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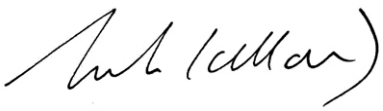
signed	
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SUMMARY

Project Name:	Highfield Farm
Location:	Tetbury, Gloucestershire
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An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in July and August 2010 on land at Highfield Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. A total of 39 trenches was excavated.

The earliest artefact encountered consisted of a flint core, of probable Mesolithic date, recovered from the subsoil in Trench 32.

Evidence of Late Iron Age/Early Roman activity was identified in Trench 16, where a ditch containing pottery dating to the 1st century AD, would appear to confirm the presence of a small enclosure identified by the earlier geophysical survey. A shallow, undated ditch, probably forming part of the same enclosure was identified in Trench 17a. Later Roman activity was identified in Trench 8 where a large pit, probably relating to quarrying, contained pottery dating to the 3rd to 4th centuries AD. Two further, undated, pits of similar size and character were identified in Trenches 8 and 9.

Probable post-medieval/modern features relating to water or landscape management were identified in Trenches 22, 37 and 40. Further post-medieval/modern features relating to agricultural activity or land division were identified in Trenches 12, 17b and 19.

Undated pits and ditches were identified in Trenches 6, 14 and 35.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In July and August 2010 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for Fay and Son Ltd on land at Highfield Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: ST 8941 9418; Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken prior to the determination of a planning application to Cotswold District Council (CDC) for residential development of the site.

1.2 The programme of archaeological evaluation was carried out in accordance with a recommendation by Mr Charles Parry, Senior Archaeological Officer, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the archaeological advisor to CDC, and with a subsequent detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2010) and approved by Mr Parry. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Fieldwork in Gloucestershire* (GCC 1995), the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991) and the Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide (EH 2006).

The site

1.3 The site lies immediately to the north of Tetbury and is bounded by the A433 London Road to the east, by a modern housing development to the south, by school playing fields to the west and by farmland to the north (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 128m AOD and is relatively flat.

1.4 The site consists of six fields (Fig. 2, Field 1 to Field 6), currently under pasture, and comprises an area of 8.95ha.

1.5 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Limestone of the Middle Jurassic Great Oolite series (BGS 1970). This was encountered throughout the site along with areas of sandy clay.

Archaeological background

1.6 An archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) of the site has been compiled (GCCAS 2002). This noted that archaeological activity dating to the prehistoric and Romano-British periods had been identified in the vicinity of the site.

1.7 A probable prehistoric bowl barrow is located *c*. 600m to the north-east of the site (GCCAS 2002), and an archaeological evaluation to the south-east of the site recovered a number of pottery sherds dating to the Roman and medieval periods (SMR ref. 19822, CAT 1997). Unclassified cropmarks have been identified *c*. 400m to the west (SMR ref. 4281) and *c*. 700m to the north-east (SMR ref. 4219) of the site, and an aerial photograph depicts a large sub-rectangular cropmark immediately to the north-east of the site (GCCAS 2002). A further linear earthwork was also identified during the DBA in the north-west of the site, running between two extant ponds. The remains of ridge and furrow earthworks were also noted in the north-eastern part of the site and aerial photographs suggested that similar earthworks survived elsewhere within the site until relatively recently (*ibid*).

1.8 A recent geophysical survey identified possible archaeological features across the site, primarily in the central area (PCG 2010) (Fig. 2). A possible enclosure was identified within the western part of Field 3 together with pit(s)/sites of burning (circled in red on Fig. 2) within the enclosure. Further pit(s)/sites of burning (circled in red on Fig. 2) were identified in Field 1, the eastern part of Field 3 and Field 6. Probable ditches were identified in Fields 1, 2 and 6. The remains of ridge and furrow earthworks were identified in Fields 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Fig 2).

Archaeological objectives

1.9 The objectives of the evaluation were to provide data on the date, character, quality, survival and extent of the archaeological deposits within the site in order that an informed decision on their importance in a local, regional or national context can be made. This information will assist CDC in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource, and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

Methodology

1.10 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 39 trenches, each 25m in length and 2m in width, in the locations shown on the attached plan (Fig. 2). In total fourteen trenches were moved and one was split to avoid potential habitat for Great Crested Newts, on the advice of Ecosulis, the environmental consultants to Fay and Son Ltd, and with the approval of Mr Parry. Trench 3 was moved into the south of Field 3 and Trench 2 was unexcavated as Field 4 could not be accessed during the course of the evaluation.

