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SUMMARY

In December 1997, Cotswold Archaeological Trust was commissioned by CgMs Archaeological and Environmental Consultants, on behalf of Trencherwood Homes Ltd, to undertake an archaeological evaluation on land at Sandleford Park, Newbury, Berkshire.

The evaluation results indicate the main focus of archaeological activity is concentrated along the western limit of the study area, within Area 2. Within this area there is a discernible concentration of Romano-British activity.

The Romano-British activity is restricted to agricultural field enclosures and paddocks and may therefore be interpreted as the peripheral elements of a contemporary settlement complex. As no evidence of domestic structures was revealed during the evaluation, and the enclosure ditches continue beyond the western boundary of the Area 2, it may be suggested that the focus of the Romano-British settlement lies outside the confines of the study area.

The archaeological evidence within the remaining areas of the study area appears much more restricted and is largely of post-medieval date. The ditch revealed within Area 4 correlates closely with the cropmark identified from aerial photographic evidence. Artefactual material retrieved from the ditch indicates it is of post-medieval origin. Within Area 3, a relict post-medieval drainage scheme within the marshy environment along the valley floor was revealed.

No evidence of archaeological deposits associated with the dispersed flint scatter, previously identified during fieldwalking, were revealed within Area 1.
1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 In December 1997, Cotswold Archaeological Trust was commissioned by CgMs Archaeological and Environmental Consultants, on behalf of Trencherwood Homes Ltd, to undertake an archaeological evaluation on land at Sandleford Park, Newbury, Berkshire (NGR SU 4680 6450) (Fig. 1).

1.1.2 The fieldwork was undertaken in compliance with the Standard and Guidance for Field Evaluation issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA); and the Management of Archaeological Projects (MAP 2) issued by English Heritage.

1.2 The Study Area (Fig. 2)

1.2.1 The study area comprises Sandleford Park, an area of mixed land use, including arable, pasture and woodland, which is currently being considered for residential development as part of the Newbury Local Plan. The site is bound to the north by Monk’s Lane and Newbury Rugby Club, to the east by the A34 Trunk Road, to the west by residential and educational properties fronting the A343 Andover Road, and to the south by the River Enbourne which forms the Berkshire-Hampshire county boundary.

1.2.2 The underlying geology of the study area comprises deposits of Plateau Gravels overlying Bagshot Beds, in turn overlying London Clays (BGS sheet 267: Hungerford).

1.2.3 The topography of the study area varies greatly from gently undulating plateau to steep sided slopes descending into the valley of an unnamed tributary of the River Enbourne and the Enbourne itself. The southern
boundary of the study area lies at approximately 84m OD, rising to a maximum elevation of 125m OD at the western boundary.

1.3 Archaeological Background

1.3.1 A desk-based assessment of readily available archaeological, historical and cartographic records (Chadwick 1997) and a programme of archaeological fieldwalking (Ford 1997) was undertaken prior to the commencement of the evaluation trenching.

1.3.2 The desk-based assessment established that a number of Iron Age and Romano-British artefacts had been recovered from the study area in the past by metal detector. In addition, the fieldwalking recovered a number of artefacts which may indicate the presence of previously unknown prehistoric and Romano-British sites. On the basis of this information, four discrete areas, totalling approximately 18.5ha, were identified as requiring a further phase of fieldwork.

1.4 Archaeological Specification

1.4.1 A project design was issued by CAT in accordance with the archaeological specification issued by CgMs.

1.4.2 The objective of the archaeological evaluation was to establish the presence or absence, extent, preservation, character, and date of any sub-surface features.

1.4.3 The archaeological specification proposed the excavation of 111, 25m x 1.8m trenches. The evaluation trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was carried out under archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant
archaeological deposit or the natural substrate whichever was encountered first.

1.4.4 Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were sampled by hand in accordance with CAT Technical Manual 1 Field Recording Manual (1996).

1.4.5 All artefacts recovered were catalogued and analysed in accordance with CAT Technical Manual 3 Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation (1995). Particular emphasis was given to potentially datable artefacts such as pottery. A full written, drawn and photographic record was kept during the programme of works.

1.4.6 The finds and site archive will, subject to agreement with the legal landowner, be deposited with Newbury District Museum.

2. EVALUATION RESULTS

2.1 General

2.1.1 A total of 113, rather than the proposed 111 evaluation trenches were excavated at the locations indicated on Fig. 2. The two additional trenches were excavated after consultation with Mr Rob Bourne, Babtie Public Services.

