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: 10/4/15

Start 8.15am; warm, sunny day. Andrea Dixon, Richard Farmery, Jane Harrison arrived 9am followed a little later by Tom & John Russell. Judith Mills arrived to take the GPS reading, then went on to Lane House before returning around 11 am to help with the test pit. The dig went well; a wide range of finds was recovered. Of note were the possible cobbled surface at context 5 although the stoney nature of the lower contexts perhaps militates against a man made surface. The large amount of lime mortar and possible pieces of roof tile might suggest the presence of a nearby demolished building. One piece of medieval pottery was recovered from context 6, below what might be a surface. Contexts 3-5 were quite disturbed with 19th/Mod finds down to 5 and 17th C? green glaze red earthen ware (1) in context 3. Digging finished when the natural was encountered at 70 cm; finished 5 pm after a long tiring day.

Summary of day 2 Date:

Alan Mills

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Digging an Archaeological Test Pit Excavation Record

Date of excavation:

Site code/settlement name: SBDR15

Test-pit number: TP40

Test-pit address: Tyne Dale

Test-pit team names:

1. Alan Mills
2. Judith Mills
   Andrea Dixon
3. Richard Farmery
   John Russell Ann Russel
4. Judy Abson Jane Harrison
   Amy Proudlock (Rob Nicholson
   [illegible]

Test Pit Location Map

Site code: SBDR15 Test Pit number: 40

Site measured by: Jane Harrison, Andrea Dixon

Map drawn by: Alan Mills

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	✓

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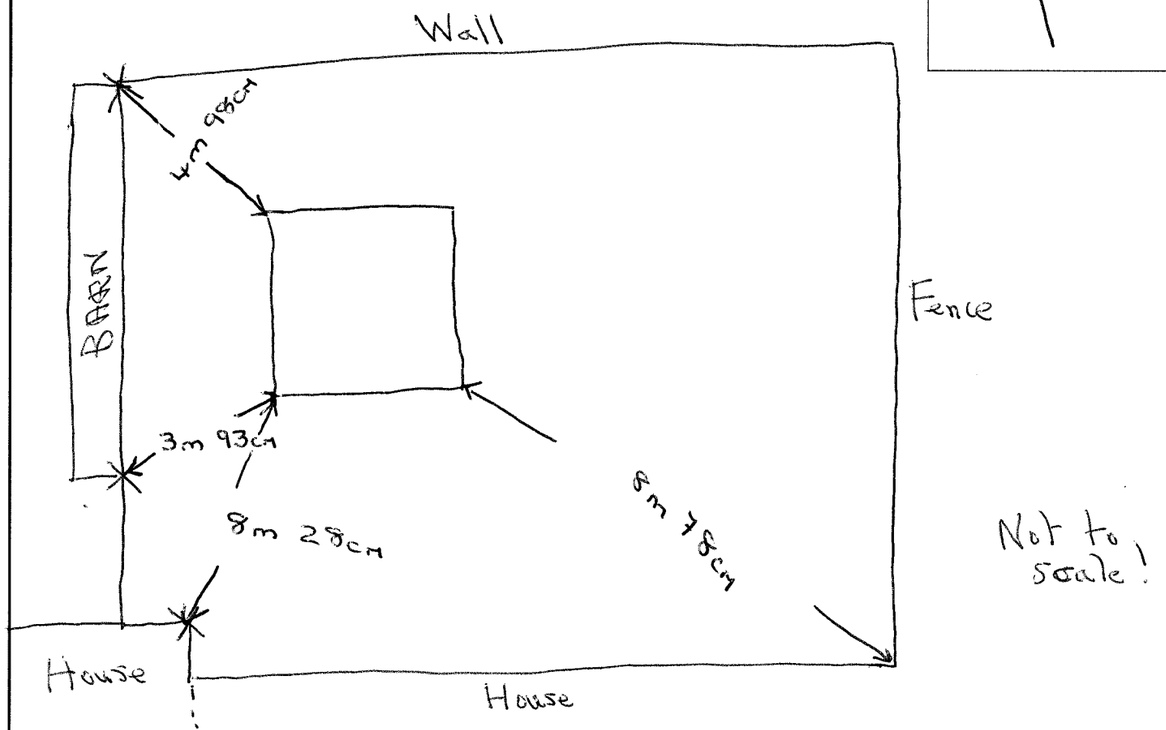
1. Make a measured, labelled plan of the unexcavated surface the test pit, showing where it is in relation to features such as houses, boundaries, roads, walls etc which are marked on your Ordnance Survey map. Include lines showing the exact distances from your test pit to permanently identifiable points 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:



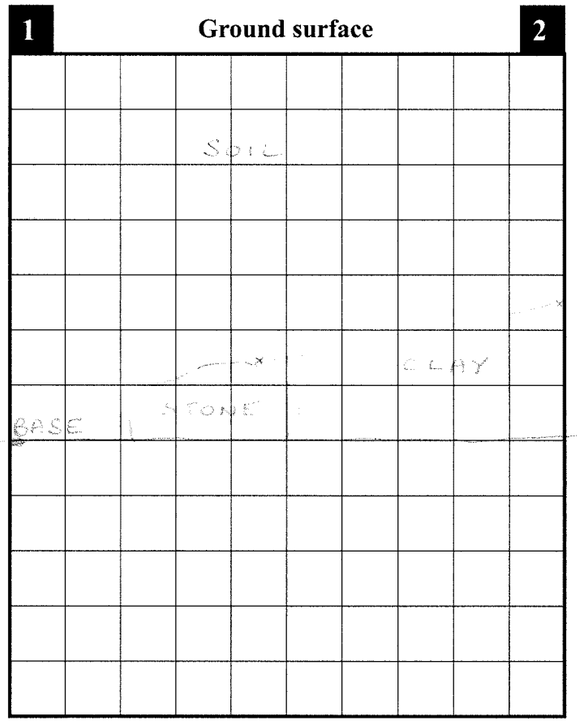
3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

Tynedale back garden - heighest area on top lawn.

