Site Diary

Site code:

Use this page at the end of each day to record a short summary of everyone on your team's thoughts about the day and the dig.

Summary of day 1 Date:

Summary of day 2 Date:

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Digging an Archaeological Test Pit Excavation Record

Date of excavation: 17.4.14
Test-pit number: TP 07
Test-pit team names:
1. ALAN MILLS
2.
3.
4.

Site code/settlement name: SBDR 14
Test-pit address: ARKLE COTTAGE REETH

Test Pit Location Map

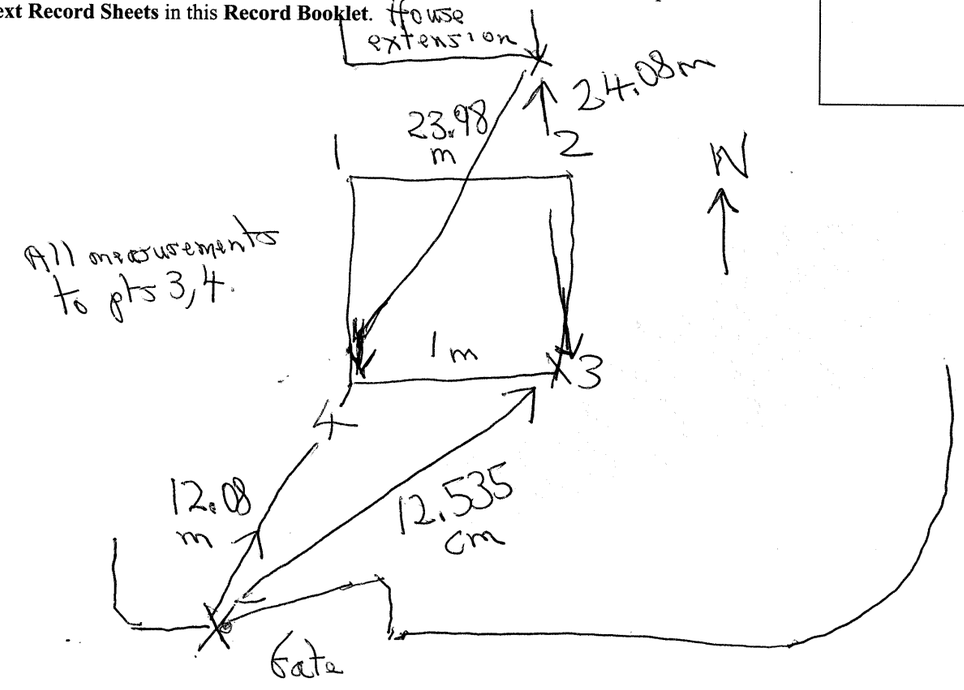
Site code: 5BDR 14 Test Pit number: 07

Site measured by: Keith Webster, Edie Johnson

Map drawn by: Alan Mills

Test pit location recording checklist	
Task	**Tick when completed**
Measure and draw map of area around your test pit with North marked.	
Add written description of test-pit location	

1. Make a measured, labelled plan of the unexcavated surface the test pit, showing where it is in relation to features such as houses, boundaries, roads, walls etc which are marked on your Ordnance Survey map. Include lines showing the exact distances from your test pit to permanently identifiable points nearby such as buildings or field corners. Show your test pit as a square with the corners numbered 1-4, to correlate with the numbers on each context plan in the **Context Record Sheets** in this **Record Booklet**.



2. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your map:

3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:
Walled area towards the back of Arkle Cottage garden. South of the cottage.