2.1.2 The natural substrate was encountered throughout the study area between 89.44m and 120.65m OD.
2.1.3 Descriptions of all features recorded within the evaluation trenches are contained within Appendix 1. A description of all significant features is presented within this section.

2.2 Area 1 (Fig. 3)

2.2.1 Area 1 was approximately 8 hectares in extent, and lay on a moderate south-east facing slope. A total of 44 trenches were targeted over the area which had produced an above average density of worked and waste flint, and two sherds of Romano-British pottery during the fieldwalking programme.

Undated (Fig. 4)

2.2.1 Ditch [103] was revealed at the northern limit of trench 1. It was orientated north-east to south-west, measured at least 1.75m in width and at least 0.45m in depth. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (104).

2.3 Area 2 (Fig. 5)

2.3.1 Area 2 was approximately 7.5 hectares in extent and was situated to the north of Gorse Copse. A total of 48 trenches were targeted over an area where Berkshire SMR records finds of Iron Age and Romano-British metalwork recovered by metal detector users.

Romano-British Features (Figs. 6 – 11)

2.3.2 Romano-British features were encountered within trenches 78, 81, 83, 84, 85, 102, 113, and 114.

2.3.3 The earliest datable features were encountered within trenches 84 and 113. Ditch [8401] was revealed at the northern limit of trench 84. It was orientated
east to west, measured 3.6m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.25m. It contained a grey-brown silty clay fill (8403) from which 29 sherds of second to third-century pottery, 10 sherds of third to fourth-century pottery, 2 fragments of tile and 1 fragment of rotary quern were retrieved. The ditch was cut by east-west ditch [8404].

2.3.4 Ditch [8404] measured 0.9m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.13m. It contained an orange-brown silty clay fill (8402) from which 10 sherds of third to fourth-century pottery were retrieved.

2.3.5 Ditch [11301] was revealed 7m from the north-western limit of trench 113. It was orientated broadly north-west to south-east, although a slight curve in the ditch was evident. It measured 1.45m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.15m. It contained an orange–brown silty clay fill (11302) from which 75 sherds of second to third-century pottery, and 12 fragments from four separate rotary querns were retrieved. Posthole [11309] was revealed immediately to the south of the ditch, although no relationship could be determined between the features.

2.3.6 Posthole [11309] measured 0.42m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.25m. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (11310).

2.3.7 Two intercutting ditches [11303] and [11305] were identified 14m from the north-western limit of the trench. Due to the confines of the evaluation trench and the similarity of fills, the stratigraphic relationship of the features remained undetermined. Ditch [11303] was orientated approximately north-south, measured 0.8m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.21m. Two sherds of second to third-century pottery were retrieved from grey–brown silty clay fill (11304). The ditch aligned with similarly orientated ditch [8501] revealed at the western extent of trench 85. Posthole [11307] was revealed immediately to the east of the ditch, although no relationship could be determined between the features. The posthole measured 0.28m in
diameter, and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.08m. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (13308).

2.3.8 Ditch [11305] was orientated east-west, measured 0.75m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.21m. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (11306).

2.3.9 Ditch [8103] was identified at the southern end of trench 81. It was orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.9m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.14m. It contained grey-brown silty clay fill (8102), from which 5 sherds of third to fourth-century pottery were retrieved.

2.3.10 Ditch [10403] was revealed at the southern limit of trench 104. It was orientated north-west to south-east, measured 1.1m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.35m. It contained grey-brown silty clay fill (10404), from which 1 sherd of third to fourth-century pottery and 1 fragment of tile were retrieved.

2.3.11 Ditch [7803] was revealed 8m from the southern limit of trench 78. It was orientated north-west to south-east, although a possible westerly return was noted at the northern limit of the ditch. It measured 0.9m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.28m. It contained grey-brown silty clay fill (7802), from which 3 sherds of pottery, broadly dated as Romano-British, were retrieved. A posthole or pit [7807] was revealed 1.5m north of the ditch. It measured 0.65m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.1m. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (7806).

2.3.12 Ditch [7805] was revealed 2m from the southern limit of the trench. It was orientated approximately east to west, measured 1.2m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.19m. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (7804).
2.3.13 Ditch [10203] was revealed at the western limit of trench 102. It was orientated north-south, measured 1.5m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.45m. It contained grey-brown silty clay fill (10202), from which 4 fragments of Romano-British tile were retrieved.

2.3.14 Two postholes were revealed 5m from the north-western limit of trench 114. Posthole [11403] measured 0.42m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.17m. Two sherds of pottery, broadly dated as Romano-British, were retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (11404). Posthole [11405] measured 0.4m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.16m. It contained grey-brown silty clay fill (11406), from which 6 sherds of pottery, broadly dated as Romano-British, were retrieved.

