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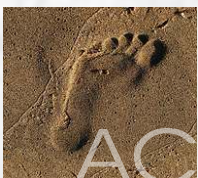
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Summary

An archaeological trench evaluation on land northwest of Thornbury, South Gloucestershire (NGR ST 632 916), was undertaken by AC archaeology during April 2017. The evaluation comprised the machine-excavation of 60 trenches totalling 1500m in length with each 2m wide. These were positioned to target anomalies and 'blank' areas identified by a previous geophysical survey.

Many of the trenches contained negative results. A small amount of evidence for Iron Age use of the site was found in the northeast corner and this appears to be a continuation of field boundaries of this date previously identified on a development site at Park Farm immediately to the east. Also in the northeast corner and at the south edge of the site were indications of Romano-British settlement, with pottery dating to the full period of Roman occupation of the area. The current evidence indicates that use of the site during this period was small scale, perhaps small farmsteads, with some craft activity in the form of metalworking taking place. Features corresponding with linear anomalies interpreted from the geophysical survey and found across the site have been shown to relate to an agricultural landscape of ditches for field boundaries, drainage and ridge and furrow. The small number of finds from these feature types indicate that they are probably located at relatively some distance from any contemporary settlement sites.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An archaeological trench evaluation on land northwest of Thornbury, South Gloucestershire (NGR ST 632 916; Fig. 1), was undertaken by AC archaeology during April 2018. The evaluation was commissioned by BSA Heritage on behalf of Barwood Development Securities Limited and the Thornbury Landowners Consortium and was required to provide supporting information for a forthcoming planning application for development, following consultation with the South Gloucestershire Archaeology and Historic Environment Record Officer.
- 1.2 The overall application area is divided in to twelve parts (Areas 1-12) which cover a total area of approximately 40 hectares of mainly mixed agricultural land (Plates 1-6). The ground is generally level, with a slight slope downwards from the southeast to the northwest and from approximately 15m to 10m above Ordnance Datum (aOD). The geology is recorded as Mercia Mudstone, with some superficial deposits of clay and silt in the south (British Geological Survey Online Viewer 2018).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The site has been the subject of an Archaeology and Heritage Appraisal (BSA Heritage 2018) and magnetometer geophysical survey (Gater 2018). The appraisal established that there are no Historic Environment Records (HER) for known archaeological sites, findspots or past investigation located within the site itself. Analysis of aerial photographs has identified remains of medieval ridge and furrow across much of the site and also linear features in the west. However, a site visit confirmed that traces of ridge and furrow are now minimal. There is a record of the find of a Roman pottery vessel northwest of the site, while recent investigations on land to the east have identified late prehistoric ditches and likely Romano-British occupation areas.
- 2.2 The geophysical survey identified within Area 1, towards the northeast corner of the site, three linear anomalies leading to a central circular feature; the magnetic responses are very strong, indicating burnt / fired material and could suggest small-scale industrial activity, perhaps a kiln and waster dumps associated with the known Romano-British settlement to the east. In the east part of the site, in Area 3, a possible ring ditch or roundhouse was recorded, while elsewhere

ridge and furrow cultivation patterns are present and there were also responses of uncertain origin.

3. AIMS

- 3.1** The main aim of the trial trenching was to establish the presence or absence, extent, depth, character and date of any archaeological features, deposits or finds within the site with particular reference to establishing the period of use, function, level of survival of the anomalies and their identified by the geophysical survey. In addition, the array of trenches tested the efficacy and interpretation of the geophysical survey.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1** The evaluation was undertaken in accordance with a project design prepared by AC archaeology (Valentin 2018) and with reference to the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (2014). It comprised the machine-excavation of 60 trenches totaling 1500m in length, with each 25m long and 2m wide. These were positioned to target anomalies interpreted from the previous geophysical survey as well as what were thought to be 'blank' areas. Not all of site was trenched as areas in the floodplain will not be developed.
- 4.2** All trenches were located with a Leica Netrover GPS with sub-10mm accuracy. The removal of overlying deposits within the trenches was undertaken in a maximum of 0.2m spits under the control and direction of a site archaeologist. Stripping by mechanical excavator ceased at the level at which archaeological deposits or natural geology was exposed. Spoilheaps were scanned for displaced artefacts.
- 4.3** 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.

5. RESULTS

5.1 Introduction

Fourteen of the trenches contained archaeological features and 46 (Trenches 4, 7-36, 38-44, 46, 49-51, 54-55 and 58) had negative results. The trenches containing archaeological features are described in detail below, with descriptions for all trenches presented in tabulated form in Appendix 1. Across the site, the recorded layer sequence comprised a topsoil of brown loamy sand, above a mid brownish red loamy sand subsoil. The natural subsoil largely comprised brownish red loamy sandy clay, with abundant sub-angular gravel to boulders, although there were places in the northeast part of the site where bedrock was exposed (Trenches 11-14, 18, 21-22 and 25) (Plate 7). The natural subsoil was present at a depth of between 0.29m and 0.81m below the current ground surface.

5.2 Trench 1 (Plans Figs 2 and 3a, sections Figs 3b-d; Plates 8-9)

This trench was located in Area 1 in the northeast corner of the site, in the position of anomalies of uncertain origin interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately north-south and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.25m of topsoil (context 100), overlying 0.30m of agricultural subsoil (101). The natural subsoil (102) was therefore present at 0.55m below the ground surface. The trench contained three probable pits (F104, F110 and F116) and three linear features (F106/F108, F112 and F114), one of which (F106/F108) correlated well with one of the linear anomalies interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey.

Linear features

Ditch F106/F108

F108 was aligned northeast-southwest and measured 0.7m wide by 0.36m deep, with steeply-sloping concave sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (109) composed of light red, sandy silt clay, which contained no finds. Ditch F108 was re-cut by ditch F106 and measured 0.9m wide by 0.42m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (107) composed of dark brownish black clayey silt, which contained three sherds of Romano-British pottery.

Ditch F112

This was aligned east-west and measured 1.1m wide by 0.4m deep, with moderately-sloping concave sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (113) composed of light red silty clay, which contained two sherds of Romano-British pottery and six pieces of animal bone. It was cut by pit F110 and pit or posthole F116.

Ditch F114

This was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 1.2m wide by 0.72m, with steeply-sloping sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (115) composed of mid reddish brown silty clay, which contained three sherds of Iron Age pottery and one piece of animal bone. This cut subsoil 101 and was cut by pit F116.

Pits

Pit F104

This was not fully revealed in the trench but appeared to be sub-circular in plan and measured >0.5m in diameter, with shallowly-sloping concave sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (105) composed of mid reddish brown sandy silty clay, which contained no finds.

Pit F110

This was not fully revealed in the trench but appeared to be sub-circular in plan, measuring 1.5m long, 0.5m wide by 0.64m deep, with steeply-sloping concave sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (111) composed of dark greyish brown clayey silt, which contained one sherd of Iron Age pottery, 13 sherds of Romano-British pottery and 12 pieces of animal bone.

Pit or posthole F116

This was not fully revealed in the trench but appeared to be sub-circular in plan, measuring 0.6m in diameter by 0.4m deep, with steeply-sloping concave sides and a flat base. It contained a single fill (117) composed of mid reddish brown sandy silty clay. No finds were recovered. This cut subsoil 101 and was the most recent of the features at the north end of the trench cutting ditches F114 and F112 and pit F110.

5.3 Trench 2 (Plans Figs 2 and 4a, sections Figs 4b-e; Plates 10-11)

This trench was located in Area 1 in the northeast corner of the site, in the position of anomalies of uncertain origin interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately northwest-southeast and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.35m of topsoil (context 200), overlying 0.2m of subsoil (201) and 0.2m of buried subsoil (202). The natural subsoil (203) was therefore present at 0.75m below the ground surface. The trench contained three linear features (F204, F206 and F208).

Ditch terminal F204

This was aligned north-south and measured 0.62m wide by 0.45m deep, with steeply-sloping straight sides and a concave base. It contained a single fill (205) composed of mid greyish brown silty loam, which also included a large stone. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F206

This was aligned north-south and measured 0.9m wide by 0.3m deep, with steeply-sloping concave sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (207) composed of mid greyish brown sandy silty loam, which contained four sherds of Romano-British pottery, one piece of slag and a large amount of disarticulated pig bone, possibly from a single animal.

Ditch F208

This was aligned north-south and measured 1.37m wide by 0.41m deep, with moderately-sloping straight sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (209) composed of mid reddish brown sandy silty loam, which contained two sherds of Iron Age pottery, eight sherds of Romano-British pottery, ten pieces of animal bone and two pieces of coal.

5.4 Trench 3 (Plans Figs 2 and 5a, sections Figs 5b-e; Plate 12)

This trench was located in Area 1 in the northeast corner of the site, in the position of anomalies of uncertain origin interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately east-west and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.25m of topsoil (context 300), overlying 0.2m of subsoil (301) and 0.36m of buried subsoil (303) in the west end of the trench. The natural subsoil (302) was therefore present at 0.81m below the ground surface. The trench contained five linear features (F306, F308, F310, F312 and F314) and two pits (F304 and F316). Hollow F308 matched a broad linear feature interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey.

Linear features

Ditch F306

This terminated in the trench and was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 0.5m wide by 0.15m deep, with moderately-sloping concave sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (307) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay, which contained 17 sherds of Romano-British pottery and 50 pieces of animal bone, including cow and horse.

Hollow F308

This was aligned north-south and measured 4.7m wide by 0.36m deep, with steeply-sloping concave sides and an irregular base. It had a single fill (309) composed of dark brown silty clay, which contained one sherd of Iron Age pottery, 40 sherds of Romano-British pottery, one piece of iron, 33 pieces of iron slag and 14 pieces of animal bone. In its base were three ditches F310, F312 and F314.

Ditch F310

This was aligned north-south and measured 0.9m wide by 0.4m deep, with steeply-sloping concave sides and a rounded base. It had a single fill (311) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay, which contained 11 sherds of Romano-British pottery, one piece of iron, two pieces of iron slag and one piece of animal bone.

Ditch F312

This was aligned north-south and measured 0.5m wide by 0.38m deep, with moderately-sloping concave sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (313) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay, which contained five sherds of Romano-British pottery and one piece of iron slag. F312 was cut by ditches F310 and F314.

Ditch F314

This was aligned north-south and measured 1.5m wide by 0.32m deep, with steeply-sloping concave sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (315) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay, which contained 11 sherds of Romano-British pottery.

Pits

Pit F304

This was not fully revealed in the trench but appeared to be circular in plan, measuring 0.5m in diameter by 0.3m deep, with steeply-sloping sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (305) composed of dark brown silty clay, which contained no finds.

Pit F316

This was not fully revealed in the trench but appeared to be sub-circular in plan, measuring 1.2m long, 0.75m wide and 0.46m deep, with moderately-sloping sides and a flattish base. It had a single fill (317) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay, which contained no finds.

5.5 Trench 6 (Plans Figs 2 and 6a, sections Figs 6b-e; Plate 13)

This trench was located in Area 1 in the northeast corner of the site, in the position of several linear anomalies interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. It was aligned approximately northeast-southwest and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.36m of topsoil (context 600), overlying 0.19m of agricultural subsoil (601). The natural subsoil (602) was therefore present at 0.55m below the ground surface. The trench contained four linear features (F603, F608, F610 and F612) and two pits (F606 and F614).

Linear features

Ditch F603

This was curvilinear in plan and measured 2m wide by 0.5m deep, with shallowly-sloping straight sides and a concave base. It had two fills (604-5). Upper fill 605 was composed of dark brown sandy loam, while basal fill 604 was a light reddish brown loamy sand. The ditch contained 84 sherds of late Iron Age pottery and 113 pieces of animal bone with identifiable bones from cow, pig and sheep/goat. It cut pit F606.

Ditch F608

This was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 1.3m wide by 0.59m deep, with steeply-sloping irregular sides and an irregular base. It had a single fill (609) composed of dark greyish brown sandy silty clay, which contained eight sherds of Romano-British pottery and one piece of animal bone. It was cut by ditch F610.

Ditch F610

This was aligned north-south and measured 0.6m wide by 0.24m deep, with steeply-sloping concave sides and an irregular base. It had a single fill (611) composed of mid greyish brown silty clay, which contained four pieces of iron slag.

Plough scar F612

This was aligned northwest-southeast and measured 0.2m wide by 0.04m deep, with a V-shaped profile. It had a single fill (613) containing one sherd of Romano-British pottery, which should be considered residual in this context.

Pits

Pit F606

This was not fully revealed in the trench but appeared to be sub-circular in plan, measuring >2.1m wide and >0.90m deep, with steeply-sloping straight sides and base not exposed. It had a single fill (607) composed of light brownish red loamy sand, which contained four sherds of pottery dated to the Iron Age and two pieces of animal bone.

Pit F614

This was circular in plan, measuring 0.3m in diameter by 0.07m deep, with shallowly sloping concave sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (615) composed of mid reddish brown sandy silty clay, which contained no finds.

5.6 Trench 37 (Plan Figs 7 and 8a, section Fig. 8b; Plate 14)

This trench was located in Area 5 in the northwest corner of the site, in the position of an anomaly of uncertain origin interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. It was aligned approximately northeast-southwest and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.33m of topsoil (context 3700) directly overlying natural subsoil (3701). A pit (F3705), which correlates with the anomaly interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey, was present in the trench.

Pit F3705

This was not fully revealed in the trench, was irregular in plan and measured >2.20m long, 1.85m wide and 0.84m deep, with steeply-sloping straight sides and flat base. It contained three fills (3702-4). Upper fill 3702 was composed of mid greyish brown sandy clay. Secondary fill 3703 was a dark blackish brown silty sand, while basal fill 3704 was composed of dark reddish brown sandy clay. Finds of post-medieval date, including sherds of pottery, were recovered from all three fills.

