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SUMMARY

Project Name:	Land at Mistley, Manningtree, Essex
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In February 2017, an archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology of agricultural land located to the south of Harwich Road, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex. The evaluation, which was commissioned by CgMs Consulting, acting on behalf of Hopkins Homes Limited, was carried out in compliance with a condition attached to outline planning consent for residential development. The evaluation comprised the excavation of thirty-four trial trenches.

An air photo mapping and interpretation survey of the site revealed evidence for a possible boundary of Neolithic date, a possible trackway and associated field boundaries considered likely to be of Iron Age/Roman date, along with post-medieval field boundaries and other linear features. The purpose of the evaluation was to confirm the presence or absence of archaeological remains within the site.

The evaluation largely revealed linear features broadly corresponding with the results of the aerial photographic survey. However, there was limited evidence for activity pre-dating the post-medieval period. Three distinct alignments of linear features were revealed across the site. The first consisted of a group of north-west to south-east and north-east to south-west aligned linear features, interpreted as the possible remnants of a late prehistoric field system. However, there was very limited dating evidence and only two sherds of late prehistoric pottery were recovered. It was considered possible that these features were broadly contemporary based on their similar alignment and morphology, and the absence of later datable material. The second was a group of north to south and east to west aligned features, including the remains of a possible post-medieval trackway. The third was related to 19th-century field boundaries and a footpath visible on the 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map of 1890. Overall, the site is generally characterised by low-level agrarian activity of possible prehistoric and post-medieval date along with evidence for landscape boundaries and former routeways of post-medieval date.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In February 2017, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of agricultural land to the south of Harwich Road, Mistley, Manningtree, Essex (site centred on NGR: TM 12695 31161; Fig. 1), hereafter the site. The evaluation was commissioned by CgMs Consulting on behalf of Hopkins Homes Limited, who are in the process of purchasing the site from Welbeck Strategic Land II LLP.

1.2 The evaluation was undertaken in respect of outline planning permission (15/01520/OUT) granted by Tendring District Council for the residential development of the site along with associated development and infrastructure. In keeping with paragraph 141 of the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012) and on a recommendation from Teresa O'Connor, Essex County Council's Historic Environment Consultant (ECCHEC), a condition was attached to the consent (Condition 11), requiring that:

'No development shall take place on the site until a Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include:

- a. The programme, including phasing, and methodology of site investigation and recording;*
- b. The programme for post investigation assessment ;*
- c. The provision is to be made for analysis of the site investigation and recording;*
- d. The provision is to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation;*
- e. The provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation; and*
- f. The nomination of a competent person or person/organization to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation*

Reason *To allow proper investigation and recording of the archaeological and historic significance of the site.'*

- 1.3 The scope of the evaluation, which comprised the excavation of thirty-four 50m trenches, was agreed during discussions between CA and Teresa O'Connor, ECCHEC (archaeological advisor to Tendring District Council). It was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for Archaeological Evaluation*, prepared by Teresa O'Connor (2016) and an approved *Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI)* produced by CA (2017). The fieldwork also followed *Standard and Guidance: Archaeological Field Evaluation (ClfA 2014)*, *Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (English Heritage 1991), *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (HE 2015) and *Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England* (Gurney 2003). The fieldwork was monitored by Teresa O'Connor, including a site visit on 9 February 2017.

The site

- 1.4 The proposed development site comprises parts of two arable fields, encompassing an area of approximately 8.54ha to the southeast of Mistley. The site is bordered to the north by Harwich Road (B1352) and to the east by Heath Road, beyond which lie residential properties and farmland. It is bordered by open land to the south and open land and residential properties to the west. The site lies on a relatively flat plateau at between 29m to 31m above Ordnance Datum (aOD).
- 1.5 The bedrock geology of the area is mapped as clay and silt of the Thames Group of the Palaeogene period, overlain by Kesgrave Catchment sand and gravel deposits formed during the Quaternary period (BGS 2016).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The archaeological and historical background of the site has been presented in detail in the historic environment assessment produced by SLR Consulting (SLR 2015) and the air photo mapping and interpretation (APMI) undertaken by Alison Deegan (2017). The following section is summarised from these sources and supplemented with information from the Essex Historic Environment Record (HER) and other historical records via online sources (HER numbers in parenthesis).



Prehistoric (pre-AD 43)

- 2.2 Evidence for earlier prehistoric activity in the area is largely limited to a few flint findspots, possibly attributable to transitory hunting camps. Additionally, a possible Neolithic settlement (MEX24095) has been recorded in the area to the south-east of the site.
- 2.3 Evidence for later prehistoric activity largely comprises findspots, including those of a Bronze Age quern (MEX2450), Iron Age pottery (MEX24074) and an Iron Age quern (MEX11679) recovered to the south, north and south-east of the site respectively. Additionally, a Bronze Age cremation (MEX11780) and beaker (MEX11736) are recorded to the north-west and west of the site. A single sherd of prehistoric pottery is recorded within the site (MEX24106).
- 2.4 Undated cropmark evidence thought to be indicative of prehistoric activity was recorded by the APMI (Deegan 2017). A well-defined ring ditch (identified as AP-V, Deegan 2017) and associated sub-circular cropmarks 700m to the north-east of the site were interpreted as 'a row of conjoined round and/or oval barrows' (Deegan, 2017: 6). Two further possible ring ditches located 1km + to the south-west of the site (identified as AP-O and AP-P, Deegan 2017) were also interpreted as the remains of Neolithic or Bronze Age barrows. Linear cropmarks in the immediate vicinity of the possible barrow sites, aligned north-east to south-west, were tentatively identified as natural features (Deegan 2017), although it is possible that they represent a contemporary field system.

Roman (AD 43 to AD 410)

- 2.5 Two Roman roads leading north-eastwards from Colchester are recorded within a 2km radius of the site. The HER records that the northernmost road (MEX11852, MEX9855) turns north to the River Stour just west of Mistley, while the projected route of the second road lies to the south-east of the site (MEX11472). Based on the projected alignments of the two Roman roads it has been postulated that there could have been a Roman settlement at Mistley.

Medieval (AD 410 to 1485)

- 2.6 The Domesday Survey records a number of tenurial centres at 'Old Hall', 'Cliff', Mistley, Bradfield and Dickley within a 2km radius of the site. The name Mistley is a composite of two old English terms, *Mistel* meaning Mistletoe and *lēah* a forest, wood, glade or clearing. This suggests the village was established during the Saxon

period near to a forest containing several trees colonised by mistletoe (KEPN: online).

- 2.7 Old Hall, as recorded in the Domesday Survey (MEX11709), is thought likely to equate to the location of Manningtree. The Ordnance Survey Map of 1896 shows an 'Oldhall' to the west of the site within Mistley Park.
- 2.8 The ruin of the Church of St Mary to the immediate south-east of the site is poorly dated but is thought to be of broadly 15th-century date.

Post-medieval to modern (1485 to present)

- 2.9 A new settlement named Mistley Thorn was established in the 18th century on the south bank of the River Stour. An extensive park associated with Mistley Hall lay to the south of Mistley Thorn. The area around Mistley was largely occupied by the Hall and its associated parkland up until the 19th century (Tendring District Historic Environment Characterisation Project (TDHECP) (Tendring District 2008). The parish survey of 1778 (D/DFI E1) (Fig. 3) identifies a trackway or boundary crossing the site, possibly providing access between Mistley Thorn and Bradfield Heath. Due to the pictorial nature of the 1778 plan it is not possible to determine the exact location of the site or describe its layout in any detail. However, the site appears to have formed open land associated with Mistley Hall with an irregular stepped trackway or boundary crossing the western part of the site. The possible remnants of this trackway or boundary were recorded by the APMI survey (identified as AP-A, Deegan 2017). Historic mapping suggests that this feature was in use at the end of the 18th century, but had been removed by the end of the 19th century as it is not shown on the 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey (OS) map of 1890 (Fig. 3). This appears to broadly coincide with the introduction of a north-west to south-east aligned footpath, first shown crossing the western part of the site on the 1875-1882 OS map, running between New Mistley at the north-west and Mistley Heath at the south-east. It is shown on subsequent OS maps until the early-mid 1900s.



3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation, as stated in the WSI (CA 2017), were to provide information about the archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality. In accordance with *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Evaluation* (ClfA 2014), the evaluation was designed to be minimally intrusive and minimally destructive to archaeological remains. The information gathered will enable Tendering District Council, as advised by Essex County Council Historic Environment Service (ECCHES), to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset, consider the impact of the proposed development upon it, and to avoid or minimise conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the development proposal, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).
- 3.2 The specific objectives of the evaluation, as stated in the Brief issued by ECCHEC (O'Connor 2016) were to investigate the cropmark features recorded within the site and the possible continuation of cropmark features from adjacent areas. The evaluation sought to investigate and determine the nature, date and extent of anomalies identified by the APMI survey (Deegan 2017)

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The evaluation comprised the excavation of thirty-four trenches, measuring 50 metres long by 2.1 metres wide (a total of 1700 linear metres; Fig. 2). The trenches were targeted on aerial photograph anomalies and positioned to provide a representative sample of the proposed development area. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica GPS and surveyed in accordance with *Technical Manual 4 Survey Manual* (CA 2009)
- 4.2 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was conducted under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological features and deposits were encountered they were investigated and recorded in accordance with *Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual* (CA 2007). There were no deposits suitable for environmental sampling as agreed during a site meeting

between ECCHEC, CgMs and CA. All artefacts recovered were processed in accordance with *Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately After Excavation* (CA 2010).

- 4.3 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation, which are currently held by CA at their offices in Milton Keynes, will be deposited with Colchester and Ipswich Museum Services. A summary of information from this project, as set out within Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. EVALUATION RESULTS

- 5.1 The evaluation comprised the excavation of thirty-four 50m trenches (1700 linear metres of trench at 2.1m wide) in the locations shown on Figure 2. This section provides an overview of the results comprising a summary of the general stratigraphy, followed by detailed trench descriptions where archaeological features were encountered. The trench descriptions are grouped by chronological period, while features are discussed from north to south and west to east. Detailed summaries of the features and deposits encountered and the finds recovered are presented in Appendices A and B respectively.