Post-medieval (Fig. 12)

2.3.15 Post-medieval activity was restricted to large, irregular feature [6603] within trench 66 at the eastern limit of Area 2.

2.3.16 Feature [6603] measured at least 6.8m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 1m. It contained a sequence of 5 fills and tip lines from which 4 sherds of post-medieval pottery, 4 fragments of brick and tile and two pieces of burnt flint were retrieved.

Undated (Fig. 13, 14 & 15)

2.3.17 Within trench 64 a possible posthole [6403] was revealed 6m from the western extent of the trench. It measured 0.58m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.12m. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (6402).

2.3.18 Ditch [6801] was revealed 8m from the eastern limit of trench 68. It was orientated north to south, measured 1.65m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.56m. It contained orange-brown silty clay fill (6802), from which no artefactual material was retrieved.
2.3.19 Ditch [7003] was revealed 10m from the eastern extent of trench 70. It was orientated north-west to south-east, measured 1.7m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.38m. It contained grey-brown silty clay fill (7004), from which no artefactual material was retrieved. The ditch was partially disturbed along its western edge by tree-bowl [7001].

2.3.20 Posthole [8201] was revealed at the eastern extent of trench 82. It measured 0.32m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.25m. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (8202).

2.3.21 Ditch [8303]/[11401] was identified aligned between trenches 83 and 114. It was orientated east to west, measured 1.3m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.28m. No artefactual was retrieved from yellow-brown silty clay fill (8302)/(11402).

2.3.22 Posthole [9302] was revealed 9m from the western extent of trench 93. It measured 0.29m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.13m. No artefactual was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (9301).

2.3.23 Posthole [10302] was revealed 12m from the southern extent of trench 103. It measured 0.39m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.11m. No artefactual was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (10301).

2.3.24 Pit [10405] was revealed 3m from the northern extent of the trench 104. It measured 0.9m in length, 0.7m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.29m. No artefactual material was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (10406).

2.3.25 Posthole [10701] was revealed 2m from the south-western extent of trench 107. It measured 0.5m in diameter and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.1m. No artefactual was retrieved from grey-brown silty clay fill (10702).
2.4 Area 3 (Fig. 16)

2.4.1 Area 3 was approximately 2.5 hectares in extent and was situated within the valley of the unnamed tributary of the River Enbourne. A total of 18 trenches were excavated throughout the area.

Post-medieval

2.4.2 Ditch [4502] was revealed 4m from the north-western limit of trench 45. It was orientated north-east to south-west, measured 1.1m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.35m. It contained grey-brown silty clay fill (4501), from which 10 fragments of brick and tile and two fragments of glass were retrieved.

2.4.3 Ditch [4703] was revealed 9m from the north-eastern limit of trench 47. It was orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.85m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.35m. It contained yellow-brown silty clay fill (4702), from which 2 fragments of tile were retrieved.

2.4.4 A north-west to south-east orientated ditch was revealed within trenches 49, 50, and 51. It measured 0.5m in width and was fully excavated within trench 49 to a depth of 0.1m. One fragment of tile was retrieved from dark brown silty clay fill (4902).

Undated

2.4.5 Ditch [5602]/[5902] was identified aligned between trenches 56 and 59. It was orientated east to west, measured 0.55m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.2m. No artefactual was retrieved from dark brown silty clay fill (5601)/(5901).

2.4.6 Ditch [5802] was identified 6m from the north-western limit of trench 58. It was orientated north to south, measured 0.65m in width and was fully
excavated to a depth of 0.18m. No artefactual was retrieved from dark brown silty clay (5801).

2.4.7 Ditch [6001] was revealed 7m from the southern extent of trench 60. It was orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.75m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.29m. No artefactual material was retrieved from red-brown silty clay fill (6002).

2.4.8 Ditch [6003] was revealed 6m from the southern extent of trench 60. It aligned with ditch [6101] revealed 9m from the north-eastern extent of trench 61. Both ditches were orientated north-east to south-west, measured 0.65m in width and were fully excavated to a depth of 0.21m. No artefactual material was retrieved from respective red-brown silty clay fills (6004) and (6102).

2.5 Area 4 (Fig. 17)

2.5.1 Area 4 was approximately 0.75 hectares and was targeted over an area where the presence of a linear cropmark had previously been identified from aerial photographs. A total of 3 trenches were excavated within this area.

