

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: 16 th MAY 2015	Site code/settlement name: SDDR15
Test-pit number: TP44	Test-pit address: 14 Hill Close
Test-pit team names:	SHEILA KEENAN
1. EMMA WATSON	MIKE KEENAN
2. JONATHAN BINNIS	3. LINDA PARLOTT
2. JAMES BINNIS	4. STEPHEN PALMER
	4. CAROLINE PALMER

Test Pit Location Map

Site code: **SBDRI5** Test Pit number: **TP44**

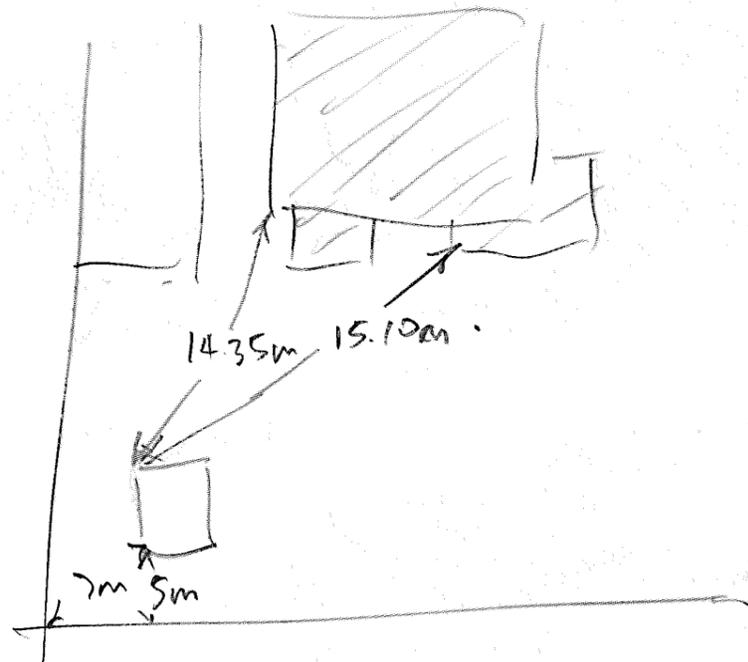
Site measured by: **JAMES BINNS
CHRISTOPHER WATSON**

Map drawn by: **M. KEENAN**

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 checked="" 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:

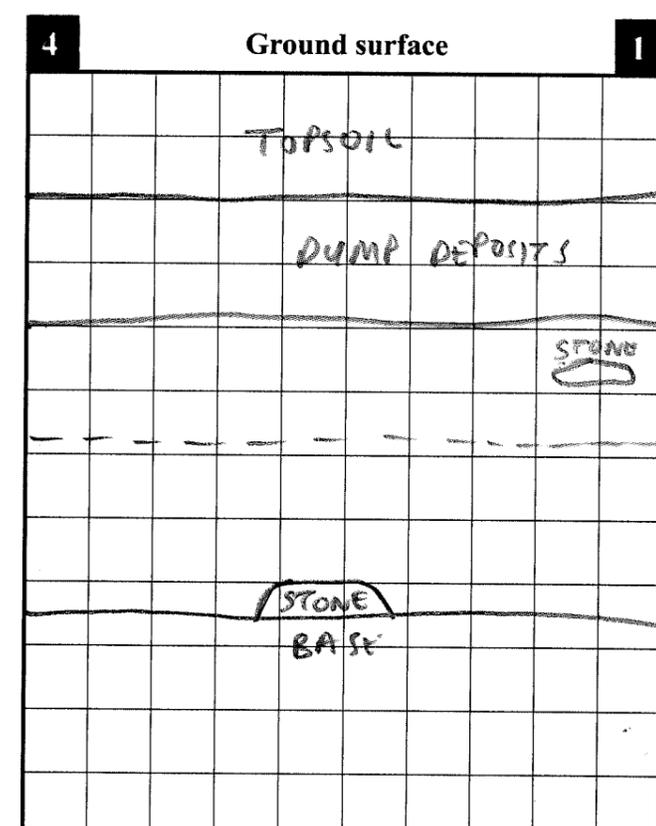
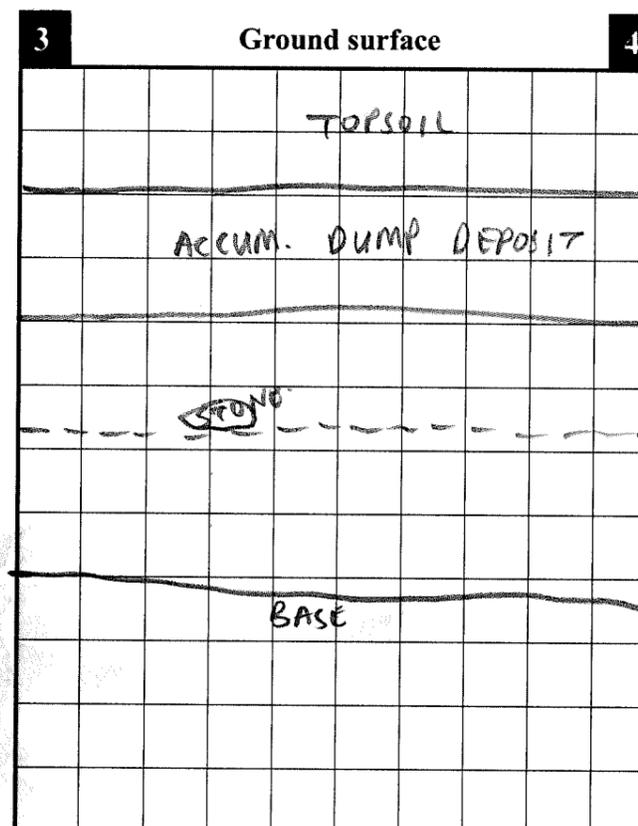
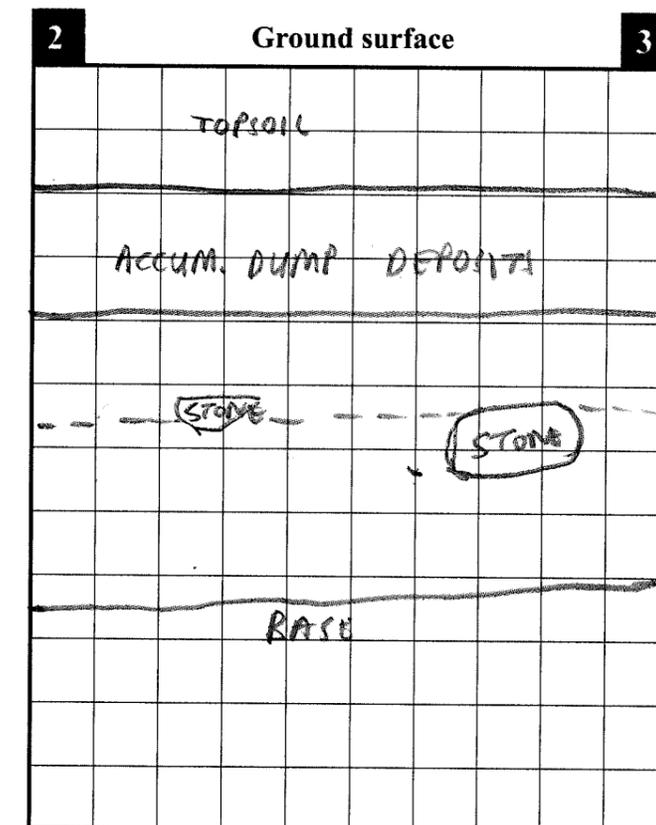
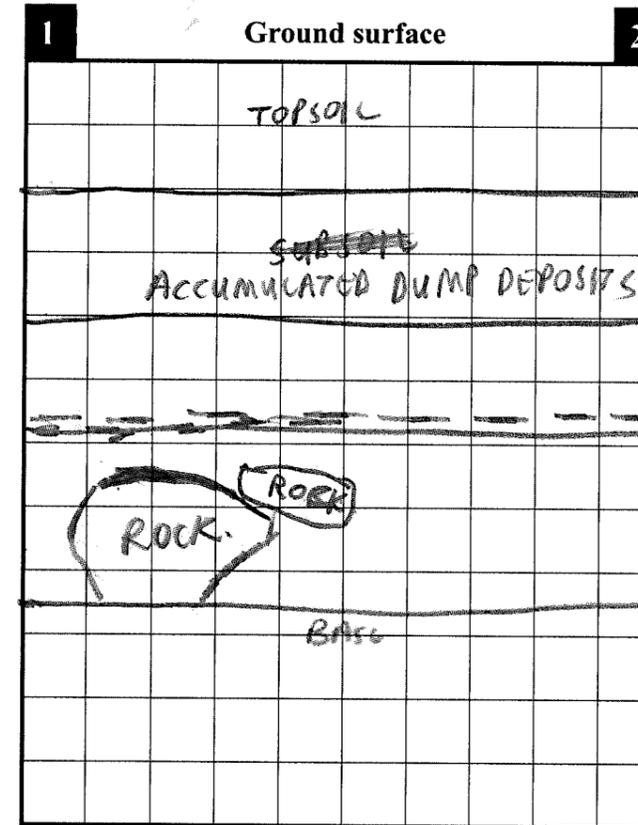


