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## SUMMARY

It is widely accepted that southern Britain had largely acceded to the Roman market economy by the 3rd Century AD. This is often apparent when examining the remains of the houses and settlements that developed in this period, but it is often less obvious in the agricultural hinterland. Recent work at Aston Flamville, necessary for the installation of infrastructure for a new solar park by Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd, has revealed evidence that relates to this rarely appreciated aspect of agricultural history.

Archaeology Warwickshire were commissioned by RPS Group Ltd to carry out trial trenching and mitigation excavations ahead of the development of a ground mounted photovoltaic solar farm together with associated equipment, infrastructure and ancillary works in 2025.

The initial evaluation identified a cobbled surface to the north of the site alongside evidence of Roman agricultural activity, in the form of a rectilinear system of ditched enclosures, towards the centre of the site. These areas were thereafter tested by two trial trenches targeting the cobbled surface, with two strip, map and sample areas targeting the Roman features.

The evaluation successfully identified the continuation of the cobbled surface in both trenches. The use of the feature as an area of consolidated ground was confirmed but this did not form part of a wider linear trackway. No dating evidence was recovered from the surface, although its form and position in relation to the adjacent medieval ditch, as well as the ridge and furrow, tentatively suggest a medieval or post-medieval date.

The excavations revealed a Late Roman enclosure defined by substantial linear boundary ditches located in the northern and southern extents of the area examined, which possibly formed part of a large enclosure. Within

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this area, a series of parallel internal subdivisions formed by slighter ditches and gullies, enclosing a small number of pits and possible ring-gullies, is indicative of an activity area within this presumed field system. The enclosure system examined forms part of a wider agricultural hinterland associated with an area of Roman occupation located on the higher ground to the north. Although most of the enclosure features had fallen out of use by the early Saxon period, the northern ditch remained extant and continued to act as a boundary to the settlement. This alignment was maintained by successive generations into the medieval and post medieval periods.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Planning permission has been granted by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (22/00739/FUL) and Blaby District Council (22/0048/FUL) for the erection of a ground mounted photovoltaic solar farm together with associated equipment, infrastructure and ancillary works, in Aston Flamville, Leicestershire (hereafter referred to as 'the site').
- 1.2 Condition 26 of the planning permission required the applicant to secure the implementation of a programme of archaeological work to determine if there are any significant archaeological remains within the site, in accordance with a Method Statement approved by the Planning Authority (Ward 2025).
- 1.3 Archaeology Warwickshire (AW hereon) have subsequently been commissioned by Richard Smalley of RPS, on behalf of Elgin Energy EsCo Ltd, to initially carry out an archaeological evaluation followed by a strip, map and sample excavation centred on archaeological remains mainly dating to the Roman period. This report presents the results of that work.
- 1.4 The archaeological evaluation was completed in September 2025, and the excavation took place between November and December 2025. As well as excavation trenches, two evaluation trenches were also positioned either side of a previous evaluation trench that was part of Worcester Archaeology's earlier archaeological evaluation (Trench 4; Nicholson 2025 in order to investigate an area of stone metalling uncovered during this work.
- 1.5 The project archive is detailed in Appendix F and will be deposited with Leicestershire Museums under accession number X.A32.2026, with digital data deposited with the Archaeology Data Service.

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- 1.6 The work was carried out in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' *Universal guidance for archaeological evaluation* (CIfA 2023a), *Standard for archaeological evaluation* (CIfA 2023b), *Standard for archaeological excavation* (CIfA 2023c), and *Universal guidance for archaeological excavation* (CIfA 2023d).

## 2 SITE LOCATION

- 2.1 The site is located 500m west of Aston Flamville, Leicestershire, and south of Aston Lane. The archaeological evaluation area forms a trapezoidal plot within a larger triangular field under arable cultivation. The field is relatively flat, lying at around 97m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).
- 2.2 The archaeological excavation site comprises an c. 1ha L-shaped parcel of land on the south side of Lychgate Lane, Aston Flamville, and to the east of the M69. It is approximately 315m west of the Soar Brook, a tributary to the River Soar. The two rectangular excavation areas were positioned along the eastern edge of a field under arable cultivation. The ground slopes gently southwards from approximately 105 m to 96 m aOD.
- 2.3 The site lies within the rural southwest of the 'Upper Soar' area, an elongated basin, generally characterised as an 'open and gently rolling' landscape, with low-cut hedges, hedgerow trees, woodland and medium-large scale farms (Marshall *et al* 2017). The southwestern end is defined by a series of northeast to southwest elevated ridges, which rise above the more open and flat landscape to provide a clear view of the area and beyond. The agricultural land is described as a mixture of 'very large post-war fields and piecemeal enclosures of various shapes', with some areas of remnant ridge and furrow (Marshall *et al* 2017).
- 2.4 The British Geological Survey (BGS 2025) records the geology within the site as Mercia Mudstone Group with superficial deposits of Bosworth Clay Member.

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**1 Excavation area facing southeast (reproduced from Clarke 2022)**

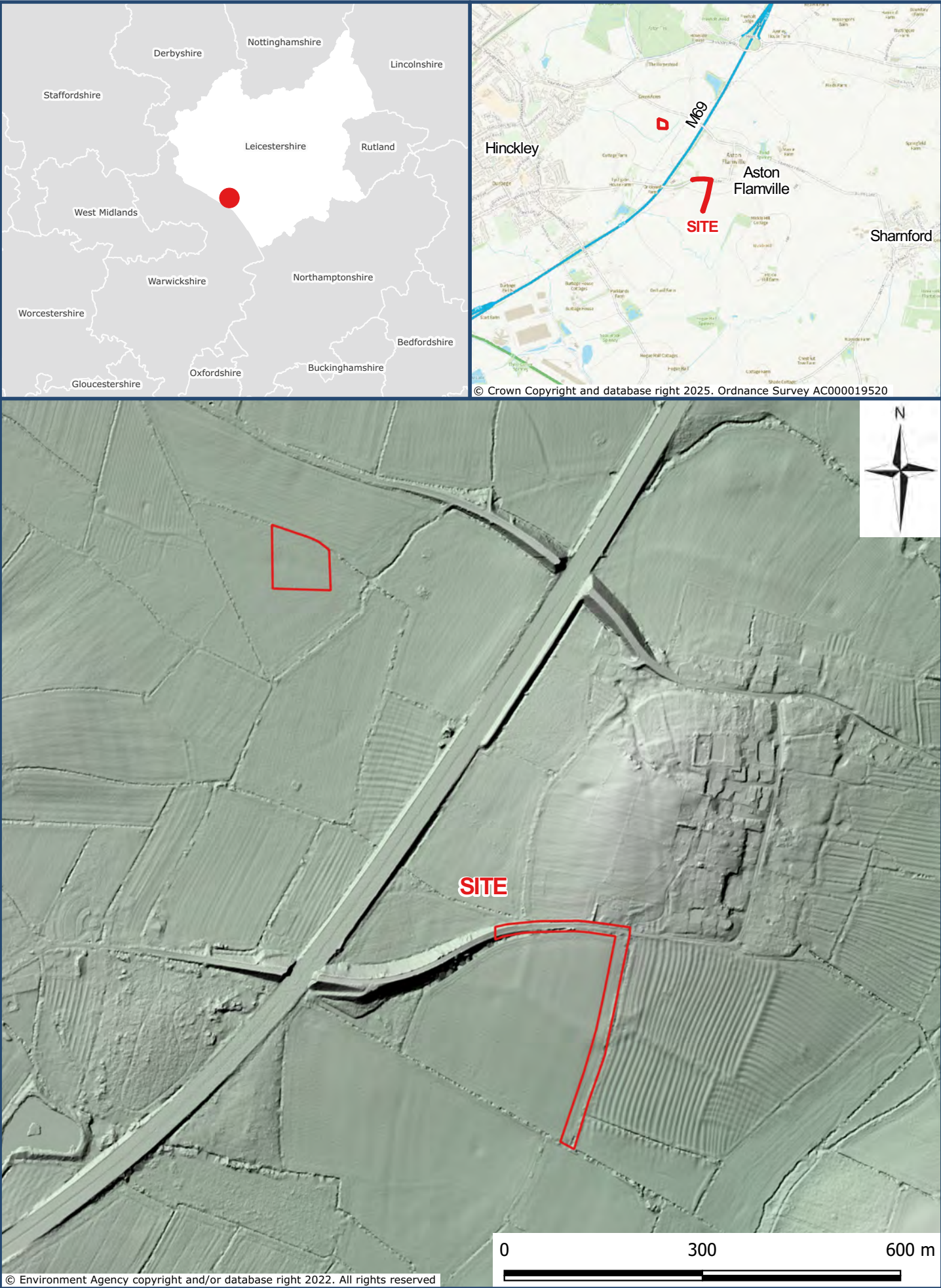


Fig 1: Location of site

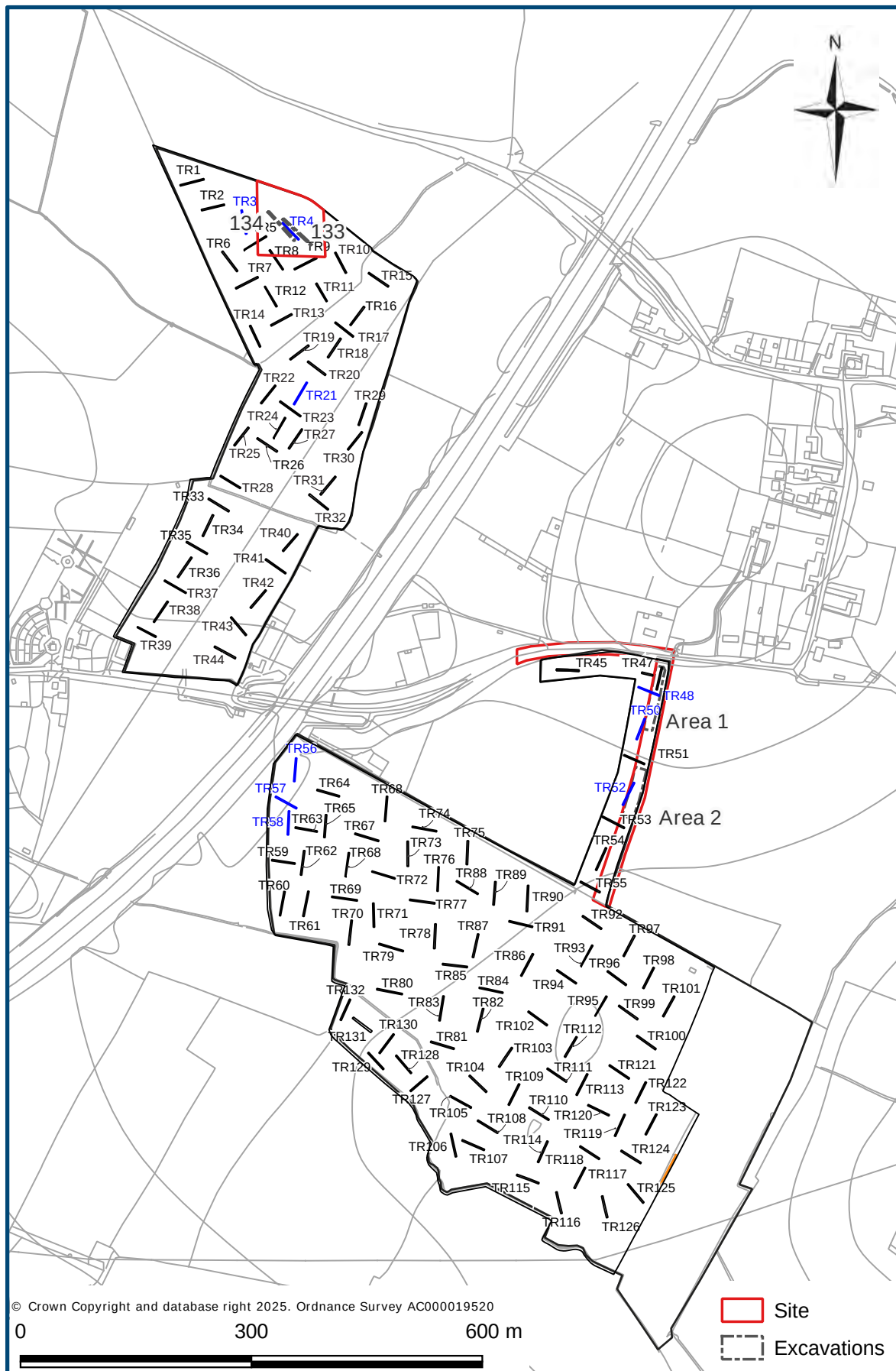


Fig 2: Location of excavations and previous Worcester Archive and Archaeology Service (WAAS) trenches

### 3 BASELINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA

- 3.1 The baseline archaeological data relating to the site was described in the archaeological desk-based assessment of 2022 (Clarke 2022), and the salient aspects of which are presented below.

#### **Previous Archaeological Investigation**

- 3.2 A geophysical survey of both the northern and southern area was undertaken during 2023. The magnetometry survey results were largely inconclusive but were able to identify two areas with possible archaeological features, one of which may be Roman in origin. Medieval to post-medieval ridge and furrow was also detected throughout most of the survey area, along with two former field boundaries (Manktelow 2023).
- 3.3 An archaeological evaluation comprising of 132 trial trenches was undertaken between March and April 2025 (Nicholson 2025). This work largely supported the geophysical survey results, albeit revealing evidence for prehistoric and Roman activity, along with extensive medieval to post-medieval ridge and furrow, and a post-medieval field system. Iron Age and Roman activity was concentrated in the southern part of the evaluated area and was characterised by field boundary ditches and a small number of pits with limited evidence for localised domestic activity. The overall distribution and character of the features (ditches and pits) and absence of any structural remains suggested that this area formed part of an agricultural hinterland, rather than a settlement core. A metalled stone surface in one of the northernmost trenches (Trench 4), appeared to suggest the presence of a trackway or an area of consolidated ground, possibly of medieval or post-medieval date (Nicholson 2025).

#### **Prehistoric**

- 3.4 Two flint scatters were recorded east of the site, near Mickle Hill, between 1913 and 1917. These finds include cores, blades, flakes, scrapers, and piercers. The descriptions of these early 20th-century finds, noting "long

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ridged flakes", "pygmy character", alongside scrapers, a leaf-shaped point, and a fabricator, hint at a transient Mesolithic presence nearby.

3.5 The Leicestershire HER notes Neolithic finds near the site, including a flint leaf-shaped arrowhead at Mickle Hill and further prehistoric flints northeast of it. A Neolithic arrowhead was also found near Fields Farm, southwest of the site, and several flint assemblages were recovered west of the northern parcel of the site during utility works.

3.6 The only evidence for Iron Age activity within the vicinity of the site is from a quern-stone found north of Church Farm in Aston Flamville.

**Roman period**

3.7 Evidence for Roman period occupation is indicated by 1st-2nd century AD mortaria and coarse ware pottery found during clay extraction at Lychgate Lane, Burbage (later destroyed by the M69 road scheme). A beehive quern top was also found during preliminary work for the motorway. Scattered finds of coins, metal objects (including a brooch), and undated pottery sherds within the vicinity of the site indicate some evidence for non-intensive occupation activities.

**Medieval**

3.8 Medieval sites within the vicinity of the site include the Church of St Peter and earthworks likely to represent medieval settlement. While the earthworks remain uninvestigated, there is a Norman window in St Peter's. Ridge and furrow ploughing is evident west of the site, on aerial photographs and Lidar data covering the surrounding area (see Fig 1).

3.9 Fourteen other medieval monuments are recorded in the HER at Aston Flamville, including two fishponds, a hollow way and the historic settlement core of Aston Flamville itself, known as 'Erston' by 1209, meaning 'the east or eastern settlement'.

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**Post-medieval and modern**

- 3.10 The HER records numerous post-medieval monuments and buildings surrounding the site, including listed buildings. The 1851 Tithe Map (not reproduced here) identifies the northern and southern portions of the site as 'Aston Flamville Glebe,' indicating church ownership. The southern field of the northern site was owned and occupied by John Smith Crosland.
- 3.11 The 1886 Ordnance Survey map (not reproduced here) shows the southern parcel of the site as agricultural fields with internal boundaries and a small agricultural structure. The northern portion is partially visible as enclosed fields. Field Cottage is present, but few other houses are shown along Lychgate Lane. Subsequent OS maps (1904, 1964; not reproduced) show little change. The construction of the M69 motorway between 1984 and 1988 significantly altered the surrounding landscape, dividing the two parcels of the site, which remained in agricultural use. LiDAR data reveals no unknown anomalies within the site.

## 4 AIMS AND METHODS

- 4.1 The main aim of the work was to record any significant archaeological that would be impacted by the development, to collate the fieldwork records into an archaeological archive and present the results of the fieldwork for dissemination.
- 4.2 Site specific themes include:
- a. to investigate the function and chronology of the previously recorded ditches;
  - b. to explore what the spatial relationships of this site and other sites nearby can tell us about the development of the area;
  - c. to further characterise the cobbled surface identified in Trench 4 in the previous evaluation (Nicholson 2025)
- 4.3 Specific aims of the work are to identify and address appropriate research themes set out in the East Midlands archaeological research framework (Knight *et al.* 2024). Relevant research questions to this site include:
- i. How did field and boundary systems relate to earlier systems of land allotment, and how did these boundary networks develop over time?
  - ii. What patterns can be discerned in the location of settlements in the landscape?
- 4.4 This report will describe and discuss the extent, character and dates of all archaeological remains exposed and place the results in their local and regional contexts.

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- 4.5 Two trial trenches, each measuring 50m by 1.8m, were excavated either side of the previously excavated evaluation trench containing the metallated surface (Trench 4; Nicholson 2025; Fig 2).
- 4.6 A programme of strip, map and sample excavation was carried out targeting features recorded in the previously excavated trenches 47-52 (see Fig 3; Nicholson 2025). Area 1 (Fig 4) measures 90m by 30m and Area 2 (Fig 8) measures 75m by 30m.
- 4.7 During excavation, pit 128 was considered a shallow linear and was sampled in this way. This feature, along with gullies 126 and 134 were considered too shallow to provide significant information at their termini.
- 4.8 Topsoil, former ploughsoils and demonstrably modern overburden were removed by an appropriate machine using a toothless bucket under direct archaeological supervision. Ground reduction continued in shallow spits until the uppermost archaeological horizon, or the geological natural, was reached (whichever the higher). Excavation then continued by hand.