Post-medieval (Fig. 18)

2.5.2 Ditch [11101] was revealed 8m from the northern limit of trench 111. Its east-west orientation correlated with the alignment of the known cropmark. It measured 1.7m in width and was excavated to a depth of 0.45m. It contained two distinct fills, primary fill (11103) from which 3 fragments of tile and an unidentified iron object were retrieved, and secondary fill (11102) from which 4 sherds of post-medieval pottery were retrieved.
3. ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS

3.1 Date and Interpretation of Results

3.1.1 The evaluation results indicate that Romano-British, and post-medieval deposits survive within the study area.

Prehistoric

3.1.2 No evidence indicative of prehistoric activity was identified within the application area. The lack of archaeological features associated with the lithic scatters identified during the recent programme of fieldwalking (Ford 1997) may suggest the utilisation of the area by people moving/hunting across the landscape during the prehistoric period, rather than for contemporary settlement.

Romano-British

3.1.3 The Romano-British activity identified within the study area is suggestive of agricultural field enclosures and paddocks. Postholes revealed in close proximity to a number of ditches suggest some form of fenced boundaries, perhaps indicative of stock enclosures rather than a solely drainage function for the ditches. The two additional trenches (113 and 114) excavated along the western boundary of Area 2 suggest the enclosures continue outside the bounds of the study area.

3.1.4 At least three phases of enclosures are evidenced by the differing orientation of the ditches. The initial phase of activity is defined by north-west to south-east aligned ditch [8401]/[11301], which continues beyond the western boundary of the study area. The large quantity of artefactual material retrieved from the ditch, including pottery, some of which shows evidence of burning, fragments of four quern stones and two fragments of tile may be suggestive of a major restructuring of the contemporary settlement complex.
and ancillary field systems. The pottery retrieved from fill (8403)/(11302) suggests a date for the abandonment of this ditch in the late second to early third century. The third to fourth-century pottery retrieved from the ditch [8401] is likely to be intrusive from later ditch [8404].

3.1.5 Phases 2 and 3 are defined by north-east to south-west and north-west to south-east aligned ditches within trenches 70, 78, 81, 104 and 113. The differing alignments of the enclosure ditches suggest further restructuring of the contemporary agricultural landscape during the late Roman period. However, defining the chronology of these two distinct phases of field enclosures remains problematic due to the lack of any relevant physical relationships within the evaluation trenches and as a result of the broad date range (third to fourth century) of the pottery retrieved from the ditches.

3.1.6 A further phase of enclosure ditches may be tentatively proposed utilising the north-south and east-west orientated ditches revealed within trenches 68, 83, 102 and 114. However, the lack of datable artefactual material retrieved from the proposed enclosure ditches prohibits accurate dating, and the ditches may equally be of post-medieval origin as Romano-British.

3.1.7 No evidence of domestic structures was revealed within the study area. However, the intensity of the agricultural landscape, the general unabraded nature of the pottery, and the fragments of roof tile suggest the study area is close to an area of domestic occupation. It may therefore be suggested that the focus of the contemporary Romano-British settlement lies outside of the confines of the study area on the high, flat ground between the western limits of Area 2 and the current A 343.

3.1.8 The Romano-British activity identified within the study area appears typical of the Newbury-Reading area and further supports the hypothesis that an expansion in agricultural practice during the Roman period saw the extensive exploitation of the plateau gravels.
Post-medieval/modern

3.1.9 Ditch [11101] revealed within Area 4 correlates closely with the cropmark identified from aerial photographic evidence, which may now be interpreted as a post-medieval field boundary.

3.1.10 The ditches revealed within Area 3 may be interpreted as a post-medieval/modern drainage scheme within the marshy environment along the valley floor. The drainage ditches on the north side of the valley are all still visible as earthworks.

3.1.11 Interpretation of the exact form and function of pit [6603] revealed at the eastern extent of Area 2 remains problematic, although small scale gravel extraction may have been the original function of the feature.

Undated

3.1.12 Linear ditch [103], revealed within Area 1, is the only significant feature that remains undated. Interpretation as to its original function remains problematic given the limited view afforded by the evaluation trenching, although a ditch associated with the reputed medieval fishponds identified 70m to the east may be suggested.

3.1.13 A small number of undated postholes were revealed in the area to the north and east of the Romano-British enclosure ditches in Area 2. However the limited numbers and the spatial distribution of the postholes prohibits an accurate interpretation as to their date and function.