5.7 Trench 45 (Plan Fig. 7)

This trench was located in Area 7 in the centre of the site in the position of an anomaly of uncertain origin interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned northwest-southeast and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.3m of topsoil (context 4500), overlying 0.3m of subsoil (4501). The natural subsoil (4502) was therefore present at 0.6m below the ground surface. The trench contained a modern drainage ditch (F4503) which is not further described in text.

5.8 Trench 47 (Plate 15)

This trench was located in Area 7 in the centre of the site, in the position of two linear anomalies interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately east-west and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.23m of topsoil (context 4700), overlying 0.17m of agricultural subsoil (4701). The natural subsoil (4702) was therefore present at 0.4m below the ground surface. The trench contained an extant ditch and banks (4703) and a land drain (4704), which are not further described in text.

5.9 Trench 48 (Plans Figs 7 and 9a, sections Figs 9b-e)

This trench was located in Area 7 in the centre of the site, in the position of two linear anomalies interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned east-west and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.2m of topsoil (context 4800), overlying 0.25m of subsoil (4801). The natural subsoil (4802) was therefore present at 0.45m below the ground surface. The trench contained three linear features (F4803, F4806 and F4808).

Ditch F4803

This was aligned northeast-southwest and measured 1.3m wide by 0.37m deep, with moderately-sloping straight sides and a concave base. It contained two fills (4804-5). Upper fill 4805 was composed of light pinkish brown silty clay, while basal fill 4804 was a mid greyish brown clayey silt and contained four sherds of Romano-British pottery and one piece of prehistoric worked flint, with the latter considered residual in this context.

Ditch F4806

This was aligned northeast-southwest and measured 0.6m wide by 0.25m deep, with steeply-sloping straight sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (4807) composed of light greyish brown silty clay. No finds were recovered.

Ditch F4808

This was aligned northeast-southwest and measured 0.45m wide by 0.15m deep, with steeply-sloping straight sides and a concave base. It had a single fill (4809) composed of light reddish grey silty clay. No finds were recovered.

5.10 Trench 52 (Plan Figs 7 and 10a, sections Figs 10b-c)

This trench was located in Area 8 in the west part of the site, in the position of a curvilinear anomaly interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately east-west and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.18m of topsoil (context 5200), overlying 0.2m of subsoil (5201). The natural subsoil (5202) was therefore present at 0.38m below the ground surface. The trench contained a linear feature (F5203) and a pit (F5205).

Linear feature

Ditch F5203

This was aligned north-south and measured 1.05m wide by 0.25m deep, with moderately-sloping straight sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (5204) composed of mid greyish brown silty sandy clay, which contained one sherd of Romano-British pottery.

Pit

Pit F5205

This was not fully revealed in the trench but appeared to be sub-circular in plan, measuring >1m in diameter, with shallowly sloping straight sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (5206) composed of mid greyish brown silty sandy clay, which contained no finds.

5.11 Trench 53 (Plan Fig. 7)

This trench was located in Area 8 in the west part of the site, in the position of a linear anomaly interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately north-south and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.15m of topsoil (context 5300), overlying 0.15m of subsoil (5301). The natural subsoil (5302) was therefore present at 0.3m below the ground surface. The trench contained one linear feature formed by a ploughed out hedgebank and ditch (F5303) which correlated well with the anomaly interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey.

Hedgebank and ditch F5303

The ditch was aligned northeast-southwest and measured measuring 2.7m wide by 0.45m deep, with shallowly-sloping straight sides and a flat base. It contained three fills (5304-5 and 5307). Upper fill 5307 was composed of mid yellowish brown silty clay, which contained no finds. Secondary fill 5305 was a dark brownish black silty sandy clay, which contained one piece of tile of post-medieval date and one piece of coal. Basal fill 5304 was composed of mid greyish yellow

clayey silt, which contained no finds. The ditch cut on its southeast side deposit 5306 which measured 4.6m wide by 0.2m thick and was composed of mid greyish brown clayey silt. It contained no finds and probably represents the ploughed out remains of a hedgebank.

5.12 Trench 56 (Plan Fig. 11)

This trench was located in Area 9 in the southeast part of the site, in the position of three linear anomalies interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately north-south and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.2m of topsoil (context 5600), overlying 0.2m of subsoil (5601). The natural subsoil (5602) was therefore present at 0.4m below the ground surface. The trench contained three furrows (F5603, F5606 and F5608), which formed part of an east-west trending ridge and furrow system, which correlated well with the anomalies interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The furrows contained post-medieval pottery, one piece of glass and one piece of coal and are not further described in text.

5.13 Trench 57 (Plan Fig. 11)

This trench was located in Area 9 in the southeast part of the site, in the position of a linear anomaly interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately northeast-southwest and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.26m of topsoil (context 5700), overlying 0.13m of subsoil (5701). The natural subsoil (5702) was therefore present at 0.39m below the ground surface. The trench contained a continuation of furrow F5606, which did not correlate well with the anomaly interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey and is not further described in text.

5.14 Trench 59 (Plans Figs 11 and 12a, sections Figs 12b-d; Plate 16)

This trench was located in Area 10 in the southern part of the site and was positioned to test several anomalies of uncertain origin interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately north-south and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.26m of topsoil (context 5900), overlying 0.13m of subsoil (5901). The natural subsoil (5902) was therefore present at 0.39m below the ground surface. The trench contained two linear features (F5905 and F5911), which correlated well with two anomalies interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey, and one pit (F5907).

Linear features

Ditch F5905

This was aligned east–west and measured 1.59m wide by 0.38m deep, with gradually-sloping convex sides and a concave base. It contained two fills (5903-4). Upper fill 5903 was composed of very dark brownish grey sandy clay with abundant charcoal flecking. Basal fill 5904 was a dark brownish red sandy clay. The ditch contained ten sherds of Romano-British pottery, two pieces of iron slag and one piece of animal bone.

Ditch F5911

This was aligned east–west and measured 1.09m wide by 0.20m deep, with moderately-sloping convex sides and a flat base. It contained three fills (5908-10). Upper fill 5908 was composed of dark brownish grey sandy loam with common charcoal flecking; an environmental sample contained some very poorly-preserved charred plant remains. Secondary fill 5909 was composed of light greyish brown sandy loam, while basal fill 5910 was a mid greyish brown sandy loam. The ditch contained 32 sherds of Romano-British pottery, five pieces of iron slag and 14 pieces of animal bone.

Pit

Pit F5907

This was oval in plan measuring 0.5m long, 0.32m wide by 0.1m deep, with shallowly-sloping concave sides and a flat base. It had a single fill (5906) composed of dark greyish brown sandy loam, which contained no finds, although an environmental sample contained some charred plant remains including cereal grain.

5.15 Trench 60 (Plans Figs 11 and 13a, sections Figs 13b-c)

This trench was located in Area 10 in the southern part of the site and was positioned to test a large amorphous anomaly of uncertain origin interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey. The trench was aligned approximately northeast-southwest and was 25m long. The overlying layer sequence consisted of 0.27m of topsoil (context 6000), overlying 0.21m of subsoil (6001). The natural subsoil (6002) was therefore present at 0.48m below the ground surface. The trench contained two linear features (F6006 and F6008) and one pit feature (F6003).

Linear features

Furrows F6006 and F6008

These were a pair of furrows of northwest-southeast trending ridge and furrow. One sherd of Romano-British pottery and 11 pieces of iron slag were recovered from F6006 and an environmental sample indicated that organic remains were very poorly-preserved.

Pit

Pit F6003

This was not fully revealed in the trench but appeared to be irregular in plan measuring >2.67m long, >1.9m wide by 0.29m deep, with steep straight sides and a flat base. It contained two fills (6004-5). Upper fill 6005 was composed of dark grey silty loam, with abundant charcoal flecking and which contained one sherd of Romano-British pottery and 8546g (500 pieces) of iron slag. An environmental sample from this fill contained much coke/coal and hammerscale indicating that smithing was taking place nearby. Basal fill 6004 was composed of mid brown silty clay, which contained no finds.

6. THE FINDS *by Naomi Payne with a contribution from Charlotte Coles*

6.1 Introduction

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 examined to extract information regarding the range, nature and date of artefacts represented. The collection of finds is summarised in Appendix 2.

6.2 Lithics

A single worked flint (17g) was recovered from context 4804, fill of ditch F4803. This feature also contained Romano-British pottery, so the flint, a tertiary flake with thick patination, must be residual. On one lateral edge there is a small area of retouch which has removed the patinated surface. The flint is likely to be late Neolithic or early Bronze Age in date.

6.3 Prehistoric pottery

95 sherds (297g) of prehistoric pottery were recovered from seven contexts in Trenches 1, 2, 3 and 6. The largest group, 84 sherds, came from two fills of ditch F603. Most of this material is in a reduced limestone-tempered fabric, but there are also a few sand-tempered sherds. The rims and linear incised decoration present indicate a date in the later Iron Age for this group. The remainder of the prehistoric pottery is more fragmentary and less numerous, but a date in the

Middle to Late Iron Age seems appropriate. Most of the small sherds are residual in Romano-British contexts.

6.4 Romano-British pottery

The Romano-British pottery was sorted and quantified (sherd count and weight) by fabric on the basis of macroscopic examination and then by form where possible. Percentages of rim diameters present were recorded, from which an estimation of vessel equivalents (EVE) could be made. This information was recorded on a spreadsheet which will form part of the project archive. Table 1 summarises this data by fabric.

Fabric code	Fabric name	Sherd count	Wt (g)	% by weight
DOR BB1	SE Dorset Black Burnished 1	14	60	4.0
GROG	Grog tempered	3	46	3.1
GRSJ	Grog-tempered storage jar	3	77	5.2
LEZ SA 2	Lezoux samian (standard fabric)	2	15	1.0
LGF SA	La Graufesenque samian	1	6	0.4
LIME	Limestone-tempered	1	12	0.8
MICCW	Micaceous sandy coarse ware	93	889	59.5
MISC OX	Miscellaneous oxidised	5	11	0.7
MISC RE	Miscellaneous greyware	1	7	0.5
OXF RS	Oxfordshire red-slipped	5	49	3.3
SVW OX	Oxidised Severn Valley ware	46	321	21.5
Totals		174	1493	100.0

Table 1: Summary of Romano-British pottery by fabric

The evaluation produced 174 sherds weighing 1493g, from a total of 21 contexts within Trenches 1, 2, 3, 6, 48, 52, 59 and 60. The Estimated Vessel Equivalent (EVE) is 2.18 vessels. The pottery is in a reasonable condition, although some sherds are abraded. This, combined with an average sherd weight of 8.6g, suggests that some of the pottery has been subjected to low-level post-deposition disturbance. The assemblage includes small quantities of fine wares and mortaria, with coarse wares forming the bulk. There are no amphora sherds. The assemblage contains material dating from the first to the fourth centuries.

Fine wares

Fine ware pottery comprises three sherds of samian and five sherds of Oxfordshire red/brown slipped ware. The samian ware comprises two joining sherds from a Lezoux Dr. 18/31 dish dating from c. AD 120-150 and a base sherd with a complete stamp reading PATRICI (Plate 17). The stamped sherd was recovered from ditch F208. The stamp is associated with the potter Patricius I who was working at La Graufesenque between c. AD 60-90 (Samian Research Databases 2018). It is an example of stamp die 13b, which has been found in a number of locations across Britain, including locally at Gloucester. The only identifiable Oxfordshire red/brown slipped ware form is a bowl with a fat bead rim from pit F308. This is an example of a Type C.46 bowl and therefore dates from c. AD 340-410 (Young 1977, 158-9).

Mortaria

A single mortarium body sherd in an unidentified oxidised fabric was recovered from pit F308.

Coarse wares

The coarse ware is dominated by a micaceous sandy coarse fabric, which was presumably made fairly locally. This fabric and variations of it make up almost 60% of the total assemblage by weight. Forms include everted rim jar (four examples), flared rim jar (three examples), tankard

(two examples), bowl with campanulate rim (one example; Plate 18), plain rimmed bowl (one example) and plain rimmed dish (one example). A further 22% of the assemblage is made up of Severn Valley ware. Forms in this fabric include tankard (three examples), everted rim jar (one example) and storage jar (one example). Other coarse ware fabrics present in smaller quantities include South-East Dorset Black Burnished 1, grog-tempered grey ware, unidentified oxidised fabrics and a limestone-tempered fabric, which is represented by a single sherd from a jar or flagon with a hooked rim.

6.5 Medieval pottery

Two sherds (8g) of medieval pottery were recovered from the topsoil in Trench 2. Both are abraded body sherds in a gritty micaceous fabric.

6.6 Post-medieval pottery

25 sherds (1559g) of post-medieval pottery were recovered from six contexts in Trenches 2, 37 and 56. This material includes locally-made glazed earthenwares and industrially produced wares.

6.7 Metalwork

The metalwork assemblage includes one item of copper alloy, one of lead and 16 iron items. Trench 3 produced two iron nails of probable Romano-British date; the remainder of the metal finds are post-medieval. Post-medieval refuse pit F3705 contained a hooked iron object and a rectangular iron plate with at least two perforations, as well as a quantity of nails. All of the remaining iron finds are nails. The single copper alloy fragment is in very poor condition and cannot be identified, but it is likely to be post-medieval as it was found in post-medieval refuse pit F3705. The lead item is a long flat distorted strip of lead which has no distinguishing features.

6.8 Slag

578 pieces (15979g) of slag were recovered from ten Romano-British contexts in Trenches 2, 3, 6, 59 and 60. Much of the slag is from iron smelting activity as it comprises furnace slag, prills and furnace lining, some of it vitrified. It appears to represent dumps of material rather than *in situ* activity, but the larger groups in particular are unlikely to have moved far from the site of the smelting furnace(s) themselves. The environmental sample for context 6005, fill of pit F6003, contained 24g of hammerscale, suggesting that some of the less diagnostic slag from Trench 60 is smithing slag. The presence of hammerscale suggests that blacksmithing was taking place nearby.