3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

**BACK GARDEN 14 HILL CLOSE
LAWNEED AREA - SOUTH WEST OF HOUSE**

Section Drawings

Site code: **SBDRI5** Test Pit number: **44**



FINAL Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR15** Test Pit number: **44** Context number: **9**

Context recorded by: **RICHARD FARMERY**

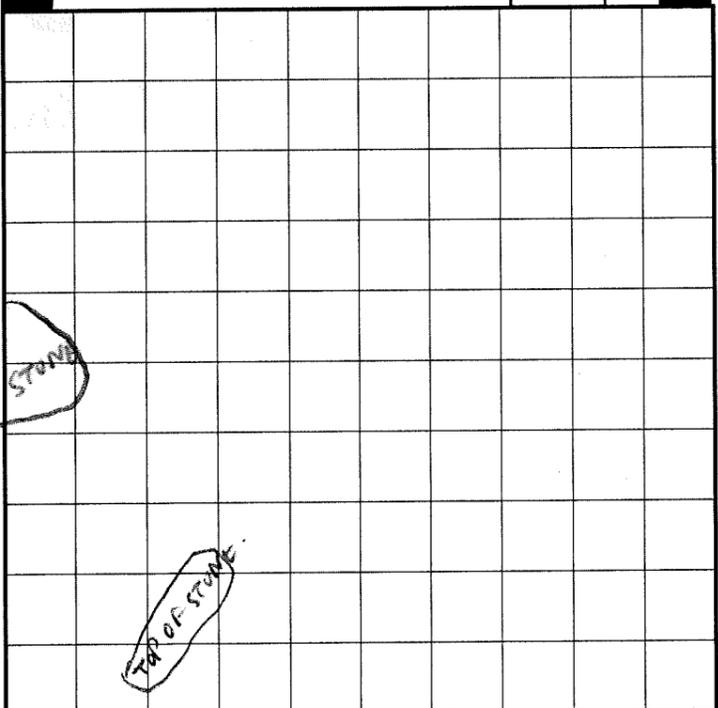
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 **85cm** 2 **85cm** 3 **80cm** 4 **85cm**

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:

NATURAL CLAY

Final Context Recording task checklist	
Task (complete all these before 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 checked="" 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.

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:

Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR15** Test Pit number: **44** Context number: **1**