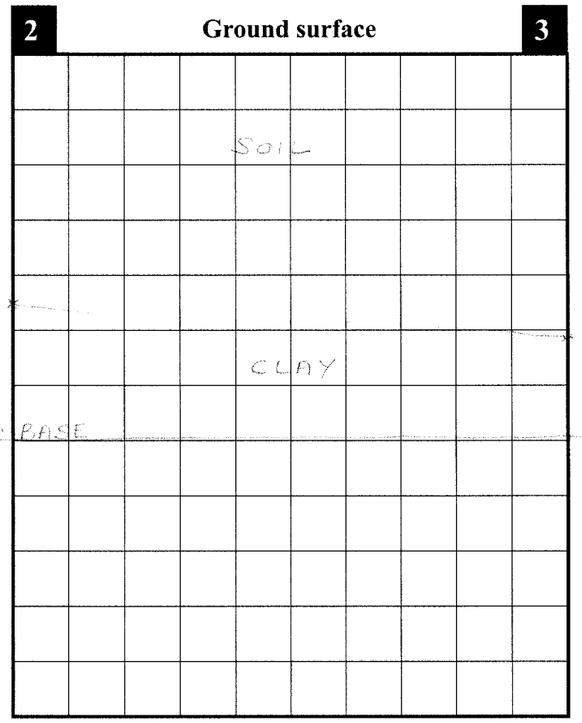
Section Drawings

Site code: SBDR15 Test Pit number: TP40

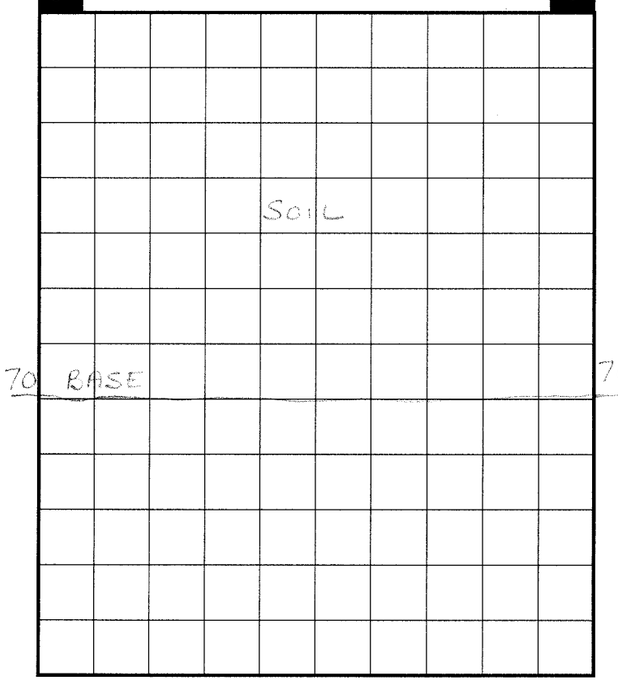
1 Ground surface **2**



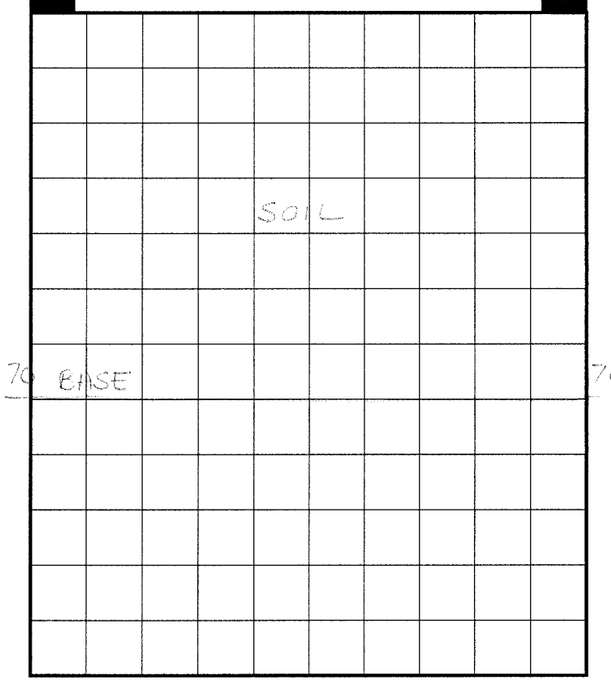
2 Ground surface **3**



3 Ground surface **4**



4 Ground surface **1**



FINAL Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR15 | Test Pit number: 40 | Context number: 8

Context recorded by: Jane Harrison

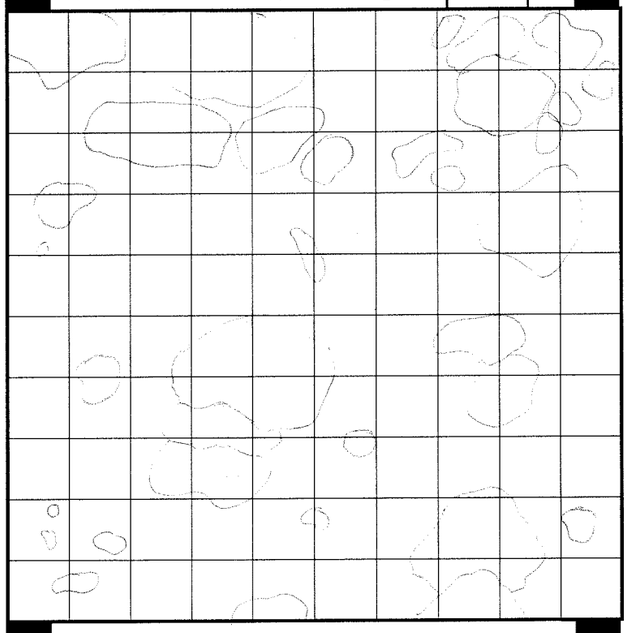
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

