Site Diary

Site code: SBDR 14

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: 19 Jul 2014

Very wet. Gave up half way through context 6. Main finds 2 pieces of pot in context 6. So wet pens would not work so fingers used to show context no. on photographs.

Summary of day 2   Date: 20 Jul 2014

Sunny + hot. Discovered what we thought was a stone was v. large piece of stoneware matching one found Saturday. Long discussion on whether stones in ⑧ were man made or not. Decided natural. Finished 2pm.

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Digging an Archaeological Test Pit

Excavation Record

Date of excavation: 19.7.14

Test-pit number: TP 38

Test-pit team names:
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2. William Manning

Site code/settlement name: SBDR 14

Test-pit address: WELLBECK

Emma West
3. Judith Mills   Sheila Keenan
4. Hilary Fawcett   Mike Keenan

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Test Pit Location Map

Site code: SBDR14   Test Pit number: 38

Site measured by:

Map drawn by:

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:

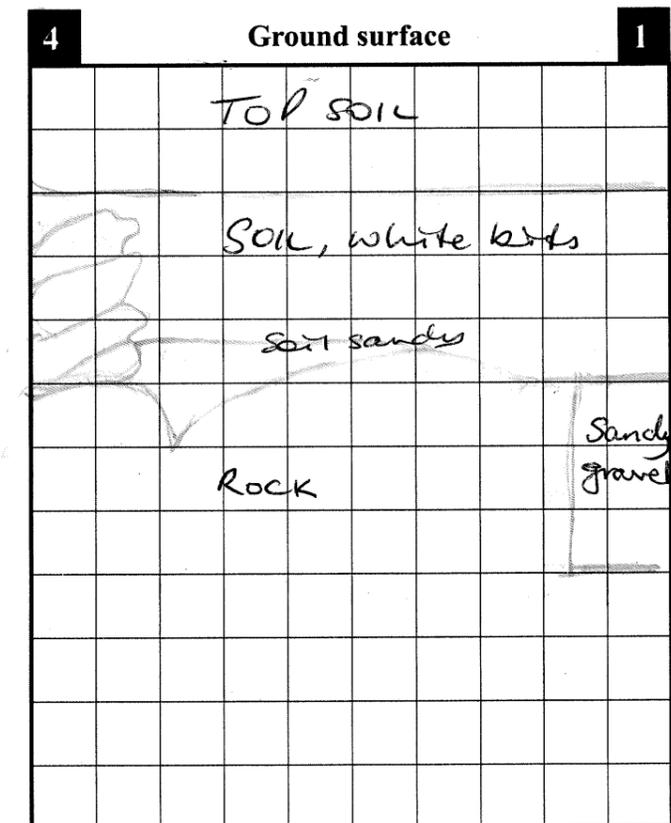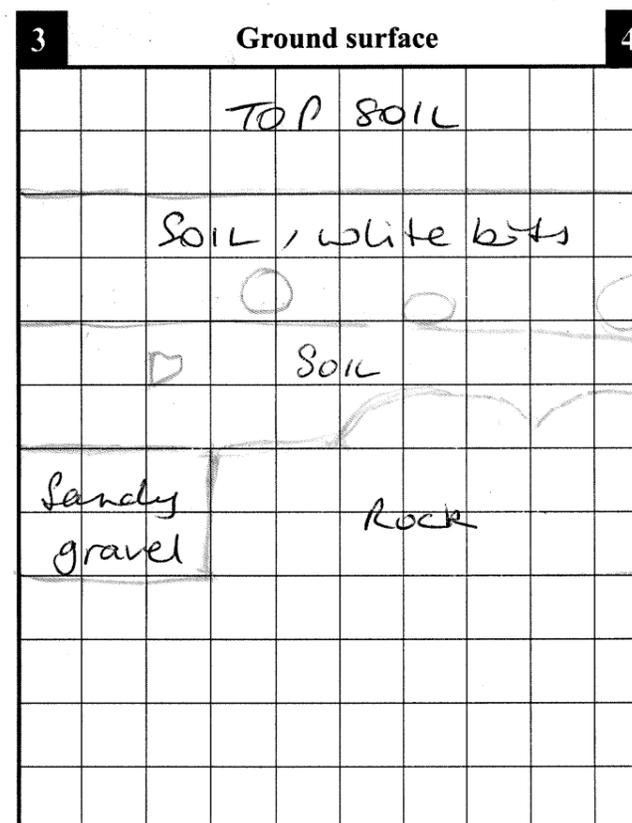Wall N
Wellbeck 3.27
Wyspot 3
8.02
3.82
Testpit
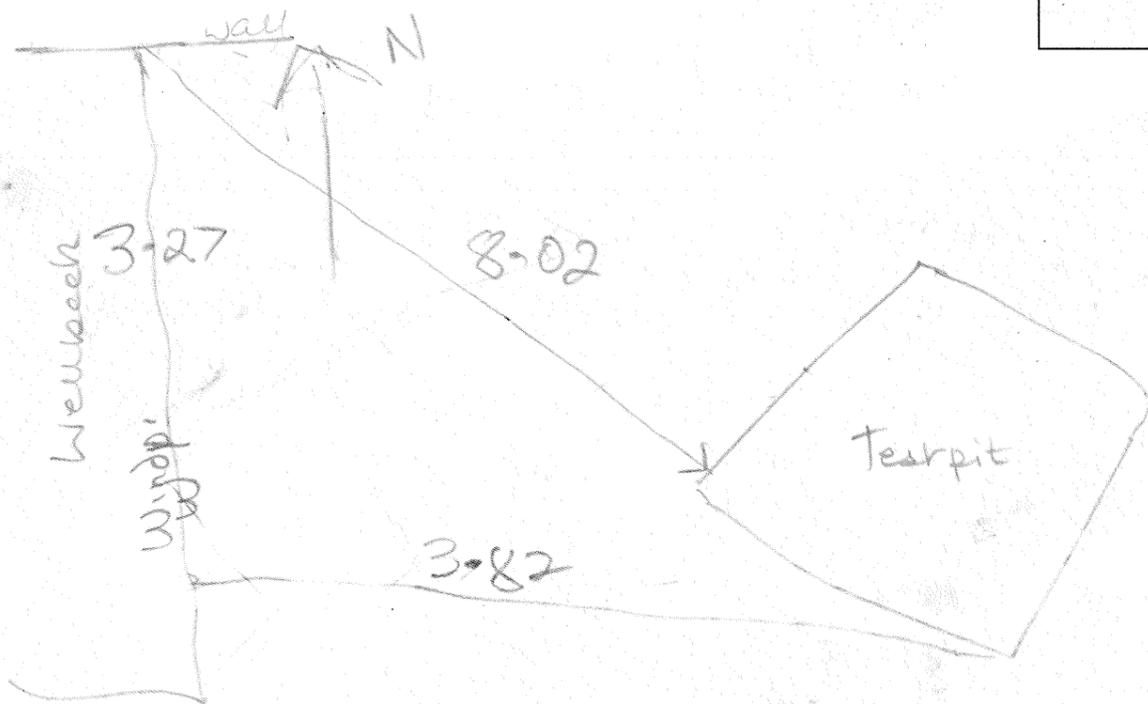
3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

