

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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Summary of day 2 Date:

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Digging an Archaeological Test Pit Excavation Record

Date of excavation: 19.7.14

Site code/settlement name: SBDR 14

Test-pit number: TP 29

Test-pit address: DALEHOLM

Test-pit team names:

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Test Pit Location Map

Site code: **SBD R14** Test Pit number: **29**

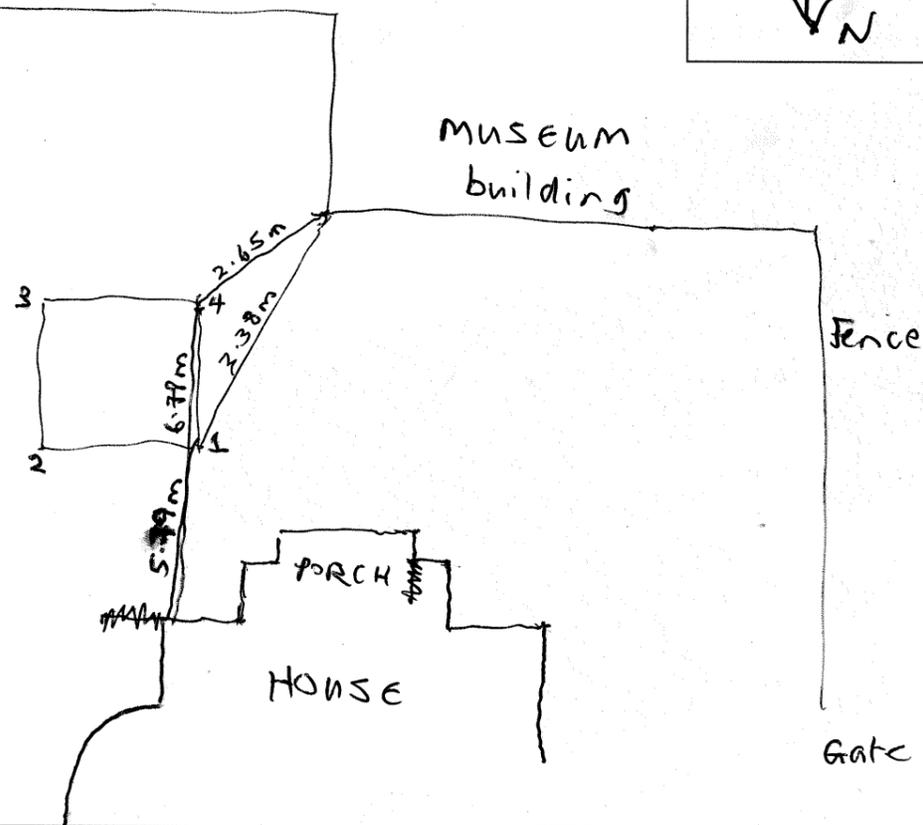
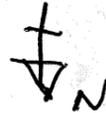
Site measured by: **Rob Nicholson**

Map drawn by: **Emma Watson**

Test pit location recording checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Measure and draw map of area around your test pit with North marked.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Add written description of test-pit location	<input type="checkbox"/>

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:

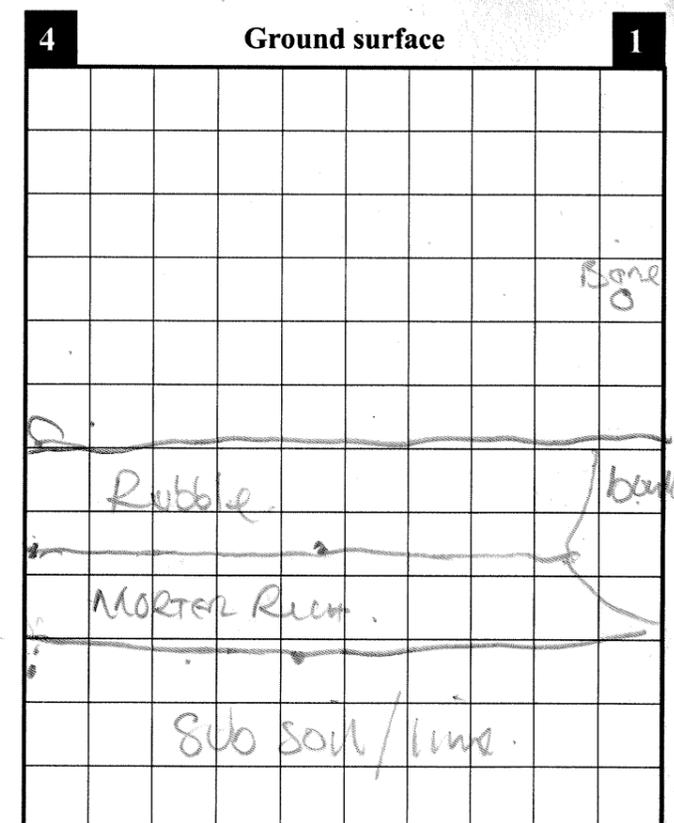
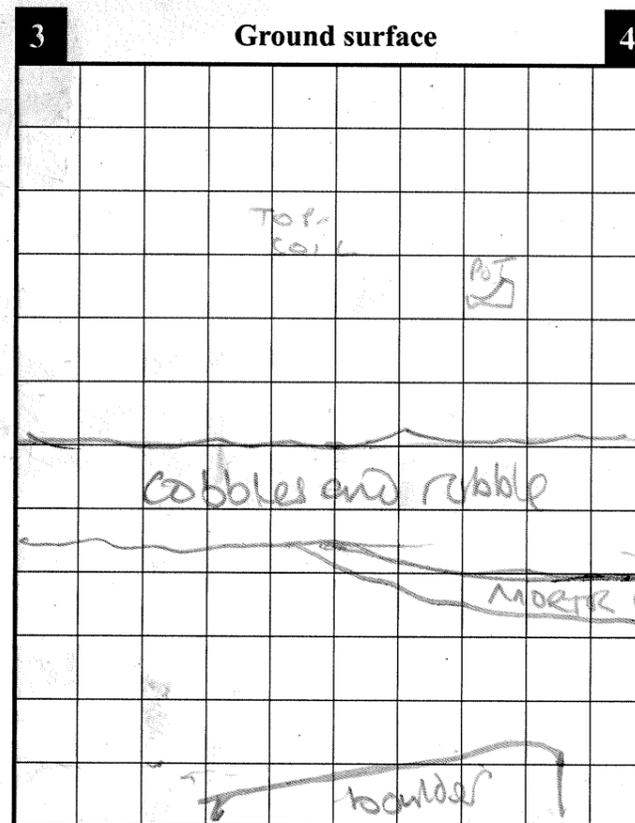