Summary and general stratigraphy

- 5.2 The trenches were machine-excavated to the surface of the geological substrate, which comprised mid yellow brown loose silty sands and gravels, consistent with superficial deposits of the Kesgrave Catchment Subgroup (BGS 2017), encountered at an average depth of 0.7m below ground level. There were no archaeological remains in Trenches 14, 19, 20, 21 and 33 and irregular undated features interpreted as tree throws were encountered in Trenches 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 17, 18, 25. In all trenches, apart from Trench 25, the probable tree throws were sealed by subsoil consisting of mid grey and orange brown to dark grey brown friable silty and clayey sands, measuring 0.3m – 0.5m thick.
- 5.3 The remaining trenches revealed dispersed ditches interpreted as the remains of field boundaries and related features indicative of multi-period agricultural activity. There was limited dating evidence recovered from twelve contexts and the majority of features remain undated. Three distinct alignments were revealed across the site.

The first consisted of a group of north-west to south-east and north-east to south-west aligned linear features encountered in Trenches 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15 and 28. These were interpreted as the possible remnants of a late prehistoric field system, on the basis of pottery recovered from ditch 1005 in Trench 10. However, ditch 2405 recorded in Trench 24 shares a similar alignment and proved to be post-medieval highlighting the possibility that other features within this alignment relate to later activity. The second was a group of north to south and east to west aligned features encountered in Trenches 3,5,7,8-10,13,16,22,29-31 and 34, including the remains of a possible post-medieval trackway (identified as AP-A, Deegan 2017). The third related to 19th-century field boundaries and a footpath visible on the 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map (identified as AP-B, Deegan 2017) encountered in Trenches 23 and 24. All features were sealed by subsoil unless mentioned otherwise. This was sealed in turn by topsoil consisting of dark grey brown friable silty sand measuring 0.3m – 0.5m thick.

Late prehistoric field system (700 BC to AD 43)

Trenches 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15 and 28 (Figs 2 & 4-7)

- 5.4 A total of seven ditches (403, 407, 703, 1005, 1203, , 1503, and 2803) predominantly located in the north and east of the site, were broadly aligned north-west to south-east and north-east to south-west and interpreted as field boundary ditches (Trenches 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15 and 28; Figs 4–7). Whilst prehistoric dating evidence was only recovered from ditch 1005 (two sherds of late prehistoric pottery) in Trench 10, it was considered possible that these features were broadly contemporary based on their similar alignment and morphology, and the absence of later dateable material. All seven ditches were cut into the natural substrate to an average depth of 0.3m and generally measured between 0.8m and 1.1m wide, the only significant variations being ditches 403 and 1503, which measured 0.30m and 2.2m wide respectively (see Figs 4-7). The profiles were generally characterised by moderate sloping sides and rounded bases.
- 5.5 Trench 9 revealed three ditches and two tree throws. At least one of the ditches was thought to relate to the post-medieval field system as further detailed below. However, north-west to south-east aligned ditch 905 was thought likely to relate to earlier activity and appeared to broadly correspond with the possible late prehistoric field system. Ditch 905 was truncated by north-south aligned field boundary ditch 903 which appears to correspond with the post-medieval field system.

- 5.6 The fills of ditches 403, 407, 703, 1005, 1203, 1503 and 2803 generally consisted of sterile, compact mid grey brown to yellow brown sandy silts and clays, indicative of weathered material from the exposed sides accumulating in the base of the feature.

Post-medieval/modern field system and routeways (1485 to present)

Trenches 3, 5, 7-9, 10, 13, 16, 22-27, 29-31 and 34, (Figs 2 8-10)

- 5.7 A number of ditches aligned north to south and east to west were recorded across the site (Fig. 2). In general, these linear features were characterised by shallow to moderate sloping sides and rounded bases, with an average width of 1.0m and were cut directly into the natural substrate to an average depth of 0.3m. Several of these ditches broadly corresponded with possible features identified by the APMI (Deegan 2017), notably ditches 304, 705, 707 and 2309 corresponded with the system of north-south to east-west aligned linear cropmarks (identified as AP-B and AP-C, *ibid.*) which were interpreted as the truncated remains of post-medieval field boundaries. The fills of these ditches were characterised by sterile, friable dark and mid grey brown silty sands.

Trenches 3, 5, 7-9, 10, 13, 16, 30, 31 and 34 (Fig. 2)

- 5.8 Seven trenches comprising Trenches 3, 5, 8, 13, 16, 30 and 31 located in the eastern half of the study area revealed single sterile ditches or gullies which appeared to broadly correspond with the alignment of the post-medieval field system. Similarly Trenches 9 and 10 revealed two sterile ditches and Trench 34 revealed three sterile ditches, which also appeared to broadly correspond with the alignment of the post-medieval field system. Additionally, Trench 7 revealed two ditches which indicate that the post-medieval field system may have been in use over a fairly long period of time, with two phases of backfilling. At the western end of the trench, north to south aligned ditch 705 measured 0.9m wide by 0.4m deep with moderate concave sides and a rounded base. At the eastern end of the trench, north to south aligned ditch 707 measured 1.3m wide by 0.5m deep. Both ditches 705 and 707 has sterile fills comprising compact grey brown clayey sand and loose dark grey brown silty sand (706 and 708 respectively), suggesting different episodes of backfilling.



Trench 23 (Figs 2 & 8)

- 5.9 Three ditches 2303, 2305 and 2309 and a possible furrow 2307 aligned north to south were recorded in Trench 23. At the eastern end of the trench, ditch 2305 measured 1.1m wide by 0.3m deep with moderate sides and a rounded base. It was filled with sterile mid grey brown friable sandy silt (2306). Immediately to the east, ditch 2307 (unexcavated) measured 1.2m wide and was filled with dark grey brown friable sandy silt. To the east, 2303 measured 1.0m wide by 0.2m deep with shallow sides and a flat base; this is considered likely to be the remains of a truncated furrow. At the eastern end of the trench ditch 2309 (unexcavated as this ditch, previously recorded as a cropmark was sectioned in Trenches 24 and 25) measured 1.2m wide and was filled by dark grey brown sandy silt.

Trenches 22 and 24 (Figs 2, 6, 8 & 9)

- 5.10 Trench 22 revealed a single east to west aligned ditch 2205 running on a similar alignment to ditch 2403 to the east and it is possible that it represents a contemporary ditch forming part of the same post-medieval field system. Trench 24 revealed several ditches broadly corresponding with the alignment of linear features identified by the APMI (Deegan 2017) including an east to west aligned ditch 2403 which equates with the southern side of the ditched trackway recorded by the APMI (*ibid.*). It measured 1.3m wide by 0.30m deep and the fill (2404) contained a few sherds of lead glazed post-medieval ceramic. A north-west to south-east aligned ditch 2405 measuring 0.4m deep with concave sides and a rounded base had a sterile fill (2406) but is thought likely to be of post-medieval date based on cartographic evidence. It appears to broadly correspond with a footpath shown on historic OS mapping from the 1875-1882 map until the early-mid 1900s (as shown on the 1890 OS map reproduced in Fig. 3). Linear feature 2405 was truncated by ditch 2407 which measured 1.1m wide by 0.30m deep. Its profile was broadly the same as ditch 2516 in Trench 25 and they are considered likely to represent the continuation of the same feature. Ditch 2407 was allowed to silt up with dark grey brown friable silty sand, before being truncated by shallow ditch 2409.

Trench 25 (Figs 2, 8 & 10)

- 5.11 Trench 25 revealed six north to south aligned ditches, broadly corresponding with the alignment of linear features identified by the APMI (identified as AP-B, Deegan 2017), which were interpreted as evidence for a former trackway and later field boundary ditch. Ditch 2504 measured 1.2m wide by 0.70m deep and ditch 2514 (Fig. 9) measured 1.1m wide by 0.4m deep; both had steep profiles and rounded

bases. The fill of ditch 2514 was truncated by north to south aligned ditch 2516, measuring 1.1m wide by 0.6m deep with moderate sides and a rounded base. Ditch 2516 was allowed to silt up before being truncated in turn by ditch 2518 (Fig. 9). A shallow ditch (2506), situated between ditches 2504 and 2514, measured 0.7m wide by 0.3m deep and was considered likely to represent some later disturbance.

Trench 26 (Figs 2 & 8)

- 5.12 A single north to south aligned ditch (2604), measuring 2.45m wide by 0.40m deep, was recorded in Trench 26. The fill (2405) consisted of dark grey brown friable clayey sand and contained post-medieval brick/tile. This corresponds with linear cropmarks (identified as AP-A, Deegan 2017).

Trench 27 (Figs 2 & 8)

- 5.13 Two intercutting east to west aligned ditches (2703 and 2705) were revealed in the centre of the trench, corresponding with linear cropmarks (identified as AP-A, *ibid.*). The earlier ditch 2703 measured 0.3m deep with steep sides and a flat base. It was filled with mid grey brown compact silty sand 2704 and contained fragments of post-medieval tobacco pipe. This was re-cut by ditch 2705 measuring 0.4m deep. The re-cut was allowed to silt-up naturally with dark grey brown silty sand (2706), and was subsequently intentionally backfilled with dark grey brown silty sand with inclusions of gravel.

Trench 29 (Figs 2, 8 & 11)

- 5.14 Trench 29 revealed evidence for a possible former trackway broadly corresponding with the APMI (*ibid.*). The earliest feature (2912) consisted of a linear cut measuring 7.5m wide by 0.5m deep with moderate sloping sides, forming two parallel channels, and a flat base (Fig. 10). The primary fills (2909) at the eastern edge and (2911) at the western edge comprised sterile compact light grey brown silty sand. This was overlain by layer 2905, which was 0.2m thick and consisted of compacted silty sand with frequent small stones; this was interpreted as the metallised surface of the former trackway. At the same time, the shallow channels on the western and eastern sides of the cut were filled by sterile deposits 2904 and 2907 respectively. Finally, the entire trackway was backfilled with friable dark grey brown sandy silt with frequent small stones (2913), considered likely to represent imported topsoil.

6. THE FINDS

- 6.1 Artefactual material, mainly consisting of small quantities of pottery and ceramic building material, was recovered from 12 deposits; the assemblage is quantified by context in Appendix B. With the exception of two sherds of late prehistoric pottery from deposit 1006, the finds date to the post-medieval/modern periods.