Context recorded by: **EEW.**

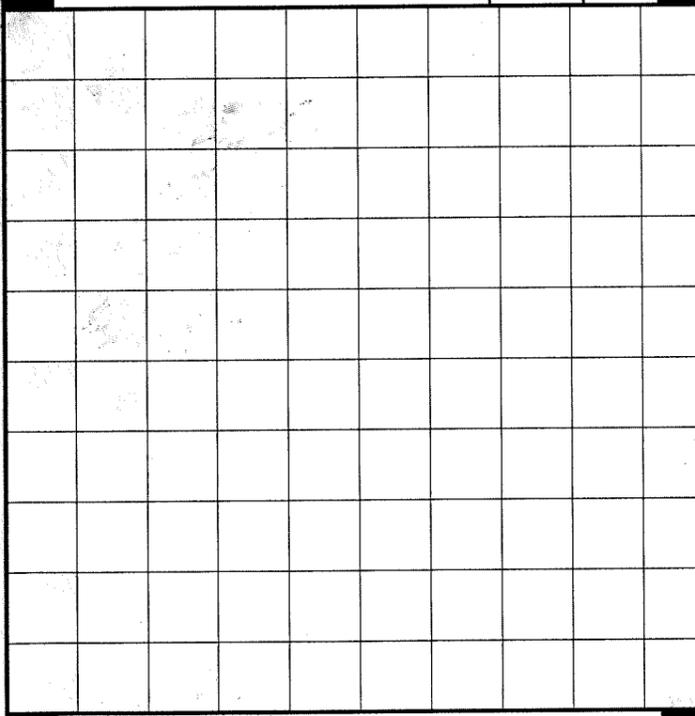
1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 **30 cm** 2 **30 cm** 3 **30 cm** 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:

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:

GRASS

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"/> 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	Percent-age?	Particle size (tick each box that applies)			
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Stone		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sand		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay		%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charcoal		%	<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?:

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).

Plastic pot
pottery - small shreds
 (brown / cream / blue)
clay pipe pieces
glass - thick
 & thin
coal

Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBD R15** Test Pit number: **44** Context number: **4**

Context recorded by: **EEW**

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?
1 30cm 2 30cm 3 30cm 4 30cm

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

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

Context plan

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
Charcoal flecks within dark - brown soil

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"/> all sieved
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)			
Stone		% 5	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Sand		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Soil		% 93	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Clay		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Charcoal		% 2	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Shale		% -	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> 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).
Clay pipe (some burnt)
Small shard of burnt pot
Large pottery sherds
Lead
Iron
White pottery
Glass - some older/or green
Green-glazed ware (?Victorian)
Square nail
Large pin - head
Bloom

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: Test Pit number: Context number:

Context recorded by:

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

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

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

Context plan

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

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)			
Stone		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Sand		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Soil		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Clay		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

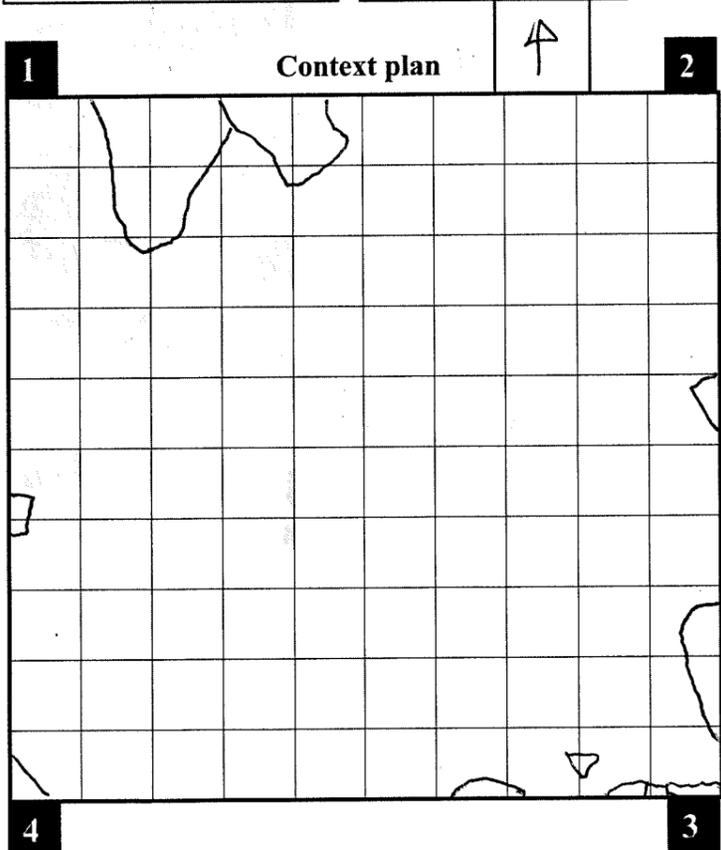
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Context recorded by: **EEN**

