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: 12/6/14
Test-pit number: 22
Test-pit team names:
1.
2.
3.
4.
Site code/settlement name: SBDR14
Test-pit address: Greenpite

Test Pit Location Map

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 22

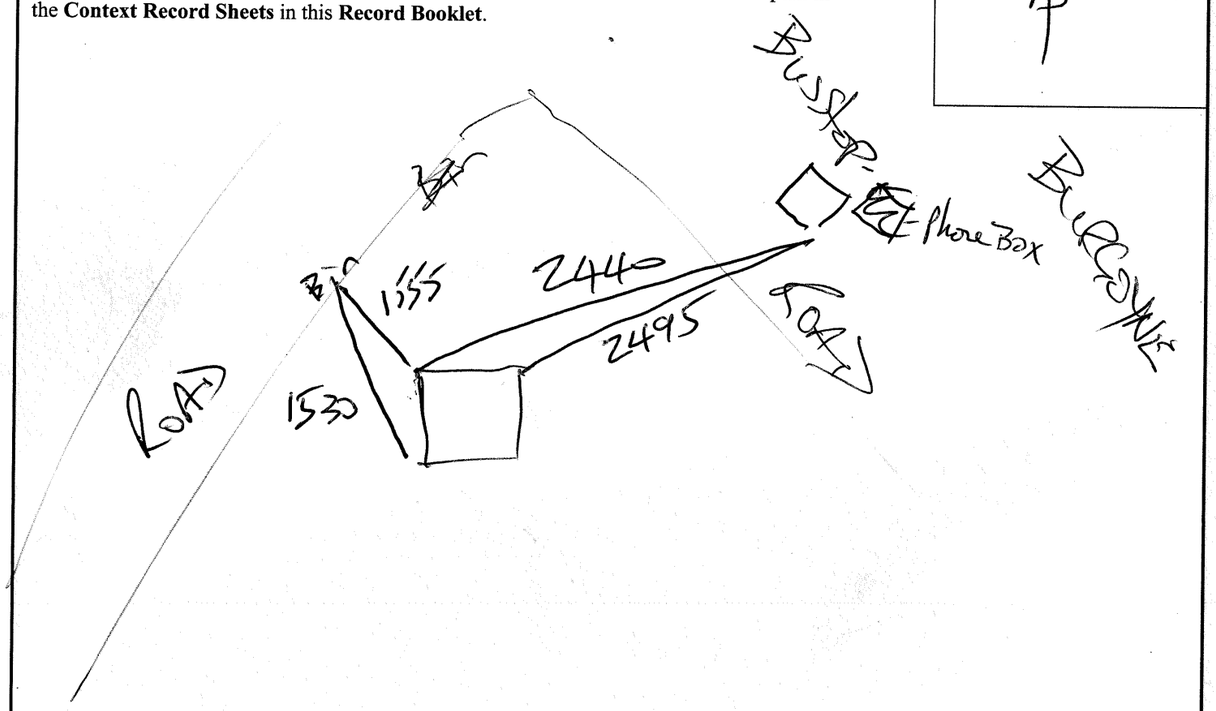
Site measured by: RN/JS

Map drawn by: RN

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:

NW corner of top Green

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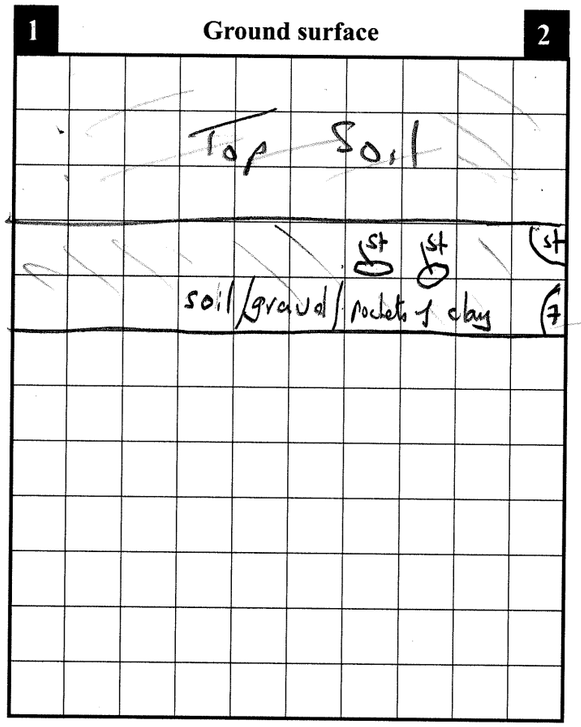
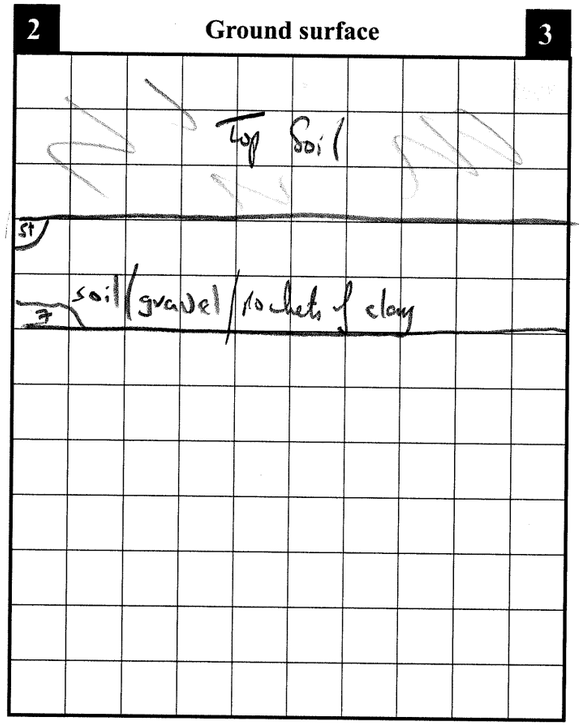
Section Drawings