6.9 Worked stone

An irregular fragment of slate (28g) was recovered from context 3703, fill of post-medieval refuse pit F3705.

6.10 Glass

8 pieces (210g) of glass were recovered from three contexts in Trenches 37 and 56. All of the glass is post-medieval in date and includes green bottle glass, industrially made bottles and textured window glass.

6.11 Clay tobacco pipe

A single fragment (1g) of clay tobacco pipe was recovered from context 200. This is a stem fragment which cannot be closely dated.

6.12 Ceramic building material (CBM)

17 pieces (1224g) of ceramic building material were recovered from five contexts in Trenches 2, 37 and 53. All of the CBM is post-medieval in date; it includes fragments of brick, pantile and field drain.

6.13 Plaster

Two fragments of wall plaster (227g) were recovered from context 3703, fill of post-medieval refuse pit F3705. The smaller piece has possible traces of brown and pink paint on its flat surface. The plaster is likely to be of post-medieval date by association with finds from the same pit.

6.14 Animal bone *by Charlotte Coles*

372 pieces (3515g) of animal bone were recovered during the evaluation. 116 of these come from Iron Age features and the remaining 256 come from Romano-British features. The bone is very fragile and fragmentary and has poor surface preservation.

22 of the Iron Age bones could be identified. These are five cattle bones (minimum number of individuals [MNI] of 1); a pelvis, a metatarsal, a butchered vertebra and two tibias, one with knife marks on the distal metaphysis. Seven of the bones are sheep/goat (MNI of 2); three tibia, a radius and three mandibles. Two mandible wear stages of 11-12 months and 21-24 months were calculated for the sheep/goat remains. Eight pig bones (MNI of 1) were identified, with these mainly loose teeth except for two mandible fragments. Age analysis was not possible for these. The other two bones are mammal ribs; one of these has an area of infection on the internal surface.

47 of the Romano-British bones could be identified. These are eleven cattle bones (MNI of 1), which include loose teeth, long bones and foot bones. Only one of these has butchery marks comprising a humerus which was chopped through the distal end. No ageing analysis was possible. No sheep/goat bones were present from the Romano-British period features. The majority of the identifiable bones are pig, with the 18 present all from context 207, ditch F206. They possibly belong to the same individual; they were not articulated in the ground but may have been disturbed. The individual was aged between 17-19 months and had no visible signs of butchery. The only other identifiable bone from Romano-British features is a distal horse radius, which has no butchery marks.

6.15 Coal

Four small pieces (14g) of coal were recovered from three contexts in Trenches 2, 53 and 56.

7. PALAEOENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT *by Cressida Whitton*

7.1 Introduction

Six environmental bulk samples were recovered from archaeological features during the archaeological evaluation and four samples (Samples 1-4) were prioritised for processing and assessment. The samples were processed by flotation and sieving in a siraf-type tank, using standard AC archaeology method. The largest residue (5.6mm mesh) was dried and hand-sorted for artefacts and ecofacts using an illuminated hand lens and the waste was discarded. The dried flots (250 micron) and smaller residues (2mm and 500 micron) were 100% or part- sorted (depending on size), using a stereo-binocular microscope (10-30 x magnification).

7.2 Results

The results are presented in Table 2.

Sample no.	Context no.	Description	Sample volume	Ecofacts
			Litres (Lts.) processed & % of Flot assessed (scanning & sorting) Small flot – 0.25 -0.5ml Large flot – 0.5 litre +	Charcoal fragments - size (mm) type e.g. trunk/branchwood (t/bwd). xxx – frequent (500 + fragments) xx – moderate (100 – 500) x – occasional (<100) Charred Plant Macrofossils (CPM) - grain (type)/chaff, legume, weed seed, nut (e.g. Hazelnut (HNS)) & berry
1	5906	Fill of pit F5907	7.5 litres processed (100% of sample). 25% of medium flot (100ml) sorted	xxx - Charcoal small size (< 5 mm), trunk/branchwood (t/bwd) fragments CPM – grain (3 x oat/rye & 1 x wheat/barley type) CPM <10 ?grain (poor preservation) CPM – <5 nut fragments CPM – 1 x ?legume (lentil/pea) /grain CPM - <5 weed seeds (incl. 1 x? waterlily)
2	5908	Upper fill of ditch F5911	10 litres processed (100% of sample). 25% of medium - large (150ml) flot sorted	xxx – Charcoal, small - medium size (3 - 15 mm), trunk/branchwood (t/bwd) fragments & 1 x Rwd twig. CPM – 2 x grains (wheat/barley) & < 10 ?grains (poor preservation/mineralisation) CPM 1 x ?HNS fragment CPM <10 ?CPM
3	6005	Upper fill of pit F6003	10 litres processed (100% of sample). 25% of large (250ml) flot sorted	xxx - Charcoal, small –medium <5mm to 15mm), t/bwd fragments, incl. oak & non oak species (nb 70% coal/coke) CPM - <5 ? grain/CPM Hammerscale (24g)
4	6007	Fill of furrow F6006	10 litres processed (100% of sample). 100% of small (<50ml) flot sorted	x - Charcoal, small –medium <5mm to 15mm), t/bwd fragments & <20 large t/bwd fragments (>20mm) CPM – 1.5 x grain (?oat/rye type, but poor preservation)

Table 2: Results of the palaeoenvironmental assessment

7.3 Comment

Overall, the sample assemblage shows a reasonable level of environmental potential, with frequent but mostly small charcoal fragments and some domestic grain (present in small amounts) in all the samples. However, CPM preservation is generally poor and charcoal fragments mainly small and/or mineralised.

The best preserved CPM grain and other domestic nut/seeds were recovered from Sample 1. Sample 3 contained much slag and contained frequent charred organic fragments; the majority of the latter was in the form of coal/coke. There is a moderate amount of charcoal fragments, however, of both oak and non-oak wood species. Sample 2 (5908) and Sample 4 (6007) which are both ditch fill samples, had the least environmental potential with poor preservation/mineralisation and only a background level of domestic ecofacts such as grain.

8. DISCUSSION

- 8.1** The results of the trench evaluation largely support the geophysical survey interpretation, in that there are clusters of Iron Age and Romano-British archaeological features in Area 1 in the northeast part of the site and Romano-British occupation in Area 10 at its south edge. Elsewhere, linear anomalies were mainly found to be features that relate to rural activities in relation to an agricultural landscape of ditches for field boundaries and drainage, as well as ridge and furrow; these appear to be on the whole historic, rather than ancient, in date. In Area 4 linear anomalies of uncertain origin were not identified in the trenches, but this was an area where the bedrock was found at a shallow depth and these anomalies are most probably geological and not archaeological in origin. Agricultural activity on the site appears to match historic mapping and no evidence was found for previously unknown medieval or post-medieval use of the site.
- 8.2** Iron Age occupation was identified in Area 1, in the northeast part of the site. It was not possible to define the nature of this occupation, but a presence at this date has been established on the neighbouring site of Park Farm where ditches, probably for former field boundaries, were dated broadly to mid or late Iron Age (Reynish *et al.* 2010). Ditch F603 in Trench 6 is in close proximity to the ditches found at Park Farm and at 2m wide by 0.5m deep compares well with ditch 3609 which measured 1.7m wide by 0.63m deep (Reynish *et al.* 2010), with therefore a continuation of the Iron Age fields into the current area probable, although the settlement associated with these fields appears to lie elsewhere. The Severn Valley, as a whole, is thought to have been a densely-settled area of 'household-sized' enclosures in the later Iron Age (Fitzpatrick 2008, 131).
- 8.3** There are two clear locations of Romano-British occupation in the application area and these are widely separated across the site. The pottery recovered dates to the full period of Roman occupation of the region. Area 1, in the northeast part of the site, had features and finds of Romano-British date from Trenches 1-3 and 6, and this overlaps with the area of Iron Age activity on the site. The range of finds in this area is suggestive of settlement and may be part of extensive use of this area in this period as has been found in the neighbouring areas to the east at Post Farm (Smith and Valentin 2015) and Park Farm (Reynish *et al.* 2010). The other focus for Romano-British activity on the site is at the southern boundary in Area 10, where Trenches 59 and 60 revealed finds and features exclusively of this date. The evidence for burning and the slag and hammerscale collected indicates metalworking was taking place and there was some environmental evidence which may indicate domestic activity in the form of crop processing. The current evidence in both areas indicates that use of the site during this period was small scale, perhaps representing individual farmsteads. The area is located in close proximity to the major site of Romano-British iron production in the Forest of Dean and the lesser, but still significant, iron ore source in the North Bristol Coalfields (Smith 2017), indicating good access to the raw materials needed for ironworking.
- 8.4** The area in the vicinity of Thornbury is rich in Romano-British remains, although the nature of the activity at these sites is generally poorly-defined (Rippon 1997, 94-6). Allen and Rippon (1997, 26) note that there is a 'close association, on the Severn Estuary, between Romano-British settlement and tidal channels', and, as was their point, this certainly appears to be the case of the Oldbury Pill, a tidal channel which heads from west to east towards Thornbury. Apart from the current site, and the Park and Post Farm sites mentioned above, other (potentially large) sites have been identified to the north and the south of the Oldbury Pill at Lower Farm, Cowhill (Young 2004) and the Oldbury power station, where the finds indicate that a building of some status may have been located with an associated burial ground, but also areas for craftworking, with evidence for iron and other metalworking uncovered (Allen and Rippon 1997; Holbrook 2006, 117-8; Hume 1992). In a review of the later Iron Age and Romano-British settlement evidence for the Severn and Avon Vales, Smith (2016) found that the lower-lying areas were dominated by farmsteads and that over 85% of buildings were constructed of wood rather than masonry.

9. CONCLUSIONS

- 9.1** Many of the features related to linear anomalies interpreted from the results of the geophysical survey and found across the site have been shown to relate to an agricultural landscape of ditches for field boundaries and drainage and ridge and furrow. The small number of finds from these features indicates that they are probably located at relatively some distance from any contemporary settlement sites. Other linear anomalies relate to the bedrock geology, which is close to surface in the northeast part of the site.
- 9.2** A small amount of evidence for Iron Age use of the site was found in the northeast corner and this appears to be a continuation of field boundaries of this date previously identified on the Park Farm site immediately to the east. Also in the northeast corner and at the south edge of the site were indications of Romano-British occupation, with pottery spanning the whole of this period. The current evidence indicates that use of the site during this period was small scale, perhaps small farmsteads, with some craft activity in the form of metalworking taking place.
- 9.3** Based on current evidence the main areas of archaeological interest within the application area are Area 1 and the southern part of Area 10.

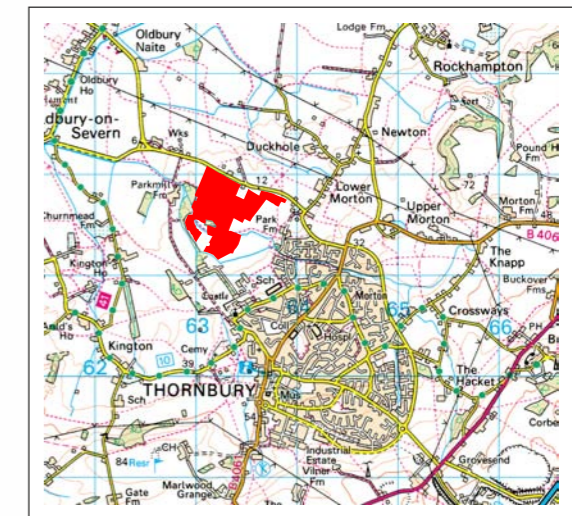
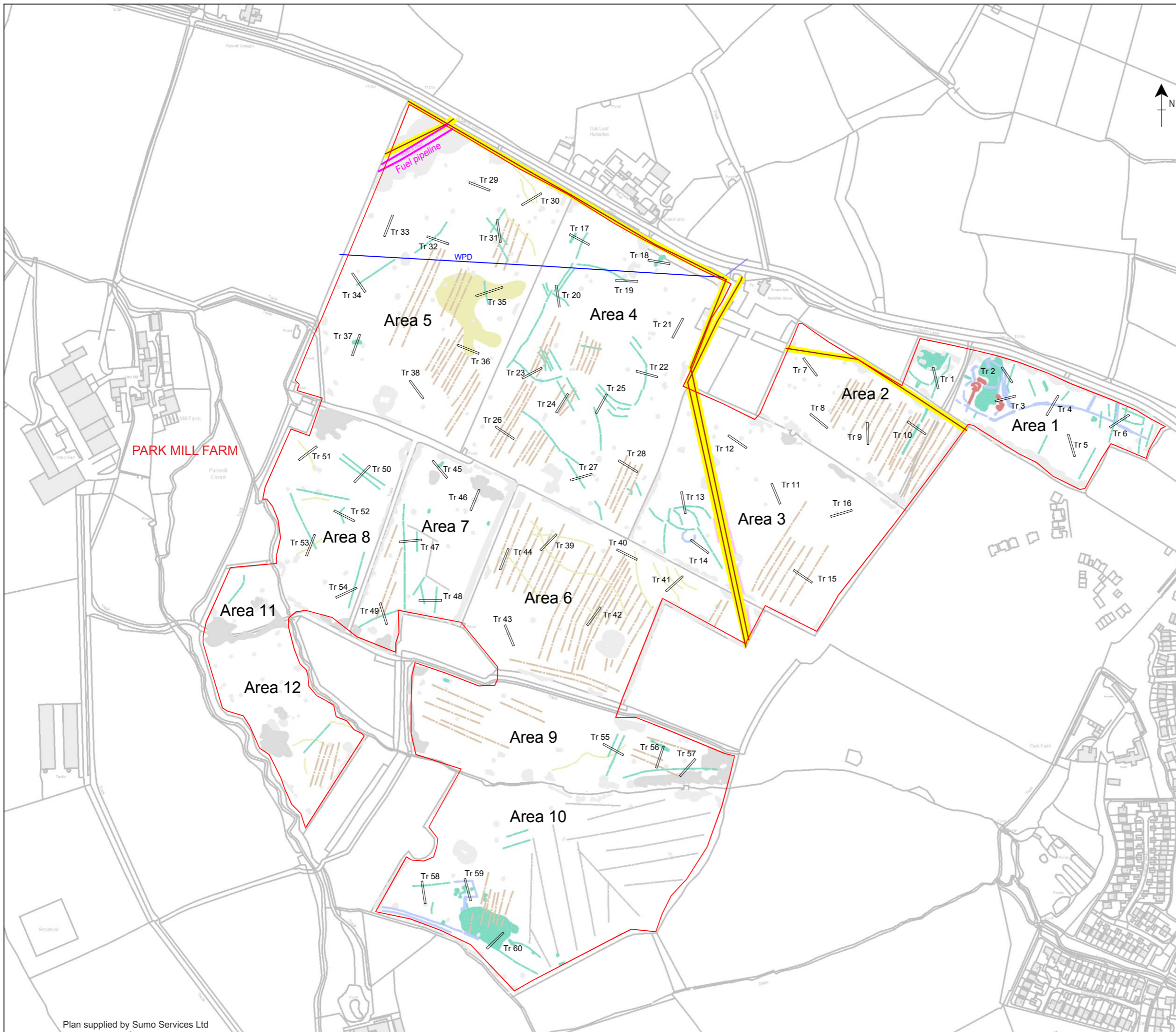
10. ARCHIVE AND OASIS