Pottery

Prehistoric

- 6.2 The earliest recovered material comprises two sherds (7g) in a handmade flint-tempered fabric, recovered from fill 1006 of ditch 1005 in Trench 10. The sherds lack diagnostic features and the suggested Late Bronze Age to Early/Middle Iron Age dating is based on the fabric and characteristics of firing (Appendix B). Locally (in Essex) the use of flint-tempering in the late prehistoric period appears not to extend beyond the Early Iron Age, c. 700-500/400 BC (Sealey 1996).

Post-medieval/modern

- 6.3 The post-medieval/modern pottery assemblage amounts to five sherds (522g), recovered from ditch fills 2404 and 2519 (features 2403 and 2518) in Trenches 24 and 25. All material occurs in a similar sandy, orange-fired earthenware fabric with an internal, clear lead glaze. A rim sherd from fill 2404 features a band of white underslip to the inner part of its rim. The assemblage is considered likely to be of 18th or early 19th-century date.

Ceramic Building Material (CBM)

- 6.4 Ceramic building material consisting of fragmentary brick and tile was recovered from six deposits from Trenches 24, 25, 27, 29 and 34 (Appendix B). Although use of the flat tile/peg tile fragments present among this group can be as early as the later medieval period, post-medieval dating is probable for all of the recorded material. A nibbed pan tile fragment from fill 2515 of ditch 2514 dates to the late 17th to 19th century. Of the brick fragments, only the pieces from fill 2707 of ditch 2705 and fill 3404 of ditch 3403 preserved measurable dimensions. That from fill 2707 was wooden moulded 'stock' brick measuring 2½" thick and probably dates to the 18th or earlier 19th centuries. The fragment from fill 3404 was unusual in measuring only 1½" in thickness and may be a hearth tile or other specialist (tile) form, rather than a brick. Alone of this group it occurs in a fabric containing (sparse) flint inclusions.

Other finds

- 6.5 Nine fragments (39) of white pipeclay tobacco pipe were recovered from Trenches 26, 27 and 29. Most are stem fragments and only broadly dateable. A pipe bowl from fill 2704 of ditch 2703 matches most closely Oswald's Type 10 form and on this basis dating c. 1700-1740 is suggested (Oswald 1975). None of the remaining fragments were sufficiently complete for classification. A bowl fragment from fill 2704 of ditch 2603 features the moulded initial 'H' to one side of its stem.
- 6.6 Fragments of green-coloured vessel glass and clear window glass, each of post-medieval/modern type, were recovered from two deposits (2519) and (2706) (Appendix B). An iron nail from fill 2604 of ditch 2603 and iron sheet fragments from fill 2907 of ditch 2906 are not closely dateable, although each was recorded from post-medieval/modern-dated deposits.

7. DISCUSSION

- 7.1 Overall, the site is generally characterised by low-level agrarian activity of possible prehistoric and post-medieval date, along with evidence for landscape boundaries and former routeways of post-medieval date. The results broadly correspond with the air photo mapping and interpretation (APMI) survey (Deegan 2017), but the evaluation has not revealed any evidence for Neolithic or Roman activity, as was suggested by the survey. The APMI survey (Deegan 2017) identified two distinct alignments of linear cropmarks aligned on two sets of ring ditches (probable Bronze Age barrows), with the later ditch system aligned north to south and east to west, a layout which has survived until the present day. The possible linear cropmarks, aligned at each end on the possible barrow groups (identified as AP-V, AP-P and AP-O, *ibid.*) were tentatively identified as natural features (as shown on Fig.2). However, the results of the evaluation indicate a possible archaeological origin and it is possible that these features represent the remains of a late prehistoric field system. There was no trace of the possible Neolithic causewayed enclosure (identified as AP-I, *ibid.*) in the south-eastern half of the site and it is considered likely that this cropmark relates to later agricultural activity.

Possible remnants of a late prehistoric field system (700 BC to AD 43)

- 7.2 The series of north-east to south-west aligned ditches encountered across the site appear to be aligned on two possible barrow groups to the north-east and south-west (Figs 4–7), but they also follow the general alignment of the Roman roads (MEX11852, MEX9855 and MEX11472) that run north-east from Colchester towards the Stour Estuary. It is likely that this correlation is largely coincidental and reflects a shared response to local topographical conditions over time. In Trench 9, the stratigraphic relationship between the earlier north-west to south-east aligned ditch 905 and later north to south aligned field boundary 903 indicates that the north-west to south-east aligned features predate the north to south aligned features. This suggests that the ditches aligned on the two possible barrow groups predate the post-medieval field system. However, ditch 2405 proved to be post-medieval and it is possible that other features within this alignment relate to later activity. Nonetheless in Trench 10, one of these ditches contained two body sherds of Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age pottery, suggesting that ditch 1005 had gone out of use and silted up during this period and before the later Iron Age. Further, none of the other linear features in this group contained any medieval or later remains, suggesting that they had fallen out of use prior to the establishment of the medieval field system.

Post-medieval/modern (1485 to present)

- 7.3 Post-medieval and modern remains consisted of the possible remnants of a trackway (identified as AP-A, *ibid.*) along with field boundaries and drainage ditches aligned north to south. A number of ceramic finds, including jars, clay tobacco pipes and fragments of brick/tile may relate to the use of the former trackway. Notably, the presence of the a clay pipe identified as Oswald form 10 pipe bowl in the fill of ditch 2703, one of the possible trackway flanking ditches, suggests that it was open to the elements and in the process of silting up no earlier than 1700. It is probable that the trackway preserved the boundary of an earlier medieval field system between Mistley and Mistley Heath. However, due to the lack of any medieval dating evidence from the site it is not possible to determine any continuation from an earlier medieval field system. The limited artefactual evidence and cartographic sources suggest that the 18th-century layout was replaced during the 19th century by a system of larger units, removing the trackway and replacing it with a footpath (Fig 3). Subsequently, the footpath shown on the 1890 OS map remained in use until the early-mid 20th century. Although there is no definitive evidence it is possible that this replaced the earlier trackway shown on the parish map of 1778 (Fig. 3). It is

considered likely that the linear features recorded within the western part of the site relate to both phases of post-medieval routeways between New Mistley and Mistley Heath.

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate pebbles.	-	-	0.3	-
1	101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand.	-	-	0.5	-
1	102	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish brown loose silty sand with moderate gravels.	-	-	0.1	-
1	103	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw, with irregular sides and irregular base. Undated.	2.3	1.6	0.3	-
1	104	Fill	103	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and charcoal.	2.3	1.6	0.3	-
1	105	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with irregular sides and a rounded base. Undated.	2.2	1.2	0.5	-
1	106	Fill	105	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and charcoal.	2.2	1.2	0.5	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate gravels.	-	-	0.3	-
2	201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with occasional gravels.	-	-	0.3	-
2	202	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish brown loose silty sand with moderate pebbles.	-	-	0.0	-
2	203	Cut		Gully	Possible linear feature. Very shallow in nature, most likely natural depression.	1.8	1.5	0.2	-
2	204	Fill	203	Fill of gully	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand.	1.8	1.5	0.2	-
2	205	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with shallow sides and a rounded base.	1.7	1.0	0.2	-
2	206	Fill	205	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand.	1.7	1.0	0.2	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and occasional gravels.	-	-	0.3	-
3	301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small gravels.	-	-	0.2	-
3	302	Layer		Natural	Light brownish orange silty sand with occasional gravels.	-	-	0.1	-
3	303	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with shallow, asymmetrical sides and a flat base.	1.0	0.8	0.14	-
3	304	Fill	303	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown firm sandy silt, naturally deposited fill of tree throw 303.	1.0	0.8	0.14	-
3	305	Cut		Gully	Shallow drainage gully with symmetrical sides and a rounded base.	2.1	0.5	0.1	-
3	306	Fill	305	Fill of gully	Light greyish brown firm sandy silt with occasional small rounded stones.	2.1	0.5	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
4	400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
4	401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small gravels.	-	-	0.1	-
4	402	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown with patches of reddish brown friable silty sand.	-	-	0.0	-

4	403	Cut		Gully	Narrow gully, aligned SE-NW with steep sides and a flat base.	2.2	0.3	0.2	-
4	404	Fill	403	Fill of gully	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with small rounded, sub-rounded and sub-angular stones.	2.2	0.3	0.2	-
4	405	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with moderate to steep sides and an irregular base.	1.7	1.7	0.3	-
4	406	Fill	405	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown loose silty sand with occasional small rounded and sub-angular stone	1.7	1.7	0.3	-
4	407	Cut		Ditch	SW-NE aligned field boundary ditch with steeply sloping, concave sides and a rounded base.	2.0	0.9	0.4	-
4	408	Fill	407	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty clay with medium rounded, sub-rounded and angular stones.	2.0	0.9	0.4	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
5	500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.3	-
5	501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and gravels.	-	-	0.2	-
5	502	Layer		Natural	Mid reddish brown loose silty sand with occasional gravels.	-	-	0.1	-
5	503	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with moderately steep sides and a rounded base.	1.0	1.5	0.6	-
5	504	Fill	503	Fill of ditch	Mid brownish grey friable silty sand with greyish pink friable silty sand inclusions and moderate small stones.	1.0	1.0	0.2	-
5	505	Fill	503	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with occasional small stones and pebbles.	1.0	1.2	0.4	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
6	600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
6	601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orangey brown friable silty sand with moderate gravels.	-	-	0.2	-
6	602	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown loose silty sand with occasional medium stones and gravels.	-	-	0.1	-
6	603	Cut		Tree throw	Shallow, oval tree throw with concave sides and a rounded base.	2.0	1.0	0.2	-
6	604	Fill		Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate gravels.	2.0	1.0	0.2	-
6	605	Cut		Tree throw	Oval tree throw with steep sides and rounded base.	-	0.9	0.3	-
6	606	Fill		Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with occasional pebbles.	-	0.9	0.3	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
7	700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.3	-
7	701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and pebbles	-	-	0.3	-
7	702	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown loose silty sand with occasional gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
7	703	Cut		Gully	SW-NE aligned gully with moderately sloped concave sides and a rounded base.	1.0	0.7	0.3	-
7	704	Fill	703	Fill of gully	Mid greyish brown compact clayey	1.0	0.7	0.3	-

