web browser			
	• The digital archives preservation strategy ensures that two copies of all born-digital items as well as digital surrogates of primary records are made available on two different server devices (server and backup) situated in separate locations (JMHS's main office in Wheatley and the Director's office in Launton, Bicester)			

Section 7 – Data Sharing					
Data Accessibility	 a Accessibility Final Results were made available as follows: Project final results were made publicly available in digital format via the OASIS Index of Archaeologica Investigations Primary and Digital Data are available as follows: 				
	• All selected data will be made available upon direct request for reuse, re-analysis, re-interpretation, and re-publication by secondary researchers				
Intellectual Property	JMHS holds the copyright of any collected and created data included in the project archive in all forms of records and media				
	• Digital elements of the project archive disseminated via ADS will be licenced under a creative commons licence				
	• A data sharing agreement will regulate the access and use of data by secondary researchers as appropriate				
Long-Term Access	Long-term access to data will be granted via deposition with ADS; additionally, selected digital data will be made accessible to the public upon request				

Section 8 – Responsibilities and Resources					
Responsibilities	Fieldwork Project Team Collection and storage of analogue data sets Members Members				
	Post-Excavation Project Team MembersStorage and backup of analogue data sets, creation of digitised and born-digital data sets, data quality, data archiving and metadata production for all data sets				
	Oxford Mac Solutions Ltd	Data storage and backup management			
	Post-Excavation Manager	Implementation of relevant policies, implementation, review and revision of the DMP, supervision of collection, production, storage, backup and management of all data sets, management of data selection, archiving and metadata production for all data sets, data sharing, project archive transfer			
Stakeholders	Project Manager	John Moore, John Moore Heritage Services			

	Archive Manager	Simona Denis, John Moore Heritage Services		
	Collecting Institutions	Archaeology Data Service		
	County Archaeological Victoria Green, Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services			
	Developer	Newt Conservation Partnership		
	Specialist	Paul Blinkhorn		
Resources	Resources required to prepa Services resources and proje equipment and staff	re selected data and implement the DMP were covered by standard John Moore Heritage ect budget; No unusual resources were required in addition to JMHS normal operating		

Section 9 – Digital Data Selection Strategy						
Data Management Plan	The procedure is outlined in Sections 2, 3 and 6 and in the JMHS POL0010 Digital Archives (available upon request)					
De-Selected Digital Data	Digital files were reviewed following the approval of the final report by the Oxfordshire County Archaeological Services and only the most recent versions were retained. Files will be made available to the public upon request (to admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk). Security copies of all primary records were made in digital format and stored on the Company's server, together with final versions of all born-digital files. The procedure is outlined in the DMP (in attachment) Section 6 and JMHS POL0010 Digital Archives					
Amendments	Date	Amendment	Rationale	Stakeholders		
	24/11/2023	Retention strategy revision	Revision following the completion of the final report	Archaeology Data Service JMHS		
	31/01/2024	Retention strategy finalisation	Finalisation for inclusion in the final project archive	Archaeology Data Service JMHS		

Section 10 – Documents Selection Strategy					
Selected Documents	None				
De-Selected Documents	The primary records were not selected for retention due to the limited results as detailed in the final report. Digital copies of all primary records are maintained by John Moore Heritage Services and will be made publicly available as an appendix to the Final Report submitted to information-gathering tool OASIS (ID johnmoor1-520861), for public release in the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) Library. The procedure is outlined in Section 6 and in the JMHS POL0009 Archives and POL0010 Digital Archives (available upon request)				
Amendments	Date	Amendment	Rationale	Stakeholders	
	24/11/2023	Retention strategy revision	Revision following the completion of the final report	JMHS	
	31/01/2024	Retention strategy finalisation	Finalisation for inclusion in the final project archive	JMHS	

Section 11 – Bulk Finds Selection Strategy					
 Selection for incl Solent-Thames R guidance 	usion in the final project arch esearch Framework for the 1	ive was guided by the aims a Historic Environment, the Or	nd objectives of the project a a fordshire County Museum S	s outlined in the WSI, Brief, Service and material-specific	
Uncollected Materials	None				
Selected Materials	 All materials recovered during fieldwork were returned to JMHS offices for cleaning and assessment All bulk finds were assessed and recorded to appropriate standards 				
De-Selected Materials	 None of the materials were selected for retention; these will be retained for reference purposes The two sherds of Iron Age pottery were undecorated and residual, and had very limited potential for further analysis The two fragments of late post-medieval roof tile did not retain any diagnostic feature and had very limited potential for further analysis The three fragments of animal bone did not retain any genus-specific characteristic and had very limited potential for further analysis 				
Amendments	Date	Amendment	Rationale	Stakeholders	
	24/11/2023 Retention strategy revision Revision following the completion of the final JMHS Newt Conservation				

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			report	Partnership Oxfordshire County Museum Service
	31/01/2024	Retention strategy finalisation	Finalisation for inclusion in the final project archive	JMHS Newt Conservation Partnership Oxfordshire County Museum Service

Section 12 – Environmental Remains Selection Strategy									
Selected Materials	No samples were collected								
De-Selected Materials	None								
Amendments	Date Amendment Rationale Stakeholders								
	24/11/2023	Retention strategy revision	Revision following the completion of the final report	JMHS					
	31/01/2024 Retention strategy finalisation Finalisation for inclusion in the final project archive JMHS								

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CONTEXT REGISTER

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	No.	(deposit, cut, Structural or timber)	Relationships	Group No.	Section	Plan	Sheet	- & Date	Description/ Comment
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1	805	WT	F3 (807)		2		١		other every wi
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1	(807)	900	F0-805						other and hy
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OASIS Summary for johnmoor1-520861

OASIS ID (UID)	johnmoor1-520861
Project Name	Piddington Training Area, Piddington
Sitename	Piddington Training Area, Piddington
Sitecode	PIPTA 23
Project Identifier(s)	4958, PIPTA 23
Activity type	Watching Brief
Planning Id	
Reason For Investigation	Planning requirement
Organisation Responsible for work	John Moore Heritage Services
Project Dates	23-Oct-2023 - 24-Oct-2023
Location	Piddington Training Area, Piddington
	NGR : SP 63250 16930
	LL : 51.84739378371345, -1.083208727342273
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Administrative Areas	Country : England
	County/Local Authority : Oxfordshire
	Local Authority District : Cherwell
	Parish : Piddington
Project Methodology	Groundworks consisted of the excavation of two further ponds in the Piddington Training Area. These ponds were excavated to the natural horizon. Metal detecting was conducted throughout the groundworks due to the potential for metal finds within the area.
Project Results	The archaeological monitoring revealed two archaeological features, located within the Pond 8 area, with Pond 9 being sterile of archaeological features and finds. The features that were identified during excavations contained no dating evidence. A small number of finds were recovered during excavations. The pottery was dated to the early/middle Iron Age and ceramic building material was dated to the late post-medieval period, all likely to be residual finds from archaeological activity in the vicinity.
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