

# Site Diary

Site code: SBDR 15.

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: 16 MAY 2015 SATURDAY

Back to William Manning's house and lawn for a 2nd time, bright day but with cold wind and hint of rain clouds, Chilly, not a day for standing around! Potentially a good site as it will be the nearest test pit to back lane on old established road heading East/West. William and Shirley took the lead on this pit with 'Newto digging' Gary and Heather and Sunday members John + Anne Russel.

Deep top soil 30cm, compact subsoil 30cm, then contact of large/small Cobble mix with clay and shale, an appearance of back fill?, Jim Brightman joined us at this point (Archaeologist) discussed what feature might be, landscaping? levelling? Our 'Resident' Geologist John pointed out as we were near a glacial mound with glacial river cutting running north-south to the valley bottom in line of our pit we are looking at a glacial river base as rounded cobble stones and shale.

No more finds @ this level, as now 4pm, decided to leave till following morning.

finds detail as context sheets, interesting still finding clay pipe stems + bowls. *Pashu*

Summary of day 2 Date: 17 MAY 2015. SUNDAY.

Similar day weather wise, still as chilly!

Shirley, William, John and Anne Russel, myself on site, decided to cut through context 8 to remove Cobble/shale mix, to reveal compact shale/clay with stones now flatter, breaking away as layers, thoughts are now as yesterday, we are digging in a glacial river base, no sign of solid natural clay, but clay now appears orange in colour.

Decision to stop at context 9 (800mm) as large boulder now taking up most of pit bottom!

Some interesting pieces of pottery from yesterday wet will have to await Jenny's report,

Good team effort by all, thanks to William for allowing a 2nd test pit to his lawn. *Pashu*

# Digging an Archaeological Test Pit Excavation Record

Date of excavation: 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015 Site code/settlement name: SBDR 15  
 Test-pit number: TP45 Test-pit address: The NOOK  
 Test-pit team names:  
 1. WILLIAM MANNING 3. GARY TAYLOR 5. JOHN and ANNE  
 2. SHIRLEY GALE 4. HEATHER WILSON 6. RUSSEL

# Test Pit Location Map

Site code: **SBDR 15** Test Pit number: **45**

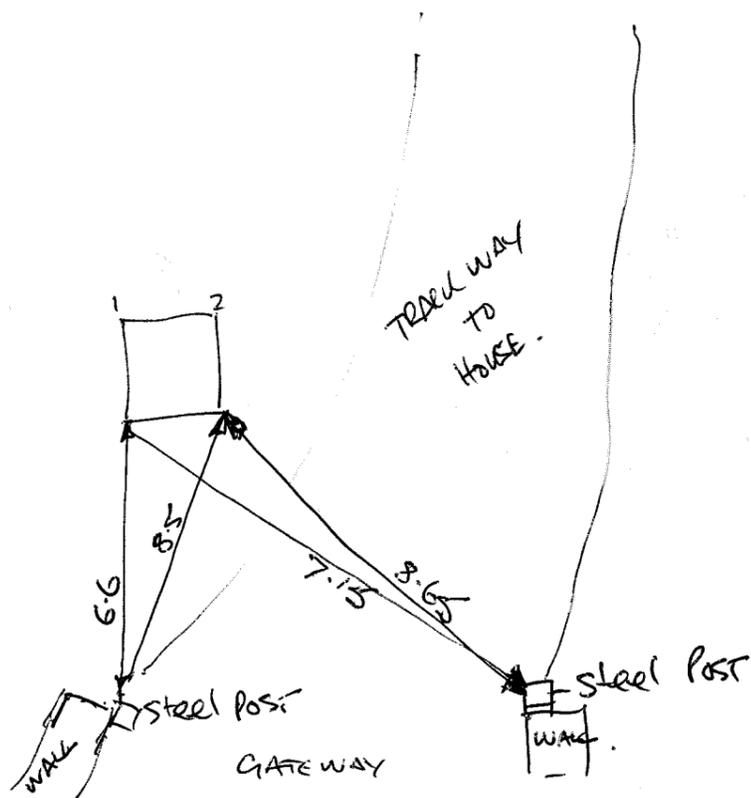
Site measured by: **Philip Bastow**

Map drawn by: **Philip Bastow**

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:



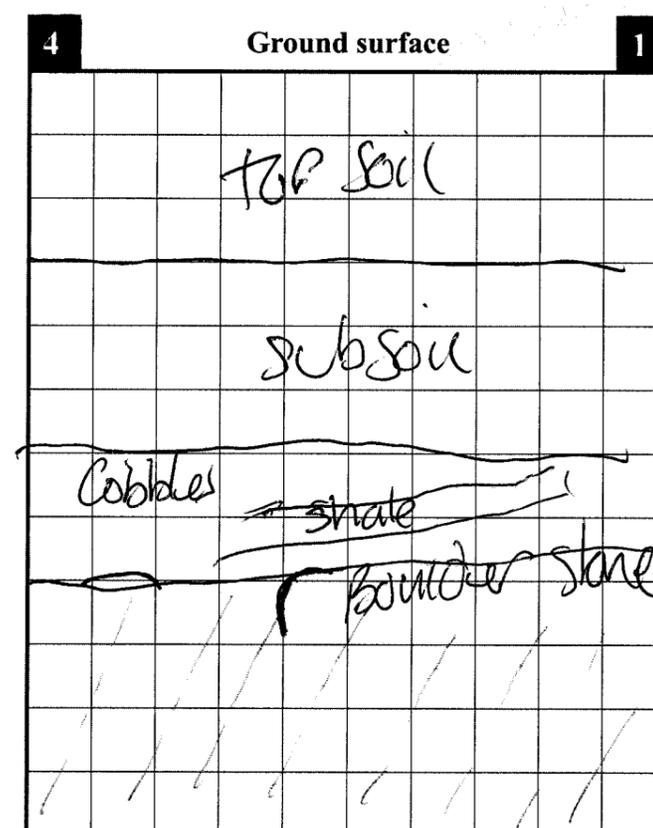
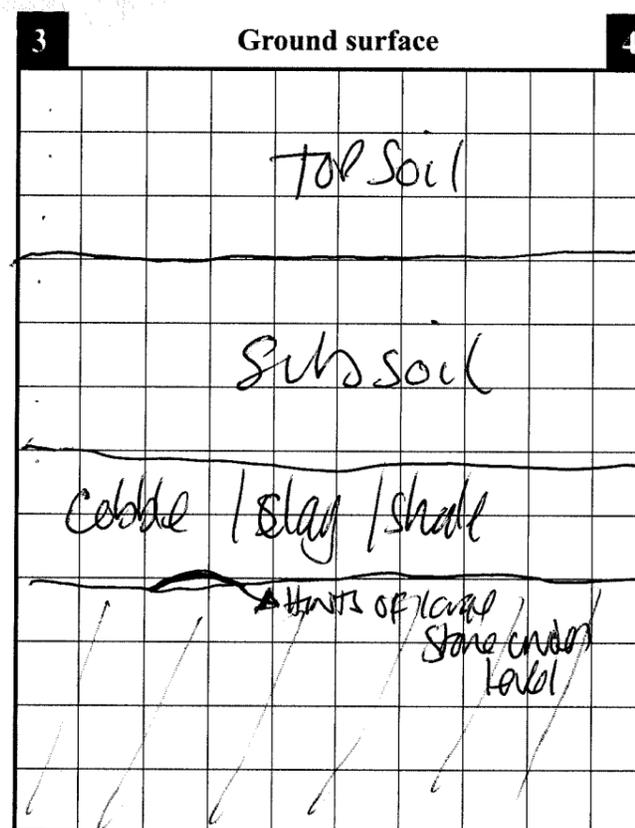
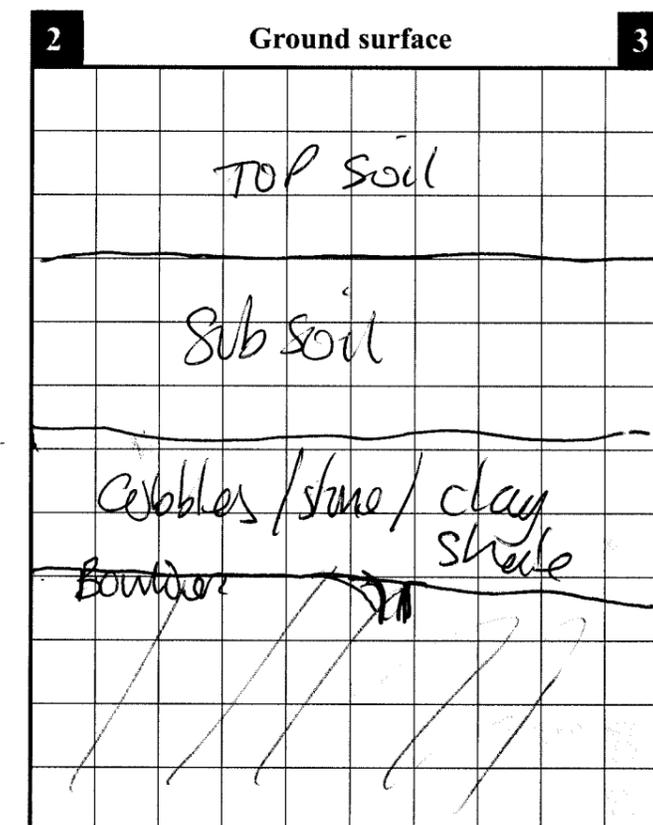
