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   • Details of systems and procedures to be used should be supplied with specification; if details have already been submitted to Oxford City Council in respect of previous work in Oxford, these should be referred to as the system to be adopted.

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Proposed development
The Masterplan under consultation presents a strategy for development of 6.5 ha of land described as having moderate to high archaeological potential.

In advance of masterplan approval, the dining hall has been submitted as a full application relating to the part of the site that includes a springline, putting it at risk of historical water-related activity including pottery manufacture. Four design options are illustrated in the Design and Access Statement (D&AS), and the preferred option is prima facie the most archaeologically intrusive of all, with the building terraced into the slope and a sweeping series of steps to a water feature. Because the remaining elements of the Masterplan may have similarly intrusive options, including landscaping and the engineering of parking areas, it is important that the cultural heritage issues be resolved at the outset.

Drawings
Ruskin Masterplan; BGS drawing 2620-A-02-20; BGS drawing 2620-A-02-22; BGS drawing 2620-A-04-20; West Waddy D&AS page 21

Any relevant planning condition(s)
None as yet (pre-determination)

1.5 Planning Policies

Policy HE 2 of Oxford Local Plan 2001 - 2016 (adopted November 2005) requires that:

Where archaeological deposits that are potentially significant to the historic environment of Oxford are known or suspected to exist anywhere in Oxford but particularly in the City Centre Archaeological Area, planning applications should incorporate sufficient information to define the character and extent of such deposits as far as reasonably practicable, including where appropriate:

a. the results of an evaluation by fieldwork; and
b. an assessment of the effect of the proposals on the deposits and their setting.

If the existence and significance of deposits is confirmed, planning permission will only be granted where the proposal includes:

c. provision to preserve the archaeological remains in situ, so far as reasonably practicable, by sensitive layout and design (particularly foundations, drainage and hard landscaping); and

d. provision for the investigation and recording of any archaeological remains that cannot be preserved, including the publication of results, in accordance with a detailed approved before the start of development.

The City Centre Archaeological Area is defined on the Proposals Map 1.6 Requirement for assessment under above policy

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**B. Dining Hall application site:** 4% sample to total 35m x 1.6 m trenching, perhaps 3 x 10x1.6 m and 1 x 5x1.6 m, both along and across the slope, with special reference to understanding post-medieval terracing and full depth of proposed engineering impact. If appropriate to include a turning bay and bin store illustrated on Drawing 2620-A-02-22 outside red line to SE of walled garden, if this is part of the present application.

Item B to be implemented on site (if not formally reported) in time for verbal report to the area committee.

3.3.2 Specific objectives as 2.1.6 above
3.3.3 Recording to be carried out as follows:
   • Site and finds recording systems and ecofact sampling to be undertaken as per Appendix 1 Task A3;
   • Details of systems and procedures to be used should be supplied with specification; if details have already been submitted to Oxford City Council in respect of previous work in Oxford, these should be referred to as the system to be adopted.

3.4 Task A4 - Revised assessment of archaeological impact
The project should reassess the impact of the development on the cultural heritage, to a standard which could be used to inform a general environmental assessment of the development, and to identify an appropriate mitigation strategy.
4 Report, archives and dissemination of results

4.1 The report
A report shall be prepared covering the results of Tasks A1 - 4, to be delivered normally within two weeks of completion of Task A3 fieldwork. It shall include the following:
- Content as Appendix 1, Report, including a frontsheet as specified.
- under Task A4 a statement of the impact of the development on significant archaeological deposits;
- at the discretion of the applicant, it may propose potential means of mitigating significant impacts.

4.2 Deposition of the archive (amended 8.03.2005)
- The full project archive and finds shall be deposited with an appropriate museum, subject to the owner's agreement and with due regard to proper standards of archival and artefact conservation. The museum should be approached for a reference number before any fieldwork commences.
- Normally the receiving museum will be the Oxfordshire County Museum Service (01865 300557 or 300972).
- However where a significant archive from the same or a related site already exists in a different museum, for instance the Ashmolean Museum, consideration should be given to amalgamating the archives.
- Also where a site is developed for the use of, or on land in the ownership of, the Ashmolean Museum, the new archive should be offered to that museum (Department of Antiquities, 01865 278020).
- It should be noted that Oxfordshire Department of Leisure and Arts makes a charge for depositing finds and archives.

4.3 Dissemination
A copy of the report shall be deposited on open access with the County Sites and Monuments Record within six months of completion of the fieldwork, and a further copy shall be deposited with the archive. Brief details of the results shall be sent to the National Archaeological Record in the format required by RCHME.

Significant academic results shall be published in a suitable form in an appropriate journal, newsletter or other medium to be agreed with the Oxford City Archaeological Advisory Service. Such publication to be undertaken within reasonable time, ie one year, unless the evaluation is followed by more extensive investigations, in which case within three years of completion of all fieldwork.

5 General requirements

5.1 Hazards: The developer or his agent shall provide sufficient information on below ground structures, services and any other potential hazards to enable the fieldwork to be completed in safety.

5.2 Health and Safety: The archaeological body must satisfy all requirements of current Health and Safety legislation.

5.3 Human remains, Treasure Trove etc: The archaeological body must satisfy all requirements of current legislation on the reporting of human remains, treasure trove, etc.

5.4 Archaeological personnel: The project, and specialist tasks within it, shall be carried out under the direction of appropriately qualified named personnel. Where not members of IFA, other evidence of qualifications and referees may be required.

5.5 Notice of program: Fourteen days notice of commencement of fieldwork to be given to Oxford City Council and Oxford City Planning Officer.
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Oxford City Council Brief 1: Archaeological Assessment:
Appendix 1: Standard Task Methodologies

(NB with respect to Oxford City Council Brief 2: Mitigation. The task methodologies set out below relate to an Oxford City Council Brief 1, ie the assessment phase of a project. However Tasks A1 and A3 methodologies are also broadly applicable to the mitigation phase, ie Tasks M1 and M3. Further clarification from Oxford City Council as required).

Task A1 (as required) - Desk based assessment scope
The following sources to be consulted as defined in site specific brief:
1. Oxon SMR; NAR; Rodwell Historic Towns in Oxon 1975; any article referred to specifically in brief
2. Historic maps: Agas (1578); Loggan (1675); Taylor (1750); Davis (1793); Hoggar (1850); OS (1875-on)
3. Salter's Survey of Oxford Vols 1 and 2; VCH Vols 4 and 5; Squires In West Oxford
4. RCHME Air Photographs; Scheduled Monument descriptions; RCHME Inventory of the Historical Monuments of Oxford; Listed Building Descriptions; topographical collections in Bodleian Library and Centre for Oxon Studies

Task A2 (as required) - Non-intrusive: Geophysical survey / fieldwalking methodology
1. General aim is to determine extent and layout of any remains by non intrusive methods in specified area or areas, thereby to provide an indication of areas which will benefit from clarification by trenching. General requirements as follows:
   • Survey grid to be accurately tied in to OS National Grid
   • Density of geophysical readings to conform with best industry standard
   • Geophysical report to include description of the equipment and methodology; results plotted to at least three formats at appropriate scales (normally 1:500 or 1:1000) related to OS Grid; interpretative plots; and commentary on interpretation.
   • Fieldwalking standards on application

Task A3 - Trenched Evaluation methodology
1. Position of trenches shall be accurately surveyed in and plotted on a current large scale OS plan (min. 1:1250) relative to the full extent of the site, and related to the National Grid and to existing physical features in or close to the site, especially permanent structures not likely to be disturbed in the foreseeable future;
2. Mechanical excavation to be carried out with a machine suited to the site and ground conditions, fitted with a toothless bucket of appropriate width to create a clean surface, and continuously supervised by an archaeologist. Upcast from mechanical trenching to be scanned for artefacts, to be recorded and retained;
3. Limit of mechanical excavation: Machine excavation only to top of significant archaeological features/deposits;
4. Hand excavation: Sufficient features to be excavated by hand to achieve the aims of the investigation, but avoiding compromising the integrity of any archaeological deposit which may be better excavated under conditions of full area excavation;
5. Individual trench plans will normally be drawn at 1:50 for uncomplicated areas, and 1:20 or 1:10 for complex features;
6. Overall stratification of each trench to be described with depths of overburden, any archaeological horizon and natural subsoil indicated; similarly where no archaeology is detected;
7. Sections of individual features and of general stratification shall normally be drawn at 1:20 but exceptionally may be recorded at 1:50 if simple or 1:10 if particular detail is required. All sections shall be tied in to Ordnance Datum, and their orientation and location related to detailed plans.
8. Archaeological layers and features to be numbered and described, including their stratigraphic interrelationships, using a single context recording system, and where
necessary a trench matrix, according to best archaeological practice, and in accordance with IFA Standard and Guidance for Field Evaluations.

9. Human remains shall be left in place and the Coroner informed. Where removal is necessary a licence shall be obtained from the Home Office.

10. A photographic record shall be made of the work, of individual trenches with significant archaeology and of significant individual contexts or groups of contexts.

11. Palaeo-ecology: A sampling strategy for ecofacts, soils and sediments shall be specified and agreed in advance, and the name of the appropriate specialist shall be specified.

12. Artefact work: All artefacts pertinent to the aims of archaeological evaluation shall be retained, including those from mechanical excavation. Recording, cleaning and conservation of finds to follow IFA Guidelines for Finds Work. Recording shall be carried out in a manner compatible with existing typological series for the City of Oxford; this is of particular importance in respect of pottery and ceramic tiles.

13. Recording systems to be used shall be specified by reference to the archaeological body’s Manual. A copy of the Manual to be supplied with the WSI if not previously submitted to Oxford City Council.

14. Recording media and storage of finds shall meet archival and conservation standards set by the Museums Association and the receiving museum. A copy of original records shall be made to be stored separately from the original archive for security purposes.

Task A4 - Revised assessment of archaeological impact

The report should reassess the provisional design impact of the development on archaeology in the context of the cultural heritage and current legislation as follows:

- EC requirements on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as adopted in England are presented in DETR Circular 02/99, which gives guidance on implementation. It classifies developments as Schedule 1 (EIA obligatory), or Schedule 2 (EIA required in the upper end, dependent on significance judged by sensitivity of the site, and size, type and special hazards of development).

- Many archaeological evaluations will be on sites which are not so classified; if in doubt however, the concluding statement of the archaeological assessment should be in a form which could be incorporated into an Environmental Statement.

Report Format (assessment/field evaluation)

Details of style and presentation at discretion of contractor, but must include following:

- Frontsheet setting out: site name; grid reference; assessment tasks undertaken; date and duration of project; site code; area of site; summary of results; location and reference of archive.

- Report to include: a summary of the project background and objectives; the site location; contractor’s methodology; description of results; interpretation of results in context of objectives; a summary of the content of the archive, including tabulation of finds; site plan based on OS grid, showing actual location of trenches, superimposed on any significant findings from Tasks A1 and A2; plans and sections of any trenches where significant archaeological deposits have been detected; a discussion of the results in the wider context; a reassessment of construction impact on significant deposits.

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1 Introduction  

1.1 An area of gardens and college buildings within the Headington grounds of Ruskin College are due to redeveloped. Oxford Archaeology (OA) has been commissioned by the College to undertake an archaeological evaluation of the impact areas to inform the planning application. Brian Durham, Archaeologist at Oxford City Council has prepared a Brief for the evaluation (Dated 19th February 2008). This Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) details how OA will implement the requirements of that document. The first part of this document is site specific while the Appendices detail general OA standards and procedures.  

1.2 The background information presented here is derived from the Desk Based Assessment (DBA) undertaken by OA and should be consulted for further detail where required (OA 2006).  

2 Location, Geology and Topography  

2.1 The college buildings and surrounding gardens are situated to the north of Old Headington, located on Dunstan Road and Stoke Place (centred on NGR SP 543 078). The A40 North Way bypass cuts across the fields to the north of the development areas.  

2.2 Headington is drained on the north by the Bayswater Brook that rises on the eastern slopes of Shotover Hill and flows west to join the Cherwell near New Marston. The valley floor is based on Oxford clay with land rising fairly sharply up to the top of the plateau formed by the Corallian beds, generally c90m above sea level.  

2.3 The detailed local geology shown on the published British Geological Survey map, Sheet 237, shows the Site on an area of mixed geology. The college buildings are located on the Corallian beds at the top of the slope, in particular on part of the formation known as Beckley Sand Member which is made up of sand and calcareous sandstone. To the north, progressing down the valley side, are thin bands of Temple Cowley Member - fine grained sandstones, sands and siltstones and West Walton Formation - a dark grey silty mudstone, running east west parallel with the Brook. The fields to the north of the bypass are located on Upper Oxford Clay and the footpath known as Stoke Place to the east of the Site is over an area of Head drift geology. The Bayswater Brook has a valley bottom of alluvial deposits (BSG 1994). There are a number of
springs in the area draining into the Brook and presumably located along the junctions of differing geology.

3 **Archaeological and Historical Background**

3.1 Here follows a summary background as provided from the Brief. The DBA should be consulted for further detail.

3.2 For the Roman period the inference of Roman pottery finds needs to be analysed carefully. The slope here is not conducive to intensive Romano-British settlement, but might suit a rural strip-holding that seasonally turned to potting based on available resources: a spring-line for water as existing; sand for tempering; possibly a seam of suitable clay; woodland for fuel on the high ground; and the slope itself may have been conducive to air movement for drying and firing. The same applies equally to Stoke Place.

3.3 The early importance of Headington as a settlement is focused on the 11th-century history of the manor house/royal villa. Its association with Court Place just to the south of Ruskin Hall is still unconfirmed, but would lend significance to the higher end of the Ruskin property fronting Dunstan Road. Headington typically has housing fronting the streets, colonising strip fields as conjectured by the Assessment. Behind this is developed the 17th century hall-and-crosswing house *The Rookery* described as originating from a 16th century 'peasant dwelling' which may have ancillary domestic or agricultural activities around it.

3.4 The desktop statement (paragraph 6.1.4) accordingly refers to high potential for significant Roman, post medieval and modern remains, and moderate potential for later medieval remains.

4 **Aims of the Evaluation**

4.1 To establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains within the proposal area.

4.2 To determine and confirm the character of any remains present, without compromising any deposits that may merit detailed investigation under full area excavation.

4.3 To determine or estimate the date range of any remains from artefacts or otherwise.

4.4 To investigate the extent of any significant remains outside initial trenched sample through agreement with the client and City Archaeologist.

4.5 To characterise any underlying archaeological strata down to undisturbed geology without significantly impacting upon significant younger (overlying) deposits where possible.
4.6 To determine the palaeo-environmental potential of archaeological deposits.

4.7 To make available the results of the investigation to inform the planning application and the potential for any further mitigation strategy.

*Site specific informed aims*

4.8 To establish the presence or absence of potential pottery kilns.

4.9 To establish the presence or absence of any medieval and post medieval domestic and/or horticultural land use within the site area.

4.10 To investigate the degree of terracing and made ground within the walled garden resulting from the construction of the tennis court.

5 **Methodology**

5.1 Both non intrusive and intrusive methods will be used to evaluate the site. A non intrusive geophysical survey of each impact area has been undertaken prior to the start of the fieldwork. Due to the necessary urgency to get the fieldwork underway to inform a planning meeting on 18th March, the results of the geophysical survey are currently unavailable although these will be reviewed immediately prior to the intrusive excavation of the evaluation trenches. Where significant or suspect results are obtained from the survey, the proposed trench plan will be amended to investigate these where possible.

5.2 Four trenches will be machine excavated within the walled garden that includes the Grade II listed crinkle-crankle wall. These will consist of three trenches each 10 m by 1.6 m and a single trench 5 m by 1.6 m representing a 4% sample of the garden. Due to the very limited access (1.45 m max) to the garden imposed by the brick entrance, only a small tracked machine (1.5t) will be able to gain access. This will be fitted with a 0.6 m wide bucket that will require three widths to be dug to attain the full dimensions of each trench. In practice, this may prove difficult and slightly narrower trenches may have to be excavated. This will only be undertaken through consultation with the City Archaeologist.

5.3 The interior of the walled garden is occupied by a hard-surfaced tennis court and a nursery area. The nursery area, including its play area, is not accessible to excavation so all trench will be excavated through, and immediately around, the tennis court. The hard surface of the court will be broken out by the mechanical excavator fitted with a toothed bucket down to the upper level of the underlying hardcore only. All excavation below this level will be undertaken by the machine fitted with a toothless bucket to the level of the uppermost significant archaeological horizon or natural geology depending upon which is encountered first.

5.4 Nine trenches, each 10 m by 1.6 m max, will be machine excavated within the surrounding gardens of the college, including two located within the grounds
of Stoke House. This represents a 3% sample of the impact areas outside of the walled garden. These are all located within soft ground and positioned according to the available spaces between standing mature trees, extant tree stumps and live services. Each will be excavated by machine in the same manner as those within the walled garden with the exception of the use of the toothed bucket.

5.5 Trench locations are illustrated on the attached plan and have been agreed with the Oxford City Archaeologist prior to this WSI.

5.6 Hand excavation of any archaeological deposits encountered within all trenches will be undertaken following the removal of overburden and sufficient cleaning to determine the extent and character of these and to fulfil the aims outlined above.

5.7 All machine excavation of deposits will be under the supervision of the site Supervisor. OA will backfill all trenches after approval is given by the Oxford City Archaeologist. No specialist reinstatement has been requested although OA will backfill each trench with care with the excavated material. This will be lightly compacted by the machine.

5.8 A project supervisor and two field technicians under the general supervision of a project manager (Steve Lawrence) will undertake the fieldwork. It is anticipated that the trenching will be completed within a week although the restrictions to access and necessary small machine size could result in the project taking up to two weeks. All OA’s fieldwork is carried out under the general direction of Nick Shepherd (Head of Fieldwork).

5.9 Any human remains that are encountered will initially be left in situ. If removal is necessary this will comply with the relevant Home Office regulations.

6 Report and archive preparation

6.1 A report of the findings will be produced within four weeks of the completion of fieldwork. A draft copy of this report will be submitted to the College for comment and approval. Final copies of the report will be submitted to the Oxford City Archaeologist, Brian Durham, and the Sites and Monuments Record Office.

6.2 The content and style of the report will be as defined in Appendix 8.

6.3 The site archive will be created in accordance with the guidelines published in Guidelines for the preparation of Excavation Archives for long-term storage (UK Inst. for Conservation 1990) and standards in the Museum care of archaeological collections - see Appendix 8. The project archive will be deposited with the Oxfordshire County Museum Services.
6.4 A list of specialists used by OA is presented below:

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7 Health and Safety

7.1 All OA project fieldwork is undertaken in accordance with all relevant current Health and Safety Legislation. This includes in particular the following regulations (the list is not intended to be exhaustive):

*Health and Safety at Work Act 1974*
*Construction (Design and management) Regulations 1994*
*The management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992*
*Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992*
*Work Equipment Regulations 1992*
*Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992*
*Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992*

7.2 OA has its own Health and Safety Policy which refers to the manual Health and Safety in Field Archaeology (SCAUM 1997), and these two documents constitute the Health and Safety arrangements of OA. The Director of OA is ultimately responsible under the terms of the Health and Safety Act (1974) for ensuring the safety of employees. He must know the broad requirements of relevant legislation; attend meetings of OA Health and Safety Committee; ensure that responsibility for health and safety is properly assigned and accepted at all levels. The Director and Chief Executive of OA is David Jennings.

7.3 The Safety Co-ordinator of OA: represents the director on matters of health and safety; keeps abreast of relevant legislation and approved practice, and disseminates this information to OA staff; advises staff as required on matters of health and safety; maintains OA health and safety records; calls and chairs meetings of the OA Health and Safety Committee. The Safety Co-ordinator of OA is Dan Poore.
7.4 The Project Director is the person delegated to take overall charge of a particular project. She/he is responsible for health and safety matters on the projects that they manage, reporting to the Safety Co-ordinator in the first instance, and ultimately to OA's Director. She/he must be satisfied that an adequate safety plan has been drawn up for the project, or for each phase of the project. The Project Director may also be the Project Manager in some cases (see below).

7.5 Individual Project Supervisors MANagers are the persons delegated to take charge of a particular phase or part of the overall project. They are responsible for ensuring that for each site that they are in charge of an adequate Risk Assessment and any amendments or additions to the Site Safety Plan have been drawn up prior to work starting on site, and they are immediately responsible for the Health and Safety of employees and sub-contractors under their supervision. They report directly to the Project Director and OA Safety Co-ordinator.

7.6 The OA Health and Safety Committee consists of the Director, Safety Co-ordinator, OA Manager and the Site Staff Representative. The Safety Co-ordinator normally calls meetings of the Committee when there is business for discussion, but may be called by other members of the committee.

7.7 OA's independent Health and Safety Consultants are Safety Services Ltd, Stanton Harcourt, Oxon, who are consulted with regard to matters such as deep trenching, shoring and working in confined spaces.

7.8 Prior to the project a pro-forma OA Health and Safety Risk Assessment is produced by the project manager/supervisor and passed to the OA Safety Co-ordinator for approval. The Project Manager/supervisor ensures that the following information is available to the excavation team copy of the HSE poster 'Health and Safety Law - What You should Know', copy of the Safety Plan and Risk Assessment, Emergency Information Sheet giving details of nearest hospital etc, copy of the Notification of Project to HSE, location of an accident book.

8 General

8.1 OA 1998 appendices apply. Appendices 2, 8 and 11 are relevant (see below).

9 References
IFA 1992, Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Evaluations
2 MACHINE EXCAVATED TRENCHES

2.1 A visual inspection of the entire site will be undertaken. This will include the examination of any available exposures (e.g. recently cut field ditches and geological test pits).

2.2 An appropriate mechanical excavator will be used for machine excavated trenches. This will normally be a JCB 3CX Sitemaster or 360’ tracked excavator with a 5’ or 6’ wide toothless bucket. For work with restricted access or working room a mini excavator such as a Kubota KH 90 will be used.

2.3 All machining will be undertaken under direct archaeological supervision.

2.4 All undifferentiated topsoil or overburden of recent origin will be removed down to the first significant archaeological horizon, in successive, level spits.

2.5 Following machine clearance, all faces of the trench that require examination or recording will be cleaned using appropriate hand tools.

2.6 Spoil heaps will be monitored in order to recover artefacts to assist in the analysis of the spatial distribution of artefacts. Modern artefacts will be noted but not retained.

2.7 All investigation of archaeological levels will be by hand, with cleaning, examination and recording both in plan and section.

2.8 Within significant archaeological levels a minimum number of features required to meet the aims will be hand excavated. Pits and postholes will be subject to a 50% sample by volume. Linear features will be sectioned as appropriate. Features not suited to excavation within narrow trenches will not be sampled. No archaeological deposits will be entirely removed unless this is unavoidable. It is not necessarily the intention that all trial trenches will be fully excavated to natural stratigraphy, but the depth of archaeological deposits across the entire site will be assessed. The stratigraphy of all evaluation trenches will be recorded even where no archaeological deposits have been identified.