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: TP22

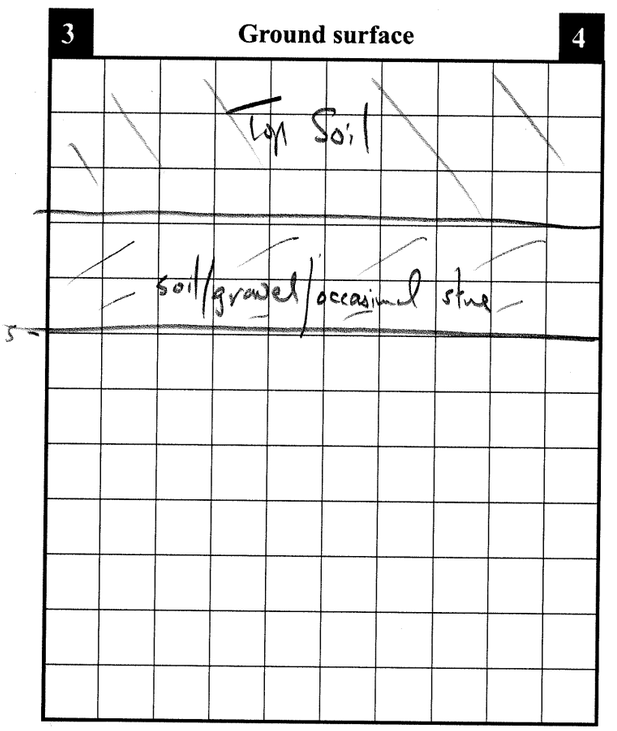
1 Ground surface **2**



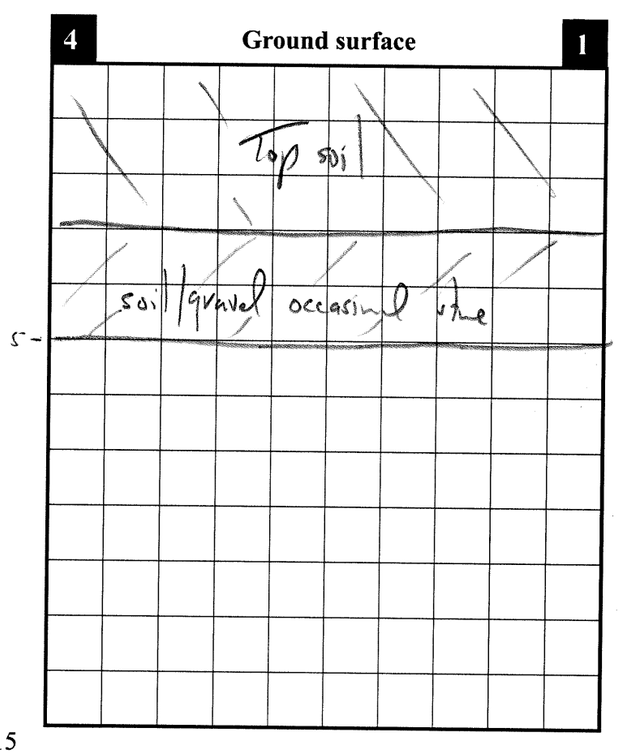
2 Ground surface **3**



3 Ground surface **4**



4 Ground surface **1**



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: SBDR14 | Test Pit number: 22 | Context number: 1

Context recorded by:

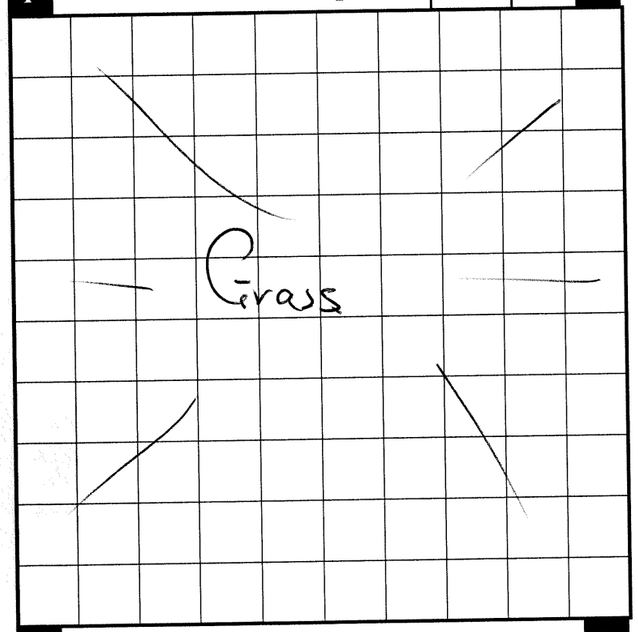
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

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**



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 surfaces grassed

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	Y	% 100	~~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?: 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).

Battery top → discarded
nail (6")
clinker (1 piece)
Saved

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 14 | Test Pit number: TP 22 | Context number: 2

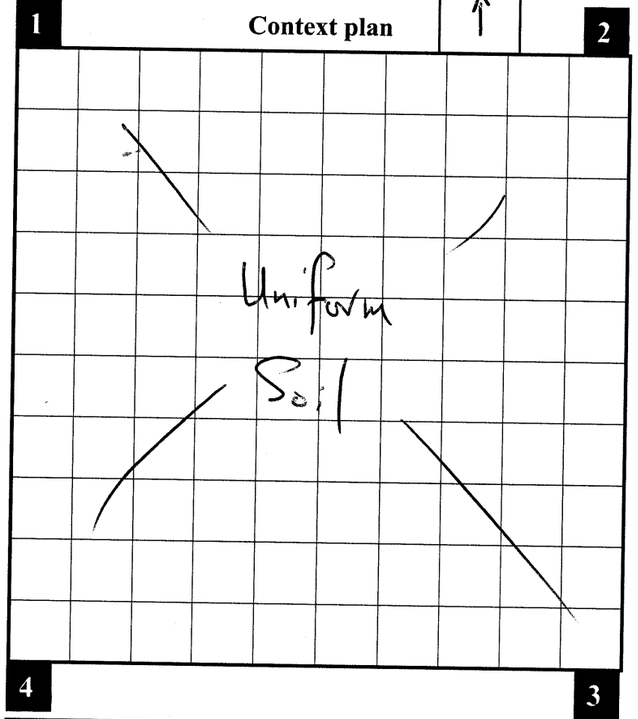
Context recorded by: DBrooks

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: ↑



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	% 1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 99	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?: 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).