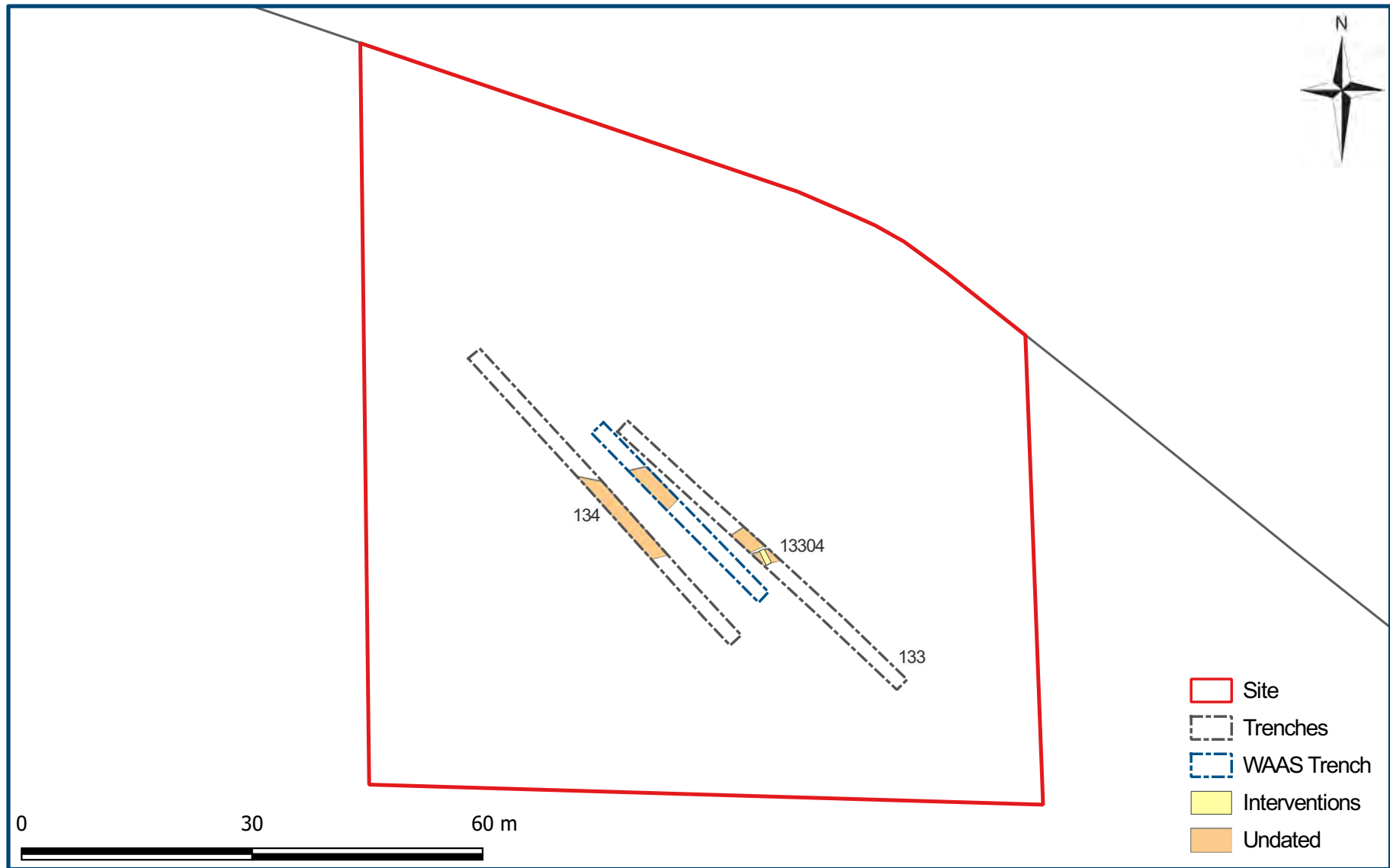


Fig 3: Location of trial trenches with Worcester Archive and Archaeology Service (WAAS) trench 4

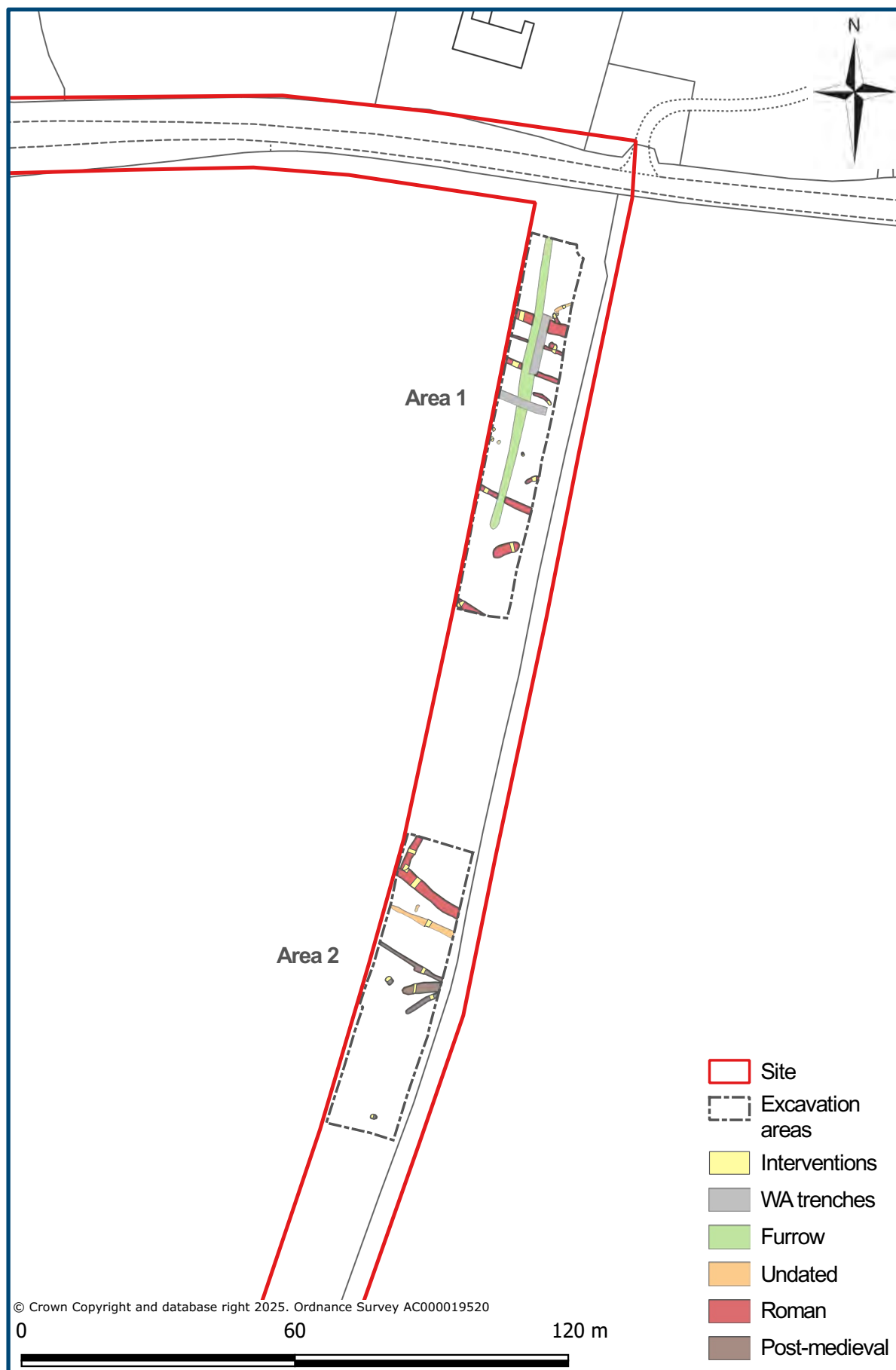


Fig 4: Location of strip, map and sample areas

## 5 RESULTS

### **Geological natural and depositional sequence**

- 5.1 The uppermost geological stratum in the northern evaluation area was a yellowish-brown sandy clay (13301, 13401), exposed 0.3-0.4m below the current ground surface. In the southern excavation area, the uppermost geological stratum was a light yellowish-brown sandy gravel (101, 202), exposed 0.35-0.55m below the current ground surface.
- 5.2 Where not disturbed by anthropogenic activity, the natural substrate was overlain by a plough-derived topsoil, 0.3-0.4m thick (13300, 13400, 101, 201). An earlier plough-derived subsoil was observed in the excavation area, 0.25-0.45m thick.

### **Excavation Results**

#### **Introduction**

- 5.3 The excavated evidence is primarily characterised by late 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century AD Roman activity, with limited evidence for medieval and post-medieval activity. The cut features comprised linear and curvilinear ditches, gullies and pits. The finds assemblage from the features is dominated by late 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century AD Roman pottery, animal bone, and a small quantity of mid-late Saxon pottery.
- 5.4 The evaluation exposed medieval, or more likely post-medieval activity, represented by a cobbled surface for an area of ground consolidation.

#### **Roman Features**

- 5.5 Roman activity on site is bounded by a large ditch at the northern end of Area 1 and two others aligned at right-angles 120m to the south in Area 2. It is possible that they represent a large enclosure. Features associated with the boundaries include two curvilinear gullies, three pits, and a series of smaller parallel ditches.

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*Ditches and Gullies*

- 5.6 Ditch 114, aligned northwest-southeast, was the most northernmost of the Area 1 Roman features (Photo 2; Fig 5). The feature measured 2.18m wide and 0.91m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a rounded base. Two fills were identified; a brown silty sand (115), 0.91m thick, overlain on the southwest side by a dark brown sandy silt (116), 0.38m thick. Two greyware sherds from the lower fill, one of which was a possible jar/bowl fragment along with charred wheat grains. The upper fill, which yielded thirty-three sherds of hand-built Anglo-Saxon pottery, must have accumulated much later. Other finds include animal bone and a coin from the Roman Gallic Empire, 260-274 AD.

**2 Southwest facing section of ditch 114**

- 5.7 This ditch was recorded in the previous evaluation (4803) with a recut (4806; Nicholson 2025), however no evidence of a recut was evident in this investigation.

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5.8 Ditch 207, aligned northwest to southeast at the northern end of Area 2, was 2.45m wide and 0.73m deep (Photo 3; Fig 8). A sequence of seven fills was recorded within the feature, however the overall similarity in character and dimensions of this ditch with ditch 114, suggests the two had a similar function. At the base of the ditch, on the northeastern slope, 0.13m of dark brownish silty clay (208) was sealed by a 0.08m thick lens of light greyish brown clayey sand (209). This part of the feature may represent an earlier ditch, though it was not recorded as such. On the southwestern slope, 0.13m of light greyish brown clayey sand (210) was overlain by 0.10m of light brownish yellow sand (211). A secondary fill 0.69m thick of light grey clayey sand which yielded charred barley (212) was overlain with 0.32m of mottled grey and reddish-brown clayey sand (213). The final fill was 0.35m of mid grey clayey sand (214). Animal bone was recovered from (206) and two sherds of Roman pottery were recovered from (214).



**3 Southeast facing section of ditch 207**

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- 5.9 Northeast-southwest ditch 215/219 terminated within the excavated area (Photo 4: Fig 9). It was 1.65m wide and 0.6m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base (Photo 4; Fig 8) and contained three fills. A basal fill of light grey sand (216/221) was overlain by brownish grey silty sand (217), and thereafter 0.35-0.41m of dark greyish brown silty sand (218/220). Two sherds of pottery (greyware) were recovered from upper fill 218.



**4 Northeast facing section of ditch 215**

- 5.10 Northeast-southwest ditch terminus 136, at the north end of Area 1, shared an unclear relationship with ditch 114 and truncated undated ditch 139. It was 0.61m wide and 0.9m deep and had near vertical sides and a rounded base with two fills. The earliest 0.58m was dark brownish grey silty sand (138), whilst the upper fill was greyish brown silty sand (137). The lower fill yielded animal bone, while the upper fill yielded a single sherd of greyware.

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- 5.11 The most southerly ditch, 120, at the southwestern end of Area 1, was 1.5m wide and 0.49m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base (Photo 5; Fig 5). It contained mid greyish brown clayey sand (121), which produced five sherds of pottery (greyware and oxidised ware). This ditch was recorded in the previous evaluation as 5003 (Nicholson 2025).
- 5.12 Aligned northwest-southeast, gully 118 truncated the southwestern bank of ditch 120. It was 0.49m wide and 0.28m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base (Photo 5; Fig 5) and filled with dark greyish brown clayey sand (119), which yielded a single sherd of pottery (greyware bowl).



**5 Northwest facing section of ditch 120 (centre) and gully 118 (right)**

- 5.13 Gully 103 was located c. 3m south and ran parallel to Ditch 114. The feature measured 0.55m wide and 0.2m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base (Fig 6). It was filled by a single deposit of dark greyish brown clayey sand (104), which contained animal bone, pottery,

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including a mortarium sherd and two greyware jar/bowl fragments, and CBM. It was located immediately adjacent to pit 105, but no clear relationship could be determined between the two.

- 5.14 Ditch 122 was similarly aligned parallel to ditch 114 and gully 103, sited 5m south of the latter. The ditch was 1.15m wide and 0.61m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a rounded base (Photo 6; Fig 5). It was filled by 123, a dark brownish grey clayey sand, which yielded a single sherd of white ware (mortarium) and 42 fragments of animal bone. Sample 4 was taken from the deposit which yielded a single charred wheat grain and awn fragments.



**6 Southeast facing section of ditch 122**

- 5.15 Continuing the parallel alignment of ditches, ditch 107 was located towards the southern end of Area 1 and 27m south of ditch 112. It measured 1.09m wide and 0.52m deep and held steeply sloping sides and a rounded base (Photo 7; Fig 5). It had a simple sequence of two deposits; a 0.52m thick mid-greyish brown clayey sand (109) overlain by a dark

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greyish brown clayey sand (108), 0.27m thick. Animal bone was recovered from both fills, while a large assemblage of pottery, including three sherds of Samian ware, likely a bowl, was recovered from 108, along with black-burnished ware jar sherds and greyware. Sample 2 was taken from fill 109, which yielded indeterminate charred grain remains, awn fragments and legumes.

- 5.16 The similarity in profile and fill composition between Ditch 122 and Ditch 107 may indicate contemporaneity and form part of an enclosure that continues beyond the limits of this excavation. Alternatively, these ditches may represent internal land divisions within a larger field system.



**7 Northwest facing section of ditch 107**

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### 1 Summary of Roman Ditches and Gullies

| <b>Context</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                 | <b>Fills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Dimensions<br/>(width x depth) (m)</b> | <b>Finds</b>              |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>103</b>     | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base | 104, dark greyish brown clayey sand                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0.55 x 0.2                                | Animal bone, pottery, CBM |
| <b>107</b>     | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with steeply sloping sides and a rounded base    | 108, upper fill, dark greyish brown clayey sand<br>109, basal fill, mid greyish brown clayey sand                                                                                                                              | 1.09 x 0.52                               | Animal Bone, pottery      |
| <b>114</b>     | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with steeply sloping sides and a rounded base    | 116, upper fill, dark brown sandy silt<br>115, basal fill, brown silty sand                                                                                                                                                    | 2.18 x 0.91                               | Animal bone, pottery      |
| <b>118</b>     | Linear in plan, V-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base | 119, dark greyish brown clayey sand                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0.49 x 0.28                               | Pottery                   |
| <b>120</b>     | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base | 121, mid greyish brown clayey sand                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1.5 x 0.49                                | Pottery, CBM              |
| <b>122</b>     | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with steeply sloping sides and a rounded base    | 123, dark brownish grey clayey sand                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1.15 x 0.61                               | Pottery, animal bone      |
| <b>136</b>     | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with vertical sides and a rounded base           | 137, upper fill, mid greyish brown silty sand<br>138, basal fill, dark brownish grey silty sand                                                                                                                                | 0.61 x 0.9                                | Animal bone, pottery      |
| <b>207</b>     | Linear in plan with moderately sloping sides and an uneven base                    | 214, upper fill, mid grey clayey sand<br>213, secondary fill, mottled grey and reddish-brown clayey sand<br>212, tertiary fill, light grey clayey sand<br>211, small sealing deposit overlying 210, light brownish yellow sand | 2.45 x 0.73                               | Pottery                   |

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|                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                        |            |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|
|                                      |                                                                                       | 210, basal fill on SW side, light greyish brown clayey sand<br>209, small deposit overlying 208, light brownish yellow silty sand<br>208, basal fill on NE side, dark brown silty clay |            |         |
| <b>215</b>                           | Linear in plan, with V-shaped profile, moderately sloping sides and a tapered base    | 218, upper fill, dark greyish brown silty sand<br>217, middle fill, brownish grey silty sand<br>216, basal fill, light grey sand                                                       | 1.65 x 0.6 | Pottery |
| <b>219<br/>(continuation of 215)</b> | Irregular in plan, with U-shaped profile, moderately sloping sides and a rounded base | 220, upper fill, dark greyish brown silty sand<br>221, basal fill, light grey sand                                                                                                     | 1.6 x 0.6  | None    |

### *Curvilinear Gullies*

- 5.17 Two curvilinear gullies were located to the centre of Area 1, south of ditch 122 and north of ditch 107. These may represent the footprint of circular buildings.
- 5.18 Gully 124, 3.5m south of ditch 122, was 4.7m long, 0.56m wide and 0.11m deep, with gently sloping sides and an uneven base (Photo 8; Fig 6). It was filled with dark brown sandy silt (125) yielding pottery, including a sherd of a black-burnished ware jar, and animal bone.
- 5.19 Gully 126, in Area 1, was 1.08m wide and 0.28m deep, with gently sloping sides and an uneven base (Fig 6). It was filled with brown sandy loam (127) which contained eight sherds of pottery, primarily tablewares, including fragments of a greyware jar/bowl and mortarium.

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### 8 Southeast facing section of gully terminus 124

#### 2 Summary of Roman Curvilinear Gullies

| <i>Context</i> | <i>Description</i>                                                                                   | <i>Fills</i>               | <i>Dimensions<br/>(width x depth)<br/>(m)</i> | <i>Finds</i>         |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>124</b>     | Linear in plan, curving to the south, U-shaped profile, with gently sloping sides and an uneven base | 125, dark brown sandy silt | 0.56 x 0.11                                   | Pottery, animal bone |
| <b>126</b>     | Linear in plan, curving to the south, U-shaped profile, with gently sloping sides and an uneven base | 127, brown sandy loam      | 1.08 x 0.28                                   | Pottery              |

#### *Pits*

- 5.20 Sub-circular pit 105 in Area 1, was immediately adjacent to gully 103, although no relationship was apparent. It measured 1.68m long, 1.10m wide and 0.26m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled with dark greyish brown clayey sand (106) and animal bone and CBM was recovered along with charred grain fragments.

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- 5.21 Oval pit 110 was located towards the centre of Area 1 and measured 0.7m long, 0.41m wide, and 0.13m deep, with gently sloping sides and a rounded base (Photo 9; Fig 6). It was filled with dark greyish brown clayey sand (111), from which four sherds of Samian ware, were recovered.



**9 Southeast facing section of pit 110**

- 5.22 Irregular pit 128, located towards the south of Area 1, was 6.1m long, 2m wide but only 0.08m deep (Photo 10; Fig 6). It was filled with dark greyish brown silty clay (129), which yielded several sherds of 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> century AD pottery, including a mortarium fragment, animal bones, an iron nail and a coin, broadly dated between the late 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries (SF3).

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### 10 East facing section of pit 128

### 3 Summary of Roman Pits

| <b>Context</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                               | <b>Fills</b>                        | <b>Dimensions<br/>(length x width<br/>x depth) (m)</b> | <b>Finds</b>         |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>105</b>     | Regular sub-circular in plan, U-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base | 106, dark greyish brown clayey sand | 1.10 x 0.55 x 0.2                                      | Animal bone, CBM     |
| <b>110</b>     | Irregular oval shape in plan, U-shaped profile, with gently sloping sides and a rounded base     | 111, dark greyish brown clayey sand | 0.7 x 0.41 x 0.13                                      | Pottery              |
| <b>128</b>     | Irregular in plan with gently sloping sides and an uneven base                                   | 129, dark greyish brown silty clay  | 6.1 x 2 x 0.08                                         | Animal bone, pottery |

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### Medieval Features

- 5.23 There is scant direct evidence for medieval activity on site, with only one furrow recognised in Area 1. This was aligned north–south and measured between 1.7m–3m wide and filled with dark greyish brown sandy silt.

#### 4 Summary of Medieval Features

| <i>Context</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Fills</i> | <i>Dimensions<br/>(width x depth)<br/>(m)</i> | <i>Finds</i> |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Furrow</b>  | Linear in plan     | N/A          | 1.7–3m, unknown depth                         | None         |

### Post-Medieval Features

- 5.24 The only evidence for post-medieval activity was seen within central and southern portions of Area 2.
- 5.25 Ditch 224, aligned east-west, measured 1.36m wide and 0.36m deep, with steep sloping sides and an uneven base (Photo 11). It was filled with black loam (225), containing glass and ceramic tile. This feature was previously recorded in the evaluation as 5205 (Nicholson 2025) and aligns with a field boundary present on the 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1886 (Fig 9).
- 5.26 Ditch 222 was aligned east northeast-west southwest and was 0.97m wide and 0.27m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled with dark greyish brown clayey sand (223). Although no finds were recovered from the feature, its similarities in character, profile and its spatial relationship with other post-medieval features suggest contemporaneity.

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**11 West facing section of ditch 224**

- 5.27 Irregular and amorphous pit 228 measured over 10m long, 2.16m wide and 0.08-0.24m deep, with gently sloping sides and an uneven base. It was filled with dark greyish brown clayey sand (229). Recovered finds include animal bone, post-medieval pottery and glass and CBM.
- 5.28 Pit 230 was located c. 3m to the west of pit 228m. The feature was sub-square in plan and measured 1.6m long, 1.28m wide and 0.54m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled by a single deposit of dark brownish grey clayey sand (231), from which animal bone and post-medieval pottery was recovered.
- 5.29 Oval pit 226 was located at the southern end of area 2 and measured 1.34m long, 0.94m wide and 0.14m deep, with gently sloping sides on the southern side and more steeply sloping sides on the northern side and flat base. It was filled by a single deposit of black loam (227).

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### 5 Summary of Post-Medieval Features

| <b>Context</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                           | <b>Fills</b>                        | <b>Dimensions<br/>(length x<br/>width x<br/>depth) (m)</b> | <b>Finds</b>                     |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>222</b>     | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base           | 223, dark brownish grey clayey sand | 0.97 x 0.27                                                | None                             |
| <b>224</b>     | Linear in plan, with steeply sloping sides and an uneven base                                | 225, black loam                     | 1.36 x 0.36                                                | CBM, glass                       |
| <b>226</b>     | Oval in plan, with gently (south side) to steeply (north side) sloping sides and a flat base | 227, black loam                     | 1.34 x 0.94 x 0.14                                         | None                             |
| <b>228</b>     | Irregular in plan, with gently sloping sides and an uneven base                              | 229, dark greyish brown clayey sand | > 10 x 2.16 x 0.08-0.24                                    | Animal bone, pottery, glass, CBM |
| <b>230</b>     | Irregular in plan, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base                          | 231, dark brownish grey clayey sand | 1.28 x 0.54                                                | Animal bone, pottery             |

### Undated Features

5.30 Undated features were recorded across Area 1. These features include a series of three gullies north of ditch 114, and two pits located to the centre of the area, west of pits 110 and 126. Two undated ditches were recorded in area 2, one immediately south of the Roman ditches, the other in the immediate vicinity of the post-medieval features.

#### *Ditches and Gullies*

5.31 Gully terminus 132, aligned north-south, was located at the northern end of area 1. The feature measured 0.43m wide and 0.26m deep, with

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moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled by a single deposit of brown clayey sand (133).

5.32 Northeast-southwest gully 134 measured 0.76m wide and 0.35m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled by a single deposit of dark brown sandy loam (135). The feature's terminus was perpendicular to ditch terminus 136, possibly forming a corner of a small enclosure, and truncated gully 132.