1.11 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).

1.12 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* (2003) and no deposits were identified that required sampling. All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 3: *Treatment of Finds Immediately After Excavation* (1995).

1.13 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the artefacts will be deposited with Corinium Museum along with the site archive. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

2. RESULTS

2.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts and are to be found in Appendices A and B respectively.

General Stratigraphy

2.2 Across the site the natural substrate comprising limestone and brown orange sandy clay was observed at an average depth of 0.45m below present ground level. This was overlain by on average 0.25m of subsoil, which was then overlain by an average 0.2m of topsoil. Of the 39 excavated trenches 26 contained no archaeological features, Trenches 1, 4-5, 7, 10-11, 13, 15, 18, 20-21, 23-34, 36 and 38-39. A single flint core, Mesolithic in date, was recovered from the subsoil within Trench 32; however no features were identified within the trench. The ploughed-out remains of ridge and furrow cultivation earthworks were identified in Trenches 3, 12 and 19. A large modern pit was also identified in Trench 12. Archaeological features were identified in Trenches 6, 8, 9, 14, 16, 17a, 17b, 22, 35, 37, 40.

Field 1 *(Fig. 2)*

Trench 35

2.3 A small shallow undated sub-circular pit 35003 was located towards the eastern end of the trench. This did not correspond with any known geophysical anomaly.

Trench 37

2.4 Two features were recorded within trench 37. Probable ditch 37009 was recorded towards the southern end of the trench. This contained three undated fills 37006, 37007 and 37008, and was not fully excavated due to its depth. This feature was later cut by a large north-west/south-east orientated ditch 37005. This ditch contained two fills 37003 and 37004, both of which were undated. Although this does not correspond with a geophysical anomaly it was recorded as a visible earthwork within the DBA, and was still visible at ground level during the evaluation.

Trench 40

2.5 A single north-west/south-east ditch 40003 was recorded. This contained three undated fills 40004, 40005 and 40006. This feature does not correspond to a geophysical anomaly. However, it does appear to relate to a north-west/south-east orientated earthwork *c*. 100m in length visible in Field 1.

Field 2 *(Fig. 2)*

Trench 22

2.6 A north-west/south-east ditch 22005 was identified towards the centre of the trench. Post-medieval material was recovered from the surface of the ditch.

Field 3 *(Figs 2- 5)*

Trench 8 (Figs 2-5)

2.7 Large, deep, pit 8005 was partially uncovered at the western end of the trench. The upper fill of this feature, 8003, contained three sherds of 3rd to 4th-century AD pottery. The feature appears to correspond with a pit-like anomaly identified during the geophysical survey and probably related to quarrying activity. A further large, undated, irregular pit 8007, identified by the geophysical survey, was partially exposed in the centre of the trench. This was unexcavated, although its form and fill were similar to both pit 8003 and pit 9003 (in Trench 9) and it is therefore likely to be of similar function.

Trench 9 (Figs 2-4)

2.8 Wide, deep pit 9003 was exposed in the northern end of the trench. This feature contained a single, undated fill and was not fully excavated due to its depth. The feature appears to correspond with a pit-like anomaly identified during the geophysical survey and probably related to quarrying activity.

Trench 14 (Figs 2-4)

2.9 Undated ditch 14003 was identified at the north-eastern end of the trench. It was aligned north-west/south-east and was narrow and shallow in nature.

Trench 16 (Figs 2-5)

2.10 North-east/south-west aligned ditch 16007 was revealed in the centre of the trench. It was wide and shallow and would appear to form part of an enclosure identified by the geophysical survey. Three sherds of 1st-century AD pottery were recovered from the upper fill of this feature. To the south of the ditch, within the postulated enclosure, pit 16003 was identified. This contained a single fill, 16004, from which a sherd of medieval pottery was recovered. Shallow, undated pit 16005 was also identified towards the southern end of the trench.

Trench 17a (Figs 2-5)

2.11 North-east/south-west aligned ditch 17004 was revealed in the centre of the trench. It was wide and shallow and contained a single, undated fill. Despite its shallow nature this ditch broadly correlates with a faint linear anomaly identified by the

geophysical survey and may form part of the same enclosure as ditch 16007 identified in trench 16.

