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An Archaeological Evaluation



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NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

49 trenches totaling 2322.36 sqm were opened over an area of 42.13ha at Severalls Hospital, Colchester. Seven small pits filled with a significant charcoal content were identified and though without any finds they are comparable with other pits found in previous works from which a date of the Late Iron Age to Early Roman periods has been determined. Radiocarbon analysis of a charcoal sample from one of the pits in the current project has returned a date within the second century BC. With these possible exceptions, the only archaeological features present were either a part of the nineteenth century agricultural landscape, or the twentieth century workings associated with the construction and use of Severalls Hospital.

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INTRODUCTION

The Cambridge Archaeological Unit (CAU) was commissioned by K2 Consultancy to conduct an archaeological evaluation over an area of 42.13ha at the former Severalls Hospital, centred upon TL 9927 2838 (Figure 1). This was carried out between June and August 2016 with 49 trenches opened at a total of 1290.2m (2322.36 sqm).

The topography of the proposed development area (PDA) is flat and lies at an average of c. 49m OD over bedrock geology of the Thames Group clay and silt overlain by Diamicton Till of mixed clay, silt and sandy gravel. The evaluation focussed upon areas of accessible open land mainly around the fringes of the central built-up 'kidney' of Severalls Hospital. The southeast area of the evaluation was recently separated from the overall estate land by the construction of the Via Urbis Romanae (Northern Approach Road).

Archaeological and Historical Background

No previous archaeological investigation has been carried out within the PDA. A geophysical survey was commissioned as part of the current project in which a number of (mainly linear) anomalies were registered (Bartlett 2016; see Appendices), but from which no specific periodisation could be anticipated without intrusive (e.g. trench) investigation.

The PDA is situated in a landscape of known archaeological activity, the detail of which has been outlined in a Desk Based Assessment (Reeves and Hawkins 2015), although the results of other recent works may also now be added to this. Prehistoric activity has been shown to be limited, with a Neolithic stone axe found to the northwest of the PDA (HER 11601) along with a flint arrowhead (HER 11904); two worked flints were also found in topsoil during evaluation of the Northern Approach Road, south of the PDA (Colchester Archaeological Trust 1997), with another to the north also from topsoil (Le Hégarat in Dyson 2015: 20). The potential for Iron Age activity north of the PDA has been inferred from soilmarks observed from an aerial vantage (HER 14317 and 2644), and these may also relate to Roman activity. To the south of the PDA, abundant Roman occupation is registered across Colchester city centre, which lies upon a significant Roman settlement, *Camulodunum*. Activity along the northern hinterland of this settlement, and in proximity to the PDA, has been recently illustrated 0.4km north of the PDA at the Cuckoo Farm Park and Ride (Dyson 2015). This consisted of 33 small circular pits filled with deposits often containing high densities of charcoal and ash, and evidence that burning had occurred *in situ*. Pottery found within two of the pits dated to the 1st century AD, and radiocarbon dates from charcoal obtained from a pit absent of finds returned dates of 50BC-AD65 (i.e. latest Iron Age to Early Roman). Similar pits have been recorded during archaeological investigations at Severalls School northeast of the PDA, Cuckoo Farm's Flakt Woods also to the north, and along the Northern Approach Road which traversed the PDA's southeast area. Although undated, these pits may also be of Late Iron Age to Early Roman origin, and may therefore indicate that the area served some form of low-scale industrial purpose. Roman coins recovered to the west of the PDA (HER 56221, 56222 and 56448) may relate to these activities.

There is no recorded evidence for Saxon or Medieval activity in the PDA, with historic cartographic evidence showing this to be a mix of heath land and woodland in the later eighteenth century that subsequently became enclosed by ditched field boundaries and hedgerows in the early nineteenth century.

Construction of an asylum was initiated in the PDA in 1910 and was opened in 1913 (Gittins 1998). Soldiers were encamped within the grounds of Severalls in the First World War, and Severalls acted as a military hospital in both the First and Second World Wars. On 11th August 1942 the women's infirmary and laundry was struck by three bombs during an air raid, killing 38 patients (ibid: 181), although the damage appears to have been concentrated to the northeast of the PDA (1st Line Defence 2016). The majority of the hospital was closed in the mid-1990s. Two of the hospital's buildings are Grade II listed, and the PDA is a Grade II listed Registered Park and Garden.

Methodology

The work followed specifications previously outlined in a Project Brief (Tipper 2016) issued by the Colchester Borough Council Planning Services and within a Written Scheme of Investigation prepared by the CAU (Beadsmoore 2016).

The trenches (Figure 2) were initially opened by a tracked 360° mechanical excavator monitored by an experienced banksman to a level at which archaeological deposits were exposed. All archaeological features and deposits were manually excavated and recorded using the CAU modified version of the MoLAS recording system (Spence 1990). The trenches and features therein were planned at a scale of 1:50 with trench and feature sections planned at 1:10. All plans were correlated with fixed points on the OS grid using a Geographic Positioning System. Excavated feature sections and trench profiles were photographed in high resolution digital format (RAW and JPEG). Environmental sampling of the archaeological deposits was strategically conducted as bulked (bagged) samples. Spoil heaps were scanned using a metal detector.

Information detailing the character of the trenches was recorded on a data sheet that, along with the digital photographic record, has been catalogued together within an archive following the procedures outlined in MoRPHE (Historic England 2015). These are being stored with the processed material finds record at the CAU offices, under the site code COLEM: 2016.56.



Figure 1. Site Location

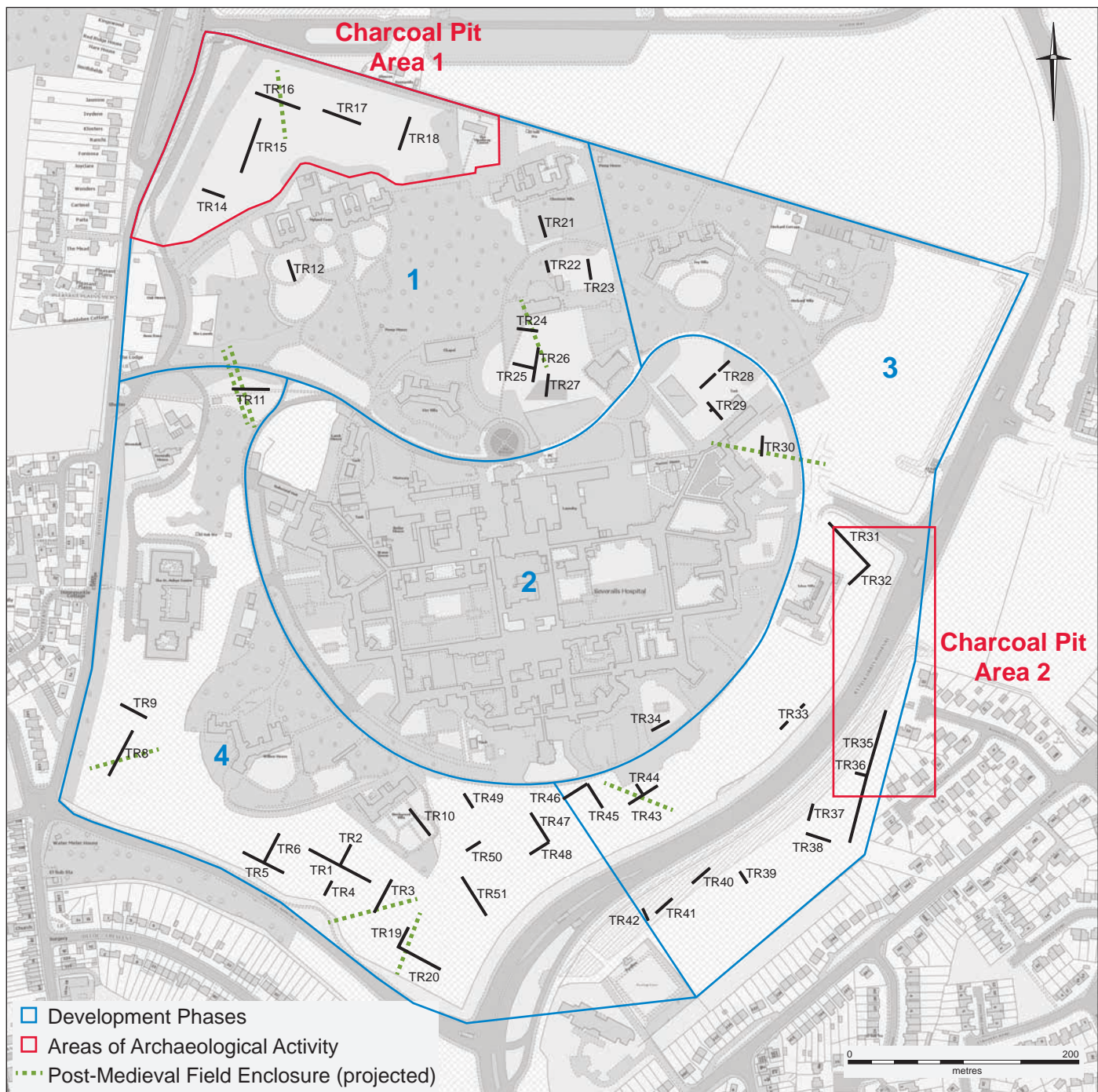


Figure 2. Trench Plan

RESULTS

A total of 76 anomalies were assigned a feature number and tested through manual excavation. The majority of these appear to relate either to the site's post-Medieval agricultural use or the twentieth century workings of Severalls Hospital (garden or construction features). Aside from this, two areas of potentially earlier activity were identified. These were characterised by small circular pits that contained layers of silty ash and charcoal. Although subject to 100 percent excavation these produced no datable finds; however, these lie in relative proximity to similar charcoal-filled pits that have been dated to the latest Iron Age-Early Roman period, and a charcoal sample submitted for radiocarbon analysis confirms a similar dateline for those found in the current project (see Appendices). These two areas of archaeological potential are depicted in Figure 2 as Charcoal Pit Area1 and Charcoal Pit Area2.

The sequence of the site's proposed development has been spatially demarcated into four phases that for ease of discussion are adopted in the results section below, with areas of greatest archaeological potential being subsequently highlighted for more detailed description. The results of the Post-Medieval features are summarised below by reference to the development phase sequence; more detailed attention is reserved for the two areas of potentially earlier features. Full feature descriptions are provided in the individual trench summaries in the Appendices.