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:

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:

Stones sitting on glacial till

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: SBDR15 | Test Pit number: 40 | Context number: 1

Context recorded by: Alan Mills

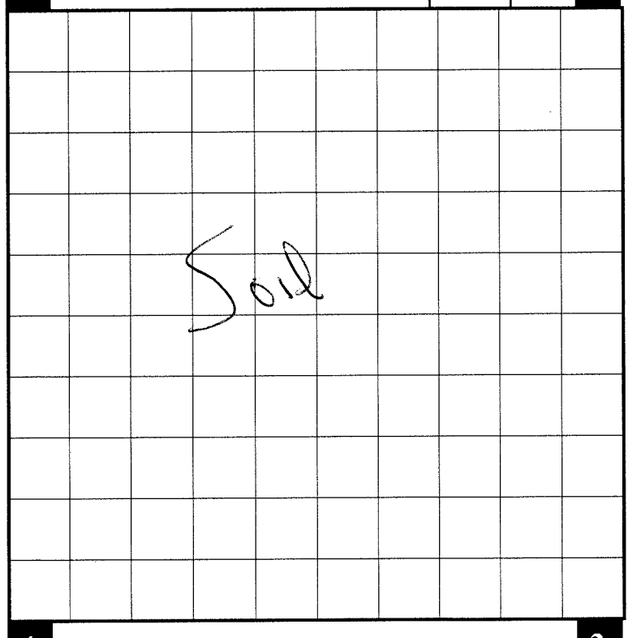
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

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:

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	✓	% 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?: Dark brown 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).

+CBM
Glass
Plastic peg
Pottery
Bone (some)
Slate pencil
Metal
Lime mortar
Coal
~~Coal~~
Chert
Pipe stem (clay)
Post roof tile/Slag
Clay marble

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBAR15 | Test Pit number: 40 | Context number: 2

Context recorded by: Alan Mills

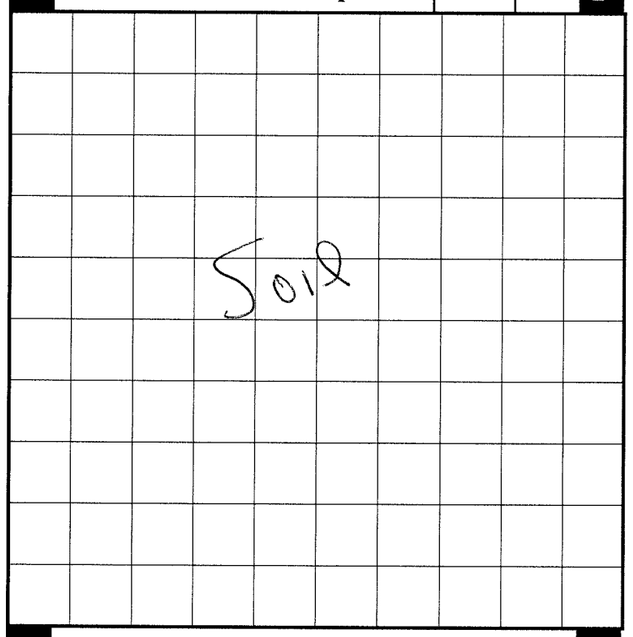
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 10 2 10 3 10 4 9

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:

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	% 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

6. What colour was this context?: Dk Brown 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).

Pottery
Glass
Pipe stem (CTP)
Metal
Bone
lime mortar
Poss. roof slate
Electrical cable?
Slate pencil

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Context Record Sheet

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

Context recorded by:

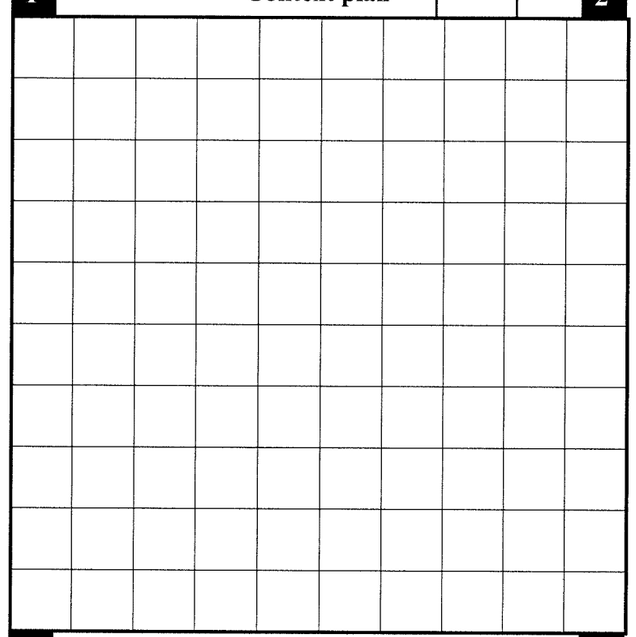
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

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:

1 **Context plan** 2



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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:

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

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: SBDR15 | Test Pit number: 40 | Context number: 3

Context recorded by: RICHARD FARMERY

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 20 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

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:

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	✓	% 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

6. What colour was this context?: Dk Brown 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).

POTTERY
GLASS
METAL
LIME MORTAR
CTP
BONE

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR15 | Test Pit number: 40 | Context number: 4

Context recorded by: Alan Mills

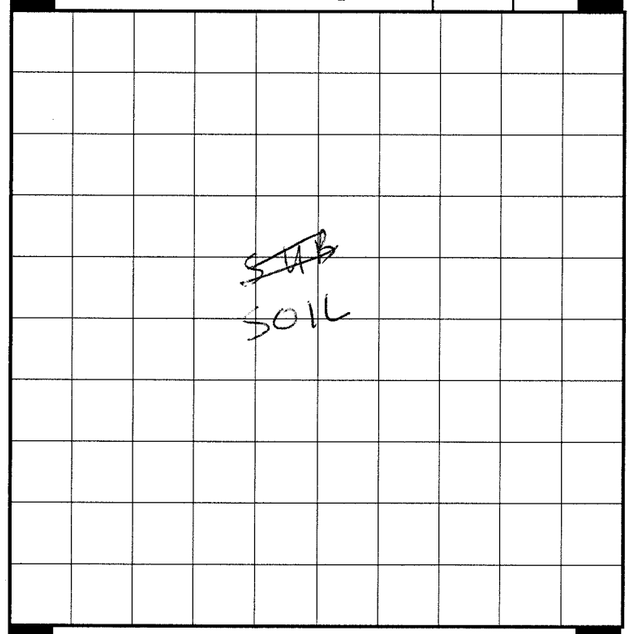
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 30 2 29 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:

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:

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	40	%	Flecks	Small ✓	Med ✓	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	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?: Dk 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).

Large pieces of lime mortar - perhaps mixing area?
Pottery
Metal
Animal bone
Stone roof tile/Slag
Coal
Glass

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Context Record Sheet

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

Context recorded by:

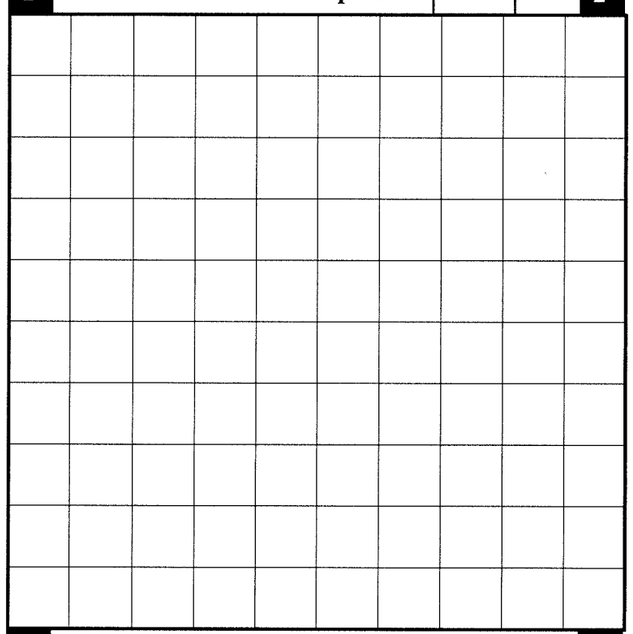
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