Trench 17b (Figs 2-4)

2.12 Probable pit/ditch 17504 was partially revealed at the south-western end of the trench. It was wide and shallow and contained a single fill, from which three sherds of post-medieval pottery and an iron nail were recovered. This feature appeared to broadly correlate with the northern extent of a series of anomalies identified within the probable enclosure by the geophysical survey.

Field 5 *(Figs 2 & 3)*

Trench 6

2.13 A small, shallow undated pit 6003, which contained a single fill 6004, was identified towards the northern end of the trench. This corresponded approximately to the location of a potential linear anomaly recorded during the geophysical survey.

The Finds

2.14 Quantities of finds were retrieved from seven separate deposits comprising pottery, iron nail, worked flint and animal bone (Appendix B).

2.15 Pottery of Roman date was recovered from two deposits quarry pit fill 8003 and ditch fill 16009. Two small fragments of Roman pottery were recovered from deposit 16009. The black-sandy fabric is similar to Cirencester Fabric 5, a type common from deposits dating to the mid 1st to 2nd centuries AD date from Cirencester (Rigby 1982, 153). One sherd of handmade limestone-tempered pottery of Iron Age date was also recovered from this deposit and is probably residual. Three joining rim sherds from an Oxfordshire red-slipped ware vessel from deposit 8003 date to the middle 3rd to 4th centuries AD.

2.16 Pottery of post-medieval date was recovered from deposits 16004, 17503 and 22006. A total of ten sherds, all in a glazed earthenware fabric (probably Ashton Keynes type) are dateable broadly to the 16th to 18th centuries.

2.17 Residual prehistoric worked flints were retrieved from two deposits and were identified as a single-platform bladelet core of probable Mesolithic date (subsoil 32001), and a possible multi-platform flake core of uncertain date (quarry pit 8004).

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 The evaluation has identified a small number of archaeological features within the proposed development area. The majority of these features were concentrated within Field 3.

3.2 Where archaeological features were encountered in Field 3 there was a strong correlation with the results of the geophysical survey that had suggested the presence of a possible enclosure and a number of large pits (PCG 2010). However, within the remaining fields, the targeting of geophysical anomalies in a number of trenches (e.g. Trench 4 and Trench 5) revealed no archaeological features. Many of these anomalies did however appear to correspond to abrupt changes within the natural substrate from areas of sandy clay to outcrops of limestone.

Mesolithic

3.3 A single flint core, of probable Mesolithic date, was recovered from the subsoil within trench 32. However no features were identified within the trench.

Roman

3.4 Evidence for Roman activity was identified in Trench 16 where the secondary fill of ditch 1607 produced small quantities of pottery dating to the mid 1st century to 2nd centuries AD. This ditch confirms the presence of an enclosure identified by the geophysical survey, and suggests that it is of Roman date. A probable continuation of this ditch, faintly depicted by the geophysical survey, was identified in Trench 17a. It is possible that pit 16005, also identified in Trench 16, represents an internal feature to this enclosure.

3.5 Evidence for later Roman quarrying was identified in Trench 8 where the secondary fill of quarry pit 8005 produced small quantities of 3rd to 4th-century AD pottery. Further quarry pits in Trenches 8 and 9 may be attributed to the Roman period by spatial association and by the similarity in their size, form and fill characteristics. The results broadly correlate with the preceding geophysical survey, which identified pit-like anomalies of various sizes in the vicinity of Trenches 8 and 9.

Post-medieval/Modern

3.6 Probable post-medieval/modern features, identified in Trenches 22, 37 and 40, would appear to relate to water/landscape management, as they visibly run between

existing ponds. The function of feature 37009 is not clear, but the dark and slightly organic nature of the fill suggests it may well have been a further pond that has been recently backfilled. Further post-medieval/modern features, seemingly related to agricultural activity or land division, were identified in Trenches 12, 17b and 19.