Finds were sparse and recovered only from 15 features in 13 trenches; without exception these dated to the post-Medieval or Modern eras.

Iron Age to Roman?

Charcoal Pit Area1 (Figure 3)

Trenches 14-17

Two pits contained charcoal-rich fills. Feature 13 in Trench 15 was sub-oval in plan, 0.84m wide, and filled with two deposits. At a depth of 0.35m the pit's slight concave base was hardened and reddened as a result of direct heat, suggestive of *in situ* burning, and a thick basal fill of brown silt [25] contained two lenses of small charcoal fragments separated by unfired orangey grey clay. This was capped by light greyish brown silt [24] with rare flecks of charcoal, but no artefacts were recovered. Feature 12 in Trench 17 was another pit of sub-circular plan, 1.1m long and 1.07m wide, that was identified with a single fill [22] of soft mid-brown clayey silt infused with frequent small charcoal fragments. This pit displayed gently sloping sides and a flat base at a depth of 0.1m.

Three postholes were located near to the pits. One, F.47 in Trench 14, was of a concave profile with a diameter of 0.3m and was filled with soft brown silt [53] and occasional charcoal flecks to a depth of 0.12m. This contained a small assemblage of heat-cracked stones. Two other postholes, Fs. 48 and 49, were identified near to pit F.13 in Trench 15. These were both circular in plan with diameters of 0.22-.28m and, positioned less than 2.0m apart, each contained a single fill with rare charcoal flecks to between 0.04m and 0.15m depth.

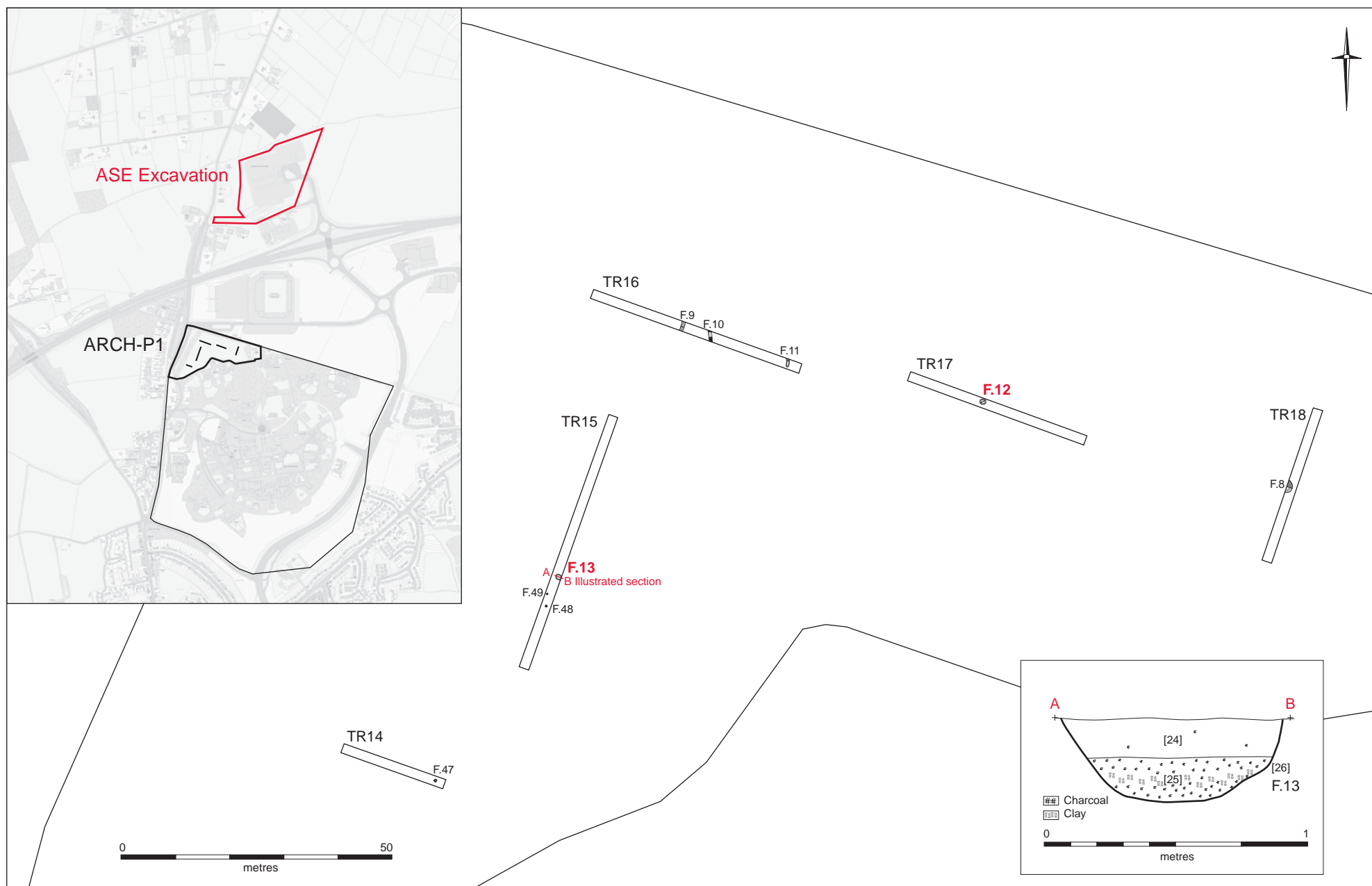


Figure 3. Detail of Charcoal Pit Area1, and location of ASE 2015 excavation

A number of post-Medieval or modern linears were also observed, but one shallow ditch, F.9, contained a fill [17] of friable mid brown sandy silt with rare charcoal flecks that contrasted with the dark humic deposits that characteristically filled the later features. Nevertheless, with its full 2.0m exposure excavated and measured to a width of 0.8m and a depth of 0.19m, this remains undated.

The distribution of Charcoal Pit Area1 is likely to extend northwards and correspond with 33 pits identified in the Cuckoo Farm Park and Ride (Dyson 2015). This would equate to an extent of some 400m over a northeast course.

Charcoal Pit Area2 (Figure 4)

Trenches 31-32, 35

Seven pits of varying size and character were identified in this area that is broken by the route of the Northern Approach Road. West of the road, Trench 31 revealed three pits containing charcoal: Fs. 61-63. At 0.3m the deepest of these, F.61, was also the widest with a circular diameter of 0.9m at its mouth. With sharp concave sides this was filled with three deposits over a flat base. The basal deposit [120] of dark grey silty sand housed the most frequent inclusions of charcoal in small lumps and flecks. This was overlain by firm light blueish grey sandy clay [119] and capped by fine mid grey brown sandy silt [118] with rare charcoal flecks. Over 10m to the northwest was a second pit, F.62, and a third, F.63, a further 15m from this. Respectively, these were sub-circular and rectangular (c. 0.37-.46m wide and 0.5-.85m long) with depths of only 0.08-.11m. Each containing mid or light grey sandy silt, the degree of charcoal varied from rare (F.62) to frequent (F.63). Again, these contained no artefacts – including heat affected stones. On the east side of the road and in Trench 35 were four pits that may be distinguished from proximate post-Medieval features. Two of these, Fs. 36 and 68, contained two fills the uppermost of which were rich with charcoal. In F.68 the charcoal included large lumps of roundwood along the base of the fill [108] and concentrated along the pit's north edge. This produced a radiocarbon date within the second century BC (see Appendices). *In situ* burning was not readily apparent in F.68, but the flat base of F.36 was reddened and hardened by direct heat. These two pits were each 0.6m wide with concave sides to a depth of 0.11-.28m. These two pits were separated by almost 60m, midway between which was a further two pits, Fs. 69 and 70. These were positioned 5.0m apart and were similar in their character. Both c. 0.4m diameter at their circular mouth, these displayed sharp concave profiles filled to 0.18m depth with mid brownish grey silty sand, but no charcoal. Undated, their connection with the charcoal-filled pits is uncertain.

The extent of Charcoal Pit Area2 is highlighted by the record of four charcoal-filled pits in the area of the Northern Approach Road between the two areas of trenching (Baister 2014). Of a character certainly comparable with those pits in the current project (the dimensions are not reported, but a photo and basic feature descriptions are presented), this appears to represent a north-south distribution in excess of 300m length.