2.9 Any excavation, both by machine and by hand, will be undertaken with a view to avoiding damage to any archaeological features or deposits that appear to be worthy of preservation in situ.

2.10 Different environmental sampling strategies may be employed according to established research targets and the perceived importance of the strata under investigation. Bulk samples, a minimum of 10 litres, but up to 30 litres if possible for early prehistoric features will be taken for flotation for charred plant remains. Bulk samples will be taken from any waterlogged deposits present for macroscopic plant remains. Columns for pollen analysis will be taken if appropriate. Mollusc samples will be collected if present. Other bulk samples for small animal bones and other small artefacts may be taken from appropriate contexts.

2.11 Any finds of human remains will be left in-situ, covered and protected and the coroner informed. If removal is essential it will only take place under appropriate Home Office licence, section 25 of the Burial Act 1857 and local environmental health regulations, and if appropriate in compliance with the Disused Burial Grounds (Amendment) Act 1981.
2.12 All finds of gold and silver will be removed to a safe place and reported to the local Coroner according to the procedures relating to Treasure Act, 1996. Where removal can not be effected on the same working day as the discovery, suitable security measures will be taken to protect the finds from theft.

2.13 The OAU welcomes monitoring visits by the local authorities' archaeological representatives. Timetables of the on-site work will be provided in order that visits can be made at appropriate times.

2.14 After recording, the trenches will be backfilled with excavated material, but will otherwise not be reinstated.

RECORDING

2.15 Contexts
- If less than ten trenches are to be recorded, a block of numbers, in a continuous sequence will be allocated to each trench.
- If more than ten trenches are to be recorded, a continuous unique numbering system will operate within each trench only.
- Written descriptions will be recorded on proforma sheets comprising factual data and interpretative elements.
- Where stratified deposits are encountered a Harris matrix will be compiled during the course of the excavation.

2.16 Plans
- These will normally drawn at 1:100, but on urban or deeply stratified sites a scale of 1:50 or 1:20 will be used. Detailed plans will be at an appropriate scale. Burials will be drawn at scale 1:10.
- The site grid will be accurately tied into the National Grid and located on the 1:2500 or 1:1250 map of the area.
- A register of plans will be kept.

2.17 Sections
- Long sections of trenches showing layers will be drawn at 1:50. Sections of features or short lengths of trenches will be drawn at 1:20.
- A register of sections will be kept.
- Generally all sections will be tied in to Ordnance Datum. The exception to this is where the proposal for the site is mineral extraction where depth in relation to the development proposals is irrelevant. In these cases only some significant sections will be tied in to OD.

2.18 Photography
- A full black and white and colour (35 mm transparency) photographic record, illustrating in both detail and general context the principal features and finds discovered will be maintained. The photographic record will also include working shots to illustrate more generally the nature of the archaeological work.
- Photographs will be recorded on OAU Photographic Record Sheets.

2.19 All recording will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the OAU Field Manual (ed. D Wilkinson 1992).

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2.20 All identified finds and artefacts will be retained, although certain classes of building material or post medieval pottery may sometimes be discarded after recording if an appropriate sample is retained. However, no finds will be discarded without the prior approval of the nominated representative of the local authority and the receiving Museum. All appropriate ironwork will be X-rayed.
2.21 The pottery and other relevant artefacts will be scanned to assess the date range of the assemblage.

2.22 All finds and samples will be treated in a proper manner and to standards agreed in advance with the approved recipient museum. These will be exposed, lifted, cleaned, conserved, marked, bagged and boxed in accordance with the guidelines set out in UKIC's "Conservation Guidelines No. 2".

2.23 The level of artefact analysis will be sufficient to establish date ranges of archaeological deposits, a general assessment of the types of pottery and other artefacts to assist in characterising the archaeology, and to establish the potential for all categories of artefacts should further archaeological work be necessary.

2.24 At the beginning of a project, the local relevant museum and the landowner will be contacted regarding the preparation and deposition of the archive and finds.

2.25 Environmental samples, if appropriate will be processed and scanned for potential date. This will usually be co-ordinated by Dr M Robinson of University Museum, Oxford using appropriate specialists.

8 EVALUATION REPORTS

8.1 Style and format of the report will be determined by OAU, but will include as a minimum the following:

- A location plan of trenches and/or other fieldwork in relation to the proposed development.
- Plans and sections of features located at an appropriate scale.
- A section drawing showing depth of deposits including present ground level with Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scale.
- A summary statement of the results.
- A table summarising per trench the features, classes and numbers of artefacts contained within, spot dating of significant finds and an interpretation.
- A reconsideration of the methodology used, and a confidence rating for the results.
- An interpretation of the archaeological findings both within the site and within their wider landscape/townscape setting.

8.2 Copies of the report will be supplied to the client and the Archaeological Officer monitoring the works. Copies of the report will also be supplied to the County Sites and Monuments Record on the understanding that it will become a public document after an appropriate period of time (normally six months).

8.3 If the evaluation works generate archaeological results of importance which merit wider publication, the client will be consulted about further arrangements.

ARCHIVES

8.4 The site archive, including finds and environmental material, will be ordered, catalogued, labelled and conserved and stored according to the UKIC Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long-term storage.

8.5 The site archive will be prepared to at least the minimum acceptable standard defined in Management of Archaeological Projects 2, English Heritage 1991.

8.6 The site archive will be microfilmed by the RCHME National Archaeological Record as a safeguard against the accidental loss and the long-term degeneration of paper records and photographs.

8.7 The site archive will be deposited with the relevant receiving Museum at the earliest opportunity unless further archaeological work on the site is expected within one year of completion of the
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SUMMARY

Oxford Archaeology undertook a two-stage field evaluation within the Headington grounds of Ruskin College on behalf of the College prior to determination of an application for redevelopment. This took the form of a magnetometer survey followed by the excavation of 12 trial trenches to investigate the impact areas of the proposed development. The geophysical survey produced limited results although the trenches identified remains of early Iron Age, Roman and medieval/post-medi eval date. The Roman remains were restricted to Trench 9 although these are consistent with previous discoveries along the western fringe of the College grounds suggesting occupation along a raised finger of land. The Roman pottery assemblages also imply the close proximity of a mortarium production site. Significant domestic charred cereal remains were recorded from the excavated Roman feature.

Medieval remains were more limited although a 12th or early 13th century cow burial was encountered by Stoke House within the eastern portion of the site. No significant remains were encountered within the listed crinkle-crankle walled garden.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Location and scope of work

1.1.1 Between 10th and 19th March 2008 Oxford Archaeology (OA) undertook a field evaluation within the Headington grounds of Ruskin College (Fig. 1). This was commissioned by the College to fulfil a Brief set by Brian Durham, formerly the Archaeologist at Oxford City Council (OCC) designed to inform determination of a planning application for redevelopment within the grounds of the college. Prior to commencing the site investigation a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) was produced by OA and agreed with Brian Durham detailing how the requirements of the brief would be met (OA 2008).

1.1.2 The College is located within Old Headington focused on the 17th century house, The Rookery, to the north of the junction between Dunstan Road and Stoke Place (centring on NGR SP 543 078). Additional grounds are located around Stoke House to the immediate east of Stoke Place with the A40 North Way bypass bordering the fields to the rear (north) of the College. The Headington grounds cover approximately 3.8 hectares in area.

1.2 Geology and topography

1.2.1 Headington is drained on the north by the Bayswater Brook that rises on the eastern slopes of Shotover Hill and flows west to join the Cherwell near New Marston. The valley floor is based on Oxford clay with land rising fairly sharply up to the top of the plateau formed by the Corallian beds, generally c 90 m a OD.

1.2.2 The detailed local geology shown on the published British Geological Survey map, Sheet 237, shows the site on an area of mixed geology. The college buildings are
located on the Corallian beds at the top of the slope on part of the formation known as the Beckley Sand Member which is made up of sand and calcareous sandstone. To the north, progressing down the valley side, are thin bands of Temple Cowley Member - fine grained sandstones, sands and siltstones and West Walton Formation - a dark grey mudstone, running east to west parallel with the Brook. The fields to the north of the bypass are located on Upper Oxford Clay and the footpath known as Stoke Place to the east of the site is over an area of head drift geology. The Bayswater Brook has a valley bottom of alluvial deposits (BGS 1994). There are a number of springs in the area draining into the Brook and presumably located along the junctions of differing geology.

1.3 Archaeological and historical background

1.3.1 The archaeological and historical background to the evaluation has been the subject of a separate desk study by OA (2006). The most relevant parts have been summarised below by period although the original report should be consulted for greater detail. The original study has not been referenced although other sources have.

**Prehistoric**

1.3.2 Evidence for prehistoric activity in the surrounding area is fairly limited although archaeological excavations at the nearby former football stadium, Manor Ground, did yield a struck flint assemblage from which the earliest material dates to the Mesolithic or early Neolithic period (JMHS 2003). The bulk of the flint assemblage comprised artefacts from the later Neolithic and Bronze Age accompanied by pottery of a similar date. Also at this site the quantity of middle-late Iron Age pottery present suggests that a contemporary settlement may be located within the immediate vicinity.

**Romano-British Period (AD 50-450)**

1.3.3 There is extensive evidence for Romano-British activity within the Headington area and it is clear that a major pottery industry was flourishing in the wider area during this period. Numerous kilns sites have been found in the vicinity of the north-south Roman Road which ran just to the east of Headington between Alcester and Dorchester.

1.3.4 There has been speculation regarding the presence of a kiln site at Ruskin Hall following artefactual discoveries during the construction of a block of residential accommodation completed between 1976-8. Landscaping work left exposed a quantity of Romano British pottery, mortaria, parchment ware, grey-ware, colour-coated and some coarse wares, mostly familiar Oxford types (SMR 3669). Prior to this 'Romano-British coarse pottery...was reported...from foundation trenches at the Rookery, Old Headington.' (Sturdy and Sutermeister 1966, 191).
1.3.5 In 1935 during house building on Cemetery Lane (now Dunstan Road) many potsherds, mostly mortaria of pinkish-white and buff clay and other kitchen vessels of coarse ware of the late 3rd and 4th centuries, were found (VCH 1939, 338). The suggested location of these finds is along the southern side of Dunstan Road opposite Ruskin College although the exact location was not recorded.

**Medieval and Post-medieval Period (450-present)**

1.3.6 Headington derives its name from a Saxon personal name ‘Hedena’ and ‘dun’ or hill and it is from the late Saxon period that the settlement derives its historical importance. Documentary evidence in the form of a charter of 1004 records King Ethelred confirming the details of a land endowment here at a royal manor. The manor is documented again within the Domesday records of 1086 when it was held by the King and it remained in the hands of the crown until after the death of Henry I (1135), after which the importance of Headington diminished in favour of Woodstock. The possible association of the area around Ethelred Court, just to the south of Ruskin College, with the location of a Royal Manor has been suggested since the 19th century although this remains unconfirmed despite previous archaeological investigations prior to new developments in 1988 and 1992 (OAU 1993).

1.3.7 Later medieval remains have been encountered at various locations in Old Headington and the medieval church of St Andrews attests to the continued existence of a settlement here throughout the period. The layout of the property boundaries also implies that buildings probably fronted the street arrangements with strip fields extending behind. Within this arrangement developed the 17th century hall-and-crosswing house, The Rookery. It is described as originating from a 16th century ‘peasant dwelling’ which may have ancillary domestic or agricultural activities around it within the grounds. A surviving walled kitchen garden with its ‘crinkle-crankle’ wall also dates from the 18th century.

1.3.8 The Rookery, its associated walled kitchen garden and Stoke House are Grade II listed buildings. Stoke House was built in 1883 as a preparatory school for boys by the Reverend John Williams Augustus Taylor, although this may have been modelled around an earlier 17th century cottage.

2 **Evaluation Aims**

2.1.1 The aims of the evaluation are specified in the WSI (OA 2008) and are repeated below.

2.2 **General**

2.2.1 To establish the presence/absence of archaeological remains within the proposal area.

2.2.2 To determine and confirm the character of any remains present, without compromising any deposits that may merit detailed investigation under full area excavation.
2.2.3 To determine or estimate the date range of any remains from artefacts or otherwise.

2.2.4 To investigate the extent of any significant remains outside the initial trenched sample through agreement with the client and City Archaeologist.

2.2.5 To characterise any underlying archaeological strata down to undisturbed geology without significantly impacting upon significant younger (overlying) deposits where possible.

2.2.6 To determine the palaeo-environmental potential of archaeological deposits.

2.2.7 To make available the results of the investigation to inform the planning application and the potential for any further mitigation strategy.

2.3 Site specific aims

2.3.1 To establish the presence or absence of potential pottery kilns.

2.3.2 To establish the presence or absence of any medieval and post-medieval domestic and/or horticultural land use within the site area.

2.3.3 To investigate the degree of terracing and made ground within the walled garden resulting from the construction of the tennis court.

3 Evaluation Methodology

3.1 Scope of fieldwork

3.1.1 The evaluation utilised both non intrusive and intrusive methods. In the first instance a geophysical survey was undertaken of each impact area where access and ground conditions allowed (see Appendix 5 Fig. 1).

3.1.2 Immediately following the production of the geophysical survey results 12 evaluation trenches measuring between 5.0 m and 10.0 m in length and each 1.6 m wide were positioned within the impact areas (Fig. 2 and see Appendix 1 for exact trench dimensions). Originally 13 trenches were to be excavated although, during the course of the geophysical survey, OA was informed by the college that future development will not be undertaken within the impact area 7. Therefore this area was not subject to intrusive evaluation although the geophysical survey had already been completed.

3.1.3 Four trenches representing a 4% sample by area were excavated within the walled garden that includes the Grade II listed crinkle-crankle wall. The remaining 8 trenches, with the exception of Trenches 3 and 11, were excavated as set out in the WSI representing a 3% sample by area of the impact areas. During the excavation of Trench 3 an electrical service was identified running diagonally across the western part of the trench at which point excavation ceased. Similarly, numerous electrical services were detected prior to excavation of Trench 11. These were investigated by careful hand excavation to establish the depth of services after which it was decided
3.2 Fieldwork methods and recording

3.2.1 The trenches were located as indicated in the WSI with small adjustments made with consideration to standing mature trees, tree stumps and live services. Exact locations were subsequently survey located following excavation (Fig. 2).

3.2.2 Each trench was initially machine excavated under close archaeological supervision to remove all non-archaeologically significant levels of overburden with a 2.5 tonne 360° tracked mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless bucket. Machine excavation ceased at the uppermost archaeological horizon or natural geology depending upon which was encountered first.

3.2.3 Following machine excavation and where deemed necessary, each trench was cleaned by hand and the revealed features were sampled to determine their extent and nature, and to retrieve finds and environmental samples. All archaeological features were planned and where excavated their sections drawn at scales of 1:20. All features were photographed using colour slide, black and white print film and digital photography. Recording followed procedures laid down in the OAU Fieldwork Manual (ed D Wilkinson 1992).

3.3 Finds

3.3.1 Finds were recovered by hand during the course of the excavation and generally bagged by context. Finds of special interest were given a unique small find number.

3.4 Palaeo-environmental evidence

3.4.1 A single deposit from a feature within Trench 9 was sampled for charred and waterlogged plant remains.

3.5 Presentation of results

3.5.1 This report presents summary results from the geophysical survey followed by the detailed findings from each trench. The full geophysical survey report is included as Appendix 5. Where appropriate, the trenches have been described in associated groups and are accompanied by the relevant illustrated plans and sections where archaeological deposits and features were encountered. An inventory of all finds and contexts is provided in Appendix 1.
3 were unsuitable for survey as the hard tennis court within the walled garden (Area 2) gave wild readings, and Area 3 was obstructed and overgrown. There was also much recent rubbish in the only accessible open part of this area where the evaluation trench was positioned. The recent rubbish would have given misleading and otherwise useless results.

4.1.2 Although the grey scale plots (see Appendix 5 Fig. 2) do not appear to be dominated by underground services, they are all still very disturbed. The difficult question is whether any of the very strong magnetic disturbances (which are seen everywhere, but particularly in areas 1, 7 and 8) could be archaeologically significant. A Roman industrial site (including pottery production) could produce magnetic anomalies of comparable strength, but in this context it is much more likely that the disturbances relate to recent landscaping and development. There are no clearly apparent strong symmetrical magnetic anomalies of the kind to be expected from intact ancient kilns. Scattered waster heaps could produce a random magnetic effect of the kind seen, but so could modern rubble and debris. Area 1 appears to be on relatively open ground away from the buildings, but still shows very strong magnetic interference. The interpretation of this is not readily apparent and it could be either of archaeological significance or a result of the modern landscaping and debris.

4.2 Evaluation trenches

General soils and ground conditions

4.2.1 The grounds of Ruskin College include many mature trees and shrubs set within a landscaped garden. The trenches were positioned so as to avoid the significant tree obstacles including their root spreads. However, the landscaping that has taken place over the years meant that Trenches 1 and 7 could not be machined to a confidently identifiable horizon of either archaeological significance or natural geology due to the limitations on the depth to which the machine could excavate.

4.2.2 The most significant problem encountered was the presence of springs across the majority of the site, combined with the poorly draining geology. This affected, most significantly, Trenches 1, 2, 8, and 9 and was compounded by heavy rain throughout the first day of work, creating severe water logging. Within these trenches only limited hand excavation and recording was possible.

Trench 1

4.2.3 Located to the east of the walled garden, Trench 1 was excavated to an average depth of 2 m (Fig. 3) revealing a light blue-grey clay deposit (103). Due to the depth of this excavation it was not possible to establish if this was the uppermost level of the geology although the presence of charcoal and limestone fragments within it suggest at the very least that it was a reworked or redeposited clay layer.
4.2.4 Crossing the northern part of the trench and directly overlying deposit (103) was a layer of crushed limestone and mortar with bricks set into it creating a shallow gully (105). This possibly formed part of a drain arrangement.

4.2.5 The drain was overlain by a dark grey clay deposit (102) over which an area of cobbling (104) had been laid that extended beyond the northern limits of the trench.

4.2.6 Overlying the cobbled surface and extending across the full extent of the trench was a deep sequence of modern debris layers (101, 100 and 106). The topography, deposits and debris visible prior to machine excavation within this area clearly indicated that it had been used to discard waste material until relatively recently resulting in a significantly raised surface level in comparison to the surrounding areas. Although no finds were retained from these deposits, numerous modern items of rubbish including old mattresses and building rubble were noted from each of these deposits.

Trench 2

4.2.7 The natural blue grey clay (209) was only encountered within a small sondage section excavated at the eastern end of the trench (Fig. 4). This was 1 m below the current ground surface. Directly overlying the natural clay was a 0.30 m thick layer of a buried garden soil comprising a dark brown silty clay (208), from which a sherd of 19th/20th century pottery was recovered. This was overlain by a crushed mortar deposit (204) which was underlying a further garden soil layer (203). The surface of deposit 204 represents the earliest level revealed within the trench other than natural exposed within the small sondage.

4.2.8 Set in a shallow cut (201) into soil layer 203 was a curving arrangement of roughly shaped limestone fragments (202). These were only set as a single course and were poorly bonded with loose, degraded mortar. These also define the southern limit of a spread of crushed mortar and degraded limestone (207) which extended northwards beyond the limit of the trench. The purpose of this structure is unclear but it would appear to date to the 19th or 20th century and is most likely to have been intended as part of the landscaped garden.

4.2.9 A linear feature (205) 0.50 m wide cut the limestone and mortar deposits on a NW-SE alignment and was infilled with a dark grey brown, sandy silt (206). This feature was not excavated due to the poor ground conditions but its stratigraphic location indicates that it is relatively recent in date and may be a service trench. The modern topsoil and turf completed the sequence.

Trench 3

4.2.10 At the eastern end of Trench 3, a machine dug sondage was excavated to test the natural deposits and identified a dark blue grey clay (310), identical to deposit (209) in Trench 2, 0.90 m from the surface. Overlying this was a dark brown-yellow sandy clay (302) 0.18 m in thickness likely to represent the weathered upper horizon of the natural clay.
4.2.11 A service trench for a drain (308) and two later circular features (304 and 305) that probably reflect planting within the garden were cut into the surface of layer 302.

*Trenches 4, 5, 6 and 7*

4.2.12 Trenches 4, 5, 6 and 7 were positioned to investigate the area within the walled garden and the impact of terracing relating to the construction of a tennis court (Fig. 5).

4.2.13 Within Trench 4 natural clay (405) was encountered at a depth of 0.15 m directly below the court surface and hardcore bedding (400). A drain (402) cut into the clay and was constructed of small limestone pieces aligned NNE-SSW along the line of the trench (Fig. 6 section 2). The lack of any intervening deposits and the surrounding topography suggests that the level of truncation is significant at this point with the court surface clearly at a level below that of the surrounding planted areas.

4.2.14 Trench 6 was positioned on soft ground to the south of the tennis court with the ground level sloping downwards from south to north. On the northern side of this trench natural clay (604) was recorded at a depth of 0.30 m directly below garden soils (600 and 601). The southern side was approximately 0.70 m in depth and may well represent the southern extent of the terracing activity. The corner of a possible pit (602) was exposed within the eastern corner of the trench. This was 0.40 m deep with a flat base and steep sides and infilled with a sterile blue clay deposit (603) (Fig. 6 section 6). The function of this feature is unclear although the type of infill does suggest it could be of modern origin.

4.2.15 Within Trench 5 the yellow sandy clay natural (502) sloped down gradually from a depth of 0.30 m below the court surface from the west to a depth of 1.30 m at the eastern end reflecting the degree of levelling undertaken to create the tennis court (Fig. 6 section 4). Cut into the natural was a shallow ditch-like feature (506) aligned ESE-WNW down the centre of the trench, the ends of which were met by similar features on perpendicular alignments thus forming an H-shape in plan. This was clearly a single arrangement with a homogenous light blue-grey clay (507) infilling throughout. Located roughly central to the alignment of ditch 506 was a square pit (504) infilled with a dark blue-grey silty clay (505). This was cut to the same depth as 506 and is most likely to have been part of the same arrangement. No obvious function for these features was evident and no finds were encountered although the location within the walled garden and the formal layout does suggest that they are related to this use.

4.2.16 The cut features within Trench 5 were overlain by a sequence of garden soils (508 and 503), the surface of which had been levelled across the eastern extent of the trench by a compacted clay layer (509) immediately prior to the laying of the tennis court hardcore bedding and surface (501 and 500). The presence of the compacted levelling layer (509) marks the point where the garden interior changes from
truncating terracing to the west to made ground levelling to the east for the construction of the tennis court.

4.2.17 Because of the limitations of the machine reach and the thickness of the soils encountered, Trench 7 was excavated to a maximum depth of 1.60 m without revealing natural deposits (Fig. 6 section 9). However, due to the close proximity of Trench 5, it was possible to relate these soils to those recorded within Trench 5.

4.2.18 The earliest deposit (706) exposed within Trench 7 was the same lower soil horizon as recorded in Trench 5 (508). Cut into this was a linear feature (707), tentatively interpreted as a stone lined drain constructed with limestone fragments. The upper fill of the drain was distinguished by a thin layer of degraded limestone (705). The drain was only partially observed running along the eastern edge of the trench.