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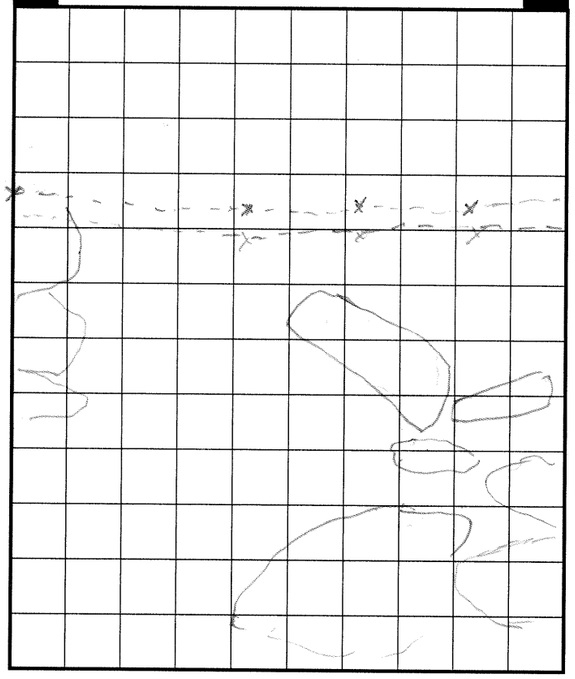
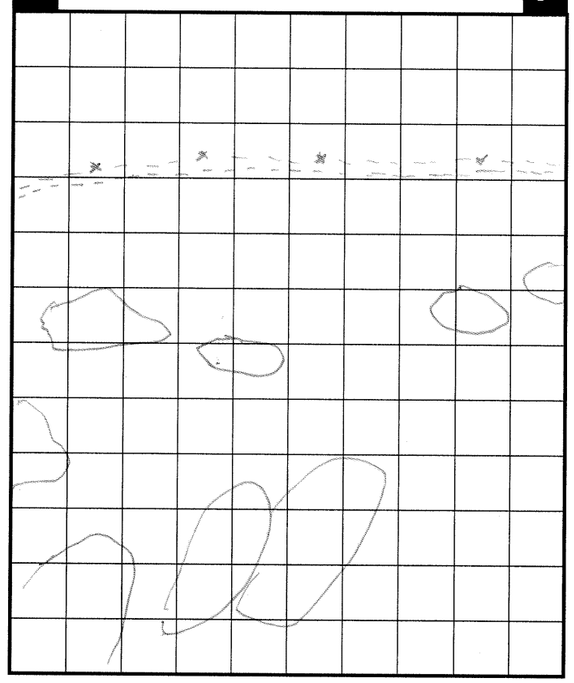
Section Drawings

