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: [ ]

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Digging an Archaeological Test Pit

Excavation Record

Date of excavation: 21.6.14   Site code/settlement name: SBDR 14

Test-pit number: 23   Test-pit address: Paul & Judy Roger, Victoria

Test-pit team names:

1.   3.

2.   4.

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Test Pit Location Map

Site code: SBDR 14

Test Pit number: 23

Site measured by: BRIAN DUNN

Map drawn by: S. GALE

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:

MEASURED TO THE WALL CORNER.
LARGE STONE IN BASE
OF WALL original opening

4m 55cm

5.1m

11.35cm

10.5cm

V CORNER (SW) OF OUTBUILDING

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

Section Drawings

Site code: SB DK 14

Test Pit number: 23

1 NORTH FACE **2**
Ground surface

30   38   S.1   40

78   79   74

Glacial.

2 EAST FACE **3**
Ground surface

40   45   46

70   79   70

3 SOUTH FACE **4**
Ground surface

39

77

Sdst

4 WEST **1**
Ground surface

39   39   39

77   78   78

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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:

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**	

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

(blank grid)

| 4 | | 3 |

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:

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

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SDR**   Test Pit number: **23**   Context number: **1**

Context recorded by: **Rob.**

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)	✓ %
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	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	Y	%	(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).

Pottery
Glass
Solid fuel briquettes
Plastic Toys
Clothespeg
metal
Animal Bone
Mortar
Coke
Charcoal

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBJR14**   Test Pit number: **23**   Context number: **2**

Context recorded by: **Rob**

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

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 [ ]

Soil
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:

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	% 10	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Sand	Y	% 2	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil		% 87	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	—	% —	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	Y	% 1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Mortar	x	% —	(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).

ANIMAL BONE
WHITE + 1 BLACK + WHITE
BLACK GLAZED mostly post-med
1x poss sherd med

Iron, Nails, Clinker & coal
mortar, wall plaster

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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: **SBDP14**   Test Pit number: **23**   Context number: **16**

Context recorded by: _____

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	

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

(grid, corners numbered 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:

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: **SBDr 14**   Test Pit number: **23**   Context number: **3**

Context recorded by: **Miles / Jonathan**

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	

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 **20** 3 **20** 4 **20**

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 ↑

(grid, corners numbered 1, 2, 4, 3)

NO FEATURES

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

NO FEATURES - DARK + STONY TOPSOIL

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	S	%	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Sand	1	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	93	%	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?: 1

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).

NE SIDE - Mass of small bones ? cat / small dog

W SIDE - lots of burnt material glass, pot, clinker coal, modern plant pot (plastic)

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 23 Context number: 4

Context recorded by: James / Paul

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 30 3 40 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

1 ... 2 ... 4 ... 3

Iron + charcoal fancel

No features

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

Mottled soil colour

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	✓	%<1	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Sand	X	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	%66	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Clay	✓	%30	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Charcoal	(N)	% 3	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	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).

Bone + tooth (Sheep) mandibles
large jaw Sheep Nickanate Tan
Period blue + white
glass thick metal
thin - clinker
coal, mortar tiles
clay ware
white pottery (raised)
lustreware (blue)
+ purple
fattened pottery
thick pot (white)

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 23 Context number: 9

Context recorded by: Paul

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 ... 4 ... 3

No features

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

Pit starting to show layers differing strata along edges

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	✓	% 25	Flecks	Small	(Med)	Large X1
Sand	X	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	X	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	✓	% 74	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large X
Charcoal	✓	% 1	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).

*Very fine particle size
X1 Cobble size & shaped
Stone. 1 hammer
Stone of millstone grit
A number of fractured
Slates with neutral/lime
charcoal cost
Coal
animal bone
coke
+ possible microlith

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 23 Context number: 8

Context recorded by: J. Russell

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:

Charcoal - burnt wood inclusions. How? at 1-2 cm have they got into the 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)	Carbon 1-2 %
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	✓	% 9	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	✗	% —	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✗	% —	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	✓	% 90	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	✓	% 1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Mortar	✓	% ≥1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Coke	✓	% ≥1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: Glacial orange

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 fire glass 2cm – 1cm, Charcoal inclusions. Coke – (Cinder).

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 23 Context number: 5

Context recorded by: [signature]

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 60   2 60   3 60   4 60

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:

No real catried finds I pit getting more clay like.

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	✓	% 20	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	✗	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	✓	% 48	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	✓	% 30	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	✗	% 2	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	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).

Mediaeval pottery
glass
pottery white
very small amount bone
unidentified
1 ranstone
Pipestem
Firewaste
Lime Mortar

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR14**   Test Pit number: **23**   Context number: **6**

Context recorded by: **Rob**

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	✓

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 **50**   2 **50**   3 **50**   4 **50**

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:

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	%<1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	Y	%<1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 25	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	Y	%70	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	Y	% 3	(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

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

Coal
Charcoal
Glass

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR14**   Test Pit number: **23**   Context number: **7**

Context recorded by:

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	

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 **60**   2 **60**   3 **60**   4 **60**

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:

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	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 10	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	Y	% 80	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	Y	% 5	(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).

Glass
Metal - corroded.
Fire waste.

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