4.2.19 The drain was sealed by a dark grey-brown clay, sandy-silt deposit (704) which equates to the buried garden soil (503) recorded in Trench 5. A series of clayey levelling deposits (703) and (702) sealed the former garden soils and raised the ground level to create the level surface for the tennis court construction (701and 700).

**Trench 8**

4.2.20 A sandy clay natural (808) was encountered at a depth of 1.00 m throughout Trench 8. Towards the western end of the trench two circular pits (820 and 821) were cut into the natural (Fig. 7). The pits measured 1.1 m and 0.8 m in diameter and both were 0.30 m deep (Fig. 7 section 15). There was no clear difference between the grey silty sand fill (822) of these features, suggesting that they were infilled in a single event. Five sherds (87 g) from a single early Iron Age carinated vessel were recovered from this deposit.

4.2.21 A third shallow pit (819) was recorded in the north facing section cut into the natural near the eastern end of the trench (Fig. 7 section 11). This was only identified in the section after machine excavation in difficult waterlogged conditions had removed the shallow remains of the feature in plan. The pit was 0.25 m deep, flat-based and approximately 2.00 m across. It was infilled with two distinct deposits (807 and 806). No finds were encountered although a similar date to the adjacent pits (820 and 821) may be given the proximity and similarity in appearance of the features.

4.2.22 A thin clayey horizon (815/816) sealed the fill of pits 820 and 821 and was in turn overlain by a 0.60 m thick colluvial soil (805/813/814) that extended throughout the trench. Three sherds of late Roman pottery were recovered from this deposit during the machine excavation of the trench, along with a single fragment of post-medieval tile.

4.2.23 At the eastern end of the trench this colluvial subsoil had obviously been truncated by modern landscaping. This was indicated by a patch of tarmac (804) overlain by a sequence of deposits largely consisting of building rubble, (803 and 802) and
(801/817). At the western end of the trench the colluvial horizon had been cut by a likely service trench (810) which included a modern shovel handle in its backfill.

4.2.24 The existing topsoil and turf (818) and a partly overgrown path (800) complete the sequence.

**Trench 9**

4.2.25 Trench 9 was machine excavated to an average depth of 0.90 m below the ground level exposing two very large features (903 and 907) cut into the natural sandy clay (906) (Fig. 8). Only a very small area of the natural geology was exposed in the trench due to the size of the features, with both extending beyond the limits of the excavated area and measuring at least 5.00 m and 4.50 m in diameter respectively. Due to the extremely wet ground conditions it was not possible to excavate pit (907) although the grey silty clay upper fill (908) was of a near identical appearance to that within pit 903.

4.2.26 A small slot was excavated into pit 903 (Fig. 8 section 21) although, due to the extremely wet conditions and the depth of the feature in relation to the adjacent trench section, it was not possible to investigate or establish its full depth feature. The earliest fill excavated was a grey sandy-silt clay deposit (904). This was overlain by a mottled mid grey-brown sandy clay (905) which formed the upper fill of the pit. Sherds of late Roman pottery were recovered from each of these fills. A single environmental sample taken from fill 904 was rich in charred cereal grain with abundant quantities of hulled barley and spelt wheat both present.

4.2.27 Overlying the pit fills was a 0.30 m thick layer of dark grey brown sandy silt (902). This produced 21 sherds of late Roman pottery recovered during machine excavation and it seems most likely that this horizon represents the colluvial soil layer noted in Trench 8. Additional late Roman, medieval and post-medieval pottery was recovered from the overlying soil layer (901) which was sealed by the current topsoil and turf (900).

**Trench 10**

4.2.28 Trench 10 was positioned to investigate the area towards the boundary with Dunstan Road. The ground slopes down to the north from the street and the college boundary wall. A yellowish sandy clay natural geology was encountered 0.40 m below the modern ground level at the north-eastern and south-western ends of the trench.

4.2.29 At the north-eastern end of the trench was a single circular posthole (1010), 0.40 m across and 0.35 m deep (Fig. 9). No finds were encountered within the excavated fill (1011).

4.2.30 Two parallel ditch-like linear features (1007 and 1013) were aligned north to south across the centre of the trench and to the immediate west of the posthole. Both of these had vertical sides and flat bases 1.30 m deep and 1.65 m wide at the surface. They were cut into the natural clayey geology. Both had primary silting fills of
similar depths of c 0.20 m in their bases (1006 and 1014). Ditch 1007 was largely infilled with a homogenous compacted clay silt to its surface level. The main fill within ditch 10013 consisted of a similar soil but with limestone fragments incorporated into it (1015) suggesting that this was a deliberate backfill deposit. The upper profile of ditch 1013 was levelled with a further stony backfill within a distinctive yellowish silty deposit (1003). It appears as though ditch 1007 was the earlier of the two although the relationship between the edge of deposit 1015 and ditch cut 1007 was not clear and some degree of contemporaneity is possible. The upper part of both infilled ditches was further levelled with layer 1002 which also had a high limestone rubble content amongst a dark brown silty soil.

4.2.31 Two more recent redeposited and/or mixed soil deposits and rubble (1008) and (1001) sealed the ditch sequence and overlay the natural geology to the west of the ditches. A 0.20 m thick homogenous topsoil and turf sealed the rubble deposits completing the sequence and forming part of the current lawn area.

Trench 12

4.2.32 Trench 12 was sited within the grounds of Stoke House to the east of Ruskin Hall and Stoke Place. The geology at this location comprised a yellow/orange soft silty sand (1204) unlike that encountered within the trenches to the west. This was encountered at 0.65 m below the modern ground level throughout the trench but had a diffuse contact horizon with the overlying soil layers due to the presence of numerous brown soil marks from root disturbance within the sand (Fig. 10 section 25). This made distinction of cut features relatively difficult.

4.2.33 Two features were identified cut into the mottled surface of the geology (Fig. 10). A shallow oval pit (1202), measuring 0.90 m by 0.50 m with a maximum depth of 0.20 m, was infilled with a single brown sand silt deposit (1203) of similar appearance to the modern topsoil (Fig. 10 section 24). No finds were present within the excavated portion of the feature.

4.2.34 Within the southern end of the trench was a rectangular pit (1205), 1.8 m in length, 0.8 m wide and 0.45 m deep. The pit contained the remains of an articulated cow and six sherd of late 12th-13th century pottery that were recovered from its silty sand infill (1206).

4.3 Finds

4.3.1 Full details of the major assemblages recovered are detailed in the appendices. Summary descriptions are presented below.

Pottery

4.3.2 The evaluation produced seventy five sherds (1950 g) of pottery, the majority of which date from the late Roman period. However, small groups of early Iron Age, late 12th-13th century and 19th-20th century pottery were also recorded. The material was in variable condition, though relatively few sherds were abraded as a
result of repeated redeposition. The relative dominance of mortaria within the Roman assemblage indicates that production of these took place in the very near vicinity of the site.

**Animal Bone**

4.3.3 The animal bone assemblage was small (280 fragments) but well preserved with items recovered from both Roman and medieval contexts. The majority of the assemblage was represented by a single cow burial (accounting for 80% of the identifiable fragments) dated to late 12th-13th century. The remains recovered from the excavated Roman features were varied with some meat and non meat bearing elements from cattle/large mammal present attesting to domestic activity in the area. The micro-fauna recovered includes shrews, rodents, and amphibians also suggest the close proximity of fields and wet habitittas typical of the contemporary surroundings.

4.4 Palaeo-environmental remains

**Waterlogged and carbonised plant remains**

4.4.1 A single sample from pit 903 (dated late 3rd to 4th century AD) was processed for the recovery of charred and waterlogged plant remains. The sample produced well preserved charred remains and was grain rich, with abundant hulled barley (*Hordeum* sp.) and spelt (*Triticum spelta* L.) grain observed. A few weed/wild taxa were observed including goosefoot (*Chenopodium* spp.) and spurge (*Euphorbia* spp.) seeds, as well as a wild radish (*Raphanus raphanistrum* L.) capsule segment.

5 DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION

5.1 Reliability of field investigation

5.1.1 The results obtained through the combination of geophysical survey and intrusive trench evaluation, covering 3% to 4% of the development areas, can be viewed as a reliable representation of the archaeological potential for the site. Positive results were encountered within each area, albeit rather limited by modern activity with relation to the geophysical survey. Although the limiting factors of poor ground water conditions and relatively dense underground services were encountered, these did not adversely affect the recovery of archaeological evidence. This is represented by the remains within Trenches 8 and 9 where very wet conditions and the depth of overburden made excavation difficult to the point of abandonment within Trench 9. However, this was not before it was possible to attain positive results that fulfil or contribute to the aims of the investigation.

5.1.2 Two areas that were not conclusively investigated by the evaluation were those centred upon Trenches 1 and 2. Due to the depth of modern made ground in Trench 1 and the presence of later deposits at which excavation ceased within Trench 2, it is not possible to conclude if earlier features were present within these areas.
5.2 Overall interpretation

5.2.1 A range of archaeological features and associated periods were recorded across the site. These are discussed by period below.

Prehistoric

5.2.2 The earliest features encountered were the pits within Trench 8 that produced fragments from an early Iron Age carinated vessel. These indicate a presence within the landscape although it is not clear if these represent a ‘one off’ deposit or form part of an associated settlement. Ongoing excavations by OA at Ardley Quarry 19 km to the north of Ruskin College have recently recorded an almost identical feature/assembly occurrence within a landscape apparently barren of associated settlement.

5.2.3 Within Oxford itself scant evidence of early Iron Age activity has been recorded although small-scale excavations to the south of the University Science Area have located some features of this date (Dodd 2003, 11). The higher ground surrounding Oxford has produced more evidence of contemporary settlement and activity. Two sites are worthy of particular note with regard to the remains encountered at Ruskin College. The closest is 1 km to the east at the former Bernwood First School, North Way, Barton and is sited in a very similar topographical location overlooking the Bayswater Brook (Moore 2005). Slightly further afield a substantial concentration of early Iron Age material also identifies an unexcavated site approximately 4.7 km to the north of Headington on the south slope of Temple Hill, Woodeaton (OAU 1991). These, possibly including the Ruskin College remains, may be comparable to the hill slope sites identified to the west of the city (Dodd 2003, 10) adding valuable evidence to the settlement patterns of this period.

Roman

5.2.4 Roman activity within the site is well attested within Trench 9. The ‘pits’ encountered within this trench were large and deeply buried by subsequent soil accumulation. Consequently, as a result of this and the underlying clay geology and wet conditions, it was not possible to sufficiently excavate these features to get a detailed understanding of their purpose. However, the excavated deposits have produced a range of evidence that adds to existing evidence for the significance of Roman remains with the grounds of Ruskin College.

5.2.5 The pottery assemblage is particularly noteworthy with the dominance of mortarium sherds being characteristic of material derived from production waste. This is consistent with the previous findings from the Headington area and within the site boundaries as outlined above (sections 1.3.3 to 1.3.5) and by Young (1977, 252). Whilst it is still uncertain if a kiln is present within the College grounds, it is reasonable to suggest that activities associated with one are being undertaken here.
Indeed, it is possible that the large pits encountered within Trench 9 may represent clay quarries or waterholes.

5.2.6 It is also worth considering the geophysical survey within the area of Trench 9 (Appendix 5 Figs.1 and 2, Area 1). Whilst it was not possible to survey the development impact area specifically, the adjacent ground that was investigated produced strong magnetic disturbances. These have been interpreted as modern disturbance based upon the strength of the readings, although an archaeological origin is also possible. Whilst this is not to conclusively suggest the definite location of a kiln or associated debris, it is a viable option. This also suggests the presence of pits to the north of those recorded within Trench 9.

5.2.7 The record of ‘Romano-British coarse pottery....reported....from foundation trenches at the Rookery, Old Headington.’ (Sturdy and Sutemersteiner 1966, 191) is extremely helpful in defining the extent of the Roman activity that may be impacted upon by the current development and the degree of impact previously experienced. Firstly, this reference is clearly to the accommodation block (Bowen House) to the immediate south of Trench 8; a fact established by a small dedication plaque dated 1965 above the entrance. This also quite clearly refers to ‘foundation trenches’ establishing the likelihood that these had been cut into and disturbed Roman features. However, it is also very likely that the areas immediately outside of the foundation trenches have not been significantly disturbed, given the depth of overburden recorded in Trenches 8 and 9. Therefore it is reasonable to expect some degree of preservation under the slab for the existing building. The similar reference to discoveries made in the 1970s similarly relate to the construction of Biko House immediately south-west of Bowen House; again confirmed by an obliging date plaque of 1976.

5.2.8 The combined evidence of the present evaluation and the past discoveries suggests the preservation of relatively dense features along the western boundary of the site. This also corresponds to the position of a raised finger of land that extends into the valley towards Bayswater Brook providing a suitable location from which spring water would have naturally drained away. In addition, the presence of domestic faunal remains and significant quantities of charred cereals confirms a reasonable household presence rather than the potential for this to be purely a specialised pottery production site.

*Medieval and post-medieval*

5.2.9 The only certain medieval feature recorded within the site boundaries was the cow burial encountered within Trench 12 to the east of Stoke Place. This was of 12th or early 13th century date and had been rather unceremoniously buried in a cramped grave on its back with its feet and legs upwards. The age of the cow indicates that it would primarily have been for milk production and stock raising and, upon death, it had been skinned for leather. This could imply that a contemporary settlement is located nearby, although it offers little other firm evidence as such activities may also have taken place within fields away from settlement. Rather tantalisingly a single
abraded sherd of late Saxon St Neots pottery was also recovered from this feature. As highlighted in the background section above, the medieval settlement of Headington may have been focused upon a 11th century manor house/royal villa, possibly to the south of the Ruskin College grounds. However, the presence of a single abraded sherd does little to shed any light upon activities of this period or, indeed, if there are any significant remains or activities of this period within the site boundaries.

5.2.10 Other remains that did not produce artefactual dating evidence may reasonably be considered to date from the medieval or post-medieval periods. The steep-sided ditches and posthole within Trench 10 are the most obvious examples. The trench-like ditches are aligned broadly NNE-SSW, perpendicular to the line of Dunstan Road, and may represent a boundary between land strips fronting the road. The posthole within this trench was also a very clear example but, due to the constraints of the trench limits, it is not possible to comment if this relates to a structure or a free-standing feature. Of course, without clear dating evidence it is not possible to be conclusive as to the origin of these features, although comparison of the fill deposits to those of the earlier features found at the site would suggest that these are of more recent origin. Indeed, the stone and rubble fills sealing these ditches are, perhaps, most likely to have derived from the construction of The Rookery, or landscaping associated with it.

5.2.11 The features from two areas most clearly related to the listed building are those from within the crinkle-crankle walled garden and the deposits within Trench 2. Unsurprisingly, the features in Trenches 4-7 appear to be garden-related, representing drainage or planting beds/holes. The stone and mortar feature within Trench 2 is less clear in purpose but its stratigraphic position above a garden soil that yielded 19th-20th century pottery leaves little doubt that it is of recent origin. Its position adjacent to the current tarmac access is perhaps consistent with this being an earlier surface to the rear of The Rookery and the crinkle-crankle walled garden. The surface and drain identified within Trench 1 are also consistent with this period.

5.2.12 The trenches within the walled garden also clearly demonstrated the degree of made ground and truncation caused by the construction of the tennis court. Significant made ground deposits were present across the northern and eastern parts of the court whereas the southern and south-western part of the court had been terraced into the clay geology to a maximum depth of c 0.5 m.

**Summary discussion**

5.2.13 The grounds of Ruskin College (Headington) clearly have significant potential to contain archaeological remains of several periods. The particular significance of the early Iron Age remains is not easily understood. As noted above, this type of feature can occur either as part of settlement or as an isolated occurrence. However, with regard to the Roman remains, it is clear that the western portion of the site has high potential for well preserved remains to survive across a larger area. Both the current evaluation and previous construction works have encountered significant remains
across this part of the site with the associated pottery strongly suggesting that mortarium production was situated close by. Whilst it remains inconclusive if the structural remains of a kiln (or kilns) are located within the boundaries of the College, it is certain that occupation-style activity does exist along a raised finger of land that projects slightly into the valley.

5.2.14 The medieval and later remains are, perhaps, less significant than those of the Roman period. Certainly very little of interest was discovered within the crinkle-crackle walled garden and the other possible garden related features encountered appear to be of more recent date rather than related to the 17th and 18th century. However, the probable 12th or early 13th century cow burial and features within Trench 10 do highlight the potential for some medieval remains to exists within the site boundaries. Of course, the features within Trench 10 may be earlier or later, although this only serves to highlight the need to understand the function and origin of these in greater detail.
Figure 3: Trench 1 plan and sections 1 and 12
Figure 5 Trenches 4, 5, 6 and 7 within the crinkle-crankle
Figure 6: Sections 2, 4, 6 and 9
Figure 7: Trench 8 plan and sections 11 and 15
Figure 8: Trench 9 plan and section 21
Figure 9: Trench 10 plan and sections 19 and 22
Figure 10: Trench 12 plan and sections 24 and 25
## APPENDICES

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APPENDIX 2 POTTERY

by Paul Booth

Excavation of the features encountered produced seventy five sherds (1950 g) of pottery. The majority of this assemblage is of late Roman date but it also includes small groups assigned to the early Iron Age and the late 12th-13th century. Two small sherds of 19th-20th century date are not considered further. The pottery was recorded rapidly using codes in the OA standard systems for Roman and post-Roman pottery. The material was in variable condition, though relatively few sherds were abraded as a result of repeated redeposition.

Table 1: Quantities (no. sherds/weight) of pottery by context and broad period

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Iron Age

The Iron Age sherds, in a sand and clay-pellet-tempered fabric, were all from a single vessel, a carinated bowl of early Iron Age type. The form is not sharply tripartite, but is broadly comparable to vessels such as Harding (1972), Plate 57, G, from Chinnor and is also paralleled by unpublished examples from Yarnton.

Roman

The Roman pottery consisted almost entirely of products of the Oxford industry. The fabrics present were:

F51 Oxford red-brown colour-coated ware, 7 sherds
M22 Oxford white ware mortarium fabric, 24 sherds
M31 Oxford white slipped oxidised mortarium fabric, 1 sherd
M41 Oxford red-brown colour-coated mortarium fabric, 1 sherd
W10 Oxford white ware, 9 sherds
W11 Oxford parchment ware, 2 sherds
O10 Oxford fine oxidised ware, 5 sherds
O81 Pink grogged ware, 2 sherds
R10 Oxford fine reduced ware, 3 sherds
R30 Oxford medium sandy reduced ware, 5 sherds
B30 Wheelmade imitation black-burnished ware, 1 sherd

The only certain non-Oxford product was fabric O81, produced at Stowe in Buckinghamshire, though in addition it is quite likely that fabric B30 was not a local product, but its source is unknown. Amongst the Oxford material the dominance of mortarium sherds is noteworthy. This is characteristic of material derived from production waste, the
proportion of mortaria being completely unrepresentative of domestic assemblages. Nine of the 16 vessels represented by rim sherds were mortaria, with single examples of Young (1977) white ware (fabric M22) types M18 and M20 and six examples of type M22. These vessels, together with an example of type WC7 in fabric M31, all indicate a date range of AD 240 or later. This range is supported by all the other rim sherds, which included examples of Oxfordshire types C18 and C47 (and a body sherd of C51) in the colour-coated fabric F51, a type P24 bowl in parchment ware fabric W11 and jars, a bowl and a dish in fabrics R10, O81, B30 and R30 respectively. A fragmentary mortarium rim sherd, missing the end of the flange but probably of the M10 family, was the only sherd that is almost certain to have predated the middle of the 3rd century AD.

Medieval

A single context (1206) was dated to the medieval period by a small group of sherds, and two further medieval sherds came from topsoil in Trench 9. The fabrics present (after Mellor 1994) were:

OXR St Neots type ware (shell), 1 sherd
OXAC Early medieval Oxford ware (sand and oolitic limestone), 1 sherd
OXY Late Saxon-medieval Oxford ware (sand), 3 sherds
OXBF ‘South-west Oxon’ ware (sand and flint), 1 sherd
OXAQ East Wiltshire ware (flint), 2 sherds

Only a single rim sherd was present, from a cooking pot of late 12th-13th century type in fabric OXY. The fabrics are unremarkable and suggest activity from the late Saxon period to the 13th century, or just possibly a little later. The single sherd of St Neots type ware was noticeably abraded compared to the other sherds, which is consistent with its potentially earlier date range.

Discussion

The pottery indicates the presence of isolated features of early Iron Age and late 12th-13th century date. The majority of the material, however, demonstrates Roman activity in the vicinity, principally from the middle of the 3rd century onwards. This appears to have included a domestic component, indicated by vessels in non-local fabrics O81 and (probably) B30, but the bulk of the pottery was locally produced and the balance of fabrics and forms, in particular the dominance of mortaria, indicates that some of this production took place in the very near vicinity of the site. There is an absence of obvious wasters, but this is commonly the case with mortarium production (though the example of type M20 is fairly clearly overfired). The discolouration of a number of the mortarium and other white ware sherds is also reminiscent of production site debris, as for example at Blackbird Leys and Lower Farm, Nuneham Courtenay. Comparable material has been noted from the vicinity previously, with the same observation that ‘the heavy preponderance of mortaria .... suggests a kiln site.’ (Young 1977, 252). The precise location of such a kiln or kilns remains uncertain, however.
APPENDIX 3 ANIMAL BONE

by Rachel Scales

Methods
The animal bone was recorded following Serjeantson (1996). Where possible fragments were identified to species using the OA reference collection. Fragments that could not be identified to species were put into categories: large mammal sized (e.g. cattle, horse or large deer) and micro-mammal sized (e.g. shrew, vole, amphibian).

Results
A total of 279 bones were recovered from the site, of which 236 were identifiable to species level; of the 279 bones, 48 (17%) were recovered from one sieved environmental bulk sample. Cattle (Bos taurus) was the most frequent species present making up 80% of the identifiable fragments in the assemblage (Table 1) although it should be noted that this is strongly biased by the presence of a single articulated cow burial. Other species recorded in small numbers were shrew, rodent, amphibian and small fish. The features associated with the animal bone assemblage relate to two distinct periods; late Roman (AD 240-400) and medieval (12th -13th century).

Table 1. Number and percentage of identifiable bones.

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<td>Total</td>
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Roman Bone

A total of 65 bone fragments (804 g) were recovered from four different Roman contexts (Table 2). Of these 30 were identifiable to species level. Table 2 shows the contexts, species and elements of the bones recovered from the Ruskin College Roman features. Cattle was the only domestic mammal recorded.

The condition of the bones varied from good to poor, with the highest number of small bones and undefinable fragments being recovered from the sieved environmental sample (904). No burnt or carnivore gnawed bones were recorded. Two large mammal ribs showed signs of butchery with the cut marks indicative of the dismembering process. The presence of both meat bearing and non meat bearing cattle elements and the butchery marks recorded appear to reflect domestic activity.