- 10.1** The finds, paper and digital archive is currently held at the offices of AC archaeology Ltd, at 4 Halthaies Workshops, Bradninch, near Exeter, Devon, EX5 4LQ under the unique project code of **ACD1802** and longer-term storage arrangements will be made with the Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery. It will be held until the need for any further archaeological work on the site is established.
- 10.2** An online OASIS entry has been completed, using the unique identifier **316637**, which includes a digital copy of this report.

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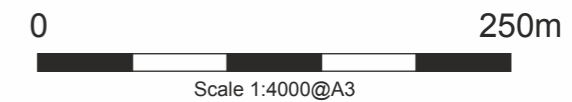
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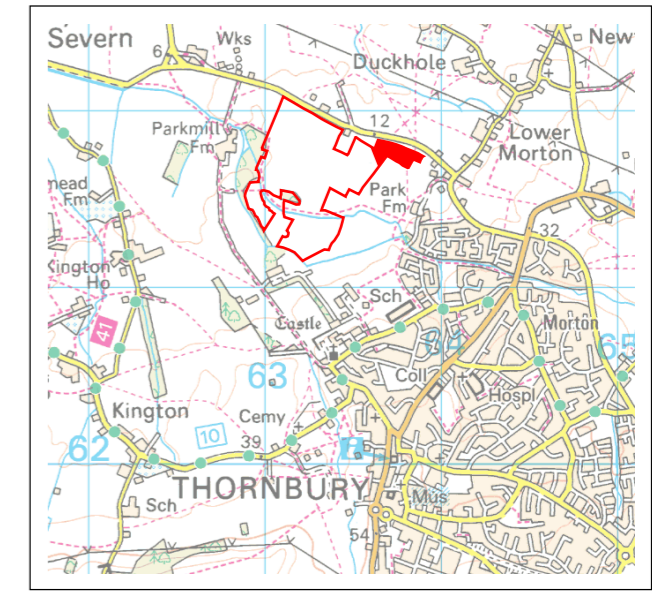
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Fig. 1: Location of site and trenches in relation to the geophysics interpretation





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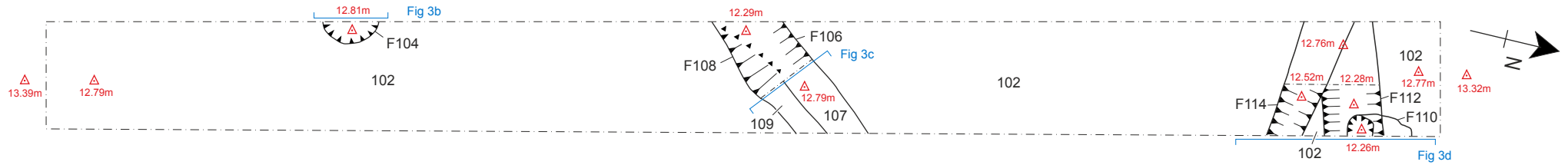
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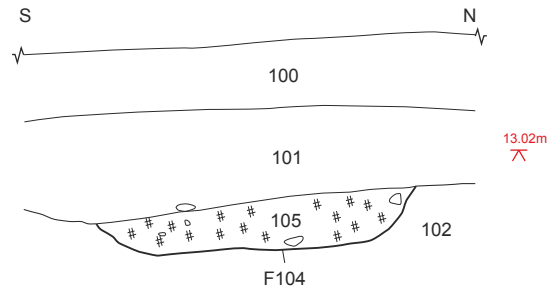
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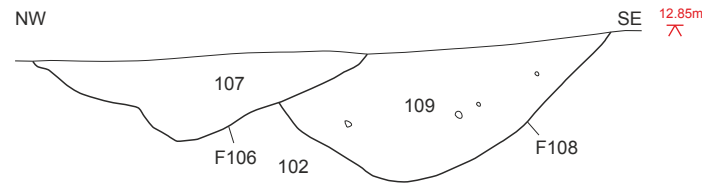
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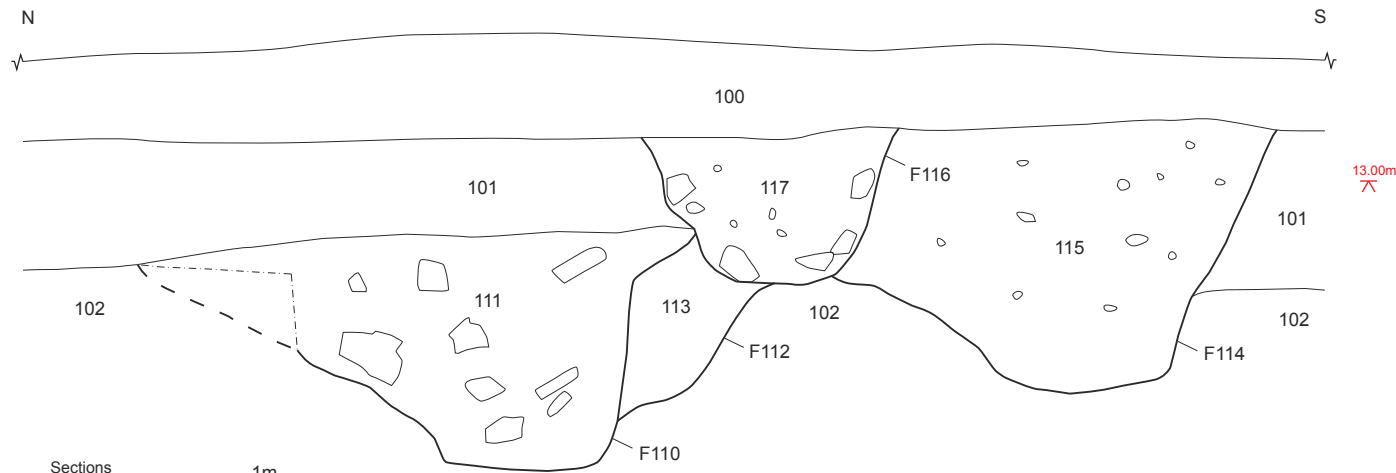
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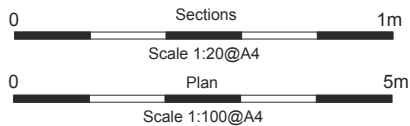
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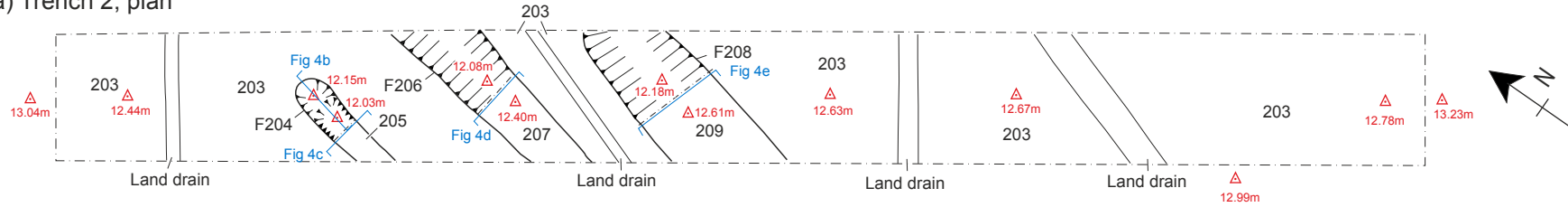
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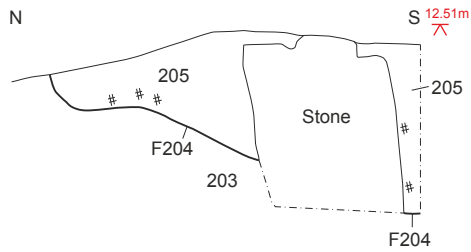
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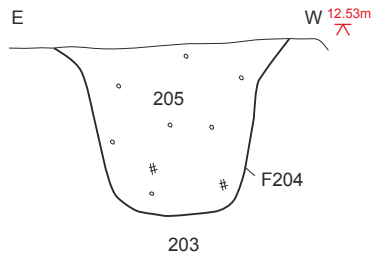
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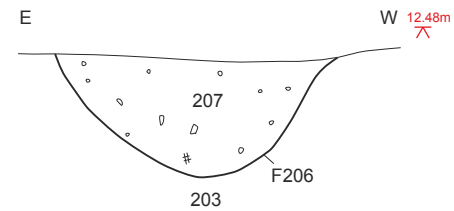
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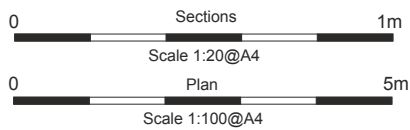
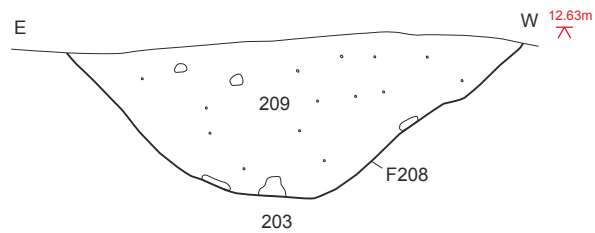
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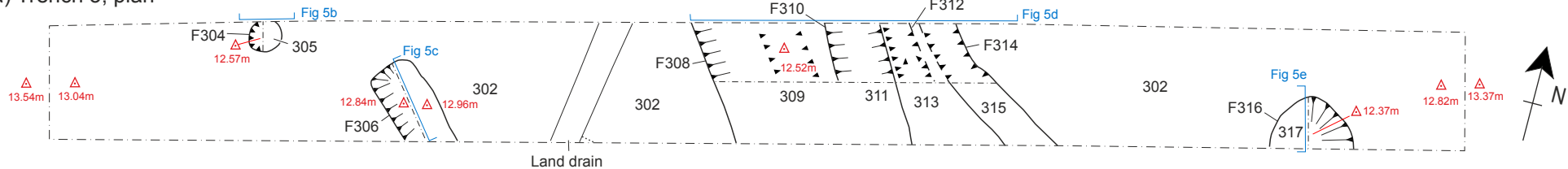