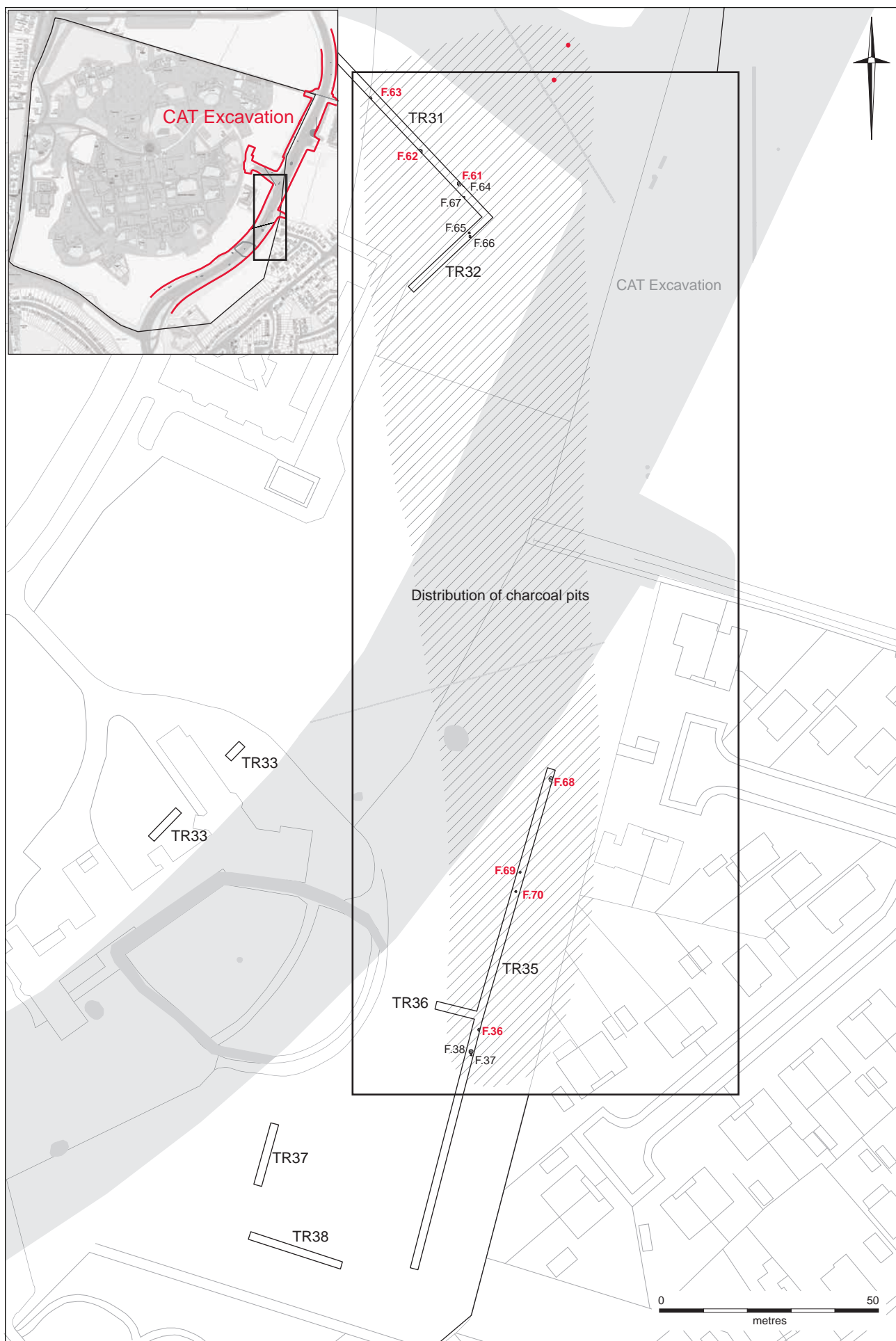
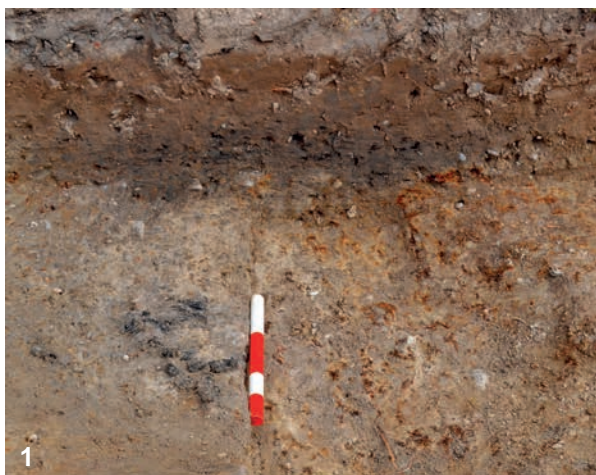
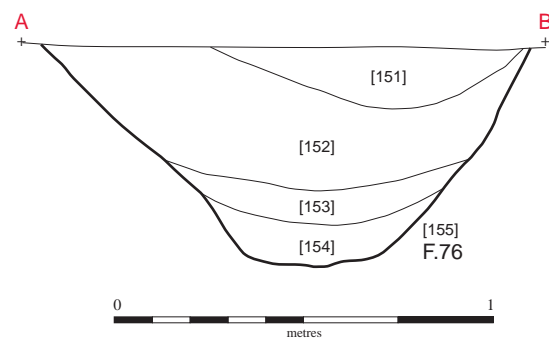
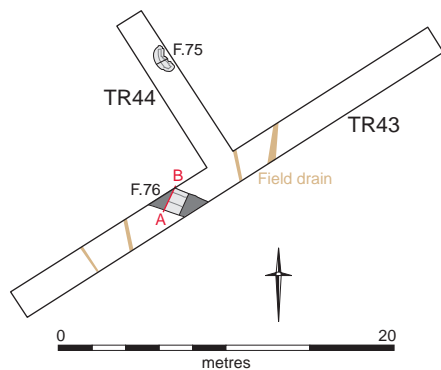


Figure 4. Detail of Charcoal Pit Area 2 and location of CAT Northern Approach Road excavation (2014)



F.68



F.63



F.61



Trench 47



Trench 34

Figure 5. Selected photographs and sections

Post-Medieval and Modern

Area 1

Trenches 12, 14-18, 21-27

Eight service trenches or shallow field drains were identified. The pre-hospital agricultural landscape was highlighted by ceramic field drains along with three shallow ditches. However, two of the services (Fs. 10 and 31) in Trenches 16 and 25-26 comprised of a regular straight-sided cut up to 0.3m deep, at the base of which were copper cables encased within wooding framework filled with bitumen; this unusual type of service may be an early twentieth century communications line. Ten shallow pits and two square postholes may be remnants of the hospital gardens. These contained single dark humic deposits occasioned with fragments of post-Medieval brick, tile or iron nails. A treebowl in Trench 18 further supports this view; however, one pit (F.50) in Trench 22 may be connected either with pre-hospital agricultural activities or with the construction of the hospital itself. This was 0.7m deep and 1.1m wide with four mixed fills containing building rubble including brick and glass.

Area 2

Trenches 28-30, 34

Additional features likely associated with the hospital gardens here included three shallow pits (Fs. 18 and 22-23) filled with dark silt and occasional charcoal, but with finds of a hand-made iron nail and late nineteenth or early twentieth century pottery. Three square postholes (Fs. 19-21) in Trench 28 were aligned northeast to southwest, and a fragment of brick was recovered from one of these and immediately south of pit F.18. A possible truncated base of a ditch, F.24, oriented east-west in Trench 30 was heavily impacted by wheel tracks and certainty of its character was not possible to determine, but brick fragments were contained therein.

Area 3

Trenches 31-33, 35-46

Traces of the northerly course of Severalls' east side chain-link fence perimeter were recorded by 34 postholes in Trenches 31, 32 and 35. In addition to this was a shallow circular pit (F.38) in Trench 35, impacted by wheel tracks but containing fragments of brick, with a burnt-out treethrow, F.75, in Trench 44, and a ditch containing nineteenth century glazed tile and brick brick fragments in Trench 43. The ditch, F.76, was oriented east-northeast with straight sides 1.3m wide with a flat base at a depth of 0.57m.

Area 4

Trenches 1-11, 19-20, 47-51

Two alignments of features were encountered in Area 4, respectively oriented east-west/north-south and northwest-southeast. The former consisted of two ditches, Fs. 3 and 25 in Trenches 3 and 20, with an east-west line of four post holes (Fs. 1-2 and 4-5) crossing Trenches 3-5. The features situated upon the northwest-southeast alignment were concentrated along the west edge of the PDA in Trenches 8 and 11. In trench 8 this consisted of one ditch, F.42, 0.7m wide and 0.23m deep from which at its base fragments of hand-made brick were recovered. Five shallow flat-based hollows (Fs. 39-41, 43 and 46) were also investigated here, up to 0.15m deep and each filled with homogenous soft grey silt. These were irregular in plan, though broadly oval, and 1.42-2.85m wide. Their irregular shape, close distribution and fill character is reminiscent of a natural hollow effect resulting from aquifer or springhead activity; a spring is depicted on the OS maps from the late nineteenth century onwards on the east side of the Severalls estate, and though not warranting of registry on the estate's west side the presence here of a subterranean aquifer seems likely. In Trench 11 the continuation of the northwest-southeast feature alignment is represented by two parallel and shallow ditches, Fs. 57 and 60, and three square postholes with five shallow pits may be the remnants of the hospital's garden arrangement.

The alignment of the east-west/north-south feature system would broadly be consistent with the field allotments depicted in the 1842 Tithe map and may therefore date to the first half of the nineteenth century. The northwest-southeast alignment may predate this, although there is little evidence in support of this.

Environment Data

Five bulk samples from three charcoal-filled pits were processed by flotation for the recovery of plant remains and wood charcoal, as well as any molluscs and small animal bone where present (Table 1). A modified version of the Sīraf tank was used (Williams 1973) with flots collected on 300µm nylon mesh and heavy residues on 1mm mesh.

| Sample | Feature | Context | Volume/Litres | Charcoal | |
|--------|---------|---------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | | No. items | Weight (g) |
| 3 | 13 | 24 | 14 | 10-50 | 1 |
| 4 | 13 | 25 | 13 | +50 | 34 |
| 6 | 61 | 120 | 14 | +50 | 19 |
| 7 | 68 | 108 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 68 | 109 | 10 | +50 | 336 |

Table 1. Summary of Environmental data

Only charred wood was present within the samples. The majority of this was in small fragments, except for in F.68 [109] in which roundwood fragments up to 30mm diameter predominated. The cross section of the roundwood fragments displayed a porous structure and medullary rays most likely of Oak woodland species.

Material Culture

The assemblage (Table 2) comprised post-medieval and modern finds of 31 brick or tile fragments, seven pottery sherds (45g), two fragments of dark brown bottle glass and five metal items that included three handmade nails and a copper alloy window or door latch. Though documented here, these items were not retained within the archive. Pit F.47 produced 11 fire-cracked stones; these being six sandstone and five flint cobbles, all unworked.

| Feature | Context | Trench | Brick/Tile | | Pottery | | Glass | Burnt Stone | Metal |
|---------|---------|--------|------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|-------|-------------|------------|
| | | | No. | Hand-made Y/N | Number (weight g) | Glazed Y/N | No. | Weight (g) | No. |
| 3 | 7 | 3 | - | - | 1 (3) | Y | - | - | - |
| 11 | 20 | 16 | - | - | 5 (18) | Y | - | - | 1 Cu Latch |
| 16 | 31 | 25 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 Fe Nail |
| 18 | 70 | 28 | - | - | 1 (3) | Y | - | - | - |
| 21 | 76 | 28 | 1 | Y | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 | 66 | 29 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 Fe Nail |
| 25 | 35 | 20 | 3 | N | - | - | - | - | - |
| 29 | 84 | 23 | 5 | N | 3 (21) | Y/N | - | - | - |
| 30 | 86 | 24 | - | - | 1 (6) | N | - | - | - |
| 32 | 91 | 27 | 3 | Y | - | - | - | - | 1 Fe Bar |
| 38 | 106 | 35 | 1 | Y | - | - | - | - | - |
| 42 | 44 | 8 | 7 | Y | - | - | - | - | - |
| 47 | 53 | 14 | - | - | - | - | - | 240 | - |
| 50 | 59 | 22 | 10 | Y/N | 1 (3) | Y | 1 | - | - |
| 76 | 152 | 43 | 1 | Y | 1 (12) | Y | 1 | - | 1 Fe Nail |

Table 2. Summary of material culture

DISCUSSION

The absence of earlier prehistoric archaeology within the PDA is consistent with the low-scale activity assigned to this phase in previous investigations, with finds only generally having been retrieved from topsoil contexts. In spite of inspection of the spoil heaps in the current project, no finds were forthcoming, and the marginality of this landscape to prehistoric communities may be further highlighted. This indeed appears to be the character of the land within the PDA for some considerable duration, which in spite of its clay soil geology may seem surprising in light of the availability of nearby springhead water sources.