5.33 Gully 139 was aligned northwest-southeast and located immediately south of and parallel to gully 134 and was heavily truncated by Roman ditches 114 and 136. The surviving part of the feature measured 0.39m wide and 0.39m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled by a single deposit of mid greyish brown silty sand (140).

5.34 Ditch 203 was aligned northwest-southeast on a parallel alignment to Roman ditch 207 and post-medieval ditch 224, c. 4m south of the former. The feature measured 1.98m wide and 0.55m deep, with steeply sloping sides and a tapered base. Three fills were identified; the lower fill comprised a dark brownish black loam (204), 0.28m thick. The middle fill was a blueish grey clayey sand (205), 0.22m thick. The upper fill was a light brown silty sand (206), 0.16m thick, which contained animal bone. Environmental Sample 1 was taken from the lower fill which yielded a single rachis segment and a charred legume (Fabaceae).

## 6 Summary of Undated Ditches

| <i><b>Context</b></i> | <i><b>Description</b></i>                                                                      | <i><b>Fills</b></i>    | <i><b>Dimensions<br/>(width x<br/>depth) (m)</b></i> | <i><b>Finds</b></i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>132</b>            | Irregular terminus in plan, U-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base | 133, brown clayey sand | 0.43 x 0.26                                          | None                |

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|            |                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                    |              |             |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>134</b> | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base | 135, dark brown sandy loam                                                                                                         | 0.76 x 0.35  | None        |
| <b>139</b> | Linear in plan, U-shaped profile, with steeply sloping sides and a rounded base    | 140, mid greyish brown silty sand                                                                                                  | >0.39 x 0.39 | None        |
| <b>203</b> | Linear in plan, V-shaped profile with steeply sloping sides and a tapered base     | 206, upper fill, light brown silty sand<br>205, middle fill, blueish grey clayey sand<br>204, basal fill, dark brownish black loam | 1.98 x 0.55  | Animal bone |

### *Pits*

- 5.35 Sub-circular pit 112 was located towards the centre of area 1 and measured 0.87m long, 0.7m wide and 0.1-0.16m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled by a single deposit of dark greyish brown clayey sand (113).
- 5.36 Situated c. 2m south of the above, was oval pit 130. The feature measured 0.72m long, 0.51m wide and 0.17m deep, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base. It was filled by a single deposit of mid greyish brown clayey sand (131).

## **7 Summary of Undated Pits**

| <b>Context</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                  | <b>Fills</b>                        | <b>Dimensions<br/>(length x width x depth)(m)</b> | <b>Finds</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>112</b>     | Irregular, sub-circular in plan, U-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base | 113, dark greyish brown clayey sand | 0.87 x 0.7 x 0.1-0.16                             | None         |
| <b>130</b>     | Irregular oval shape in plan, U-shaped profile, with moderately sloping sides and a rounded base    | 131, mid greyish brown clayey sand  | 0.72 x 0.51 x 0.17                                | Animal Bone  |

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## Evaluation Results

5.37 The evaluation exposed a metalled road.

5.38 East-west ditch 13302 was 2.05 wide and 0.16m deep with moderately sloping sides and a flat base (Photo 12). In the base of the ditch, cobbled surface 13304 concentrated along the southern bank and base of the feature. It was overlain by dark greyish brown silty clay (13303). The cobbling was also evident in Trench 134. As surface 13403, albeit less complete, it measured 2.68m wide (Photo 13). No dating evidence was apparent.



**12 West facing section of ditch 13302**

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### 13 Cobbled surface 13403, looking northwest

## 8 Summary of Evaluation Features

| <i><b>Context</b></i> | <i><b>Description</b></i>                                      | <i><b>Fills</b></i>                                           | <i><b>Dimensions<br/>(width x depth)<br/>(m)</b></i> | <i><b>Finds</b></i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>13302</b>          | Regular in plan, with moderately sloping sides and a flat base | 13303, dark greyish brown silty clay<br>13304, cobble surface | 2.05 x 0.16                                          | None                |
| <b>13403</b>          | Regular in plan, comprising of small to medium cobbles         | N/A                                                           | 2.68, unknown depth                                  | None                |

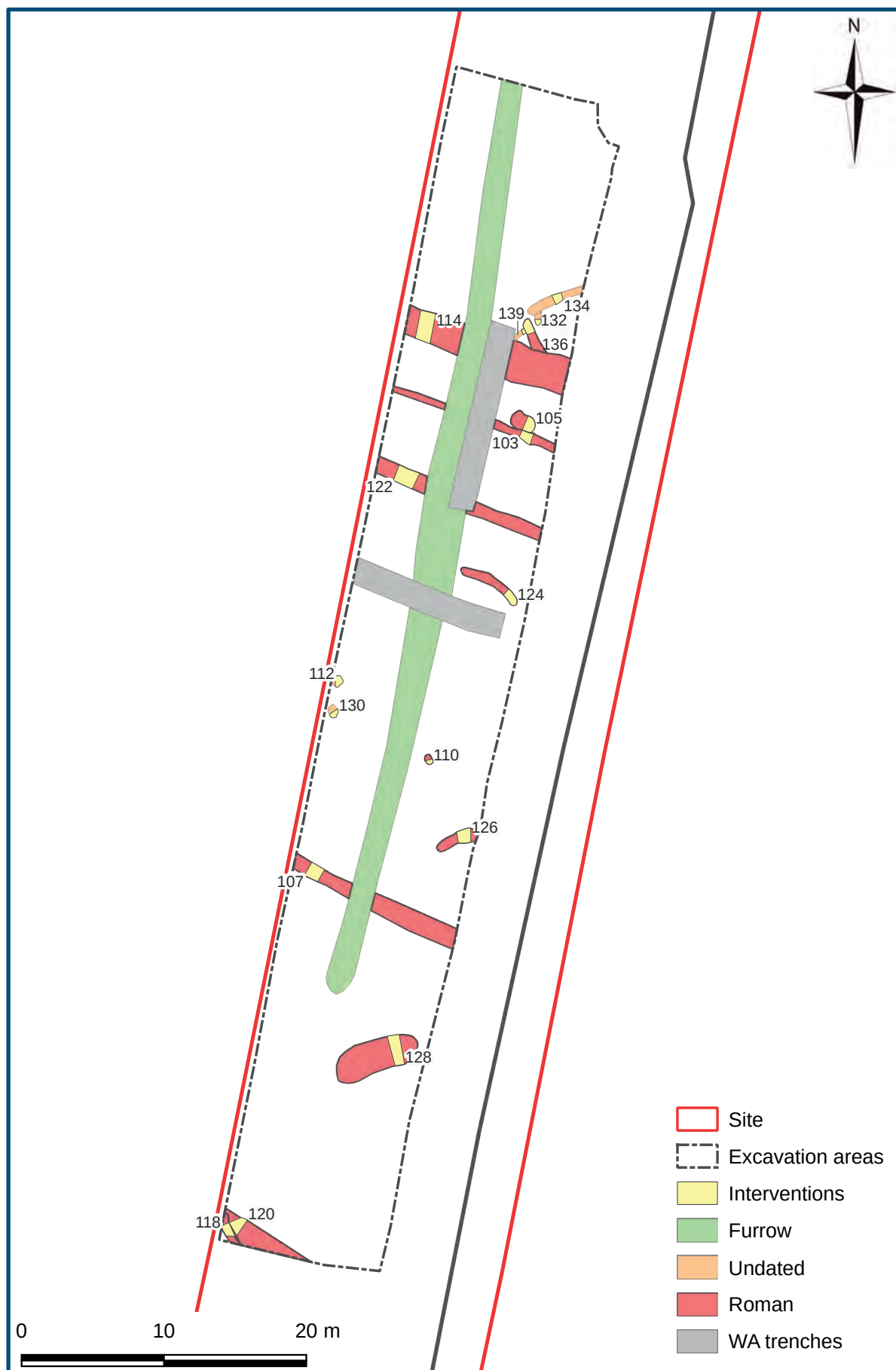
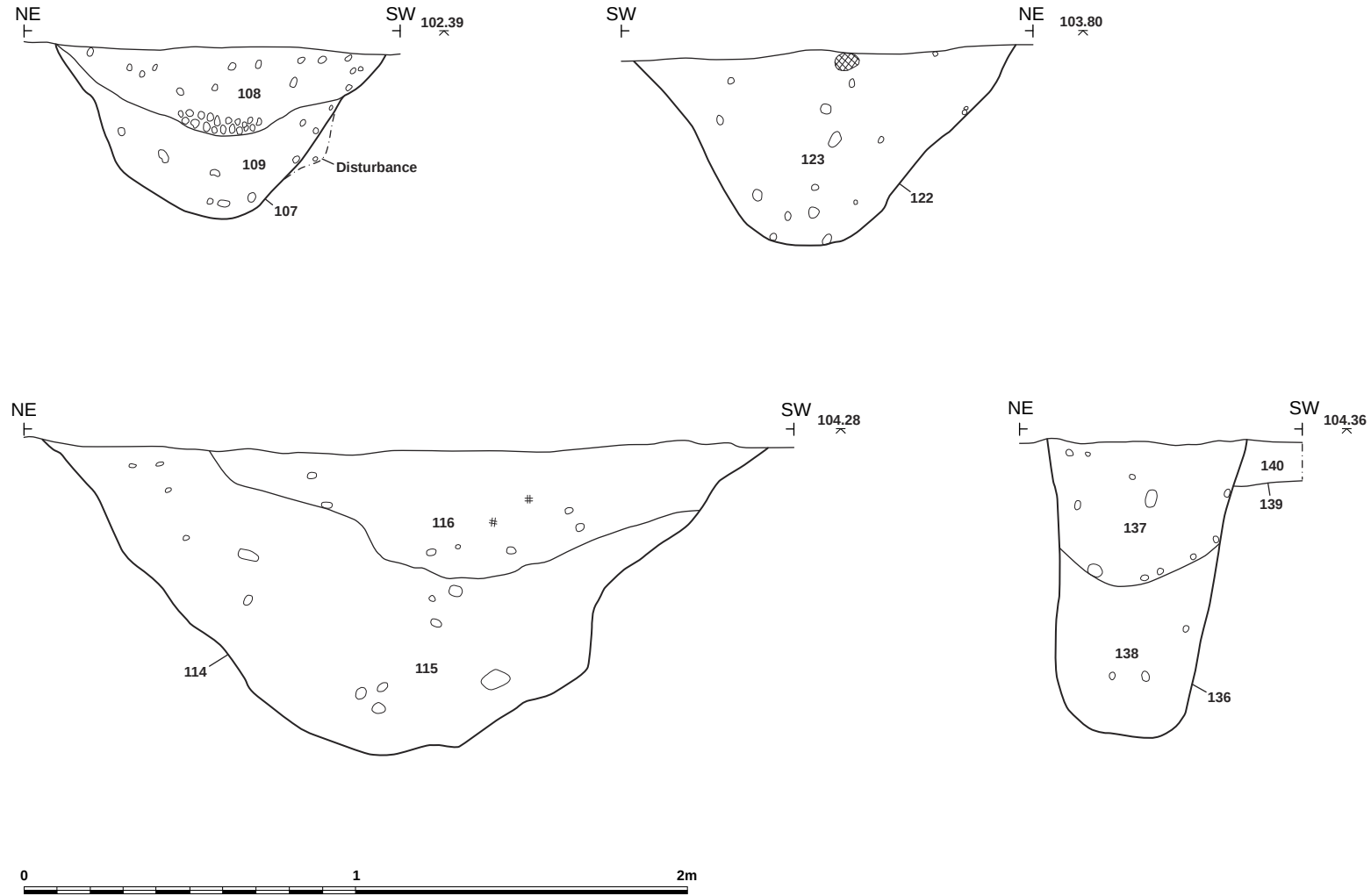


Fig 5: Detail of strip, map and sample Area 1

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Fig 6: Area 1 Roman sections

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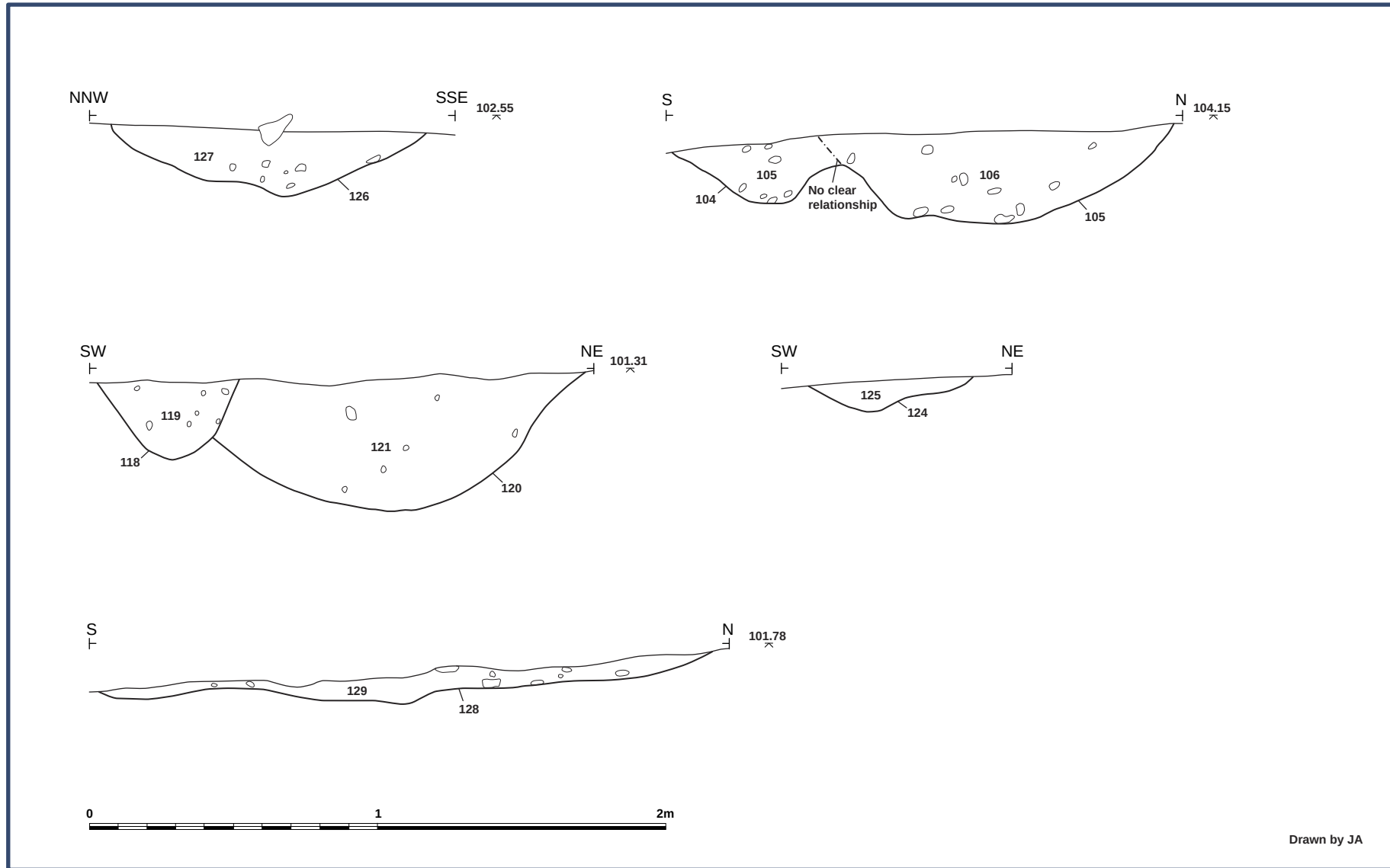


Fig 7: Area 1 Roman sections

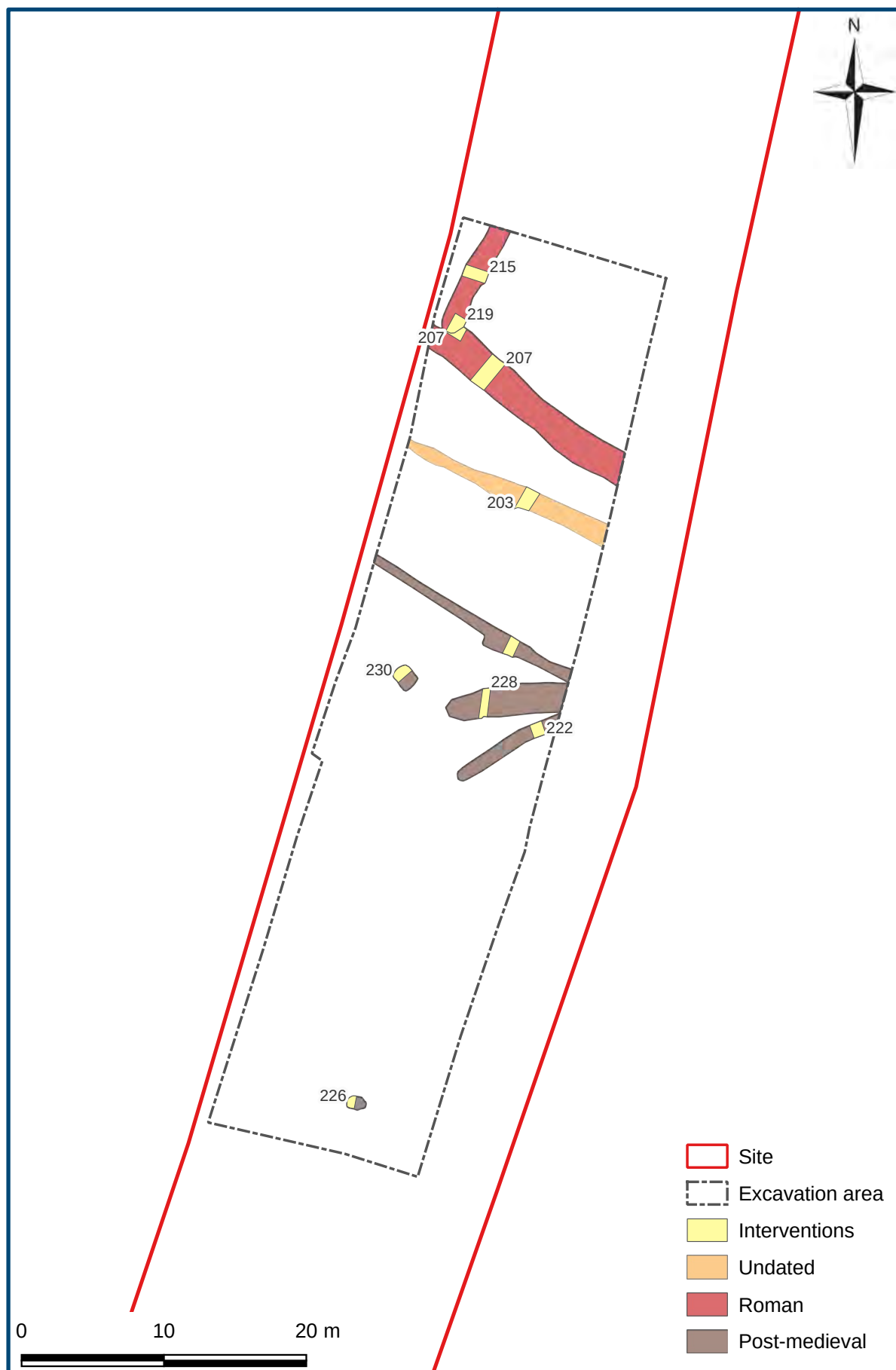
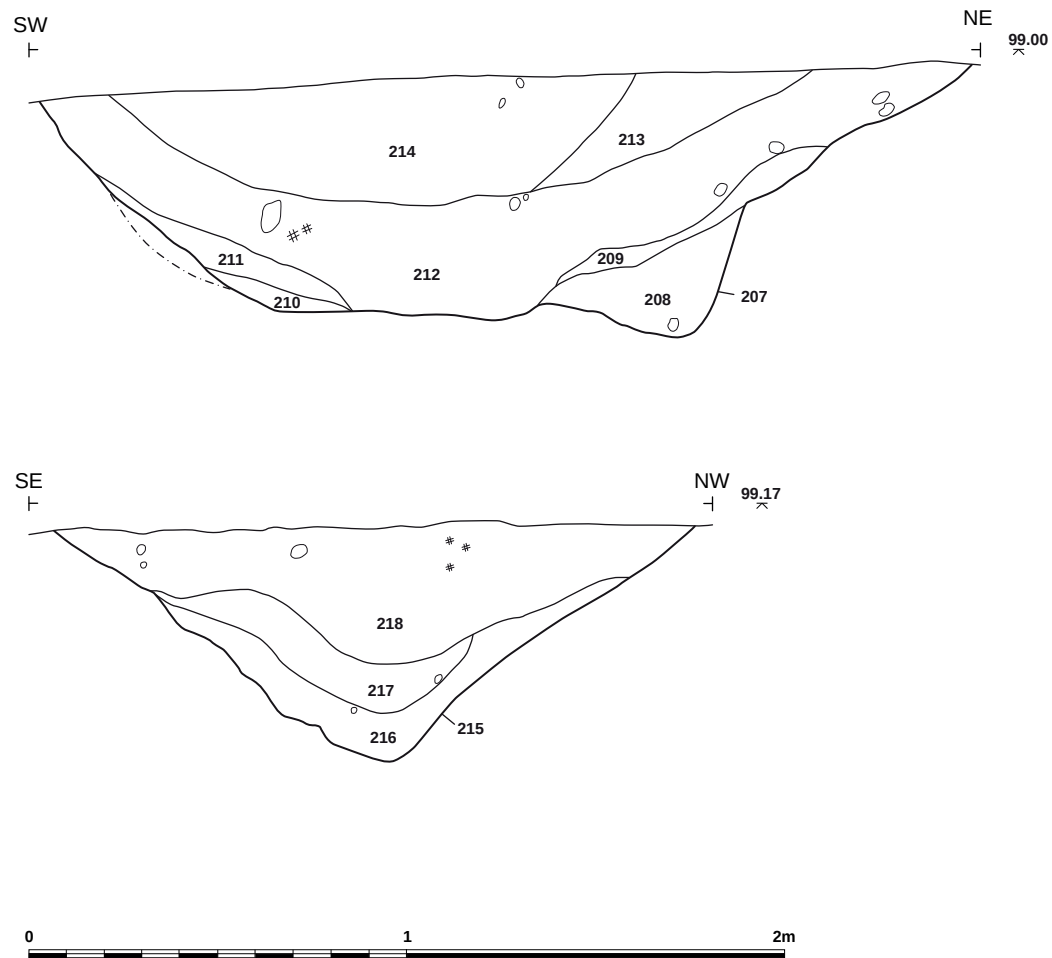


Fig 8: Detail of strip, map and sample Area 2

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Fig 9: Area 2 Roman sections



Fig 10: Location of strip, map and sample areas and First Edition Ordnance Survey map, 1888, Leicestershire XLIII.9

## 6 THE ARTEFACTUAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

### **Pottery** *Adam Sutton, BA, MA, PhD*

#### **Introduction**

- 6.1 A total of 121 sherds weighing 2.522kg (2.12 EVEs) were recovered from contexts associated with sixteen archaeological features. Pottery was recorded in accordance with the minimum standards for pottery analysis, to the level of a 'Basic Record' (Barclay *et al.*, 2016; CIfA, 2024). Sherds from each context were sorted according to fabric, these groups being further subdivided where sherds could be deemed to have derived from the same vessel. Each resulting group was systematically recorded using the fabric codes described in Table 12 (Appendix C). Details of use-wear, decoration, firing faults, etc. were also recorded systematically where present.
- 6.2 Pottery was quantified using sherd count, weight (to the nearest whole gram) and Estimated Vessel Equivalent (EVE) by summation of surviving rim circumference. Pottery data were recorded in an MS Excel spreadsheet which has been provided to project management for inclusion in the project archive. Quantification of pottery by context can be found in Table 13 (Appendix C).
- 6.3 Fabric codes used for Roman wares follow the National Roman Fabric Reference Collection (Tomber and Dore, 1998) or, where not found in that series, the pottery fabric series for Leicester and Leicestershire (Pollard, 1994). Roman pottery form codes, found in the associated pottery dataset, are derived from the form series under development for Northamptonshire and the south Midlands by the current author.