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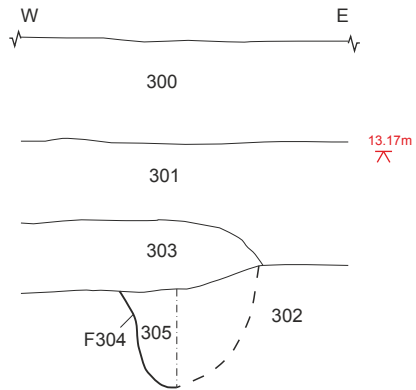
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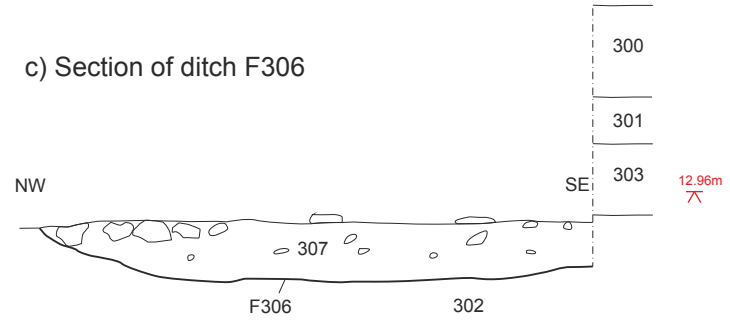
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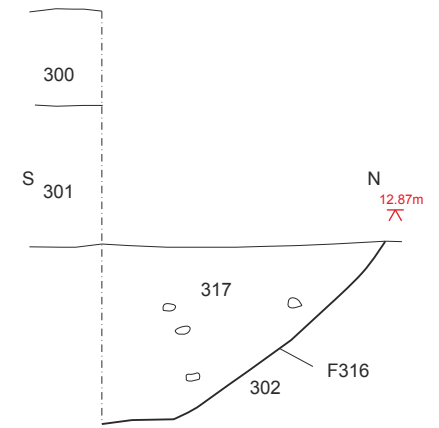
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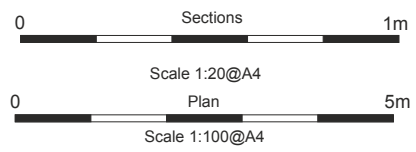
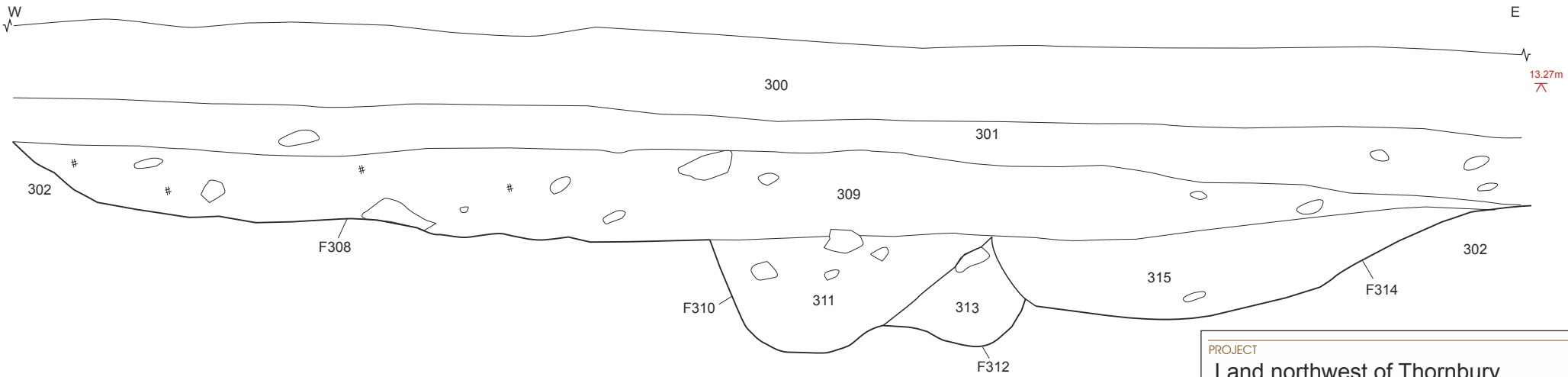
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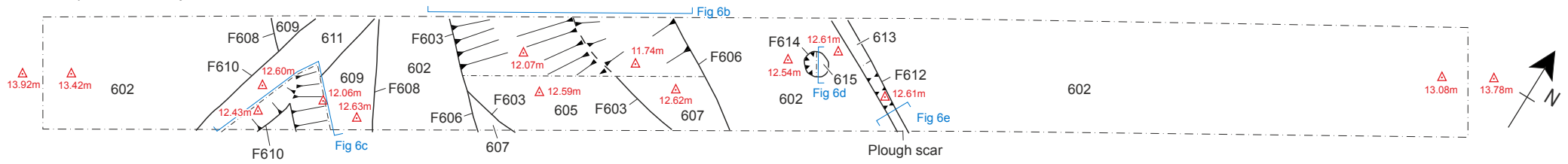
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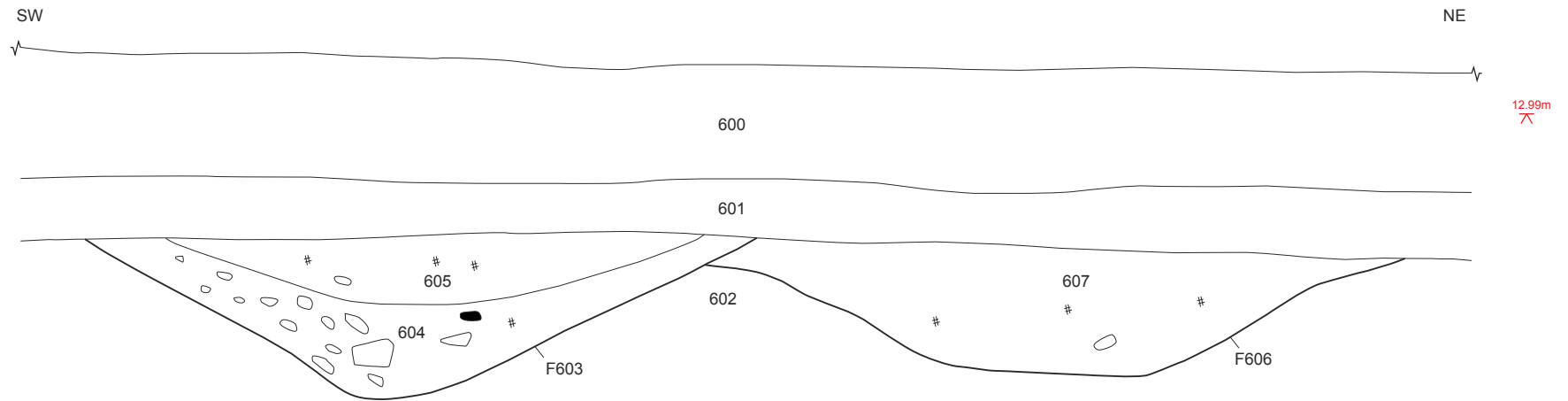
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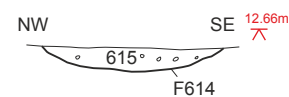
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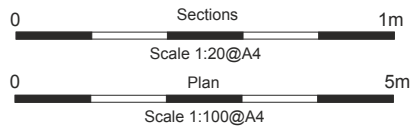
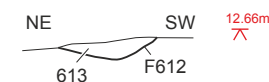
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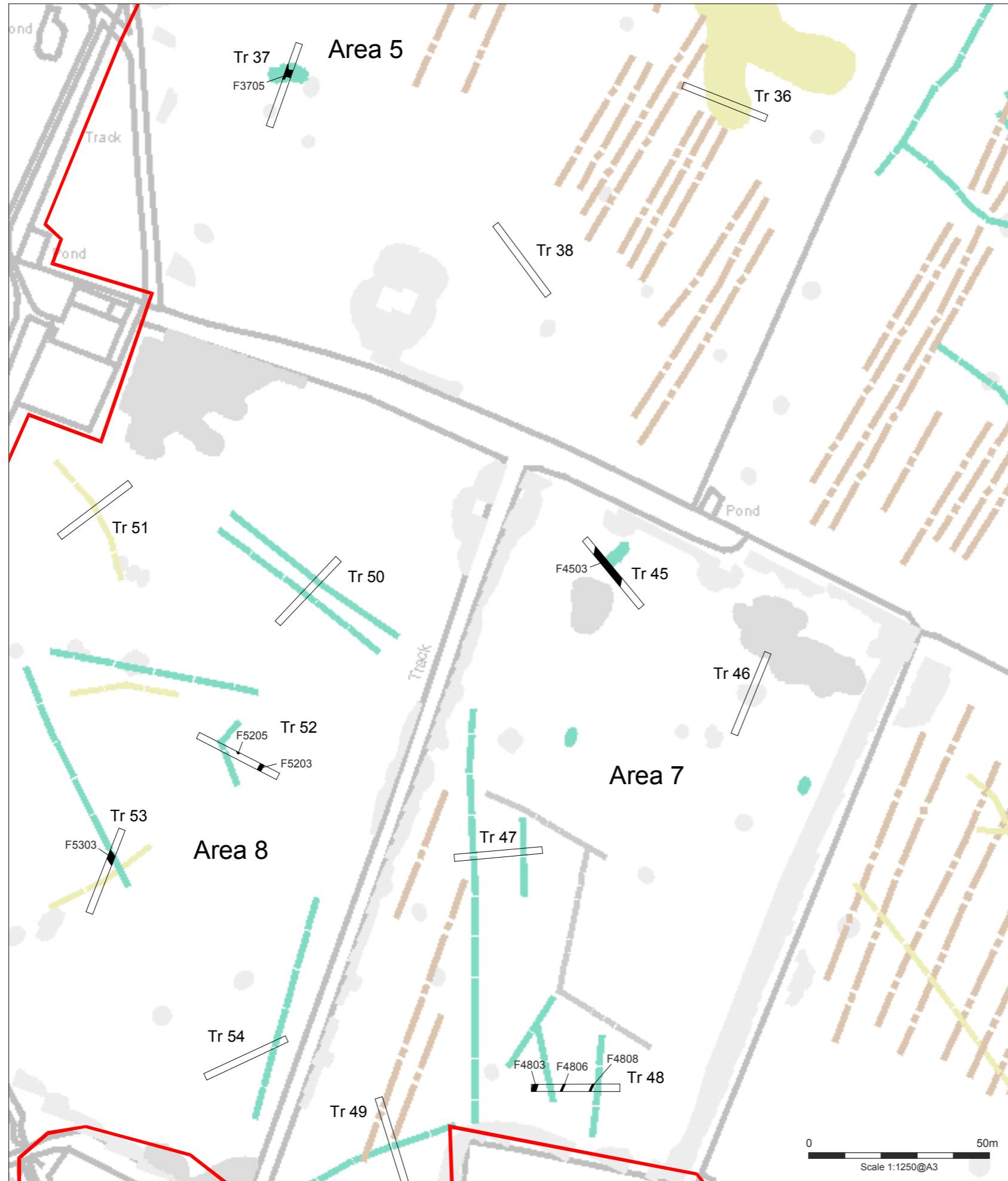
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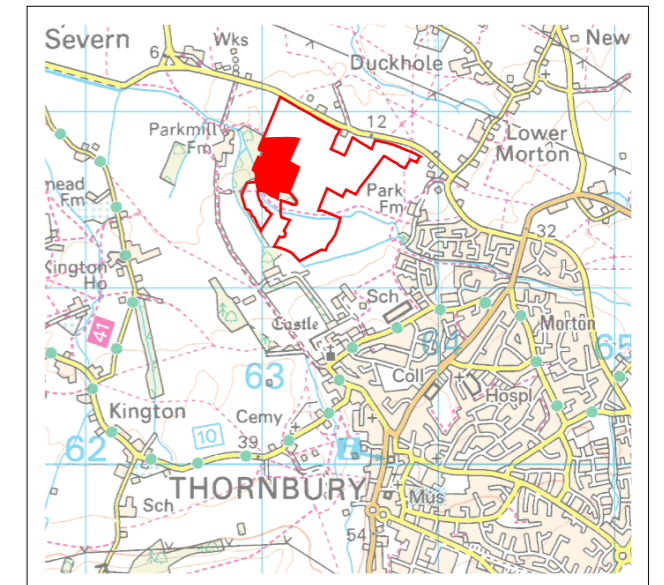
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Fig. 6: Area 1, trench 6, plan and
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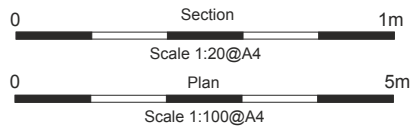
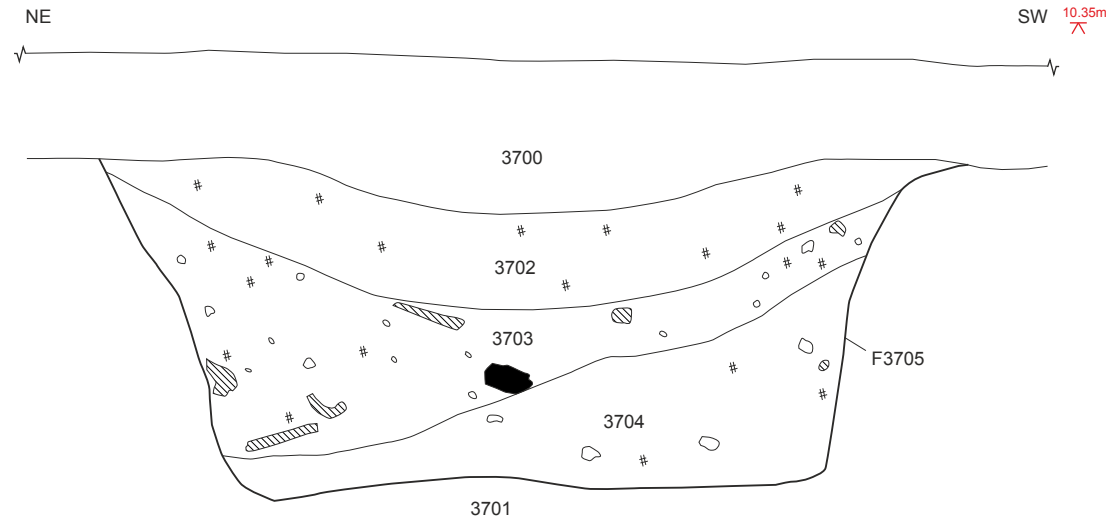
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a) Trench 37, plan



b) Section of pit F3705



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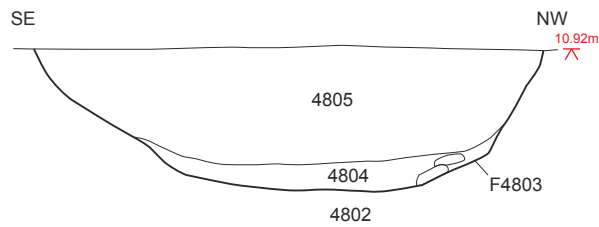
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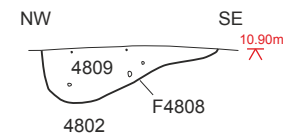
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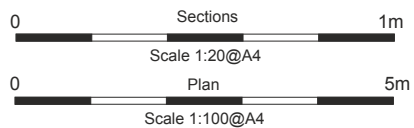
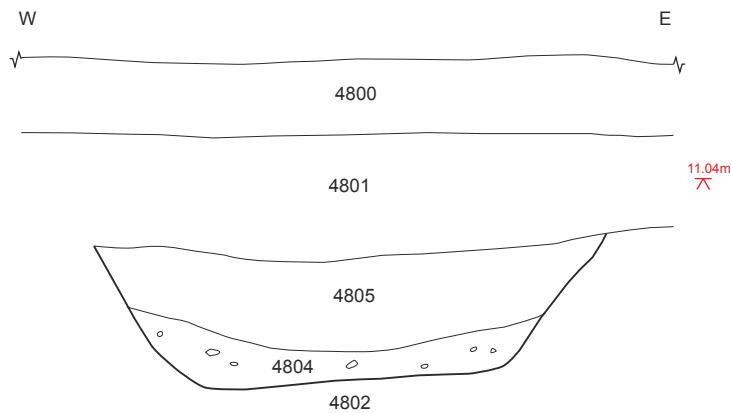
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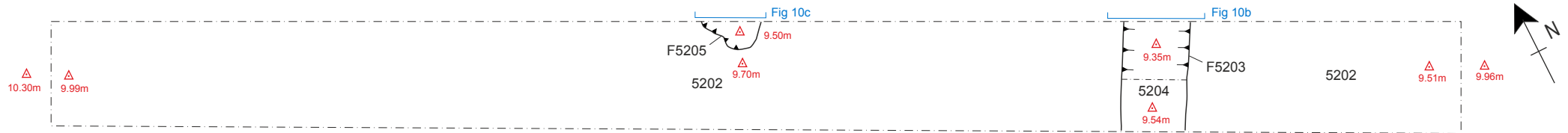


