



# Site Diary

Site code: SBDR 14  
TEST PIT 18

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.

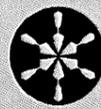
Summary of day 1 Date: 21/06/2014

STARTED 9.30AM  
NOTHING OF REAL INTEREST FOUND  
40 CM OF SUBSOIL THAT HAD BEEN  
UNDISTURBED SMALL AMOUNT OF FINDS  
COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOL  
NEXT DOOR & FERTILIZER SPREAD ON  
FIELD

Summary of day 2 Date:           

# Digging an Archaeological Test Pit Excavation Record

Date of excavation: 21.6.14 Site code/settlement name: SBDR 14  
Test-pit number: 18 Test-pit address: HILLTOP ? Peter & Judith  
Test-pit team names: REETH - Calow  
1. GRAHAM SMITH 3. MIKE KEENAN SHEILA KEENAN  
2. ALAN MILLS 4. LESLIE WOLSEY



## Test Pit Location Map

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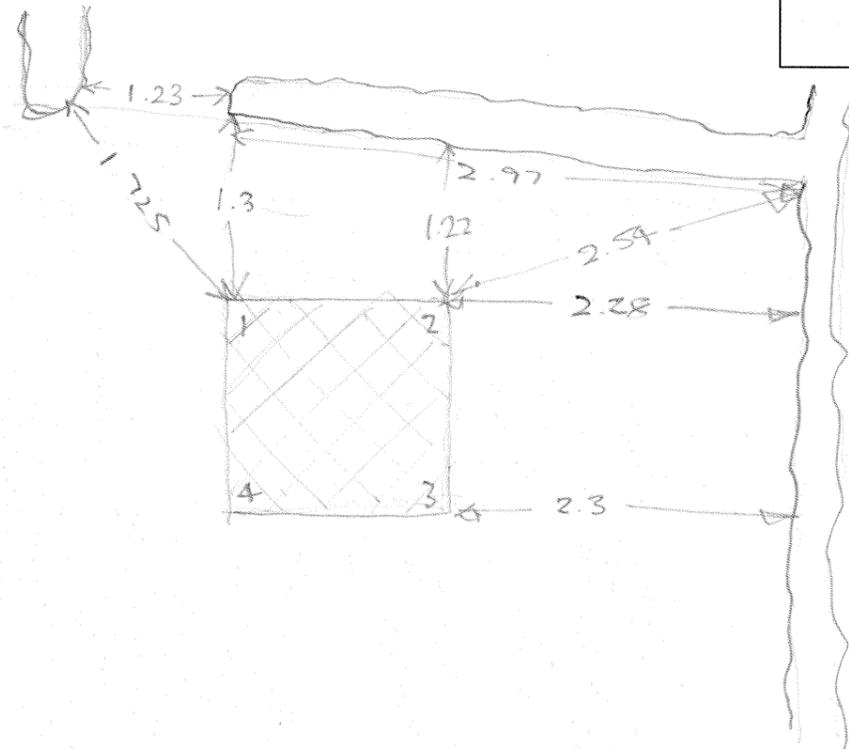
Site measured by: GRAHAM SMITH  
MICHAEL KEENAN

Map drawn by: MICHAEL KEENAN

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:

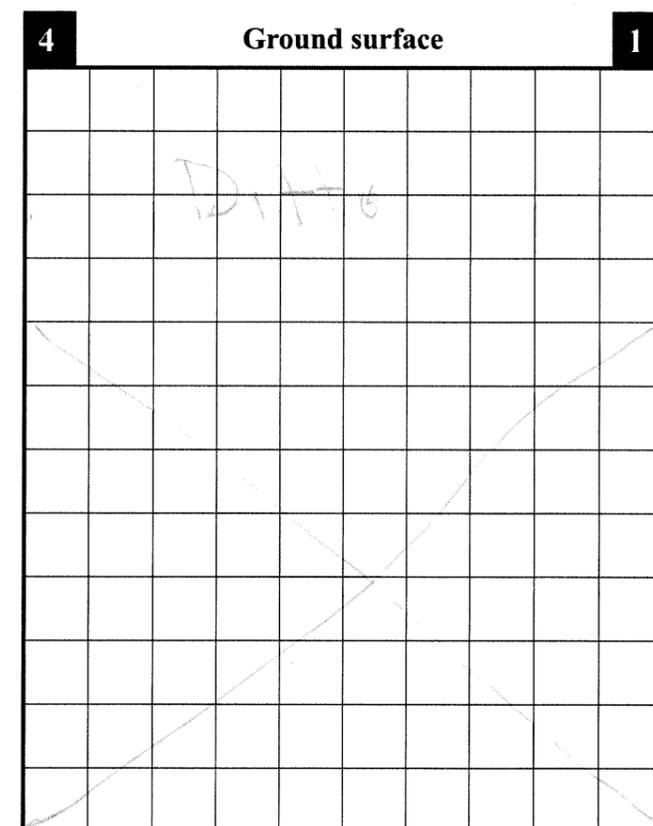
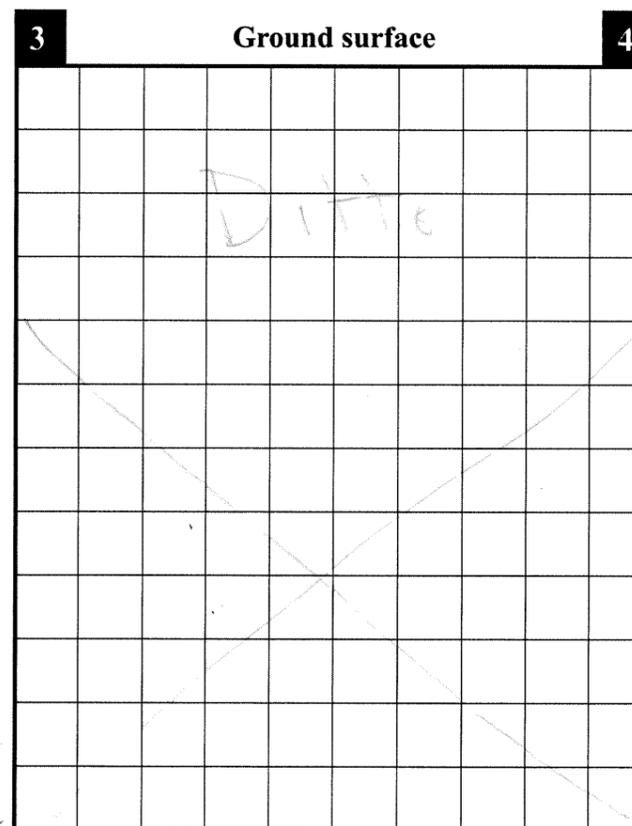
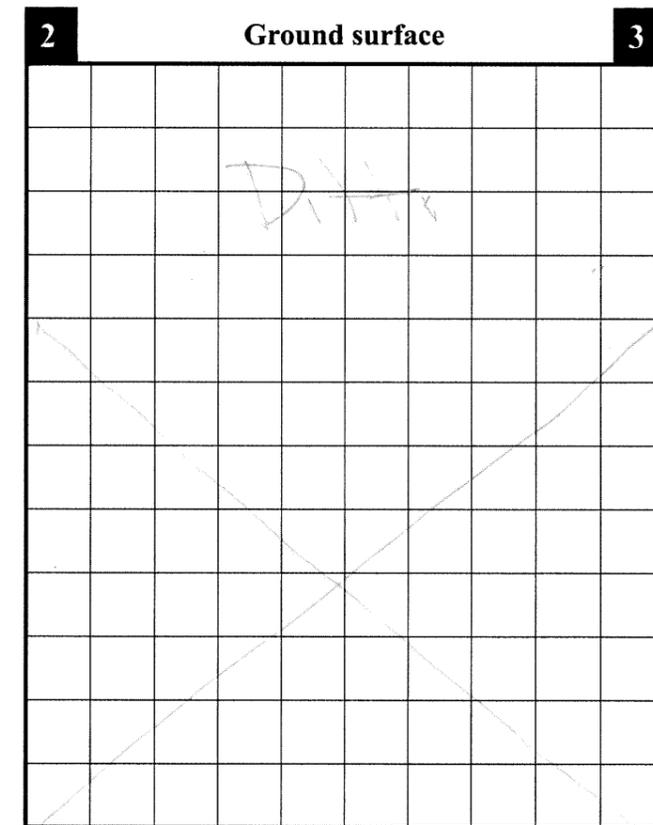
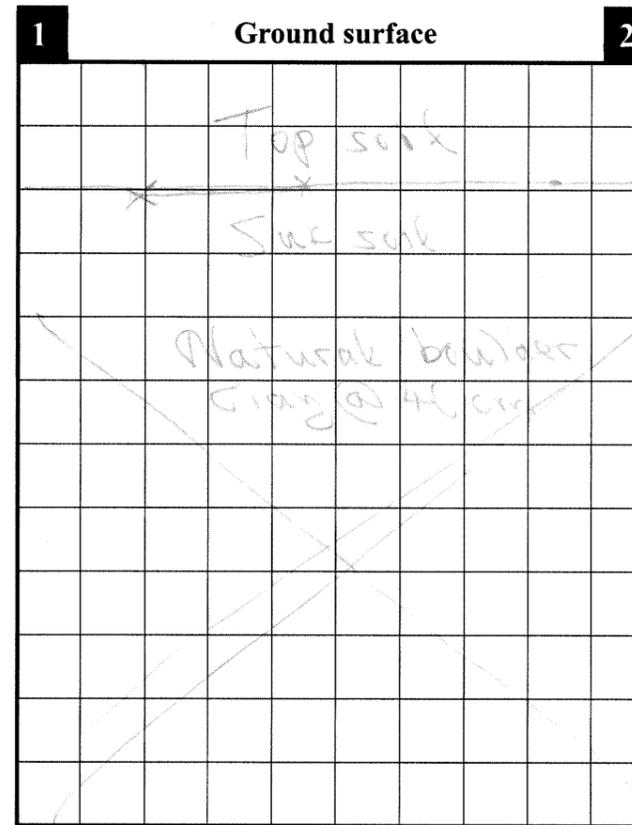