clay pipe stems
clog iron
bone
19th-mod. pottery several pieces
1928 penny
metal button
glass
coal
~~x~~ clinker
plastic comb in East section

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Context Record Sheet

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

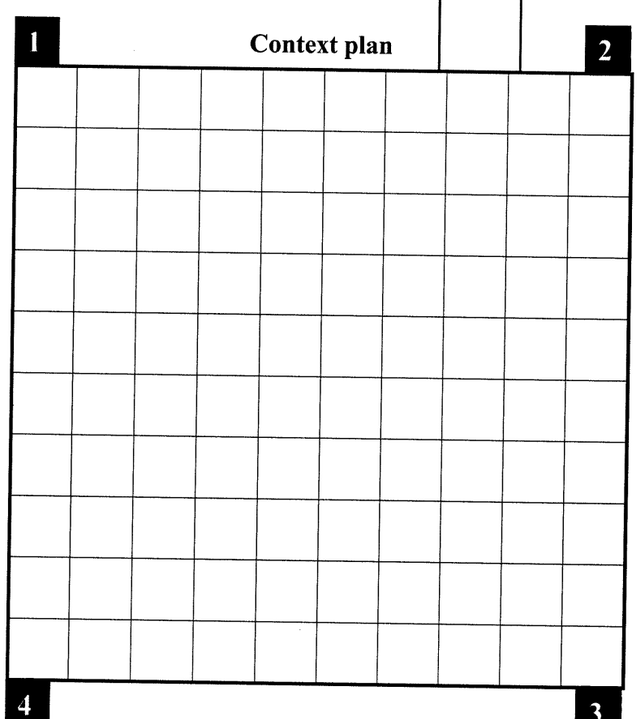
Context recorded by:

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:



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
		%	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
		%	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: TP22 | Context number: 3

Context recorded by: David Brooks

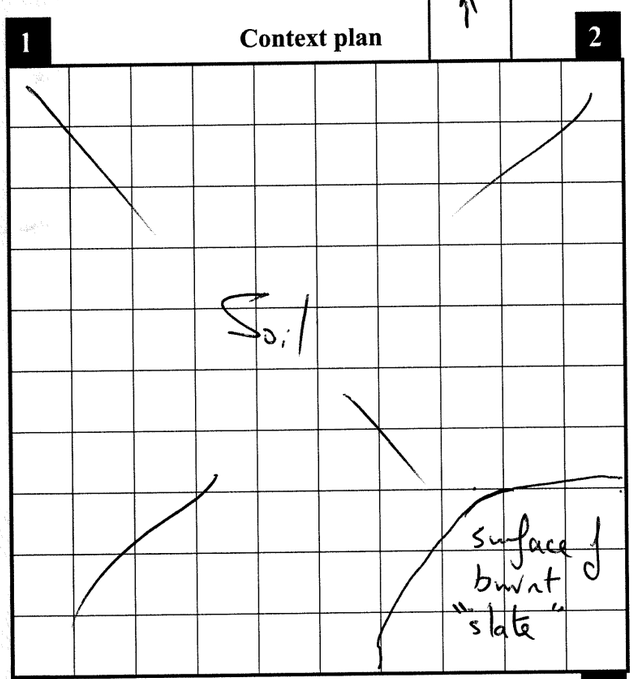
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 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:

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	% 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
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: 3/4

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).

pipe stem pieces
~~bone~~ black glazed red pottery
clog irons (2x)
piece of ~~iron~~ metal
terra cotta (?)
green glass shards
cream glazed red pottery
clay marble
bone pieces

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 | Test Pit number: TP22 | Context number: 4