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- 6.4 Classification of hand-built Anglo-Saxon pottery is based on fabrics defined specifically for the current assemblage and using form categories originally published by Myers (1977).
- 6.5 Post-medieval pottery, being a minor component of the assemblage and potentially entirely redeposited, has been classified broadly as miscellaneous post-medieval wares.

**Assemblage Character**

- 6.6 Pottery was predominantly Roman in date, with a significant minority of early/middle Anglo-Saxon pottery and four sherds of post-medieval pottery also present. The Roman pottery emphasises the latter part of the period, i.e. the later third and fourth centuries AD, and based on the diagnostic sherds present may be entirely of this period. The earliest material may be the Samian ware, which comprises parts of two Drag.31 bowls in fabric LEZ SA 2. Drag.31 is a later Samian form and in LEZ SA 2 will date to the latter part of the second century AD; it is possible that these vessels were curated and thereby in circulation during the third or even the fourth century (Wallace, 2006). Otherwise, the range of Roman wares is classically of the late period.
- 6.7 Much of the assemblage is made up of unsourced greywares of various grades of coarseness, with much smaller amounts of oxidised and shelly wares, black-burnished ware (BB1 and BB2), Lower Nene Valley colour-coated ware, and mortaria from the Lower Nene Valley and Mancetter-Hartshill potteries. The Lower Nene Valley colour-coated ware was mostly of a clearly late, coarse, character, and included part of a plain-rimmed 'dog dish' from fill 129 of Pit 128. These traits in this ware are overall consistent with dates in the later third and fourth centuries AD. The black-burnished ware also included a late rim sherd in the form of a bead-and-flange bowl with intersecting arc decoration, from fill 108 of Ditch 107, datable to the same period, although a BB2 everted-rim jar with acute

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lattice decoration from fill 125 of Gully 124 is more likely to date to the period from the mid-second to mid-third century AD.

6.8 The Anglo-Saxon pottery all came from fill 116 of Ditch 114 and was well preserved relative to the Roman pottery. The standard of preservation of this material suggests that it was deposited close to a nearby focus of contemporary occupation. The pottery was found in two related fabrics characterised by granitic inclusions typical of the period regionally (Williams and Vince, 1997). Rims from four vessels – all plain jars – were present, these comprising one each of the following types as described in Myers' corpus (1977):

- Shouldered form with flared rim (PRN 0039)
- Shouldered form with upright rim (PRN 0040)
- High-shouldered form (PRN 0041)
- Uncertain form (PRN 0042)

6.9 Additionally, one body sherd bearing a solid lug was found. No decorated sherds apart from this lugged sherd were encountered. This emphasis on plain wares may suggest that the assemblage dates to the Middle Saxon period, c. AD 650-850. However, in such a small assemblage the absence of decorated wares diagnostic of the Early Saxon period (c. AD 450-650) need not necessitate such close dating, and a broad date of c. AD 450-850 for the group is probably most reasonable.

6.10 Four small sherds of post-medieval pottery were found. Two were collected from the surface of fill 108 of Ditch 107 (a fill otherwise containing late Roman pottery), and one each from fills 229 of Pit 228, and 231 of Pit 230. Given the small amounts of such pottery, it appears likely that the

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post-medieval finds are present as a result of redeposition and/or contamination.

**Discussion**

- 6.11 This assemblage is relatively diverse considering its small size. Perhaps the most significant question to address surrounds the possibility of the pottery reflecting continuous occupation between the late Roman and early Anglo-Saxon periods.
- 6.12 The Roman assemblage emphasises the third and fourth centuries AD but significantly does not include fabrics and forms which would be diagnostic of a later fourth or earlier fifth century date, such as the latest forms in Lower Nene Valley colour-coated ware (Perrin, 1981). Although it may be ambitious to expect such rare forms to be found in such a small assemblage, their absence negates the use of the Roman pottery to support very late Roman or transitional Romano-Saxon dates.
- 6.13 Similarly, the hand-built Anglo-Saxon pottery lacks the decorated wares and/or angular forms which would be diagnostic of early Saxon or even fifth century dating. Rather, the emphasis on plainwares suggests dates in the period after c. AD 650, but again in such a small assemblage the absence of a given ceramic feature cannot prove the absence of activity at a given time, i.e. in the fifth or sixth century. In sum, then, the pottery provides scant evidence for continuous occupation between the late Roman and early Anglo-Saxon periods, and it appears conceivable that there was a gap of several generations between the Roman- and Anglo-Saxon-period occupations of the site.
- 6.14 That said, the pottery is not entirely unremarkable. Roman pottery is not well known in the immediate vicinity of Aston Flamville. A small quantity of similar late Roman pottery, broadly datable to the second to fourth century AD was recovered from a putative rural settlement at Britannia Road, Burbage, a short distance west of the current site, where occupation

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may therefore have been contemporaneous (Coward, 2010). All other Roman sites in the region are several kilometres distant. Early/Middle Anglo-Saxon occupation is attested a short distance away at Sutton Farm, Broughton Astley, c. 7km to the east of the current site. Here a small assemblage of closely similar pottery to that found at the current site was found, including sherds associated with the fills of a sunken-featured building (Jarvis, 2003). The current assemblage is therefore broadly typical of finds known from the Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods regionally, though it provides direct evidence of contemporary occupation in an area not otherwise known to host it.

## **Animal Bone** *S. Hamilton-Dyer*

### **Introduction**

- 6.15 A small assemblage of 634 individual animal bones was recovered from the excavations. These vertebrate remains are from twelve deposits in ten features, mainly ditches but also with some material from pits.
- 6.16 All bones and teeth were counted, and taxonomic identifications were made to the best achievable level using the author's modern comparative collections. Recently broken fragments were rejoined where possible and have been counted as single specimens. Loose teeth were replaced into mandible/maxilla where possible. Tooth eruption and wear stages of cattle and sheep mandibles were recorded following Grant (1982). Measurements follow von den Driesch (1976) and are in millimetres unless otherwise stated. Table 9 gives a summary count of the taxa by context. Table 16 is the full archive data table (Appendix D); the individual records contain details of metrical and other data not presented in the text below.

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### 9 Summary Count of Taxa Per Context

| Context | Cut | Context type | horse     | cattle    | sheep     | pig      | cattle-sized | sheep-sized | indet. mammal | dog      | cat      | domestic fowl | other bird | micro-fauna | total      |
|---------|-----|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 105     | 106 | pit          |           |           |           |          | 1            |             |               |          |          |               |            |             | 1          |
| 108     | 107 | ditch        | 1         |           |           |          | 1            |             |               |          |          |               |            |             | 2          |
| 109     | 107 | ditch        |           |           |           |          |              |             |               |          |          |               | 1          |             | 1          |
| 115     | 114 | ditch        |           |           |           |          | 1            | 1           |               |          |          | 1             | 2          | 37          | 42         |
| 116     | 114 | ditch        |           | 25        | 4         | 1        | 30           | 2           |               |          | 1        | 3             |            |             | 66         |
| 123     | 122 | ditch        | 1         |           | 1         |          | 2            |             | 12            |          |          |               |            |             | 16         |
| 125     | 124 | gully        |           |           | 5         |          |              |             |               |          |          |               |            |             | 5          |
| 129     | 128 | pit          |           | 3         | 1         |          | 1            |             |               |          |          |               |            |             | 5          |
| 138     | 136 | ditch        | 1         |           |           |          |              |             |               | 1        |          | 1             |            | 440         | 443        |
| 206     | 203 | ditch        |           | 2         |           |          | 3            |             | 8             |          |          |               |            |             | 13         |
| 229     | 228 | pit          | 11        | 13        |           |          | 10           |             |               |          |          |               |            |             | 34         |
| 231     | 230 | pit          | 4         |           |           |          | 2            |             |               |          |          |               |            |             | 6          |
|         |     |              |           |           |           |          |              |             |               |          |          |               |            |             |            |
|         |     | <b>total</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>51</b>    | <b>3</b>    | <b>20</b>     | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>5</b>      | <b>3</b>   | <b>477</b>  | <b>634</b> |

## Results

### *Upper fill 116 of ditch 114*

6.17 This fill is dated by ceramics to the Saxon period. The 66 specimens are mainly a group of cattle and cattle-sized remains including maxillae from three different individuals, a mixture of limb bones and several foot bones. Some bones are gnawed, giving indirect evidence of dog. Several have evidence of butchery, largely chopping by a heavy blade and the associated spiral fractures. A few cattle-sized remains are charred. Other faunal remains include a few of sheep/goat, one canine of pig, a dog pelvis and three bones of domestic fowl - including one from a hen in lay as evidenced by the medullary deposit.

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*Lower fill 115 of ditch 114*

- 6.18 The lower fill (Roman) is quite different in faunal content: of the 42 remains 37 are of microfauna including frog, field vole, shrew, mole and small passerine bird. The other remains are a bird wing phalanx (possibly of fowl), a sheep-size fragment and a cattle-sized rib.

*Fill 138 of ditch 136*

- 6.19 Numerically this fill contains the majority of the assemblage although by weight the amount is very small. All but three of the remains are of microfauna, mainly amphibia but also including micromammals, with two mandibles identified as field vole. The amphibian remains are of at least 14 individual frogs but there are one or two bones that are a better match for toad. The unsorted fraction of the sieved sample contains further similar remains. The other recovered bones are a small piece of horse mandible, the humerus of a sub-adult cat and a tibiotarsus of a hen that died during the laying season.

*Fill 229 of pit 228*

- 6.20 This deposit contained 34 bones of horse, cattle and fragments of this size class. All of the bone material is in poor condition; thin-walled and fragile. The remains are biased in favour of loose teeth and the most robust skeletal elements. The 13 teeth include groups that represent a cattle skull and a horse skull but where the bone has not preserved.

*Fill 231 of pit 230*

- 6.21 The 6 bones include a horse metatarsus and peripheral metapodials, a phalanx likely to be from the same hind foot, together with two flakes from a large limbshaft. All are dark in colour with light erosion.

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*Fill 206 of ditch 203*

- 6.22 This undated fill contained 13 fragments in poor condition. They include part of a cattle metatarsus.
- 6.23 The six other (Roman) contexts contained very few remains. Horse, cattle and sheep/goat are present together with some indeterminate fragments.

**Discussion and summary**

- 6.24 This is a relatively small assemblage in terms of bone density, of the 634 remains recorded 477 are of microfauna from two fills and only 157 are of large fauna spread across the site. The largest and most significant groups of bone come from the Saxon deposit in the upper fill of ditch 114, a group of microfauna in the lower fill (dated Roman) and the group of microfauna in the Roman ditch fill 138. Apart from these, most features contain a few bones that can be regarded as 'background' waste. These are mainly of cattle and horse and fragments of this size class but also including a few of sheep/goat and one of rook/crow. These remains suggest a low level of use and disposal, such as pastoral husbandry.
- 6.25 The group of bones from the Saxon fill of ditch 114 is quite different from the other deposits. The bones are mainly of cattle with several butchered, some gnawed and some charred. The anatomical representation is mixed with elements from the prime meat areas but also of the lower value and waste areas of head and feet. Together with the evidence of a few bones of sheep, pig, dog and domestic fowl, the assemblage suggests disposal of domestic waste.
- 6.26 The two pits, 228 and 230, contain material of a different appearance to that from most fills, dark and eroded. That from 228 is in very poor condition. The presence of post-medieval potsherds is suggested as

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evidence of re-deposited or contaminated material, which could explain the poor condition of the bone material.

- 6.27 The microfauna remains in the lower ditch fills may represent animals that may became trapped and drowned or died otherwise. In the case of the amphibia, were suffocated if the water gathered in the ditch became anoxic.

## **Environmental Evidence** *Bekky Hillman BA ACIfA*

### **Introduction**

- 6.28 A suite of seven general soil samples of between 10 and 40 litres was taken by site staff, consisting of c. 170 litres of sediment, from contexts thought likely by the excavator to provide material of archaeobotanical interest and artefactual data which may be pertinent to our understanding of the environment and use of the site, in line with best practice (Historic England 2011, CIFA 2023).

### **Methodology**

- 6.29 Samples were processed in entirety by Archaeology Warwickshire staff using the standard procedures for flotation with residues retained on a 500µm mesh and flots retained on a 300µm sieve. Initial sorting of material was undertaken by the author. The airdried flots were sieved and fractionated into 4mm, 2mm and 300µm fractions from which any charcoal and charred remains were sorted, separated and bagged.
- 6.30 All samples were rapidly assessed using an Aspen stereo binocular microscope (X10-50). Results are shown in Table 18 (appendix D). Identification was undertaken by comparison with modern reference material held by the author and by reference to relevant literature (Cappers *et al.* 2010; Jacomet 2006). Plant taxonomic nomenclature follows Stace (2019), except in the case of the cereal remains where Zohary *et al.* (2013) was used. Charcoal has been quantified and discussed briefly; it is recommended that a separate full assessment is carried out. The flot matrix is presented in the table by volume, with uncharred material shown in parentheses, where present. Cereal grains and other seeds are counted in terms of the total number of individual items.
- 6.31 The quantification of the plant remains are presented in Table 18. The assessment considers the preservation, quantities and archaeobotanical

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potential recovered and have been graded in the table according to these parameters with:

1. high potential with well-preserved remains, high numbers or rare remains;
2. good potential with reasonable preservation that can provide useful information;
3. low potential but may be worth looking at if the context is important or unusual;
4. very low potential with little or no charred remains present.

6.32 For the purposes of clarity, the references to 'seeds' identified refer to the seed or fruit structures unless otherwise stated; that is to say, the propagule or disseminule structures. Cereal grain where mentioned refers to the charred caryopsis.

### **Results and discussion**

6.33 Samples were taken from six ditch features (sample 1, 203; sample 2, 207; sample 3 114; sample 4, 122; sample 6, 207 and sample 7, 219) and one pit (sample 5, 105) all dated to the Roman period of site occupation and contained sparse quantities of charred material. Low levels of cereal grains were present in five of the samples with some of these identifiable as wheat (*Triticum* sp.). Chaff was present in three flots and wild seeds occurred rarely in two. The paucity of plant remains likely reflects the fact that the site was away from the main focus of domestic activity during this period. The results have been incorporated into the main section and are shown in Table 18 (appendix D).

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**The coins** *Bryn Gethin BA*

- 6.34 Two copper alloy Roman coins were recovered from features, having been identified using a metal detector.

**Small Find 1, ditch 114 fill 116**

- 6.35 Small coin, 16mm diameter, 1mm thick. Reasonable condition. Roman Gallic Empire, 260-274 AD, probably an unofficial copy.

*Obverse*

- 6.36 Bearded head, facing right, radiate crown, partial image and inscription as flan is too small for full image, off centre casting. Letters seem unreadable.

*Reverse*

- 6.37 Indistinct standing figure, possibly a soldier. Also does not fit on flan. Inscription appears to end RTIO.

**Small Find 3, pit 128, fill 129**

- 6.38 Small coin, poor condition, badly corroded. 3rd or 4th century AD.

*Obverse*

- 6.39 No visible head, no visible inscription.

*Reverse*

- 6.40 Possible orb with standing figure, probably a winged victory. Some parts of unreadable inscription.

## 7 DISCUSSION

### Introduction

- 7.1 Excavations at Aston Flamville have revealed evidence for human activity from the later Roman period through to the post-medieval period and into the present day. The earliest evidence is represented in Areas 1 and 2 by the primary phase of occupation during the later 3rd and 4th centuries AD, when a sequence of parallel and axially aligned ditches was established on the northern edge of a south-facing slope overlooking the Soar Brook to the southwest. It is possible that the evidence relates to a sequence of ditched enclosures or fields, or both but the linear nature of the excavated areas precludes certainty on this matter and therefore a model of development is presented as a best fit only.
- 7.2 The first phase comprised the establishment of a probable small enclosure, paddock, or livestock holding pen. This was represented by two ditch termini aligned northeast–southwest and northwest–southeast, separated by a narrow entranceway. Two undated gullies on the same alignment could suggest earlier activity associated with this feature.
- 7.3 This small enclosure was subsequently substantially expanded on a similar alignment, though with greater regard for the hill gradient. Two substantial boundary ditches were constructed to the north and south, assumed here to form a larger enclosure. The interior was subdivided by a series of northwest–southeast aligned linear ditches and gullies that respected two ring-gully defined structures and associated pitting activity.
- 7.4 Subsequent post-Roman use of the site was evident from a small assemblage of middle Saxon period pottery recovered from the upper fill of the northernmost enclosure ditch. A single plough furrow and small number of post-medieval features, including a field boundary provide evidence for the continued use of the site.

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7.5 This sequence forms the principal focus of the discussion that follows.

**The site in context: rural Roman Leicestershire**

7.6 Leicestershire is located within a key transitional zone of Roman Britain. It lies at the interface between the north and west, an area of long-term military occupation in which indigenous Iron Age settlement forms persist, and the south and east, an area where more classically Roman settlement forms took hold (Taylor 2006).

7.7 The area around Aston Flamville formed part of a wider open, rolling agricultural landscape that had been farmed and grazed for centuries, as evidenced during the preceding evaluation which recorded Late Iron Age and Roman pastoral enclosures 430m to the west (Nicholson 2025).

7.8 The putative enclosure form recorded here conforms to the broader developments and intensification in Roman period agriculture practises across the region. The regularity of its dimensions suggests an element of planning and formality in its construction. The boundary ditches maintained consistent profiles, measuring approximately 2m wide and around 0.7m deep and enclosed a visible area of c. 130m long.

7.9 The subdivisions created by the smaller parallel ditches and gullies, on a northwest-southeast alignment, seem most likely to be linked to stock management practices. The internal ditches measured 1–1.5m in width and roughly 0.5m in depth, while the gullies were narrower, at around 0.5m wide and 0.25m deep.

7.10 Central within the putative enclosure, two heavily truncated ring-gullies were identified, potentially the remains of roundhouses or other single-roomed structures. If contemporary with the enclosure, their indigenous vernacular architecture would suggest a continued preference for traditional building forms at a time when Roman architectural conventions were widely established across much of the region by the late

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3rd century AD. It is, therefore, most likely that they are earlier structures long since abandoned, although later examples are known and farmstead or village settlements were more likely to retain pre-Roman construction techniques than villa or roadside settlements (Smith 2016).