					sand with moderate small stones and pebbles.				
7	705	Cut		Gully	N-S aligned gully with moderately sloped concave sides and a rounded base.	1.0	0.9	0.4	-
7	706	Fill	705	Fill of gully	Mid greyish brown compact clayey sand with moderate small stones and pebbles.	1.0	0.9	0.4	-
7	707	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with steep sides and a rounded base.	1.0	1.3	0.5	-
7	708	Fill	707	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown loose silty sand with moderate small rounded stones.	1.0	1.3	0.5	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
8	800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate medium stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.3	-
8	801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with occasional small stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.2	-
8	802	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown loose silty sand with moderate medium stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.1	-
8	803	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with moderately shallow sides and a rounded base.	1.8	1.1	0.2	-
8	804	Fill	803	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate medium stones.	1.8	1.1	0.2	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
9	900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.4	-
9	901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with occasional small stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.5	-
9	902	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown loose silty sand.	-	-	0.1	-
9	903	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with moderately steep sides and rounded base.	1.0	1.0	0.4	-
9	904	Fill	903	Fill of ditch	Light yellowish brown compact sandy silty with moderate small rounded pebbles.	1.0	1.0	0.4	-
9	905	Cut		Ditch	NE-SE aligned ditch with shallow-moderate sides and a rounded base.	2.1	1.1	0.3	-
9	906	Fill	905	Fill of ditch	Mid brownish grey compact sandy silty with moderate small rounded pebbles.	2.1	1.1	0.3	-
9	907	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with shallow symmetrical sides and a v-shaped base.	1.0	1.0	0.2	-
9	908	Fill	907	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown compact sandy silt with moderate small sub-angular stones.	1.0	1.0	0.2	-
9	909	Cut		Tree throw	Oval shaped tree throw with moderate sides and a flat base.	1.7	0.6	0.3	-
9	910	Fill	909	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown compact sandy silt with moderate small sub-angular stones.	1.7	0.6	0.3	-
9	911	Cut		Tree throw	Oval shaped tree throw with moderate sides and a flat base.	2.0	1.5	0.3	-
9	912	Fill	911	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown compact sandy silt with moderate small sub-angular stones.	2.0	1.5	0.3	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
10	1000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.4	-

10	1001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
10	1002	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.0	-
10	1003	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned field boundary ditch with moderate sides and a flat base	3.8	1.3	0.3	-
10	1004	Fill	1003	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate medium rounded, angular and sub-angular stones.	3.8	1.3	0.3	-
10	1005	Cut		Ditch	NW-SE aligned boundary ditch with steep sides and a rounded base.	1.0	0.8	0.4	LBA-EIA
10	1006	Fill	1005	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown loose silty sand with moderate small stones.	1.0	0.8	0.4	LBA-EIA

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
11	1100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small to medium stones.	-	-	0.3	-
11	1101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate gravels.	-	-	0.2	-
11	1102	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable silty sand with moderate small stones and gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
11	1103	Cut		Tree throw	Sub-oval tree throw with asymmetrical, steep, convex sides and a rounded base.	1.8	1.1	0.3	-
11	1104	Fill	1103	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	1.8	1.1	0.3	-
11	1105	Cut		Tree throw	Sub-oval tree throw with steep, convex sides and a rounded base.	1.8	0.7	0.4	-
11	1106	Fill	1105	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	1.8	0.7	0.4	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
12	1200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
12	1201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown friable silty sand with occasional small stones.	-	-	0.4	-
12	1202	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish yellow friable silty sand with moderate medium stones and occasional gravels.	-	-	0.1	-
12	1203	Cut		Ditch	NE-SW aligned field boundary ditch with symmetrical, steep, concave sides and a rounded base.	1.0	0.8	0.3	-
12	1204	Fill	1203	Fill of ditch	Mid yellowish brown compact clayey sand with occasional small stones and pebbles.	1.0	0.8	0.3	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
13	1300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
13	1301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small-medium stones.	-	-	0.2	-
13	1302	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.0	-
13	1303	Cut		Gully	Narrow gully with moderate sides and an irregular base.	1.0	0.6	0.1	-
13	1304	Fill	1303	Fill of gully	Mid greyish brown compact clayey sand with moderate small stones and pebbles.	1.0	0.6	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
14	1400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand.	-	-	0.3	-
14	1401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and gravels.	-	-	0.2	-

14	1402	Layer		Natural	Mid reddish orange loose silty sand with occasional gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
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Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
15	1500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
15	1501	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
15	1502	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable silty sand with moderate small stones and occasional gravels.	-	-	0.2	-
15	1503	Cut		Ditch	SE-NW aligned field boundary with asymmetrical, moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base.	1.0	2.2	0.5	-
15	1504	Fill	1503	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown compact clayey sand with occasional small stones and pebbles and moderate charcoal flecks.	1.0	2.2	0.5	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
16	1600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
16	1601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.2	-
16	1602	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.0	-
16	1603	Cut		Ditch	NE-SW aligned shallow field boundary ditch with moderate, concave sides and a flat base.	4.0	1.1	0.1	-
16	1604	Fill	1603	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and pebbles.	4.0	1.1	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
17	1700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with occasional small stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.3	-
17	1701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with occasional small stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.2	-
17	1702	Layer		Natural	Mid reddish orange friable silty sand with occasional gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
17	1703	Cut		Tree throw	Oval shaped tree throw with moderate, asymmetrical sides and an irregular base.	1.4	1.0	0.2	-
17	1704	Fill	1703	Fill of tree throw	Light yellowish brown friable silty clay with occasional medium rounded and sub-angular stones.	1.4	1.0	0.2	-
17	1705	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch terminus with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base.	1.8	0.7	0.3	-
17	1706	Fill	1705	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with occasional medium rounded and sub-angular stones.	1.8	0.7	0.3	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
18	1800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
18	1801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish yellow friable sandy silt with occasional small stones.	-	-	0.2	-
18	1802	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish orange friable silty sand with moderate small stones and gravels.	-	-	0.1	-
18	1803	Cut		Tree throw	Oval shaped tree throw with moderate sides and a flat base.	1.4	1.1	0.2	-
18	1804	Fill	1803	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	1.4	1.1	0.2	-

18	1805	Cut		Tree throw	Shallow oval tree throw with asymmetrical sides and a rounded base.	0.8	0.6	0.1	-
18	1806	Fill	1805	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	0.8	0.6	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
19	1900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
19	1901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown friable sandy silt with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
19	1902	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish orange friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
20	2000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
20	2001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.2	-
20	2002	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown friable clayey sand with moderate small to medium stones.	-	-	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
21	2100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate pebbles.	-	-	0.4	-
21	2101	Layer		Subsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand small to medium pebbles.	-	-	0.2	-
21	2102	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown friable clayey sand with moderate small pebbles and occasional gravels.	-	-	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
22	2200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small to medium stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.4	-
22	2201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small to medium pebbles.	-	-	0.3	-
22	2202	Layer		Natural	Light yellowish orange friable clayey sand with light bluish grey mottling, and moderate small to medium stones.	-	-	0.0	-
22	2203	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned ditch with moderate, concave sides and a rounded base.	2.0	1.2	0.4	-
22	2204	Fill	2203	Fill of ditch	Dark reddish brown friable silty sand with moderate small sub-rounded stones.	2.0	1.2	0.4	-
22	2205	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw, unexcavated.	1.5	0.5	-	-
22	2206	Fill	2205	Fill of tree throw	Light greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small sub-rounded stones.	1.5	0.5	-	-
22	2207	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw, unexcavated.	2.1	0.8	-	-
22	2208	Fill	2207	Fill of tree throw	Light greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small sub-rounded stones.	2.1	0.8	-	-
22	2209	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw, unexcavated.	1.4	1.1	-	-
22	2210	Fill	2209	Fill of tree throw	Light greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small sub-rounded stones.	1.4	1.1	-	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
23	2300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with medium stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.3	-
23	2301	Layer		Subsoil	Dark greyish brown friable orangey brown clayey sand with moderate medium stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.4	-
23	2302	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable clayey sand with moderate medium stones and gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
23	2303	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with symmetrical shallow sides and a flat base.	2.0	1.0	0.2	-
23	2304	Fill	2303	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable sandy silt with occasional small, sub-rounded stones.	2.0	1.0	0.2	-
23	2305	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned symmetrical, concave, moderately steep sides with a rounded base.	2.0	1.1	0.3	-
23	2306	Fill	2305	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable sandy silt with frequent small sub-rounded stones.	2.0	1.1	0.3	-
23	2307	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned boundary ditch, unexcavated.	2.0	1.2	-	-
23	2308	Fill	2307	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown friable sandy silt with frequent small stones.	2.0	1.2	-	-
23	2309	Cut		Ditch	NE-SW aligned boundary ditch, unexcavated.	2.0	1.2	-	-
23	2310	Fill	2309	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown friable sandy silt with frequent small stones.	2.0	1.2	-	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
24	2400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
24	2401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate medium stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.2	-
24	2402	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown friable clayey sand with moderate medium stones and pebbles and occasional gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
24	2403	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned ditch with moderate concave sides and a rounded base. Represents southern boundary of possible trackway.	4.7	1.3	0.3	C17 -C19
24	2404	Fill	2403	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable sandy silt with moderate small sub-sounded stones and charcoal flecks.	1.0	1.3	0.3	C17 -C19
24	2405	Cut		Ditch	NW-SE aligned ditch possibly relating to former footpath with moderate concave sides and a rounded base. Re-cut by ditches 2407, then by 2409.	11.0	1.4	0.4	
24	2406	Fill	2405	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small to medium sub-rounded stones.	11.0	0.4	0.4	
24	2407	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned with moderate, concave sides and a rounded base. Re-cut by ditch 2409 and cuts ditch 2405.	3.0	1.1	0.3	PMED
24	2408	Fill	2407	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small sub-rounded stones and charcoal flecks. Contains post-medieval CBM.	3.0	1.1	0.3	PMED
24	2409	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with gradual, concave sides and a rounded base. Possible re-cut of ditch 2407.	3.0	1.1	0.2	-
24	2410	Fill	2409	Fill of ditch	Light greyish brown friable sandy silt with moderate small sub-rounded stones and charcoal flecks.	3.0	1.1	0.2	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
25	2500	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with moderate small rounded stones.	-	-	0.35	-
25	2501	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown friable clayey silt with moderate small to medium stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.0	-
25	2502	Cut		Tree throw	Sub-oval tree throw with moderate	1.4	0.8	0.2	-
25	2503	Fill	2502	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stones.	1.4	0.8	0.2	-
25	2504	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned ditch with moderately steep, concave sides and a rounded base. Represents western boundary of possible trackway.	2.2	1.5	0.7	-
25	2505	Fill	2504	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with dark yellowish brown, light whitish brown and dark reddish brown patches and moderate small sub-rounded stones.	2.2	1.5	0.7	-
25	2506	Cut		Linear	NW-SE aligned ditch with moderately steep sides and a flat base. Represents eastern boundary of possible trackway.	2.5	0.7	0.3	-
25	2507	Fill	2506	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stones and moderate charcoal.	2.5	0.7	0.3	-
25	2508	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with steep, irregular sides and an irregular base.	1.0	0.7	0.4	-
25	2509	Fill	2508	Fill of tree throw	Light greyish brown compact silty sand with moderate small stones.	1.0	0.7	0.4	-
25	2510	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with shallow irregular sides and an irregular base.	1.0	0.4	0.2	-
25	2511	Fill	2510	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown compact silty sand with moderate small stones.	1.0	0.4	0.2	-
25	2512	Cut		Tree throw	Irregular shaped tree throw with shallow, irregular sides and an irregular base.	2.0	0.5	0.2	-
25	2513	Fill	2512	Fill of tree throw	Mid greyish brown compact silty sand with moderate small stones.	2.0	0.5	0.2	-
25	2514	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned trackway ditch with irregular sides and a rounded base. Re-cut by ditches 2516 and 2518; east side of trackway	2.0	0.1	0.4	-
25	2515	Fill	2514	Fill of ditch	Mid orangey brown compact silty sand.	2.0	0.1	0.4	-
25	2516	Cut		Ditch	NE-SW aligned field boundary ditch with steep sides and a rounded base. Cuts ditch 2514 and re-cut by ditch 2518. = 2407	2.0	1.1	0.5	-
25	2517	Fill	2516	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	2.0	1.1	0.5	-
25	2518	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with asymmetrical sides; a steep, slightly concave eastern side and a shallow concave western side; and a rounded base. Re-cut of ditch 2516. = 2409	2.0	1.9	0.5	C18-EC19
25	2519	Fill	2518	Fill of ditch	Dark brownish grey compact silty sand with moderate small stones and charcoal flecks.	2.0	1.9	0.5	C18-EC19