As evinced by the charcoal-filled pits it appears that by the Late Iron Age interest was turned towards the land's vegetative resources. Based on the dating of pit F.68, such practices seem to have emerged during the second century BC and continued into the first century AD. The specific nature of the activities connected with the pits remains somewhat open to question. Pits containing layers of charcoal of varying density have been noted within a number of the area's previous monitoring

programmes, but their near exclusive lack of datable artefact content has rendered both their phasing and interpretation as negligible. One such pit at Cuckoo Farm's Flakt Woods was considered to be a nineteenth century 'fire pit' dug by barracked soldiers (Mattinson 2004), and along the Northern Approach Road similar pits were attributed to the First World War in connection with fog clearance as an aid to airfield approach (Crossan 2001; Baister 2014). Additional pits with high charcoal content found at the Severalls School on the northeast boundary of the PDA have been similarly difficult to contextualise (Wroe-Brown 2015). Therefore, the importance of the radiocarbon determinations and associated 1st century pottery retrieved from two of 33 pits at the Cuckoo Farm Park and Ride (Dyson 2015), north of the development area, cannot be overstated. In addition, it is evident that the distribution of the charcoal pits is focused along the north and east of the PDA and beyond. Nevertheless, the pattern is sporadic when compared with regulated settlement dynamics, and the likelihood here is one of intermittent visitation rather than concerted occupation, although some qualification of this view may be warranted by reference to the (undated) postholes observed in area Charcoal Pit Area1. Use of the pits may not be securely defined, with sampled deposits producing little other than charred wood. This absence is instructive for it points to their use solely for charcoal production. Charcoal was a multi-purpose resource and a key component in iron smelting as well as an ingredient in glass making. To what aspect of charcoal production the pits were associated may have been varied; for example, evidence for *in situ* burning was found only in two of the pits. The use of a pit in charcoal production is in itself an unusual phenomenon (see Kelley 1986), and may have acted as a flue to oxygenate a wood stack from its base. Alternatively, the charcoal production may have been a surface activity, for which the pits may simply have served as a means to clear the ground of hot debris following the main firing process, so to inhibit unregulated spread of embers and risk of uncontrolled fire.

Comparable examples for the charcoal pits are few for the Iron Age or Roman periods. Examples of the Middle Saxon era are more plentiful, with sites across East Anglia having been noted at Mayton Wood in Norfolk (Patten 2004) and Parnwell in Cambridgeshire (Webley 2007). Their sporadic distribution and lack of occupational evidence or material culture is replicated in the earlier examples around Severalls, and illustrates an industrial process that is difficult to date without scientific methods, but which was presumably an effective means of fuel and commodity production for use elsewhere in more populated contexts.

With no evidence for Saxon or Medieval activity, the post-Medieval and Modern landscape appears to conform with the cartographic documentation; this being a transition from eighteenth century heathland to an enclosed agricultural landscape in the nineteenth century and leading into the twentieth century prior to the establishment of the asylum in 1913.

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APPENDICES

Trench Summaries

| Trench 1 | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|
| No Archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.35 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | SE-NW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 60.0 |

| Trench 2 | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|
| No Archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.34 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 20.0 |

| Trench 3 | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| One linear (F.3) and a posthole (F.5). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.36 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NE-SW |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 32.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 3 | Linear | 7 | F | 0.7 wide, 0.25 deep | Mid brown silt containing angular and rounded stones. One blue/white pottery sherd | Post-Medieval |
| | | 8 | C | | N-S orientation with moderate sloping sides and flat base | |
| 5 | Posthole | 9 | F | 0.5 long, 0.45 wide, 0.21 deep | Soft light grey clayey silt with orange mottling | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 10 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with moderate sloping sides and concave base. Possibly aligned with Fs 1, 2 and 4 | |

| Trench 4 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|-------|
| One posthole (F.4). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.36 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NE-SW |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 14.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 4 | Posthole | 5 | F | 0.6 long, 0.3 wide, 0.18 deep | Mid to dark grey brown clayey silt with occasional to rare small sub-angular stones and rare charcoal | |
| | | 6 | C | | Oval in plan with straight inverted sides to concave base. Possibly aligned with Fs 1, 2 and 5 | |

| Trench 5 | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Two postholes (Fs. 1 and 2). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.3 |
| | | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | | | | | Orientation of Trench | NW-SE |
| | | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 40.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 1 | Posthole | 1 | F | 0.21 wide, 0.18 deep | Soft light grey clayey silt with occasional charcoal flecks | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 2 | C | | Sub-square in plan with straight sides at top, tapering to point at base. Possibly aligned with Fs 2, 4 and 5 | |
| 2 | Posthole | 3 | F | 0.17 wide, 0.03 deep | Soft light grey clayey silt with occasional charcoal flecks | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 4 | C | | Sub-square in plan with flat base; sides truncated. Possibly aligned with Fs 1, 4 and 5 | |

| Trench 6 | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------|-------|
| No Archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.34 |
| | | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | | | | | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 30.0 |

| Trench 7 | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|------------------------|---|
| Trench abandoned due to flooding | | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | - |
| | | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | - |
| | | | | | Orientation of Trench | - |
| | | | | | Width of Trench (m) | - |
| | | | | | Length of Trench (m) | - |

| Trench 8 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Wheel ruts (Fs. 44 and 45) across northeast end of trench impacting geology. Five pits or silt-filled hollows (Fs. 39-41, 43 and 46) bordered to the southwest by a linear or wall foundation slot F.42. Geology of firm sand, gravel and clay | | | | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | | 0.36 |
| | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.23 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.1 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NNE-SSW |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 44.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 39 | Pit/hollow | 38 | F | 1.42 wide, 0.1 deep | Fairly homogenous soft grey silt with rare sounded stones | n.d. |
| | | 39 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with slight near straight concave sides and near flat base | |
| 40 | Pit/hollow | 40 | F | 1.51 wide, 0.06 deep | Fairly homogenous soft grey silt with rare sounded stones | n.d. |
| | | 41 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with slight near straight concave sides and near flat base | |
| 41 | Pit/hollow | 42 | F | 2.85 wide, 0.13 deep | Fairly homogenous soft grey silt with rare sounded stones | n.d. |
| | | 43 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with slight near straight concave sides and near flat base | |
| 42 | Ditch | 44 | F | 0.7 wide, 0.23 deep | Soft mid greyish brown silt with rare rounded and sub-angular stones and moderate charcoal flecks | Post-Medieval |
| | | 48 | F | | Mid reddish brown soft silt with rare sub-angular stones and charcoal flecks. Finds of hand-made brick | |
| | | 45 | C | | NW-SE oriented with steep slightly concave sides and flat base | |
| 43 | Pit/hollow | 46 | F | 1.8 long, 0.7 wide, 0.15 deep | Soft mid reddish brown silt with rare and sub-angular stones and charcoal flecks | n.d. |
| | | 47 | C | | Sub-oval in plan with moderate concave sides and slightly undulating base | |
| 44 | Wheel rut | 49 | F | 0.6 wide, 0.06 base | Mid greyish brown soft silt (impressed topsoil) | Modern |
| | | 50 | C | | Oriented NNE-SSW with gradual concave sides and undulating base. Aligns with wheel tracks in aerial images of construction of children's centre | |
| 45 | Wheel rut | 51 | F | 0.7 wide, 0.09 deep | Mid greyish brown soft silt (impressed topsoil) | Modern |
| | | 52 | C | | Oriented NNE-SSW with gradual concave sides and undulating base. Aligns with wheel tracks in aerial images of construction of children's centre | |
| 46 | Pit/hollow | - | - | - | Unexcavated grey silt | n.d. |

| Trench 9 | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------|
| No Archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | 0.43 |
| | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.34 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.05 |
| | Orientation of Trench | WNW-ESE |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 22.5 |

| Trench 10 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|---|-------|
| No Archaeology. Two natural 'features' (Fs. 6 and 7). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.35 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NW-SE |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 29.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 6 | Tree Bowl | 11 | F | 2.8 wide, 0.15 deep | Mid brown clay silt with lenses of orange brown clay silt | n.d. |
| | | 12 | C | | Sub-oval in plan with moderate sloping sides and concave base | |
| 7 | Hollow | 13 | F | 0.6 wide, 0.13 deep | Mixed mid brown silt and orange clay with occasional stones | n.d. |
| | | 14 | C | | Sub-oval in plan with moderate sloping sides and concave base | |