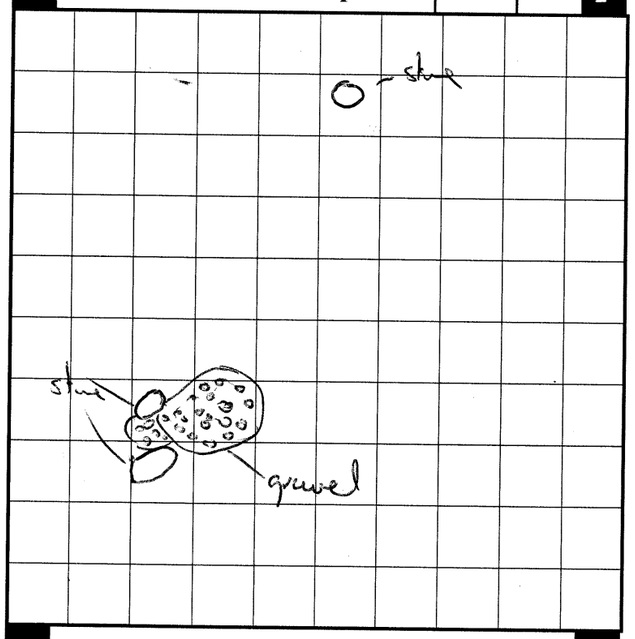
Context recorded by: David Brooks

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 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



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
largely soil, a few stones & areas of 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	Y	% 30	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 70	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?: 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).
Nail
Mortar
bone (2a)
glass
brown glaze, pattened red pot } PRB
white glazed pot } Med pot
Coke

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Context Record Sheet

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

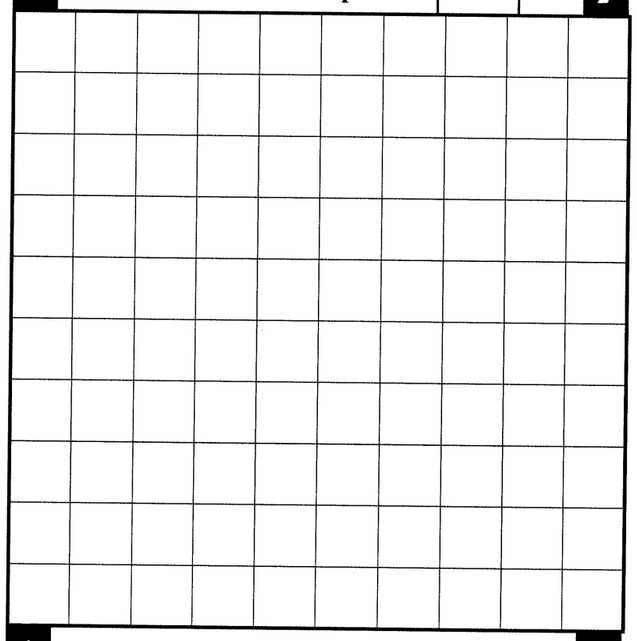
Context recorded by:

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



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
		%	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	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
		%	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: TP22 | Context number: 5

Context recorded by: David Brooks

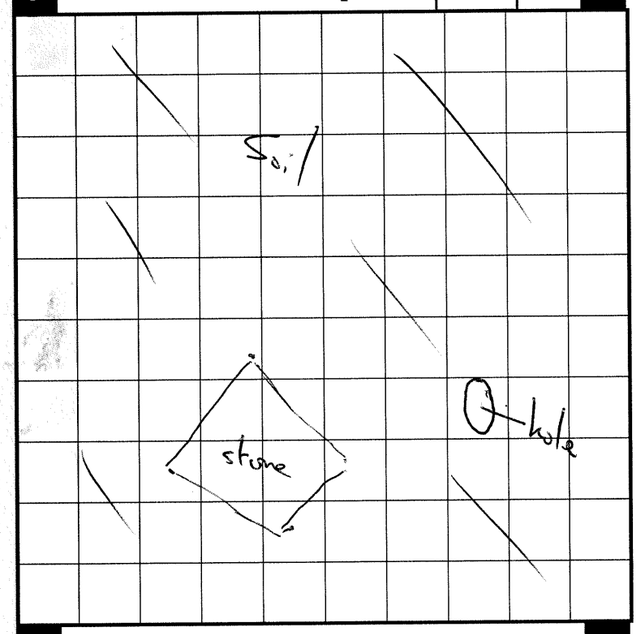
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

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:

Context plan



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

largely soil + some gravel. Hole appears to cut large stones.