The site lies close to the Bayswater Brook, which had a number of springs running into it. The presence of micro-fauna such as shrews, rodents, and amphibians in the assemblage suggests a close proximity to field and wetland habitats and probably reflects the immediate hinterland at the time. The Bayswater Brook and stream systems would probably have provided a rich grassland environment for domestic animals, such as cattle, to graze. Excavations at Manor Ground also found evidence to support the case for the agricultural use of the site during this period (JMHS 2003).
Table 2. The number of mammal bones recorded in each Roman context from Ruskin College, Oxford.

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Medieval Bone

An articulated cattle skeleton represented by 214 bone fragments (7111 g) from deposit 1206 (pit 1205) dating to the 12th or 13th century was the only animal bone recovered from the medieval period. The skeleton was very well preserved with only a small amount of fragmentation occurring (mostly caused during its excavation and lifting).

Analysis of the tooth wear revealed that this was an elderly cow. A number of small bone pathologies indicative of old age were also noted on the skeleton. Given the sex and age of this animal, it is likely that it was used for milk and breeding purposes.

The fact that the skeleton was articulated indicates that this animal was not consumed for meat. Several cut marks on one of its metacarpals, however, do suggest that the animal was skinned before burial. Furthermore, the only bones to be noticeably missing from the recovered skeleton were some of the phalanges, carpals and tarsals. It is quite possible that these were removed with the skin during the skinning process.

This skeleton therefore, gives some evidence for an economy where a cow was most likely kept for milk and livestock breeding purposes until it died of old age or illness. The burial of the animal probably represents the disposal of a carcass that was not deemed fit for consumption. Its skin was removed before burial as a by-product, indicating the utilisation of an animal (even after its death) and disposal of its subsequent remains rather than a burial with sentimental purpose or meaning.
APPENDIX 4 PLANT REMAINS

by Wendy Smith

One sample was collected from deposit 904 within pit 903 and was processed for the recovery of charred and waterlogged plant remains. The deposit is dated to the late 3rd to 4th century AD.

Method

The charred plant remains were rapidly scanned and assessed from the flots using a low-power binocular microscope at magnifications between x12.5 and x40. Since the sample was obviously rich, only a small sub-sample was scanned for the purposes of this report. Comparative material was not consulted and quantification is a subjective approximation.

Results

The results for charred and possible waterlogged plant remains from sample 1 (context 904) are presented in Table 1. This table also includes a semi-quantitative record of any other environmental remains (bones, molluscs or charcoal) observed during the assessment of this material. Nomenclature for economic plants follows Zohary and Hopf (2000) and nomenclature for indigenous taxa follows Stace (1997). The traditional binomial system for the cereals has been used here, following Zohary and Hopf (2000).

This sample was clearly well-preserved and grain-rich, with abundant hulled barley (Hordeum sp.) and spelt (Triticum spelta L.) grain observed. Indeterminate wheat (Triticum sp.) grains and one emmer (Triticum dicoccum Schübl.) grain was also identified. Small quantities of spelt glume bases, as well as indeterminate wheat glume bases and highly fragmented rachis nodes were noted. A few weed/ wild taxa were observed including goosefoot (Chenopodium spp.) and spurge (Euphorbia spp.) seeds, as well as a wild radish (Raphanus raphanistrum L.) capsule segment.

Discussion

Roman period charred plant remains are poorly represented in Oxford. Published late Roman charred plant remains are reported from the Chemistry Research Laboratory (2-4 South Parks Road, Challinor 2005) and Mansfield College (Pelling 2000) in Oxford. The Chemistry Research Laboratory at 2-4 South Parks Road, Oxford produced 2nd and 3rd/4th century AD charred plant assemblages that were particularly chaff-rich (spelt glume bases and indeterminate emmer/ spelt glume bases). Mansfield College produced four grain-rich samples from a 3rd/4th century AD gully surrounding a building. Unlike Ruskin College, however, Pelling (2000, 324) has established that emmer (Triticum dicoccum Schübl.) grain was the dominant wheat in use. The grain-rich assemblage from Ruskin College contains abundant hulled barley grains and hulled wheat grains, which appear to be primarily spelt (Triticum spelta L.). In addition, spelt glume bases have also been observed. Although only one sample, this provides a different result to both the Mansfield College and Chemistry Research Laboratory data.
Table 1: Assessment of charred plant remains from Ruskin College, Oxford

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### Comments on WPR/ CPR

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<td>100% of flot scanned. Sample processed for waterlogged plant remains produced a very small, sandy flot with only roothlets and uncharred elder (Sambucus nigra L.) seeds present. Charred grain was also present. Potentially these could be ancient; however, it is also possible that they are sub-fossil. Since only elder seeds were present, the sample was treated as charred.</td>
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<td>15% of flot scanned. Abundant cereal grain present: both hulled barley (Hordeum sp.) and spelt (Triticum spelta L.) frequently observed. One emmer (Triticum dicoccon Schrbl.) and indeterminate emmer/ spelt grain also present. A spelt glume base and several indeterminate wheat (Triticum sp.) glume bases/ highly fragmented rachis nodes observed. Goosefoot (Chenopodium spp.) and spurge (Euphorbia sp.) seeds observed, as well as a wild radish (Raphanus rohanstium L.) capsule segment. CPR assessed as RICH. Recommend that the sample is riffled to 1/4 before analysis.</td>
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**Ancient? **sub-fossil elder (Sambucus nigra L.) seeds frequently observed. One possible cherry (Prunus cerasus L./ avium L.) (?)dried out waterlogged/ ?sub-fossil) stone fragment recovered from 10-2mm heavy residue fraction. All fractions (10-4, 4-2 and 2-0.5mm) have been retained. Finer fractions are extremely sandy - (white sand, with occasional dark grey mud-stone (<2mm)). Not obviously rich in CPR, but these will need to be scanned for CPR as part of the full analysis.

**Key:** + = < 1 items, ++ = 10 - 50 items, +++ = 50 - 100 items, ++++ = > 100 items. CPR Potential scores: A** = extremely rich sample with > 1000 identifications, A* = rich sample with > 500 identifications, A = rich sample with 300 - 500 items, B = sample with between 100 to 300 identifiable items, usually closer to 100 and C = sample with < 50 items. Y = yes, N = No and ? = doubt.
APPENDIX 5  GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

by P.M.Cottrell with A. Bartlett of Bartlett-Clark Consultancy

Introduction

The geophysical survey as described forms part of the archaeological evaluation carried out in the grounds of the Old Headington campus of Ruskin College. The evaluation was undertaken in connection with a planning application for a programme of development work at the site, which has been submitted by the college to Oxford City Council. The requirement for a geophysical survey as part of the evaluation is specified in the brief for the project issued by the City Council.

The survey was commissioned on behalf of the college by Oxford Archaeology, and the fieldwork done on 5th March 2008. Copies of plans showing the survey data plots were supplied to Oxford Archaeology on completion of the fieldwork, and in advance of subsequent trenching. The results are now presented here together with brief comments on their significance.

The Site

The site at present contains a number of modern and earlier buildings and outbuildings in the grounds of an 17th century house (The Rookery). Some of the modern buildings are to be demolished and replaced as part of the development scheme. Other new developments are proposed in the grounds of Stoke House, which forms an extension to the campus, and is located to the east of Stoke Place. The main site overlooks open fields to the north, but much of the remaining open ground within its boundaries has been planted or landscaped. Only limited areas of the site therefore appear to retain an original ground surface of a kind which might be suitable for geophysical investigation.

The survey location plan (Fig. 1) shows the proposed development areas (which are cross hatched in blue, and numbered 1-8). These areas include existing buildings which are to be replaced, as well as woodland, tennis courts, and other obstructions. The intention was to collect magnetometer survey data wherever possible within these areas. The actual survey coverage which was achieved is indicated by the superimposed cross hatching in orange. The survey was extended beyond the proposed developments in some places so that data could be collected from unobstructed ground nearby.

Geology

The site is located near to the boundary of two Jurassic formations. Corallian deposits (described on BGS sheet 237 as calcareous sandstone) extend to the south, and the Oxford Clay to the north. Sites with bedrock of these periods usually provide soil conditions which are favourable for the magnetic detection of archaeological features, although at this site the complexity of recent land use is likely to have a greater influence on the results than the underlying geology.

Survey Procedure

The procedure used for the survey was recorded magnetometer surveying. This is the method most likely to detect burnt debris associated with any Roman pottery making or other industrial activity at the site. It may also detect related structures such as kilns.
magnetometer survey should also, in principle, respond to such features as ditches, enclosures or hearths which may be associated with later periods of settlement at the site, although modern subsurface disturbances will also be detected.

A magnetometer survey will rarely find such relatively non-magnetic structural remains as stone wall footings, which are more likely to be detected in a resistivity survey. This was not done here because a complex and disturbed site is unlikely to provide clear or useful resistivity findings, and the primary concern was to test for evidence of Roman industrial activity.

Readings were taken with Bartington 1m fluxgate Grad 601 gradiometers at 25cm intervals along transects 1m apart. The results are presented in the plans of this report as grey scale images in figure 2 and as graphical (x-y trace) plots in figure 3, both at 1:1000 scale. An interpretation of the survey results is shown overlying the graphical plot in figure 3, and is reproduced separately to provide a summary of the findings in figure 4.

The survey plots show the magnetometer readings after standard treatments which include adjustment for irregularities in line spacing caused by variations in the instrument zero setting, and slight linear smoothing.

The survey within each of the areas investigated was tied to temporary grid markers or a baseline, and located on the site plan by means of measurements to adjacent buildings or structures. These have been related to the OS grid.

Results

Findings from Areas 1-8 are described in turn.

Area 1

The southern part of the proposed development area is obstructed by an existing building, and by shrubbery. The survey was therefore extended across open ground to achieve equivalent coverage to the north and east. The survey plots show very strong magnetic disturbances across much of this area, as indicated by shading in figures 3 and 4. Both the grey scale and graphical plots (Figs. 2 and 3) of this and the other survey areas have been drawn at lower sensitivities than usual because of the strength of much of the detected magnetic activity.

The western part of the survey in Area 1 is free of strong background disturbances, and a group of individual magnetic anomalies (as outlined in red in Figs. 3 and 4) can be seen in the north west corner.

The significance of these findings is difficult to establish from the survey evidence alone, given the extreme strength of much of the detected magnetic activity. Archaeological features were seen here during the trenching, but they were ill-defined, and difficult to characterise. The findings included potsherds, perhaps suggesting that mortaria were produced nearby. A build-up of modern soil was noticed above these features, together with a former metalled path. It is probable, therefore, that much of the magnetic activity arises from modern debris within the recent soil layer, rather than underlying archaeological features. Roman industrial remains can be strongly magnetic, but it would be unusual for the magnetic response to be as strong as is seen here. The presence of modern slag or similar material in the metalling could account for the observed response.
A pottery production site, by contrast, would perhaps show strong individual magnetic anomalies (representing kilns, stoke holes or waster heaps), with more moderate readings elsewhere. It remains a possibility, however, that archaeological features or debris might contribute to the total magnetic response in this area.

Areas 2 and 3

Area 2 is located next within the crinkle-crankle walled garden, but is occupied by buildings and hard tennis courts. The tennis court was scanned briefly with the magnetometer to test the nature of the response, but gave wild readings.

Area 3 is covered by overgrown woodland, with much recent rubbish in the only open corner. Neither of these areas was therefore suitable for a magnetometer survey.

Area 4

Most of the proposed area was surveyed apart from a small section at the western edge of the area where tree cover made it difficult to work. The survey has picked up strong magnetic anomalies along the southern wall, and over a BT manhole cover. Some other magnetic anomalies (as outlined in blue) are probably caused by ferrous objects. A communications cable is shown on the site plan beneath this plot (but is not included in the visible layers of the plan as reproduced here). This was not clearly detected in the survey.

The trenching in this area appeared to show the presence of ditches. These may contribute to the disturbed response along the southern boundary, but otherwise have not been clearly detected.

Area 5

Much of the proposed development area is occupied by existing buildings, and only a sample block at the north east of the area could be surveyed. The results from this survey show interference from the nearby brick walls in the south-west corner. A sewage pipe is known to run through this area, but its response is probably obscured by magnetic interference from the adjacent building.

Area 6

Just over half of the proposed area could be surveyed. Coverage of the eastern part of the site was restricted by the presence of a greenhouse and trees. The survey results seem to confirm the presence of a known sewage pipe. There are also some magnetic disturbances of a probably modern origin at the northern edge of the site.

Area 7

The proposed survey area was bisected by a retaining wall running north to south, with raised ground to the east. Only the lower western part of the proposed area was surveyed. The survey appears to have responded mainly to the wall, to a water tank at the north-east of the site, and to a known sewage pipe.

Area 8

There is a fenced-off vegetable patch in the western part of the proposed area, which was not surveyed. The magnetometer plots show strong anomalies indicative of buried ferrous or
other modern material. Magnetic disturbances close to the southern boundary are probably caused by the extant fence.

Conclusions

Geophysical results from a confined and disturbed site are always difficult to interpret with confidence, but the findings here perhaps help constrain the number of locations at which Roman industrial features might possibly be found.

The particularly strong magnetic interference across much of Area 1 appears to result from modern infilling rather than underlying archaeological features, but it is not impossible that debris from a nearby pottery making site could contribute to the overall response.

The trenching does not appeared to have produced evidence of industrial activity or remains in the other proposed development areas, which may be consistent with the apparent lack of such findings in the survey results from those areas. There are strong magnetic anomalies in all the areas, but there do not appear to be any clearly defined individual disturbances of a kind to be expected from pottery kilns or related features. Some of the magnetic anomalies could represent individual buried metal objects, and others may relate to known underground services. The ditches identified by trenching in Area 4 do not appear to be distinguishable in the survey data from other strong magnetic disturbances nearby. It is perhaps therefore unlikely that substantial industrial features are present in the areas investigated, except perhaps in the vicinity of Area 1.
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APPENDIX 7  SUMMARY OF SITE DETAILS

Site name: Ruskin College, Old Headington, Oxford

Site code: OXRUSK 08

Grid reference: SP 543 078

Type of evaluation:

Date and duration of project: 10th March - 19th March 2008

Area of site:

Summary of results: Oxford Archaeology undertook a two-stage field evaluation within the Headington grounds of Ruskin College on behalf of the College prior to determination of an application for redevelopment. This took the form of a magnetometer survey followed by the excavation of 12 trial trenches to investigate the impact areas of the proposed development. The geophysical survey produced limited results although the trenches identified remains of early Iron Age, Roman and medieval/post-medieval date. The Roman remains were restricted to Trench 9 although these are consistent with previous discoveries along the western fringe of the College grounds suggesting occupation along a raised finger of land. The Roman pottery assemblages also imply the close proximity of a mortarium production site. Significant domestic charred cereal remains were recorded from the excavated Roman feature.

Medieval remains were more limited although a 12th or early 13th century cow burial was encountered by Stoke House within the eastern portion of the site. No significant remains were encountered within the listed crinkle-crankle walled garden.

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If a trench contains only a small number of contexts, and requires only one or two plans and sections, list plans and sections on this sheet. If the trench contains large numbers of contexts, use a conventional context check list and plan and section list sheets as necessary.

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### Brief Description of Archaeology/Comments

Stone paving. B 105? Brick appears to be post-medieval. Probably 19th c.?

Photos: 500 slides 1-7

Trench not continued due to depth of deposit & damage from unstable ground. Largest remains from Roman buildings.

Recorder: BPM
Date: 11-3-08
_CONTEXT RECORD

SITE: OSBRISKOG

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

Trench 1
Site sub-div
Structure No.
Plan No. 1
Section No. 1, 12
Co-Ordinates
Level
Slide No.
Neg No.
Matrix location

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
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Abutted by:
Cut by:
Filled by:
Same as:
Part of:
Consists of:
Overlies: 1041 (04)
Butts:
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TYPE: Level

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DEPOSIT:
1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/side/hop profile
3. dimension & depth
4. section & truncation
5. fill nos
6. other comments

MASONRY:
1. materials
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursed bond
5. form
6. faces
7. bars & dimensions as found
8. other comments

Description (See check lists):

1. COMPACT
2. DARK BROWN
3. CLAY BURNT
4. CBM FLAKES, MODERN LENSES & MODERN RUBBISH
5. C. TML
6. 
7. MADE BELOW
8.

Interpretation/Discussion

MADS GROUND. CONTAINS BUILDING REFUSE
OLD MATTERES, ENGNERING BRICKS ETC
COVER LAYIN DRY (107) AT NORTHERN END OF TRENCH

Finds (tick):
None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds
◇ Samples
△ Building Materials

Recorder: BLM
Date: 18-3-50
Initials: LJP
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE:** OX7

**Context No.:** 101

**Trench:** 1

**Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Site sub-div:** Overlain by: 102

**Structure No.:** Abutted by:

**Plan No.:** Cut by:

**Section No.:** Filled by:

**Same as:**

**Part of:**

**Co-Ordinates:** Consists of:

**Overlies:** (102)

**Level:** Butts: 104

**Slide No.:** Cuts:

**Neg No.:** Fill of:

**Matrix location:** Relationships uncertain

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**DESCRIPTION (SEE CHECK LISTS):**

1. **COMPACT**

2. **LIGHT OPEN**

5. **GLASS & CUSHION MORTAR**

4. **1 Metre Square Piece 0.05m Diameter**

5. **0.12 m**

6

4. **360° SKEW**

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**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION:**

LARGE OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE 'MADE GROUND'

WITHIN AREA OF TRENCH 1, EVIDENCE DEPOSIT / CONSTRUCTION

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**FINDS (TICK):** None

**Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ]**

**Wood [ ] Leather [ ]**

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 18-3-8

**Initials:**
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE**: O.S.115148

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- **Description (See check lists):**
  1. **1.**
  2. **2.**
  3. **3.**
  4. **4.**
  5. **5.**
  6. **6.**

- **Interpretation/Discussion:**

  OBELIZE K8X OPTN... READING FOR... (SF) [multi or wave]

### Finds (tick):
- **None [ ]**
- **Pot [ ]**
- **Bone [ ]**
- **Flint [ ]**
- **Stone [ ]**
- **Burnt Stone [ ]**
- **Glass [ ]**
- **Metal [ ]**
- **CBM [ ]**
- **Wood [ ]**
- **Leather [ ]**

- **Small Finds [△]**
- **Samples [◇]**
- **Building Materials [△]**

**Recorder**: RW

**Date**: 18-3-8

**Initials**: [redacted]
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE**: 08LUSK 08

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**Finds** (tick): None [ ], Pot [ ], Bone [ ], Flint [ ], Stone [ ], Burnt stone [ ], Glass [ ], Metal [ ], CBM [ ], Wood [ ], Leather [ ]

**Recor**: t

| **Date** | 10-3-08 |
| **Initials** | N |
SITE OX1862K O5

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

Context No. [104]

Trench 1

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Overlain by: 101

Site sub-div

Abutted by:

Structure No.

Cut by:

Plan No. 1

Filled by:

Section No. 12

Same as:

Part of:

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies: 103

Level

Butts: 907

Slide No. 1/1-3

Cuts:

Neg No.

Fill of:

Matrix location Relationships uncertain

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

Description (See check lists):

1. Stone / cobble

2. 100 x 200 mm

3. Smooth

4. No Burrowing

5. No Paving

6. 1

7. Weathered

8. At least 0.64 m x 1.64 m eastern of TR 1.

Interpretation / Discussion

Post medium stone paving / curbs at northern end of TR 1. The context appears to be sitting within (102)

From relate to blocked attributed to 1st century, likely garden.

Finds (tick): None

Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]

CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Small Finds

Samples

Building Materials

Recorder: "EBM"

Date 10-3-08

Initials KJH
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**Description (See check lists):**

1. **BRICK**
2. 100 x 200mm
3. -
4. **ENLARGED STRAIT**
5. **PAVING OR MAIN FULLY**
6. 1
7. 300 mm x 100mm
8. **HORIZONTAL**
9. 9 BRICK WORK

**Interpretation/Discussion**

POST MEDIEVAL BRICKWORK

PROBLEM 1800's 7 Drainage Culley 3 ROWS

OF BRICKS RUNNING NE-SW

NO TIES OF BONDING PLACED PARALLEL WITH

EACH OTHER 10 12

**Finds (tick):** None [✓] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** BM
**Date:** 10-3-08
**Initials:** N
SITE: Oxford '08

Trench: 1

Context Type: deposit/cut/structure

Debit List:

Cut
1. shape in plan 2. base/sides/slope profile 3. dimension & depth 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

Masonry
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc 3. finish of surfaces 4. coursed andbond 5. forms & faces 7. bond & dimensions as found 9. other comments

Description (See check lists):

1. Flank
2. Dark grey brown
3. Slight light grey turf
4. Old red mudstones 0.25m Ø, can stereo, used in robber
5. Max depth 0.75m
6. Beyond limits of Exc

Interpretation/Discussion

Additional deposit of modern rubbish against

Averaging (100), please record in time.

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds

☐ Samples

△ Building Materials

Recorder: 10

Date: 18/7/08

Initials: 10.
SITE: OXLE2K 08

EVALUATION TRENCH RECORD SHEET

Trench orientation: E-W
Grid reference
Field No.

Length 10.9 m
Width 1.6 m
Average depth to top of natural: c. 1 m
Was archaeology present? Y

Plan Nos? 2
Section Nos? 16 + 20
Were finds recovered? Y

If a trench contains only a small number of contexts, and requires only one or two plans and sections, list plans and sections on this sheet. If the trench contains large numbers of contexts use a conventional context check list and plan and section list sheets as necessary.

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Natural (describe)

Brief description of archaeology/comments

Edge of structure defined (202) of unknown function.
Possibly rate worked or at least 12th from underlying finds in (208)

Given was heavily weathered partial roof + ground water

Recorder: [Sign]
Date: 17/3/03
**CONTEXT RECORD**

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**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

- Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
- Time: __________

**TYPE:** untitled

- Check Lists:
- DEPOSIT:
  1. compaction 2. colour
  3. composition 4. inclusion
  5. thickness & extent
  7. comments 8. method & conditions
- CUT:
  1. shape in plan
  2. base/side/top profile
  3. dimension & depth
  4. sketch & dimension & fill nos 7. other comments
- MASONRY:
  1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
  3. finish of stones
  4. coursing & bond 5. form & faces
  7. bond 8. dimensions as found
  9. other comments

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- This context is 200
- [ ] 200
- [ ] 200
- [ ] 206

**Description (See check lists):**

1. MDD' compmt.
2. MDD' ball clay brown
4. ov 'sub-sq-met' bones < 0.04 m φ
5. mix 0.0044 - 0.38 m
6. [ ] C.0.4 cm

**Interpretation/Discussion**

- [ ]

**Finds (tick):**

- None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- [ ] Building Materials

**Recorder:**

- Date: 17/3/05
- Initials: 

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**Context No:**

- 200
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE:** Ox50sk 08

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**Additional Sheets:** Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Type:** Cut

**Check Lists:**
- DEPOSIT:
  1. compaction 2. colour 3. composition 4. inclusion 5. subsoil extent 7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**
- 1. shape in plan 2. base/sides/top profile 3. dimension and depth 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

**MASONRY:**
- 1. materials 2. no. of bricks etc 3. finger stones 4. coursing/bond 5. trim 6. faces 7. bond & dimensions as found 9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **LINEAR AT E END BECOMING CURVATURE TO THE SOUTH** & **IN W END CURVING BACK TO THE NORTH**.