Site code: 5BDR14 Test Pit number: 7

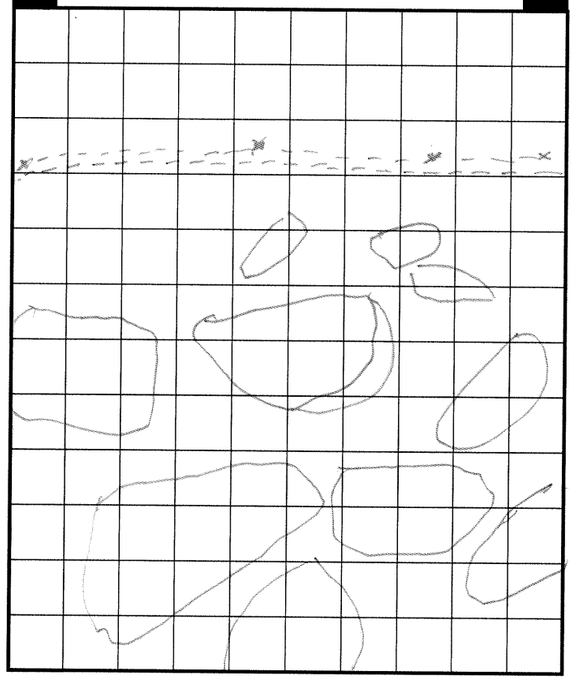
1 — Ground surface — 2



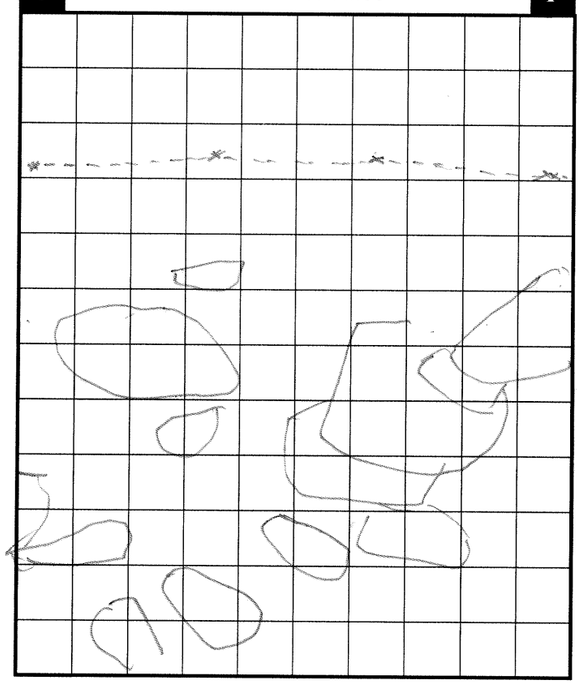
2 — Ground surface — 3



3 — Ground surface — 4



4 — Ground surface — 1



FINAL Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 | Test Pit number: 07 | Context number: 07

Context recorded by:

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 2 3 4

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

1 Final (unexcavated) context plan **2**

4 **3**

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Final Context Recording task checklist	
Task (complete all these **before** starting to backfill)	**Tick when completed**
Photograph surface of bottom of test pit	
Draw plan of bottom of test pit	
Complete section drawings for all 4 sides of your test pit	
Ensure all finds are clean and in clearly labelled bags	
Fill in all sections on this **Final Context Recording Sheet**	

6. Did you excavate your test pit to natural? If not, explain why you stopped digging.

7. Use this space for your conclusions about how well your test-pit excavation went, what you think it revealed, any technical problems you encountered which may have affected the results, and any other thoughts that might be useful when writing up your test-pit excavation:

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR | Test Pit number: 07 | Context number: 1

Context recorded by:

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 *0 cm* 2 *0 cm* 3 *0 cm* 4 *0 cm*

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

1 Context plan **2**

GRASS

4 **3**

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Recording task checklist	
Task	**Tick when completed**
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	✓
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	✓
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	100 %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	✓
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percentage?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone	Y	% 5	(Flecks)	(Small)	Med	Large
Sand	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 95	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	Large
Clay	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: 1/2

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

Various nails + metal staples
Warped pieces of glass
Clay pipe x2 section
Plant pot fragments
Other pale pottery
Mortar
Charcoal 1x small lump

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR | Test Pit number: 07 | Context number: 2

Context recorded by:

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 10cm 2 10cm 3 10cm 4 10cm

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan

1 2

Small Stones Inamongst Soil

4 3

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Stones inamongst Soil

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	✓
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	✓
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	100 %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	✓
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percentage?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone	Y	% 10	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 87	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	D	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Mortar	Y	% 3	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: 1-2 Slightly paler

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: | Test Pit number: | Context number:

Context recorded by:

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 2 3 4

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan

1 2

4 3

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	%
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percentage?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?:

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: | Test Pit number: | Context number:

Context recorded by:

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 2 3 4

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan

1 2 4 3

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	%
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percent-age?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?:

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 | Test Pit number: 07 | Context number: 3