Undated

3.7 Undated features were encountered in Trenches 6, 14 and 35. It is possible that narrow ditch 1404, identified in Trench 14, relates to land management or drainage but its exact function remains unclear. The function of two undated pits, identified in trenches 6 and 35, also remains unclear. They were are not closely associated with each other or any anomalies identified by the geophysical survey.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench 1

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1000	Layer	Topsoil			0.25	
1001	Layer	Subsoil			0.1	
1002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 3

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
3000	Layer	Topsoil			0.31	
3001	Layer	Subsoil			0.17	
3002	Layer	Natural substrate				
3003	Fill	Single fill of ditch 3004	>2	1.13	0.30	
3004	Cut	NE-SW aligned ditch	>2	1.13	0.30	

Trench 4

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
2000	Layer	Topsoil			0.15	
2001	Layer	Subsoil			0.25	
2002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 5

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
5000	Layer	Topsoil			0.15	
5001	Layer	Subsoil			0.15	
5002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 6

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
6000	Layer	Topsoil			0.17	
6001	Layer	Subsoil			0.23	
6002	Layer	Natural substrate				
6003	Cut	Small concave sub-circular pit	0.85	0.46	0.17	
6004	Fill	Single fill of 6003	0.85	0.46	0.17	

Trench 7

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
7001	Layer	Topsoil			0.24	
7002	Layer	Subsoil			0.31	
7003	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 8

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
8000	Layer	Topsoil			0.17	
8001	Layer	Subsoil			0.18	
8002	Layer	Natural substrate				
8003	Fill	Second fill of quarry pit 8005	>2	8.95	0.68	MC3-4
8004	Fill	First fill of quarry pit 8005	>2	8.9	0.3	
8005	Cut	Cut of quarry pit	>2	8.95	0.98	
8006	Fill	Fill of probable quarry pit 8007	>2	7.1	N/A	
8007	Cut	Probable quarry pit, unexcavated	>2	7.1	N/A	

Trench 9

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
9000	Layer	Topsoil			0.20	
9001	Layer	Subsoil			0.45	
9002	Layer	Natural substrate				
9003	Fill	Single fill of 9004	>2	6.8	0.79	
9004	Cut	Probable quarry pit	>2	6.8	0.79	

Trench 10

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
10000	Layer	Topsoil			0.24	
10001	Layer	Subsoil			0.25	
10002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 11

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
11000	Layer	Topsoil			0.28	
11001	Layer	Subsoil			0.36	
11002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 12

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
12000	Layer	Topsoil			0.24	
12001	Layer	Subsoil			0.28	
12002	Layer	Natural substrate				
12003	Fill	Single fill of modern intrusion	>2	4.8	N/A	
12004	Cut	Modern intrusion, not excavated	>2	4.8	N/A	

Trench 13

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
13000	Layer	Topsoil			0.24	
13001	Layer	Subsoil			0.22	
13002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 14

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
14000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
14001	Layer	Subsoil			0.18	
14002	Layer	Natural substrate				
14003	Cut	N-S ditch	>2	0.7	0.22	
14004	Fill	Single fill of 14003	>2	0.7	0.22	
14005	Cut	Natural feature	0.45	0.3	0.21	
14006	Fill	Single fill of 14005	0.45	0.3	0.21	
14007	Cut	Natural feature	1.2	0.4	0.18	
14008	Fill	Single fill of 14005	1.2	0.4	0.18	

Trench 15

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
15000	Layer	Topsoil			0.28	
15001	Layer	Subsoil			0.13	
15002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 16

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
16000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
16001	Layer	Subsoil			0.18	
16002	Layer	Natural substrate				
16003	Cut	Shallow, concave pit	1.8	1.05	0.1	
16004	Fill	Single fill of 16003	1.8	1.05	0.1	C16-C18
16005	Cut	Shallow, concave pit	1.05	0.8	0.07	
16006	Fill	Single fill of 16005	1.05	0.8	0.07	
16007	Cut	NW-SE ditch	>2	2.6	0.74	
16008	Fill	First fill of ditch 16007	>2	1.65	0.51	
16009	Fill	Second fill of ditch 16007	>2	2.6	0.23	C1-C2

Trench 17a

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
17000	Layer	Topsoil			0.17	
17001	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
17002	Layer	Natural substrate				
17003	Fill	Single fill of 17004	>2	1.42	0.16	
17004	Cut	NE-SW ditch	>2	1.42	0.16	

Trench 17b

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
17500	Layer	Topsoil			0.19	
17501	Layer	Subsoil			0.26	
17502	Layer	Natural substrate				
17503	Fill	Single fill of 17503	>2	>2.94	0.17	C16-C18
17504	Cut	Shallow ditch/pit	>2	>2.94	0.17	