2. /

3. **EXTEND BEYOND LENGTH OF PRESENT** AND 1.4m FROM NORTH EAST EDGE.

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- this context is 201

**FINDS (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** [Blank]

**Date:** 17/3/88

**Initials:** [Blank]
**SITE: OXUSK '08.**

**Trench:** 2

**Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Site sub-div:**

**Structure No.:**

**Abutted by:** (207)

**Plan No.:** 2

**Cut by:**

**Filled by:**

**Section No.:** 16

**Same as:**

**Part of:**

**Co-Ordinates:**

**Consists of:**

**Overlies:**

**Level:**

**Butts:**

**Slide No.:**

**Cuts:**

**Neg No.:** Fill of: 207

**Matrix location:** Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. LIMESTONE
2. APPROX 0.2M - 0.4M (but not all)
3. ANGULAR, ROUGHLY SHAPED (but not all)
4. SINGLE COURSE, NO COURSE
5.
6. APPROX 0.1M (+ ERROR)

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

Footings for a wall? Not counted, field not described

Lime and mortar found around stones

Certainly not part of a substantial structure

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**Finds (tick):**

None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]

CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder:** 40.

**Date:** 17/8/08.

**Initials:**
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE**: OX ASK 08

**Trench**: 2

**Site sub-div**: 20

**Structure No.**: 2

**Plan No.**: 20

**Co-Ordinates**: Consists of: (204)

**Level**: Butts: (204)

**Slide No.**: Cuts:

**Neg No.**: Fill of:

**Matrix location**: Relationships uncertain

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

**Context Type**: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Context No.**: 208

**TYPE**: Layer

**Check Lists**:
1. compaction
2. colour
3. composition
4. inclusion
5. thickness
6. extent
7. comments
8. method & conditions

**DEPOSIT**: 1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension & depth
4. sketch
5. transection 6. fill
7. other comments

**CUT**: 1. material
2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form of faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

**MASSONRY**: 1. material, size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones
4. coursing/bond
5. form of faces

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- [ ]
- [ ]
- [204]
- [ ]
- [207]
- [ ]
- [ ]
- [ ]

this context is 208

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **FAIENCE**

2. **MUD OSMAR BRICK**

3. **SANDY Silt** (sandy clay)

4. **c. 1.8m m from w extent of pl 2**

5. **UNCERTAIN**

6. **INTERCONNECTED**, **MUDY BANK**

**Interpretation/Discussion**:

**Finds (tick):**

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**△ Small Finds**

**△ Building Materials**

**Recorder**: m0.

**Date**: 17/3/08

**Initials**:
## CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE**: OX685K '08

### ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

- **Trench**
  - Context Type: Deposit, Cut / Structure
- **Site sub-div**
  - Overlain by:
- **Structure No.**
- **Plan No.**
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- **Matrix location**
  - Relationships uncertain

### STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

- **Check Lists:**
  - DEPOSIT:
    1. compact 2. colour
    3. composition 4. inclusion
    5. thickness & extent
    7. comments 8. method & conditions
  - MASONRY:
    1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
    3. finish of stones 4.
    4. course 5. truncation 6. fill
    7. bond 8. dimensions as found
    9. other comments

- **Context No.**
  - 204.

### Description (See check lists):

1. **MOO compact**
2. **MOO 1/10 light brown clay**
3. **CAUGHT partial deposit**
4. **Flints** any limestone fossils
5. **Max depth 0.8 m.**

### Interpretation/Discussion

DEFINITION DEPOSIT? CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO
PE - BASE 202 80 SE untane 9.

### Finds (tick)
- None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- [ ] Small Finds
- [ ] Samples
- [ ] Building Materials

**Recorder**: W

**Date**: 10/3/05

**Initials**
SITE: OX 666 '08'
Trench: 2

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:
Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
Overlain by:
Abutted by:
Cut by: (206)
Filled by: (206)

Section No.: Same as:
Part of:
Co-Ordinates: Consists of:
Overlies:
Level: Butts:
Slide No.: Cuts: (207)
Neg No.: Fill of:
Matrix location: Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):
1. Linear.
2. Uneven.
3. Max. width: 0.5m.

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

Interpretation/Discussion

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Small Finds
Samples
Building Materials

Recorder: 
Date: 17/3/08
Initials:

TYPE: cut

Check Lists:
DEPOSIT:
1. compaction 2. colour 3. composition 4. inclusion 5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions
CUT:
1. shape in plan 2. base/sides/top profile 3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
nos. 7. other comments
MASSONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc 3. finish of stones 4. coursing 5. and 6. form 6. faces
7. bonding 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments
**Additional Sheets:**
- Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
- Overlain by: [206]
- Abutted by:
- Cut by:
- Filled by:
- Same as:
- Part of:
- Consists of:
- Overlies:
- Butts:
- Cuts:
- Fill of: [205]
- Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**
1. Plan
2. Mud or clay blown
3. Smear out
4. Occasional or uneven lateral movement, + moderate hanger
5. 
6. Brown [205]

**Interpretation/Discussion:**
Ex of wear [205]

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder: **

**Date: ** 12/8/08

**Initials: **
### CONTEXT RECORD

#### SITE
- **Oxford Archaeology**
- **Ox risk '08**

#### Trench
- **2**

#### Site sub-div

#### Structure No.

#### Plan No.
- **2**

#### Section No.
- **16**

#### Co-Ordinates

#### Level
- **Butts:**

#### Slide No.

#### Neg No.

#### Matrix location

#### ADDITIONAL SHEETS:
- **Context Type:** Deposit, Cut / Structure
- **Overlain by:**
- **Abutted by:**
- **Cut by:** [2057]
- **Filled by:**
- **Same as:**
- **Part of:**
- **Consists of:**
- **Overlies:**

#### STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX
- **Context No.:** 207
- **Description (See check lists):**

  ![Diagram](https://example.com/diagram.png)

  This context is:
- **100% related to (204) but within structure [202]

#### Interpretation/Discussion

_Objection / construction debris._

#### Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- **Small Finds**
- **Samples**
- **Building Materials**

#### Recorder

#### Date
- **17/1/08**

#### Initials
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE** OxLeSx 08

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**Site sub-div**

**Structure No.**

**Plan No.**

**Section No.** 16

**Co-Ordinates**

**Level**

**Slide No.**

**Neg No.**

**Matrix location** Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. *Flint / copper*
2. *O. flour*
3. *Sandy clay*
4. *otb & f/ & cutstone col 26 m Ph*
5. *May 03 04 06 08 09*

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- [ ]
- [ ] 208
- [ ]

**this context is** 208

- [ ]
- [ ] 209
- [ ]

**Interpretation/Discussion**

> Modern flue in structure 19m - 20m.  
> Modern flue in location.

**Finds (tick):**

- None
- Pot [x]
- Bone [x]
- Flint [x]
- Stone [x]
- Burnt stone [x]
- Glass [x]
- Metal [x]
- CBM [x]
- Wood [x]
- Leather [x]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder**

**Date** 17/3/08

**Initials**
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE:** OXASK 108

**Trench**
- Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Site sub-div**
- Overlain by: (208)

**Structure No.**
- Abutted by:

**Plan No.**
- Cut by:
- Filled by:

**Section No.**
- Same as: 16
- Part of:

**Co-Ordinates**
- Consists of:
- Overlies:

**Level**
- Butts:

**Slide No.**
- Cuts:

**Neg No.**
- Fill of:

**Matrix location**
- Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**
1. compact
2. light but grey
3. clay

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

```
[ ] [ ] [208]
```

This context is 209

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** [Signature]
**Date:** 17/3/08
**Initials:** [Signature]
# Evaluation Trench Record Sheet

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## Evaluation Trench Record Sheet

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If a trench contains only a small number of contexts, and requires only one or two plans and sections, list plans and sections on this sheet. If the trench contains large numbers of contexts use a conventional context check list and plan and section list sheets as necessary.

### Context Check List / Descriptions

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### Brief Description of Archaeology/Comments

ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN SOUTH WEST CORNER OF TRENCH.

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**Recorder:** NDW

**Date:** 13-3-8
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE** OX45US12

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**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

- Context Type: Deposit/Cut/Structure
- Overlaid by: |
- Abutted by: |
- Cut by: |
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- Same as: |
- Part of: |
- Consists of: Overlies: 301 |
- Stratiigraphic Matrix:

```
  1. COMPACT
  2. DARK TYPICAL
  3. WHITE SAND
  4. GRAYDAK
  5. 0.2m
  6. 7.6m
  7. TOPSOIL
```

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

```
  1. Compact
  2. Dark
  3. White Sand
  4. Gray Dak
  5. 0.2m
  6. 7.6m
  7. Top Soil
```

**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION**

Top soil of TR 3

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** CBM
**Date:** 3-3-5
**Initials:** M.
SITE: RUSK 08

Trench: 3
Context Type: Deposit/Cut/Structure

Site sub-div: Overlain by: (500)
Structure No.: Abutted by:
Plan No.: Cut by:
Filled by:
Section No.: Same as:
Part of:
Co-Ordinates: Consists of:
Overlies: (502)
Level: Butts:
Slide No.: Cuts:
Neg No.: Fill of:
Matrix location: Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

1. compact
2. milk yellowishbrown
3. sand clay
4. manyanes (17%)
5. 0.4m
6. 7.6m
7. 360 excavator

Interpretation/Discussion

Subsoil - sand clay

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds
◇ Samples
△ Building Materials

Recorder: BM
Date: 16/2/02
Initials: HO
CONTEXT RECORD

SITE: OXYNSIL

**Trench:** 3
**Site sub-div:**
**Structure No.:**
**Plan No.:** 3
**Section No.:** 14
**Co-Ordinates:** Consists of:
**Level:** Butts:
**Slide No.:** Cuts:
**Neg No.:** Fill of:
**Matrix location:** Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. CONTACT
2. **MUD BRICK YELLOW**
3. CONTACT
4. 0.18m
5. 2.6m
6. 8.360° EXCAVATOR

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

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**Interpretation/Discussion:**

MATERIAL: (coloured)
OVERLIES A PAVE STONE DEPOSIT (310) BUT ARCHAEOLOGY APPEARS IN TOP OF (302).

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** 804
**Date:** 18/3/88
**Initials:** MD
Description (See check lists):

1. Curvilinear
2. Flat/regular/Sharp
3. 0.5m wide 0.3m deep
4. QMB
5. 
6. (304)
7. small pit

Interpretation/Discussion

Small curvilinear pit with flat bottom (regular sides).
SITE: OX.RUSK

Trench: 3

Site sub-div: Overlaid by:
Structure No.: Abutted by:
Plan No.: Cut by: (309)
Filled by: (309)
Section No.: Same as:
Part of:
Co-Ordinates: Consists of:
Overlies:
Level: Butts:
Slide No.: Cuts: [309](309) 3X0
Neg No.: Fill of:
Matrix location: Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):
1. SUB-CULTURAL
2. CONCAVED/ROUGH/SHARP
3. 0.9 m wide, 0.3 m deep
4. 
5. 
6. (309)
7. EXPOSED

Interpretation/Discussion:
MODERN FEATURE – PROBABLY TREE THROUGH/BOWL CUT’S [309] DITCH FOR DRAIN PIPE.

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds
◇ Samples
△ Building Materials

Context No. 305

TYPE: CUT

Check Lists:
DEPOSIT:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comment 8. method & observations

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch height truncation fill nos 7. other comments

MASONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. cm. 6. faces
7. bond & dimensions as found
9. other comments

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

this context is 309 305

309. 309 309

Recorder: Bob
Date: 15/3/98
Initials: M.O.
## Context Record

### Context No.: 306

### Type: Fill

#### Check Lists:
- DEPOSIT:
  1. compaction 2. colour
  3. composition 4. inclusion
  5. thickness 6. extent
  7. comments 8. method & conditions
- CUT:
  1. shape in plan
  2. base/sides/top profile
  3. dimension and depth
  4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
  7. note other comments
- MASONRY:
  1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
  3. finish of stones 4. coursed bond 5. form 6. faces
  7. bond 8. dimensions as found
  9. other comments

### Site: OX9LUSK 09

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### Description (See check lists):

1. **Compact**
2. **Dark Greyish Brown**
3. **Silty Clay**
4. -
5. 0.3m
6. 0.9m
7. **8 Matt Rock Sand Oercast**

### Interpretation/Discussion:

**Fill of possible tree root. City Street**

### Finds (tick):
- None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

### Additional Sheets:

- Oxford Archaeology

### Stratigraphic Matrix:

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- This context is 306

### Finds Categories:
- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

### Recorder

### Date

### Initials
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE OXW LUSK 68**

**Trench**: 3  
**Context Type**: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Site sub-div**:  
**Structure No.**:  
**Plan No.**: 3  
**Section No.**: 14

**Co-Ordinates**:  
**Level**: Butts

**Description (See check lists):**

1. Compact  
2. Dark slurry SWORN  
3. Silty clay  
4.  
5. 0.3m  
6. 0.5cm  
7. 8 MATTOCK

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

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**Interpretation/Discussion**

Deposit with small pit, appears to be as a result of sitting, corn binning activity.

**Finds** (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder**: TAPM  
**Date**: 13/3/08  
**Initials**: N

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

**OVERLAY**:  
**Cut by**:  
**Filled by**:  
**Same as**:  
**Part of**:  
**Consists of**:  
**Overlies**:  
**Relationships uncertain**

**DEPOSIT**:  
1. compaction 2. colour  
3. composition 4. inclusion  
5. thickness 6. extent  
7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT**:  
1. shape in plan  
2. base/sides/top profile  
3. dimension & depth  
4. sketch 5. truncation & fill nos 7. other comments

**MASONRY**:  
1. materials 2. size of brick etc  
3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces  
7. bond 8. dimensions as found  
9. other comments

**DEPOSIT WITH SMALL PIT, APPEARS TO BE AS A RESULT OF SITTING, CORN BINNING ACTIVITY.**
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Description (See check lists):

1. **Linear**
2. **Regular**
3. 450mm wide x 0.2m deep.
4. **Feature [306]**
5. **Feature [307]**

Interpretation/Discussion:

**Cut of Trench for drain pipe, cut by Feature [306]**

**Finds (tick):**
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**
**Samples**
**Building Materials**

**Recorder:** [Signature]
**Date:** 13-3-
**Initials:** [Signature]
Context No.: 309

Trench: 3
Site sub-div: Overlain by:
Structure No.: Abutted by:
Plan No.: Cut by:
Filled by:
Section No.: Same as:
Part of:
Co-Ordinates: Consists of:
Overlies:
Level: Butts:
Slide No.: Cuts:
Neg No.: Fill of: MASONRY:
Matrix location: Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):
1. COMPACT
2. DARK SLATE
3. SILITY CLAY
4. 
5. 
6. 8.2m
7. 8. WATTOCK SIME

Interpretation/Discussion:
Fill of cut [308], surrounding drain pipe.

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Recorder: BOM
Date: 13-3-9
Initials: NSD
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE** CL25C08

**Context No.** 310

**TYPE** LAG9

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**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

```
1. COMPACT
2. BLACK LUSCIOUS SWEETNED
3. SALTHER CRUST
4. -
5. -
6. 2.6m -
7. -
```

**Description (See check lists):**

- BLACK LUSCIOUS SWEETNED
- SALTHER CRUST

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**NATURALLY WITHIN TRENCH 3 UNFALLING LAYER (Z02).**

PRESENT IN BOTTOM OF DEEPER TRENCHES EG. TR 1 + 2.

IN LOW LYING POSITIONS.

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** [Signature]

**Date:** 13-03-8

**Initials:** [Signature]
**Context check list / Descriptions**

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<td>Old drain</td>
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**Brief description of archaeology/comments**

Land drawn down length of trench, may relate to use as garden, just before levelled + subsequently covered over. Drainage directly overlies material at S end.

**Recorder:** RE

**Date:** 13/03/08
## CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE**: oxru3k09

**Trench**: 4

**Context Type**: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Site sub-div**

Overlain by:

Abutted by:

**Structure No.**

Cut by:

Filled by:

**Plan No.**

Same as: 600?

Part of:

**Section No.**

Consists of:

Overlies: (40?)

**Co-Ordinates**

Butts:

**Level**

Cuts:

**Slide No.**

Fill of:

**Neg No.**

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

### STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

- [ ]
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*this context is 400.*

- [ ]
- [ ]

5. 60 60. 0.2m level.

**Interpretation/Discussion**

Taimac.

**Finds** (tick):

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

- Small Finds

- [ ]

- [ ]

- Samples

- [ ]

- Building Materials

**Recorder**: RE

**Date**: 3/03/08

**Initials**:
Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

SITE: OX25UK08

Trench 4

Over lain by:

Abutted by:

Plan No. 4

Cut by:

Filled by:

Section No. Same as: 402

Part of:

Consists of:

Overlies:

Level:

Butts:

Slide No.:

Cuts:

Neg No.:

Fill of:

Matrix location Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

1. loose
2. dark brown
3. silty clay
4. 
5. + 0.15 m
6. not fully excavated
7. machine/wet

Interpretation/Discussion

Natural backfill or backfill to level the ground for the tarmacadam.

No archaeological dating.

Finds (tick): None Pot Bone Flint Stone Burnt stone Glass Metal CBM Wood Leather

Small Finds

Samples

Building Materials

Recorder: PC

Date: 31/03/08

Initials: MB
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE** OXYUSKB

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**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- [ ] 403, [ ] 402, [ ]

- [ ] 405, [ ]

- [ ] 402, [ ]

**DEPOSIT:**
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

**MASONRY:**
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4.
   courson/bonds 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. [ ]
2. [ ]
3. [ ]
4. [ ]
5. [ ]
6. (403) (404 - packing).

**Interpretation/Discussion**

Out of a possibly? drain mat like in other areas. Notice no finds.

**Finds (tick):**
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Additional Notes:**

- [ ] Small Finds
- [ ] Samples
- [ ] Building Materials

Recorder RC.

Date: 13/03/06.

Initials: [ ]
## CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE** OxRuSK08

**Context No.** 403

**Trench** 4

**Site sub-div**

**Structure No.**

**Plan No.** 4

**Section No.** S.002

**Co-Ordinates**

**Level**

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **base**
2. **light brown**
3. **silty clay**
4. **charcoal**
5.6. **not fully excavated**
7. **travel machine wet**

**Description (See check lists):**

- 1. **shape in plan**
- 2. **base/sides/top profile**
- 3. **dimension and depth**
- 4. **sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments**
- 1. **materials 2. size of bricks etc**

**Finds (tick):**

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Type Fill**

- Check Lists:
  1. compaction
  2. colour
  3. composition
  4. inclusion
  5. thickness
  6. extent
  7. comments
  8. method & conditions

**Stratigraphic Matrix**

- Context is 403

**Interpretation/Discussion**

- [402] fill of [402]

**Recorder** RC

**Date** 13/03/08

**Initials**
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE** OX RU.KDS.

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**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

**Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Check Lists:**

**DEPOSIT:**

**CUT:**
1. shape in plan 2. base/sides/top profile 3. dimension and depth 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

**MASONRY:**
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc 3. finish of stones 4. coursing 5. bond 6. form 6. faces 7. bond 8. dimensions as found 9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. School Leage.  
2. 21  
3. Sub-Ave' Proves