3.2 Survival and Extent of Archaeological Deposits

3.2.1 The evaluation results indicate the main focus of archaeological activity is concentrated within Area 2 along the western limit of the study area. Within this area there is a discernible concentration of Romano-British activity. The
archaeological evidence within the remaining areas of the study area appears much more restricted and is largely of post-medieval date.

3.2.2 The effects of modern ploughing has affected the archaeological resource in Areas 1 and 2. The level of truncation was consistent throughout these areas at approximately 0.35m below the existing ground surface.

3.2.3 No evidence of modern ploughing was evident within Area 3 due to the prevailing marshy conditions. However, such a locally wet environment would also appear to have precluded archaeological activity within the area with the exception of post-medieval drainage.

3.3 Effectiveness of the Evaluation Strategy

3.3.1 The evaluation trenching has confirmed the presence of, and has succeeded in characterising the archaeological resource within the study area. However, it should be noted that the extrapolation of a number of ditch alignments within Area 2 suggests they would pass through gaps within the trench layout. On this basis it may be concluded that the evaluation results allow the Romano-British activity to be viewed at a basic level, rather than allowing an accurate interpretation of the full density and extent of the archaeological resource.
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Trench Descriptions

Note: Cut features are designated by square brackets thus [000]; all other deposits/layers are in round brackets. Heights are based on the bench mark located at Old Priory Lodge. The level was taken to be 120.15m OD.

AREA 1

Trench 1 Modern ground surface 93.57m OD to 93.87m OD
Natural plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.
Ditch [103]: orientated north-east to south-west, at least 1.75m in width and at least 0.45m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (104). No finds
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 2 Modern ground surface 91.26m OD to 92.78m OD
Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 3 Modern ground surface 93.86m OD to 94.02m OD
Natural plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 4 Modern ground surface 95.36m OD to 96.40m OD
Natural plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 5 Modern ground surface 92.91m OD to 94.41m OD
Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 6 Modern ground surface 95.82m OD to 96.81m OD
Natural plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
Trench 7  Modern ground surface 94.66m OD to 95.61m OD
Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 8  Modern ground surface 93.52m OD to 94.59m OD
Natural plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.32m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 9  Modern ground surface 91.85m OD to 92.89m OD
Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 10  Modern ground surface 91.01 OD to 91.63m OD
Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 11  Modern ground surface 89.44m OD to 90.39m OD
Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 12  Modern ground surface 90.77m OD to 91.88m OD
Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.28m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 13  Modern ground surface 90.16m OD to 90.94m OD
Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 14  Modern ground surface 89.91m OD to 90.23m OD
Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown through to black silty clay.
**Trench 15**
Modern ground surface 95.21m OD to 95.61m OD
Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 16**
Modern ground surface 91.88m OD to 93.28m OD
Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.35m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 17**
Modern ground surface 93.37m OD to 93.79m OD
Natural plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown through to black silty clay.

**Trench 18**
Modern ground surface 93.91m OD to 95.17m OD
Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 19**
Modern ground surface 93.33m OD to 93.53m OD
Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.20m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 20**
Modern ground surface 95.33m OD to 96.29m OD
Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 21**
Modern ground surface 96.21m OD to 96.46m OD
Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 22**
Modern ground surface 94.4m OD to 95.38m OD
Natural plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
Trench 23
Modern ground surface 93.56m OD to 95.21m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 24
Modern ground surface 93.66m OD to 94.14m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 25
Modern ground surface 95.43m OD to 96.16m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.20m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 26
Modern ground surface 97.15m OD to 98.50m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.20m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 27
Modern ground surface 96.79m OD to 98.21m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 28
Modern ground surface 96.87m OD to 97.43m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.31m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 29
Modern ground surface 95.19m OD to 96.58m OD

Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 30
Modern ground surface 94.77m OD to 96.07m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 31**
Modern ground surface 99.18m OD to 99.42m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 32**
Modern ground surface 100.85m OD to 101.82m OD

Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 33**
Modern ground surface 101.98m OD to 103.07m OD

Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.20m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 34**
Modern ground surface 100.65m OD to 101.02m OD

Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 35**
Modern ground surface 100.68m OD to 101.61m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 36**
Modern ground surface 99.24m OD to 100.30m OD

Natural plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30 below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 37**
Modern ground surface 99.78m OD to 100.49m OD

Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 38**
Modern ground surface 99.3m OD to 99.8m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
**Trench 39**

Modern ground surface 98.79m OD to 99.40m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.20m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 40**

Modern ground surface 97.16m OD to 98.07m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 41**

Modern ground surface 97.12m OD to 97.33m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.20m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 42**

Modern ground surface 96.78m OD to 96.90m OD

Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 43**

Modern ground surface 94.98m OD to 96.28m OD

Natural clays (003) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 44**

Modern ground surface 95.66m OD to 96.57m OD

Natural clays (003) & plateau gravels (002) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**AREA 3**

**Trench 45**

Modern ground surface 97.34m OD to 97.63m OD

Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.31m below present ground level.