| Trench 11 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Two shallow ditches (Fs. 57 and 60), three postholes (Fs. 52, 58 and 59) and five garden features (Fs. 51 and 53-56); also a service ditch. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 16.0 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 22.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | E-W |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 32.3 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 51 | Tree Bowl | 131 | F | 1.2 wide, 0.13 deep | Soft mid grey silt mixed with gravel | n.d. |
| | | 132 | C | | Circular in plan with diffuse sides and undulating base. Probable garden feature | |
| 52 | Posthole | 133 | F | 0.25 wide, 0.07 deep | Soft mid grey brown silt | n.d. |
| | | 134 | C | | Square in plan with concave sides and near flat base | |
| 53 | Pit | 135 | F | 0.5 wide, 0.1 deep | Soft mid grey brown silt | n.d. |
| | | 136 | C | | Circular in plan with straight vertical sides and flat base. Probable garden feature | |
| 54 | Pit | 137 | F | 0.55 long, 0.36 wide, 0.04 deep | Soft mid grey brown silt | n.d. |
| | | 138 | C | | Oval in plan with diffuse sides and flat base | |
| 55 | Tree Bowl | 139 | F | 2.15 wide, 0.1 deep | Soft mid grey brown silt | n.d. |
| | | 140 | C | | Circular in plan with diffuse sides and flat base. Probable garden feature | |
| 56 | Pit | 141 | F | 1.2 long, 0.45 wide, 0.07 deep | Soft dark grey silt with occasional charcoal and small sub-angular stones | n.d. |
| | | 142 | C | | Oval in plan with sharp concave sides and near flat base. Probable garden feature encircling F.55 | |
| 57 | Ditch | 114 | F | 0.82 wide, 0.13 deep | Soft and powdery mid brown silt; heavily rooted | Post-Medieval |
| | | 115 | C | | Oriented NNW-SSE with sharp concave sides and flat base | |
| 58 | Posthole | 143 | F | 0.25 wide, 0.06 deep | Soft mid grey brown silt | n.d. |
| | | 144 | C | | Square in plan with straight vertical sides and flat base. Fenceline with Fs 52 and 59 | |
| 59 | Posthole | 145 | F | 0.25 wide, 0.06 deep | Soft mid grey brown silt | n.d. |
| | | 146 | C | | Square in plan with straight vertical sides and flat base. Fenceline with Fs 52 and 58 | |
| 60 | Ditch | 116 | F | 0.9 wide, 0.12 deep | Soft and powdery mid brown silt; heavily rooted | Post-Medieval |
| | | 117 | C | | Oriented NNW-SSE with sharp concave sides and flat base | |

| Trench 12 | | | |
|--|--|------------------------|---------|
| No Archaeology. A single ceramic field drain. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.25 |
| | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.18 |
| | | Orientation of Trench | NNW-SSE |
| | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | | Length of Trench (m) | 19.0 |

| Trench 13 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Not excavated owing to limited access | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | - |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | - |
| | Orientation of Trench | - |
| | Width of Trench (m) | - |
| | Length of Trench (m) | - |

| Trench 14 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|------|
| A small pit or posthole (F.47) containing heat-affected stone. Geology of firm sandy gravel in west side of trench, and soft sandy clay-silt in east side. | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.35 | |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 | |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | WNW-ESE | |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 | |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 19.2 | |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 47 | Pit or Posthole | 53 | F | 0.3 wide, 0.12 deep | Soft mid brown silt with occasional charcoal flecks. Finds of burnt stone | n.d. |
| | | 54 | C | | Circular in plan with gradual concave sides and rounded base | |

| Trench 15 | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|------|
| Two postholes (Fs. 48 and 49) and a single charcoal-filled pit (F.13). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.38 | |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 | |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | NNE-SSW | |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 | |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 49.0 | |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 13 | Pit | 24 | F | 0.84 wide, 0.32 deep | Soft light greyish brown silt with rare charcoal flecks and occasional sub-angular stones | n.d. |
| | | 25 | F | | Soft dark greyish brown silt with two charcoal lenses separated by orangey grey clay. Base hardened and reddened by direct heat | |
| | | 26 | C | | Sub-oval in plan with moderate steep sides and concave base | |
| 48 | Posthole | 55 | F | 0.28 wide, 0.15 deep | Soft and slightly friable mottled mid brown and light grey sandy silt | n.d. |
| | | 56 | C | | Circular in plan with near straight inverted sides and sharp rounded base. Possibly paired with F.49 | |
| 49 | Posthole | 57 | F | 0.22 wide, 0.04 deep | Light grey sandy silt with gravel and rare charcoal flecks | n.d. |
| | | 58 | C | | Circular in plan with flat base and truncated sides. Possibly paired with F.48 | |

| Trench 16 | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-------------|--------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| One ditch (F.9) of unknown date with two service ditches (Fs. 10 and 11). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) Orientation of Trench Width of Trench (m) Length of Trench (m) | | 0.32 0.0 WNW-ESE 1.8 41.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 9 | Ditch | 17 | F | 0.8 wide, 0.19 deep | Soft and slightly friable mid brown sandy silt with charcoal flecks and rare stones | n.d. |
| | | 18 | C | | NNW-SSE orientation with moderate sloping sides with concave base | |
| 10 | Ditch/ Service | 19 | F | 0.35 wide, 0.35 deep | Soft mid brown silt with copper cables at base encased within wood boxing filled by bitumen | Modern |
| | | 20 | C | | N-S orientation with vertical sides and flat base | |
| 11 | Ditch/ Service | 21 | F | 0.5 wide, 0.35 deep | Soft mid brown silt with rounded and sub-angular stones. Find of blue/white pottery | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 22 | C | | NNW-SSE orientation with vertical sides with flat base | |

| Trench 17 | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| A single charcoal-filled pit (F.12). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) Orientation of Trench Width of Trench (m) Length of Trench (m) | | 0.33 0.0 WNW-ESE 1.8 34.5 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 12 | Pit | 22 | F | 1.1 long, 1.07 wide, 0.1 deep | Soft mid brown clayey silt with frequent charcoal and occasional small stones | n.d. |
| | | 23 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with gentle sloping sides and flat base | |

| Trench 18 | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| A single shallow treebowl (F.8). Geology of firm sandy clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) Orientation of Trench Width of Trench (m) Length of Trench (m) | | 0.34 0.0 NNE-SSW 1.8 29.3 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 8 | Treebowl | 15 | F | n/a | Mid-brown clayey silt with occasional stones and rooting | n.d. |
| | | 16 | C | | Sub-oval and irregular in plan with irregular shallow sides and undulating base | |

| Trench 19 | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|
| No archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.3 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 19.0 |

| Trench 20 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|---|---------------|
| A single post-Medieval ditch (F.25) with ceramic drain. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.3 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NW-SE |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 42.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 25 | Ditch | 35 | F | 1.1 wide, 0.35 deep | Soft mid brown silt with rare small to medium sub-angular stones. Finds of brick and tile | Post-Medieval |
| | | 36 | F | | Mid orangey brown clayey silt | |
| | | 37 | C | | Oriented NE-SW with moderate sloping sides and flat base | |

| Trench 21 | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Three small drains or ploughscars (Fs. 26 and 27) with three ceramic drains and an undated pit or garden feature (F.35). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.35 |
| | | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | | | | | Orientation of Trench | NNW-SSE |
| | | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 19.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 26 | Drain or Ploughscar | 78 | F | 0.27 wide, 0.07 deep | Soft light orangey brown silt | Post-Medieval |
| | | 79 | C | | NNE-SSW orientation with concave profile | |
| 27 | Drain or Ploughscar | 80 | F | 0.4 wide, 0.12 deep | Soft light orangey brown clayey silt with rare small rounded stones | Post-Medieval |
| | | 81 | C | | NNE-SSW orientation with concave profile | |
| 35 | Pit | 99 | F | 0.65 wide, 0.7 long, 0.18 deep | Soft light orangey brown silt with occasional small rounded and sub-angular stones | n.d. |
| | | 100 | C | | Oval in plan with moderate sloping sides and concave base | |

| Trench 22 | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| A single pit (F.50) containing modern brick, glass and tile. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.35 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NNW-SSE |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 10.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 50 | Pit | 59 | F | 1.1 long, 0.7 wide, 0.7 deep | Light orangey grey silty sand with small stones and brick | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 60 | F | | Light orangey brown clayey silt with gravel | |
| | | 61 | F | | Dark greyish brown clayey silt with rare rounded and sub-angular stones. Finds of brick and glass | |
| | | 62 | F | | Soft mid orangey brown silt | |
| | | 63 | C | Sub-Circular in plan with steep slightly irregular sides and concave base. Possibly connected with construction works at Severalls Hospital. | | |

| Trench 23 | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Four shallow linear features (Fs. 28 and 29) of probable post-Medieval date with a modern service and a concrete garden feature (F.73). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.38 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NNW-SSE |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 17.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 28 | Ditch | 82 | F | 0.52 wide, 0.16 deep | Soft light orangey grey clayey silt with rare small rounded stones | Post-Medieval |
| | | 83 | C | | NNW-SSE orientation with concave profile | |
| 29 | Ditch | 84 | F | 1.0 wide, 0.18 deep | Soft mid brown silt with rare charcoal flecks and occasional small rounded stones. Find of blue/white ceramic and brick fragments | Post-Medieval |
| | | 85 | C | | NNW-SSE orientation with gradual sides with flat base | |
| 71 | Posthole | - | - | | Unexcavated square posthole | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| 72 | Posthole | - | - | | Unexcavated square posthole | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| 73 | Garden Feature | - | - | 0.4 (W), 0.08 (T) | Concrete base to a linear (NNE-SSW) garden feature | Modern |

| Trench 24 | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Two service ditches (F.31) with a ploughscar or drain (F.33)), a probable post-medieval ditch or drain (F.34) and an undated pit (F.30) that is probably a garden feature. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) Orientation of Trench Width of Trench (m) Length of Trench (m) | | 0.3 0.0 ESE-WNW 1.8 17.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 30 | Pit | 86 | F | 0.6 wide, 0.09 deep | Soft light grey brown sandy silt with moderate rounded and sub-angular stones. Find of brick or tile fragment | Post-Medieval |
| | | 87 | C | | Circular in plan with gradual sides and neat flat base | |
| 31 | Service | 97 | F | 0.4 wide, 0.18 deep | Dark greyish brown silt with copper cables at base encased within wood boxing filled by bitumen | Modern |
| | | 98 | C | | N-S orientation with vertical sides and flat base | |
| 33 | Drain or Ploughscar | 93 | F | 0.15 wide, 0.06 deep | Mid greyish brown sandy silt | Post-Medieval |
| | | 94 | C | | NNW-SSE orientation with moderate sloping sides with near flat base | |
| 34 | Service | 95 | F | 0.4 wide, 0.2 deep | Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Contains plastic lining | Modern |
| | | 96 | C | | N-S orientation with vertical sides and flat base. Cuts F.33 | |
| 74 | Pit | | | | Unexcavated – see F.50 (trench 22) for comparison | |