In the lawn of the garden of Wellbeck house, to the south of lawn.

Section Drawings

Site code: Test Pit number:

1 — 2 Ground surface
TOP SOIL
Soil, white bits
white rock
charcoal
Sandy gravel mixed

2 — 3 Ground surface
TOP SOIL
Soil, white bits
White rock
Charcoal large boulder
Sandy gravel SOIL sandy

3 — 4 Ground surface
TOP SOIL
Soil, white bits
Soil
Sandy gravel Rock

4 — 1 Ground surface
TOP SOIL
Soil, white bits
soil sandy
Rock Sandy gravel

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FINAL Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR 14**   Test Pit number: **38**   Context number: **9**

Context recorded by: **H Fawcett**

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 **800**   2 **800**   3 **800**   4 **503**

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this context in the gridded square below (1 cm on paper = 10 cm in pit)

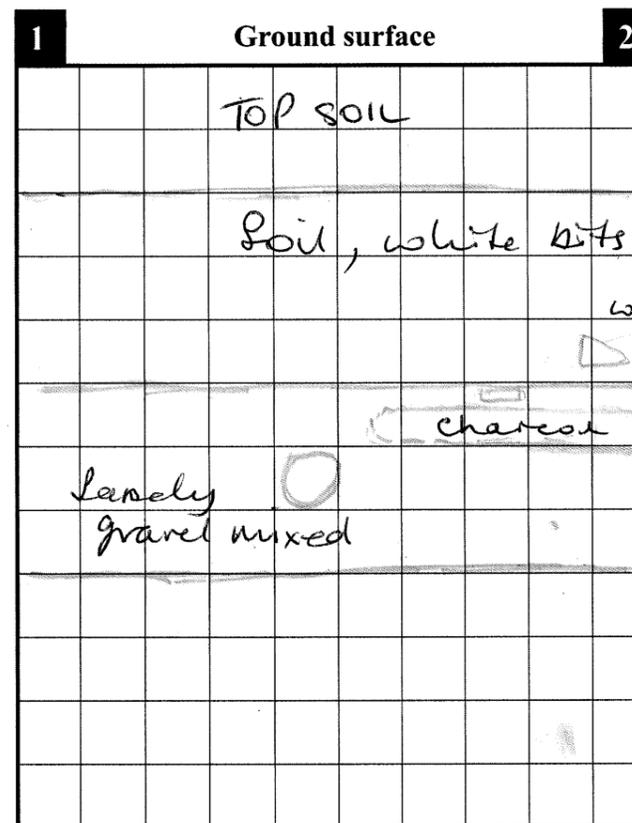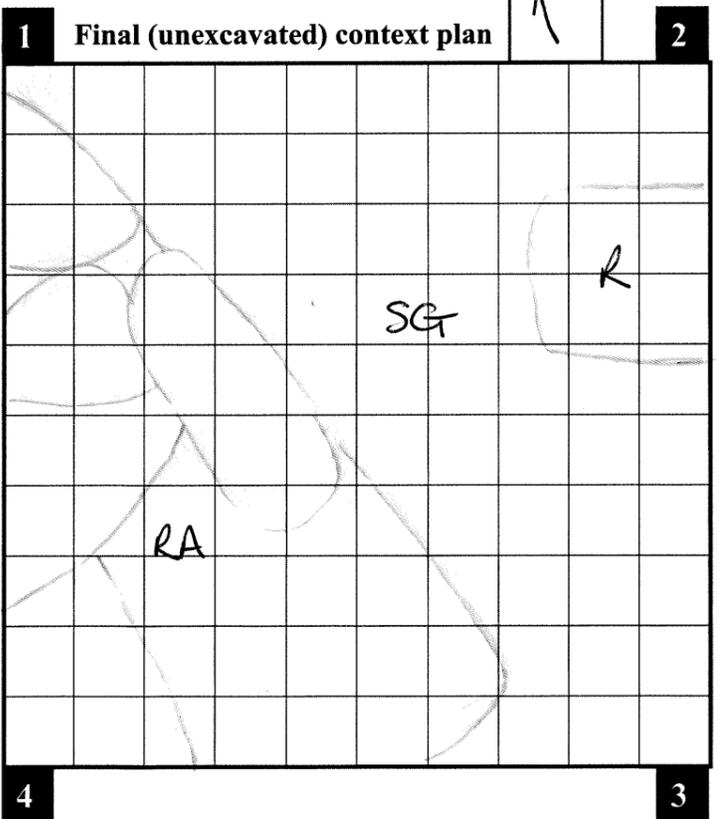**3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:** ↙

1 Final (unexcavated) context plan 2

SG
R
RA

4   **3**

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
SG - Sandy, bouldery gravel Tightly nit rock area plus large intruding boulder.

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.
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:

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# Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR 14**   Test Pit number: **38**   Context number: **1**

Context recorded by: **H Fawcett**

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 (LAWN)