Ditch [4502]: orientated north-east to south-west, measured 1.1m in width and 0.35m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (4501). Finds: 10 fragments of brick and tile and two fragments of glass.

Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.
Trench 46  
Modern ground surface 96.00m OD to 96.43m OD  
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.23m below present ground level.  
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

Trench 47  
Modern ground surface 95.91m OD to 97.06m OD  
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.33m below present ground level.  
Ditch [4703]: orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.85m in width and 0.35m in depth. Contains yellow-brown silty clay fill (4702). Find: 2 fragments of tile  
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

Trench 48  
Not Excavated

Trench 49  
Modern ground surface 98.30m OD to 99.00m OD  
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.28m below present ground level.  
Ditch [4901]: orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.5m in width and 0.1m in depth. Contains dark brown silty clay fill (4902). Finds: 1 fragment of tile. Equivalent to ditches [5001] & [5101].  
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

Trench 50  
Modern ground surface 98.98m OD to 99.36m OD  
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.26m below present ground level.  
Ditch [5001]: orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.5m in width, not excavated. Contains dark brown silty clay fill (5002). Equivalent to ditches [4901] & [5101].  
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

Trench 51  
Modern ground surface 98.98m OD to 100.15m OD  
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.23m below present ground level.  
Ditch [5101]: orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.5m in width, not excavated. Contains dark brown silty clay fill (5102). Equivalent to ditches [4901] & [5001].  
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

Trench 52  
Modern ground surface 99.82m OD to 100.40m OD  
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.21m below present ground level.  
Natural pond feature containing sterile blue clays  
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.
**Trench 53**
Modern ground surface 99.01m OD to 99.71m OD
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.28m below present ground level.
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 54**
Modern ground surface 98.86m OD to 99.01m OD
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 55**
Modern ground surface 98.09m OD to 98.62m OD
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 56**
Modern ground surface 98.87m OD to 99.39m OD
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.21m below present ground level.
Ditch [5602]: orientated east-west, measured 0.55m in width and 0.2m in depth. Contains dark brown silty clay fill (5601). No finds. Equivalent to ditch [5902]
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 57**
Modern ground surface 98.66m OD to 98.23m OD
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.24m below present ground level.
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 58**
Modern ground surface 98.72m OD to 99.22m OD
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.31m below present ground level.
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 59**
Modern ground surface 99.15m OD to 100.28m OD
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.19m below present ground level.
Ditch [5902]: orientated east-west, measured 0.55m in width and 0.2m in depth. Contains dark brown silty clay fill (5901). No finds. Equivalent to ditch [5602]
Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 60**
Modern ground surface 98.30m OD to 99.92m OD
Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.21m below present ground level.
Ditch [6001]: orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.75m in width and 0.29m in depth. Contains red-brown silty clay fill (6002). No finds.

Ditch [6003]: orientated north-east to south-west, measured 0.65m in width and 0.21m in depth. Contains red-brown silty clay fill (6004). No finds. Equivalent to ditch [6101].

Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 61**

Modern ground surface 97.88m OD to 99.65m OD

Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.20m below present ground level.

Ditch [6101]: orientated north-east to south-west, measured 0.65m in width and 0.21m in depth. Contains red-brown silty clay fill (6102). No finds. Equivalent to ditch [6003].

Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 62**

Modern ground surface 97.14m OD to 97.38m OD

Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.19m below present ground level.

Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**Trench 63**

Modern ground surface 96.61m OD to 97.78m OD

Natural clays (011) were encountered at depth of 0.28m below present ground level.

Topsoil (010): red-brown silty clay.

**AREA 2**

**Trench 64**

Modern ground surface 116.07m OD to 116.68m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.35m below present ground level.

Posthole [6403]: measured 0.58m in diameter and 0.12m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (6402). No finds.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 65**

Modern ground surface 117.71m OD to 118.09m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 66**

Modern ground surface 116.69m OD to 117.13m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.41m below present ground level.