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
26	2600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with moderate small stones and pebbles.	-	-	0.3	-
26	2601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orangey brown friable clayey silt with moderate small to medium	-	-	0.2	-

					stones and pebbles.				
26	2602	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small to medium pebbles.	-	-	0.0	-
26	2603	Cut		Ditch	N-S aligned field boundary ditch with shallow sides and a flat base.	2.1	2.4	0.4	LC17-C18
26	2604	Fill	2603	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small pebbles and large burnt stones.	2.1	2.4	0.4	LC17-C18
26	2605	Fill	2603	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown clayey sand.	2.1	2.4	0.2	LC17-C18

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
27	2700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small pebbles.	-	-	0.4	-
27	2701	Layer		Subsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate small to medium pebbles and gravels.	-	-	0.1	-
27	2702	Layer		Natural	Mid orangey brown friable clayey sand with moderate gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
27	2703	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned ditch with moderately steep sides and flat base. Represents northern boundary of possible trackway.	2.0	0.7	0.31	1700-1740
27	2704	Fill	2703	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown compact silty sand.	2.0	0.7	0.3	1700-1740
27	2705	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned ditch with steep sides and a flat base. Represents recut boundary of trackway.	2.0	1.0	0.4	PMED/MO
27	2706	Fill	2705	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown compact silty sand with moderate small stones.	2.0	1.0	0.4	PMED/MO
27	2707	Fill	2705	Fill of ditch	Dark greyish brown compact silty sand with moderate small stones and gravels.	2.0	1.0	0.4	PMED/MO

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
28	2800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable sandy silt with moderate small to medium stones.	-	-	0.3	-
28	2801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable sandy silt with moderate small to medium stones.	-	-	0.5	-
28	2802	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable sandy silt with moderate small to medium stones.	-	-	0.0	-
28	2803	Cut		Ditch	NE-SW aligned field boundary ditch with moderate concave sides and a rounded base.	2.0	0.9	0.2	-
28	2804	Fill	2803	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	2.0	0.9	0.2	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
29	2900	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small to medium stones	-	-	0.3	-
29	2901	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
29	2902	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable silty sand with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.0	-
29	2903				Void				
29	2904	Fill		Fill	Mid orangey brown silty sand, compact	2.0	3.2	0.2	

29	2905	Layer		Surface	Layer of compacted silty sand with frequent small, though stones not ordered	2.0	3.2	0.2	-
29	2906				Void				
29	2907	Fill	2906	Fill of Ditch	Light brown grey silty sand, compact with occasional small stones	2.0	0.8	0.2	PMED
29	2908				Void				
29	2909	Fill	2912	Fill of Ditch	Light brown grey silty sand, compact with occasional small stones	2.0	1.5	0.2	-
29	2910				Void				-
29	2911	Fill	2912	Fill of Ditch	Light grey brown silty sand, compact with occasional small stones	2.0	0.6	0.2	-
29	2912	Cut		Ditch	N-S driveway cut, with steep concave sides, linear parallel bases and a flat, raised central base.	2.0	8.0	0.5	-
29	2913	Fill	2912	Fill of Ditch	Dark greyish brown sandy silt, friable with frequent small stones	2.0	8.0	0.5	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
30	3000	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small to medium stones.	-	-	0.3	-
30	3001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small to medium stones.	-	-	0.3	-
30	3002	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate small stones and gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
30	3003	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned field boundary ditch with symmetrical convex sides and a flat base.	2.0	0.9	0.5	-
30	3004	Fill		Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stones.	2.0	0.9	0.5	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
31	3100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
31	3101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown friable sandy silt with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.4	-
31	3102	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish brown friable silty sand with moderate medium stones and occasional gravels.	-	-	0.0	-
31	3103	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned field boundary ditch with shallow concave sides and a rounded base.	2.0	0.8	0.2	-
31	3104	Fill		Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown compact silty sand with occasional gravels.	2.0	0.8	0.2	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
32	3200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
32	3201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish grey friable sandy silt with moderate small stones.	-	-	0.5	-
32	3202	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish orange friable silty sand with moderate small to medium flint and occasional gravels.	-	-	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
33	3300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with occasional small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
33	3301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish grey friable silty sand with frequent gravels.	-	-	0.4	-
33	3302	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange friable silty sand with moderate medium stones and occasional gravels.	-	-	0.1	-

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)	Spot-date
34	3400	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown friable clayey silt with occasional small stones.	-	-	0.3	-
34	3401	Layer		Subsoil	Mid greyish brown friable clayey sand with moderate gravels.	-	-	0.3	-
34	3402	Layer		Natural	Mid greyish orange	-	-	0.2	-
34	3403	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned ditch with shallow concave sides and a rounded base. Represents southern boundary of trackway, running parallel to ditch 3405.	2.0	0.8	0.2	PMED
34	3404	Fill	30403	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate gravels. Contains post-medieval CBM.	2.0	0.8	0.2	PMED
34	3405	Cut		Ditch	E-W aligned ditch with shallow, concave sides and a flat base. Represents northern boundary of trackway, running parallel to ditch 3403.	2.0	0.7	0.2	-
34	3406	Fill	3405	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown friable silty sand with moderate gravels.	2.0	0.7	0.2	-
34	3407	Cut		Ditch	SW-NE aligned field boundary ditch with steep, concave sides and a flat base.	1.0	1.4	0.4	-
34	3408	Fill	3407	Fill of ditch	Mid greyish brown compact clayey sand with moderate small stones.	1.0	1.4	0.4	-

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

Table 1: Quantification of finds by context

Context	Category*	Description	Ct.	Wt.(g)	Spot-date
1006	Prehistoric Pottery	Fabric FT (body sherds)	2	7	LBA-EIA
2404	Pmed. pottery CBM	GRE (clear-glazed earthenware) pan tile	4 11	496 154	LC17-EC19
2408	CBM	Brick (9); flat tile	10	235	Pmed
2519	Pmed. pottery CBM Glass	GREw (glazed earthenware with white underslip) flat tile; pan tile Wine/spirits bottle glass (green)	1 12 1	26 363 14	C18-EC19
2604	CTP Iron	Stems (5); bowl fragment Nail	6 1	19 16	LC17-C18
2605	CTP	Stem	1	2	Pmed
2704	CTP	Bowl (Oswald form 10)	1	15	1700-1740
2706	Glass	Clear window glass	1	3	Pmed/mod
2707	CBM	Brick (2¼" th.)	1	315	Pmed
2904	CBM	Flat tile			Pmed
2907	CBM CTP Iron	Flat (peg) tile stem Sheet fragments	141 1 2	3 3 4	Pmed
3404	CBM	Brick/hearth tile (4" wide x 1½" th.)	1	388	Pmed