Trench 18

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
18000	Layer	Topsoil			0.23	
18001	Layer	Subsoil			0.18	
18002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 19

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
19000	Layer	Topsoil			0.32	
19001	Layer	Subsoil			0.46	
19002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 20

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
20000	Layer	Topsoil			0.23	
20001	Layer	Subsoil			0.18	
20002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 21

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
21000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
21001	Layer	Subsoil			0.18	
21002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 22

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
22000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
22001	Layer	Subsoil			0.16	
22002	Layer	Natural substrate				
22003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
22004	Fill	Land drain		0.3		
22005	Cut	NW-SE ditch, unexcavated		0.5		
22006	Fill	Fill of 22005		0.5		C16-C18

Trench 23

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
23000	Layer	Topsoil			0.27	
23001	Layer	Subsoil			0.11	
23002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 24

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
24000	Layer	Topsoil			0.25	

24001	Layer	Subsoil			0.08	
24002	Layer	Natural substrate				
24003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
24004	Fill	Land drain		0.3		

Trench 25

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
25000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
25001	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
25002	Layer	Natural substrate				
25003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.3		
25004	Fill	Land drain		0.3		

Trench 26

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
26000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
26001	Layer	Subsoil			0.15	
26002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 27

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
27000	Layer	Topsoil			0.13	
27001	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
27002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 28

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
28000	Layer	Topsoil			0.12	
28001	Layer	Subsoil			0.22	
28002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 29

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
29000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
29001	Layer	Subsoil			0.08	
29002	Layer	Subsoil			0.25	
29003	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 30

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
30000	Layer	Topsoil			0.16	
30001	Layer	Subsoil			0.19	
30002	Layer	Subsoil			0.21	
30003	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 31

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
31000	Layer	Topsoil			0.3	
31001	Layer	Subsoil			0.32	
31002	Layer	Subsoil			0.1	
31003	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 32

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
32000	Layer	Topsoil			0.15	
32001	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
32002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 33

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
33001	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
33002	Layer	Subsoil			0.3	
33003	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 34

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
34001	Layer	Topsoil			0.25	
34002	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
34003	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 35

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
35000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
35001	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
35002	Layer	Natural substrate				
35003	Cut	Small concave sub-oval pit	0.65	0.53	0.15	
35004	Fill	Single fill of 35003	0.65	0.53	0.15	

Trench 36

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
36000	Layer	Topsoil			0.1	
36001	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
36002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 37

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
37000	Layer	Topsoil			0.26	

37001	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
37002	Layer	Natural substrate				
37003	Fill	Second fill of ditch 37005		>17.22	0.48	
37004	Fill	First fill of ditch 37005		3	0.18	
37005	Cut	Cut of NW-SE ditch		>17.22	0.64	
37006	Fill	Third fill of 37009		2.5	0.2	
37007	Fill	Second fill of 37009		2.7	>0.5	
37008	Fill	First visible fill of 37009		0.36	>0.1	
37009	Cut	Cut of possible ditch		5.64	>0.64	

Trench 38

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
38001	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
38002	Layer	Subsoil			0.08	
38003	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.7		
38004	Fill	Land drain		0.7		
38005	Cut	Cut for land drain		0.6		
38006	Fill	Land drain		0.6		
38007	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 39

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
39000	Layer	Topsoil			0.18	
39001	Layer	Subsoil			0.22	
39002	Layer	Natural substrate				

Trench 40

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
40000	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
40001	Layer	Subsoil			0.24	
40002	Layer	Natural substrate				
40003	Cut	Cut of NW-SE ditch		7.6	0.6	
40004	Fill	Third fill of ditch 40003		5.3	0.42	
40005	Fill	Second fill of ditch 40003		2.28	0.22	
40006	Fill	First fill of ditch 40003		3.5	0.2	

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Context	Description	Ct.	Wt.	Date
803	Roman pottery: Oxfordshire red-slipped ware	3	9	MC3-C4
804	Worked flint: multi-platform flake core	1	27	
1604	Post-medieval pottery	1	3	C16-C18
1608	Animal Bone	1	2	
1609	Animal Bone Iron nail Roman pottery: black-sandy fabric, Prehistoric pottery: limestone-tempered fabric	9 1 3	10 7 5	mC1-C2
17503	Post-medieval pottery: glazed-earthenware Iron nail	4 1	27 5	C16-C18
22006	Post-medieval pottery: glazed-earthenware	5	104	C16-C18
32001	Worked flint: Mesolithic bladelet core	1	17	-

APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Highfield Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire	
Short description	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in July and August 2010 on land at Highfield Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. A total of 39 trenches was excavated. The earliest artefact encountered consisted of a flint core, of probable Mesolithic date, recovered from the subsoil in Trench 32. Evidence of Late Iron Age/Early Roman activity was identified in Trench 16, where a ditch containing pottery dating to the 1st century AD, would appear to confirm the presence of a small enclosure identified by the earlier geophysical survey. A shallow, undated ditch, probably forming part of the same enclosure was identified in Trench 17a. Later Roman activity was identified in Trench 8 where a large pit, probably relating to quarrying, contained pottery dating to the 3rd to 4th centuries AD. Two further, undated, pits of similar size and character were identified in Trenches 8 and 9. Probable post-medieval/modern features relating to water or landscape management were identified in Trenches 22, 37 and 40. Further post-medieval/modern features relating to agricultural activity or land division were identified in Trenches 12, 17b and 19. Undated features were identified in Trenches 6, 14 and 35.	
Project dates	26-29 July and 24-27 August 2010	
Project type	Evaluation	
Previous work	GCCAS (Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology Service) 2002 An Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment of land at Highfield Farm, London Road, Tetbury Upton, Gloucestershire	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Highfield Farm, Tetbury, Gloucestershire	
Study area (M^2/ha)	8.95ha	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	ST 8941 9418	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Gloucestershire County Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Laurent Coleman	
Project Supervisor	Kelly Saunders and Steven Sheldon	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	Corinium Museum	Flint
Paper	Corinium Museum	Proforma recording sheets
Digital	Corinium Museum	Digital photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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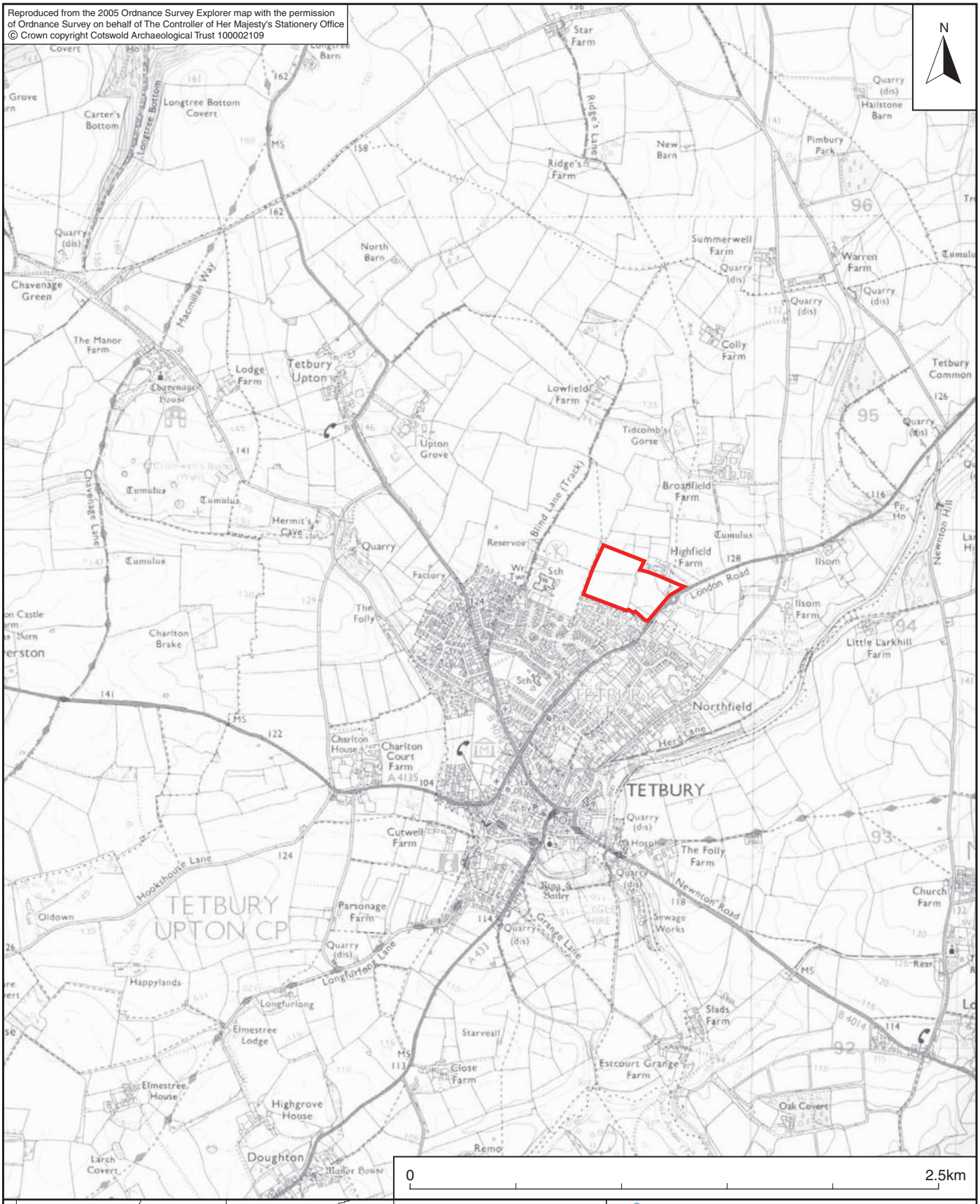