4   **3**
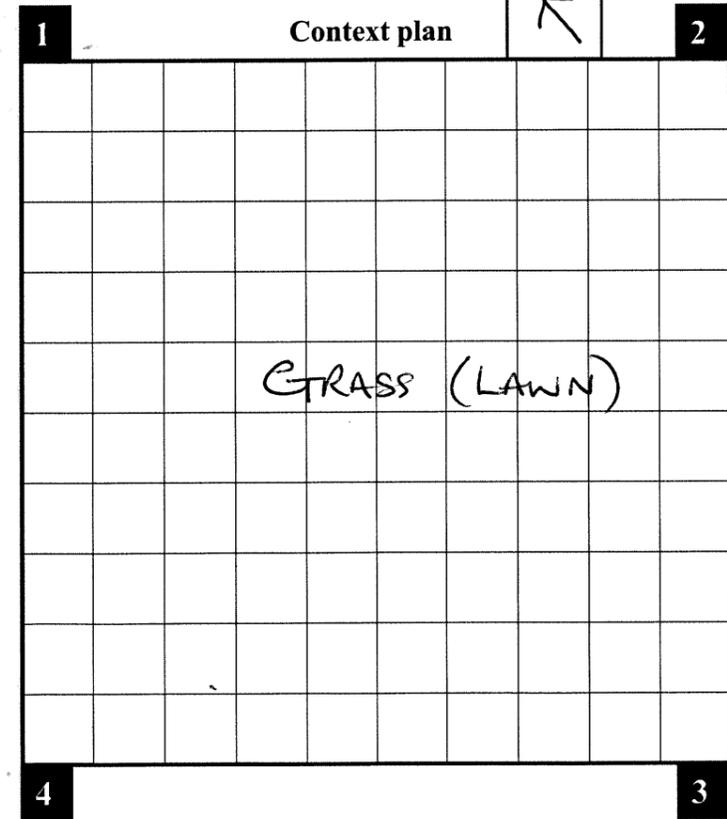
4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
Garden lawn

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	N/A
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	100 % NOT TURFS
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	% 1	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Sand	n	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	y	% 98	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	n	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	y	% 1	(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
		%	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).
Cream ware
animal bone
glass
cfp stem

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 14   Test Pit number: 38   Context number: 2

Context recorded by: EMMA WEST

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:

Context plan

| 1 | | | 2 |

SOIL

| 4 | | | 3 |

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

SOIL

Recording task checklist
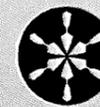
Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it	✓
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	N/A
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	100 %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	✓
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	% 1	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Sand	N	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 98	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	N	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	Y	% 1	(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
		%	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).

Cream ware
animal bone
glass
~~clay pipe~~
red earthenware
Mortar

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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: [ ] 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: SBDR Test Pit number: 38 Context number: 3

Context recorded by: H Fawcett

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)?

1 200 2 200 3 200 4 200

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

Soil,
See description.

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:

Sparse small stones and white soft pieces in soil.

Recording task checklist

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer **before** starting to dig it (3 fingers)	✓
Draw plan of top of context **before** starting to dig it	N/A
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	y	% 1	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Soil	y	% 92	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	y	% 1	(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	y	% 1	(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
		%	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).

mortar
cream ware
animal bone
clp bowl
nails
red ware

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 14   Test Pit number: 38   Context number: 4

Context recorded by: H Fawcett

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	N/A
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	

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)?

1 300   2 300   3 300   4 300

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:

Small stones and layer white pieces in soil. Odd rock appearing - see photo.

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	% 10	Flecks	**Small**	Med	Large
Sand	y	% 5	**Flecks**	Small	Med	Large
Soil	y	% 83	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	y	% 1	**Flecks**	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	y	% 1	**Flecks**	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: 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).

Mortar
glass
greeng laze
red earthenwure
shell

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: Test Pit number: Context number:

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: ↓

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:

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

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: **38**   Context number: **8**

Context recorded by: **H Fawcett**

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 **700**   2 **700**   3 **700**   4 **503**

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:

Large rocks together, remaining a sandy boulder area.

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	% 70	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	(Large)
Sand	y	% 30	Flecks	Small	Med	(Large)
Soil	n	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	n	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	n	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

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

2 rusty nails

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR14**   Test Pit number: **38**   Context number: **5**

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 **400**   2 **400**   3 **400**   4 **380**

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

Sand   charcoal

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:

Rocks in situ plus small areas of sand or charcoal.

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)	75 %
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	% 20	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	Large
Sand	y	% 5	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Soil	y	% 74	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	n	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	y	% 1	(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: **Brown (lighter)**

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).

mortar
bone
clay stem
metal (key shaped)

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 38 Context number: 6

Context recorded by: H Fawcett

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)?