3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

LAWNED AREA IN RESIDENTIAL GARDEN - CLOSE TO DRY STONE WALL ON EAST BOUNDARY - SHARED WITH OVERGROWN ACCESSWAY AND BEYOND THAT REETH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Section Drawings

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# FINAL Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 14 Test Pit number: 18 Context number: 5

Context recorded by: GRAHAM SWITTY

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 40 2 40 3 40 4 40

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. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:  
LARGE STONE  
REMAINDER  
BOULDER CLAY

Final Context Recording task checklist	
Task (complete all these <u>before</u> 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 <b>Final Context Recording Sheet</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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:  
DIG IN GOOD SOIL  
MADE DIG EASY  
LACK OF FINDS  
FINDS FOUND  
FROM SCHOOL ?

# Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 14 Test Pit number: 18 Context number: 1

Context recorded by: MICHAEL 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 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**

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

Recording task checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer <u>before</u> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DURING DETURF
Draw plan of top of context <u>before</u> 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 <u>all</u> of this <b>Context Record Sheet</b>	<input 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
Stone		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sand		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charcoal		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. What colour was this context?: GREEN

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).





# Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR14** Test Pit number: **18** Context number: **4**

Context recorded by: **MICHAEL 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:

**Context plan**

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:  
**STONES - REMAINDER SOIL**  
**(good) SUB SOIL**

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

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	<b>Y</b>	<b>% 10</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		<b>%</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	<b>Y</b>	<b>% 90</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		<b>%</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		<b>%</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		<b>%</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		<b>%</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: **4**

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).

**CLAY PIPE STEM x 2**  
**POTTERY PIECES (?) x 2**

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Context recorded by:

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 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:

Recording task checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input type="checkbox"/>
Draw plan of top of context <b>before</b> 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 <b>all</b> of this <b>Context Record Sheet</b>	

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)			
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		<b>%</b>	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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