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	% 25	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 70	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	Y	% 5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: 4 | 5

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).

Metal button
clinker
Button
Black sherd

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Context Record Sheet

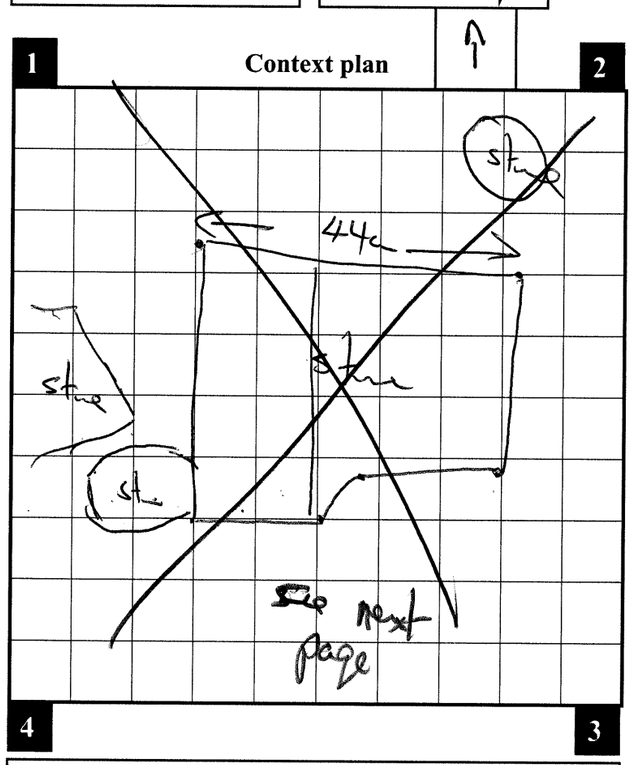
Site code: SBDR 14 | Test Pit number: TP22 | Context number: 6

Context recorded by: David 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: ↓



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

soil, clay, several very large stones surrounding the hole

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	~~✓~~	% ~~100~~	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	~~✓~~	% ~~100~~	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

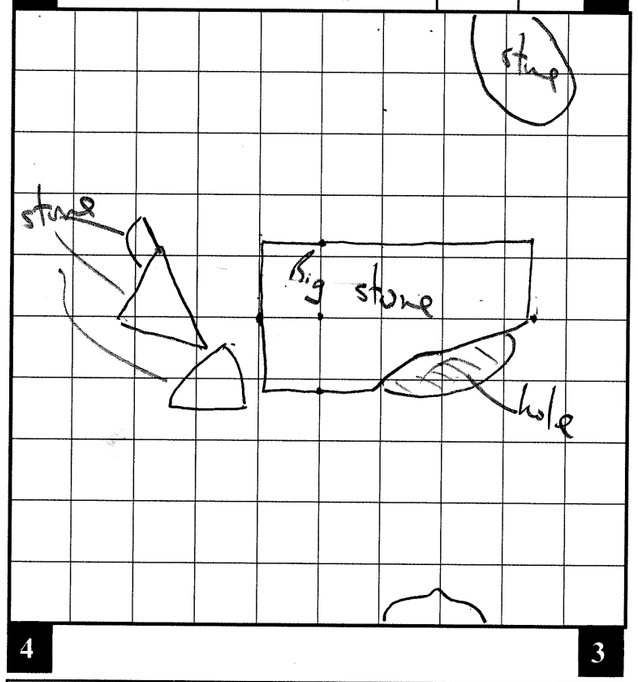
Site code: | Test Pit number: | Context number: 6

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: ↓



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).

Finds Cu alloy home.

Notes – Big stone removed to reveal a drainage culvert – clean apart from soil which had fallen to a large piece of bone was found (femur) feature photographed & drawn.

Continued on back pages? yes/no