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

```
  □ □ □ □  □ 404  □  □ □ □ □ □
this context is  404  □ □ □ □
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**Interpretation/Discussion**

Packaging of 402

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Find Types:**

- △ Small Finds
- ◇ Samples
- △ Building Materials

**Recorder:** RC  
**Date:** 13/03/03  
**Initials:**
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE 0xRusKog**

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**Description (See check lists):**

1. compact
2. light brown yellowish grey
3. clay
4. none
5. not fully excavated
6. machine made

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

401  402  405

- this context is 405.

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder:** RC

**Date:** 13/03/08

**Initials:**
### Oxford Archaeology

**SITE**
OXBUSC OR

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**Natural (describe)**

DARK YELLOW CLAY

**Brief description of archaeology/comments**

- S04: Modern Pit, Natural is Soil
- S05: End drains

Show accumulation of G. soil and slope of old garden levels, verified by taping for ruins.

**Trench extended to get closer to TE 7.**

**Recorder: TWM**

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- **Context Type:** Deposits, Cut/Structure
- **Check Lists:**
  - 1. compaction 2. colour
  - 3. composition 4. inclusion
  - 5. thickness 6. extent
  - 7. comments 8. method & conditions
- **CUT:**
  - 1. shape in plan
  - 2. base/sides/top profile
  - 3. dimension and depth
  - 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
  - 7. other comments
- **MASONERY:**
  - 1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
  - 3. finish of stones 4. coursed bond 5. form 6. faces
  - 7. other 8. dimensions as found
  - 9. other comments

**Context No. 500**

**Stratigraphic Matrix**

- This context is [500]

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- **Small Finds**
- **Samples**
- **Building Materials**

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 2-3-8

**Initials:** [illegible]
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE**: OX.RUSK

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**
- **Trench**: S
- **Site sub-div**: S
- **Structure No.**: S
- **Plan No.**: S
- **Section No.**: 4-5
- **Co-Ordinates**: Consists of: GO-7
- **Level**: Butts:
- **Slide No.**: Cuts:
- **Neg No.**: Fill of:
- **Matrix location**: Relationships uncertain

**DEPOSIT:**
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/foot profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation & fill
note other comments

**MASONRY:**
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
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**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION**
- Dark brown silty sand/plan subsoil underneath
- Yellow (GO-7) backmark in trench 5

**FINDS**
- (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**
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**DESCRIPTION (See check lists):**

1. **Tablet**
2. **Shovel with handle**
3. **Clay**
4. **-**
5. **-**
6. **Entire Trench**
7. **NATURAL**
8. **-**

**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION**

NATURAL IN TRENCH 5

**FINDS (tick):**

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**RECORDERS**

**Date:** 13-3-8

**INITIALS:** WJ.
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**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

Descriptive (See check lists):

1. Favourable.
2. Blan.
3. Poor clayey brown
4. OS: S549A 0.05m
5. Max depth 0.6m

**Interpretation/Discussion**

Believed to be buried 4,000 years original garden.

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** SM

**Date:** 13-3-8

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**Interpretation/Discussion**

Square ended pit, possibly a written depth cut's and drain [505]

Modern ? - garden feature

**Finds (tick):** None [ ], Pot [ ], Bone [ ], Flint [ ], Stone [ ], Burnt stone [ ], Glass [ ], Metal [ ], CBM [ ], Wood [ ], Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** TBD

**Date:** 12-3-8
**Initials:** M0
### Context Record

**Site Code:** OXW 08

**Context No.:** S05

**Type:** Fill

**Check Lists:**
- Deposit: 2. colour
- Construction: 4. Inclusion
- Thickness & extent
- 7. Method & conditions

**Cut:**
- Shape in plan
- Base/sides/top profile
- Dimension & depth
- Sketch or truncation 6. Fill nos 7. Other comments

**Masonry:**
- Materials 2. Size of bricks etc
- 7. Bond & dimensions as found
- 9. Other comments

**Description (See check lists):**
1. Compact
2. Dark black soil
3. Silty clay

**Stratigraphic Matrix:**
- S03
- S04
- S05

**Interpretation/Discussion:**
Fill of modern feature [S04], this context (S05) appears to have been formed in situ but possibly in waterlogged conditions, evidence of now passing through contact.

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder:** BM

**Date:** 16-3-08

**Initials:**
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE:** OX/BUSK 08

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

Trench: S
Context Type: Deposit / Cut Structure

**TYPE:** CUT

Check Lists:

**DEPOSIT:**
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3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness & extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**
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**MASONRY:**
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4.

coupling bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **LINEAR**
2. **FLAT/RESCUE/5749IP**
3. **0.40m x 12.50m > 0.10m NSP**

4. -

5. -

6 (SO7)

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**CUT OF LAND ORDIERS? IN TRENCH: S**

**GARDEN FEATURES: M on MAP, (1879)**

**Finds** (tick):

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Recorded by:**

**Date:** 13-3-08

**Initials:** [ ]
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE**: CaMisk 08

**Trench**: 5

**Context Type**: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Overlay by**: 207

**Structure No.**

**Abutted by**: 

**Plan No.**: 5

**Cut by**: 

**Filled by**: 

**Section No.**: 8

**Same as**: 

**Part of**: 

**Co-Ordinates**: Consists of:

**Overlies**: 

**Level**: Butts:

**Slide No.**: Cuts:

**Neg No.**: Fill of: 506

**Matrix location**: Relationships uncertain

#### Description (See check lists):

1. **COMPACT**

2. **LIGHT BLUEISH GRAY**

3. **3 CLAY**

4. 

5. 0.10m

6. **0.3M SNAU**

7. C

8. **MATTEK SHONE**

#### Interpretation/Discussion

**FILL OF LAND DRAIN**

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**Finds** (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder**: 80M

**Date**: 13.3.8

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**TYPE** Unravel.

**Check Lists:**

- DEPOSIT:
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  5. thickness 6. extent
  7. comments 8. method & conditions

- CUT:
  1. shape in plan
  2. base/sides/top profile
  3. dimension and depth
  4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
  nos 7. other comments

- MASONRY:
  1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
  3. finish of stonework
  4. coursing/timber 5. form 6. faces
  7. bond 8. dimensions as found
  9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. Compact.
2. Not to relate above 5cm.
3. Sandy clay.
4. /
5. May offset 0.1m.

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

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  [ ] [ ] [ ] [S02] [ ]
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This context is [S02].

**Interpretation/Discussion**

`Context function decay?`

**Finds** (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder**

**Date** 17/3/08

**Initials** 20
SITE: OXWUL 'C8'.
Trench 2.
Site sub-div
Structure No.
Plan No.
Section No.
Co-Ordinates
Level
Slide No.
Neg No.
Matrix location

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:
Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
Overlain by: (501)
Abutted by:
Cut by:
Filled by:
Same as:
Part of:
Consists of:
Overlies: (503).
Butts:
Cuts:
Fill of:
Relationships uncertain

DEPOSIT:

CUT:
1. shape in plan 2. base/side profile 3. dimension and depth 4. sketch 5. truncation & fill nos 6. other comments

MASONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc 3. finish of stones 4. coursing bond 5. form 6. faces 7. bond & dimensions as found 8. other comments

Context No. 508

TYPE: Layer.
Check Lists:

Description (See check lists):
1. compact.
2. Mottled, blue-grey, white yellow/brown.
3. Silty clay.
4. / 5. Max depth 0.3 m.

Interpretation/Discussion
MODERN MAKE-UP DEPOSIT TO LEVEL FOR TENNIS COURT.

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Recorder MJ.
Date 17/3/05.
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**Brief description of archaeology/comments**

CURRENT Ground level shows N-S access present.

**Recorder:** RC  
**Date:** 13/08/03
Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Loose: 6
Overlain by:
Abutted by:
Cut by:
Filled by:

Same as: 605.2
Part of:
Consists of:
Overlies: (601)

Butts: 
Cuts: 
Fill of:
Relationships uncertain

Check Lists:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness & extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
nos 7. other comments

MASONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4.
coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Description (See check lists):
1. Base: (2) dark brown
2. Silt: dry
4. -
5. max.: + 0.43m
6. not fully excavated
7. machine wet

Interpretation/Discussion
Backfill possibly to level the ground for the construction of the insert building:
No modern archaeological dating was recovered.

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds
◇ Samples
△ Building Materials

Recorder: 13/05/03
Date: 
Initials: NA
**SITE OXFROMK£8**

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**DESCRIPTION (See check lists):**

1. Boated compact
2. Brown/greyish/other material, small stones
3. Silty 20%, dry, clay
4. Max: ± 0.40m
5. Not fully excavated
6. Machine/wet

**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION:**

Possibly natural backfill or backfill for level the ground.
No archaeological dating was recovered.

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**FINDS (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder:**

- **Date:** 3/03/08
- **Initials:** [Signature]
Additional Sheets:

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:
1. compaction & colour
2. composition & inclusion
3. thickness & extent
4. comments & method & conditions

Cut:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5, truncation 6, fill nos 7, other comments

Masonry:
1. materials & size of bricks etc
2. finish of stones
3. coursed bond 5, form 6, faces
4. bond & dimensions as found
5. other comments

Description (See check lists):

1. Sub- and
2. Base plan; sides steep to concave; box top sharp, box bottom gradual.
3. Depth: +0.40 m; w/l: not fully excavated.
4. None
5. (603)

Interpretation/Discussion:

Unknown purpose, but could be a tree hole. Since this area was a garden full with apple trees.
No archaeological dating was recovered.

Finds (tick):
- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

Recording

Record:
Date 13/03/08
Initials MO
**SITE 0x2u3K08**

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**Description (See check lists):**

1. compact
2. light grey blueish
3. clay
4. charcoal flecks
5. max: ±0.40m
6. not fully excavated
7. shovel / wet

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

Fill of E6027, true throw. No much.

**FINDS (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder:** 3/03/03
**Date:** AC
**Initials:** AC
### Additional Sheets:

- **Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure
- **Overlay by:** (603), (604)
- **Cut by:** [602]

### Section No.:

- **Number:** 6
- **Part of:**
- **Overlies:**

### Co-ordinates:

- **Description:** Relationships uncertain

### Description (See Check lists):

1. compact.
2. Right brown yellowish / greyish.
3. clay.
4. none.
5/6 not fully excavated (ref.)
7. machine / wet.

### Interpretation/Discussion

- **Natural**

### Finds (tick):

- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

### Stratigraphic Matrix

- **This context is:** 604.

### Recorder:

- **Date:** 13/10/03
- **Initials:** RJ
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**Natural (describe)**

**Brief description of archaeology/comments**

**NO SPECIFIC FEATURES OF INTEREST**  
Although materials were not observed due to limited observations, the top layers of deposits from Finland to north and feature-to-feature were of interest, especially in relation to the pottery seen in 705. Where natural was observed...

**Recorder:** MC  
**Date:** 12/5/08
SITE OX.008

Trench 7

Site sub-div

Structure No.

Plan No.

Section No.

Co-Ordinates

Level

Slide No.

Neg No.

Matrix location

Description (See check lists):

1. TALUS OR TENNIS COURT

2. MAX DEPTH 0.1m

6. BOUND EXTENT OF TRENCH

Interpretation/Discussion

TALUS LAYER OF 20TH CENTURY TENNIS COURT

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds

◇ Samples

△ Building Materials

Recorder

Date 13/3/08

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### Context Type
- **Deposit**
- **Cut / Structure**

### Additional Sheets
- Overlain by: (700)

### Context No.
- 701

### Type
- **Layer**

### STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

```
  Top
  700
  701
  702
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### Check Lists:
- **DEPOSIT:**
  1. compaction 2. colour
  3. composition 4. inclusion
  5. thickness 6. extent
  7. comments 8. method & conditions
- **CUT:**
  1. shape in plan
  2. base/sides/top profile
  3. dimension and depth
  4. sketch 5. transition 6. fill
  nos. 7. other comments
- **MASONRY:**
  1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
  3. finish of stones 4.
  5. coursing/bond 6. form & faces
  7. bond 8. dimensions as found
  9. other comments

### Description (See check lists):
1. **NBD COMPACT**
2. **NBD MIXED**
3. **GRAVE**
4. **MAKE, SUB-MIXED STONES 0.05m DEEPER**
5. **MAX DEEP 0.05m**

### Interpretation/Discussion

All hard core found for Track.

### Finds (tick):
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

### Recorder
- [ ]

### Date
- 13/3/08

### Initials
- [ ]
**Additional Sheets:**

- Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
- Overlain by: (\(701\))
- Abutted by:
- Cut by:
- Filled by:
- Same as:
- Part of:
- Consists of:
- Overlies: (\(703\))
- Butts:
- Cuts:
- Fill of:
- Relationships uncertain

**Description:**

1. Firm.
2. Mixed light yellow, and to base.
   - Grey brown.
4. /
5. Max 0.69m - 0.45m.

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

"Re-deposited material to create tennis court."

**Finds:**

- (Tick) None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 13/3/08

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**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- 702
- This context is
- 703
- 704

**Description (See check lists):**

1. east
2. mid to dark brown clay
3. grey clay, grey pl disappointment
4. sub-surface stone 0.05m diameter
5. max depth 0.36m

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

Mostly make-up land for tennis court designed from garden. Overlain by (702) remain area that was subsequently cut to level site.

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:** 

**Date:** 13/06

**Initials:**
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## DEPOSIT:


## CUT:

1. shape in plan 2. base/sides/top profile 3. dimension and depth 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

## MASONRY:

1. materials 2. size of bricks etc 3. finish of stones etc 4. coursed 5. form 6. faces 7. bonded & dimensions as found 8. other comments

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### Description (See check lists):

1. Mod' compact
2. Dark grey brown
3. In cm [away Joan]
4. 15 cm sub-trough styled 0.4 cm diameter
5. 0.5 m

### Interpretation/Discussion

"Modular garden soil naturally accumulated when area was in use prior to tennis court redevelopment."
### Context Record

**Site:** OXCLSK '05

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**Description (See check lists):**

1. **BRICK #1**
2. **N10 D LIGHT GREY/YELLOW**
3. **DEEDED LIMESTONE + METAL?**
4. **"**
5. **MAX DEPTH 0.05M**
6. **LIMN 704**

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

**DESTRUCTION/CONSTRUCTION DEPOSIT? ALTHOUGH ONLY PRESENT WITHIN THE CUT 704.**

**Stratigraphic Matrix:**

- [ ] 704
- [ ] 705
- [ ] 708

**Finds (tick):**

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder:** M.O.

**Date:** 12/3/05

**Initials:**
Context No. 706

Additional sheets:
- Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
- Check lists:
  1. compaction, 2. colour
  3. composition, 4. inclusion
  5. thickness, 6. extent
  7. comments, 8. method & conditions

Type: Layer

Description (see check lists):
1. Mod's compact
2. Dark grey brown, blue/grey
3. Silty clay
4. Mod's peat, overclay thickens here, all over-buried stone c. 0.2m of
5. Max depth not assessed, at least 0.4m

Interpretation/Discussion:
Maximum buried 0.2m

Finds (tick):
- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

△ Small Finds
◇ Samples
◇ Building Materials

Recorder: [Handwritten]
Date: 12/3/68
Initials: [Handwritten]
**Context Record**

**SITE:** OXLEISK '08

**Trench:** 7

**Site sub-div:**

**Structure No.:**

**Plan No.:**

**Section No.:** 9 + 10

**Co-Ordinates:**

**Level:**

**Slide No.:**

**Neg No.:**

**Matrix Location:** Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **ABANDONED LINE**
2. **PLUMB BORING, MOCK STEP, POSITIVE FACE**
3. **SAME WALL, E. - NORTH LIMIT OF TRENCH**
4. **W - AT 0.205 M**
5. **N**
6. **(208) + (205)**

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

Cut for stone-lined drain? Only partially seen in edge of trench 7. But un-bonded stones found in base. Cut from base of garden soil (204) as indicated by the mortar deposit (205) in top of this cut.

**Finds (tick):** None ☑ Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

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**Date:** 12/3/08

**Initials:**
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE**

- **Code:** OX RUSK '05

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

- **Context Type:** Deposit, Cut / Structure
- **Overlain by:** 705
- **Abutted by:**
- **Cut by:**
- **Filled by:**

**Section No.**

- **Same as:**
- **Part of:**
- **Consists of:**
- **Overlies:**

**Co-Ordinates**

- **Level:** Butts:

**Matrix location**

- **Relationships uncertain**

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **Note:**
   - **Red or brown**

2. **Note:**
   - **Darker grey blown**

3. **Note:**
   - **Sm. Clay**

4. **Note:**
   - **Unburnt earthenware 0.25m Ø at base**

5. **Note:**
   - **Amph. deposit 0.4m**

6. **Note:**
   - **Brown [707]**

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- **Context:**
  - **Trench:**
    - **This context is:** 705

**Interpretation/Discussion**

- **Note:**
  - **Amph. of Context cut [707]**

**Finds (tick):**

- None []
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 12/3/05

**Initials:**
EVALUATION TRENCH RECORD SHEET

SITE
OXBUSK08

Trench orientation: NW
Grid reference
Length: 10m
Width: 1.6m
Average depth to top of natural
Plan Nos?: 8
Section Nos?: S11, S15
Was archaeology present?: Y
Were finds recovered?: Y

If a trench contains only a small number of contexts, and requires only one or two plans and sections, list plans and sections on this sheet. If the trench contains large numbers of contexts use a conventional context check list and plan and section list sheets as necessary.

Context check list / Descriptions

Context No. | Description
-------------|-----------------
800 | Present topsoil/plough soil - Hard core to the path
801 | made ground dark brown, silty clay
802 | dark brown greyish, silty clay
803 | light brown yellowish, stony
804 | tarmac
805 | light brown ocrey (Roman pot)
806 | alluvial silty clay - light brown bluish, Fnu or [G12]
807 | alluvial natural silty clay - blue greyish, Fnu or [G12]
810 | ditch cut
811/812 | fill of [800]
813/814 | same as (805) (Roman pot)
519 | - Roman
820 | 821 - wall of flint
822 | Natural (describe) light brown orange/yellowish

Brief description of archaeology/comments (822): Fnu of [820] + [821]

Recorder: EC/RE
Date: 13/03/08

Recovered several pieces of Roman pot in a deposit that runs throughout almost the full extent of trench B.
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**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**
- Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
- Overlain by: (S15)
- Abutted by: |
- Cut by: |
- Filled by: |
- Same as: |
- Part of: |
- Overlies: (S01) |

**TYPE:** LAYER

**Check Lists:**
- Deposit:
  1. compaction 2. colour 3. composition 4. inclusion 5. thickness & extent 7. comments 8. method & conditions
- Cut:
  1. shape & plan 2. base/sides/top profile 3. dimension & depth 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments
- Masonry:
  1. materials 2. size of bricks etc 3. finish of stones 4. courser/better 5. form 6. faces 7. bond 8. dimensions as found 9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

2. Dark grey gravel.
3. Sandy grit.
5. Max depth 0.65m.

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

```
   802
   815
   900
   807
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**Interpretation/Discussion**

Hardcore make-up for path.

Building rubble.

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 17/3/08

**Initials:**
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE**

EXHIBITION '98.

**Trench**

8.

**Site sub-div**

Overlain by:

**Structure No.**

Abutted by:

**Plan No.**

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**Section No.**

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**Co-Ordinates**

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**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

**Context Type:** Deposits/Cut/Structure

**Type**

Check Lists:

**DEPOSIT:**
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness & extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension & thickness
4. sketch 5. truncation & fill
5. other comments

**MASSONRY:**
1. materials 2. size & bricks etc
3. finish of stone 4. coursed & bed 5. form & faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

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**Description (See check lists):**

1. Filla.
4. ori. silt.-arg. claysilt & loam 0.10m o
5. Max depth 0.1m.
6. Throughout.

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**Interpretation/Discussion**

DELIBERATE DEPOSIT

OVERLAYS + UNDETECTABLE MATERIALS X MOVEMENT AMONG DETAIL

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**Finds (tick):**

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Recorder**

**Date**

17/8/98

**Initials**

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials
**CONTEXT RECORD**

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- Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**TYPE**  Layer

- Check Lists:
  1. compaction
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  5. thickness
  6. extent
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- DEPOSIT:
  1. compaction
  2. composition
  3. Inclusion
  4. thickness
  5. extent
  6. comments
  7. method & conditions

- CUT:
  1. shape in plan
  2. base
  3. section profile
  4. dimensions & depth
  5. sketch of trench face & fill
  6. other comments

- MASONRY:
  1. materials
  2. size of bricks etc
  3. finish of stones
  4. coursing
  5. bond
  6. form
  7. faces
  8. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **Plant.**
2. **0. Brown cement.**
3. **Silty clay.**
4. **0.8-8.8cm limestone flint 0.05m.**
5. **Lime deposit 0.15m.**
6. **0.2m from E extent of trench.**

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- **801**
- **802**
- **803**

This context is **802**.

**Interpretation/Discussion**

Modern deposit overlies Roman (404)

Part of a building deposit.

**Finds (tick):**
- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder** 11/03

**Date** 17/03/08

**Initials**
**SITE:** OX4000/8

**Context No.:** 803

**Type:** Layer

**Description (See check lists):**

1. Fill
2. L. Brown, Yellow
3. Silt Clay
5. Max Depth. 0.25m.
6. Ca. 2m from E. Extreme of extent.

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

*Modern Build-Up.*

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 17/3/08

**Initials:**
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### Interpretation/Discussion

**TALUS. PORT OF MODERN QUARRY.**

**Finds** (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]

CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds

◊ Samples

△ Building Materials

Context No. 804.

**TYPE** LATER.

Check Lists:

- DEPOSIT:
  1. compaction 2. colour
  3. composition 4. inclusion
  5. thickness 6. extent
  7. comments 8. method & conditions

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
nos 7. other comments

MASONRY:

1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4.
coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Recorder: M4.

Date: 17/3/08.

Initials:
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE** Oxleas '08

Trench B

Site sub-div

Structure No.

Plan No. 8 + 11

Section No. 11 + 15

Co-Ordinates

Level

Slide No.

Neg No.

Matrix location

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

**TYPE** LEVEL

**CONTEXT:**

- Deposit / Cut / Structure

**DEPOSIT:**

- 1. compaction 2. colour
- 3. composition 4. inclusion
- 5. thickness 6. extent
- 7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**

- 1. shape in plan
- 2. base/sides/top profile
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- 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
- 7. other comments

**MASONRY:**

- 1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
- 3. finish of surface 4. coursing bond 5. form 6. faces
- 7. bond 8. dimensions as found
- 9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. Film

2. Mapped, red brown/orange

3. Soapy surf

4. Old 3rd and 4th c. limestone inclusions, < 0.05m

5. Max depth: 0.6m


**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- this context is 810
- 810

**Interpretation/Discussion**

Unknown origin/formation

Possible deep subsoil (calcareous)?

Possible Early Roman mortar found during mapping.

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]

CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds

◇ Samples

△ Building Materials

**Recorder** MJO

**Date** 17/3/08

**Initials**
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE** OX130K '08

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

- **Context Type:** Deposit & Cut / Structure
- **Overlay by:** 805
- **Abutted by:** 806
- **Cut by:**
- **Filled by:**
- **Same as:**
- **Part of:**
- **Consists of:**
- **Overlies:** 807
- **Butts:**
- **Cuts:**
- **Fill of:** 809
- **Matrix location:** Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **805**
2. M.O. - light brown - clay
3. **Slip clay**
4. **Coarse calcareous flecks**
5. **0.3 m.**
6. **1.4 m moist.**
7. **Amended**

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- **805**
- **806**

- **this context is**

**Interpretation/Discussion**

Possible all or possible pit.

No finds but deposit is similar to other RB recovered.

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**Finds (tick):**

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
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- Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 12/3/08

**Initials:**

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**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE**: OX2008

**Trench**: 8

**Structure No.**: 8 + 11

**Plan No.**: 8 + 11

**Section No.**: 11 + 15

**Co-Ordinates**: Same as:

**Level**: Butts:

**Slide No.**: Cuts:

**Neg No.**: Fill of: [899]

**Matrix location**: Relationships uncertain

**DESCRIPTION (See check lists):**

1. **DEBT**.
2. **NAP A OUGHT BLUE / GRY**.
3. **SILY CLAY SAND**.
4. **NONE**.
5. **MARO / REDT : 0.25 M**.
6. **WIT NO [899]**.

**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION**

Fill of possible PR. [899]

**FINDS (TICK):**
- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

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**Date**: 17/3/08

**Initials**: [Sign]
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- **Abutted by:**
- **Cut by:** 819  820  821
- **Filled by:**
- **Same as:** 809
- **Part of:**
- **Consists of:**
- **Overlies:**

**Check Lists:**

- **DEPOSIT:**
  1. compaction
  2. colour
  3. composition
  4. inclusion
  5. thickness
  6. extent
  7. comments
  8. method & conditions

- **CUT:**
  1. shape in plan
  2. base/sides/top profile
  3. dimension & depth
  4. sketch
  5. truncation & fill
  6. nos.
  7. other comments

- **MASONRY:**
  1. materials
  2. size of bricks etc
  3. finish of stones
  4. coursing/bond
  5. form
  6. faces
  7. bond
  8. dimensions as found
  9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. FLAK.

2. L. BEIGE YELLOW.

3. BROWN CLAY.

4. /

5. /

6. /

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

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| 819 | 820 | 821 |
```

This context is 808.

**Interpretation/Discussion**

MAVEMENT.

**Finds (tick):** None  Pot  Bone  Flint  Stone  Burnt stone  Glass  Metal  CBM  Wood  Leather

- **Small Finds**
- **Samples**
- **Building Materials**

**Recorder**

**Date** 17/3/08

**Initials**
**CONTEX RECORD**

**SITE** OX/ARUK '08

**Trench** 8

**Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Site sub-div**

**Structure No.**

**Plan No.** 8 + 11

**Section No.** 11 + 15

**Co-Ordinates**

**Overlies:**

**Level**

**Slide No.**

**Neg No.**

**Matrix location**

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**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

**Description (See check lists):**

SAME AS (808)

**Interpretation/Discussion**

NATIVE...