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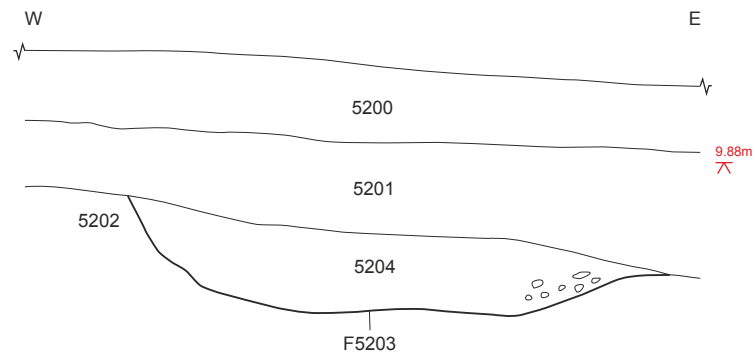
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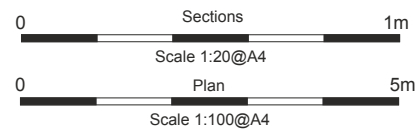
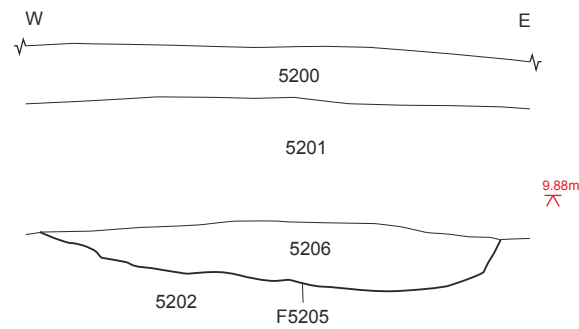
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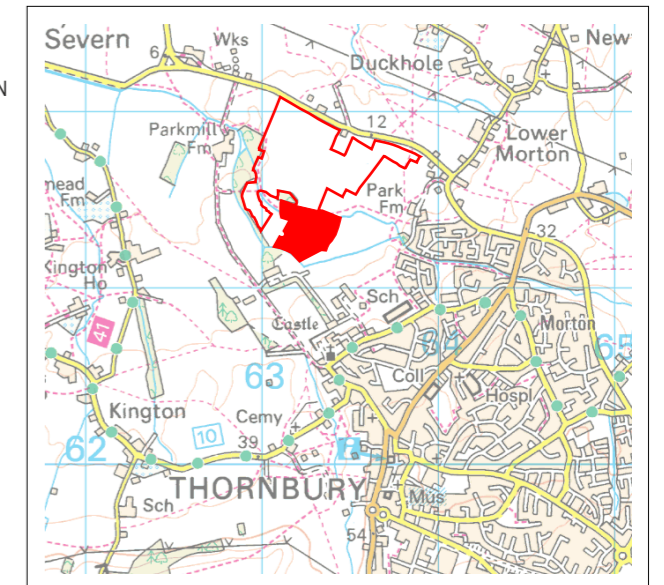
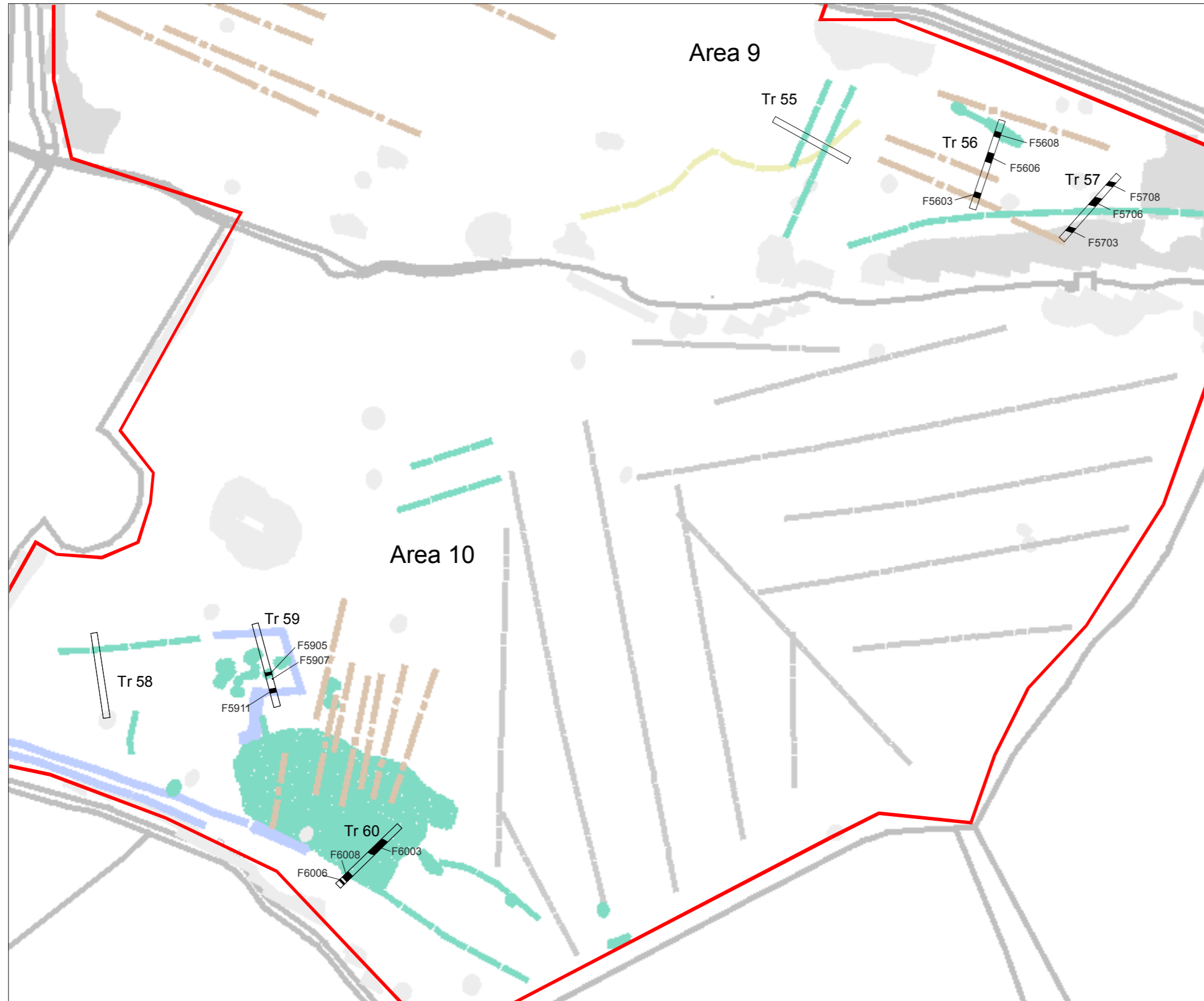
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Fig. 10: Area 8, trench 52, plan and
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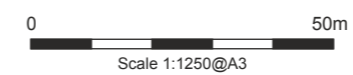
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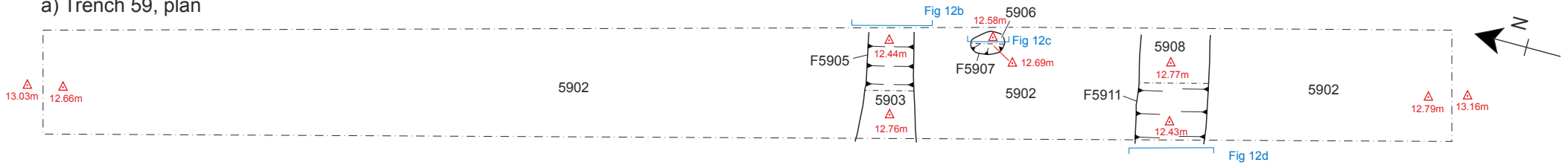
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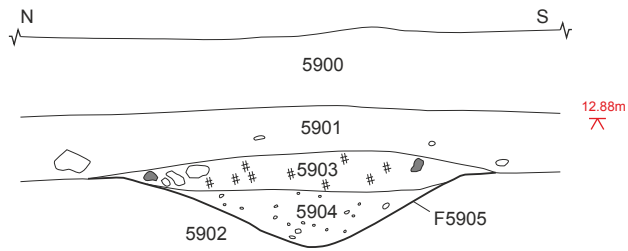
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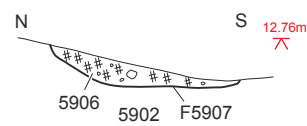
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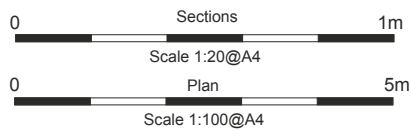
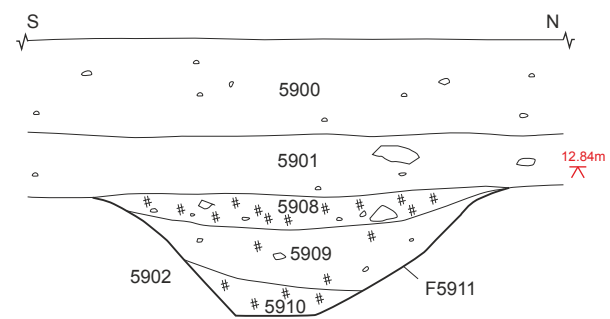
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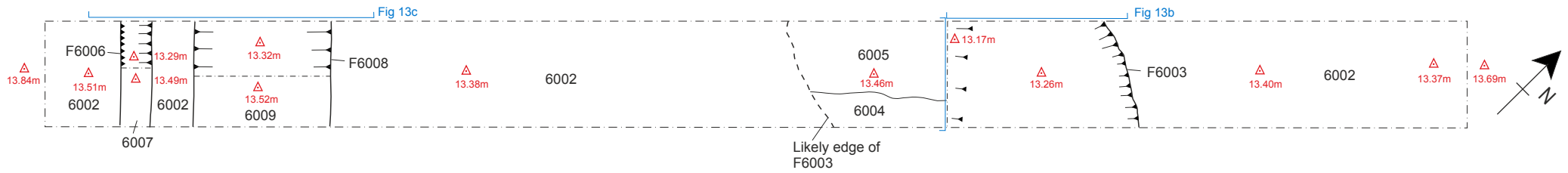


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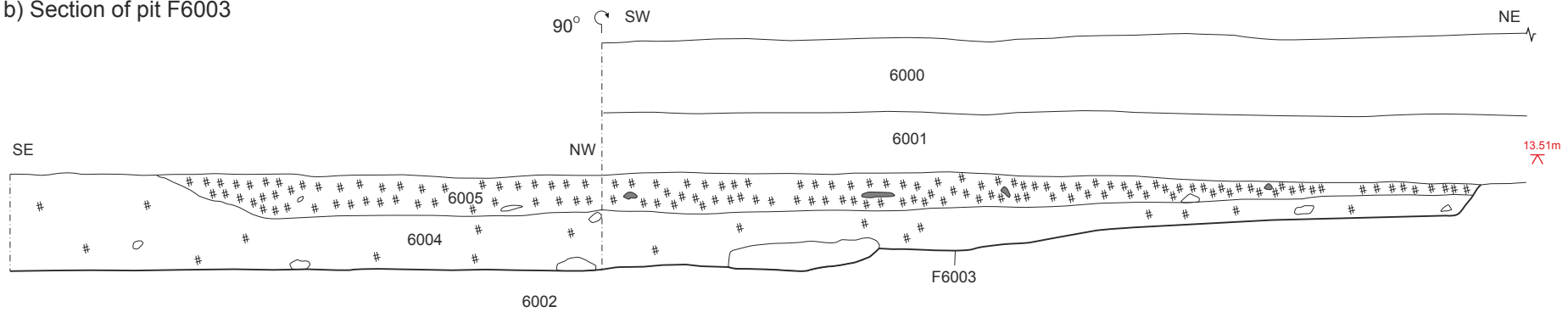
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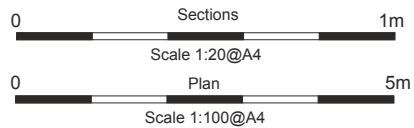
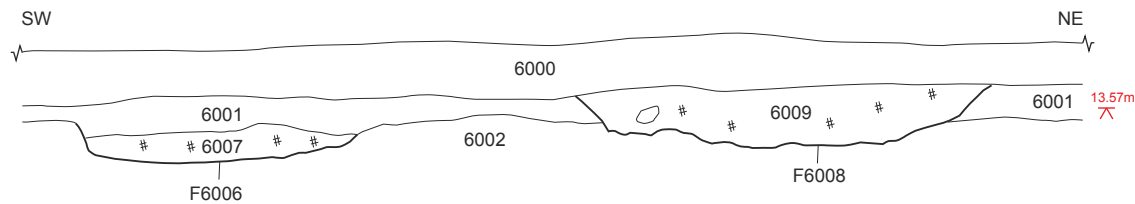
a) Trench 60, plan



b) Section of pit F6003



c) Section of furrows F6006 and F6008



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Fig. 13: Area 10, trench 60, plan and
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Plate 1: General view of the site in the vicinity of Trench 5, Area 1, looking west