Context recorded by: Jarvis, Doyle & Edie Johnson

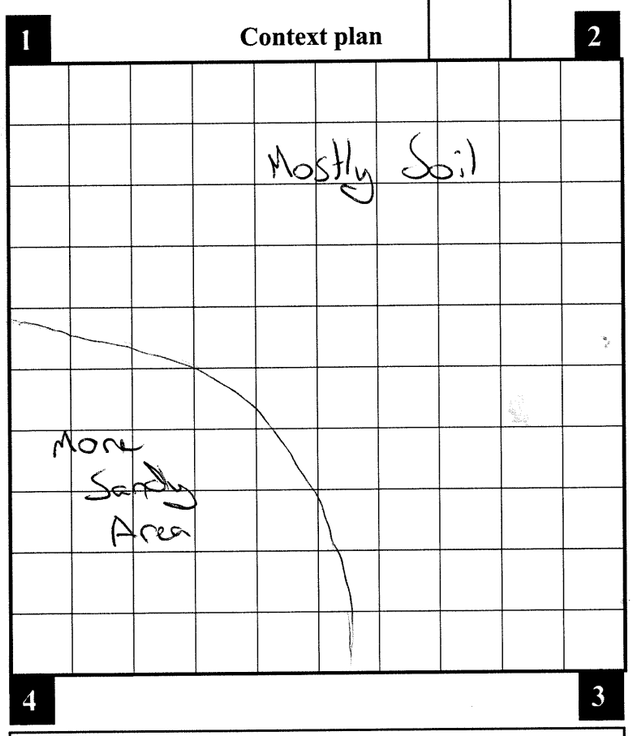
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 20cm 2 20cm 3 20cm 4 20cm

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Areas with different Soils

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	✓
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	✓
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	100 %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percent-age?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone	✓	% 5	(Flecks)	(Small)	(Med)	Large
Sand	✓	% 10	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	% 85	(Flecks)	(Small)	Med	Large
Clay	✓	% Trace	(Flecks)	(Small)	Med	Large
Charcoal	n	% n/a	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Mortar	✓	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: Sandy brown

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

Pottery ~~Bone~~ x3
Mortar x 30 (rounded)
Bone x2

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 | Test Pit number: 07 | Context number: 4

Context recorded by:

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 30cm 2 30cm 3 30cm 4 30cm

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan: ↑

Context plan

1 2

UNIFORM LAYER SHOWING SOME SAND AND GRAVELS IN A SOIL SPREAD.

4 3

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan: Large stones. Showing some sand and gravel

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	✓
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	✓
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	100 %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	✓
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	✓

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percentage?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: ~~Light~~ Light Sandy ~~brown~~

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

Mortar x 20
Bone x 1

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: | Test Pit number: | Context number:

Context recorded by:

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 2 3 4

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan

1 2

4 3

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	%
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percentage?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?:

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: | Test Pit number: | Context number:

Context recorded by:

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 2 3 4

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan

1 2 4 3

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Recording task checklist	
Task	**Tick when completed**
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	%
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percent-age?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?:

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDIR | Test Pit number: 7 | Context number: 5

Context recorded by:

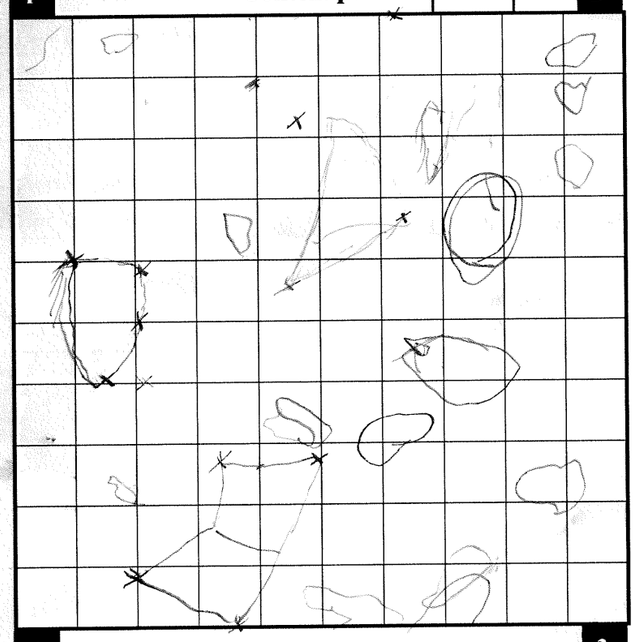
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 2 3 4