**Finds (tick):**
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Recorder** M0

**Date** 17/11/08

**Initials**

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

**Context No.** 809

**TYPE** L11158

**Overlain by:**

**Abutted by:**

**Cut by:***

**Filled by:**

**Same as:** (808)

**Part of:**

**Consists of:**

**Butts:**

**Cuts:**

**Fill of:**

**Relationships uncertain**

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE**  OXUSK '08.

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**
- Context Type: Deposit / Structure
- Overlain by:
- Abutted by:
- Cut by:
- Filled by: (811) (812)
- Same as:
- Part of:
- Consists of:
- Overlies:
- Butts:
- Cuts: (805)
- Fill of:
- Relationships uncertain

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**
- This context is 810.

**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION**

1. 
2. 
3. W - 1m D - e (1m)

**FINDS**
- (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]
- Small Finds △
- Samples ○
- Building Materials △

**Check Lists:**
- DEPOSIT:
  1. compaction 2. colour
  3. compaction 4. inclusion
  5. thickness 6. content
  7. cont. 8. method & conditions
- CUT:
  1. shape in plan
  2. base/side/top profile
  3. dimension and depth
  4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
  nos 7. other comments
- MASONRY:
  1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
  3. finish of surface
coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
  7. bond 8. dimensions as found
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**SITE**: OX BUSK '06

**Trench**: 8

**Site sub-div**: Overlain by: [812]

**Structure No.**: Abutted by:

**Plan No.**: Cut by: 8 + 11

**Section No.**: Filled by:

**Co-Ordinates**: Same as:

**Part of**: 11 + 15

**Consists of**: Overlies:

**Level**: Butts:

**Slide No.**: Cuts:

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**Matrix location**: Relationships uncertain

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**CUT**: 1. shape in plan 2. base/sides/top profile 3. dimension and depth 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

**MASONRY**: 1. materials 2. size of bricks etc 3. finish of stones 4. couring/lubbing form & facas 7. bond & dimensions as found 9. other comments

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**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

```
1. OPAQ
2. MOTTLED RED - BROWN ORANGE/YELLOW/BROWN
3. FLOODED CLAY
4. [ ]
5. MAX DEPTH: 0.5 m
6. UNDISTURBED [810]
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**DESCRIPTION (See check lists):**

1. OPAQ
2. MOTTLED RED - BROWN ORANGE/YELLOW/BROWN
3. FLOODED CLAY
4. [ ]
5. MAX DEPTH: 0.5 m
6. UNDISTURBED [810]

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**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION**

*MIXED MOLDED BACK Fill.*

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**FINDS (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Recorder**: [MD]

**Date**: 87/3/08

**Initials**: [ ]
SITE OX/BUSK '05

Trench 8

Site sub-div

Structure No.

Plan No. 8 + 11

Section No. 11 + 15

Co-Ordinates

Overlies: 817

Level

Page 812

Slide No.

Neg No.

Matrix location Relationships uncertain

Additional Sheets:

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

DEPOSIT:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness & extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension & depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos. 7. other comments

MASONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones etc. 4.
covering/bond 5. form 6. faces
8. bond 9. dimensions as found
10. other comments

Description (See check lists):

1. Fill.
3. Sandy clay.

4. 

5. Depth - 0.6m.
6. Lintern [810]

Interpretation/Discussion

Well relate mixed material.

Finds (tick):

Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Small Finds

Samples

Building Materials

Recorder

Date 17/3/05

Initials

Stratigraphic Matrix

Context No. 812

this context is 817

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**Description (See check lists):**

\[ SAUC 81 (820) (814) \]

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- [ ] 810
- [ ] 815
- [ ] 812

- [ ] 805
- [ ] 815
- [ ] 816

- [ ] 805

this context is 813.

**Interpretation/Discussion**

\[ A SWIZEN 81 A SEPARATED BY [82] \]

**Finds (tick):**
- [ ] None
- [ ] Pot
- [ ] Bone
- [ ] Flint
- [ ] Stone
- [ ] Burnt stone
- [ ] Glass
- [ ] Metal
- [ ] CBM
- [ ] Wood
- [ ] Leather

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder:** 40

**Date:** 17/4/08

**Initials:**
Site: OXLYK.05

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:
- 1. compaction 2. colour
- 3. composition 4. inclusion
- 5. thickness 6. extent
- 7. comments 8. method & conditions

Description (See check lists):

SAME AS (805) (13)

Level: Butts:

Co-Ordinates: Consists of:

Overlies: (816)

Interpretation/Discussion:

SEVEN腳 MARKED BY [80]

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]
SITE OXW/58

Trench 8

Site sub-div
Structure No.
Plan No. 87 + 1
Section No. 11 + 15

Co-Ordinates

Level
Slide No.
Neg No.
Matrix location

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
Overlain by: (873)
Abutted by:
Cut by:
Filled by:
Same as: (876)
Part of:
Consists of:
Overlies: (808)
Butts:
Cuts:
Fill of:

Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

1. Soft
2. Mud to light orange-grey/yellowish
3. Clay band
4.
5. Mixed deposits 0.1m

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

this context is (815)

Interpretation/Discussion

Armed Roman soil? Probably just interface with unbanking deposit from (805).

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Small Finds
Samples
Building Materials

Recorder
Date 4/3/88
Initials
Context Record

SITE: Oxford '08

Trench: Y

Structure No.: 8+11

Plan No.: 8+11

Section No.: 11+15

Co-Ordinates: Same as: (815)

Overlies: (922)

Cut by: Filled by:

Level: Butts:

Slide No.: Cuts:

Neg No.: Fill of:

Matrix location: Relationships uncertain

Type: Layer

Check Lists:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness & extent
7. comments 8. Method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/side/top profile
3. dimensions & depth
4. texture & truncation 5. fill
note other comments

MASONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of masonry 4. coursing or bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Overlain by: (814)

Description (See check lists):

Same as (815)

Stratigraphic Matrix

[Diagram showing stratigraphic relationships]

Findings (tick):
- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

Small Finds

Samples

Building Materials

Recorder: ND

Date: 17/1/05

Initials:
Context No. 817

Site: OX240K/08

Trench: 8
Site sub-div: Cox 8 + 11
Structure No.: Same as: 11415
Plan No.: Consists of: Overlies: 812
Co-Ordinates: Overlays: 812

Level: Butts: Cut by: Filled by: Sections uncertain

Description (See check lists):

Interpretation/Discussion:

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds
△ Samples
△ Building Materials

Recorder: 1140
Date: 27/3/08
Initials:
**SITE OX 99 '08**

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**Level:**

- **Type:**
  - DEPOSIT:
    - 1. compaction 2. colour
    - 3. composition 4. inclusion
    - 5. thickness 6. extent
    - 7. comments 8. method & conditions
  - CUT:
    - 1. shape in plan
    - 2. base/sides/top profile
    - 3. dimension & depth
    - 4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
    - 7. other comments
  - MASONRY:
    - 1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
    - 3. mix of stonework
    - 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
    - 7. bond 8. dimensions as found
    - 9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **Fabric**

2. **DARK WITH AGGLOM.**

3. **SANDY Silt.**

4. **on top, hard, maybe c. 0.05 m. c**

5. **no other... 0.1 m.**

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**Finds** (tick):
- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 17/3/08

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**Stratigraphic Matrix:**

- **Context is:** 818
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE OXERA 08:**

**Trench:** 8

**Context Type:** Deposition / Cut Structure

**SITE SUB-DIV:**

**Overlain by:**

**ABUTTED BY:**

**PLAN NO.:** 8711

**FILLED BY:** (807) (808)

**SECTION NO.:** H115

**SAME AS:**

**PART OF:**

**CO-ORDINATES:** Consists of:

**OVERLIES:**

**LEVEL:** Butts:

**SLIDE NO:** Cuts: (109)

**NEG NO:** Fill of:

**MATRIX LOCATION:** Relationships uncertain

**DESCRIPTION (SEE CHECK LISTS):**

1. **NOT SEEN**

2. **MOO Scotland FLAT***

3. **0.4m DEEP X 2m WIDE***

5. **FUNCTION RH APPEARS ROMAN (807)**

**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION**

**ARABLE? ROMAN? ART.**

**FILLS ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF (820 521)**

**IT WAS INITIALLY THOUGHT DURING STAPPING THAT THESE**

**FILLS OF [89] WERE NATURAL BUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION**

**AND PARTY CONTEXT IN SEASON SUGGEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL ORIGINS.**

**FINDS (TICK):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**SMALL FINDS**

**SAMPLES**

**BUILDING MATERIALS**

**RECORDER:** MO

**DATE:** 17/5/08

**INITIALS:**
### CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE**: OX/RISK '05

**Context No.**: 820

**Type**: Cut

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**
- Context Type: Deposit
- Cut/Structure

**Check Lists:**
- DEPOSIT: 1. compaction, 2. colour, 3. composition, 4. inclusion, 5. thickness, 6. extent, 7. comments, 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**
- 1. shape in plan, 2. base/sides/top profile, 3. dimension and depth, 4. sketch, 5. truncation, 6. fill, 7. notes, 8. other comments

**MASONRY:**
- 1. materials, 2. size of bricks etc, 3. finish of stones, 4. coursed, 5. bound, 6. form, 7. faces, 8. dimensions as found, 9. other comments

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**Description (See check lists):**

1. Sub -文化
2. Mod. late, concave base
3. W-1.1 0-0.3
4. (Douglas)
5. (822)
6. (822)

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- This context is 820

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**Interpretation/Discussion**

1 of 2. Again pig [84] next to exit one.

No observable relationship but not in line.

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**Finds (tick):**
- None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder**: [Signature]
**Date**: 17/8/05
**Initials**: [Signature]
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE** OXROI 06.8

**(additional sheets):**

**Trench** 8

**Context Type:** Deposit

**Overlay by:**

**Structure No.**

**Abutted by:**

**Plan No.**

**Cut by:**

**Filled by:** (822)

**Section No.**

**Same as:**

**Part of:**

**Co-Ordinates**

**Consists of:**

**Overlies:**

**Level**

**Butts:**

**Slide No.**

**Cuts:** (808)

**Neg No.**

**Fill of:**

**Matrix location**

**Relationships uncertain**

**Description (See check lists):**

1. Sub-circular.

2. Moderate, Concrete.

3. On - 0.8m, Depth - 0.9m.

4.

5.

6. (822).

**Interpretation/Discussion**

SAME AT 820 NO RELATIONSHIP SET.

SOME IN RAW INDUSTRIE 2 WHT, PROBABLY SAME FILL.

**Finds (tick):**

- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

**△ Small Finds**

**◇ Samples**

**△ Building Materials**

**Recorded:**

**Date:** 17/3/06

**Initials:**
Site: OXASUG 105

Context No.: 822

Type: E7

Description (See check lists):

1. Context:
2. Mud - Light grey
3. Silty sandy
4. One thin layer of flints
5. Mud 0.3m
6. Maewenn [820] [821]

Interpretation/Discussion:

Single fill event at level [820] [821]

B S in date.

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Recorder: [Redacted]
Date: 17/3/05
Initials: [Redacted]
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## Brief description of archaeology/comments

2. LARGE PIT Feature + LARGE QUADRET OF RB 905 from Marketed Layer (907)/(902) and in Pit 903.

DEEP MENCHES AND VERY WET CONDITIONS PREVENTING FULL EXC. OF FEATURES.
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**Description (See check lists):**

1. **feature**
2. **ditch** very shallow.
3. **silt**.
4. **incised** sub-ang stone 0.05 m φ
5. **max depth** 0.2 m.
6. **feature**.

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**stratigraphic matrix**

- this context is 900

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds
◇ Samples
△ Building Materials

**Context No.**

| 900 |

**Recorder**

**Date** 15/1/08

**Initials**
Description (See check lists):

1. Found.
2. Mid green brown.
3. Sandy silt.
4. All pur-ang limestone bars 0.2m &
5. Max depth 0.3m.
6. Slight NOP.

Interpretation/Discussion

Subsoil? — make-up? — weathering?

Romano-British in irregularly slight 90%.

**Finds** (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds

◇ Samples

△ Building Materials

Context No.

901.

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:

DEPOSIT:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments & method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension & depth
4. sketch 5. truncation & fill
5. others & comments

MASONRY
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. find of stones 4.
coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

this context is 901.

Recorder 

Date 20/7/86

Initials
# Context Record

**Site:** OX185 W06

**Trench:** 9

**Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Overlain by:** (902)

**Abutted by:**

**Plan No.:** 9

**Section No.:** 21

**Co-Ordinates:**
- Consists of:
- Overlies: (905)

**Level:** Butts:

**Slide No.:** Cuts:

**Neg No.:** Fill of:

**Matrix location:** Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **Flame/Flue.**
2. **Dark grey brown.**
3. **Sandy sub.**
4. **Top surf. was 0.2 m. off.**
5. **Max depth 0.3 m.**
6. **Discussion.**

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

Based on its **make-up below current surface/subsoil.**

- R.B. as **transport.**

**Finds (tick):**
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

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**Check Lists:**

**DEPOSIT:**
- 1. compaction 2. colour
- 3. composition 4. inclusion
- 5. thickness 6. extent
- 7. comments & method & conditions

**CUT:**
- 1. shape in plan
- 2. base/depth/size profile
- 3. dimension & depth
- 4. sketch
- 5. truncation 6. fill
- 7. other comments

**MASONRY:**
- 1. material, 2. size of bricks etc
- 3. finish of stones 4. coursed bond 5. form 6. faces
- 7. bond 8. dimensions as found 9. other comments

**Additional Sheets:**

**Type Layer:**

**Context No.:** 902

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 17/3/06

**Initials:**

**Date:** 17/3/06
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- Context Type: Deposit: **Cut/Structure**
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- Abutted by: |
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- Filled by: |
- Same as: |
- Part of: |
- Consists of: |
- Overlies: |
- Butts: |
- Cuts: **(906)**
- Fill of: |

**Description (See check lists):**
1. **General:** Only partially seen.
2. **Mud slope.
3. At least 5m Ø + 0.4m deep.
5. **(904) (905)**
6. **(904) (905)**

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**
- this context is **403**
- **404**
- **406**
- **903**

**Interpretation/Discussion**
- **LARGE R.B PIT? CAN EXIST?**
- Very little fill due to deposit and waterlogged conditions.

**Finds**
- (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:**
- **MO**

**Date:**
- **17/8/89**

**Initials:**
## CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE:** OXAK 08

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### DESCRIPTION (See check lists):

1. Fill.
2. Mud - light grey.
4. Red oak and lime. Rings 0.10m C.
5. Burnt deposit. 0.4m as seen.
6. Mud [903].

### STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

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### INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION

Fill of pit, naturally filled. Burnt deposit.

Samphor for underwater potential.

### FINDS (tick):

- None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

#### Small Finds

#### Samples

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#### Building Materials
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**Trench**: 9

**Context Type**: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Overlain by**: 982

**Abutted by**: 

**Cut by**: 

**Filled by**: 

**Section No.**: 21

**Same as**: 

**Part of**: 

**Consists of**: 

**Overlies**: 903

**Level**: 

**Butts**: 

**Slide No.**: 

**Cuts**: 

**Neg No.**: 

**Fill of**: 903

**Matrix location**: Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. Pleurite
2. Mixed mud grey brown
3. Silt clay
4. Occ. sub-opaque stone <0.2m
5. Max depth 0.15m
6. Mnr [903]

**Stratigraphic Matrix**

| 902 | 904 |

**this context is 905**

**Interpretation/Discussion**

Upper fill of 3 Pit 3 [903]

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder**: 

**Date**: 17/3/08

**Initials**: 
SITE: OXER1108

Trench 9

Site sub-div Overlain by:

Structure No. Abutted by:

Plan No. 9

Cut by: [803, 807]
Filled by:

Section No. 21

Same as:
Part of:

Co-Ordinates Consists of:
Overlies:

Level Butts:

Slide No. Cuts:

Neg No. Fill of:

Matrix location Relationships uncertain

Description (See check lists):

1. Plan
2. Dark brown earth
3. Sandy clay

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

this context is 906

Interpretation/Discussion

Mottled clay.
Context Record

**SITE**: OXBSX 108

**Additional Sheets:**
- Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Type**: Cut

**Check Lists:**
- Deposit: 1. compaction, 2. colour, 3. composition, 4. inclusion, 5. thickness, 6. extent, 7. comments, 8. method & conditions
- Cut: 1. shape in plan, 2. base/sides/top profile, 3. dimension and depth, 4. sketch 5. truncation, 6. fill nos, 7. other comments
- Masonry: 1. materials, 2. size of bricks etc, 3. finish of stones etc, 4. coursing/bond, 5. form, 6. faces, 7. bond, 8. dimensions as found, 9. other comments

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **GRASS** (enc content not seen).
2. **NOT EXCAVATED DUE TO WATERTIGHTING**.
3. **APPROX 4.5m WIDE AT LEAST**.
4. **905**

**Interpretation/Discussion**

WATER TIGHTING PREVENTED EXCAVATION BUT IS VERY SIMILAR TO 903.

**Possible Pit/Witch.**

**Finds** (tick):
- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder**: [Signature]

**Date**: 17/3/05

**Initials**: [Signature]
**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE** 0X644/08

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**

- **Trench:** 9
  - Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure
  - Overlaid by: 202
  - Abutted by:
  - Cut by:
  - Filled by:
  - Same as:
  - Part of:
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  - Fill of: 907
  - Relationships uncertain

**Finds** (tick):
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

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102
908
907
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**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- `102`
- `908`
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**Interpretation/Discussion**

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more fill of 907
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**Recorder**

**Date** 17/3/08

**Initials**
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### Brief Description of Archaeology/Comments

1. P/105E = 2 irregular patches of unknown date/function - quarrying? (Simon Martin)

   OVERLAIN BY MODERN BUILDING RUBBLE

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SITE OXKUSK '05

Trench 10

Site sub-div

Structure No. 10

Plan No. 17, 18, 22, 23

Section No.

Co-Ordinates

Level

Slide No.

Neg No.

Matrix location

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

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Overlies: (1001)

Butts:

Cuts:

Fill of:

Relationships uncertain

Check Lists:

DEPOSIT:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. surface 5. truncation 6. fill
7. notes 8. other comments

MASONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones etc
4. coursing 5. bond 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Description (See check lists):

1. Fossil
2. Dark grey brown
3. Small Art
4. All Phase stones 0.05m Ø
5. Max extent 0.2m

Interpretation/Discussion

FORMAL

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Recorder

Date 17/3/06

Initials

Small Finds

Samples

Building Materials
**SITE**
Oxford Archaeology

**Context No.**
1007

**Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Type:** UMER

**Check Lists:**
- Deposition: compacted 2. Colour
- Composition: 4. Inclusion
- Thickness: 6. Extent
- Comments: 8. Method & conditions

**DEPOSIT:**
- 1. Shape in plan
- 2. Base/sides/top profile
- 3. Dimension and depth
- 7. Other comments

**CUT:**
- 1. Material/size of bricks etc
- Coursing/bond/5. Form/6. faces
- 7. Bond 8. Dimensions as found
- 9. Other comments

**MASONRY:**
- 1.

**Description (See check lists):**
1. **CUSHED MORTAR + LIQUID RUBBLE**

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**5. MAX. DEPTH: 0.2m.**

**6. e. 8m from NW Extent.**

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**Finds (tick):** None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- △ Small Finds
- ◊ Samples
- △ Building Materials

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 12/3/00

**Initials:**

**Matrix location:** Relationships uncertain
**CONTEX RECORD**

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- Consists of: 
- Overlies: (1003)
- Butts: 
- Cuts: 
- Fill of: 
- Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**
1. Context
2. Dark Brown
3. Sandy Silt
4. Fredia flint and limestone < 0.4m
5. Max depth 0.25 m
6. E. 7.5m from NE eject

**Interpretation/Discussion**
Mixed Rubble Deposit

**Finds (tick):**
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Contex No.** 1002

**Type** Layer

**Check Lists:**
- DEPOSIT:
  1. compaction 2. colour
  3. composition 4. inclusion
  5. thickness 6. extent
  7. comments 8. method & conditions

- CUT:
  1. shape in plan
  2. base/sides/top profile
  3. dimension and depth
  4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
  7. other comments

- MASONRY:
  1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
  3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
  7. bond 8. dimensions as found
  9. other comments

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

- Context 1002
- this context is
- 1008
- 1003

**Recorder**

**Date** 17/3/08

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Interpretation/Discussion

DEMISE AT Fill of [1013].

**Finds** (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Context No.** 1003

**Context Type:** Deposit/Cut/Structure

**Check Lists:**
- DEPOSIT:
  1. compaction 2. colour
  3. composition 4. inclusion
  5. thickness 6. extent
  7. comments 8. method & conditions

- CUT:
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- MASONRY:
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**CONTEXT RECORD**

**SITE** OXWUL '08

**Trench** 10
**Site sub-div**
**Structure No.**
**Plan No.**
**Section No.**
**Co-Ordinates**
**Level**
**Slide No.**
**Neg No.**
**Matrix location**

**ADDITIONAL SHEETS:**
- Context Type: Deposits/Cut / Structure
- Overlain by: (1075)
- Abutted by:
- Cut by: 21013.
- Filled by:
- Same as:
- Part of:
- Consists of:
- Overlies: (1006)
- Butts:
- Cuts:
- Fill of: (1007)
- Relationships uncertain

**DESCRIPTION (See check lists):**

1. **Flam.**
2. **Mid grey area.**
3. **Tan soil (mixed)**
4. **sand, max 0.05 m**
5. **max depth 0.65 m.**
6. **mix area in (1007)**

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**
- 1075
- 1004
- 1006

**INTERPRETATION/DISCUSSION**

Mix area in (1007).

**FINDS** (tick):
- None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**
**Samples**
**Building Materials**

**RECORDER**

**DATE** 19/3/08
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### Context Record

**Site:** OASSM 108

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1. **Rum.**
2. *Mix so dark yellow/orange*
3. **Clay band.**

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

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1010 1007 1013
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**Interpretation/Discussion**

**Finds** (tick):
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder**

**Date**

**Initials**
**SITE**  OXWMC1081

**Trench**  10

**Structure No.**

**Plan No.**  10

**Section No.**  19/18/22/23

**Description (See check lists):**

1. EDM
2. 0. Brown, greyish, yellow (mottled).
3. CMD 555.
4. 0.02 m concrete floor.
5. Max depth: 0.4 m.
6. **Fill of 1004**

**FINDS (tick):**

- None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Context No.**  1006

**Type**  Red

**Context Type:**  Deposit, Cut / Structure

**DEPOSIT:**

1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension & depth
4. sketch 5. location 6. fill
7. nos 8. other comments

**MASONRY:**

1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. floor 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found 9. other comments

**Description:**

Mixed architecture

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX**

| 1004 | 1006 |

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**Interpretation/Discussion**

Mixed architecture

**RECORder**  MO

**Date**  17/3/08

**Initials**
### Context Record

**SITE**
Oxendish '08

**Trench**
10

**Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Overlain by:**

**Abutted by:**

**Plan No.**
10

**Cut by:**

**Filled by:**
(1035) (1034) (1029)

**Section No.**
17/8/22/23

**Same as:**

**Part of:**

**Consists of:**

**Overlies:**

**Level**
Butts:

**Slide No.**
Cut:

**Neg No.**
Fill:

**Matrix Location**
Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. Context
2. Context, overlapping in places
3. W. c. 2m, D - c. 1.2m
4. [Handwritten notes]
5. [Handwritten notes]
6. [Handwritten notes]

**Interpretation/Discussion**

Unidentified large layer of unknown function

**Finds**
(tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- [ ] Small Finds
- [ ] Samples
- [ ] Building Materials

**Recorder**:

**Date**: 12/2/08

**Initials**
**Context Record**

**Site:** OX Musk '08

**Trench:** 10

**Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure

**Overlain by:** (1001)

**Abutted by:**

**Cut by:**

**Filled by:**

**Section No.:** 17/18/22/23

**Co-Ordinates:**

**Consists of:**

**Overlies:** (1002)

**Level:** Butts:

**Slide No.:**

**Neg No.:**

**Matrix location:** Relationships uncertain

**Description (see check lists):**

1. Wall combusted
2. Dark red - brown
3. Sandy sub
4. Almost 90% coarse brick / CBM
5. Max depth: 0.3m
6. c. 4m from SW extent

**Interpretation/Discussion:**

Moos? Building rubble / deposit

**Finds** (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 12/3/08

**Initials:**

**Stratigraphic Matrix:**

- 1008
- 1001
- 1002

This context is 1008.
SITE oxrisk 68.

Trench 10.  Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Site sub-div
Structure No.
Plan No.
Section No.
Co-Ordinates
Level
Slide No.
Neg No.
Matrix location

Description (See check lists):

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

this context is

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

△ Small Finds
◇ Samples
△ Building Materials

Context No. 1009.

TYPE VOID.

Check Lists:

DEPOSIT:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
nos 7. other comments

MASSONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4.
coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Interpretation/Discussion

Recorder
Date 19/2/08
Initials
# CONTEXT RECORD

## SITE

**Context No.** 1010

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **CIRCULAR.**
2. **STEPPED SIDE, CONCAVE BASE.**
3. **1.40.4m, 2.0.35m.**
4. **N/A.**
5. **(1011).**
6. **(1011).**

## ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

- **Trench:** 10
- **Site sub-div:** Overlain by:
- **Structure No.:** Abutted by:
- **Plan No.:** Cut by:
- **Filled by:** (1011)
- **Section No.:** 19
- **Co-Ordinates:** Consists of:
- **Overlies:** Relationships uncertain
- **Level:** Butts:
- **Slide No.:** Cuts: (1005)
- **Neg No.:** Fill of:

## STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

- **this context is 1011**
- **1010**

## FINDS

- **(tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]**

## RECORD

- **Small Finds**
- **Samples**
- **Building Materials**

**Recorder 140**

**Date 17/3/05**

**Initials**
SITE: OXFLNU 105

Context No.: 1011

Trench: 10

Site sub-div: Overlain by 1002

Structure No.: Abutted by: 

Plan No.: Cut by: 
Filled by: 

Section No.: Same as: 19

Part of: 

Co-Ordinates: Consists of: Overlies: 

Level: Butts: 

Slide No.: Cuts: 

Neg No.: Fill of: 1010

Matrix location: Relationships uncertain

Check Lists:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

DEPOSIT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
nos 7 other comments

CUT:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

MASONRY:

Description (See check lists):

1. Firm
2. Mixed mud yellow/ green-brown
3. Silt/sandy
4. On/within 1002
5. Max depth 0.35m
6. Burnt [1010]

Interpretation/Discussion

Debacle B/all of 2/1002

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Recorder: 
Date: 17/3/105
Initials: 

Small Finds

Samples

Building Materials
Site: OX:Kusk. 08

Trench: 10

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Context No.: 1012

Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Find Recorder: [Signature]

Date: 17/12/08

Initials: [Signature]

Description (See check lists):

VEN

Interpretation/Discussion:

This context is:

Stratigraphic Matrix:

Check Lists:

DEPOSIT:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill
nos. 7. other comments

MASSONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4.
coursing/bond 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
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ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Overlain by:

Abutted by:

Cut by:

Filled by:

Same as:

Part of:

Consists of:

Overlies:

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Neg No.

Matrix location

Relationships uncertain

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

this context is

Diagram
SITE: OXAMK108

Trench: 10

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Context No. 1013

ADDITIONAL SHEETS:

SITE

Trench: 10

Structure No.

Plan No. 10

Abutted by:

Structures:

Overlain by:

CUT:

1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. truncation 6. fill nos 7. other comments

DEPOSIT:

1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

MASONRY:

1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones etc
4. coursing bonds 5. form 6. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Section No. 17/18/22/23

Part of:

Co-Ordinates

Consists of:

Overlies:

Matrix location

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Cuts:

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Butts:

Slide No.

Neg No.

Fill of:

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

- - - - - - - - - -

this context is 1013

1014

1005

1007

Finders (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]

CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Small Finds: [ ]

Samples: [ ]

Building Materials: [ ]
SITE: 0CE054/08

Context No.: 10/4

Type: En

Description (See check lists):

1. GRN.
2. ALL GREY BROWN.
3. SANDY Silt.
4. OCC. OCT.-OCT. SLATE 20 CM. OF W/A.
5. MAX DEPTT. 0.2 M (THOUGH NOT BOTTOMED).
6. WINDOW [1013].

Interpretation/Discussion

DELIVERED BASALT.

Find (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Small Finds

Samples

Building Materials

Recorder: [Signature]
Date: 17/3/08
Initials: [Signature]
SITE: OX5 W11 '08

Trench: 10

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Overlain by: 1003

Abutted by:

Cut by:

Filled by:

Plan No.: 10

Section No.: 19/21/22/23

Co-Ordinates: Consists of:

Overlies: 1044, 1009

Level: Butts:

Slide No.:

Neg No.:

Fill of: 1015, 1007

Matrix location: Relationships uncertain

Context No.: 1015

Check Lists:

DEPOSIT:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments 8. method & conditions

CUT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. depressions/grooves
4. sketch location & fill

MASONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stone e.g. coursing/bond etc 4. form 5. faces
7. bond 8. dimensions as found
9. other comments

Description (See check lists):

1. Field
2. Hard ground
3. Sand
4. Sub-soil limestone < 0.4m Ø
5. Max deposit 0.6m
6. Bottom 0.45m

Interpretation/Discussion

DEPOSIT ORIGIN:

(Continuum may be:
Upper deposition in anti 1017, 1007)

Finds (tick):
- None
- Pot
- Bone
- Flint
- Stone
- Burnt stone
- Glass
- Metal
- CBM
- Wood
- Leather

Small Finds

Samples

Building Materials

Recorder: MP

Date: 17/11/08

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Brief description of archaeology/comments

2. FEATURE: MODERN? P/PILE.

+ 1 MED/P MED? COW/MORSE BURN.
**Context No.**
1200

### Context Record

**Site**
Oxfordshire

**Additional Sheets:**
- Context Type: Deposit, Cut / Structure
- Check Lists:
  - DEPOSIT: 1. compaction, 2. colour, 3. composition, 4. inclusion, 5. thickness, 6. extent, 7. comments, 8. method & conditions
- CUT: 1. shape in plan, 2. base sides/ top profile, 3. dimension/ cut depth, 4. sketch, 5. truncation, 6. fills, 7. other comments
- MASONRY: 1. materials, 2. size of bricks etc, 3. finish of stones, 4. coursed/ bond, 5. form, 6. faces, 7. bond, 8. dimensions, 9. found, 10. other comments

**Trench**
12

**Site sub-div**

**Structure No.**

**Plan No.**
12

**Section No.**
25

**Co-Ordinates**

**Level**

**Slide No.**

**Neg No.**

**Matrix location**
Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. **Fill**:  
2. **MB or MB Must**:
3. **Surface**:
4. **All, 50 cm lower than 0.05 m?**
5. **May be... 0.35 m.**
6. **Thick 1cm.**

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**Finds**
- (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

**Small Finds**

**Samples**

**Building Materials**

**Recorder**

**Date**
17/6/00

**Initials**
**Context Record**

**Context No.** 1201

### Site
- **Site**: Oxstoke 108
- **Trench**: 12
- **Site sub-div**: Overlain by: (1200)
- **Structure No.**: Abutted by:
- **Plan No.**: 12
- **Cut by**: Filled by:
- **Section No.**: 25
- **Co-ordinates**: Consists of:
- **Overlies**: (1206) (1203)
- **Level**: Butts:
- **Slide No.**: Cuts:
- **Neg No.**: Fill of:
- **Matrix location**: Relationships uncertain

### Description (See check lists):

1. **Fill (clay)**.
2. **Mud loam (gray) brown**.
3. **Flint (flint)**.
4. **Red sub-angular stones ≤ 0.05 m**.
5. **Max depth 0.35 m**.
6. **Throughout**. TR 12.

### Interpretation/Discussion

- Signatures:

### Stratigraphic Matrix

- **1206**
- **1203**
- **1200**

This context is 1201.

### Finds
- **(tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- **Small Finds**
- **Samples**
- **Building Materials**

**Recorder** MO-

**Date** 17/3/08

**Initials**
### Context Record

**Context No.:** 1202

**Type:** cut

**SITE:** oxford

**Trench:** 12

**Site sub-div:**

**Structure No.:**

**Plan No.:** 12

**Filled by:** (1203)

**Section No.:** 24

**Co-Ordinates:**

**Overlies:**

**Level:**

**Slide No.:**

**Cut by:**

**Butts:**

**Neg No.:**

**Fill of:** (1204)

**Matrix location:** Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. OVR
2. MUD, STRAT. BONES, CONTINUE RAKE
3. L - 0.9m, W - 0.5m, D - 0.2m

**STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX:**

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**Interpretation/Discussion:**

PILE OF SKELETONS. FILL, PLUMBING SUIT

MODERN

**Finds (tick):**

- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder:**

**Date:** 17/3/67

**Initials:**
## CONTEXT RECORD

**SITE:** ox.00sk.08

### Trench 12
- **Context Type:** Deposit / Cut / Structure
- **Check Lists:**

### Site sub-div
- Overlain by: (1201)

### Structure No.
- Abutted by:

### Plan No.
- Cut by:
- Filled by:

### Section No.
- Same as: 24
- Part of:

### Co-Ordinates
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### Level
- Butts:

### Slide No.
- Cuts:

### Neg No.
- Fill of: 1202

### Matrix location
- Relationships uncertain

### STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

- [Diagram of stratigraphic matrix]

- This context is 1203

### Interpretation/Discussion

Very similar fill to (1200) person.

(This becomes repetitive).

### Finds (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]

**CBM** [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder**

**Date**

**Initials**
### Context Record

**Context No.** 1204

**Site** OXW105 06

**Trench** 12

**Site sub-div**

**Structure No.**

**Plan No.** 12

**Cut by:** 1207, 1205

**Filled by:**

**Section No.** 25

**Co-Ordinates**

**Level**

**Slide No.**

**Neg No.**

**Matrix location** Relationships uncertain

**Description (See check lists):**

1. Context
2. Horto [Root] brown yellow/orange
3. Clay sand
4. 
5. 

**Interpretation/Discussion**

**Finds** (tick):
- None [ ]
- Pot [ ]
- Bone [ ]
- Flint [ ]
- Stone [ ]
- Burnt stone [ ]
- Glass [ ]
- Metal [ ]
- CBM [ ]
- Wood [ ]
- Leather [ ]

**Type** UMMER.

**Additional Sheets:**

**Context Type:** Deposit, Cut/Structure

**Check Lists:**

- 1. compaction 2. colour
- 3. composition 4. inclusion
- 5. thickness 6. extent
- 7. comments 8. method & conditions

**CUT:**

- 1. shape in plan
- 2. base/sides/top profile
- 3. dimension and depth
- 4. sketch 5. notation 6. fill
- 7. other comments

**Masonry:**

- 1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
- 3. finish of stones etc
- 4. coursing/bond 5. form 6. Facets
- 7. bond 8. dimensions as found
- 9. other comments

**Stratigraphic Matrix**