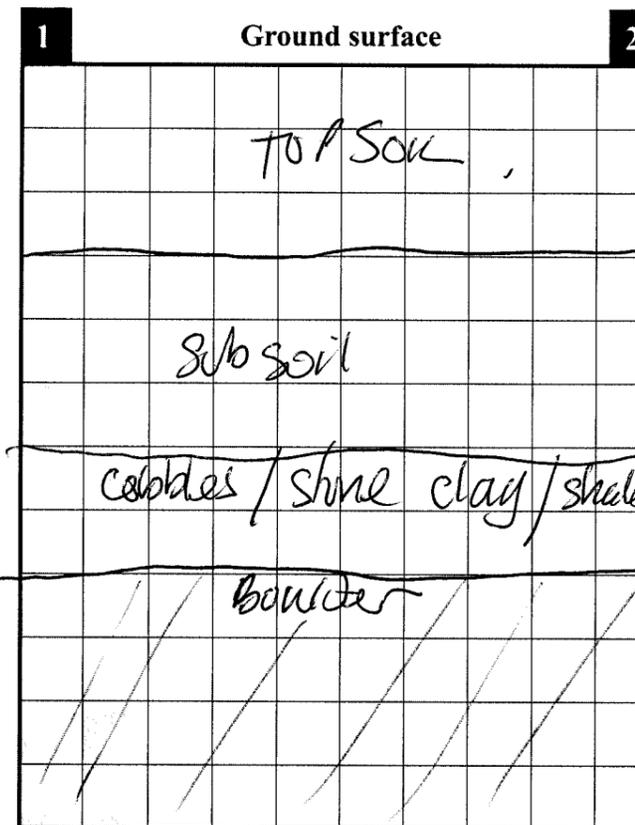
3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

