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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: 17.5.14

Site code/settlement name: SBDR 14

Test-pit number: TP 09

Test-pit address: BURGOYNE HOTEL REETH

Test-pit team names:

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3. Nigel Bailey
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Test Pit Location Map

Site code: SB DR 14

Test Pit number: TP09

Site measured by: Ben Grinwood

Map drawn by: Hilary Grinwood

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:

↑

Front of hotel

door

A 7.78 m

lawn

Stone path steps with water between

Stone wall

2.73 m

hedge
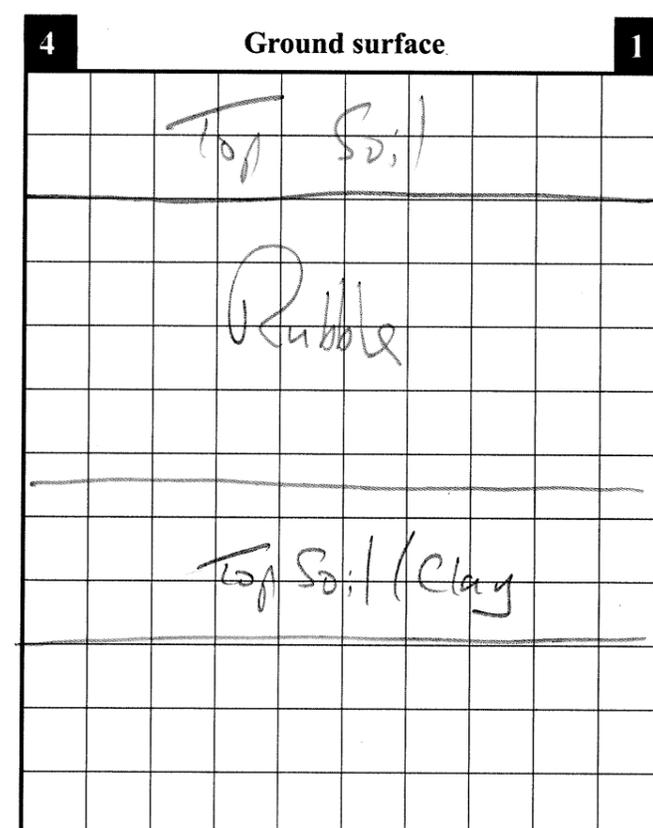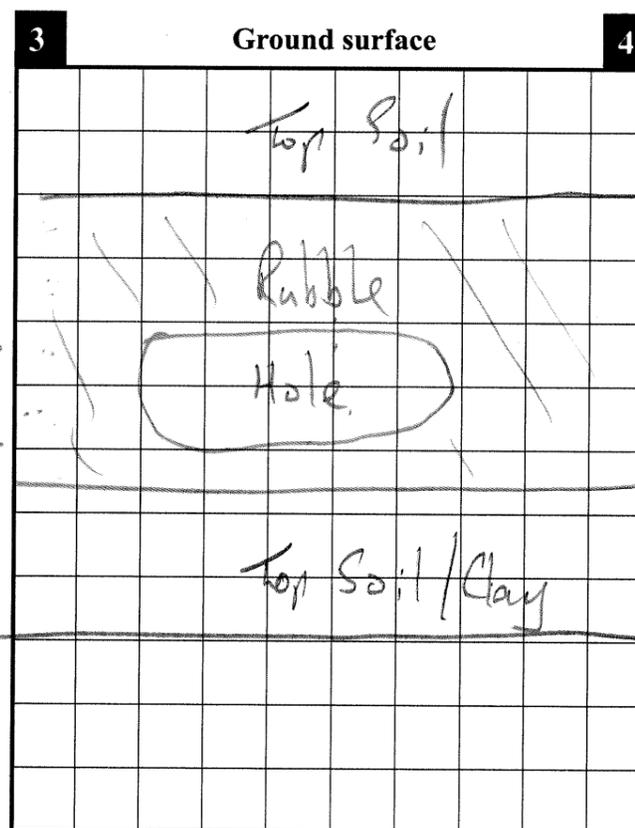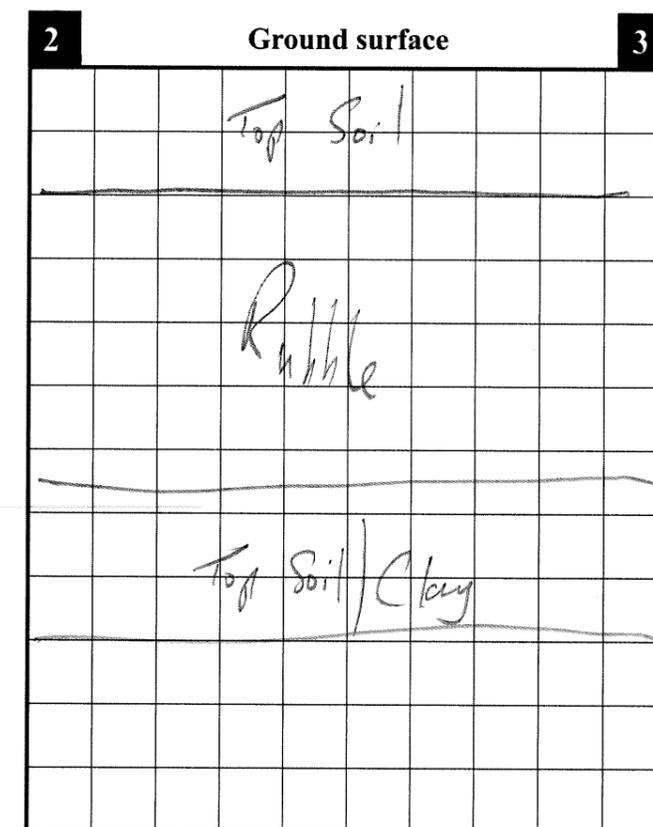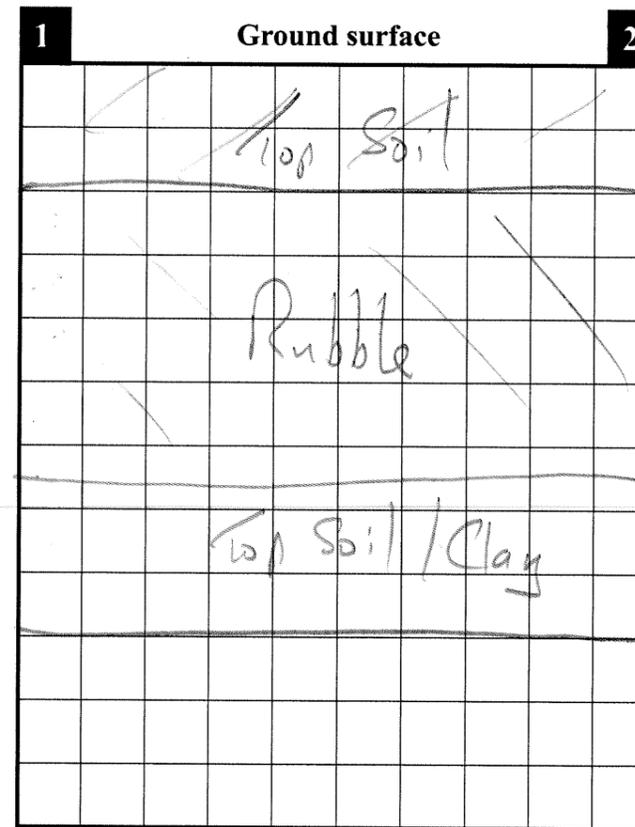
iron railings

base of pillar at ground level
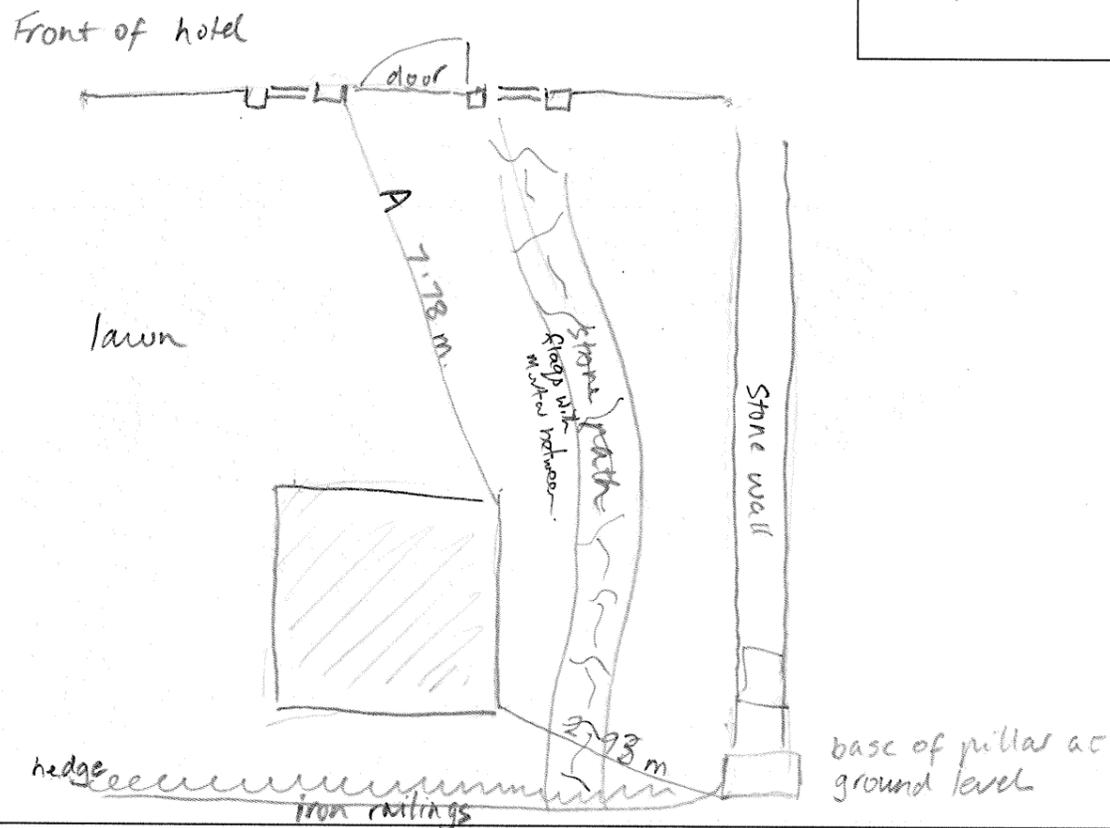
3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

Line A taken from base of 2nd pillar from left of side door (to right of front door of hotel)

A

2

Section Drawings

Site code: SBDR14

Test Pit number: TP 09

1 Ground surface **2**

Top Soil

Rubble

Top Soil / Clay

2 Ground surface **3**

Top Soil

Rubble

Top Soil / Clay

3 Ground surface **4**

Top Soil

Rubble

Hole

Top Soil / Clay

4 Ground surface **1**

Top Soil

Rubble

Top Soil / Clay

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FINAL 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)?
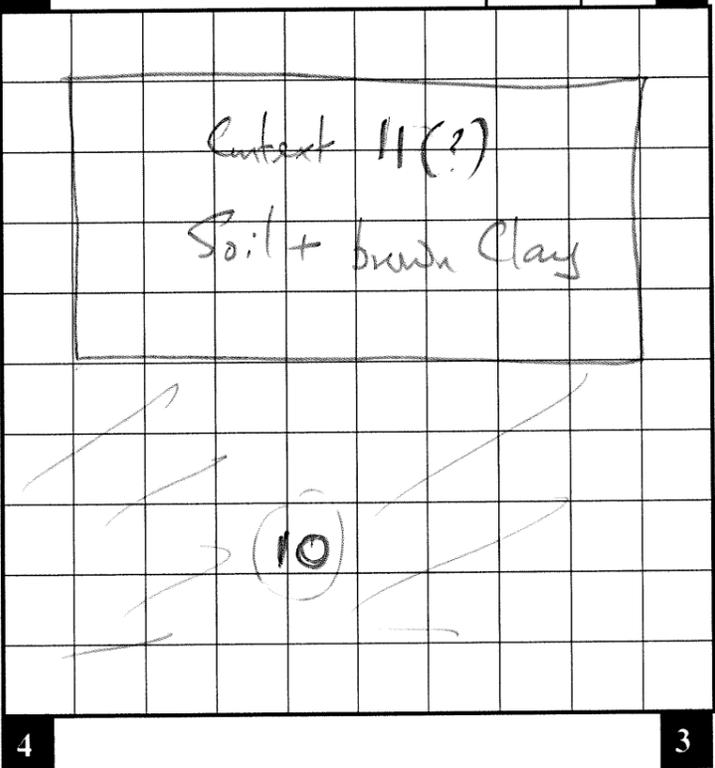
1   2   3   4

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:

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: S8DR14 Test Pit number: TP09 Context number: 1

Context recorded by: H. Greenwood

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**

all 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:

all grass - lawn at front of hotel.

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	Y	% 0.5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 99.5	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Coal	Y	% 0.01	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: Grass (lawn)

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).

3 small pieces white glazed pottery
2 small pieces blue + white glazed pottery
1 small piece stone with shiny surface (? burnt)

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 2

Context recorded by: H Gmewood

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	✓

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 10 cm   2 10 cm   3 10 cm   4 10 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**

(gridded plan area)

4 | | **3**

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

flat piece of sandstone

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	Yes	% 5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 95	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Coal		% < 1%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: Dark 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).

20 v. small transfer printed pottery
18 small white/cream glazed pottery
10 cream glazed pottery
4 pieces clay pipe stems
4 pieces bone   cockle shell
16 pieces glass
3 pieces black/brown earthenware
16 pieces lime mortar
6 coal/dark stone
1 piece of burnt stone ?

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Context Record Sheet (Final)

Site code: SBDR   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 10

Context recorded by: D. Brooks

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 90   2 90   3 90   4 90

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]

Context 11 (?)

Soil + brown Clay

(10)

[4] [3]

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

Half of 10 dug out as trowel. 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		%	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: SBDR 14   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 3

Context recorded by: H Greenwood

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 20 cm   2 20 cm   3 20 cm   4 20 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: ↑

Context plan

[1] [2]

a ⬠
b 🔲

[4] [3]
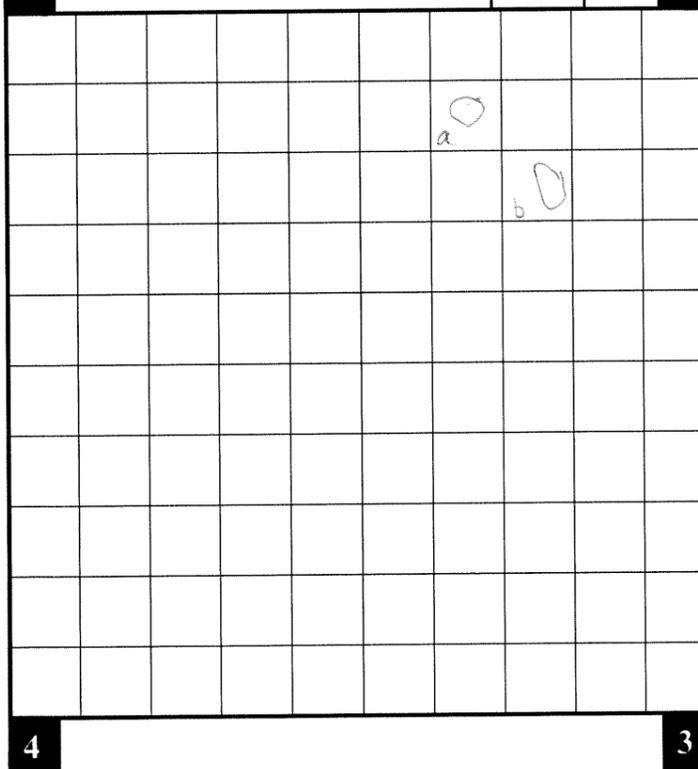
4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

a) small piece lime mortar
b) " " sandstone

all the rest: fine soil, very small even stones/grit.

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	Y	% 10	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 90	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?: dark 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).

23 small pieces glazed pottery (each less than 2 cm across)
1 small piece bone 1.5 cm long
2 ? pieces white bone "
1 piece ? bone 2 cm
3 pieces ? metal clinker
3 small pieces thin clear glass
11 small piece stone or unglazed pot
6 pieces plaster each 1 cm thick approx
6 pieces plaster / mortar

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 4

Context recorded by: HGreenwood

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 30 cm   4 30 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: ↓

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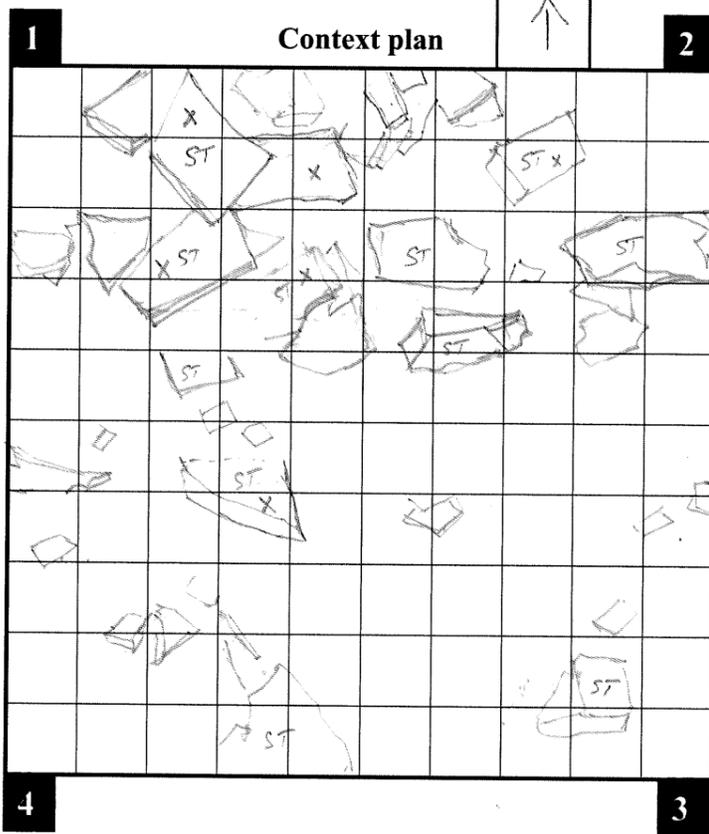
4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

mainly irregular slabs of sandstone and bits of lime mortar. Possible surface of old path.

x = stones looking like parts of old flagstones. Other stones more rough in shape.

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	✓	% 25	Flecks	Small	(Med)	(Large)
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil		% 39	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	✓	% 5	(Flecks)	(Small)	Med	Large
Lime Mortar	✓	% 30	Flecks	Small	(Med)	Large
Plaster	✓	% 1	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context? Dark 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).

2 small pieces glazed pottery
2 " " thin glass
1 piece rusted metal
3 pieces "lime" mortar
~15 pieces of "lime" plaster, possibly painted
1 piece coal
ca 25 bits charcoal, lumps, branches
all looks like builders' rubble.

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 9

Context recorded by: Dave Brooks

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 80cm   2 80cm   3 80 cm   4 80 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: ↑

Context plan

No features
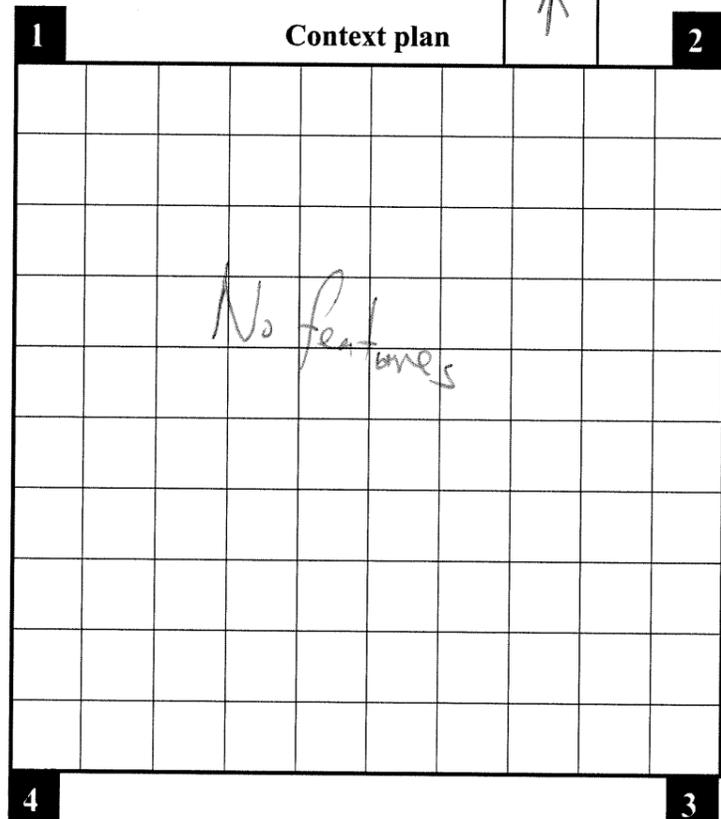
4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

all black 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	Percent-age?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
Stone	✓	% 5	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	% 90	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	✓	% 5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context? Black

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).

None

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 14   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 8

Context recorded by: D Brooks

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 70c   2 70c   3 70cm   4 70cm.

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

No Features

new and edge / T.

4		3

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

Black soil all the way across
Building rubble walls unstable - so making pit narrower

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	✓	% 10	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	% 78	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Plaster	✓	% 2	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	(Large)
Mortar	✓	% 10	Flecks	Small	(Med)	(Large)

6. What colour was this context?: Black.

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).

1 piece patterned clear glass
1 piece patterned pottery
1 length, small bored lead pipe
1 piece glass glazed pot.

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 5

Context recorded by: D Brooks

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 40cm   2 40cm   3 40cm   4 40cm

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

No Features

4		3

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

Surface was a mixture of soil & bits of stone & mortar

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	✓	% 20	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	(Large)
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	% 49	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	✓	% < 1	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Mortar	✓	% 25	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	(Large)
Plaster	✓	% 5	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	(Large)

6. What colour was this context?: Grey/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).

2 pieces of bone
2 pieces glazed pottery
1 piece glass
2 pieces of red brick
2 square nails
1 round nail (possibly)
2 pieces of slag
1 piece calcite embedded in mortar
~17 examples of the plaster (larger bits)
"Builders' rubble"

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 14   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 6

Context recorded by: Dave Brooks

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 50cm   2 50cm   3 50cm   4 50cm

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

No features

Hole (also goes into this side)

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

More 'Builders' rubble" mixed of stones, earth, etc
Hole to one side goes West + East

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		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	% 40	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	✓	%<1	(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
Plaster	✓	% 5	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	(Large)
Mortar	✓	% 35	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	(Large)

6. What colour was this context?: Grey/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).

1 piece blue-colour wall plaster + Misc plain pink pieces
2 pieces bottle glass (inc tops for marble stopper) – ca 1850 →
1 piece cast iron
2 nails
2 pieces 'modern" brick
4 piece coal + fire waste
1 piece bone
1 piece patterned brown glaze pottery
1 piece white glazed pottery
1 piece brown glaze pottery

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 14   Test Pit number: TP09   Context number: 7

Context recorded by: Dave Brooks

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 60cm   2 60cm   3 60cm   4 60cm

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

No features (Rubble)

blacker soil

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

largely builders' rubble – North End
soil begging to reappear at south end.

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		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	% 45	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Plaster	✓	% 5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Mortar	✓	% 30	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: Grey (N) south – blacker soil.

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).

1 piece green bottle (?) glass
2 length 3-strand copper wire
1 piece fire brick
1 piece glazed tile
3 pieces white glazed tile
3 pieces of brick
6 pieces of plaster (examples) painted

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