```
| 1207 | 1205 | 1202 | 1204 |
```

This context is 1204.

**Recorder**

**Date** 17/3/05

**Initials**
**SITE** OX109.108

**Trench** 12

**Context Type:** Deposit

**Context No.** 1205

**Site sub-div**

Overlain by:

**Structure No.**

Abutted by:

**Plan No.** 10 + 13

Filled by: (1205)

**Section No.**

Same as:

Part of:

Consists of:

**Co-Ordinates**

Overlies:

**Level**

Butts:

**Slide No.**

Cuts: (1204)

**Neg No.**

Fill of: (1204)

**Matrix location**

Relationships uncertain

**Stratigraphic Matrix**

1. 1205

   this context is 1205

   1204

   1206


**Interpretation/Discussion**

**Finds** (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ] CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

- Small Finds
- Samples
- Building Materials

**Recorder** MO

**Date** 17/3/05

**Initials**
SITE: OXROSE '88

Context Type: Deposit / Cut / Structure

Check Lists:
1. compaction 2. colour
3. composition 4. inclusion
5. thickness 6. extent
7. comments & method & conditions

Description (See check lists):
1. Rough
2. Mixed, very brown with some yellow/grey patches
3. Slim down
4. Cow / horse?
5. 0.45 m
6. warn [1205]

Interpretation/Discussion

DELIBERATE CONTROLLED BURNING NOTIE

Find (tick): None [ ] Pot [ ] Bone [ ] Flint [ ] Stone [ ] Burnt stone [ ] Glass [ ] Metal [ ]
CBM [ ] Wood [ ] Leather [ ]

Additional Sheets:

Context No. 1206

Type: Fur

DEPOSIT:
1. shape in plan
2. base/sides/top profile
3. dimension and depth
4. sketch 5. Topsoil 6. fill
nos. 7. other comments

MASONRY:
1. materials 2. size of bricks etc
3. finish of stones 4. counting/bond 5. faces
7. bond & dimensions as found
9. other comments

This context is: 1206

Neg No. Fill of: [1205]
OXFORD RUSKIN COLLEGE
OXFORD 08

Box 1 File 4

B. Catalogue of Drawings

No. 978033 Buff
PART 1  FILMING INSTRUCTIONS
Submitter: OA
No. of Disks: 2

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Line 1: [OA]  County: [OXON]  Parish: [OXFORD]
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Mortar

Pottery

Ruskin College, Headington (OXRUSK): Pottery

Seventy five sherds (1950 g) of pottery were recovered, the majority of late Roman date but also including small groups assigned to the early Iron Age and the late 12th-13th century. Two small sherds of 19th-20th century date are not considered further. The pottery was recorded rapidly using codes in the OA standard systems for Roman and post-Roman pottery. The material was in variable condition, though relatively few sherds were abraded as a result of repeated redeposition.

Table 1: Quantities (no. sherds/weight) of pottery by context and broad period

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Iron Age
The Iron Age sherds, in a sand and clay-pellet-tempered fabric, were all from a single vessel, a carinated bowl of early Iron Age type. The form is not sharply tripartite, but is broadly comparable to vessels such as Harding (1972), Plate 57, G, from Chinnor and is also paralleled by unpublished examples from Yarnton.

Roman
The Roman pottery consisted almost entirely of products of the Oxford industry. The fabrics present were:

F51 Oxford red-brown colour-coated ware, 7 sherds
M22 Oxford white ware mortarium fabric, 24 sherds
M31 Oxford white slipped oxidised mortarium fabric, 1 sherd
M41 Oxford red-brown colour-coated mortarium fabric, 1 sherd
W10 Oxford white ware, 9 sherds
W11 Oxford parchment ware, 2 sherds
O10 Oxford fine oxidised ware, 5 sherds
O81 Pink grogged ware, 2 sherds
R10 Oxford fine reduced ware, 3 sherds
R30 Oxford medium sandy reduced ware, 5 sherds
B30 Wheelmade imitation black-burnished ware, 1 sherd

The only certain non-Oxford product was fabric O81, produced at Stowe in Buckinghamshire, though in addition it is quite likely that fabric B30 was not a local product, but its source is unknown. Amongst the Oxford material the dominance of mortarium sherds is noteworthy. This is of course characteristic of material derived from production waste, the proportion of mortaria being completely unrepresentative of domestic assemblages. Nine of the 16 vessels represented by rim sherds were mortaria, with single examples of Young (1977) white ware (fabric M22) types M18 and M20 and six examples of type M22. These vessels, together with an example of type WC7 in fabric M31, all indicate a date range of AD 240 or later. This range is supported by all the other rim sherds, which included examples of Oxfordshire types C18 and C47 (and a body sherd of C51) in the colour-coated fabric F51, a type P24 bowl in parchment ware fabric W11 and jars, a bowl and a dish in fabrics R10, O81, B30 and R30 respectively. A fragmentary mortarium rim sherd, missing the end of the flange but probably of the M10 family, was the only sherd
that is almost certain to have predated the middle of the 3rd century AD.

Medieval
A single context (1206) was dated to the medieval period by a small group of sherds, and two further medieval sherds came from topsoil in Trench 9. The fabrics present (after Mellor 1994) were:

OXR St Neots type ware (shell), 1 sherd
OXAC Early medieval Oxford ware (sand and oolitic limestone), 1 sherd
OXY Late Saxon-medieval Oxford ware (sand), 3 sherds
OXBF ‘South-west Oxon’ ware (sand and flint), 1 sherd
OXAQ East Wiltshire ware (flint), 2 sherds

Only a single rim sherd was present, from a cooking pot of late 12th-13th century type in fabric OXY. The fabrics are unremarkable and suggest activity from the late Saxon period to the 13th century, or just possibly a little later. The single sherd of St Neots type ware was noticeably abraded compared to the other sherds, which is consistent with its potentially earlier date range.

Discussion
The pottery indicates the presence of isolated features of early Iron Age and late 12th-13th century date. The majority of the material, however, demonstrates Roman activity in the vicinity, principally from the middle of the 3rd century onwards. This appears to have included a domestic component, indicated by vessels in non-local fabrics O81 and (probably) B30, but the bulk of the pottery was locally produced and the balance of fabrics and forms, in particular the dominance of mortaria, indicates that some of this production took place in the very near vicinity of the site. There is an absence of obvious wasters, but this is commonly the case with mortarium production (though the example of type M20 is fairly clearly overfired). The discoloration of a number of the mortarium and other white ware sherds is also reminiscent of production site debris, as for example at Blackbird Leys and Lower Farm, Nuneham Courtenay. Comparable material has been noted from the vicinity previously, with the same observation that ‘the heavy preponderance of mortaria …. suggests a kiln site.’ (Young 1977, 252). The precise location of such a kiln or kilns remains uncertain, however.
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**KEY: Finds**: P = pot, B = bone, Cr = cremated bone, S = slag, F = flint, BF = burnt flint, G = glass, Sh = shell, Cu = copper, Fe = iron, Be = beads

**Processed for & Sub-samples**: CPR = charred plant remains, Sn = snails, Po = pollen, W = waterlogged, M = metalworking, Pe = pedology

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Animal Bone
POST EXCAVATION ASSESSMENT OF THE ANIMAL BONES RECOVERED FROM EXCAVATIONS AT RUSKIN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

By Rachel Scales

submitted April 2008

Methods
The animal bone was recorded following the protocol outlined in Serjeantson (1996). Where possible fragments were identified to species using the Oxford Archaeology Zooarchaeology reference collection. Fragments that could not be identified to species were put into categories: large mammal sized (e.g. cattle, horse or large deer) and micro-mammal sized (e.g. shrew, vole, amphibian).

Results
A total of 280 bones were recovered from the site, of which 236 were identifiable to species level; of the 280 bones, 48 (17%) were recovered from one sieved environmental bulk sample. Cattle (*Bos taurus*) was the most frequent species present making up 80% of the identifiable fragments in the assemblage (Table 1). Other species recorded in small numbers were shrew, rodent, amphibian and small fish.

Phasing is not yet complete for the site however, contexts associated with the animal bone are thought to relate to two distinct periods: Late Roman (240-400 AD) and Medieval (12th-13th Century).

Table 1. Number and percentage of identifiable bones.

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Roman Bone
A total of 63 bone fragments were recovered from 4 different Roman contexts (Table 2). Of these 30 were identifiable to species level. Table 2 shows the contexts, species and elements of the bones recovered from the Ruskin College Roman features. Cattle was the only domestic mammal recorded.

The condition of the bones varied from good to poor, with the highest number of small bones and unidentifiable fragments being recovered from the sieved environmental sample (904). No burnt or carnivore gnawed bones were recorded. Two large mammal ribs showed signs of butchery: cut marks were indicative of the dismembering process. The presence of both meat bearing and non meat bearing cattle elements and the butchery marks recorded appear to reflect domestic activity.

The site lies close to the Bayswater Brook, which had a number of springs running into it. The presence of micro-fauna such as shrews, rodents, and amphibians in the assemblage suggests a close proximity to field and wetland habitats and
probably reflects the immediate hinterland at the time. The environmental sample from which the small bone assemblage was recovered also contained some waterlogged plant material which gives further evidence of a wet environment. The Bayswater Brook and stream systems would probably have provided a rich grassland environment for domestic animals, such as cattle to graze. Excavations at Manor Ground also found evidence to support the case for the agricultural use of the site during this period (John Moore Heritage Service, 2003, 2, 24).

**Medieval Bone**

An articulated cattle skeleton from a context (1206) dating to the 12th or 13th Century was the only animal bone recovered from the Medieval period at Ruskin College. The skeleton was very well preserved with only a small amount of fragmentation occurring (mostly caused during its excavation and lifting).

Analysis of the tooth wear revealed that this was an elderly individual. A number of small bone pathologies indicative of old age were also noted on the skeleton. Further study of the animal's pelvis indicated that it was female. Given the sex and age of this animal, it is likely that it was used for milk and breeding purposes.

The fact that the skeleton was articulated indicates that this animal was not consumed for meat. Several cut marks on one of its metacarpals however do suggest that the animal was skinned before burial. Furthermore, the only bones to be noticeably missing from the recovered skeleton were some of the phalanges, carpals and tarsals (further details of the recorded skeleton can be found in the Ruskin College bone database). It is quite possible that these were removed with the skin during the skinning process.

This skeleton therefore, gives some evidence for an economy where a cow was most likely kept for milk and livestock breeding purposes until it died of old age or illness. The "burial" of the animal probably represents the disposal of a carcase that was not deemed fit for consumption. Its skin was removed before burial as a by-product indicating that this was the utilisation of an animal (even after its death) and disposal of its subsequent remains rather than a burial with sentimental purpose or meaning.

**Comments**

The assemblage from Ruskin College was small, but well preserved. It gives some scant evidence for local economy during the Roman and Medieval periods. Further work on this material is not recommended at this time, but should further excavations be carried out at the site it should be included in future analysis.

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