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:

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:

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:

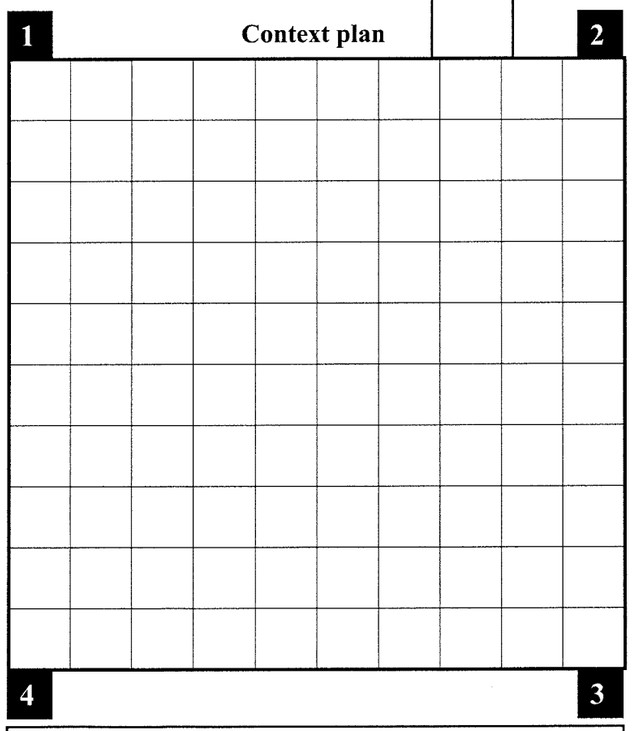
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?
1 2 3 4

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 15 | Test Pit number: 40 | Context number: ~~4~~ Five 5

Context recorded by: Alan Mills

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 38 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)

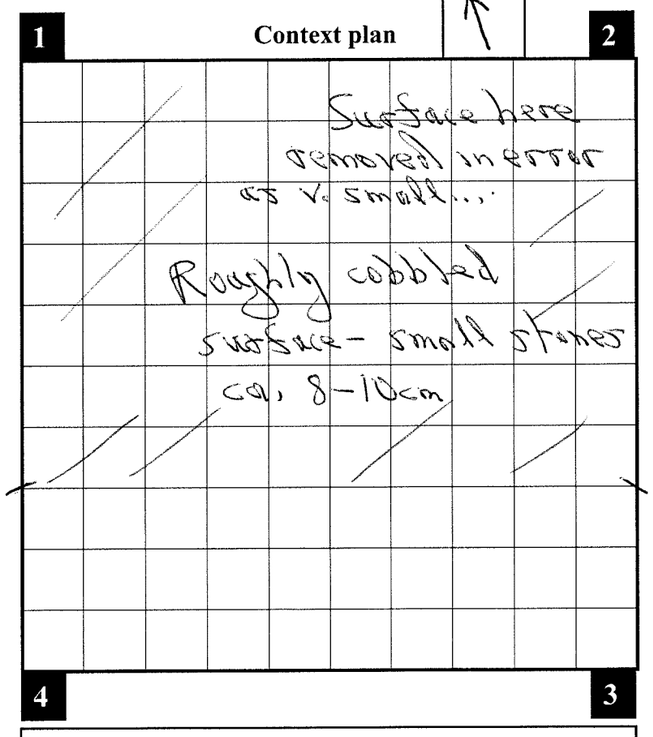
3. Draw an arrow here pointing in the direction of North on your plan:

Context plan

1 2 4 3

Surface here removed in error as v. small...