- 7.11 Three pits were identified near the centre of the enclosure. Two of these exhibited fill compositions and finds assemblages similar to the adjacent ditches and gullies. The southernmost example was notably larger and shallower, perhaps representing a spread or area of activity rather than a conventional pit, as indicated by the recovery of two metal objects, a coin, which was too eroded to date beyond the late 3rd and 4th centuries and a nail.
- 7.12 An appraisal of the finds assemblage provides further insight into the site's character. The relatively small quantity of faunal remains and lack of evidence of butchery or other carcass processing during the Roman period is indicative that the site was some distance from a domestic focus. This is also supported by the limited evidence for charred plant remains associated with cereal cultivation.
- 7.13 A small yet diverse ceramic assemblage was recovered, comprising predominantly unsourced greywares alongside regionally imported fine wares. Six sherds of Samian ware were recovered. Although these are of an earlier date (late 2nd century AD), their presence is not inconsistent with 3rd-4th century AD context. As noted previously, Samian vessels were often curated over several generations, and these pieces may have remained in use well into the later Roman period (Wallace 2006). The relatively large proportion of material from the northern boundary ditch suggests a nucleus of settlement activity located upslope, beneath the present village of Aston Flamville, with the excavated enclosure representing peripheral activity. Diagnostic sherds from bowls, jars and mortaria were also present. The functional character of the assemblage, combined with its relatively modest size, also supports the interpretation

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that the site formed part of a wider agricultural landscape rather than a settlement focus.

- 7.14 The late 3rd-4th century activity at Aston Flamville sits within a wider, well-Romanised landscape. The site lies within the Trent Valley and Rises, part of the central belt of agricultural production in Roman Britain (Smith *et al* 2016). During the later 1st-2nd centuries, the region was characterised primarily by enclosed farmsteads, which were later supplemented, and in some cases replaced, by increasingly complex settlement forms. An expansion of 'big field systems' was seen across the Trent Valley and Rises, a period which was notably absent on site. By the 3rd and 4th centuries, a shift towards larger, more elaborate farmsteads was underway, with simpler enclosed farmsteads becoming less common.
- 7.15 There is a scarcity of known late Roman sites within the immediate vicinity of site, and it is noted that there has historically been limited fieldwork within the southwest of Leicestershire (Liddle 2004).
- 7.16 The closest evidence for contemporary Roman occupation was uncovered at Britannia Road, Burbage, approximately 2.5km west of site, in the form of ditches, gullies and pits (Coward 2010). Little else can be said about the character of this site, other than it may represent a small rural settlement. The pottery assemblage of this site is broadly like the Britannia Road, suggesting the two sites may have been contemporaneously occupied.
- 7.17 Slightly further afield, excavations at land east of Hinckley Island Hotel, Watling Street, Burbage (approximately 4.3km southwest of site), revealed substantial evidence for an earlier rural Roman settlement in the form of a complex farmstead, established in the 1st century AD, and abandoned by the 4th century (Brindle *et al* 2022). Here, the western boundary of the settlement was defined by an Iron Age pit alignment, that was re-established as a ditch during the Roman period, indicating some form of continuity, a phenomenon not directly observed at Aston Flamville.

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Whilst evidence for Iron Age activity west of the excavation was seen during the preceding evaluation (Nicholson 2025), any influence on the later Roman activity cannot be confirmed.

- 7.18 Two further examples of rural Roman settlements can be found at Sutton Farm, Broughton Astley (Jarvis 2003) and Magna Park, Lutterworth (Morris 2023), approximately 7km east, and 14km southeast of site respectively. Evidence at Sutton Farm is limited, with only a small roughly circular feature, possibly a small structure, recorded in two trenches, suggestive of further activity in the vicinity (Jarvis 2003). An extensive, multiphase settlement was observed at Magna Park, with continual occupation from the Iron Age to the late 4th century (Morris 2023). Here, at least four distinct areas of Roman settlement were observed, the majority of which were defined as enclosed farmsteads, similar to Aston Flamville.
- 7.19 Within the neighbouring southeast region of Leicestershire, it was noted that several farmstead sites appear to have been abandoned in the 3rd and early 4th centuries, and their associated arable fields went out of use (Liddle 2004). It is suggested that this may reflect a shift to pastoral farming, or the land was abandoned to woodland (*ibid.*).
- 7.20 The limited area excavated prevents firm categorisation of the agricultural practices represented at the site. The presence of a single enclosure may reflect a small, enclosed farmstead, potentially running counter to the broader regional trend toward more complex farmstead arrangements during this period. Although it is suggested that there may have been a shift to a more pastoral economy, which this site would then appear to reflect (Bowman 2004). Alternatively, the enclosure may have formed part of a wider ladder-style system of enclosures, positioned along the ridge overlooking the Soar Brook, with the main focus of settlement activity located further north along the crest of the slope. However, the upland topography (generally sited as >100m aOD, which the site falls into), and

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its position away from a major river valley falls within the trend of enclosed farmsteads, as opposed to complex ones (Smith 2016).

**Beyond the Romans***Early Medieval*

- 7.21 The dearth of later 4th and early 5th century Roman pottery, along with the absence of any decorated early Saxon wares and emphasis on plainwares (suggestive of a mid-seventh century date), suggests there may have been a break in the continuity site's occupation. The relative paucity of the ceramic assemblage limits definitive interpretations. However, the assemblage does suggest that despite abandonment, the ditch remained a visible earthwork within the landscape for several centuries after its initial establishment. The absence of early Saxon finds has been noted throughout the region, suggestive of a continued increase in pastoral land use from the later Roman period into the early/middle Saxon period (Bowman 2004).
- 7.22 The early medieval finds assemblage, whilst small, is clearly distinct from the Roman one. The pottery sherds represent plain jars, suggesting a domestic function, and it is noted that the standard of preservation indicates the material was deposited close to the focus of occupation. The animal bone assemblage is dominated by cattle, with evidence for butchery, gnawing and charring observed, indicative of domestic waste disposal. This perhaps indicates that the nature of the site shifted to be more domestic, although with the main focus of activity still beyond the bounds of this excavation, rather than the peripheral agricultural use seen during the Roman period.
- 7.23 The re-use of Roman sites in the Saxon period is commonly seen throughout Leicestershire (Brindle *et al* 2022). The site at Hinckley Island shows a similar pattern of abandonment in the late Roman period, and resumption of activity by the 5th century, with evidence for two possibly

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sunken-feature buildings observed along with a small assemblage of associated pottery (Brindle *et al* 2022). At Sutton Farm, Broughton Astley, another sunken-feature building was also observed, with a small assemblage of pottery recovered (Jarvis 2002). At both sites, the recovered pottery was broadly similar to that recovered from Aston Flamville, consisting of primarily domestic wares, mainly jars or jugs. The absence of any features directly attributed to the Saxon period at Aston Flamville, in comparison to neighbouring sites, further indicates that the main focus of occupational activity lies beyond the limit of the excavation.

- 7.24 The site at Aston Flamville fits within the local pattern of sites being abandoned during the late Roman period, with renewed activity in the early medieval period. The re-use of the large enclosure ditch into later periods suggests that the alignment of the field system established during the Roman period influenced land-use organisation in subsequent centuries and continues to be reflected in the present-day landscape.

*Medieval and Post-medieval*

- 7.25 The medieval ridge and furrow cultivation system recorded during the excavation, as well as the modern field boundary, both run perpendicular to the Roman features. This alignment was further reinforced during the post-medieval period, with several features recorded as running parallel to the original Roman boundaries.
- 7.26 Boundaries reinforced by successive generations are a well-recognised in the archaeological record, where established alignments are repeatedly maintained or re-established (Rippon *et al* 2015). A comparable example was recently excavated at Calendar Farm, Nuneaton, c. 6 km to the west, where an Iron Age pit alignment established a landscape framework that continued to influence boundary orientations into the modern period (Davies 2025).

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*Undated*

- 7.27 The cobbled surface identified within the evaluation trenches during the previous phase of work extends a further c. 10 m to the east and west of the original recorded surface. While the form and construction of the surface may point towards a medieval or post-medieval date (Nicholson 2025), the absence of dating evidence means that this interpretation cannot be confirmed. This date is further supported by the feature's respecting alignment to a nearby medieval ditch and to the surrounding ridge and furrow cultivation system. However, the apparent continuation of field alignments from the Roman period seen in the excavation area would suggest that an earlier Roman date cannot be discounted.
- 7.28 It is difficult to characterise the exact nature of this surface: it may represent an area of deliberate ground consolidation, likely created to stabilise a particularly waterlogged zone, or it may represent a trackway or minor road subsequently disturbed further south. Its absence from historic mapping further suggests that it had fallen out of use prior to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## 8 CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 The excavation at Aston Flamville revealed an agricultural landscape enclosed by boundary ditches first established during the late Roman period, which represents the principal phase of activity on the site. It has provided further evidence of how field systems and boundary networks developed over time and direct evidence of Roman and Saxon occupation in an area which previously had little to none.
- 8.2 The earliest Roman activity appears to have comprised the creation of a small paddock or holding pen. This was later superseded by a probable larger enclosure defined by substantial ditches, forming part of a more formalised agricultural hinterland that extended across much of the southern slope.
- 8.3 The northern boundary of the enclosure may have served a dual purpose, potentially functioning as the southern limit of a settlement located beneath the modern village of Aston Flamville, positioned on the higher ground to the north. Within the enclosure, a cascading arrangement of parallel ditches and gullies on a northwest-southeast alignment created a series of internal subdivisions. The limited structural evidence identified within the centre of the enclosure is suggestive of occupation.
- 8.4 The absence of any transitional Roman-Saxon, or early Saxon pottery may indicate that the site was not continually occupied throughout this period. Regardless of whether occupation was continual or not, the site was certainly in use again by the mid Saxon period. By this time, the enclosure's southern boundary ditch and its internal ditches had fallen out of use. However, the enclosure's northern ditch remained extant and continued to accumulate sediment during this period, suggesting that it may have continued its function as a southern boundary to the settlement. This boundary ditch established an alignment, and a tradition, which continued into the medieval period, indicated by the perpendicular ridge

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and furrow cultivation system. This tradition of maintaining the alignment extended into the post-medieval period, with agricultural activity continuing to follow the same northwest–southeast orientation.

- 8.5 The evaluation at Aston Flamville successfully identified the continuation of the cobbled surface first recorded during the preceding evaluation. The feature is tentatively interpreted to be an area of consolidated ground, although it may possibly have served as a trackway or minor road. No dating evidence was recovered from the surface, restricting precise dating. However, the form of the surface and its respect for the position of a nearby medieval ditch may suggest a medieval or post-medieval date.

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## APPENDICES

### A List of Contexts

#### 10 Excavation Context List

| <b>Context</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Depth (m) or<br/>AOD</b> | <b>Comment</b>     |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>100</b>     | Colour: mid greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium silty sand.                                                                                                                 | 0.35 (avg.)                 | Topsoil - Area 1   |
| <b>101</b>     | Colour: dark brownish grey.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium silty sand.                                                                                                                | 0.00 to 0.25                | Subsoil - Area 1   |
| <b>102</b>     | Colour: light yellowish grey.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: sand and gravel.                                                                                                                |                             | Natural - Area 1   |
| <b>103</b>     | Orientation: E-W. Shape in plan: regular, linear. Shape in profile: regular, shallow u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave.                     | 0.2                         | Cut - Gully [103]  |
| <b>104</b>     | Colour: dark greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, malleable.<br>Composition: coarse clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: frequent small to medium sub-angular to sub-rounded spheroidal stones, evenly distributed. | 0.2                         | Fill - Gully [103] |
| <b>105</b>     | Orientation: N/A. Shape in plan: regular, sub-circular. Shape in profile: regular, shallow u-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: sharp. Base: rounded. Sides: steep, concave.                      | 0.26                        | Cut - Pit [105]    |
| <b>106</b>     | Colour: dark greyish brown.                                                                                                                                                                                | 0.26                        | Fill - Pit [105]   |

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|            | Compaction: moist, malleable.<br>Composition: coarse clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: frequent small to large angular to sub-rounded spheroidal stones, evenly distributed.                                    |              |                    |
| <b>107</b> | Orientation: NW-SE. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: deep u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: dipping, concave.                                        | 0.52         | Cut - Ditch [107]  |
| <b>108</b> | Colour: dark greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: frequent small to large angular to sub-rounded spheroidal stone, concentrated bottom of fill. | 0.27         | Fill - Ditch [107] |
| <b>109</b> | Colour: mid greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.        | 0.52         | Fill - Ditch [107] |
| <b>110</b> | Orientation: N/A. Shape in plan: irregular, oval. Shape in profile: shallow u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: gentle, concave.                               | 0.13         | Cut - Pit [110]    |
| <b>111</b> | Colour: dark greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: moderate small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.         | 0.13         | Fill - Pit [110]   |
| <b>112</b> | Orientation: N/A. Shape in plan: irregular, sub-circular. Shape in                                                                                                                                        | 0.10 to 0.16 | Cut - Pit [112]    |

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|            | profile: irregular, shallow u-shaped.<br>Break at top: sharp. Break at base: sharp. Base: rounded. Sides: steep, concave.                                                                                |              |                    |
| <b>113</b> | Colour: dark greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, malleable.<br>Composition: coarse clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: occasional small to medium angular to sub-rounded spheroidal stones, evenly distributed. | 0.10 to 0.16 | Fill - Pit [112]   |
| <b>114</b> | Orientation: NW-SE. Shape in plan: regular, linear. Shape in profile: deep u-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: steep, convex.                                   | 0.91         | Cut - Ditch [114]  |
| <b>115</b> | Colour: brown. Compaction: dry, friable. Composition: medium silty sand. Inclusions: frequent small to very large very angular to well-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.                   | 0.91         | Fill - Ditch [114] |
| <b>116</b> | Colour: dark brown. Compaction: moist, very loose. Composition: sandy silt. Inclusions: moderate small to very large sub-angular to well-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.                 | 0.38         | Fill - Ditch [114] |
| <b>118</b> | Orientation: NW-SE. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: v-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: sharp. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave.                                               | 0.28         | Cut - Gully [118]  |
| <b>119</b> | Colour: dark greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium clayey sand.                                                                                                             | 0.28         | Fill - Gully [118] |

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|            | Inclusions: moderate small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                                                                                         |      |                    |
| <b>120</b> | Orientation: NW-SE. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: deep u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave.                       | 0.49 | Cut - Ditch [120]  |
| <b>121</b> | Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: medium clayey sand. Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed. | 0.49 | Fill - Ditch [120] |
| <b>122</b> | Orientation: E-W. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: deep u-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: steep, concave.                              | 0.61 | Cut - Ditch [122]  |
| <b>123</b> | Colour: dark brownish grey. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: medium clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large angular to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.       | 0.61 | Fill - Ditch [122] |
| <b>124</b> | Orientation: NW-SE. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: irregular, shallow u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: uneven. Sides: gentle, concave.            | 0.11 | Cut - Gully [124]  |
| <b>125</b> | Colour: dark brown. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: sandy silt. Inclusions: frequent small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                  | 0.11 | Fill - Gully [124] |

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| <b>126</b> | Orientation: NE-SW. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: irregular, shallow u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: uneven. Sides: gentle, concave.               | 0.28 | Cut - Ditch [126]  |
| <b>127</b> | Colour: brown. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: sandy loam. Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                        | 0.28 | Fill - Ditch [126] |
| <b>128</b> | Orientation: E-W. Shape in plan: irregular. Shape in profile: regular, shallow. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: uneven. Sides: gentle, concave.                         | 0.08 | Cut - Pit [128]    |
| <b>129</b> | Colour: dark greyish brown. Compaction: moist, malleable. Composition: silty clay.                                                                                                           | 0.08 | Fill - Pit [128]   |
| <b>130</b> | Shape in plan: irregular, oval. Shape in profile: shallow u-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave.                                    | 0.17 | Cut - Pit [130]    |
| <b>131</b> | Colour: mid greyish brown. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: medium clayey sand. Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.    | 0.17 | Fill - Pit [130]   |
| <b>132</b> | Orientation: N-S. Shape in plan: irregular spread, terminus. Shape in profile: regular, deep u-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave. | 0.2  | Cut - Gully [132]  |

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| <b>133</b> | Colour: brown. Composition: clayey sand. Inclusions: occasional pebble.                                                                                                                                                       | 0.2  | Fill - Gully [132] |
| <b>134</b> | Orientation: NE-SW. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: regular, u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave.                                                       | 0.35 | Cut - Gully [134]  |
| <b>135</b> | Colour: dark brown. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: sandy loam. Inclusions: 1) rare small sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed 2) rare small very angular spheroidal flint, evenly distributed. | 0.35 | Fill - Gully [134] |
| <b>136</b> | Orientation: NE-SW. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: deep u-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: vertical, straight.                                                            | 0.9  | Cut - Ditch [136]  |
| <b>137</b> | Colour: mid greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium silty sand.<br>Inclusions: frequent small to large angular to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                                    | 0.44 | Fill - Ditch [136] |
| <b>138</b> | Colour: dark brownish grey.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium silty sand.<br>Inclusions: rare small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                                  | 0.58 | Fill - Ditch [136] |
| <b>139</b> | Orientation: NW-SE. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: deep u-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides:                                                                                | 0.39 | Cut - Gully [139]  |

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|            | steep, concave.                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |                    |
| <b>140</b> | Colour: mid greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium silty sand.<br>Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed. | 0.39         | Fill - Gully [139] |
| <b>200</b> | Colour: mid greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium silty sand.                                                                                                        | 0.38 (avg.)  | Topsoil - Area 2   |
| <b>201</b> | Colour: dark brownish grey.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: fine silty sand.                                                                                                         | 0.00 to 0.45 | Subsoil - Area 2   |
| <b>202</b> | Colour: light yellowish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: sand and gravel.                                                                                                      |              | Natural - Area 2   |
| <b>203</b> | Orientation: NW-SE. Shape in plan: regular, linear. Shape in profile: v-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: sharp. Base: tapered. Sides: dipping, concave.                              | 0.55         | Cut - Ditch [203]  |
| <b>204</b> | Colour: dark brownish black.<br>Compaction: moist, very loose.<br>Composition: loam.                                                                                                              | 0.28         | Fill - Ditch [203] |
| <b>205</b> | Colour: bluish grey. Compaction: moist, malleable. Composition: medium clayey sand. Inclusions: occasional small to large sub-angular to well-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.     | 0.22         | Fill - Ditch [203] |
| <b>206</b> | Colour: light brown. Compaction: wet, very loose. Composition: medium silty sand. Inclusions: rare small to medium sub-angular to rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.                 | 0.16         | Fill - Ditch [203] |

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| <b>207</b> | Orientation: NW-SE. Shape in plan: linear. Shape in profile: irregular, u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: uneven. Sides: moderate, concave.                               | 0.73 | Cut - Ditch [207]  |
| <b>208</b> | Colour: dark brownish grey.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: silty clay. Inclusions: rare small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                     | 0.34 | Fill - Ditch [207] |
| <b>209</b> | Colour: light brownish yellow.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: fine sand.                                                                                                                 | 0.36 | Fill - Ditch [207] |
| <b>210</b> | Colour: light greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium clayey sand.                                                                                                          | 0.13 | Fill - Ditch [207] |
| <b>211</b> | Colour: light brownish yellow.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: fine sand.                                                                                                                 | 0.38 | Fill - Ditch [207] |
| <b>212</b> | Colour: light grey. Compaction: moist, firm. Composition: medium clayey sand. Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                      | 0.69 | Fill - Ditch [207] |
| <b>213</b> | Colour: mottled grey and reddish brown. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: medium clayey sand. Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed. | 0.32 | Fill - Ditch       |
| <b>214</b> | Colour: mid grey. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: medium clayey sand. Inclusions: moderate small to large sub-rounded to rounded                                                                | 0.35 | Fill - Ditch [207] |

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|            | spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                                                                                                                                                     |      |                    |
| <b>215</b> | Orientation: NE-SW. Shape in plan: regular, linear. Shape in profile: deep v-shaped. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: sharp. Base: tapered. Sides: moderate, straight.                 | 0.6  | Cut - Ditch [215]  |
| <b>216</b> | Colour: light bluish grey. Compaction: moist, firm. Composition: fine silty sand.                                                                                                         | 0.12 | Fill - Ditch [215] |
| <b>217</b> | Colour: brownish grey. Compaction: moist, loose. Composition: medium silty sand. Inclusions: moderate small to medium sub-rounded to well-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed. | 0.16 | Fill - Ditch [215] |
| <b>218</b> | Colour: dark greyish brown. Compaction: moist, friable. Composition: sandy silt. Inclusions: frequent flecks to small elongate iron panning, evenly distributed.                          | 0.35 | Fill - Ditch [215] |
| <b>219</b> | Shape in plan: irregular spread, terminus. Shape in profile: regular, u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave.                   | 0.6  | Cut - Ditch [219]  |
| <b>220</b> | Colour: dark grey. Compaction: moist, firm. Composition: medium sand.                                                                                                                     | 0.24 | Fill - Ditch [219] |
| <b>221</b> | Colour: light grey. Compaction: moist, firm. Composition: medium sand. Inclusions: moderate small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed.                  | 0.41 | Fill - Ditch [219] |
| <b>222</b> | Orientation: E-W. Shape in plan: irregular, linear. Shape in profile: u-shaped. Break at top: 1) N: gradual                                                                               | 0.27 | Cut - Ditch [222]  |