Feature [6603]: measured at least 6.8m in width and 1m in depth. Contains sequence of 5 fills and tip lines (6604), (6605), (6606), (6607) & (6608). Finds: 4 sherds of post-medieval pottery, 4 fragments of brick and tile and two pieces of burnt flint.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 67**  
Modern ground surface 117.85m OD to 118.14m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.34m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 68**  
Modern ground surface 117.14m OD to 117.33m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.42m below present ground level.  
Ditch [6801]: orientated north-south, measured 1.65m in width and 0.56m in depth. Contains orange-brown silty clay fill (6802). No finds.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 69**  
Modern ground surface 118.33m OD to 118.38m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.40m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 70**  
Modern ground surface 118.48m OD to 118.98m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.  
Ditch [7003]: orientated north-south, measured 1.7m in width and 0.38m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (7004). No finds.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 71**  
Modern ground surface 118.13m OD to 118.37m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.44m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 72**  
Modern ground surface 117.58m OD to 117.78m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.40m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 73**  
Modern ground surface 118.73m OD to 118.91m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.45m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
**Trench 74**
Modern ground surface 118.07m OD to 118.51m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.34m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 75**
Modern ground surface 118.32m OD to 118.94m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.40m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 76**
Modern ground surface 119.27m OD to 119.57m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.36m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 77**
Modern ground surface 119.85m OD to 120.13m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.33m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 78**
Modern ground surface 120.06 OD to 120.08m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.
Ditch [7803]: orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.9m in width and 0.28m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (10404). Finds: 3 sherds of RB pottery.
Posthole/pit [7807]: measured 0.65m in diameter and 0.1m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (7806). No finds.
Ditch [7805]: orientated approximately east-west, measured 1.2m in width and 0.19m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (7804). No finds
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 79**
Modern ground surface 118.78m OD to 119.34m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.44m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 80**
Modern ground surface 118.32m OD to 118.64m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.37m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
**Trench 81**

Modern ground surface 119.29m OD to 119.64m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.39m below present ground level.

Ditch [8103]: orientated north-west to south-east, measured 0.9m in width and 0.14m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (8102). Finds: 5 sherds of third to fourth century pottery.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 82**

Modern ground surface 119.51m OD to 119.78m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.33m below present ground level.

Posthole [8201]: measured 0.32m in diameter and 0.25m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (8202). No finds.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 83**

Modern ground surface 120.42m OD to 120.71m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.40m below present ground level.

Ditch [8303]: orientated east-west, measured 1.3m in width and 0.28m in depth. Contains yellow-brown silty clay fill (8302). No finds. Equivivalent to ditch [11401].

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 84**

Modern ground surface 120.75m OD to 121.01m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.37m below present ground level.

Ditch [8401]: orientated north-west to south-east, measured 3.6m in width and 0.25m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (8403). Finds: 38 sherds of second to third century pottery, 1 sherd of BB1 (intrusive) 2 fragments of tile and 1 fragment of rotary quern were retrieved.

Ditch [8404]: orientated east-west, measured 0.9m in width and 0.13m in depth. Contains orange-brown silty clay fill (8402). Finds: 10 sherds of third to fourth century pottery

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 85**

Modern ground surface 120.71m OD to 121.07m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.39m below present ground level.

Ditch [8501]: orientated approximately north-south, measured 0.7m in width and was fully excavated to a depth of 0.15m. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (8502). No finds

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 86**

Modern ground surface 120.68m OD to 120.77m OD

Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.40m below present ground level.

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
Trench 87  
Modern ground surface 119.04m OD to 120.13m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 88  
Modern ground surface 120.24m OD to 120.61m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.34m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 89  
Modern ground surface 120.88m OD to 120.92m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 90  
Modern ground surface 119.08m OD to 120.05m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.37m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 91  
Modern ground surface 118.19m OD to 118.43m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 92  
Modern ground surface 116.40m OD to 117.93m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 93  
Modern ground surface 118.71m OD to 118.81m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.36m below present ground level.  
Posthole [9302]: measured 0.29m in diameter and 0.13m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (9301). No finds  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 94  
Modern ground surface 118.20m OD to 118.76m OD  
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.36m below present ground level.  
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
Trench 95  
Modern ground surface 115.37m OD to 115.56m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.25m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 96  
Modern ground surface 116.15m OD to 117.66m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 97  
Modern ground surface 115.93m OD to 117.49m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 98  
Modern ground surface 115.64m OD to 117.28m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.40m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 99  
Modern ground surface 115.78m OD to 115.90m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 100  
Modern ground surface 115.92m OD to 116.47m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.41m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 101  
Modern ground surface 117.48m OD to 117.86m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.33m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