1 500   2 500   3 500   4 380

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

Charcoal

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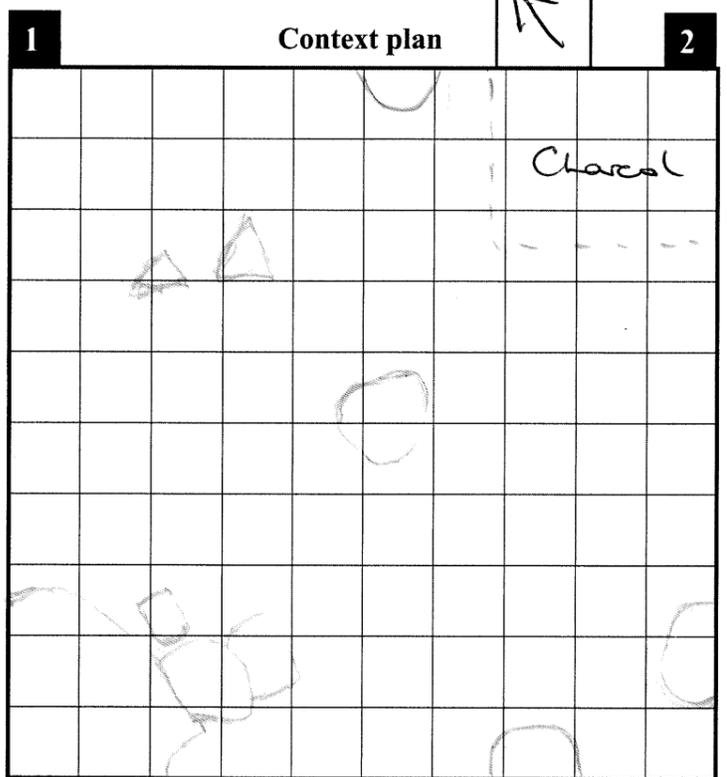
4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Rocks embedded i soil
Charcol area.

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	y	% 20	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	Large
Sand	n	% 0	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	y	% 78	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	y	% 2	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Charcoal	y	%	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: 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).

2 large pieces pott.
Stoneware. (1 green
Saltware glaze).
metal

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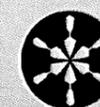
Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR14 Test Pit number: 38 Context number: 7

Context recorded by: H Fawcett

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)?

1 600   2 600   3 600   4 380

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

Stoney, sandy orange

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Slatey

4		3
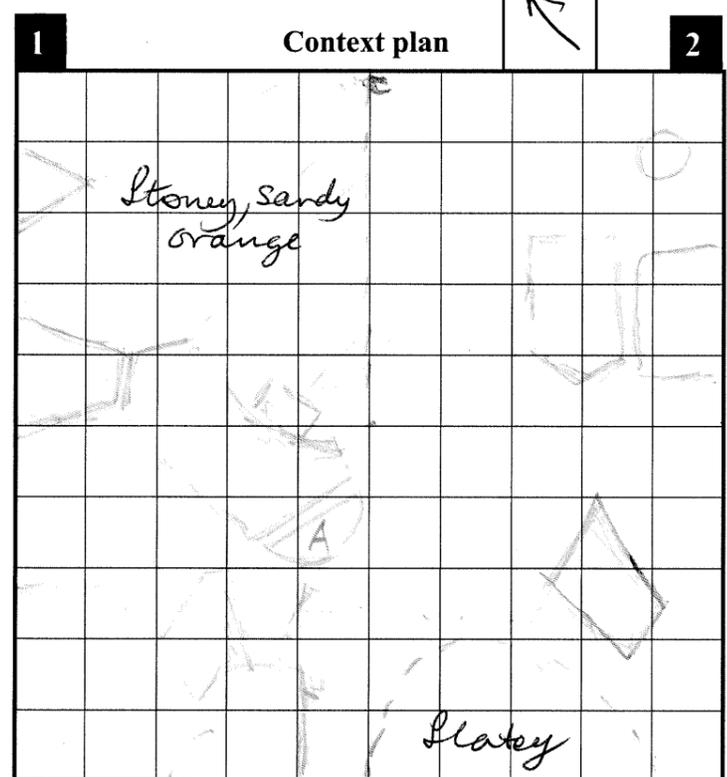
4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:

Rocks. Area of sandy gravel, well rounded.

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)	80 %
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	y	% 10	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Soil	y	% 60	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?: Brown or 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).

v. large piece pot
Stoneware. matches
one in context 6

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