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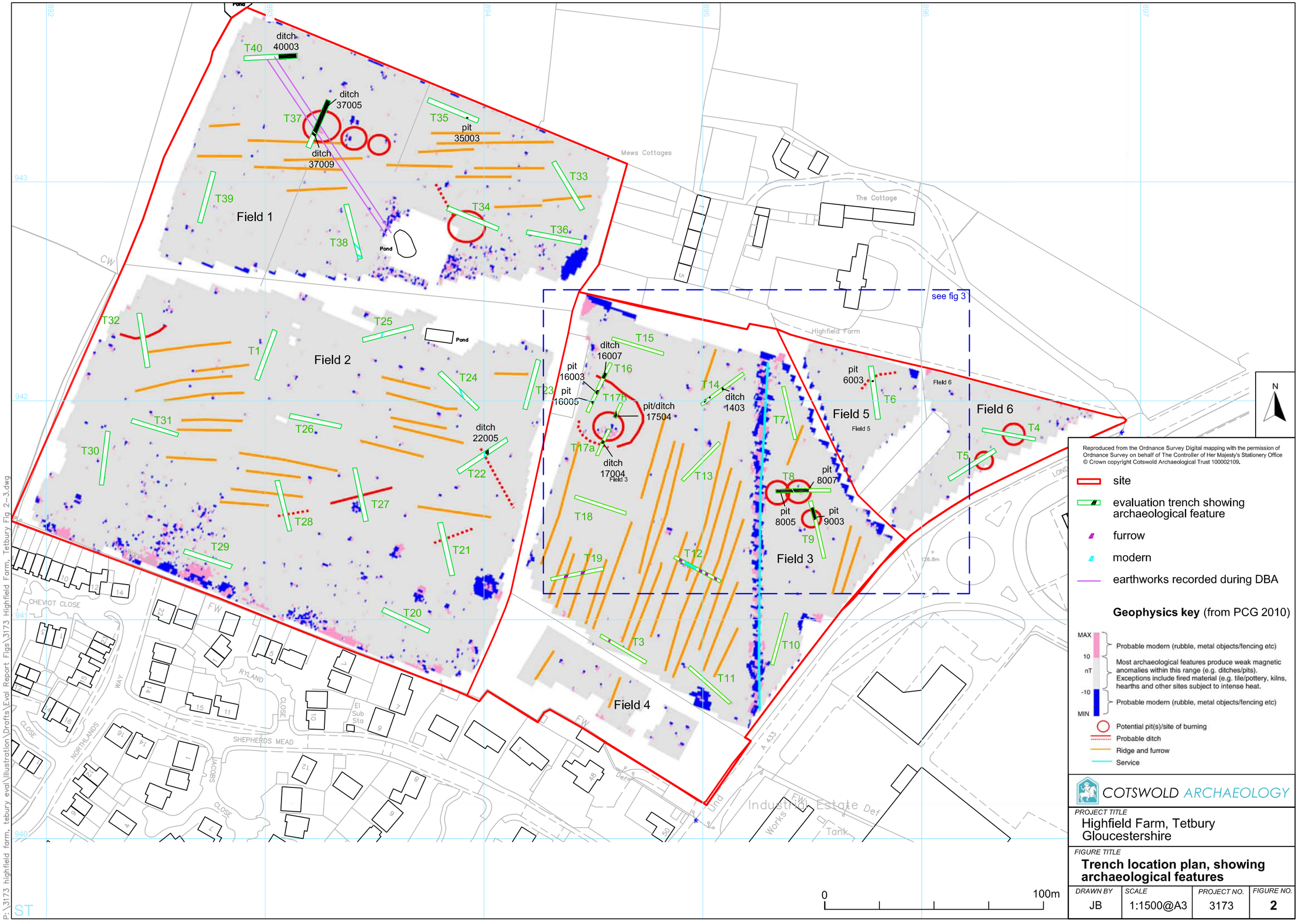