Trench 102  
Modern ground surface 119.21m OD to 119.83m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.42m below present ground level.
Ditch [10203]: orientated north-south, measured 1.5m in width and 0.45m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (10202). Finds: 4 fragments of RB tile.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
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**Trench 110**
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Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 111**
Modern ground surface 118.52m OD to 119.48m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.38m below present ground level.
Ditch [11101]: orientated east-west, measures 1.7m in width and at least 0.45m in depth. Contains primary fill (11103), and secondary fill (11102). Finds: 4 sherds of post-medieval pottery, 3 fragments of tile and an unidentified iron object. Correlates with alignment of the known cropmark.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 112**
Modern ground surface 117.60m OD to 118.39m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.30m below present ground level.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

AREA 2 ADDITIONAL TRENCHES

**Trench 113**
Modern ground surface 121.43m OD to 121.46m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.43m below present ground level.
Ditch [11301]: orientated broadly north-west to south-east, although a slight curve in the ditch was evident, measured 1.45m in width and 0.15m in depth. Contains orange-brown silty clay fill (11302). Finds: 75 sherds of second to third century pottery, and 12 fragments of rotary quern.
Posthole [11309]: measured 0.42m in diameter and 0.25m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (11310). No finds.
Ditch [11303]: orientated approximately north-south, measured 0.8m in width and 0.21m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (11304). Finds: 2 sherds of second to third century pottery.
Posthole [11307]: measured 0.28m in diameter, and 0.08m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (13308). No finds.
Ditch [11305]: orientated east-west, measured 0.75m in width and 0.21m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (11306). No finds.
Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.

**Trench 114**
Modern ground surface 120.85m OD to 121.07m OD
Natural plateau gravels (003) were encountered at depth of 0.35m below present ground level.
Ditch [11401]: orientated east-west, measured 1.3m in width and 0.28m in depth. Contains yellow-brown silty clay fill (11402). No finds. Equivalent to ditch [8303].

Posthole [11403]: measured 0.42m in diameter and 0.17m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (11404). Finds: 2 sherds of RB pottery.

Posthole [11405]: measured 0.4m in diameter and 0.16m in depth. Contains grey-brown silty clay fill (11406). Finds: 6 sherds of RB pottery.

Subsoil (009): Mid orange-brown silty clay

Ploughsoil (001): Mid grey-brown silty clay.
APPENDIX 2

Pottery Assessment by Dr. J R Timby

The evaluation resulted in the recovery of some 150 sherds of pottery, 5.9 kg dating to the Roman and Post-medieval periods. The pottery was relatively well-preserved in that the sherds were quite large with several joining pieces from single vessels suggesting relatively in-situ rubbish material. The surfaces of the sherds were less well-preserved, presumably the result of slightly hostile soil conditions or water-logging.

The material was briefly sorted into main ware types and quantified by count and weight. The information is presented on an Excel spreadsheet. The pottery was analysed in the absence of full site details and without further research, therefore the conclusions reached at this stage must be regarded as provisional.

Roman

Most of the sherds, 142, date to the Roman period. The assemblage is biased by the presence of several sherds from a single storage jar recovered from 11302 which accounts for 67% of the total assemblage weight although only 24% by sherd count. This vessel and the associated sherds are probably the earliest from the site and suggest a date of abandonment for this feature in the later 2nd/early 3rd century. The group from 11302 is also slightly unusual in that it contains several sherds from Dragendorff 31 samian dishes, some burnt, and several sherds from a black sandy ware jar. Further sherds of storage jar possibly of similar date but with no associated material came from 11304.

The other two main groups of material, from contexts 8102 and 8103 belong to the later Roman period. These are characterized by vessels of Oxfordshire colour-coated ware (OXFRS), whiteware mortaria (OXFWHM), Dorset black burnished ware (BB1) and local grey sandy wares (GW). A small samian cup Drag type 80 came from 8403, a form which continued to be made into the 3rd century. Further sherds of OXFRS came from contexts 10404 and the topsoil 1. Other sherds were recovered from 11404, 11406 and 7802 which are not closely datable other than Roman. The low proportion of BB1 and the absence of late Roman shelly ware might suggest the site was abandoned in the first half of the 4th century but it should be noted that the sample is quite small.

Post-medieval

Post-medieval glazed wares were recovered from trenches 66 (6606/7) and 111 (11102).
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Small finds

1. 11302 8 joining rotary quern fragments, upper stone, 8780g
2. 11302 2 joining rotary quern fragments, lower stone, 643g
3. 11302 1 rotary quern fragment, 754g
4. 11302 1 rotary quern fragment, 653g
5. 8402 1 rotary quern fragment, 203g
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TRENCH 111, PLAN

15m to end of trench

Section

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Fig. 18  Trench 111, plan and section