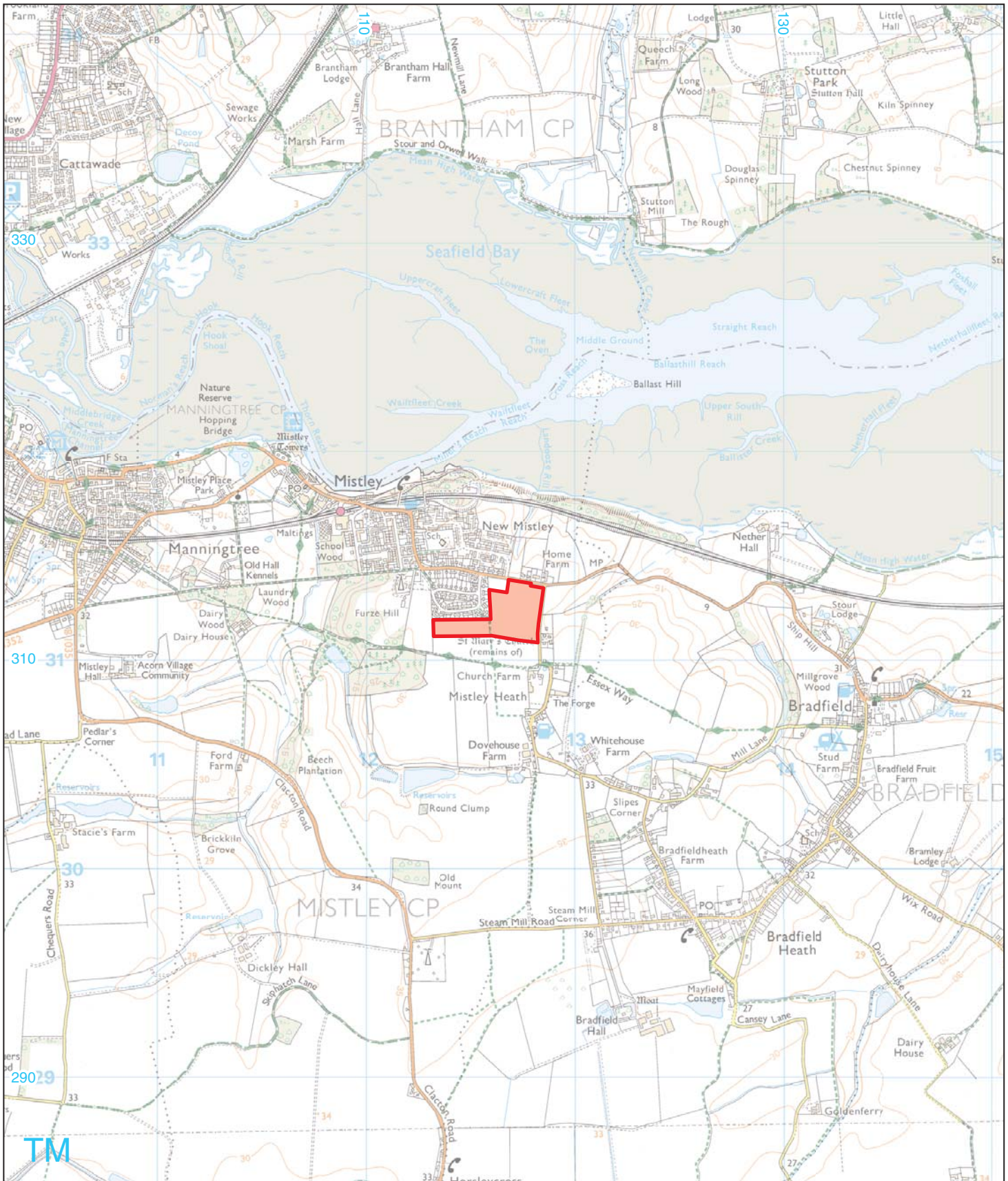
*CBM = ceramic building material; CTP = clay tobacco pipe

Prehistoric pottery fabric descriptions: Flint-tempered

FL Light brown exterior surface/margin with grey interior and margin. Soft with rough feel and irregular fracture. Contains common poorly-sorted (0.5-2mm) angular calcined flint. Described sherd from deposit 1006. *Thickness 7mm.*

APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Land At Mistley, Manningtree, Essex	
Short description	The evaluation largely revealed linear features broadly corresponding with the results of Air Photo Mapping and Interpretation (Deegan 2017). However, there was limited evidence for activity pre-dating the post-medieval period. Three distinct alignments of linear features were revealed across the site. The first consists of a group of north-west to south-east and north east to south-west aligned linear features encountered in trenches 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15 and 28. These were interpreted as the possible remnants of a late prehistoric field system. The second is a group of north to south and east to west aligned features, including the remains of a possible post-medieval trackway (identified as AP-A, Deegan 2017). The third is group relating to 19th century field boundaries and a footpath visible on the 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map of 1890 (identified as AP-B, Deegan 2017). Overall, the site is generally characterised by low-level agrarian activity of possible prehistoric and post-medieval date along with evidence for landscape boundaries and former routeways of post-medieval date.	
Project dates	6 th -10 th February 2017	
Project type	Field evaluation	
Previous work	Mistley Historic Environment Assessment (SLR 2015), Air Photo Mapping and Interpretation (Deegan 2017)	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Mistley, Manningtree, Essex	
Study area (M ² /ha)		
Site co-ordinates	TM 12695 31161	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology (CA)	
Project Brief originator	Essex County Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	CA	
Project Manager	Michelle Collings (CA), Myk Flitcroft (CgMs)	
Project Supervisor	James Coyne (CA)	
MONUMENT TYPE	Trackway	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Content	
Physical	Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service	Pottery, ceramic building material, metal, glass and pipe
Paper		Site records
Digital	Essex HER	Report and digital photos
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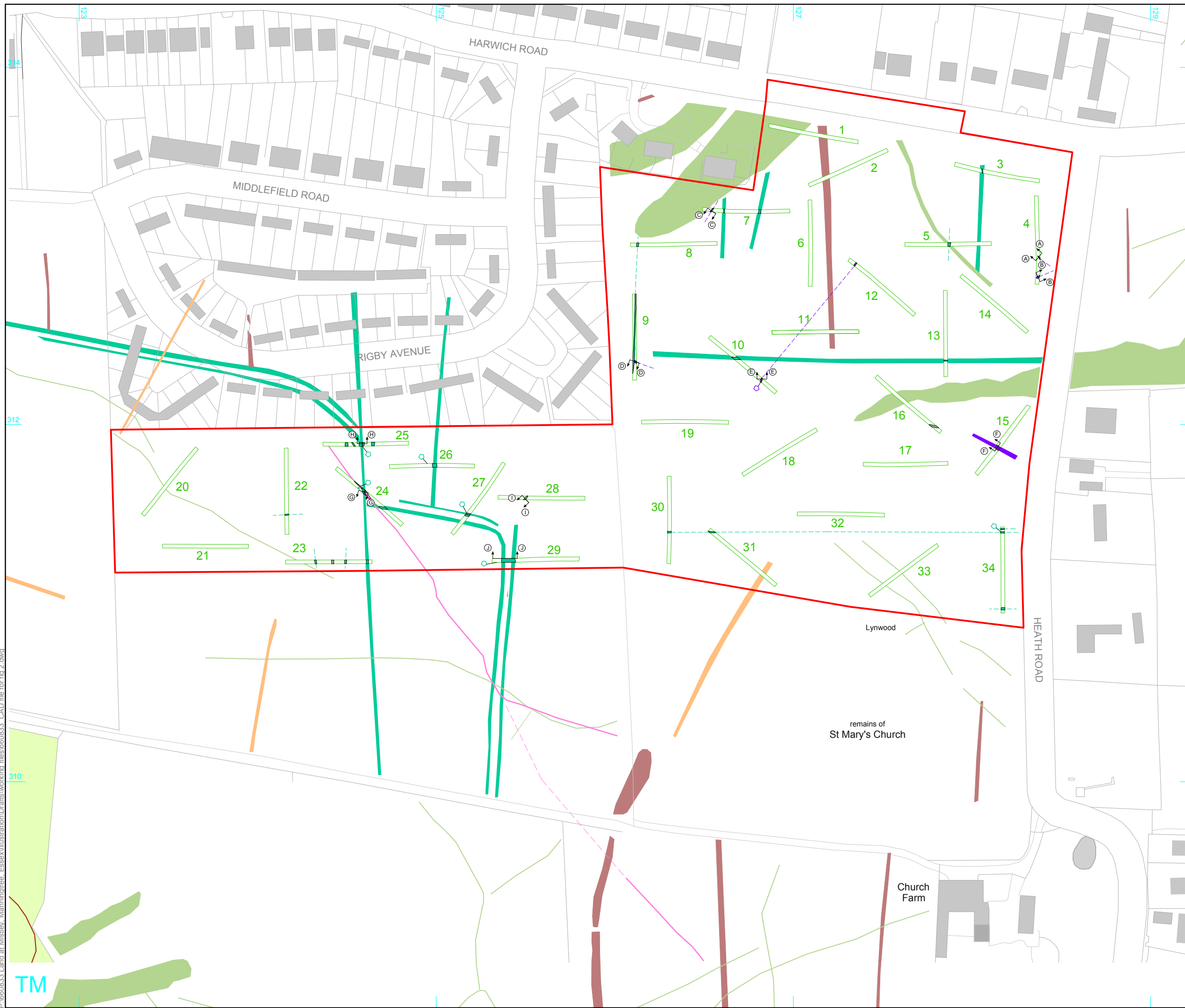
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Site location plan

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- Site boundary
 - Evaluation trench
 - Archaeological feature
 - Prehistoric alignment
 - Post-medieval system
 - 19th century footpath
 - Prehistoric finds spot (2 small sherds) recovered
 - Post-medieval/modern finds recovered
- Aerial photographic analysis:
- Ditch
 - Possible ditch
 - Possible natural feature
- B E Section location