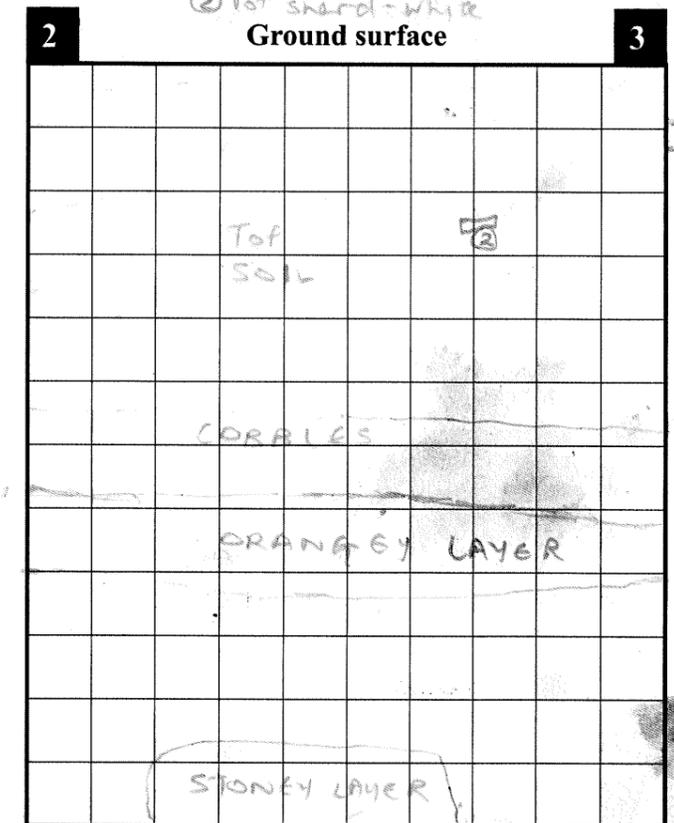
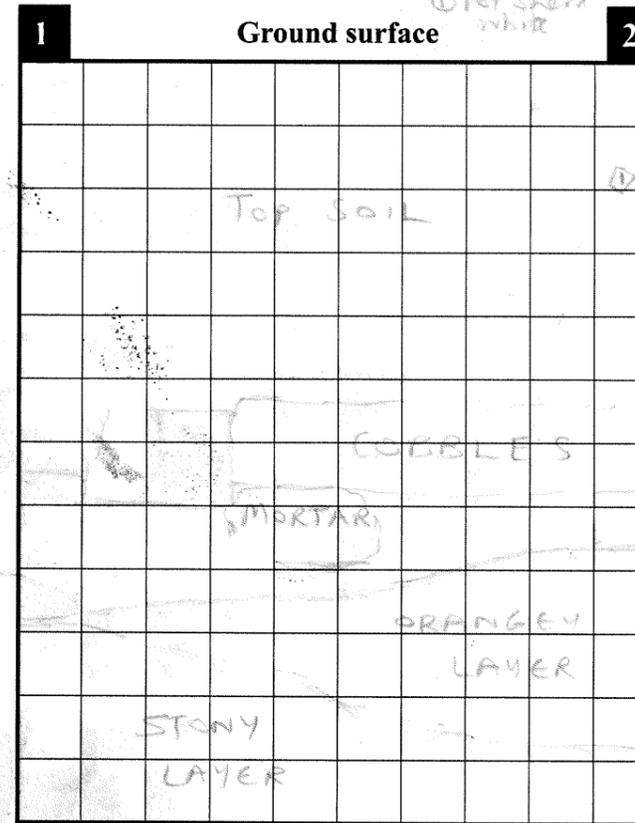