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|            | 2) south: sharp. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave.                                                                                                                                                            |              |                    |
| <b>223</b> | Colour: dark brownish grey.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, concentrated N side.                                         | 0.27         | Fill - Ditch [222] |
| <b>224</b> | Orientation: E-W. Shape in plan: regular, linear. Break at top: sharp. Break at base: gradual. Base: uneven. Sides: steep, concave.                                                                                                          | 0.36         | Cut - Ditch [224]  |
| <b>225</b> | Colour: black. Compaction: moist, very loose. Composition: loam.<br>Inclusions: occasional small to medium sub-angular to well-rounded spheroidal pebbles, evenly distributed.                                                               | 0.36         | Fill - Ditch [224] |
| <b>226</b> | Orientation: E-W. Shape in plan: regular, oval. Shape in profile: shallow. Break at top: 1) N: sharp 2) south: gradual. Break at base: 1) N: sharp 2) south: gradual. Base: flat. Sides: 1) north: steep, concave 2) south: gentle, concave. | 0.14         | Cut - Pit [226]    |
| <b>227</b> | Colour: black. Compaction: wet, very loose. Composition: loam.                                                                                                                                                                               | 0.14         | Fill - Pit [226]   |
| <b>228</b> | Orientation: N/A. Shape in plan: irregular, sub-circular. Shape in profile: irregular, shallow u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: uneven. Sides: gentle, concave.                                                | 0.08 to 0.24 | Cut - Pit [228]    |
| <b>229</b> | Colour: dark greyish brown.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.                                                                                                                                                                                     | 0.08 to 0.24 | Fill - Pit [228]   |

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|            | Composition: fine clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: occasional small to very large angular to sub-rounded spheroidal stones, evenly distributed.                                                         |      |                  |
| <b>230</b> | Orientation: N/A. Shape in plan: irregular, semi-rectangular. Shape in profile: u-shaped. Break at top: gradual. Break at base: gradual. Base: rounded. Sides: moderate, concave.                  | 0.54 | Cut - Pit [230]  |
| <b>231</b> | Colour: dark brownish grey.<br>Compaction: moist, loose.<br>Composition: medium clayey sand.<br>Inclusions: occasional small to large sub-rounded to rounded spheroidal stone, evenly distributed. | 0.54 | Fill - Pit [230] |

**11 Evaluation Context List**

| <b>Context</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                           | <b>Depth (m) or AOD</b> | <b>Comment</b>              |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>13300</b>   | Colour: brown. Compaction: dry, loose. Composition: silt.                                                    | 0.30 to 0.40            | Topsoil - Trench 133        |
| <b>13301</b>   | Colour: brownish yellow. Compaction: dry, malleable. Composition: sandy clay. Notes: with grey clay patches. |                         | Natural - Trench 133        |
| <b>13302</b>   | Orientation: east – west. Shape in plan: Linear. Shape in profile: moderate sloping. Base: flat.             | 0.16                    | Cut – Ditch 133             |
| <b>13303</b>   | Small to large sub-rounded and sub-angular cobbles set into the natural geology                              |                         | Cobbled surface – Ditch 133 |
| <b>13304</b>   | Colour: dark greyish brown. Composition: silty clay.                                                         | 0.16                    | Fill – Ditch 133            |
| <b>13400</b>   | Colour: brown. Compaction: dry,                                                                              | 0.30 to 0.40            | Topsoil - Trench            |

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|              | loose. Composition: silt.                                                                                    |  | 134                     |
| <b>13401</b> | Colour: brownish yellow. Compaction: dry, malleable. Composition: sandy clay. Notes: with grey clay patches. |  | Natural - Trench<br>134 |
| <b>13403</b> | small to medium sub-rounded and sub-angular cobbles set into the natural geology                             |  | Cobbled surface         |

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**B List of Finds**

| <b>Context</b> | <b>Material</b>                 | <b>Quantity</b> | <b>Weight<br/>(g)</b> | <b>Date/Comments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>104</b>     | Ceramic<br>Building<br>Material | 1               | 87                    | 1 handmade undiagnostic fragment of possible brick                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>104</b>     | Pottery                         | 5               | 59                    | 1 MAH WH Mancetter-Hartshill Mortarium bodysherd, AD 100-410. 3 GW3 Fine sandy greyware jar or bowl rim and bodysherds, AD 40-410. 1 WW3 Fine sandy white ware bodysherd with painted scroll between bands external decoration, AD 40-410                            |
| <b>106</b>     | Animal<br>Bone                  | 1               | 10                    | 1 cattle-sized limbshaft lateral midshaft                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>106</b>     | Ceramic                         | 1               | 8                     | 1 undiagnostic fragment of ceramic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>106</b>     | Pottery                         | 1               | 58                    | 1 <b>GW5</b> Medium sandy greyware bodysherd, AD 40-410                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>108</b>     | Animal<br>Bone                  | 26              | 16                    | 1 cattle-sized (possibly horse) scapula caudal midshaft in many pieces. 1 horse upper molar                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>108</b>     | Ceramic<br>Building<br>Material | 6               | 658                   | 6 likely roman fragments (1 brick fragment in 2 pieces, 1 likely brick fragment, 1 tile fragment with broken flange, 2 undiagnostic fragments)                                                                                                                       |
| <b>108</b>     | Iron                            | 1               | 11                    | 1 corroded and bent iron nail, 73mm long                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>108</b>     | Pottery                         | 35              | 559                   | 2 <b>LEZ SA 2</b> Lezoux samian ware, fabric 2 Drag 31 bowl rimsherds, AD 150-200. 1 <b>DOR BB 1</b> Black-burnished ware bead and flange bowl rimsherd with intersecting arc external decoration, AD 250-410. 3 <b>BB2</b> Black-burnished ware bodysherds, AD 120- |

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|                      |             |    |     | 350. 2 <b>GW3</b> Fine sandy greyware jar rimsherds, AD 40-410. 23 <b>GW3</b> Fine sandy greyware bodysherds, AD 40-410. 1 <b>GW5</b> Medium sandy greyware jar rimsherd, AD 40-410. 2 <b>GW6</b> Medium-coarse sandy greyware bodysherds, AD 40-410. 1 <b>OW2</b> Fine sandy oxidised ware bodysherd, AD 40-410                                                                                                 |
| <b>108 (surface)</b> | Pottery     | 1  | 77  | 1 likely medieval hard fired basesherd in 2 pieces with internal green glaze. Possibly rooftile                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>109</b>           | Animal Bone | 1  | 1   | 1 whole rook/crow femur                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>109</b>           | Pottery     | 1  | 5   | 1 <b>OW5</b> Medium sandy oxidised ware bodysherd, AD 40-410                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>111</b>           | Pottery     | 4  | 41  | 4 <b>LEZ SA 2</b> Lezoux samian ware, fabric 2 Drag 31 bowl rim and bodysherds, AD 150-200.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>115</b>           | Animal Bone | 42 | 20  | 1 cattle-sized rib midshaft. 1 porous sheep-sized limbshaft midshaft (possibly femur). 2 field vole molars. 1 mole radius. 1 shrew tibia proximal midshaft. 1 bird wing phalanx 3 (possibly domestic fowl). 1 small passerine coracoid distal midshaft. 1 small passerine femur distal midshaft. 1 frog pelvis. 1 frog lumbar vertebra. 1 frog humerus. 30 microfauna mixed elements (amphibian and micromammal) |
| <b>115</b>           | Pottery     | 2  | 110 | 2 <b>LNV CC</b> Lower Nene Valley colour-coated ware bodysherds, AD 300-410                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>116</b>           | Animal Bone | 66 | 175 | 1 cow zygomatic. 1 cow premax. 3 cow maxilla's (3 different animals). 1 cow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|            |                           |   |     | <p>mandible with 3<sup>rd</sup> cuspid likely chopped. 1 cow 3<sup>rd</sup> lower molar. 1 chopped cow atlas midshaft. 1 part-fused cow humerus with spiral butchery marks. 5 cow scapulas (5 different animals 1 midshaft with spine broken off). 2 cow proximal pelvis' (2 different animals, 1 chopped through). 1 heavily eroded cow femur lateral midshaft. 2 cow tibia posterior midshafts (2 different animals). 1 cow metatarsus anterior midshaft, with spiral butchery marks. 1 cow astragalus. 2 cow phalanx 3.3 cow metacarpus (3 different animals, 1 proximal midshaft with spiral butchery marks, 1 smaller proximal midshaft probably chopped, 1 anterior midshaft). 13 cattle-sized limbshafts (1 lateral midshaft butchered and in 2 pieces, 11 with spiral butchery marks). 16 cattle-sized ribs (16 different animals). 1 pig lower canine in 2 pieces. 1 sheep mandible midshaft. 1 sheep/goat metacarpus midshaft. 1 sheep/goat metatarsus lateral midshaft. 1 sheep/goat scapula midshaft. 2 sheep-sized rib fragments. 1 whole dog pelvis. 1 whole domestic fowl synsacrum. 1 domestic fowl femur distal midshaft.</p> |
| <b>116</b> | Ceramic Building Material | 3 | 301 | <p>1 fragment of handmade rooftile, no diagnostic features, 1 fragment of possible roman tegula, 1 fragment of reduce rooftile with coarse sand and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                  |             |    |     | micaceous inclusions possibly a local medieval fabric                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>116 (SF1)</b> | Copper      | 1  | 1   | Roman Gallic Empire, 260-274 AD, probably an unofficial copy.<br>Small coin, 16mm diameter, 1mm thick. Reasonable condition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>116 (SF2)</b> | Copper      | 1  | 1   | Copper sheet deliberately bent to form tube, 23mm long, 5mm wide                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>116</b>       | Pottery     | 33 | 964 | 2 <b>GW5</b> Medium sandy greyware bodysherds, AD 40-410. 3 <b>GW5</b> Medium sandy greyware jar or bowl bodysherd, AD 40-410. 2 <b>S1</b> handmade Anglo-Saxon rimsherds (1 shouldered form with a flared rim, 1 shouldered form with an upright rim), AD 450-850. 9 <b>S1</b> handmade Anglo-Saxon bodysherds, AD 450-850. 2 <b>S2</b> handmade Anglo-Saxon rimsherds (1 high-shouldered form, 1 uncertain form), AD 450-850. 15 <b>S2</b> handmade Anglo-Saxon bodysherds (1 with one external lug decoration), AD 450-850 |
| <b>119</b>       | Pottery     | 1  | 65  | 1 <b>GW3</b> Fine sandy greyware bowl rimsherd, AD 200-410                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>121</b>       | Pottery     | 5  | 61  | 4 <b>GW5</b> Medium sandy greyware bodysherds, AD 40-410. 1 <b>OW5</b> Medium sandy oxidised ware bodysherd, AD 40-410                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>123</b>       | Animal Bone | 16 | 24  | 1 whole horse radius. 1 cattle-sized proximal and lateral pelvis in parts. 1 cattle-sized limbshaft lateral midshaft. 1 sheep/goat axis midshaft in pieces. 12 mammal fragments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>123</b>       | Pottery     | 1  | 19  | 1 <b>LNV WH</b> Lower Nene Valley white                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                  |                           |   |     | ware Mortarium rimsherd, AD 120-410                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>125</b>       | Animal Bone               | 5 | 21  | 3 sheep/goat radius' (different animals, 1 proximal (possibly distal) radius, 1 distal midshaft with a midshaft spiral butchery break, 1 lateral midshaft). 2 sheep/goat lower molars (different animals). |
| <b>125</b>       | Mortar                    | 1 | 7   | 1 fragment of lime mortar                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>125</b>       | Pottery                   | 7 | 138 | 4 <b>GW6</b> Medium-coarse sandy greyware bodysherds, AD 40-410. 3 <b>BB2</b> Black-burnished ware everted-rim jar with external acute lattice decoration AD 120-250                                       |
| <b>125</b>       | Shell                     | 1 | 3   | Oyster shell                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>127</b>       | Ceramic Building Material | 1 | 275 | 1 handmade brick fragment, no diagnostic features                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>127</b>       | Glass                     | 1 | 1   | 1 fragment of light blue glass likely from a straight sided bottle                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>127</b>       | Pottery                   | 8 | 56  | 6 <b>GW3</b> Fine sandy greyware jar bodysherds, AD 40-410. 2 <b>GW3</b> Fine sandy greyware jar or bowl rimsherds, AD 40-410                                                                              |
| <b>129</b>       | Animal Bone               | 5 | 8   | 2 cow metacarpus (2 different animals, 1 proximal midshaft, 1 distal). 1 cow upper molar. 1 sheep/goat mandible midshaft. 1 cattle-sized fragment                                                          |
| <b>129</b>       | Ceramic Building Material | 4 | 150 | 4 handmade rooftile fragments, no diagnostic features                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>129 (SF3)</b> | Copper                    | 1 | 2   | Small coin, poor condition, badly corroded, 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> century.                                                                                                                      |
| <b>129</b>       | Iron                      | 1 | 82  | 1 heavily corroded iron object, no diagnostic features, 111mm long, 24mm wide                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>129</b> | Pottery                   | 8   | 255 | 2 <b>LVN CC</b> Lower Nene Valley colour-coated ware plain-rimmed dish bodysherds, AD 300-410. 2 <b>MAH WH</b> Mancetter-Hartshill Mortarium rimsherds, AD 160-410. 2 <b>GW5</b> Medium sandy greyware bodysherds, AD 40-410. 2 <b>CG1B</b> Calcareous/shelly ware late Roman form Jar rimsherds, AD 200-410                                                                                        |
| <b>137</b> | Pottery                   | 1   | 13  | 1 <b>GW3</b> Fine sandy greyware bodysherd, AD 40-410.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>138</b> | Animal Bone               | 443 | 24  | 1 sub-adult cat humerus. 1 domestic fowl tibiotarsus proximal midshaft. 2 field vole mandibles (2 different animals, 1 porous). 28 frog pelvis fragments (at least 14 different animals). 1 cranial horse mandible. 2 micromammal pelvis fragments. 6 rodent incisors (field vole or woodmouse). 1 toad tibiofibular. 1 possibly toad humerus. 400 amphibian mixed elements (probably mostly frog). |
| <b>206</b> | Animal Bone               | 13  | 46  | 1 cattle sized proximal limbshaft. 2 cow metatarsus (1 proximal, 1 distal midshaft). 2 cattle-sized fragments (possibly horse). 8 mammal fragments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>214</b> | Pottery                   | 3   | 5   | 2 <b>OW5</b> Medium sandy oxidised ware bodysherds, AD 40-410. 1 <b>CG1</b> shell-gritted ware bodysherd, AD 40-410                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>218</b> | Pottery                   | 2   | 20  | 2 <b>GW3</b> Fine sandy greyware bodysherds, AD 40-410.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>225</b> | Ceramic Building Material | 1   | 248 | 1 handmade rooftile fragment, no diagnostic features                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>225</b> | Glass                     | 1  | 6   | 1 fragment of clear bottle glass with stamp "PERI"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>229</b> | Animal Bone               | 34 | 160 | 5 cow upper molar. 1 cow astragalus lateral midshaft. 1 cow metatarsus anterior midshaft. 1 cow metacarpus (likely male). 1 cow calcaneus distal midshaft. 1 proximal and anterior phalanx 1 in pieces. 1 proximal and anterior 2 <sup>nd</sup> phalanx. 1 cow ear ossicle. 1 cow tibia midshaft. 10 cattle-sized fragments. 6 horse upper molars. 1 horse lower molar. 1 horse incisor lateral midshaft. 1 horse astragalus. 1 horse tibia midshaft. 1 horse humerus distal midshaft. |
| <b>229</b> | Ceramic Building Material | 1  | 21  | 1 undiagnostic fragment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>229</b> | Glass                     | 2  | 3   | 2 fragments of clear window glass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>229</b> | Pottery                   | 1  | 1   | 1 <b>MGW</b> Modern glazed ware bodysherd, 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> century                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>231</b> | Animal Bone               | 6  | 24  | 2 cattle-sized limbshaft lateral midshaft. 1 horse metatarsus. 2 horse peripheral metatarsus'. 1 horse phalanx 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>231</b> | Pottery                   | 1  | 1   | 1 <b>MY01</b> Midlands Yellow basesherd with internal yellow glaze, c. 1550-1720                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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**C Pottery Catalogue**
**12 Description and Quantification of Pottery Fabrics**

| <i><b>Fabric</b></i>          | <i><b>Description</b></i>                       | <i><b>Ct</b></i> | <i><b>Ct. %</b></i> | <i><b>Wt. (g)</b></i> | <i><b>Wt. (g) %</b></i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Roman</b>                  |                                                 | <b>89</b>        | <b>73.6 %</b>       | <b>1548</b>           | <b>61.4 %</b>           |
| <i>Black-burnished ware</i>   |                                                 | 7                | 5.8 %               | 153                   | 6.1 %                   |
| BB2                           | Black-burnished ware, category 2 (wheel-thrown) | 6                | 5.0 %               | 116                   | 4.6 %                   |
| DOR BB 1                      | Dorset black-burnished ware                     | 1                | 0.8 %               | 37                    | 1.5 %                   |
| <i>Calcareous/shelly ware</i> |                                                 | 3                | 2.5 %               | 15                    | 0.6 %                   |
| CG1                           | Shell-gritted ware, low quartz content          | 1                | 0.8 %               | 4                     | 0.2 %                   |
| CG1B                          | CG1A in late Roman forms                        | 2                | 1.7 %               | 11                    | 0.4 %                   |
| <i>Colour-coated ware</i>     |                                                 | 4                | 3.3 %               | 191                   | 7.6 %                   |
| LVN CC                        | Lower Nene Valley colour-coated ware            | 4                | 3.3 %               | 191                   | 7.6 %                   |
| <i>Greyware</i>               |                                                 | 59               | 48.8 %              | 880                   | 34.9 %                  |
| GW3                           | Fine sandy greyware                             | 40               | 33.1 %              | 522                   | 20.7 %                  |
| GW5                           | Medium sandy greyware                           | 13               | 10.7 %              | 269                   | 10.7 %                  |
| GW6                           | Medium-coarse sandy greyware                    | 6                | 5.0 %               | 89                    | 3.5 %                   |
| <i>Oxidised ware</i>          |                                                 | 5                | 4.1 %               | 49                    | 1.9 %                   |
| OW2                           | Fine sandy oxidised ware                        | 1                | 0.8 %               | 11                    | 0.4 %                   |
| OW5                           | Medium sandy oxidised ware                      | 4                | 3.3 %               | 38                    | 1.5 %                   |
| <i>Samian</i>                 |                                                 | 6                | 5.0 %               | 108                   | 4.3 %                   |
| LEZ SA 2                      | Lezoux samian ware, fabric 2                    | 6                | 5.0 %               | 108                   | 4.3 %                   |
| <i>White ware</i>             |                                                 | 5                | 4.1 %               | 152                   | 6.0 %                   |
| LVN WH                        | Lower Nene Valley white ware                    | 1                | 0.8 %               | 19                    | 0.8 %                   |
| MAH WH                        | Mancetter-Hartshill white ware                  | 3                | 2.5 %               | 122                   | 4.8 %                   |

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| WW3                               | Fine sandy white ware                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1          | 0.8%          | 11          | 0.4%          |
| <b>Hand-built<br/>Anglo-Saxon</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>28</b>  | <b>23.1%</b>  | <b>880</b>  | <b>34.9%</b>  |
| S1                                | Common subrounded-subangular quartz sand up to 0.5mm, some polycrystalline but mostly monocrystalline. Rare accessory inclusions, including mica and/or coarse larger polycrystalline rock fragments (up to 2mm), likely granitic in nature. Overall, a finer variant among the two fabrics identified, with smoother and more even surfaces, and lacking an obvious temper in most cases.                                                                                                                                                                               | 11         | 9.1%          | 461         | 18.3%         |
| S2                                | Common-to-abundant ill-sorted subrounded-subangular quartz sand up to 0.5mm alongside a higher frequency (moderate to common) of polycrystalline rock fragments (up to 2.5mm). These larger inclusions may be granitic in nature, though feldspar is not routinely evident. Some sherds have voids from additional common organic inclusions. Surfaces are generally much less well smoothed, though frequently show some attempt at smoothing using the 'wet-hand' method typical of the period. Overall, a compositionally similar, yet coarser, variant of fabric S1. | 17         | 14.0%         | 419         | 16.6%         |
| <b>Post-medieval</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>4</b>   | <b>3.3%</b>   | <b>94</b>   | <b>3.7%</b>   |
| PMED                              | Misc. post-medieval fabrics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 4          | 3.3%          | 94          | 3.7%          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>121</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>2522</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

**13 Quantification of Pottery by Context**

| <i>Feature and context</i> | <i>Ct.</i> | <i>Wt.(g)</i> | <i>Earliest date (TPQ)</i> | <i>Latest date</i> |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Ditch [107]</b>         | 38         | 641           |                            |                    |
| 108                        | 35         | 559           | 250                        | 410                |