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evaluation trench showing archaeological feature

furrow

modern

earthworks recorded during DBA

Geophysics key (from PCG 2010)

MAX
10
nT
-10
MIN

Probable modern (rubble, metal objects/fencing etc)

Most archaeological features produce weak magnetic anomalies within this range (e.g. ditches/pits). Exceptions include fired material (e.g. tile/pottery, kilns, hearths and other sites subject to intense heat.

Probable modern (rubble, metal objects/fencing etc)

Potential pit(s)/site of burning

Probable ditch

Ridge and furrow

Service

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Trench location plan, showing archaeological features

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Highfield Farm

T15

ditch 16007

T16

pit 16003

T17b

pit 16005

pit/ditch 17504

T17a

ditch 17004

Field 3

T18

T19

T12

T13

ditch 1403

T14

T7

pit 6003

T6

Field 6

Field 5

pit 8005

pit 8007

T8

pit 9003

T9

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40m

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site

evaluation trench showing archaeological feature

furrow

modern

earthworks recorded during DBA

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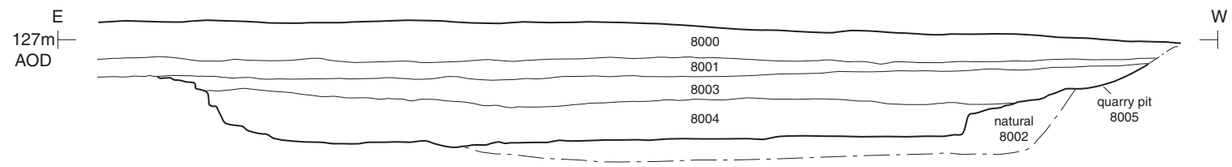

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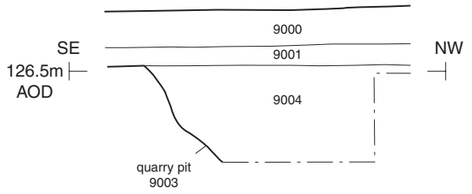

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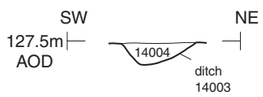

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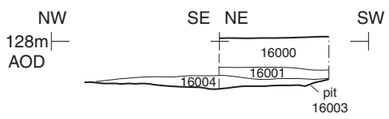

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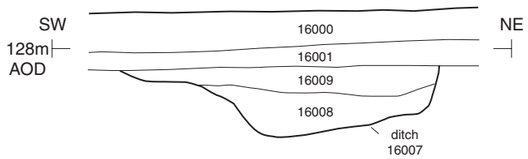

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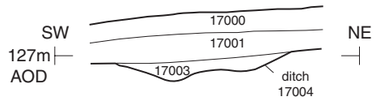

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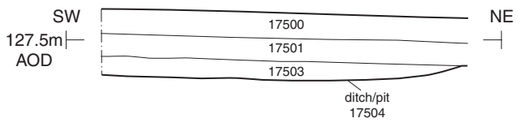

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Trench 8, showing quarry pits 805 and 807, looking east (1m scale)

Trench 16, south-east facing section of ditch 1607 (1m scale)

Trench 17, south-east facing section of ditch 17004 (1m scale)

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