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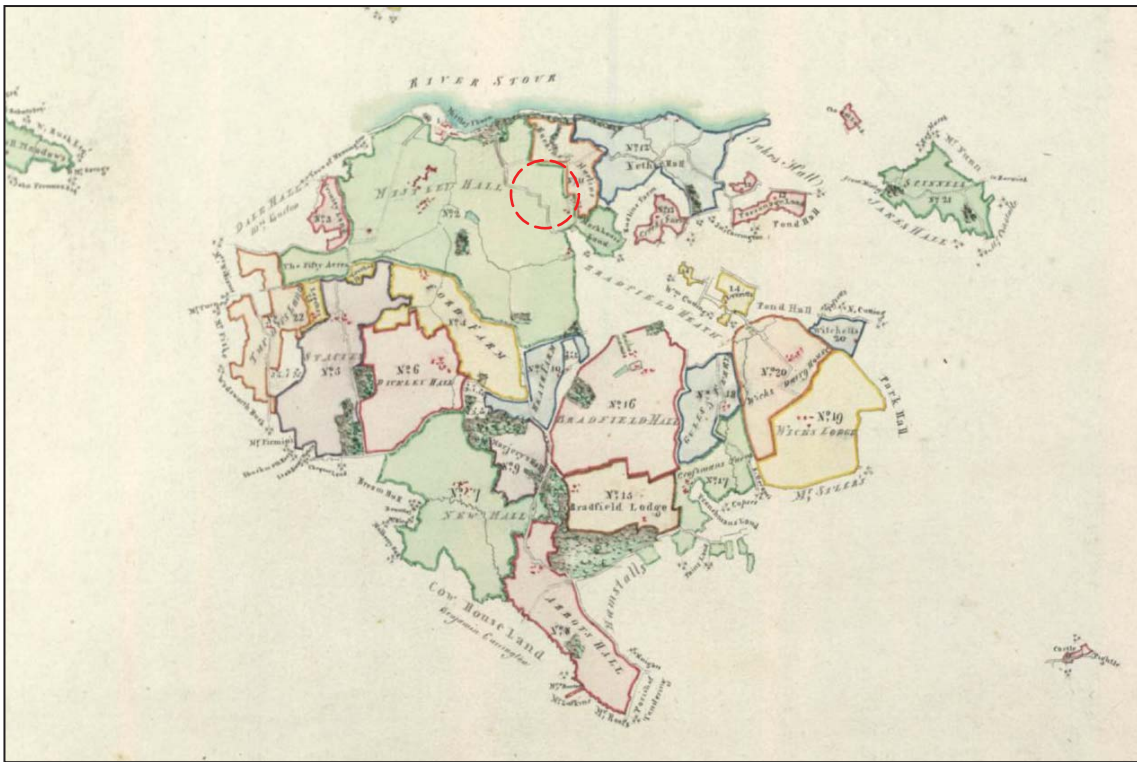
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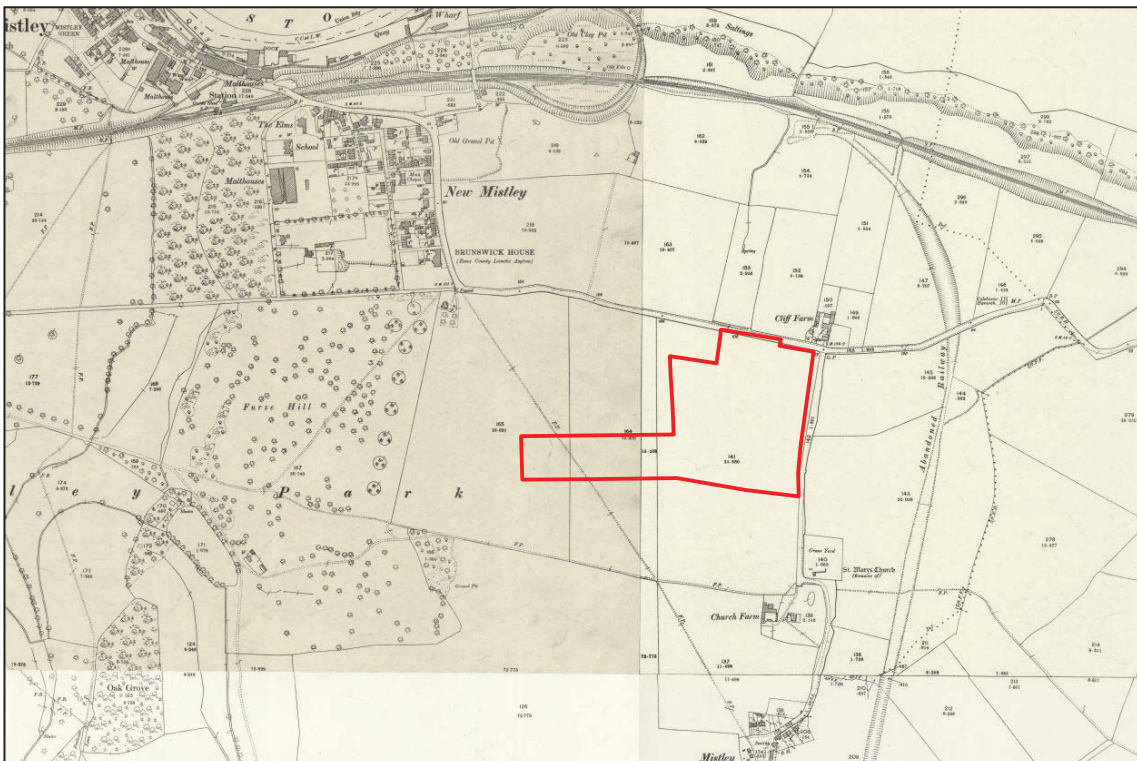
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Extract from "The general Survey of Mistley Parish 1778" (D/DFI E1, Reproduced by courtesy of the Essex Record Office) showing the approximate location of the site



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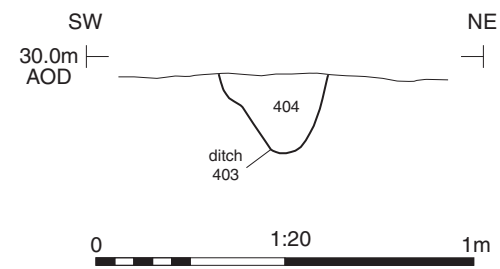
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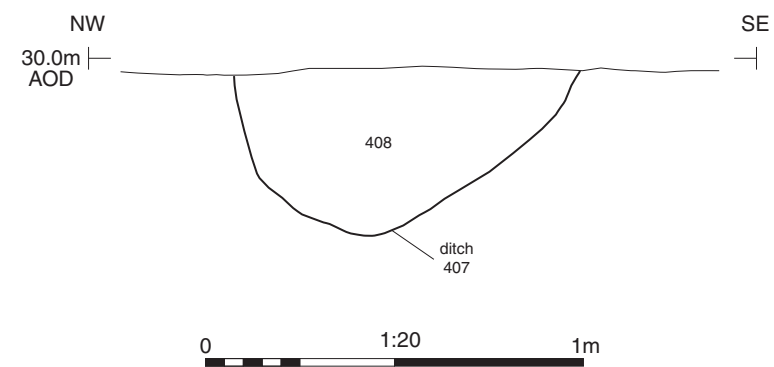
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Section AA



Ditch 403 looking north-west (0.4m scale)

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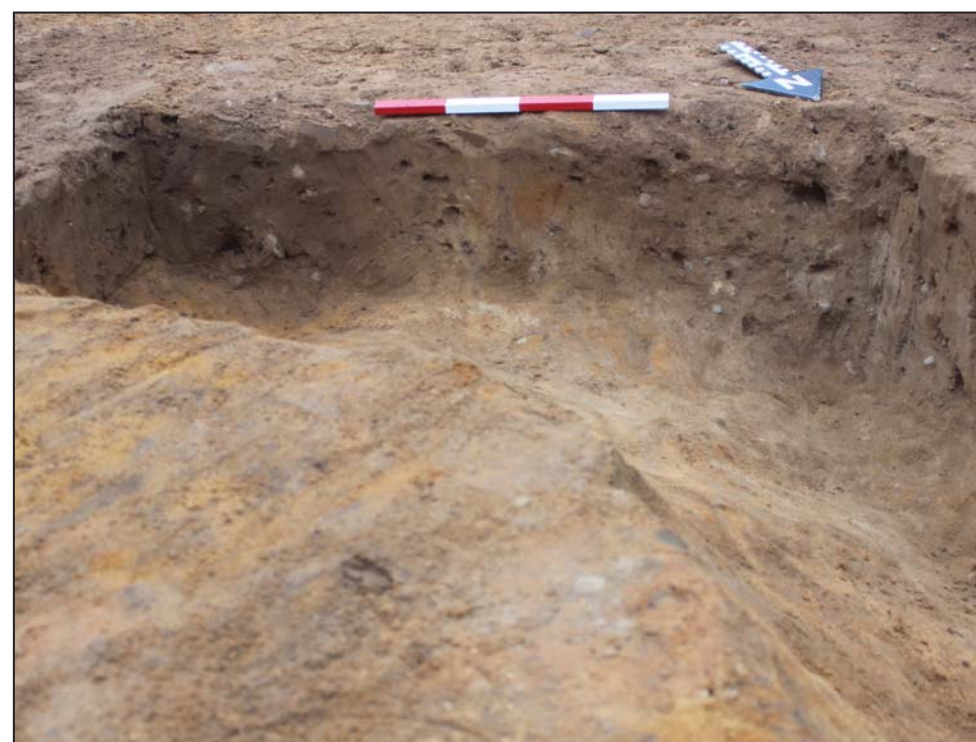
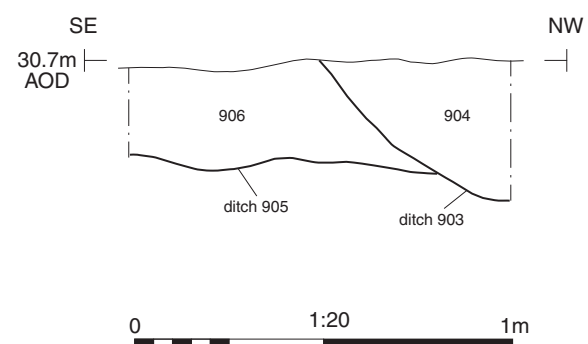
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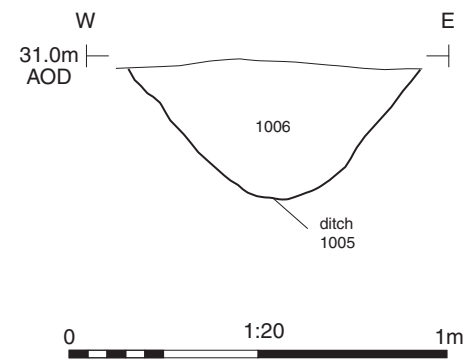
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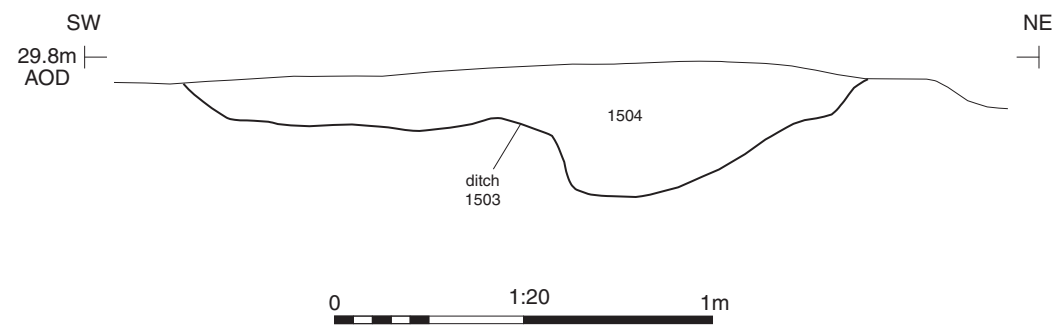
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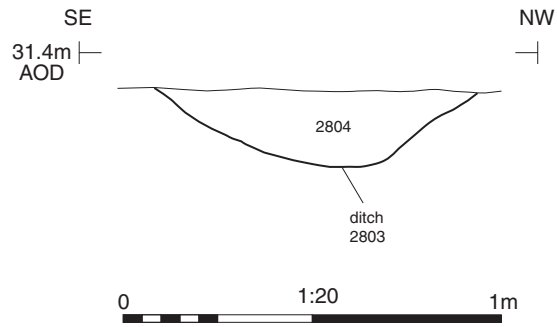
Ditch 1005 looking north (0.4m scale)