Roughly cobbled surface - small stones ca. 8-10cm



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

Seems to be a roughly cobbled surface - yard? interior of barn etc? Possibly continues to south at lower depth. Very stoney all way to 6 (six)

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	50	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large 2x
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	50	%	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?: Dk brown 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).

Animal bone incl
Pottery (Staffs slip?)
~~Metal?~~
Lime mortar (lot)
Glass
Small amounts charcoal
Pipe bowl fragment...
" stem (ctp)

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 15 | Test Pit number: 40 | Context number: 6

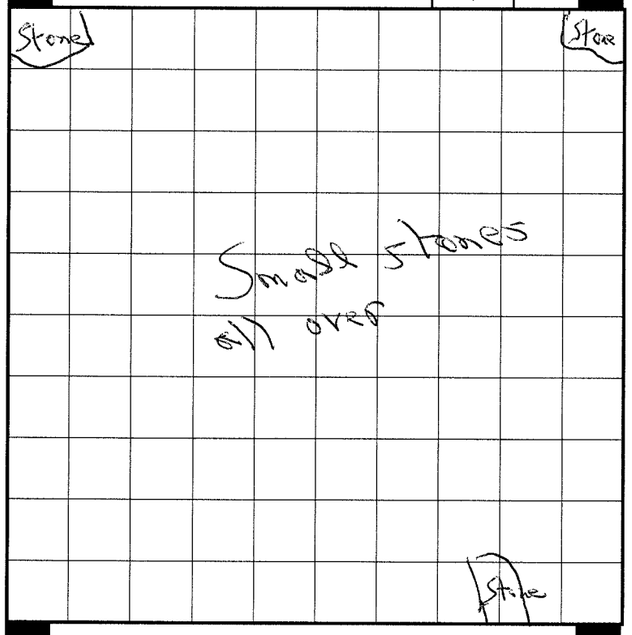
Context recorded by: Alan Mills

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:

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	60	%	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	(Large)
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	40	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
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6. What colour was this context?: Lt brown/sandy 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).

Charcoal.
Pot (incl medieval?) pot ~~fragment~~
Some lime mortar
Glass (window?)

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: SBDR 15 | Test Pit number: 40 | Context number: 7

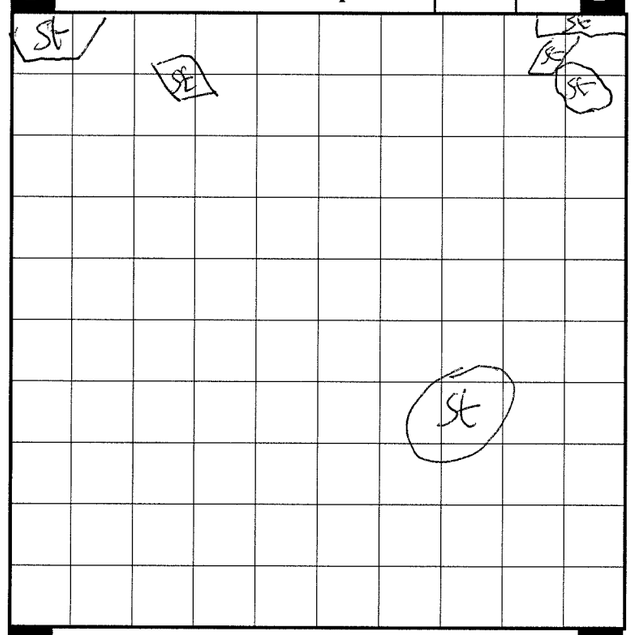
Context recorded by: Alan Mills

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



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

Stoney with soil surrounds.

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6. What colour was this context?: Lt brown/sandy 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).

Charcoal (small amount)
Coal "
Lime mortar "
No pot, ctp etc
Probably late context.

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