3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

Pit located close to museum wall (former school)
+ ∴ possibly former playground, on upper garden area + dug border ~~back~~ in front of wall.

Section Drawings

Site code: Test Pit number:



FINAL Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBD 14 Test Pit number: 2a Context number: 12

Context recorded by: MILES

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)?
1 110 2 110 3 110 4 110

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

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
GRITTY STERILE BROWN STONY SOIL - NO FEATURES - ? SUB-SOIL - GOING INTO NAT.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Ensure all finds are clean and in clearly labelled bags	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fill in all sections on this Final Context Recording Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>

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:
Plaster (disgarded).

Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBD 14 Test Pit number: 2a Context number: 1

Context recorded by: MILES

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

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

Recording task checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer <u>before</u> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Draw plan of top of context <u>before</u> 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 type="checkbox"/>
Fill in <u>all</u> of this Context Record Sheet	<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	Large
Stone	<u>1</u>	%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sand	<u>—</u>	%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil	<u>98</u>	%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay	<u>—</u>	%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charcoal	<u>—</u>	%	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. What colour was this context?: Very dark brown/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).
various pm. potsherds bagged
clinker
coal
window glass
clay pipe stems bagged
bottle glass.
nails

Context Record Sheet

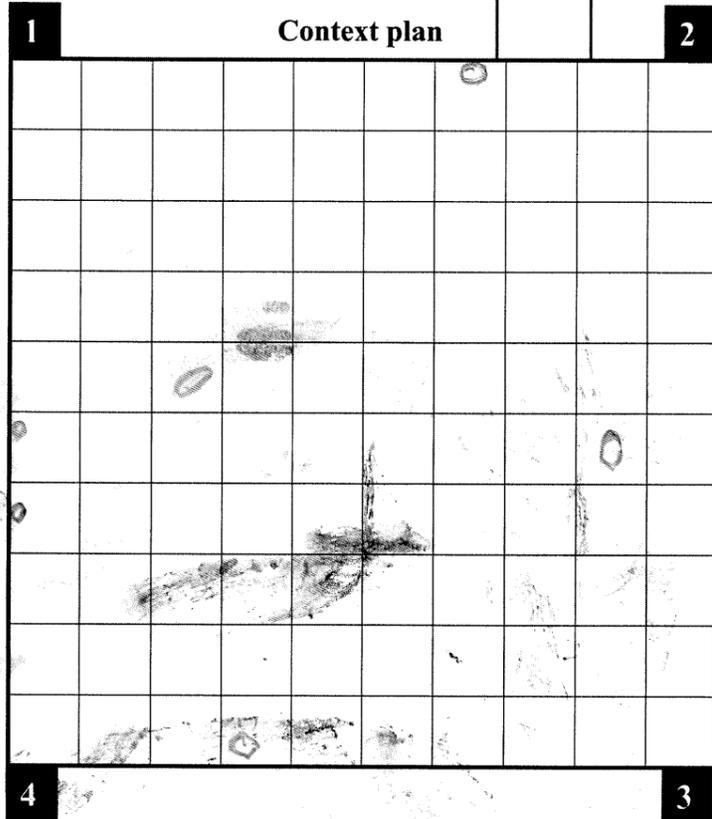
Site code: **SBDR14** Test Pit number: **29** Context number: **2**

Context recorded by: **MARION DONNELLY**

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:



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

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)	<input checked="" 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"/>

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	5	%				
Sand		%				
Soil	95	%				
Clay		%				
Charcoal		%				
		%				
		%				

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).

Large pieces of pot **Bagged**
Quite a bit of glass (large) **some**
Nails **Bagged**
Other metal work **Bagged**
Clinker
Tooth (piece)
Bone (pieces)
Pieces clay pipe **Bagged**
Buttons **Bagged**

CBM

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Context Record Sheet

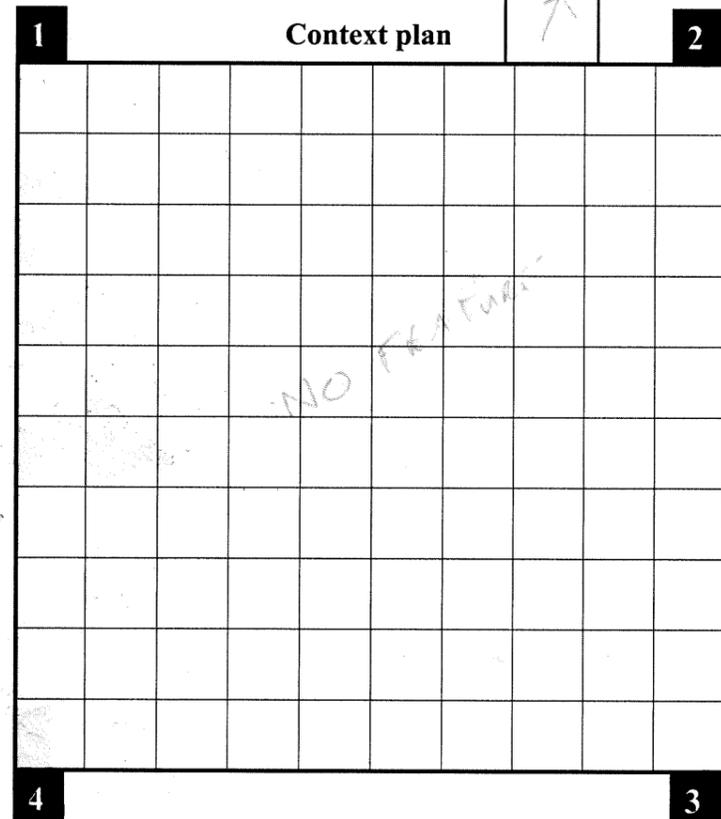
Site code: **SBDR14** Test Pit number: **29** Context number: **2**

Context recorded by: **MILES**

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 **100** 2 **100** 3 **100** 4 **100**

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:

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	<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	Large
Stone	30	%				
Sand		%				
Soil	60	%				
Clay	10	%				
Charcoal		%				
		%				
		%				

6. What colour was this context?: **MID-ORANGEY 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).

COAL - small amount
TOOTH
Mortar
Small amount
Discarded

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBD0214** Test Pit number: **29** Context number: **10**