Plate 2: General view of the site in the vicinity of Trench 12, Area 3, looking east towards Thornbury



Plate 3: General view of the site in the vicinity of Trench 16, Area 3, looking west



Plate 4: General view of the site in the vicinity of Trench 27, Area 4, looking north towards Oak Farm



Plate 5: General view of the site in the vicinity of Trench 49, Area 7, looking northeast



Plate 6: General view of the site in the vicinity of Trench 55, Area 9, looking south towards Thornbury Parish Church tower in the distance to the right



Plate 7: Trench 22, showing the exposed bedrock, looking east (1m scale)



Plate 8: Trench 1, southwest-facing section of ditches F106 and F108 (1m scale)



Plate 9: Trench 1, west-facing sections of pit F110 and ditches F112 and F114 (1m scale)



Plate 10: Trench 2, large stone in the base of ditch terminal F204, looking east (0.5m scale)



Plate 11: Trench 2, south-facing section of ditch F206, looking northeast (1m scale)



Plate 12: Trench 3, south-facing sections of ditches F310, F312 and F314, looking northwest (1m scale)



Plate 13: Trench 6, southeast-facing sections of ditch F603 and pit F606 (1m scale)



Plate 14: Trench 37, west-facing section of pit F3705, looking south (1m scale)



Plate 15: Trench 47, north-facing section of extant banks and ditch 4703 (1m scale)



Plate 16: Trench 59, west-facing section of ditch F5905 (1m and 0.5m scales)



Plate 17: A complete stamp from the base of a samian ware dish reading PATRICI, associated with the potter Patricius I who was working at La Graufesenque (France) between c. AD 60-90. Recovered from fill 209 of ditch F208, Trench 2, Area 1



Plate 18: Romano-British coarse ware bowl with campanulate rim from fill 307 of ditch F306, Trench 3, Area 1

Appendix 1

Tabulated Context Descriptions by Trench



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Trench 1		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
100	Dark brown, sandy silt loam, friable with no coarse components	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
101	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt, friable with rare, sub-rounded, fine gravel to pebbles	0.25-0.55m	Subsoil	
102	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt clay, friable with common, sub-rounded, gravel to cobbles	+0.55m	Natural	
103	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt clay, friable with common, sub-rounded, gravel to cobbles	0.20m	Layer of modern redeposited natural	
F104	Pit feature subcircular in plan, not fully revealed in trench, >0.5m in diameter, shallowly sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.10m	Cut of small pit	
105	Mid reddish brown sandy silty clay, compact with occasional, sub-rounded, gravel to pebbles	0.10m	Fill of F104	
F106	Linear feature, NE-SW aligned, measuring 0.9m wide by 0.42m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and a concave base	0.42m	Re-cut of ditch F108	
107	Dark brownish black, clayey silt, compact	0.42m	Fill of F106	
F108	Linear feature, NE-SW aligned, measuring 0.7m wide by 0.36m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and a concave base	0.36m	Cut of ditch	
109	Light red, sandy silt clay, compact	0.36m	Fill of F108	
F110	Pit feature subcircular in plan, measuring 1.5m long, 0.5m wide by 0.64m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.64m	Cut of pit	
111	Dark greyish brown clayey silt, compact	0.64m	Fill of F110	
F112	Linear feature, E-W aligned, measuring 1.1m wide by 0.4m deep, with moderately sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.4m	Cut of ditch	
113	Light red silty clay, compact	0.4m	Fill of F112	
F114	Linear feature, NW-SE aligned, measuring 1.2m wide by 0.72m, with steeply sides and a flat base	0.72m	Cut of ditch	
115	Mid-reddish brown silty clay, compact	0.72m	Fill of F114	
F116	Pit feature subcircular in plan, measuring 0.6m in diameter by 0.40m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.40m	Cut of pit or posthole	
117	Mid reddish brown sandy silty clay, compact with occasional, sub-rounded, gravel to pebbles	0.40m	Fill of F116	

Trench 2		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
200	Dark brown, sandy silt loam, friable with no coarse components	0-0.35m	Topsoil	
201	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt, friable with rare, sub-rounded, fine gravel to pebbles	0.35-0.55m	Subsoil	
202	Mid brown, sandy silt loam, soft with rare, sub-rounded, gravel to cobbles	0.55-0.75m	Buried soil	
203	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt clay, friable with common, sub-rounded, gravel to cobbles	+0.75m	Natural subsoil	
F204	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 0.62m wide by 0.45m deep, with steeply sloping straight sides and a concave base	0.45m	Cut of ditch terminal	
205	Mid greyish brown silty loam, soft with rare, angular, pebble to boulders	0.45m	Fill of F204	
F206	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 0.90m wide by 0.30m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and a concave base	0.30m	Cut of ditch	
207	Mid-greyish brown, sandy silty loam, soft with rare, sub-rounded, pebble to cobbles	0.30m	Fill of F206	
F208	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 1.37m wide by 0.41m deep, with moderately sloping straight sides and a flat base	0.41m	Cut of ditch	
209	Mid reddish brown sandy silty loam, soft with rare, angular, pebble to cobbles	0.41m	Fill of F208	

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Trench 3		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
300	Dark brown, sandy silt loam, friable with no coarse components	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
301	Mid reddish brown, silty sandy clay, friable with occasional, sub-rounded, fine gravel to pebbles	0.25-0.45m	Subsoil	
302	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt clay, friable with common, sub-rounded, gravel to cobbles	+0.81m	Natural	
303	Mid reddish brown silty sandy clay, friable	0.45-0.81m	Buried soil horizon	
F304	Pit feature circular in plan measuring 0.50m in diameter by 0.30m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a concave base	0.30m	Cut of small pit	
305	Dark brown silty clay, friable	0.30m	Fill of F304	
F306	Linear feature, NW-SE aligned, measuring 0.50m wide by 0.15m deep, with moderately sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.15m	Cut of ditch terminal	
307	Mid greyish brown silt clay, friable with occasional, sub-angular, pebbles	0.15m	Fill of F306	
F308	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 4.70m wide by 0.36m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and an irregular base	0.36m	Cut of ditch	
309	Dark brown silt clay, friable with occasional, sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0.36m	Fill of F308	
F310	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 0.90m wide by 0.40m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and a concave base	0.40m	Cut of ditch	
311	Mid greyish brown silty clay, compact with occasional sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.40m	Fill of F310	
F312	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 0.50m wide by 0.38m deep, with moderately sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.38m	Cut of ditch	
313	Mid greyish brown, silty clay, compact with occasional sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.38m	Fill of F312	
F314	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 1.50m wide by 0.32m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.32m	Cut of ditch	
315	Mid greyish brown, silty clay, compact with occasional sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.32m	Fill of F314	
F316	Pit feature subcircular in plan, measuring 1.2m long, 0.75m wide by 0.46m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a flattish base	0.46m	Cut of pit or posthole	
317	Mid greyish brown silty clay, compact with occasional sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.46m	Fill of F316	

Trench 4		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
400	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.27m	Topsoil	
401	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.27-0.48m	Subsoil	
402	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.48m	Natural	

Trench 5		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
500	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.27m	Topsoil	
501	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.27-0.56m	Subsoil	
502	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.56m	Natural	

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Trench 6		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
600	Dark brown, sandy silt loam, friable with no coarse components	0-0.36m	Topsoil	
601	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt, friable with rare, sub-rounded, fine gravel to pebbles	0.36-0.55m	Subsoil	
602	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt clay, friable with common, sub-rounded, gravel to cobbles	+0.55m	Natural	
F603	Curvilinear feature measuring 2m wide by 0.50m deep, with shallowly sloping straight sides and a concave base	0.50m	Cut of curvilinear ditch	
604	Light reddish brown loamy sand, friable with common, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.50m	Primary fill of F603	
605	Dark brown sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.20m	Upper fill of F603	
F606	Pit feature subcircular in plan, measuring >2.1m wide and >0.90m deep, with steeply sloping straight sides and base not exposed	0.90m	Cut of partially exposed pit	
607	Light brownish red loamy sand, friable with occasional sub-angular gravel to cobbles	0.90m	Fill of F606	
F608	Linear feature, NW-SE aligned, measuring 1.30m wide by 0.59m deep, with steeply sloping irregular sides and an irregular base	0.59m	Cut of ditch	
609	Dark greyish brown sandy silty clay, compact with occasional sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.59m	Fill of F608	
F610	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 0.60m wide by 0.24m deep, with steeply sloping concave sides and an irregular base	0.24m	Cut of ditch	
611	Mid greyish brown silty clay, soft with occasional sub-angular, gravels	0.24m	Fill of F610	
F612	Linear feature, moderately sloping concave sides and a concave base	0.05m	Plough scar	
613	Light red, silt clay, compact with no coarse components	0.05m	Fill of F612	
F614	Pit feature circular in plan, measuring 0.30m in diameter by 0.07m deep, with shallowly sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.07m	Cut of small pit	
615	Mid reddish brown sandy silty clay, friable with rare, sub-rounded pebbles	0.07m	Fill of F614	

Trench 7		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
700	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.27m	Topsoil	
701	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.27-0.52m	Subsoil	
702	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.52m	Natural	

Trench 8		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
800	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.23m	Topsoil	
801	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.23-0.37m	Subsoil	
802	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.37m	Natural	

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Trench 9		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
900	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.22m	Topsoil	
901	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.22-0.40m	Subsoil	
902	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.40m	Natural	

Trench 10		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1000	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.26m	Topsoil	
1001	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.26-0.50m	Subsoil	
1002	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.50m	Natural	

Trench 11		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1100	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
1101	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.25-0.42m	Subsoil	
1102	Mudstone conglomerate	+0.42m	Bedrock	

Trench 12		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1200	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.22m	Topsoil	
1201	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.22-0.40m	Subsoil	
1202	Mudstone Conglomerate	+0.40m	Bedrock	

Trench 13		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1300	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.22m	Topsoil	
1301	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.22-0.37m	Subsoil	
1302	Mudstone Conglomerate	+0.37m	Bedrock	

Trench 14		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1400	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.29m	Topsoil	
1401	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.29-0.45m	Subsoil	
1402	Mudstone Conglomerate	+0.45m	Bedrock	

Trench 15		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1500	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.27m	Topsoil	
1501	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.27-0.56m	Subsoil	
1502	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.56m	Natural	

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Trench 16		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1600	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
1601	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.25-0.43m	Subsoil	
1602	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.43m	Natural	

Trench 17		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1700	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
1701	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.20-0.40m	Subsoil	
1702	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.40m	Natural	

Trench 18		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1800	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.24m	Topsoil	
1801	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.24-0.34m	Subsoil	
1802	Mudstone Conglomerate	+0.34m	Bedrock	

Trench 19		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
1900	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.35m	Topsoil	
1901	Light brownish red, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.35-0.50m	Subsoil	
1902	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	+0.50m	Natural	

Trench 20		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2000	Mid grey brown, sandy loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to cobbles	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
2001	Light reddish brown, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.30-0.43m	Subsoil	
2002	Mid red, sandy loam, friable with abundant, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.43m	Natural	

Trench 21		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2100	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
2101	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.30-0.45m	Subsoil	
2102	Mudstone conglomerate	+0.45m	Bedrock	

Trench 22		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2200	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.22m	Topsoil	
2201	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.22-0.32m	Natural	
2202	Mudstone conglomerate	+0.32m	Bedrock	

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Trench 23		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2300	Mid grey brown, sandy loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to cobbles	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
2301	Light reddish brown, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.20-0.39m	Subsoil	
2302	Mid red, sandy loam, friable with abundant, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.39m	Natural	

Trench 24		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2400	Mid grey brown, sandy loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to cobbles	0-0.24m	Topsoil	
2401	Light reddish brown, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobble	0.24-0.70m	Subsoil	
2402	Mid red, sandy loam, friable with abundant, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.70m	Natural	

Trench 25		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2500	Dark brown, sandy loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.22m	Topsoil	
2501	Mid red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.22-0.32m	Natural	
2502	Mudstone conglomerate	+0.32m	Bedrock	

Trench 26		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2600	Mid grey brown, sandy loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to cobbles	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
2601	Light reddish brown, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.20-0.39m	Subsoil	
2602	Mid red, sandy loam, friable with abundant, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.39m	Natural	

Trench 27		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2700	Mid grey brown, sandy loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to cobbles	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
2701	Light reddish brown, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.30-0.50m	Subsoil	
2702	Mid red, sandy loam, friable with abundant, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.50m	Natural	

Trench 28		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2800	Mid grey brown, sandy loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to cobbles	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
2801	Light reddish brown, sandy loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.25-0.35m	Subsoil	
2802	Mid red, sandy loam, friable with abundant, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.35m	Natural	

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Trench 29		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
2900	Dark Brownish Grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.19m	Topsoil	
2901	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.19-0.32m	Subsoil	
2902	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.32m	Natural	

Trench 30		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3000	Dark Brownish Grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.23m	Topsoil	
3001	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.23-0.29m	Subsoil	
3002	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.29m	Natural	

Trench 31		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3100	Dark Brownish Grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.33m	Topsoil	
3101	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.33-0.43m	Subsoil	
3102	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.43m	Natural	