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:



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
Orangey-brown soft clay with some large stones in wall & on bottom

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"/> 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)			
Stone	Y	% 10	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Med	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large
Sand	N	% -	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	N	% -	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	Y	% 89	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?: **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).
1 rim of black pottery (burnished)
1 piece of lead
flints
charcoal
clinker

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Context Record Sheet

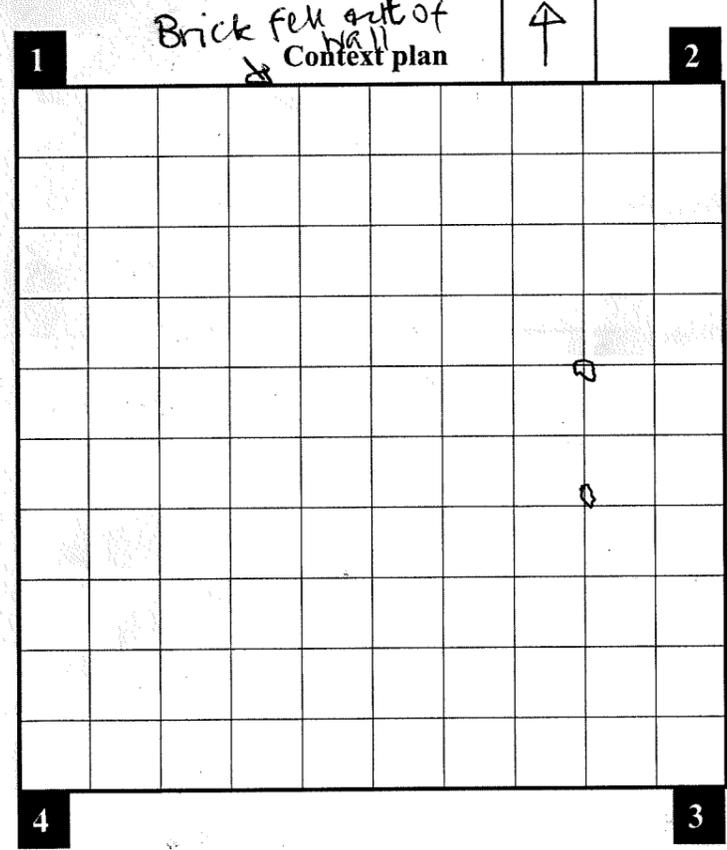
Site code: **SBD R 15** Test Pit number: **44** Context number: **5**

Context recorded by: **EEN**

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this context at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?
1 **40cm** 2 **40cm** 3 **40cm** 4 **40cm**

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

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



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:
2 possible pottery sherds drawn (may be deceptive stones!)

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"/> 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)			
Stone	Y	% 35	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Med	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large
Sand	N	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	Y	% 64-5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	N	%	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?: **Medium-dark brown - becoming sandy at bottom**

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).
"Old scratty pot sherd"
Long pieces of clay pipe
Iron
Glass
Pot sherds - some larger + under / some more modern
Charcoal.

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR 15** Test Pit number: **44** Context number: **6**

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

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

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

Context plan

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

couple of stones in bottom of trench - not embedded.

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"/> 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)		
Stone	Y	% 10	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Sand	Y	% 5	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Soil	Y	% 33	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Clay	Y	% 50	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Charcoal	Y	% <1	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Shale		% -	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large

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

Metal - ? lead - white rope-like
Pottery sherds - small
Charcoal - small.
Burnt pottery
Iron piece - small.
Burnt hazelnut shell

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Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR 15** Test Pit number: **44** Context number: **7**

Context recorded by: **EEW**

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

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:

Several large stones embedded in wall of trench at base of 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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)		
Stone	Y	% 20	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Med	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large
Sand		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Soil		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Clay	Y	% 79	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
Charcoal	Y	% <1	Flecks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large
		%	Flecks	<input type="checkbox"/> Small	<input type="checkbox"/> Med	<input type="checkbox"/> Large

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

Burnt pottery sherds
Clinker
Bloom
Metal (rope like piece)
?lead.

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