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| 108 (surface)      | 2          | 77          | 1500 | 1900 |
| 109                | 1          | 5           | 40   | 410  |
| <b>Ditch [114]</b> | 35         | 1074        |      |      |
| 115                | 2          | 110         | 300  | 410  |
| 116                | 33         | 964         | 450  | 850  |
| <b>Ditch [120]</b> | 5          | 61          |      |      |
| 121                | 5          | 61          | 40   | 410  |
| <b>Ditch [122]</b> | 1          | 19          |      |      |
| 123                | 1          | 19          | 120  | 410  |
| <b>Ditch [126]</b> | 8          | 56          |      |      |
| 127                | 8          | 56          | 40   | 410  |
| <b>Ditch [136]</b> | 1          | 13          |      |      |
| 137                | 1          | 13          | 40   | 410  |
| <b>Ditch [207]</b> | 3          | 5           |      |      |
| 214                | 3          | 5           | 40   | 410  |
| <b>Ditch [215]</b> | 2          | 20          |      |      |
| 218                | 2          | 20          | 40   | 410  |
| <b>Gully [103]</b> | 5          | 59          |      |      |
| 104                | 5          | 59          | 100  | 410  |
| <b>Gully [118]</b> | 1          | 65          |      |      |
| 119                | 1          | 65          | 200  | 410  |
| <b>Gully [124]</b> | 7          | 138         |      |      |
| 125                | 7          | 138         | 120  | 410  |
| <b>Pit [105]</b>   | 1          | 58          |      |      |
| 106                | 1          | 58          | 40   | 410  |
| <b>Pit [110]</b>   | 4          | 41          |      |      |
| 111                | 4          | 41          | 150  | 200  |
| <b>Pit [128]</b>   | 8          | 255         |      |      |
| 129                | 8          | 255         | 300  | 410  |
| <b>Pit [228]</b>   | 1          | 1           |      |      |
| 229                | 1          | 1           | 1500 | 1900 |
| <b>Pit [230]</b>   | 1          | 16          |      |      |
| 231                | 1          | 16          | 1500 | 1900 |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>2522</b> |      |      |

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## 14 Quantification of Pottery by Context, with Chronological Information

| PRN  | Context | Feature     | SherdType | Fabric   | Ware                   | FabUncertain | Form     | FormClass   | FormUncertain | Decoration | I/E | DecorNote | Count | Weight | R-EVE | Rdiam | Reporting Period | Edate | Ldate | General Comment                                   |
|------|---------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------------|------------|-----|-----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 0001 | 116     | Ditch [114] | s         | GW5      | Greyware               |              | 3/5      | Jar or bowl |               |            |     |           | 3     | 45     |       |       | RB               | 40    | 410   |                                                   |
| 0002 | 129     | Pit [128]   | s,b       | LVN CC   | Colour-coated ware     |              | 6.DOG    | Dish        |               |            |     |           | 2     | 81     |       |       | RB               | 300   | 410   |                                                   |
| 0003 | 129     | Pit [128]   | r,s       | MAH WH   | White ware             | ?            | 10.WAL   | Mortarium   |               |            |     |           | 2     | 91     | 0.08  | 240   | RB               | 160   | 410   | Fabric not quite typical MAH WH; could be LVN WH. |
| 0004 | 129     | Pit [128]   | s,b       | GW5      | Greyware               |              |          |             |               |            |     |           | 2     | 72     |       |       | RB               | 40    | 410   |                                                   |
| 0005 | 129     | Pit [128]   | r         | CG1B     | Calcareous/shelly ware |              | 3.MED    | Jar         |               |            |     |           | 2     | 11     | 0.1   | 150   | RB               | 200   | 410   |                                                   |
| 0006 | 125     | Gully [124] | s,b       | GW6      | Greyware               |              |          |             |               |            |     |           | 4     | 51     |       |       | RB               | 40    | 410   |                                                   |
| 0007 | 125     | Gully [124] | r,s       | BB2      | Black-burnished ware   |              | 3.BBJ    | Jar         |               | AL         | E   |           | 3     | 87     | 0.26  | 130   | RB               | 120   | 250   |                                                   |
| 0008 | 116     | Ditch [114] | b         | GW5      | Greyware               |              |          |             |               |            |     |           | 1     | 28     |       |       | RB               | 40    | 410   |                                                   |
| 0009 | 116     | Ditch [114] | b         | GW5      | Greyware               |              |          |             |               |            |     |           | 1     | 11     |       |       | RB               | 40    | 410   |                                                   |
| 0010 | 108     | Ditch [107] | r         | LEZ SA 2 | Samian                 |              | 5.DRAG31 | Bowl        |               |            |     |           | 2     | 67     | 0.17  | 190   | RB               | 150   | 200   |                                                   |
| 0011 | 108     | Ditch [107] | r         | DOR BB 1 | Black-burnished ware   |              | 5.DFL    | Bowl        |               | ARCX       | E   |           | 1     | 37     | 0.08  | 180   | RB               | 250   | 410   |                                                   |
| 0012 | 108     | Ditch [107] | s,b       | BB2      | Black-burnished ware   |              |          |             |               |            |     |           | 2     | 16     |       |       | RB               | 120   | 350   |                                                   |
| 0013 | 108     | Ditch [107] | b         | BB2      | Black-burnished ware   |              |          |             |               |            |     |           | 1     | 13     |       |       | RB               | 120   | 350   |                                                   |

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| <b>0014</b> | 108 | Ditch [107] | r   | GW3      | Greyware           |   | 3.MED    | Jar         |   |     |   |                              | 2  | 23  | 0.32 | 90  | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0015</b> | 108 | Ditch [107] | r   | GW5      | Greyware           |   | 3.MED    | Jar         |   |     |   |                              | 1  | 26  | 0.18 | 150 | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0016</b> | 108 | Ditch [107] | s,b | GW6      | Greyware           |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 2  | 38  |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0017</b> | 108 | Ditch [107] | s   | GW3      | Greyware           |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 23 | 328 |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0018</b> | 108 | Ditch [107] | s   | OW2      | Oxidised ware      |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 1  | 11  |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0019</b> | 115 | Ditch [114] | s,b | LVN CC   | Colour-coated ware |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 2  | 110 |      |     | RB | 300 | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0020</b> | 111 | Pit [110]   | r,s | LEZ SA 2 | Samian             |   | 5.DRAG31 | Bowl        |   |     |   |                              | 4  | 41  | 0.25 | 190 | RB | 150 | 200 |                                                                       |
| <b>0021</b> | 123 | Ditch [122] | r   | LVN WH   | White ware         | ? | 10       | Mortarium   |   |     |   |                              | 1  | 19  |      |     | RB | 120 | 410 | Few grits so fabric uncertain, but these include ferruginous material |
| <b>0022</b> | 121 | Ditch [120] | s   | GW5      | Greyware           |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 4  | 29  |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0023</b> | 121 | Ditch [120] | s   | OW5      | Oxidised ware      | ? |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 1  | 32  |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 | Could be amphora?                                                     |
| <b>0024</b> | 109 | Ditch [107] | s   | OW5      | Oxidised ware      |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 1  | 5   |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0025</b> | 119 | Gully [118] | r   | GW3      | Greyware           |   | 5.WID    | Bowl        | ? |     |   |                              | 1  | 65  | 0.17 | 240 | RB | 200 | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0026</b> | 106 | Pit [105]   | s   | GW5      | Greyware           |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 1  | 58  |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0027</b> | 127 | Ditch [126] | s   | GW3      | Greyware           |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 6  | 42  |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0028</b> | 127 | Ditch [126] | r   | GW3      | Greyware           |   | 3/5      | Jar or bowl |   |     |   |                              | 2  | 14  | 0.06 | 260 | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0029</b> | 104 | Gully [103] | s   | MAH WH   | White ware         |   | 10       | Mortarium   |   |     |   |                              | 1  | 31  |      |     | RB | 100 | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0030</b> | 104 | Gully [103] | r,s | GW3      | Greyware           |   | 3/5      | Jar or bowl |   |     |   |                              | 3  | 17  | 0.1  | 120 | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0031</b> | 104 | Gully [103] | s   | WW3      | White ware         |   |          |             |   | BPD | E | Painted scroll between bands | 1  | 11  |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |
| <b>0032</b> | 137 | Ditch [136] | s   | GW3      | Greyware           |   |          |             |   |     |   |                              | 1  | 13  |      |     | RB | 40  | 410 |                                                                       |

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| <b>0033</b> | 218           | Ditch [215] | s   | GW3  | Greyware               |  |                              |                        |  |     |   |                           | 2  | 20  |      |     | RB    | 40   | 410  |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>0034</b> | 214           | Ditch [207] | s   | OW5  | Oxidised ware          |  |                              |                        |  |     |   |                           | 2  | 1   |      |     | RB    | 40   | 410  |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>0035</b> | 214           | Ditch [207] | s   | CG1  | Calcareous/shelly ware |  |                              |                        |  |     |   |                           | 1  | 4   |      |     | RB    | 40   | 410  |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>0036</b> | 108 (surface) | Ditch [107] | s   | PMED | Post-medieval          |  |                              |                        |  |     |   |                           | 2  | 77  |      |     | PMED  | 1500 | 1900 | Could be a roof tile but is glazed only on the inside. Very hard, sandy, grey, with a brown wash on one surface and an uneven dull khaki glaze on the other |
| <b>0037</b> | 229           | Pit [228]   | s   | PMED | Post-medieval          |  |                              |                        |  |     |   |                           | 1  | 1   |      |     | PMED  | 1500 | 1900 | Refined white ware, very small and thin sherd                                                                                                               |
| <b>0038</b> | 231           | Pit [230]   | b   | PMED | Post-medieval          |  |                              |                        |  |     |   |                           | 1  | 16  |      |     | PMED  | 1500 | 1900 | White earthenware fabric with crackled cream-coloured glaze on interior                                                                                     |
| <b>0039</b> | 116           | Ditch [114] | r   | S1   | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  | Shouldered form, flared rim  | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  |     |   |                           | 1  | 147 | 0.15 | 290 | EMSAX | 450  | 850  |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>0040</b> | 116           | Ditch [114] | r   | S1   | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  | Shouldered form, upright rim | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  |     |   |                           | 1  | 76  | 0.1  | 260 | EMSAX | 450  | 850  |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>0041</b> | 116           | Ditch [114] | r   | S2   | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  | High-shouldered form         | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  |     |   |                           | 1  | 92  | 0.1  | 180 | EMSAX | 450  | 850  |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>0042</b> | 116           | Ditch [114] | r   | S2   | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  | Uncertain form               | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  |     |   |                           | 1  | 12  | IR   | IR  | EMSAX | 450  | 850  |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>0043</b> | 116           | Ditch [114] | s,b | S1   | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  |                              |                        |  |     |   |                           | 9  | 238 |      |     | EMSAX | 450  | 850  |                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>0044</b> | 116           | Ditch [114] | s,b | S2   | Hand-built Anglo-Saxon |  |                              |                        |  | EMB | E | One solid lug on exterior | 15 | 315 |      |     | EMSAX | 450  | 850  |                                                                                                                                                             |

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### 15 Codes used in table 14

| <b>Field</b>          | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>PRN</b>            | Pottery Reference Number, a unique ID                                                                                                         |
| <b>Context</b>        | Context number                                                                                                                                |
| <b>SherdType</b>      | Sherd type. S=body sherd, R=rim, B=base, H=handle, F=flange, RP=reconstructible profile, CP=complete profile                                  |
| <b>Fabric</b>         | Fabric code, derived from series specified in report                                                                                          |
| <b>Ware</b>           | Fabric category, e.g. greyware, white ware, samian, etc.                                                                                      |
| <b>FabUncertain</b>   | ? = fabric identification not certain                                                                                                         |
| <b>Form</b>           | Form code, derived from series specified in report                                                                                            |
| <b>FormClass</b>      | Form category, e.g. jar, bowl, dish, etc.                                                                                                     |
| <b>FormUncertain</b>  | ? = form identification not certain                                                                                                           |
| <b>Count</b>          | Number of sherds                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Weight</b>         | Weight to the nearest whole gram                                                                                                              |
| <b>R-EVE</b>          | Estimated Vessel Equivalent by summation of surviving rim circumference. Value 'IR' = insufficient rim extant to make a reliable measurement. |
| <b>Rdiam</b>          | Rim diameter in millimetres. Value 'IR' = insufficient rim extant to make a reliable measurement.                                             |
| <b>Decoration</b>     | Decoration code. Codes used will be derived from the MOLA list of Décor codes unless specified                                                |
| <b>I/E</b>            | I = decoration internal; E = decoration external                                                                                              |
| <b>DecorNote</b>      | Comment on decoration                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Period</b>         | I = Iron Age; T = Transitional; RB = Roman Britain; PMED= Post-medieval; EMSAX= Early-Mid Saxon                                               |
| <b>Edate</b>          | The earliest date (terminus post quem) for the vessel(s) in question                                                                          |
| <b>Ldate</b>          | The latest date that it is likely the vessel(s) will have been in circulation                                                                 |
| <b>Res/Int</b>        | Res = residual; Int = intrusive. Only populated following receipt of final stratigraphic phasing                                              |
| <b>Sooting</b>        | y = sooting present                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Residue</b>        | y = carbonised food residue present                                                                                                           |
| <b>GeneralComment</b> | General comments not applicable to other fields                                                                                               |
| <b>Feature</b>        | The cut, structure, layer (etc.) number that refers to the feature or intervention that the context number is associated with                 |

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**D Animal Bone**
**16 Animal Bone Full Catalogue**

| No | Feature | Context | common name     | NISP | element         | part | %  | side | fusion | notes                          | condition     |
|----|---------|---------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|----|------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1  | 106     | 105     | cattle-size     | 1    | limbshaft       | mt   |    |      |        |                                | eroded        |
| 2  | 107     | 108     | cattle-size     | 1    | scapula         | ma   | 15 |      |        | in many pieces, could be horse |               |
| 3  | 107     | 108     | horse           | 1    | upper molar     | w    | 90 | l    |        | in wear                        |               |
| 4  | 107     | 109     | rook/crow       | 1    | femur           | w    | 99 | l    |        |                                |               |
| 5  | 114     | 115     | cattle-size     | 1    | rib             | m    | 15 |      |        |                                |               |
| 6  | 114     | 115     | sheep-size      | 1    | limbshaft       | m    | 20 |      | h      | eg femur                       | light erosion |
| 7  | 114     | 115     | field vole      | 2    | molar           | w    | 90 |      |        |                                |               |
| 8  | 114     | 115     | mole            | 1    | radius          | w    | 99 |      |        |                                |               |
| 9  | 114     | 115     | shrew           | 1    | tibia           | pm   | 75 |      |        |                                |               |
| 10 | 114     | 115     | bird            | 1    | wing phalanx 3  | w    | 99 |      |        | eg domestic fowl               |               |
| 11 | 114     | 115     | small passerine | 1    | coracoid        | dm   | 75 |      |        |                                |               |
| 12 | 114     | 115     | small passerine | 1    | femur           | dm   | 50 |      |        |                                |               |
| 13 | 114     | 115     | frog            | 1    | pelvis          |      |    |      |        |                                |               |
| 14 | 114     | 115     | frog            | 1    | lumbar vertebra |      |    |      |        |                                |               |
| 15 | 114     | 115     | frog            | 1    | humerus         |      |    |      |        |                                |               |
| 16 | 114     | 115     | microfauna      | 30   | mixed elements  |      |    |      |        | amphibian and                  |               |

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|           |     |     |     |   |                 |    |    |   |    | micromammal                                          |        |
| <b>17</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | zygomatic       |    |    | r |    |                                                      |        |
| <b>18</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | premax          |    |    | r |    |                                                      |        |
| <b>19</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | maxilla         | m  | 50 | l |    | with dp4 still                                       |        |
| <b>20</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | maxilla         | m  | 75 | l |    | with p4                                              |        |
| <b>21</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | maxilla         | m  | 25 | l |    | with p4                                              |        |
| <b>22</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | mandible        | m  | 30 | r |    | with m3 in wear about h no 3rd cusp probably chopped |        |
| <b>23</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | 3rd lower molar | w  | 85 | l |    | in wear stage g                                      |        |
| <b>24</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | atlas           | m  | 25 |   |    | chopped                                              |        |
| <b>25</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | humerus         | pm | 30 | l | pf | spiral butchery                                      |        |
| <b>26</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | scapula         | m  | 15 | l |    | spine broken off                                     |        |
| <b>27</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | scapula         | dm | 20 | l |    |                                                      | gnawed |
| <b>28</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | scapula         | m  | 5  |   |    | chopped through                                      |        |
| <b>29</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 2 | scapula         | m  | 5  |   |    |                                                      |        |
| <b>30</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | pelvis          | p  | 5  |   |    |                                                      | gnawed |
| <b>31</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | pelvis          | p  | 15 | l |    | chopped through                                      | gnawed |
| <b>32</b> | 114 | 116 | cow | 1 | femur           | mt | 15 | l |    | more eroded than rest                                | gnawed |

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| <b>33</b> | 114 | 116 | cow         | 1  | tibia      | mb | 5  |   |   |                                                                                              |         |
| <b>34</b> | 114 | 116 | cow         | 1  | tibia      | mb | 10 | l |   |                                                                                              |         |
| <b>35</b> | 114 | 116 | cow         | 1  | metatarsus | mf | 10 |   |   | spiral<br>butchery<br>chunk                                                                  |         |
| <b>36</b> | 114 | 116 | cow         | 1  | astragalus | w  | 90 | l |   |                                                                                              |         |
| <b>37</b> | 114 | 116 | cow         | 1  | phalanx 3  | w  |    |   |   |                                                                                              |         |
| <b>38</b> | 114 | 116 | cow         | 1  | metacarpus | pm | 30 | l |   | spiral<br>butchery                                                                           |         |
| <b>39</b> | 114 | 116 | cow         | 1  | metacarpus | pm | 50 | l |   | much<br>smaller, also<br>probably<br>chopped                                                 |         |
| <b>40</b> | 114 | 116 | cow         | 1  | metacarpus | mf | 20 |   | h |                                                                                              |         |
| <b>41</b> | 114 | 116 | cattle-size | 1  | limbshaft  | mt |    |   |   | well<br>preserved<br>chunk of<br>butchered<br>cattle in 2<br>pieces eg<br>tibia or<br>radius | charred |
| <b>42</b> | 114 | 116 | cattle-size | 11 | limbshaft  |    |    |   |   | probably<br>mostly<br>spiral<br>butchery<br>chunks                                           |         |
| <b>43</b> | 114 | 116 | cattle-size | 1  | limbshaft  |    |    |   |   |                                                                                              | charred |
| <b>44</b> | 114 | 116 | cattle-size | 15 | rib        |    |    |   |   | mixed                                                                                        |         |
| <b>45</b> | 114 | 116 | cattle-size | 1  | rib        |    |    |   |   |                                                                                              | gnawed  |
| <b>46</b> | 114 | 116 | cattle-size | 1  | rib        |    |    |   |   |                                                                                              | charred |

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| <b>47</b> | 114 | 116 | pig           | 1  | lower canine | w  | 90 | r |     | in 2 pieces                                |               |
| <b>48</b> | 114 | 116 | sheep         | 1  | mandible     | m  | 50 | l |     | dp4 stage g,<br>m1 stage e                 |               |
| <b>49</b> | 114 | 116 | sheep/goat    | 1  | metacarpus   | m  | 30 |   |     |                                            |               |
| <b>50</b> | 114 | 116 | sheep/goat    | 1  | metatarsus   | mt | 20 |   |     | long splinter                              |               |
| <b>51</b> | 114 | 116 | sheep/goat    | 1  | scapula      | m  | 15 |   |     |                                            |               |
| <b>52</b> | 114 | 116 | sheep-size    | 2  | rib          |    |    |   |     |                                            |               |
| <b>53</b> | 114 | 116 | dog           | 1  | pelvis       | w  | 85 | l | f   | eg good<br>sized<br>'hound'                |               |
| <b>54</b> | 114 | 116 | domestic fowl | 1  | synsacrum    | w  | 85 |   |     |                                            |               |
| <b>55</b> | 114 | 116 | domestic fowl | 1  | femur        | dm | 60 | l |     | sex f<br>medullary<br>deposit              |               |
| <b>56</b> | 114 | 116 | domestic fowl | 1  | humerus      | dm | 60 | l |     |                                            | gnawed        |
| <b>57</b> | 122 | 123 | horse         | 1  | radius       | w  | 90 |   | pfd | gl 288 gl<br>273 sd 35.6<br>wht 1.185      |               |
| <b>58</b> | 122 | 123 | cattle-size   | 1  | pelvis       | pt | 15 |   |     | in pieces                                  | gnawed        |
| <b>59</b> | 122 | 123 | cattle-size   | 1  | limbshaft    | mt |    |   |     |                                            | light erosion |
| <b>60</b> | 122 | 123 | mammal        | 12 | fragment     |    |    |   |     | small pieces<br>some likely<br>from pelvis |               |
| <b>61</b> | 122 | 123 | sheep/goat    | 1  | axis         | m  | 50 |   | f   | in pieces                                  |               |
| <b>62</b> | 124 | 125 | sheep/goat    | 1  | radius       | p  | 20 | r | pf  | could belong<br>with distal                |               |
| <b>63</b> | 124 | 125 | sheep/goat    | 1  | radius       | dm | 50 | r | df  | midshaft<br>spiral<br>butchery<br>break    |               |