Context recorded by: **MILES**

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

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

MOTTLED BROWN - ORANGE/BROWN - ? RESOLVING TO SUBSOIL

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer before starting to dig it	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>

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	15	%				
Sand	5	%				
Soil	79	%				
Clay	20	%				
Charcoal	1	%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		%				
		%				

6. What colour was this context?: **MID BROWN -> 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).

SOAC
CLAY
? POT x2 **LOOKS OLD!** **Bagged**
? med or earlier
Tiny bit of bone

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBD0214** Test Pit number: **29** Context number: **3**

Context recorded by: **DAMIAN 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 **30** 2 **30** 3 **30** 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:

1 GLASS
2 STONE
3 POTTERY
4 FLINT
5 ROCK

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)	<input checked="" 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"/>

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		% 2				
Sand		% 0				
Soil		% 98				
Clay		% 0				
Charcoal		% 0				
		%				
		%				

6. What colour was this context?: **DARK BROWN T.S.**

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 HOOK **Bagged**
GLASS **Bagged**
LARGE BONES **Bagged**
CLAY PIPE **Bagged**
POTTERY **Bagged**
METAL NAILS
BOTTLE
BONE
PASTEL Disposed
Painted Surface

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SDDR 14** Test Pit number: **29** Context number: **4**

Context recorded by: **MILES**

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:
Dark brown topsoil

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	<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	2	%				
Sand	-	%				
Soil	98	%				
Clay	-	%				
Charcoal	-	%				
		%				
		%				

6. What colour was this context?: **V 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).
**Various modern pot
Iron shoe nails
glass
clay pipe stems + bowl
clinker**

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SDDR 14** Test Pit number: **29** Context number: **6**

Context recorded by: **Miles - (missed context from yesterday)**

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:

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 - same mix at spits above

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	<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	2	%				
Sand	-	%				
Soil	98	%				
Clay	-	%				
Charcoal	-	%				
		%				
		%				

6. What colour was this context?: **V DARK BROWN / 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).
**Various pm pot bagged
iron nails bagged
glass - bottle bottom
clinker
small amounts of bone
Pipe stem bagged**

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDK Test Pit number: 29 Context number: 9

Context recorded by: MILES

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 80 2 80 3 80 4 80

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:
More dark fill below cobbed layer

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	

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	<u>2</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	<u>-</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	<u>96</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	<u>1</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	<u>1</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: Dark brown / 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).
Iron obj
brass bone
clay pipe stem + bowl Bagged
coal
charcoal
1x pot white glazed pm

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDK14 Test Pit number: 29 Context number: 5

Context recorded by: MILES

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:

Context plan

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

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)	%
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	<u>2</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	<u>-</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	<u>98</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	<u>-</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	<u>-</u>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: Dark brown - black 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).
5 various pm Bagged
GLASS Bagged sample
IRON OBJECTS
clay pipe Bagged
? metal obj ? copper
6 Embedded skin in wall
iron + nails
Clay/so pot
glass
small bone

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Context Record Sheet

6 recorded later in booklet

Site code: **SBDC14** Test Pit number: **29** Context number: **7**

Context recorded by: **MILES**

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 **58** 2 **58** 3 **58** 4 **58**

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									

Handwritten notes on plan: Mixed rubble, Clay, Sandstone, COBBLED SURFACE, decayed mortar

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
Cleaned on to cobbled surface Eastern side - Building rubble to West. Patch of decayed mortar

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	
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	50	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	10	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	36	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	2	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	-	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Mortar	2	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?:
Sandstones, dark brown soil -> slight orange clay + white mortar

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).

*Bagged pottery (post-med)
glass - (lots of window glass discarded)
Bagged clay pipe
animal bone
mortar
nails*

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR14** Test Pit number: **29** Context number: **8**

Context recorded by: **EMMA**

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 **70cm** 2 **70cm** 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:

Context plan									

Handwritten notes on plan: Unusual curved structure in NW corner (1), mid-sized stones embedded in wall / context layer

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
*- unusual curved structure in NW corner (1).
- mid-sized stones embedded in wall / context layer*

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	
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	60	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	10	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	38	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	2	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	0	%	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).

*glass
Some post-med pottery
pipe bowl fragment
mortar
window glass NOT KEPT.
Coal = discarded*

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