| Trench 25 | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Two post-medieval drains or small linears with a modern service (F.31) and three pits (Fs. 15-17) of unknown date. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) Orientation of Trench Width of Trench (m) Length of Trench (m) | | 0.4 0.0 ESE-WNW 1.8 19.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 15 | Pit | 29 | F | 1.1 wide, 0.13 deep | Friable light orangey brown sandy silt with rare small sub-angular stones | n.d. |
| | | 30 | C | | Sub-oval in plan with gradual sloping sides and undulating base | |
| 16 | Pit | 31 | F | 0.85 wide, 0.19 deep | Soft mid orangey brown friable sandy silt. Finds of two hand-made iron nails | Post-Medieval |
| | | 32 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with moderate sloping sides and flat base | |
| 17 | Pit | 33 | F | 1.05 wide, 0.16 deep | Soft mid orangey brown friable sandy silt | n.d. |
| | | 34 | C | | Sub-oval in plan with moderate sloping sides and rounded base | |
| 31 | Service | 88 | F | 0.5 wide, 0.3 deep | Light reddish grey clayey silt | Modern |
| | | 89 | F | | Dark greyish brown silt with copper cables at base encased within wood boxing filled by bitumen | |
| | | 90 | C | | N-S orientation with vertical sides and flat base | |

| Trench 26 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|--|---------|
| Two post-medieval linears or drains (F.34) with an irregular shallow pit or treebowl (F.14). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.4 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NNE-SSW |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 30.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 14 | Pit | 27 | F | 1.5 wide, 0.2 deep | Friable mid orangey brown sandy silt | n.d. |
| | | 28 | C | | Sub-oval in plan with moderate sloping sides and flat base | |
| 34 | Ditch | - | - | - | Unexcavated – continuation of F.34 in trench 24 | Modern |

| Trench 27 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|---------|
| A single pit or garden feature (F.32). Geology of sandy clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.55 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NNE-SSW |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 19.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 32 | Pit | 91 | F | 0.8 long, 0.7 wide, 0.16 deep | Mid greyish brown silt with rare small angular stones; remains of wood post/stake (8cm diam) at centre cutting base. Finds of brick fragments and iron hand-made nail | Modern |
| | | 92 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with steep inverted sides and flat base. Directly in line with front entrance (dated 1928) to nurses dorms. Probable garden feature | |

| Trench 28 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| A service with a single pit or garden feature (F.18) and alignment of square posts (Fs. 19-21). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.3 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NE-SW |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 34.4 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 18 | Pit | 70 | F | 0.77 wide, 0.12 deep | Moderately firm mid grey silt with occasional charcoal flecks and lumps, sometimes in concentrations. Find of pottery | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 71 | C | | Circular in plan with shallow concave sides and near flat base. Possible garden feature | |
| 19 | Posthole | 72 | F | 0.16 wide, 0.09 deep | Soft and moderately friable mid grey brown sandy silt | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 73 | C | | Square in plan with vertical sides and flat base. In series with Fs 20 and 21 | |
| 20 | Posthole | 74 | F | 0.1 wide, 0.11 deep | Soft and moderately friable mid grey brown sandy silt | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 75 | C | | Square in plan with vertical sides and flat base. In series with Fs 19 and 21 | |
| 21 | Posthole | 76 | F | 0.18 wide, 0.15 deep | Soft and moderately friable mid grey brown sandy silt | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 77 | C | | Square in plan with vertical sides and flat base. In series with Fs 19 and 20 | |

| Trench 29 | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Two services with two small oval pits (Fs. 22 and 23). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.45 | |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 | |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | NW-SE | |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 | |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 19 | |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 22 | Pit | 64 | F | 1.05 long, 0.6 wide, 0.11 deep | Mid grey sandy silt with rare charcoal flecks | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 65 | C | | Oval in plan with gradual concave sides and near flat base | |
| 23 | Pit | 66 | F | +0.9 long, 0.64 wide, 0.1 deep | Mid grey sandy silt with rare charcoal flecks. Find of hand-made iron nail | Post-Medieval or Modern |
| | | 67 | C | | Oval in plan with gradual slight concave sides and flat base | |

| Trench 30 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|
| A possible single linear (F.24) in an area of heavily tracked truncation with hard-standing debris. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.4 | |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 | |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW | |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 | |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 17.0 | |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 24 | Ditch | 68 | F | 0.5 wide, 0.1 deep | Firm and stiff mid orangey brown silty sand with clay; rare small sub angular stones with brick flecks throughout. Overburden contains rubble and brick. | Post-Medieval? |
| | | 69 | C | | E-W orientation with sharp concave sides and slight rounded base | |

| Trench 31 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---|-------|
| Three pits (Fs. 61-63) of unknown date, filled with charcoal, with two postholes (Fs. 64 and 67) forming part of post-Medieval post alignment (with Fs. 65 and 66 in trench 32) – part of original Severalls’ boundary. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | | 0.55 |
| | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.25 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NW-SE |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 50.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 61 | Pit | 118 | F | 0.9 wide, 0.3 deep | Mid grey brown fine sandy silt with rare charcoal flecks and small rounded stones | n.d. |
| | | 119 | F | | Firm light blueish grey sandy clay | |
| | | 120 | F | | Soft very dark grey silty sand with frequent charcoal | |
| | | 121 | C | | Circular in plan with slightly irregular sharp concave sides and near flat base | |
| 62 | Pit | 122 | F | 0.85 long, +0.46 wide, 0.11 deep | Mottled mid grey and orange sandy silt with rare charcoal and rare small sub-angular stones | n.d. |
| | | 123 | C | | Oval in plan with shallow concave sides and near flat base | |
| 63 | Pit | 124 | F | 0.5 long, +0.37 wide, 0.08 deep | Mottled orange and mid grey sandy clay silt | n.d. |
| | | 125 | F | | Soft and slightly friable light grey sandy silt with frequent charcoal | |
| | | 126 | C | | Rectangular in plan with sharp concave sides and flat base. | |
| 64 | Posthole | 127 | F | 0.25 wide, 0.02 deep | Soft mid grey brown silt | n.d. |
| | | 128 | C | | Square in plan with diffuse sides and flat base. Possibly part of Severall’s Hospital border link-chain fence with F.65 | |
| 67 | Posthole | - | - | | Unexcavated | |

| Trench 32 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---|-------|
| Two postholes (Fs. 65 and 66) that form part of post-alignment with postholes (Fs. 64 and 67 in trench 31). Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | | 0.7 |
| | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.24 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.0 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NE-SW |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 25.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 65 | Posthole | 129 | F | 0.25 wide, 0.02 deep | Soft mid grey brown silt | n.d. |
| | | 130 | C | | Square in plan with diffuse sides and flat base. Possibly part of Severall's Hospital border link-chain fence with F.64 | |
| 66 | Posthole | - | - | | Unexcavated | |

| Trench 33 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Trench located in area of demolished building. Foundations and demolition rubble throughout. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.1 | |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 | |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW | |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 | |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 32 | |
| Trench 34 | | | | | | |
| No Archaeology. A single ceramic field drain. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | 0.1 | |
| | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.25 | |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.2 | |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW | |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 | |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 16.5 | |
| Trench 35 | | | | | | |
| Thirty postholes in alignment as part of Severalls' east boundary (one, F.37, excavated). A post-Medieval pit or garden feature (F.36) with two undated charcoal-filled pits (Fs. 38 and 68) and two smaller pits (Fs. 69 and 70) without charcoal. South half of trench impacted by wheel ruts and debris. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.4 | |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 | |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | NNE-SSW | |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 | |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | 75.0 | |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 36 | Pit | 101 | F | 0.6 wide, 0.11 deep | Mixed ash and charcoal with light grey silt and rare rounded stones | n.d. |
| | | 102 | F | | Root-penetrated natural geology with upper surface red and hardened by direct heat | |
| | | 103 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with very gradual concave sides and near flat base | |
| 37 | Posthole | 104 | F | 0.2 wide, 0.16 deep | Soft mid brown silt mixed with orange clayey sand | Modern |
| | | 105 | C | | Square in plan with very slight concave sides and tapered base | |
| 38 | Pit | 106 | F | 0.85 wide, 0.12 deep | Moderately compact mid grey and mottled mid yellow-brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-angular stones' rooting throughout and impact of wheel ruts in upper profile. Find of brick fragment. | Post-Medieval |
| | | 107 | C | | Circular in plan with shallow concave sides and near flat base. Possible garden feature? | |
| 68 | Pit | 108 | F | 0.6 wide, 0.28 deep | Mid greyish brown silty sand with charcoal flecks and lumps with occasional small to medium sub-angular stones | n.d. |
| | | 109 | F | | Light brownish grey silty sand with charcoal flecks and occasional small sub-angular stones | |
| | | 110 | C | | Sub-circular in plan with sharp concave sides and base | |
| 69 | Pit | 111 | F | 0.4 wide, 0.2 deep | Mid brownish grey silty sand with occasional small to medium sub-angular stones | n.d. |
| | | 112 | C | | Oval in plan with concave base | |
| 70 | Pit | 113 | F | 0.4 wide, 0.2 deep | Mid brownish grey silty sand with occasional small to medium sub-angular stones | n.d. |
| | | 146 | C | | Circular in plan with gradual inverted sides and concave base | |

| Trench 36 | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|
| No archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.5 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | ENE-WSW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 9.0 |

| Trench 37 | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|
| No archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.5 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NNE-SSW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 13.0 |

| Trench 38 | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---------|
| No archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.5 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | ESE-WNW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 21.0 |

| Trench 39 | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|
| No archaeology. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | 0.1 |
| | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.25 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.1 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NW-SE |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 11.0 |

| Trench 40 | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|
| No archaeology. A single ceramic drain. Built-up ground from construction of Via Urbis Romanae. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | 0.66 |
| | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.1 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.1 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 19.5 |

| Trench 41 | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|
| No archaeology. A single ceramic drain. Built-up ground from construction of Via Urbis Romanae. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | 1.05 |
| | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.17 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.17 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 3.6 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 4.1 |

| Trench 42 | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|
| No archaeology. Built-up ground from construction of Via Urbis Romanae. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Built-up Ground Depth (m) | 0.3 |
| | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.17 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.29 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 16.5 |

| Trench 43 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|--|--|---------------|
| One post-Medieval ditch (F.76) with three ceramic field drains. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.2 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.05 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NE-SW |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 30.0 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 76 | Ditch | 151 | F | 1.3 wide, 0.57 deep | Firm very pale yellow brown silt with occasional rounded stones <5cm diam. | Post-Medieval |
| | | 152 | F | | Firm mid grey brown silt with pockets of dark grey clay clasts and rare small rounded stones. Finds of brick, tile and glass | |
| | | 153 | F | | Fine and firm banded light yellow brown sandy silt | |
| | | 154 | F | | Moderately soft mid brown silt with rare small sub-angular stones | |
| | | 155 | C | Oriented WNW-ENE with east side straight and slightly inverted, and west side slightly convex, each to a flat base | | |