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Ditch 1503 looking north-west (1m scale)

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Ditch 2803 looking south-west (0.4m scale)



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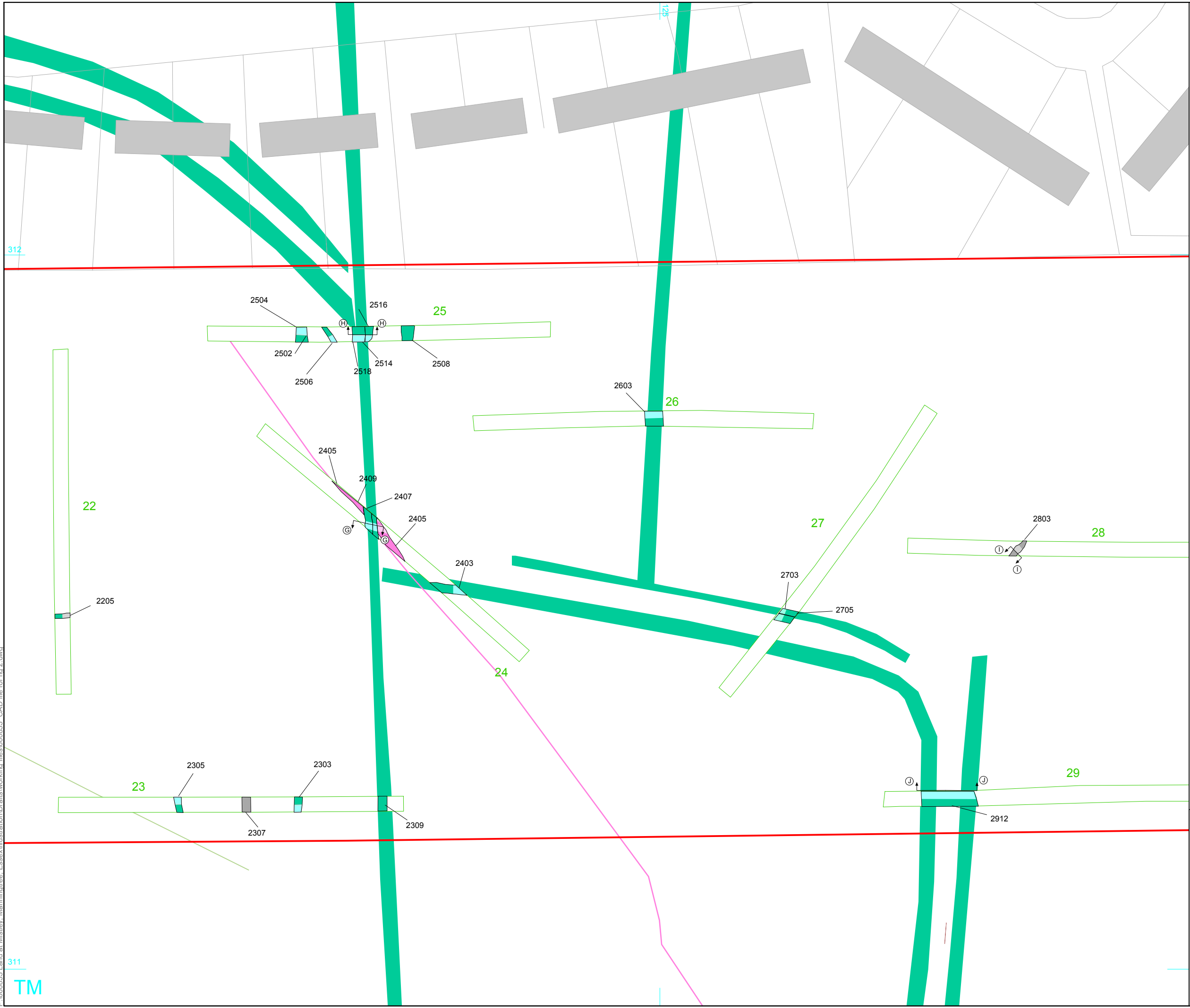
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Trench 28: section and photograph

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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Archaeological feature

Aerial photographic analysis:

- excavated/unexcavated
- Post-medieval field system
 - 19th century footpath
 - Possible natural feature

A B Section location



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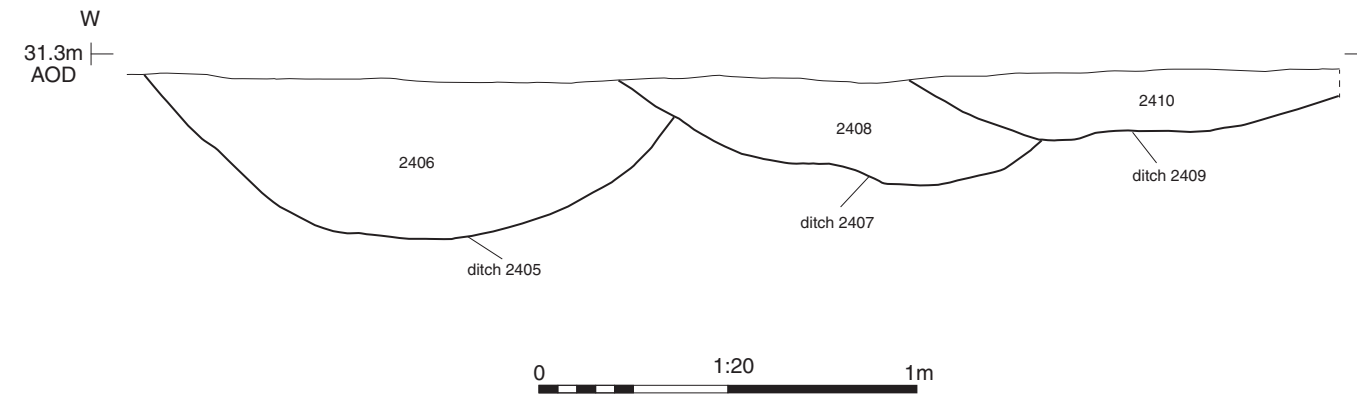
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Ditches 2405, 2407 and 2409 looking south-east (1m scale)

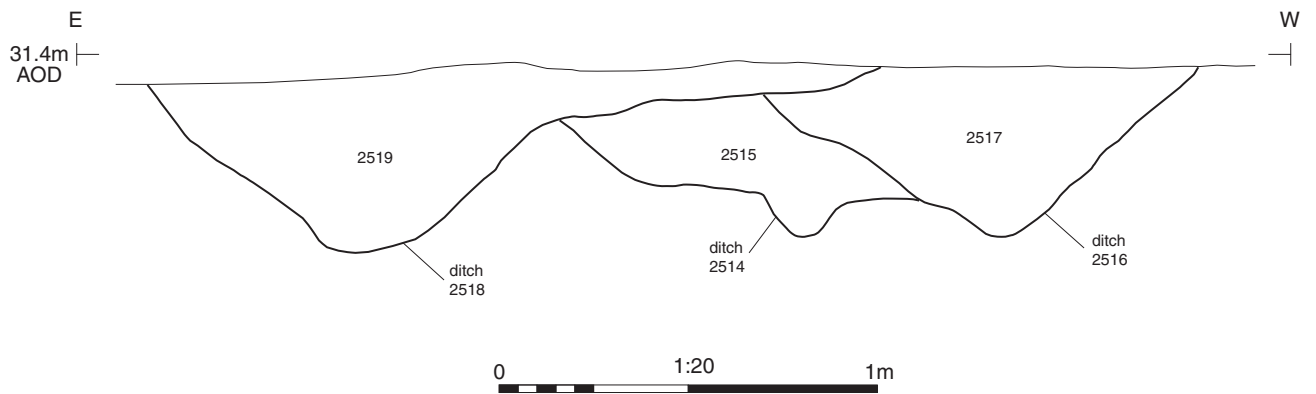

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Trench 24: section and photographs

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Ditches 2518, 2514 and 2516 looking north (1m scale)



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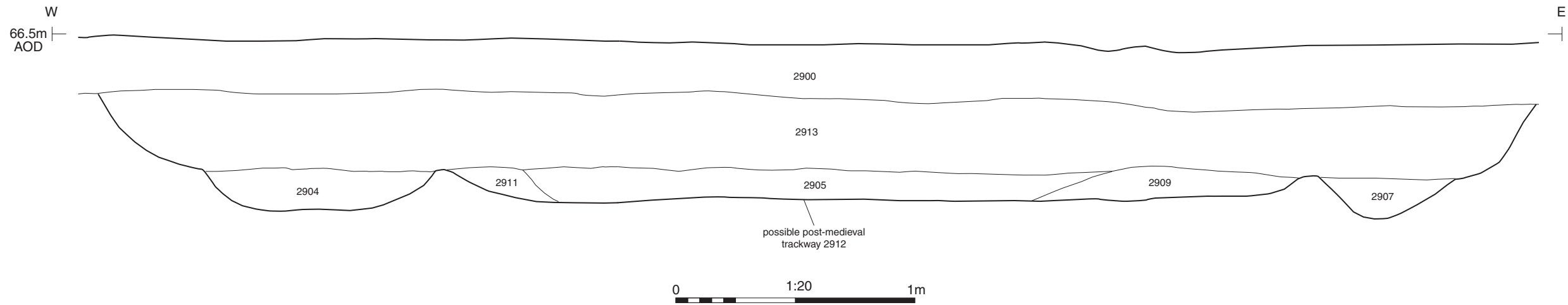
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