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan



1 2 4 3

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan: large rocks, slightly sandy surface

Recording task checklist	
Task	**Tick when completed**
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	%
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percent-age?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone	Y	% 20	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	Y	% 40	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 40	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	Y	% trace	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	N	% n/a	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: light sandy brown

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

Marker pen

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 7 Context number: 6

Context recorded by:

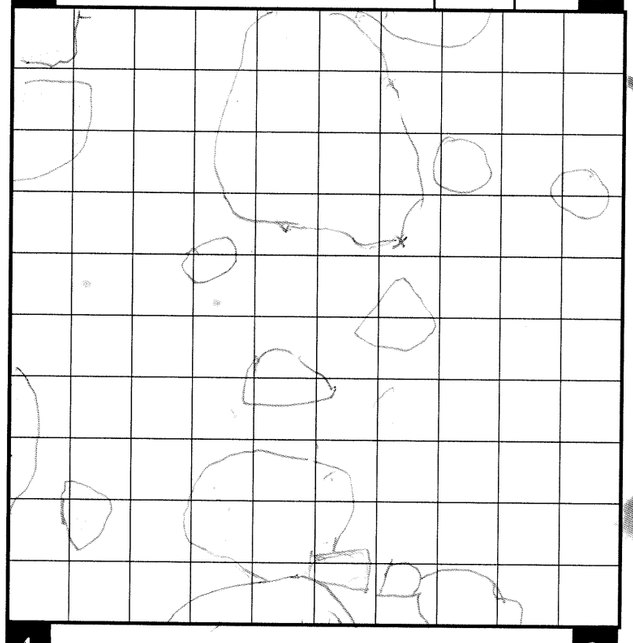
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 2 3 4

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan: large rocks, sandy and gravelly (Gravel, grit sand infill)

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	✓
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	✓
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	100 %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	✓
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percentage?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone	✓	% 20	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	✓	% 50	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	% 30	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: light sandy brown

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 07 Context number: 7

Context recorded by: Alan Mills

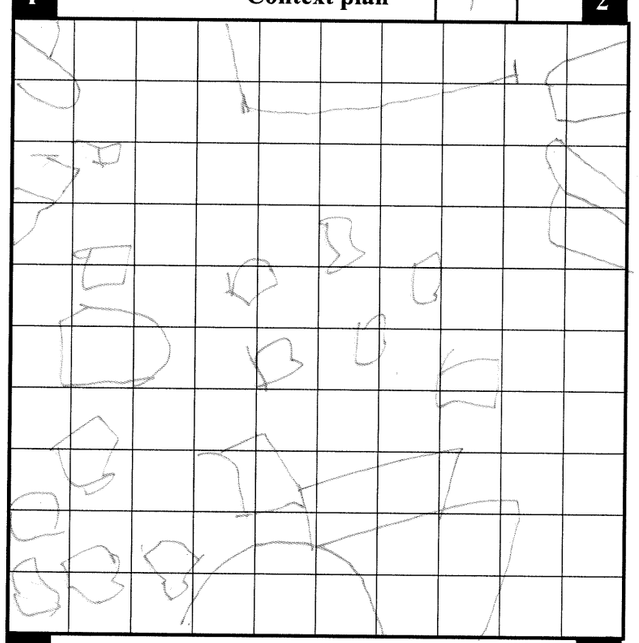
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 70 2 70 3 70 4 70

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan: Stone with gravel & grit sand infill. Small amount of clay

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	✓
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	✓
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	✓ %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	
Fill in **all** of this **Context Record Sheet**	

5. Complete the boxes below to show what (apart from finds) was in this context (write non-listed inclusions into blank row if necessary):

	Present y/n	Percentage?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone	✓	% 70	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	✓	% 29	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	✓	% 1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?:

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).

Small pieces of mortar (5)

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