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| <b>64</b> | 124 | 125 | sheep/goat    | 1   | radius         | mt | 10 |   |     | not same bone                                                                    |                     |
| <b>65</b> | 124 | 125 | sheep/goat    | 1   | lower molar    | mt | 20 |   |     |                                                                                  |                     |
| <b>66</b> | 124 | 125 | sheep/goat    | 1   | lower molar    | w  | 95 | l |     | probably m2, in wear                                                             |                     |
| <b>67</b> | 128 | 129 | cow           | 1   | metacarpus     | pm | 50 | r |     | in pieces                                                                        | part eroded brittle |
| <b>68</b> | 128 | 129 | cow           | 1   | metacarpus     | d  | 10 |   | du  | could belong to other part                                                       | part eroded brittle |
| <b>69</b> | 128 | 129 | cow           | 1   | upper molar    | w  | 85 |   |     |                                                                                  |                     |
| <b>70</b> | 128 | 129 | sheep/goat    | 1   | mandible       | m  | 30 | l |     | in several pieces, p4 unworn m1 stage g                                          |                     |
| <b>71</b> | 128 | 129 | cattle-size   | 1   | fragment       |    |    |   |     |                                                                                  |                     |
| <b>72</b> | 136 | 138 | amphibian     | 400 | mixed elements |    |    |   |     | mix of elements and sizes probably mostly frog, some still in unsorted fraction. |                     |
| <b>73</b> | 136 | 138 | cat           | 1   | humerus        | w  | 90 | l | pdf | sub-adult                                                                        |                     |
| <b>74</b> | 136 | 138 | domestic fowl | 1   | tibiotarsus    | pm | 75 |   |     | sex f medullary deposit                                                          |                     |
| <b>75</b> | 136 | 138 | field vole    | 1   | mandible       |    |    |   | h   | at least one more loose molar in unsorted fraction                               |                     |

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| <b>76</b> | 136 | 138 | field vole  | 1  | mandible    |    |    |   |  |                                                                      |             |
| <b>77</b> | 136 | 138 | frog        | 28 | pelvis      |    |    |   |  | mni at least 14 but probably more                                    |             |
| <b>78</b> | 136 | 138 | horse       | 1  | mandible    | n  | 10 |   |  | diastema, better match than with cattle                              |             |
| <b>79</b> | 136 | 138 | micromammal | 2  | pelvis      |    |    |   |  | likely more elements in unsorted fraction                            |             |
| <b>80</b> | 136 | 138 | rodent      | 6  | incisor     |    |    |   |  | field vole or woodmouse, at least a couple more in unsorted fraction |             |
| <b>81</b> | 136 | 138 | toad        | 1  | tibiofibula |    |    |   |  |                                                                      |             |
| <b>82</b> | 136 | 138 | toad?       | 1  | humerus     |    |    |   |  |                                                                      |             |
| <b>83</b> | 203 | 206 | cattle-size | 1  | limbshaft   | p  |    |   |  | could be equid metacarpus                                            | poor flakey |
| <b>84</b> | 203 | 206 | cattle-size | 2  | fragment    |    |    |   |  | could be from ?equid                                                 | poor flakey |
| <b>85</b> | 203 | 206 | cow         | 1  | metatarsus  | p  | 20 | r |  |                                                                      | poor flakey |
| <b>86</b> | 203 | 206 | cow         | 1  | metatarsus  | md | 5  |   |  | could belong to other part                                           | poor flakey |
| <b>87</b> | 203 | 206 | mammal      | 8  | fragment    |    |    |   |  | very poor could all be                                               | poor flakey |

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|           |     |     |             |    |             |    |    |   |     | from other pieces                                                         |         |
| <b>88</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 5  | upper molar | w  | 90 |   |     | both sides represented, in wear. probably one animal                      |         |
| <b>89</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 1  | astragalus  | mt | 30 | r |     |                                                                           | fragile |
| <b>90</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 1  | metatarsus  | mf | 10 |   |     | very fragmentary                                                          | fragile |
| <b>91</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 1  | metacarpus  | w  | 85 | l | pfd | very fragmentary , spalling and breaking with handling, broad likely male | fragile |
| <b>92</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 1  | calcaneus   | dm | 75 | r |     |                                                                           | fragile |
| <b>93</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 1  | phalanx 1   | pf | 50 |   | pf  | in pieces                                                                 | fragile |
| <b>94</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 1  | 2nd phalanx | pf | 20 |   | pf  |                                                                           | fragile |
| <b>95</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 1  | ear ossicle |    |    |   |     |                                                                           |         |
| <b>96</b> | 228 | 229 | cow         | 1  | tibia       | m  | 75 | r |     | both ends eroded away bone thin brittle weak                              | fragile |
| <b>97</b> | 228 | 229 | cattle-size | 10 | fragment    |    |    |   |     | numerous pieces and dust likely                                           | fragile |

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|            |     |     |             |   |                           |    |    |   |    | from the<br>other bones                                          |                        |
| <b>98</b>  | 228 | 229 | horse       | 6 | upper molar               | w  | 90 |   |    | both sides<br>represented,<br>in wear.<br>probably<br>one animal |                        |
| <b>99</b>  | 228 | 229 | horse       | 1 | lower molar               | w  | 95 |   |    |                                                                  |                        |
| <b>100</b> | 228 | 229 | horse       | 1 | incisor                   | mt | 40 |   |    |                                                                  |                        |
| <b>101</b> | 228 | 229 | horse       | 1 | astragalus                | w  | 85 | r |    |                                                                  | fragile                |
| <b>102</b> | 228 | 229 | horse       | 1 | tibia                     | m  | 40 |   |    | extremely<br>thin weak in<br>pieces                              | fragile                |
| <b>103</b> | 228 | 229 | horse       | 1 | humerus                   | dm | 75 | r | df | extremely<br>thin weak in<br>pieces                              | fragile                |
| <b>104</b> | 230 | 231 | cattle-size | 2 | limbshaft                 | mt |    |   |    | flakes from<br>a large bone                                      | poor, spalling         |
| <b>105</b> | 230 | 231 | horse       | 1 | metatarsus                | w  | 95 | r | df | slim gl246<br>gll 240 est.<br>wht 1.279,<br>sd 25.5,             | dark, light<br>erosion |
| <b>106</b> | 230 | 231 | horse       | 2 | peripheral<br>metatarsals | w  | 90 | r |    | with mt                                                          | dark, light<br>erosion |
| <b>107</b> | 230 | 231 | horse       | 1 | phalanx 1                 | w  | 95 |   | pf | with mt                                                          | dark, light<br>erosion |

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### 17 Codes used in table 16

| Code          | Meaning     |
|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Part</b>   |             |
| <b>W</b>      | whole       |
| <b>P</b>      | proximal    |
| <b>M</b>      | midshaft    |
| <b>D</b>      | distal      |
| <b>N</b>      | cranial     |
| <b>A</b>      | caudal      |
| <b>E</b>      | medial      |
| <b>T</b>      | lateral     |
| <b>F</b>      | anterior    |
| <b>B</b>      | posterior   |
| <b>S</b>      | dorsal      |
| <b>V</b>      | ventral     |
| <b>Fusion</b> |             |
| <b>F</b>      | fused       |
| <b>U</b>      | unfused     |
| <b>J</b>      | just fusing |
| <b>H</b>      | porous      |
| <b>HH</b>     | very young  |

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**E Environmental Evidence**
**18 Environmental Sample Summary**

| Sample Number | Context | Description            | Spot Date / phase | Sample taken/ processed (L) | 8mm res discarded (KG) | <8mm Res (KG) | Flot charred (uncharred) ML | Charcoal +4mm | charcoal 2-4mm | charcoal >2mm | Grain | weed seed | chaff | overall potential Charred remains | CPR C14 Y/N | charred notes                                     |
|---------------|---------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>      | 204     | Primary fill ditch 203 |                   | 30                          | 1.25                   | 2.4           | 5                           |               | D              | B             |       | E         | E     | 4                                 | N           | Single rachis segment, single Fabaceae            |
| <b>2</b>      | 109     | primary fill ditch 107 | Roman             | 20                          | 2.2                    | 3.1           | 5                           |               | E              | B             | E     | E         | E     | 4                                 | N           | indet grain fragment, Fabaceae <1mm, awn fragment |
| <b>3</b>      | 115     | primary fill ditch 114 | Roman             | 10                          | 4.3                    | 5.3           | <5 (5)                      |               |                | D             | E     |           |       | 4                                 |             | <i>Triticum</i> sp., indet grains                 |
| <b>4</b>      | 123     | fill of ditch 122      | Roman             | 20                          | 1.36                   | 3.74          | 5 (<5)                      |               | E              | B             | E     |           | E     | 4                                 | N           | Single cf. <i>Triticum</i> sp., awn frags         |
| <b>5</b>      | 106     | fill pit 105           |                   | 40                          | 4.15                   | 6.5           | 5 (5)                       |               |                | C             | E     |           |       | 4                                 | N           | Grain fragments                                   |
| <b>6</b>      | 212     | fill ditch 207         | Roman or earlier  | 20                          | 0.19                   | 1.18          | 5                           |               | D              | B             | E     |           |       | 4                                 | N           | <i>Hordeum</i> sp.                                |
| <b>7</b>      | 221     | basal fill 219         | Roman             | 20                          | 1.4                    | 2.3           | <2                          |               |                | E             |       |           |       | 4                                 | N           | Rare charred fragments                            |
|               | 138     |                        |                   | 10                          |                        |               |                             |               |                |               |       |           |       |                                   |             |                                                   |

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**Key: A= 100+; B= 50-100; C=25-50; D= 10-25; E= 1-10. tw = trunk wood; rw = roundwood**

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**F Data Management Plan and Archive Selection**

| <b>Project Information</b>         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Site Code                          | AF25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Site Address                       | Lychgate Lane, Aston Flamville, Hinckley, LE10 3AQ.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Project Type                       | Strip, map and sample and evaluation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Project Manager                    | Paul Clarke                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Project Team                       | Bryn Gethin, Jodie Duffy, Rob Jones, Hannah Child, Harry Mason-Hodges, Katie Lea, Alice Dixon, Charlie Palmer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Archive Information</b>         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Physical archive location          | Leicestershire Museums                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Accession Number                   | X.A32.2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Digital Archive location           | Archaeology Data Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Previous work to be included       | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Future work to be included         | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Data Creation</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Where will data be created         | Office: pre-fieldwork and post-excavation<br>Site: fieldwork                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| What data will be created          | Paper: context sheets, sample sheets, site registers, drawings on permatrace of sections and elevations and if required plans.<br><br>Digital: photographs (jpegs), surveys (dxf), context lists (excel), report and specialist reports (word), finds list (excel), specialist catalogues (excel), photo register/metadata (excel), scanned registers (PDF), scanned context sheets (PDF) |
|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Ethics and Legal Compliance</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| Data security                               | If the data contains commercially, or personally sensitive data it will not be made available to anyone beyond the project team.                                                                                                                          |
|                                             | AW will retain the copyright of any data, including reports, photographs etc., generated by the project. External data used under licence, such as OS mapping, will not form part of the long-term archive of the project.                                |
| <b>Data sharing</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| How will data be made accessible and shared | If data needs to be shared with the client, specialists and/or the Planning Archaeologist copies of the data will be supplied and not the primary data.                                                                                                   |
|                                             | The report generated from this project will be publicly available through submission to the Online Access to the Index of archaeological investigations (OASIS).                                                                                          |
| <b>Data selection and preservation</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Preservation and deposition                 | The paper and digital archives will be collated in line with national, regional and repository specific guidelines, See below.                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Specific Repository Requirements</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Archaeological Data Service                 | Jpeg Photographs<br>PDF report                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Leicestershire Museums                      | Papers must be stored within acid-free folders or envelopes, reports not to be spiral bound, drawings should be stored flat with archival tissue paper between, finds bags to contain Tyvek label, large sites require finds to be boxed by material type |
| Leicestershire HER                          | PDF version of the report<br>.shp file of trenches                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Archaeology Warwickshire Management Archive | Word versions of report, DXF or .shp files of surveys, illustration files (Adobe Illustrator), etc.                                                                                                                                                       |

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| <b>Data generated Pre-fieldwork</b>       |                                     |                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Document/format</b>                    | <b>Where stored</b>                 | <b>To form management archive or site archive</b>              |
| WSI/PDF & paper copy                      | WCC Network/Physical<br>Site folder | Site archive                                                   |
| Illustrations/Adobe<br>Illustrator & PDFS | WCC Network                         | Management Archive or<br>embedded into documents               |
| GIS trench layouts/GIS<br>data files      | WCC Network                         | Not retained following<br>completion of project                |
| Signed Agreement/PDF                      | WCC Network: confidential           | Management Archive: digital<br>copy retained on WCC<br>network |
| RAMS/PDF & paper copy                     | WCC Network/Physical<br>Site folder | Management Archive                                             |
| Site visit photos/jpegs                   | WCC Network                         | Management Archive:<br>retained on WCC Network                 |
| <b>Data generated from Site</b>           |                                     |                                                                |
| <b>Physical Record<br/>type/format</b>    | <b>Security Copy</b>                | <b>Number</b>                                                  |
| Section<br>drawings/Permatrace            | Yes                                 | 5                                                              |
|                                           |                                     |                                                                |
|                                           |                                     |                                                                |
| <b>Digital Record<br/>type/format</b>     | <b>Saved to WCC Network</b>         | <b>Number</b>                                                  |
| Trench sheets/Diggit                      | Yes                                 | 2                                                              |
| Context Sheets/Diggit                     | Yes                                 | 80                                                             |
| Photographs/jpeg                          | Yes                                 | 84 (38 for archive)                                            |
|                                           |                                     |                                                                |
| <b>Data generated post-site</b>           |                                     |                                                                |
| <b>Physical data<br/>type/format</b>      | <b>Security Copy/number</b>         | <b>To form management<br/>archive or site archive</b>          |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| N/A                                                          | N/A                           | N/A                                                        |
| <b>Digital Record type/format</b>                            | <b>Saved to WCC Network</b>   | <b>To form management archive or site archive</b>          |
| Report/word & PDF                                            | Yes                           | Site archive                                               |
| Phased plans                                                 |                               | N/A                                                        |
|                                                              |                               |                                                            |
|                                                              |                               |                                                            |
| <b>Archaeological Finds Archive &amp; Selection Strategy</b> |                               |                                                            |
| <b>Expected Finds</b>                                        |                               |                                                            |
| <b>Material Type</b>                                         | <b>Site collection Policy</b> | <b>Guidance from</b>                                       |
| Pottery - modern                                             | Collect 100%                  | Project Lead                                               |
| Pottery – Post-medieval                                      | Collect 100%                  | Project Lead                                               |
| Pottery – Medieval                                           | Collect 100%                  | Project Lead                                               |
| Pottery – Roman                                              | Collect 100%                  | Project Lead                                               |
| Pottery - Prehistoric                                        | Collect 100%                  | Project Lead                                               |
| Animal Bone                                                  | From secure contexts          | Project Lead                                               |
| Worked Stone                                                 | Collect 100%                  | Project Lead                                               |
| Lithics                                                      | Collect 100%                  | Project Lead                                               |
|                                                              |                               |                                                            |
| <b>Finds from site</b>                                       |                               |                                                            |
| <b>Material Type</b>                                         | <b>Checked by</b>             | <b>Action ie. Identified, added to database, discarded</b> |
| Pottery- Roman                                               | EC                            | Identified, added to database, sent to specialist          |
| Pottery- Medieval                                            | EC                            | Identified, added to database, sent to specialist          |
| Pottery- Post-medieval                                       | EC                            | Identified, added to database, sent to specialist          |
| Animal Bone                                                  | EC                            | Identified, added to database, sent to specialist          |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ceramic Building Material         | EC                | Identified, added to database                                                                                         |
| Metal- Iron                       | EC                | Identified, added to database                                                                                         |
| Glass                             | EC                | Identified, added to database                                                                                         |
| Coins                             | BG                | Identified, added to database, reported                                                                               |
| Shell                             | EC                | Identified, added to database                                                                                         |
|                                   |                   |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Specialist Assessment</b>      |                   |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Material Type</b>              | <b>Specialist</b> | <b>Action ie, coded, weighed, reported,</b>                                                                           |
| Pottery- Roman                    | AS                | Coded, weighed, assessed reported                                                                                     |
| Pottery- Medieval                 | AS                | Coded, weighed, assessed reported                                                                                     |
| Pottery- Post-medieval            | AS                | Coded, weighed, assessed reported                                                                                     |
| Animal Bone                       | SHD               | Identified, catalogued, reported                                                                                      |
| Coins                             | BG                | Identified, reported                                                                                                  |
| Environmental Evidence            | BH                | Samples processed, flots assessed                                                                                     |
|                                   |                   |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Specialist Recommendations</b> |                   |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Material Type</b>              | <b>Specialist</b> | <b>Recommendation ie, discard in line with Museum Collection Policy, add to handling collection, Further analysis</b> |
| Pottery- Roman                    | AS                | No recommendations                                                                                                    |

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pottery- Medieval               | AS                                              | No recommendations                                              |
| Pottery- Post-medieval          | AS                                              | No recommendations                                              |
| Animal Bone                     | SHD                                             | No recommendations                                              |
| Coins                           | BG                                              | No recommendations                                              |
| Environmental Evidence          | BH                                              | No further analysis                                             |
|                                 |                                                 |                                                                 |
| <b>Specialist Analysis</b>      |                                                 |                                                                 |
| <b>Material Type</b>            | <b>Specialist</b>                               | <b>Action ie. Offer to Museum with report and illustrations</b> |
| N/A                             |                                                 |                                                                 |
|                                 |                                                 |                                                                 |
| <b>For Retention or Discard</b> |                                                 |                                                                 |
| <b>Material Type</b>            | <b>Target date of deposition/ Archived date</b> | <b>Repository accepting/recommending discard</b>                |
| Pottery- Roman                  | 2026/2027                                       | Leicestershire Museum                                           |
| Pottery- Medieval               | 2026/2027                                       | Leicestershire Museum                                           |
| Pottery- Post-medieval          | N/A                                             | Recommend discard                                               |
| Animal Bone                     | N/A                                             | Recommend discard                                               |
| Ceramic Building Material       | N/A                                             | Recommend discard                                               |
| Metal- Iron                     | N/A                                             | Recommend discard                                               |
| Glass                           | N/A                                             | Recommend discard                                               |
| Coins                           | 2026/2027                                       | Leicestershire Museum                                           |
| Shell                           | N/A                                             | Recommend discard                                               |

# OASIS Summary for archaeol27-541045

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| OASIS ID (UID)                    | archaeol27-541045                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Project Name                      | Solar Development, Aston Flamville, Leicestershire: Archaeological excavation (strip, map and sample) and evaluation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Sitename                          | Solar Development, Aston Flamville, Leicestershire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sitecode                          | AF25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Project Identifier(s)             | AF25 Solar Development, Aston Flamville, Leicestershire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Activity type                     | Evaluation, Excavation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Planning Id                       | 22/00739/FUL, 22/0048/FUL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Reason For Investigation          | Planning: Post determination                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Organisation Responsible for work | Archaeology Warwickshire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Project Dates                     | 01-Sep-2025 - 31-Dec-2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Location                          | Solar Development, Aston Flamville, Leicestershire<br>NGR : SP 45898 92428<br>LL : 52.52779770628158, -1.32488630790046<br>12 Fig : 445898,292428                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Administrative Areas              | Country : England<br>County/Local Authority : Leicestershire<br>Local Authority District : Blaby<br>Parish : Aston Flamville                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Project Methodology               | Archaeology Warwickshire were commissioned to undertake a trial trench evaluation and an excavation ahead of a proposed development. This comprised the erection of a ground mounted photovoltaic solar farm together with associated equipment, infrastructure and ancillary works.<br>The work was carried out in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists' Universal guidance for archaeological evaluation (ClfA 2023a), Standard for archaeological evaluation (ClfA 2023b), Standard for archaeological excavation (ClfA 2023c), and Universal guidance for archaeological excavation (ClfA 2023d). |

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| Project Results             | <p>The initial evaluation identified a cobbled surface to the north of the site alongside evidence of Roman agricultural activity, in the form of a rectilinear system of ditched enclosures, towards the centre of the site. These areas were thereafter tested by two trial trenches targeting the cobbled surface, with two strip, map and sample areas targeting the Roman features.</p> <p>The evaluation successfully identified the continuation of the cobbled surface in both trenches. The use of the feature as an area of consolidated ground was confirmed but this did not form part of a wider linear trackway. No dating evidence was recovered from the surface, although its form and position in relation to the adjacent medieval ditch, as well as the ridge and furrow, tentatively suggest a medieval or post medieval date.</p> <p>The excavations revealed a Late Roman enclosure defined by substantial linear boundary ditches located in the northern and southern extents of the area examined, which possibly formed part of a large enclosure. Within this area, a series of parallel internal subdivisions formed by slighter ditches and gullies, enclosing a small number of pits and possible ring-gullies, is indicative of an activity area within this presumed field system. The enclosure system examined forms part of a wider agricultural hinterland associated with an area of Roman occupation located on the higher ground to the north. Although most of the enclosure features had fallen out of use by the early Saxon period, the northern ditch remained extant and continued to act as a boundary to the settlement. This alignment was maintained by successive generations into the medieval and post medieval periods.</p> |
| Keywords                    | Enclosure - ROMAN - FISH Thesaurus of Monument Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Funder                      | Private or public corporation RPS Group Ltd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| HER                         | Leicestershire HER - unRev - STANDARD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Person Responsible for work | Paul Clarke                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| HER Identifiers             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Archives                    | <p>Digital Archive - to be deposited with Archaeology Data Service Archive;</p> <p>Physical Archive, Documentary Archive - to be deposited with Leicestershire County Council Museums;</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |