

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:

Enjoyed digging and sieving. The few finds we discovered were interesting.
Had a good afternoon in the sunshine.

the Lindsey Family.

INTERESTING LACK OF FINDS
SSS

Summary of day 2 Date:

Digging an Archaeological Test Pit Excavation Record

Date of excavation: 17.5.14

Test-pit number: TP 11

Test-pit team names:

1. MIKE KEENAN
2. GRAHAM SMITH

Site code/settlement name: SBDR 14

Test-pit address: SCHOOL HOUSE
REETH

3. NOAH/CHARLOTTE
4. GAEL LINDSEY RUTH LINDSEY
KATHRYN LINDSEY

Test Pit Location Map

Site code: **SBDR14** Test Pit number: **TP11**

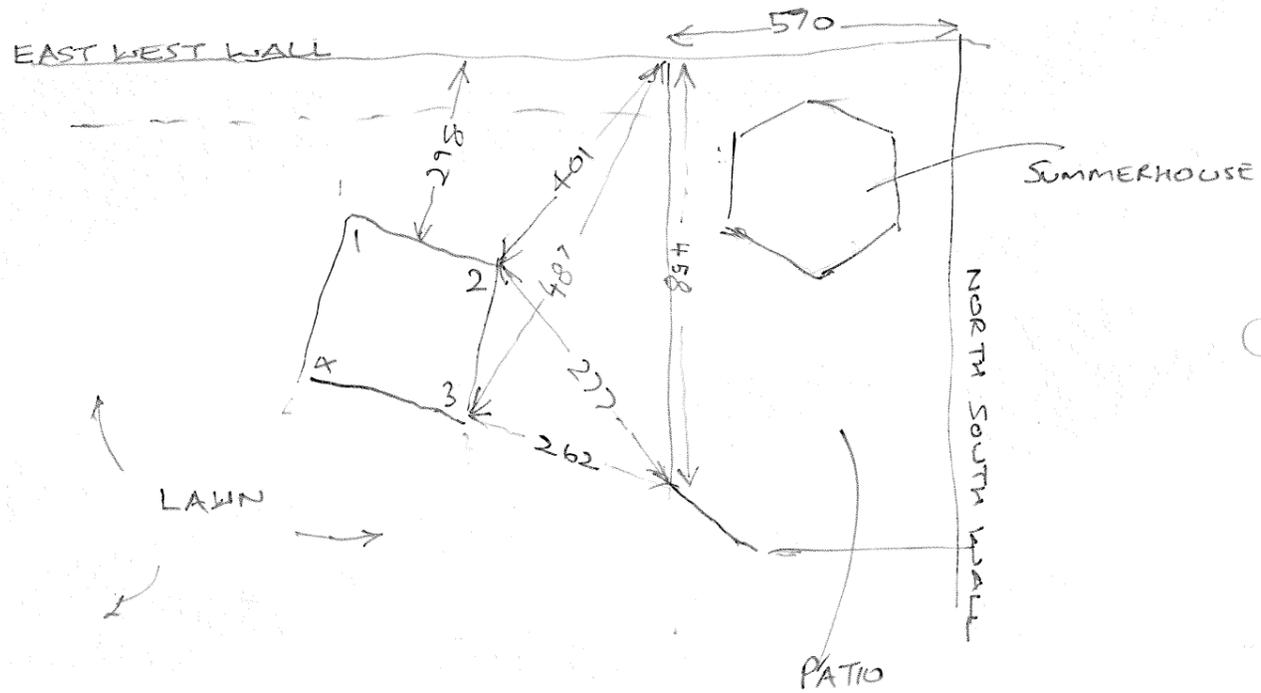
Site measured by: **JAMES SPRY
GRAHAM SMITH**

Map drawn by: **MIKE KEENAN**

Test pit location recording checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Measure and draw map of area around your test pit with North marked.	10.00
Add written description of test-pit location	10.20

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:

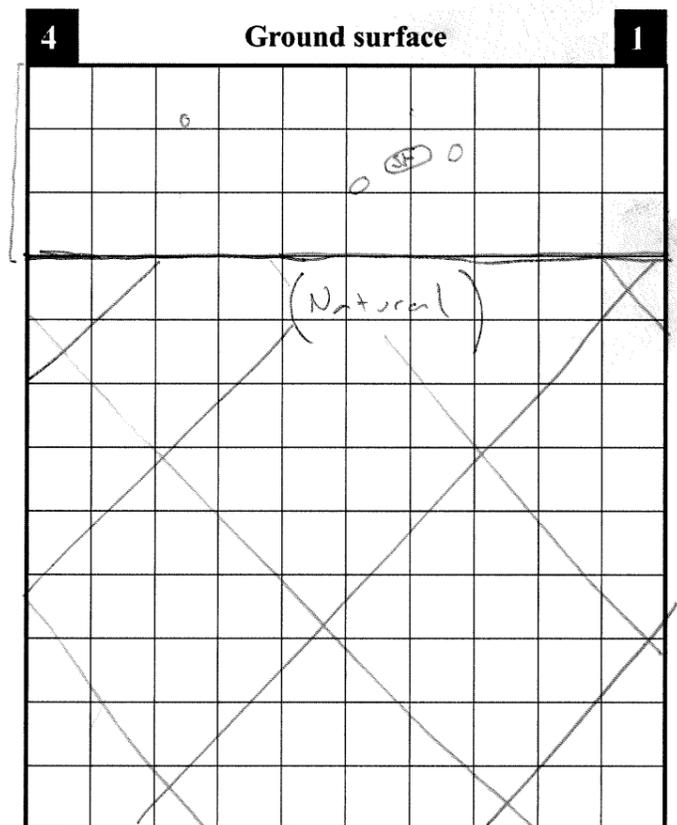
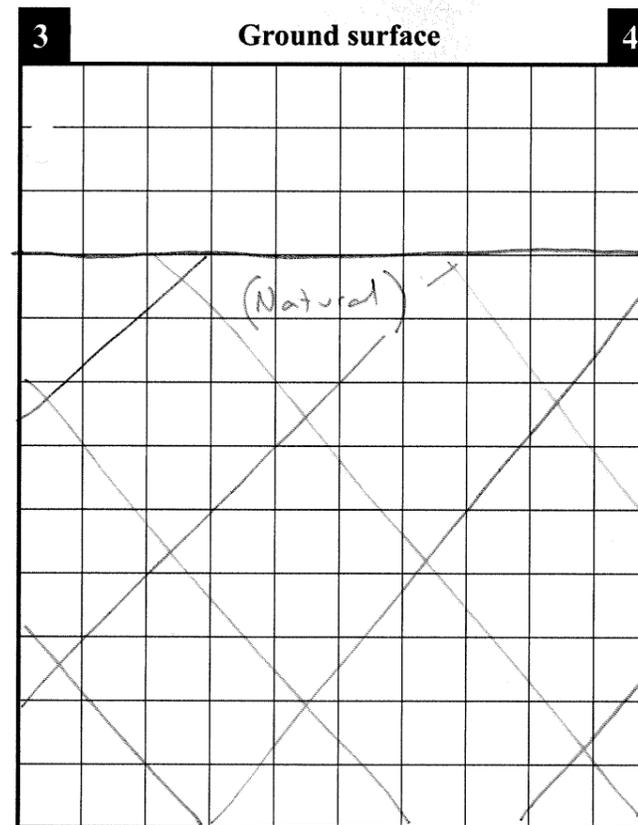
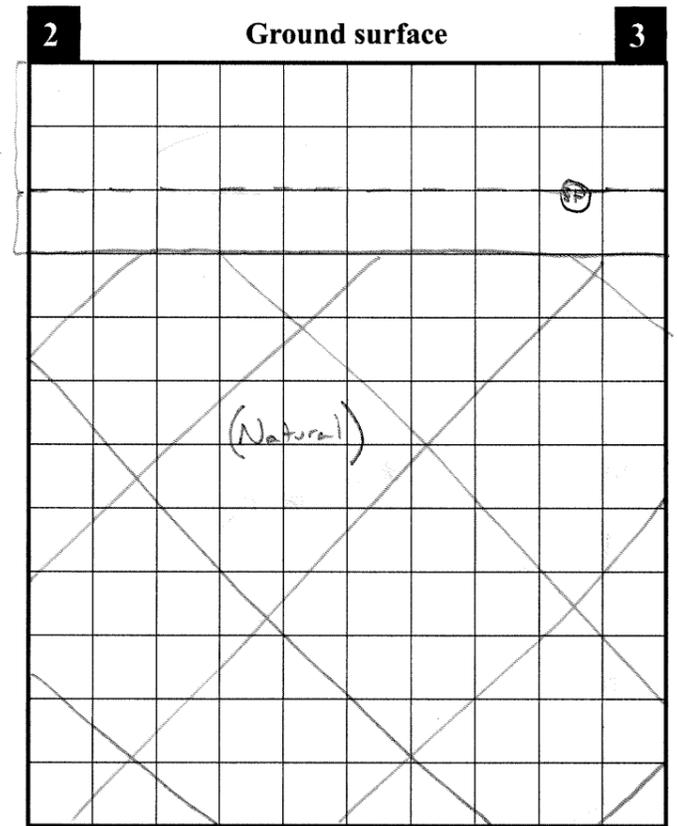
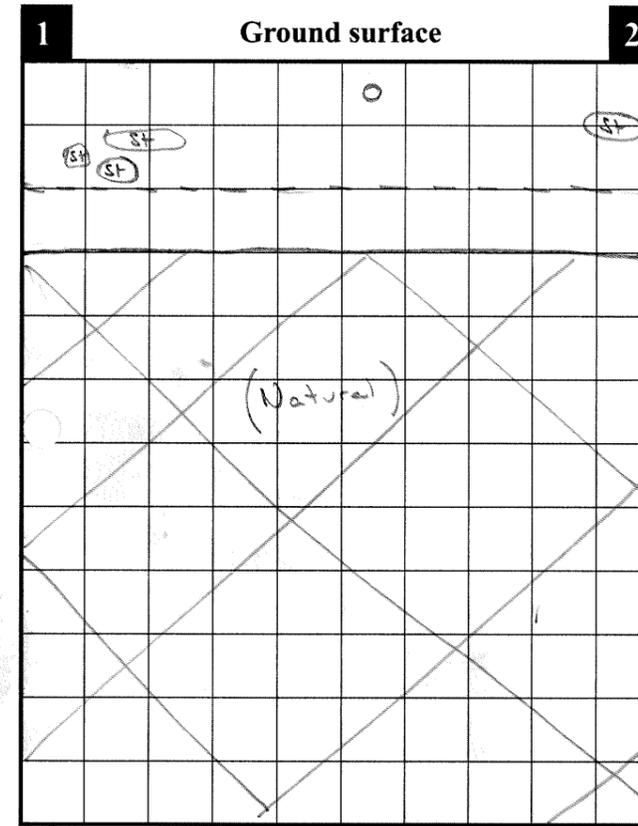


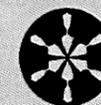
3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

SCHOOL HOUSE, REETH
REAR GARDEN
NORTH EAST CORNER

Section Drawings

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FINAL Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBD14** Test Pit number: **TP11** Context number: **4**

Context recorded by: **MIKE KEENAN**

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 30 2 30 3 30 4 30

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:

Final (unexcavated) context plan									
NO FEATURES									
CLAY/SOIL									

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

Natural - dug 10cm in corner (SE)

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

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

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:
 SETTING OUT AND DIGGING WENT WELL
 COBBLES FOUND - PROBABLY LEFT FROM CONSTRUCTION OF NEARBY WALL

Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBD14** Test Pit number: **TP11** Context number: **1**

Context recorded by: **J. Spry**

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:

Context plan									
TURF									

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

TURF no features.

Recording task checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer before starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Draw plan of top of context before starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% 20	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Large	
Sand	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Large	
Soil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% 70	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Large	
Clay	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Large	
Charcoal	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Large	
Brick	<input type="checkbox"/>	% 10	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Large	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Large	

6. What colour was this context?: **(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).
 Modern brick
 Small modern glass frag.
 Modern ceramic frag.
 Firewaste
 Mortar
~~Bone~~ ~~Clay~~

Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBD214 Test Pit number: 11 Context number: 2

Context recorded by: SPRANAG SMITH

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

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
No. features -> just loose surface stones and one large root

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

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)			
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Stone	<u>Y</u>	<u>% 30</u>				
Sand	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>				
Soil	<u>Y</u>	<u>% 60</u>				
Clay	<u>N</u>	<u>% -</u>				
Charcoal	<u>Y</u>	<u>% 2</u>				
<u>CERAMIC</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>% 4</u>				
<u>GLASS</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>% 4</u>				

6. What colour was this context?: 2 - 3

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).
BONE
CERAMIC
GLASS
METAL (Fe + Composite)

firewask.
chp

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Draw plan of top of context before starting to dig it	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	<input type="checkbox"/> %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fill in all of this Context Record Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Soil		<u>%</u>				
Clay		<u>%</u>				
Charcoal		<u>%</u>				
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3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan									
NO FEATURES									
CLAY / SOIL									

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
Natural → dug into 10 cm on northern half of TP.

Recording task checklist	
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Fill in all of this Context Record Sheet	

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			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Stone	Y	% 10		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sand	N	%				
Soil	Y	% 10		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Clay	Y	% 80				
Charcoal	N	%				
		%				
		%				

6. What colour was this context?: 6

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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Clay		%				
Charcoal		%				
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		%				

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