| Trench 44 | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|-------|
| One undated treethrow (F.75) containing charcoal fills. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | | | | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | | 0.2 |
| | | | | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | | 0.05 |
| | | | | Orientation of Trench | | NW-SE |
| | | | | Width of Trench (m) | | 1.8 |
| | | | | Length of Trench (m) | | 9.5 |
| Contexts | | | | | | |
| Feature No. | Feature Type | Context No. | Context Type | Dimensions (m) | Description | Date |
| 75 | Treethrow | 147 | F | 1.7 long, 0.85 wide, 0.32 deep | Fine and firm powdery light grey silt | n.d |
| | | 148 | F | | Soft mid grey clayey silt with occasional charcoal and horizontal rootlets | |
| | | 149 | F | | Moderately firm dark grey silt with frequent charcoal lumps. No sign of in-situ charring | |
| | | 150 | C | | Slight crescent oval with straight vertical east side against possible up-cast clay and stone; sharp concave profile on the west side to slight concave base | |

| Trench 45 | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------|
| No archaeology. Two ceramic field drains. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.28 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NW-SE |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 23.2 |

| Trench 46 | | |
|---|------------------------|-------|
| No archaeology. Two ceramic field drains. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.28 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 26.0 |
| Trench 47 | | |
| No archaeology. Three ceramic field drains. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.22 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.05 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NW-SE |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 26.7 |
| Trench 48 | | |
| No archaeology. One ceramic field drain. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.31 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.05 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 21.0 |
| Trench 49 | | |
| No archaeology. Three ceramic field drains. A slight natural hollow with thicker (0.55m) topsoil coverage. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.28 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NW-SE |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 15.0 |
| Trench 50 | | |
| No archaeology. Two ceramic field drains. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.2 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.04 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NE-SW |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 15.0 |
| Trench 51 | | |
| No archaeology. Four ceramic field drains with one ceramic service pipe in trench; plough scars evident. Geology of mixed gravel, sand and clay | Avg. Topsoil Depth (m) | 0.3 |
| | Avg. Subsoil Depth (m) | 0.0 |
| | Orientation of Trench | NW-SE |
| | Width of Trench (m) | 1.8 |
| | Length of Trench (m) | 53.0 |

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[The following is an abridged version of a report on fluxgate gradiometer survey commissioned to Bartlett-Clark Consultancy on behalf of the Cambridge Archaeological Unit, and submitted in May 2016.]

Introduction

The fieldwork for the survey was done in two stages between 26-28 April and 5-6 May 2016. The survey covered areas of surveyable ground which are located within the site, and which may be affected by the proposed redevelopment. Much of the site is occupied by buildings, roads, paved areas and woodland, and was unsuitable for geophysical investigation. The survey coverage as finally achieved is marked on the site plan, and amounts to 9.14 ha (or 22% of the total proposed development area).

Soils on silt and gravel vary in their responsiveness to magnetometer surveying, but the response will be further modified by the presence of the Diamicton Till that overlies the bedrock. The strength of the magnetic response may depend in part on the relative proportions of clay and gravel in the till. Magnetic susceptibility measurements made on soil samples from the site gave relatively low readings (with a mean value of 7.6×10^{-8} SI/kg), which would be consistent with the presence of a predominantly clay soil. Soils of this kind may not be strongly responsive to magnetic investigation, but magnetically enhanced remains relating to ancient occupation activity should usually be detectable.

The magnetometer readings were collected along transects 1m apart using Bartington 1m fluxgate gradiometers, and are plotted at 25cm intervals along each transect. Interpretation of the findings is presented using a colour-coded scheme. Features as marked include magnetic anomalies which may represent potential (but doubtful) archaeological findings which are outlined in red, and recent disturbances in grey. Pipes are shown in blue, and some of the more conspicuous ferrous objects (identifiable as narrow spikes in the graphical plots) are outlined in light blue. Possible cultivation effects, drains or services are indicated.

Results

The survey covered plots of ground located mainly around the periphery of the hospital site, where there are a number of previously unbuilt fields and paddocks, but also some small pieces of accessible ground distributed across the site. The larger areas (or groupings of small survey blocks) have been numbered for reference in a sequence (1-12) running approximately from north-west to south-east. We comment on the findings from these areas in the sequence as numbered on the attached plans.

Areas 1-2: Area 1 is an open grass paddock. The survey plots show that the site is intersected by various iron pipes, but the ground surface appears otherwise to be

largely undisturbed. There are strong magnetic anomalies of a kind which must be of recent origin in the south-west corner, and next to a metal fence along the northern boundary. There is undisturbed ground also within the greater part of the small survey blocks labelled as area 2. It is not impossible that the weak ditch-like features (marked as A and B in figure 8) could pre-date the twentieth century development of the site, but the evidence is minimal, and they could equally represent non-ferrous pipes or small service trenches. The strong curving magnetic anomaly C corresponds to a path shown on the site plan.

Areas 3-4: Several ditch-like features (e.g. D, E) are visible (as at A, B in area 2). It again remains probable that they represent ditches or trenches of recent origin, but earlier ditches or boundaries (if present) could also give rise to similar magnetic effects. The strong linear feature marked as a pipe or service at F in area 3 is difficult to categorise. It is not an iron pipe, and appears to be 2m + in width. It lies slightly to the north of a curving path and so does not correspond directly to a path (as is the case at C in area 2). The site is said to contain tunnels, and it is not impossible that a brick or concrete tunnel at shallow depth could give rise to a magnetic anomaly as seen at F, although other explanations (such as a buried concrete pipe) could be equally valid.

Area 5: The site is intersected by pipes, but appears otherwise to be undisturbed.

Area 6: The site as initially proposed for investigation is partly woodland, but two reduced areas were surveyed. Only pipes and other strong recent disturbances were detected.

Areas 7-8: These two areas are open paddocks in the south-west corner of the site. The survey plots indicate various pipes, together with clusters of small magnetic anomalies which could represent scatters of rubble or similar recent debris. Parts of the site are sufficiently undisturbed for weak magnetic anomalies to be visible. These include parallel linear markings which are faintly visible in the grey scale plot in area 8. These could perhaps relate to previous cultivation at the site. The convergent pattern of the linear features at G in area 7 suggests they could represent land drains. The more continuous ditch-like feature at H is outlined in red in case it indicates a former ditch or boundary, although it could also represent a drain.

Area 9: Various iron pipes are present in this former sports field (as shown in blue), but there is also an overall pattern of angled parallel linear markings, which is characteristic of a system of land drains. One slightly irregular and more continuous linear feature to the east of the site at I is marked in red, given that it could perhaps represent an infilled ditch rather than a drain.

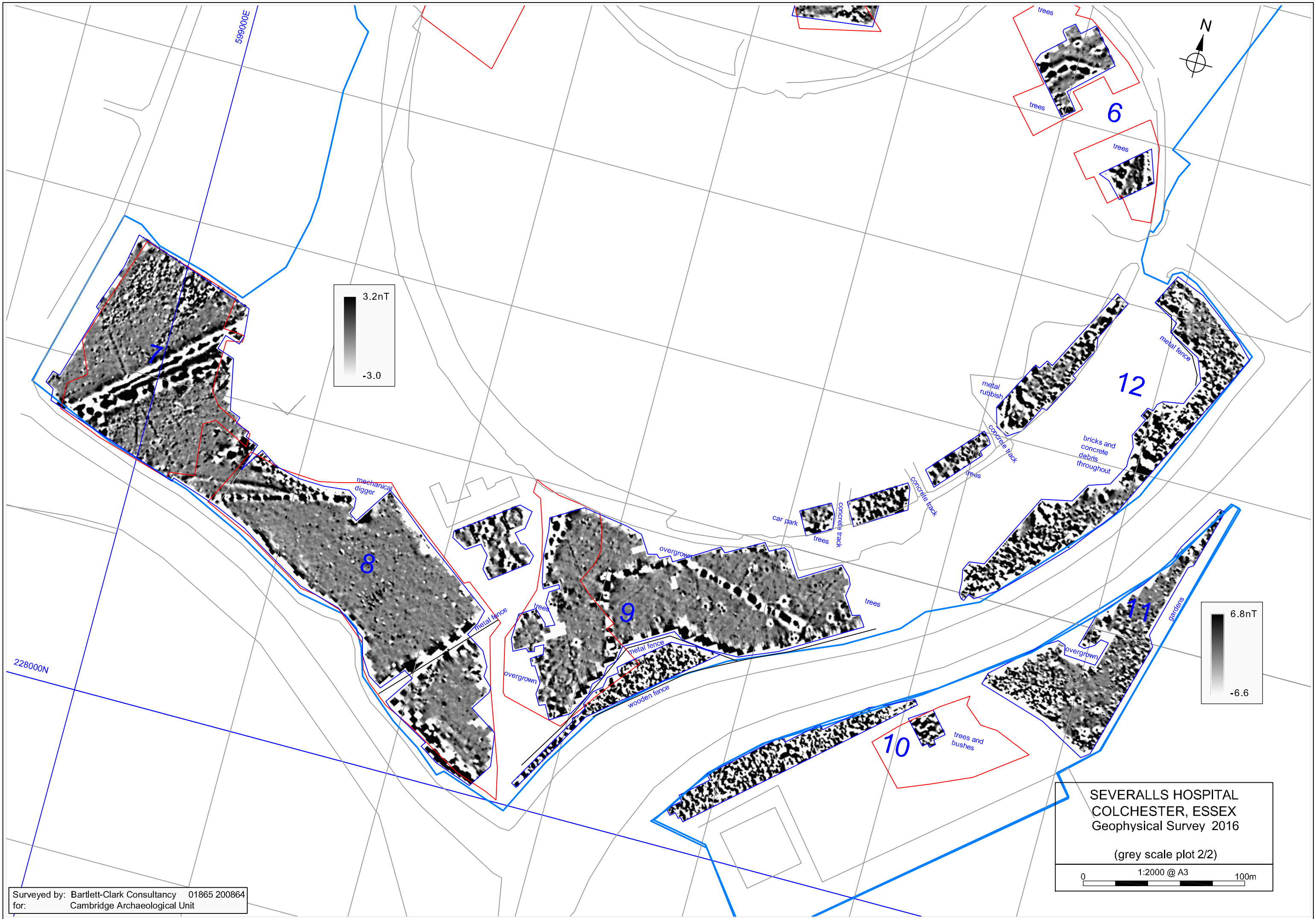
Areas 10-12: The larger survey areas are located alongside the new road, and the smaller survey blocks are next to the curving access road which encloses the hospital site. The data plots show strong magnetic interference indicating dense scatters of rubble or similar recent debris across much of the site, although there is some less disturbed ground in area 11. Bricks and concrete debris could be seen on the ground across much of area 12. A strong linear feature at J in area 12 shares similar characteristics to F in area 3.

Conclusions

The survey has, as expected, detected numerous ground disturbances relating to the presence of the hospital and the modern history of the site, but has also identified a number of relatively undisturbed areas of ground where there is at least the potential that archaeological sites or features might have survived. Most of the areas investigated in the northern half of the site (areas 1-5), as well as 7-9 in the south-west fall within this category. Much of the ground in the south-east of the site (areas 10-12) is heavily disturbed, or contains dense scatters of recent debris.

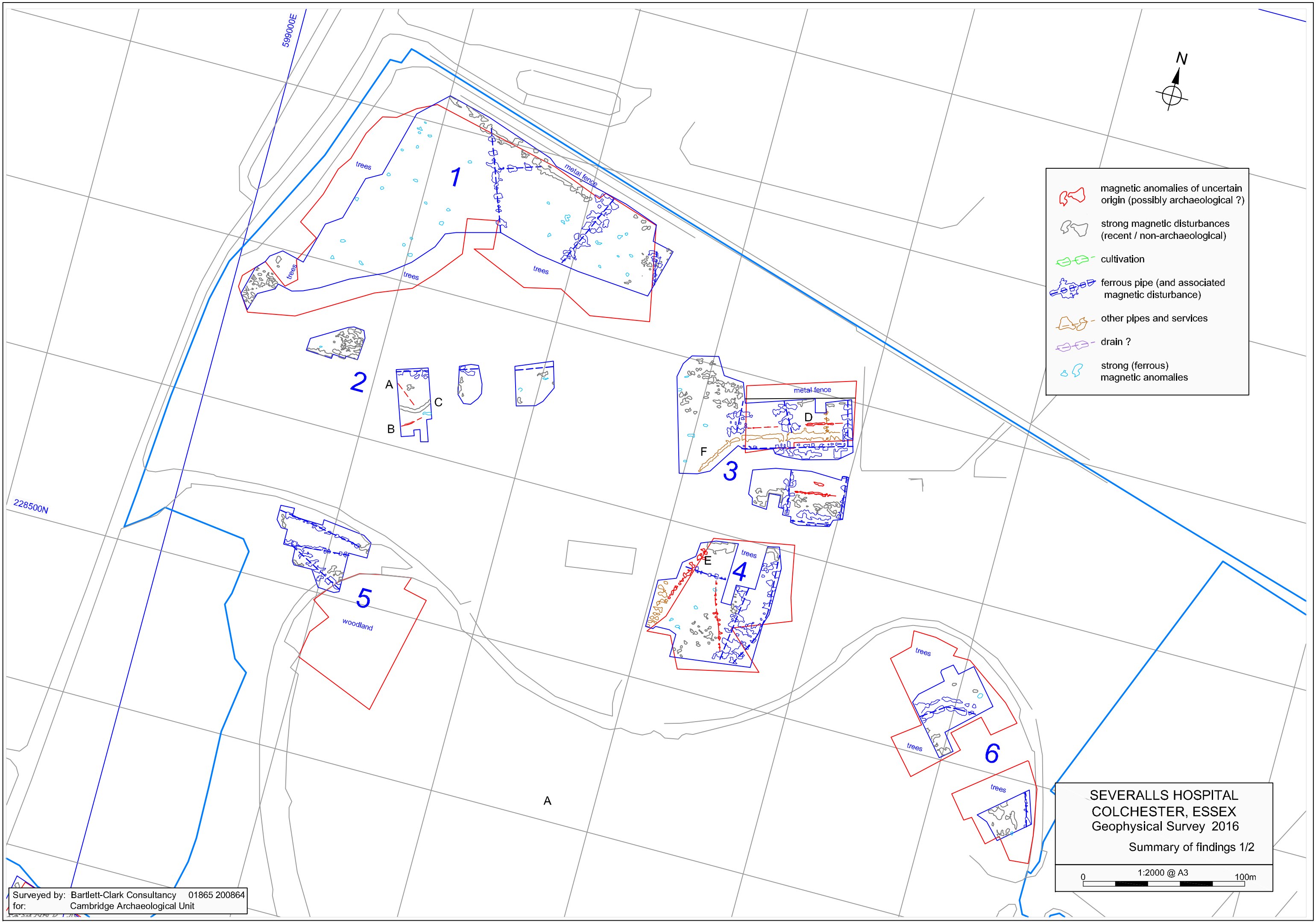
Specific findings identifiable in the survey plots include ditch-like features (A, B, D, E, G, H) in areas 2-4 and 8-9. These could be drains or trenches of recent origin, but the possibility that some could predate the hospital cannot be entirely excluded. Strong linear features at F and J (in areas 3 and 12) do not appear to ferrous pipes. It is not impossible they could indicate near-surface tunnels, but it is probably more likely that they represent non-ferrous pipes, or metalled paths or tracks.







- magnetic anomalies of uncertain origin (possibly archaeological ?)
- strong magnetic disturbances (recent / non-archaeological)
- cultivation
- ferrous pipe (and associated magnetic disturbance)
- other pipes and services
- drain ?
- strong (ferrous) magnetic anomalies



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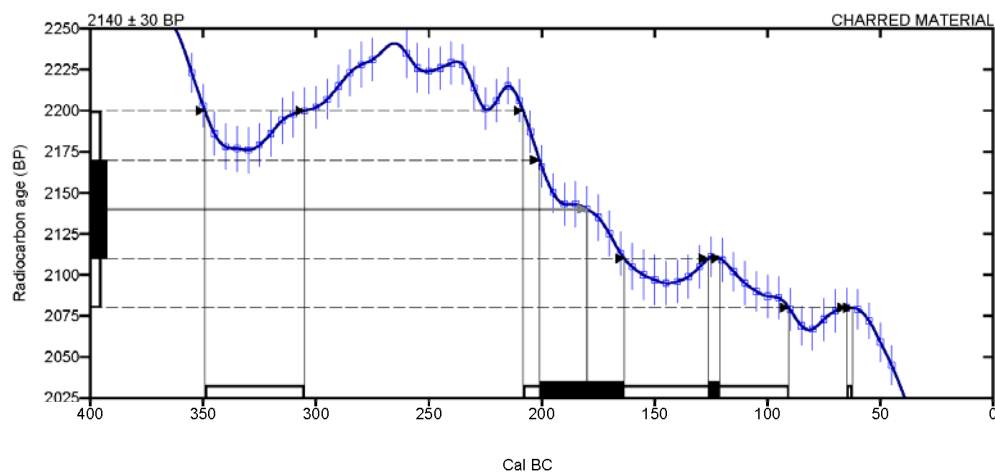
Radiocarbon Analysis

A sample of oak charcoal from F.68 [108] was submitted to Beta Analytic for radiocarbon analysis, from which the following results were obtained.

CALIBRATION OF RADIOCARBON AGE TO CALENDAR YEARS

(Variables: C13/C12 = -25.4 ‰ : lab. mult = 1)

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|---|--|
| Laboratory number | Beta-444978 : COLEM2016:56 |
| Conventional radiocarbon age | 2140 ± 30 BP |
| Calibrated Result (95% Probability) | Cal BC 350 to 305 (Cal BP 2300 to 2255) Cal BC 210 to 90 (Cal BP 2160 to 2040) Cal BC 65 to 60 (Cal BP 2015 to 2010) |
| Intercept of radiocarbon age with calibration curve | Cal BC 180 (Cal BP 2130) |
| Calibrated Result (68% Probability) | Cal BC 200 to 165 (Cal BP 2150 to 2115) Cal BC 125 to 120 (Cal BP 2075 to 2070) |



Database used
INTCAL13

References

Mathematics used for calibration scenario

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Project details

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| Project name | Severalls Hospital, Colchester: An Archaeological Evaluation |
| Short description | 49 trenches totaling 2322.36 sqm were opened over an area of 42.13ha at Severalls Hospital, Colchester. Seven small pits filled with a significant charcoal content were identified and though without any finds they are comparable with other pits found in previous works from which a date of the Late Iron Age to Early Roman periods has been determined. A charcoal sample from the current project has been submitted for radiocarbon dating. With these possible exceptions, the only archaeological features present were either a part of the nineteenth century agricultural landscape, or the twentieth century workings associated with the construction and use of Severalls Hospital. |
| Project dates | Start: 01-06-2016 End: 15-08-2016 |
| Previous/future work | No / Not known |
| Project site code | COLEM:2016.56 |
| Type of project | Field evaluation |
| Site status | None |
| Current Land use | Grassland Heathland 2 - Undisturbed Grassland |
| Monument type | PIT Roman |
| Monument type | DITCH Post Medieval |
| Significant Finds | N/A None |
| Methods & techniques | "Sample Trenches" |
| Development type | Housing estate |
| Prompt | Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16 |
| Planning status | Pre-application |

Project location

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| Country | England |
| Site location | ESSEX COLCHESTER COLCHESTER Severalls Hospital |
| Postcode | CO4 5HG |
| Study area | 42.13 Hectares |
| Site coordinates | TL 9927 2838 51.917713143497 0.897942968395 51 55 03 N 000 53 52 E Point |
| Height OD / Depth | Min: 49m Max: 49m |

Project creators

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| Project brief originator | City/Nat. Park/District/Borough archaeologist |
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| Type of sponsor | Development Corporation |
| Name of sponsor | Severalls Hospital Consortium |

Project archives

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| Archive recipient | Cambridge Archaeological Unit |
| Physical Archive? | No |
| Digital Media available | Geophysics, Images raster / digital photography, Survey, Text |
| Paper Contents | Stratigraphic |
| Paper Media available | Context sheet, Correspondence, Map, Notebook - Excavation, Research, General Notes, Photograph, Plan, Report, Section |