Trench 32		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3200	Dark brownish grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
3201	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.20-0.29m	Subsoil	
3202	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.29 m	Natural	

Trench 33		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3300	Dark Brownish Grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
3301	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.25-0.40m	Subsoil	
3302	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.40m	Natural	

Trench 34		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3400	Dark brownish grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.26m	Topsoil	
3401	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.26-0.34m	Subsoil	
3402	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.34m	Natural	

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Trench 35		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3500	Dark brownish grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.26m	Topsoil	
3501	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.26-0.39m	Subsoil	
3502	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.39m	Natural	

Trench 36		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3600	Dark brownish grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.29m	Topsoil	
3601	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.29-0.38m	Subsoil	
3602	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.38m	Natural	

Trench 37		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3700	Dark Brownish Grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.33m	Topsoil	
3701	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.33 m	Natural	
3702	Mid greyish brown sandy clay, firm with rare, sub-rounded, gravels	0.25m	Upper fill of F3705	
3703	Dark blackish brown silty sand, loose with abundant, angular, gravels	0.40m	Secondary fill of F3705	
3704	Dark reddish brown sandy clay, firm with common, angular, gravels	0.35m	Basal fill of F3705	
F3705	Irregular pit feature, measuring >2.20m long, 1.85m wide by 0.84m deep, steeply sloping straight sides and flat base	0.84m	Cut of partially exposed pit feature	

Trench 38		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3800	Dark brownish grey, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravels	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
3801	Mid reddish brown, sandy silt loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to cobbles	0.30-0.50m	Subsoil	
3802	Mid reddish brown, sandy clay, friable with common, sub-angular, cobble to boulders	+0.50m	Natural	

Trench 39		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
3900	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
3901	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.25-0.51m	Subsoil	
3902	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.51m	Natural	

Trench 40		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4000	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
4001	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.25-0.36m	Subsoil	
4002	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.36m	Natural	

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Trench 41		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4100	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.26m	Topsoil	
4101	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.26-0.33m	Subsoil	
4102	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.33m	Natural	

Trench 42		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4200	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.31m	Topsoil	
4201	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.31-0.52m	Subsoil	
4202	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.52m	Natural	

Trench 43		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4300	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.25m	Topsoil	
4301	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.25-0.34m	Subsoil	
4302	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.34m	Natural	

Trench 44		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4400	Mid Brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.24m	Topsoil	
4401	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.24-0.39m	Subsoil	
4402	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.39m	Natural	

Trench 45		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4500	Dark brown, sandy silty loam, friable with rare, sub-angular gravels	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
4501	Light reddish brown, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.30-0.60m	Subsoil	
4502	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.60m	Natural	
F4503	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 1m wide by 0.30m deep, with moderately sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.30m	Cut of drainage ditch	
4504	Mid reddish brown silty loam, friable with occasional sub-angular gravel to cobbles	0.30m	Fill of F4503	

Trench 46		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4600	Dark greyish brown, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
4601	Mid-brownish red, sandy clay loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.20-0.40m	Subsoil	
4602	Mid red, sandy clay, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.40m	Natural	

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Trench 47		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4700	Dark greyish brown, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel	0-0.23m	Topsoil	
4701	Mid-brownish red, sandy clay loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.23-0.40m	Subsoil	
4702	Mid red, sandy clay, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.40m	Natural	
4703	Linear feature, shallowly sloping concave sides and a concave base	0.60m	Cut of extant ditch and banks	
4704	Linear feature, moderately sloping concave sides and a flat base	N/A	Cut of land drain, not excavated	

Trench 48		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4800	Dark greyish brown, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
4801	Mid-brownish red, sandy clay loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.20-0.45m	Subsoil	
4802	Mid red, sandy clay, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.45m	Natural	
F4803	Linear feature , NE-SW aligned, measuring 1.30m wide by 0.37m deep, with moderately sloping straight sides and a concave base	0.37m	Cut of ditch	
4804	Mid greyish brown clayey silt, friable with common, sub-angular, gravels	0.12m	Basal fill of F4803	
4805	Light reddish brown silty clay, firm with rare, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.25m	Upper fill of F4803	
F4806	Linear feature , NE-SW aligned, measuring 0.6m wide by 0.25m deep, with steeply sloping straight sides and a concave base	0.25m	Cut of ditch	
4807	Light grey brown silty clay, friable with occasional sub-angular fine gravels	0.25m	Fill of F4806	
F4808	Linear feature, NE-SW aligned, measuring 0.45m wide by 0.15m deep, with steeply sloping straight sides and a concave base	0.15m	Cut of ditch	
4809	Light reddish grey silty clay, compact with occasional sub-angular, fine gravels	0.15m	Fill of F4808	

Trench 49		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
4900	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.18m	Topsoil	
4901	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.18-0.31m	Subsoil	
4902	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.31m	Natural	

Trench 50		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5000	Mid Brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.22m	Topsoil	
5001	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.22-0.49m	Subsoil	
5002	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.49m	Natural	

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Trench 51		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5100	Mid Brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebble	0-0.15m	Topsoil	
5101	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.15-0.23m	Subsoil	
5102	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.23m	Natural	

Trench 52		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment E-W
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5200	Dark greyish brown, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel	0-0.18m	Topsoil	
5201	Mid-brownish red, sandy clay loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.18-0.38m	Subsoil	
5202	Mid red, sandy clay, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.38m	Natural	
F5203	Linear feature, N-S aligned, measuring 1.05m wide by 0.25m deep, with moderately sloping straight sides and a flat base	0.25m	Cut of ditch	
5204	Mid greyish brown silty sandy clay, soft	0.25m	Fill of F5203	
F5205	Pit feature, not fully exposed in the trench, subcircular in plan, measuring >1m in diameter, with shallowly sloping straight sides and a flat base	0.18m	Cut of pit	
5206	Mid greyish brown silty sandy clay, soft	0.18m	Fill of F5205	

Trench 53		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5300	Dark greyish brown, silty loam, friable with rare sub-angular gravel	0-0.15m	Topsoil	
5301	Mid-brownish red, sandy clay loam, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.15-0.30m	Subsoil	
5302	Mid red, sandy clay, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.30m	Natural	
F5303	Linear feature, NE-SW aligned, measuring 2.7m wide by 0.45m deep, with shallowly sloping straight sides and a flat base	0.45m	Cut of ditch	
5304	Mid greyish yellow clayey silt, friable with occasional, sub-angular, fine gravels	0.10m	Basal fill of F5303	
5305	Dark brownish black silty sandy clay, soft	0.20m	Secondary fill of F5303	
5306	Mid greyish brown clayey silt, soft	0.20m	Bank deposit	
5307	Mid yellowish brown silty clay, friable	0.20m	Upper fill of F5303	

Trench 54		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5400	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.12m	Topsoil	
5401	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.12-0.23m	Subsoil	
5402	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.23m	Natural	

Trench 55		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5500	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.26m	Topsoil	
5501	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.26-0.39m	Subsoil	
5502	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.39m	Natural	

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Trench 56		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment N-S
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5600	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.20m	Topsoil	
5601	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.20-0.40m	Subsoil	
5602	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.40m	Natural	
F5603	Linear feature NW-SE aligned, measuring 1.3m wide by 0.20m deep, with gradually sloping straight sides and a flattish base	0.20m	Cut of furrow	
5604	Yellowish brownish red, silty clay, compact	0.20m	Fill of F5603	
5605			VOID	
F5606	Linear feature NW-SE aligned measuring 3.4m wide by 0.28m deep, with gradually sloping straight sides and a flattish base	0.28m	Cut of furrow	
5607	Dark yellowish reddish brown, clayey silt, firm	0.28m	Fill of F5606	
F5608	Linear feature NW-SE aligned measuring 1.7m wide by 0.29m deep, with steep straight sides and a flat base	0.29m	Cut of furrow	
5609	Dark yellowish reddish brown, silty clay, compact	0.29m	Fill of F5608	

Trench 57		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5700	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.26m	Topsoil	
5701	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.26-0.39m	Subsoil	
5702	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.39m	Natural	
F5703	Linear feature NW-SE aligned with gradually sloping straight sides and a flattish base	0.15m	Furrow, same as F5606	
5704	Linear NW-SE aligned	-	Ridge of ridge and furrow	

Trench 58		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5800	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.30m	Topsoil	
5801	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.30-0.45m	Subsoil	
5802	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.45m	Natural	

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Trench 59		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NW-SE
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
5900	Mid Brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.26m	Topsoil	
5901	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.26-0.39m	Subsoil	
5902	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.39m	Natural	
5903	Very dark brownish grey sandy clay with abundant charcoal flecking and occasional sub-angular pebbles	0.11m	Upper fill of F5905	
5904	Dark brownish red sandy clay	0.15m	Primary fill of F5905	
F5905	Linear feature NE-SW aligned, measuring 1.59m wide by 0.38m deep, with gradually sloping convex sides and a concave base	0.38m	Cut of ditch	
5906	Dark greyish brown sandy loam, friable, with common charcoal flecking	0.10m	Fill of F5907	
F5907	Pit feature, oval in plan measuring 0.50m long, 0.32m wide by 0.10m deep with shallowly sloping concave sides and a flat base	0.10m	Cut of pit	
5908	Dark brownish grey sandy loam, friable, with common gravel to cobbles and common charcoal flecking	0.12m	Upper fill of F5911	
5909	Light greyish brown sandy loam, friable, with occasional charcoal flecking	0.28m	Secondary fill of F5911	
5910	Mid greyish brown sandy loam, friable, with occasional charcoal flecking	0.15m	Primary fill of F5911	
F5911	Linear feature NE-SW aligned, measuring 1.09m wide by 0.20m deep, with moderately sloping convex sides and a flat base	0.35m	Cut of ditch	

Trench 60		Length 25m	Width 2m	Alignment NE-SW
Context	Description	Depth	Interpretation	
6000	Mid brown, loamy sand, friable with rare sub-angular gravel to pebbles	0-0.27m	Topsoil	
6001	Mid-brownish red, loamy sand, friable with occasional, sub-angular, gravel to pebbles	0.27-0.48m	Subsoil	
6002	Dark brownish red, sandy clay, friable with abundant, sub-angular, gravel to boulders	+0.48m	Natural	
F6003	Pit feature, not fully revealed in the trench, irregular in plan measuring >2.67m long, >1.90m wide by 0.29m deep with steep straight sides and a flat base	0.29m	Cut of pit	
6004	Mid brown silty clay, firm	0.29m	Basal fill of F6003	
6005	Dark grey silty loam, soft, with abundant charcoal flecking	0.13m	Upper fill of F6003	
F6006	Linear feature NW-SE aligned. measuring 1.55m wide by 0.20m deep, with gradually sloping convex sides and a flat base	0.16m	Cut of furrow	
6007	Dark greyish brown sandy loam, friable, with common fine gravel to cobbles and common charcoal flecking	0.16m	Fill of F6006	
F6008	Linear feature NW-SE aligned, measuring 2.40m wide by 0.20m deep, with gradually sloping convex sides and a flat base	0.12m	Cut of furrow	
6009	Dark greyish brown sandy loam, friable, with common fine gravel to cobbles and common charcoal flecking	0.12m	Fill of F6008	

Appendix 2

Summary of Finds by Context

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Context	Context Description	Lithics		Prehistoric pottery		Romano-British pottery		Medieval pottery		Post-medieval pottery		Copper alloy		Iron		Lead		Slag		Slate		Glass		Clay tobacco pipe		CBM		Plaster		Animal bone		Coal	
		No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt		
107	Fill of ditch F106					3	2																										
111	Fill of pit F110			1	2	13	106																						12	135			
113	Fill of ditch F112					2	19																					6	11				
115	Fill of ditch F114			3	3																							1	2				
200	Trench 2 topsoil							2	8	8	267			1	7									1	1	1	50						
207	Fill of ditch F206					4	7											1	22									147	384				
209	Fill of ditch F208			2	7	8	77																					10	74	2	4		
307	Fill of ditch F306					17	242																					50	791				
309	Fill of hollow F308			1	2	40	455							1	13			33	4882									14	468				
311	Fill of ditch F310					11	106							1	19			2	240									1	2				
313	Fill of ditch F312					5	21											1	50														
315	Fill of ditch F314					11	114																										
604	Basal fill of ditch F603			44	194																							80	1073				
605	Upper fill of ditch F603			40	84																							33	458				
607	Fill of pit F606			4	5																							2	4				
609	Fill of ditch F608					8	57																					1	3				
611	Fill of ditch F610																	4	1330														
613	Fill of plough scar F612					1	4																										
3702	Upper fill of pit F3705									5	87			7	58											10	223						
3703	Secondary fill of pit F3705									9	1099	1	9	2	26	1	77			1	28	3	100		4	644	2	227					
3704	Basal fill of pit F3705									1	103			4	300							2	106		1	268							
4804	Fill of ditch F4803	1	17			4	33																										

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		No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt		
5204	Fill of ditch F5203					1	8																										
5305	Secondary fill of ditch F5303																								1	39					1	7	
5607	Fill of furrow F5606									1	1											3	4							1	3		
5609	Fill of furrow F5608									1	2																						
5901	Trench 59 subsoil					2	11																										
5903	Upper fill of ditch F5905					8	40										2	96											1	3			
5904	Primary fill of ditch F5905					2	25																										
5908	Upper fill of ditch F5911					24	126																										
5909	Secondary fill of ditch F5911					8	29										5	105															
5910	Primary fill of ditch F5911																											14	107				
6005	Upper fill of pit F6003					1	4											500	8546														
6007	Fill of furrow F6006					1	7											11	677														
Totals		1	17	95	297	174	1493	2	8	25	1559	1	9	16	423	1	77	578	15979	1	28	8	210	1	1	17	1224	2	227	372	3515	4	14

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