GRASS LAWN, SLIGHT SLOPE TO SOUTH.  
TO LEFT OF TRAILWAY TO HOUSE

6.6 8.5 7.15 8.65 2

# Section Drawings

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# FINAL Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR 15** Test Pit number: **45** Context number: **9.**

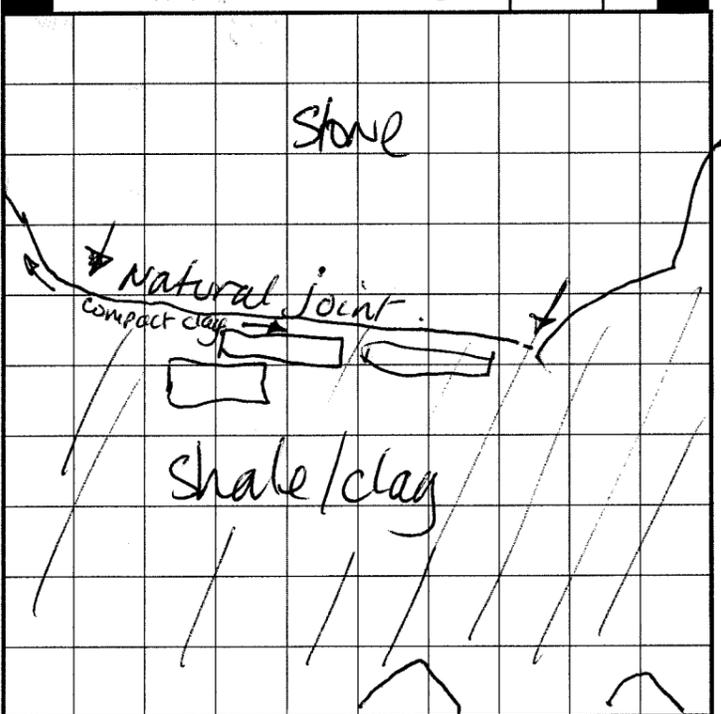
Context recorded by: **Boston**

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 **75** 3 **80** 4 **82**

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:  
Large stone North of Pit, large stones laying just under shale/clay surface @ 80cm.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. Did you excavate your test pit to natural? If not, explain why you stopped digging.  
Could possibly have gone down another level, but large stone at base of pit, proved to be the decider... 99% this was the natural level.

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 numbers out of sequence by 1, as first layer not completed to 10cm.  
Dug well by all, otherwise, nearly stopped @ 8, but proved best to continue until naturalis reached or in our case "big" boulder!

# Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDR 15** Test Pit number: **45** Context number: **1**

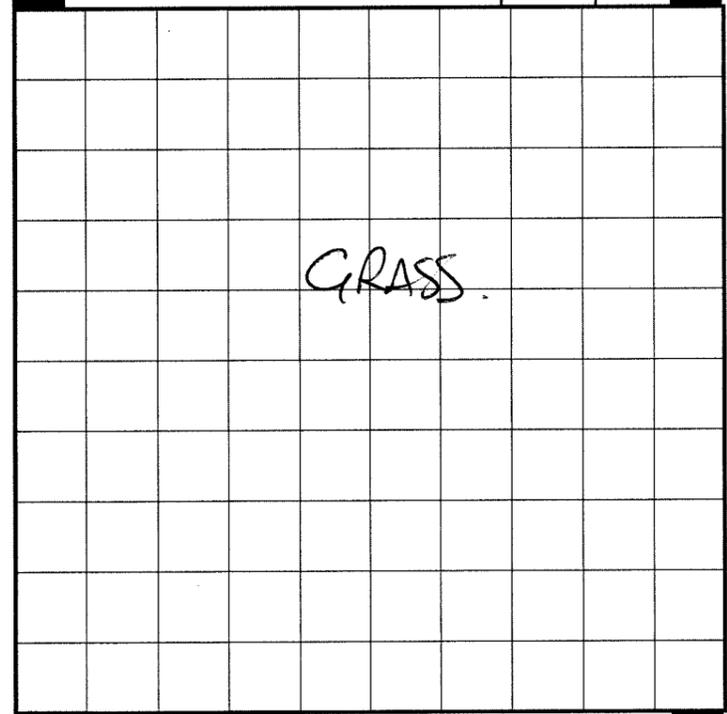
Context recorded by: **S GALE**

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 cm** 2 **80 cm** 3 **80 cm** 4 **80 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:  
AREA laid as lawn slight slope to South.

Recording task checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Draw plan of top of context <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	100.0%
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fill in <b>all</b> 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		%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Sand		%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Soil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	% 99	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Clay		%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Charcoal		%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

6. What colour was this context?: **1**

7. List the finds from this context. For each find, say what it is (or what it looks like) and what date it is (if you know).  
**NONE**

# Context Record Sheet

Site code: **SBDK 13** Test Pit number: **45** Context number: **2**

Context recorded by: **S. GALE**

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 **5cm** 2 **5cm** 3 **10cm** 4 **5**

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:  
**mostly soil with small stones.**

Recording task checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Draw plan of top of context <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	<b>100 %</b>
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fill in <b>all</b> 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)			
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Stone		<b>% 1</b>				
Sand		<b>%</b>				
Soil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>% 98</b>				
Clay		<b>%</b>				
Charcoal		<b>%</b>				
		<b>%</b>				
		<b>%</b>				

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

**CLAY PIPE**  
**POTTERY VARIOUS SMALL SHARDS**  
**GLASS**  
**COAL**  
**BONE**

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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:

Recording task checklist	
Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input type="checkbox"/>
Draw plan of top of context <b>before</b> 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 <b>all</b> 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)			
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Stone		<b>%</b>				
Sand		<b>%</b>				
Soil		<b>%</b>				
Clay		<b>%</b>				
Charcoal		<b>%</b>				
		<b>%</b>				
		<b>%</b>				

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

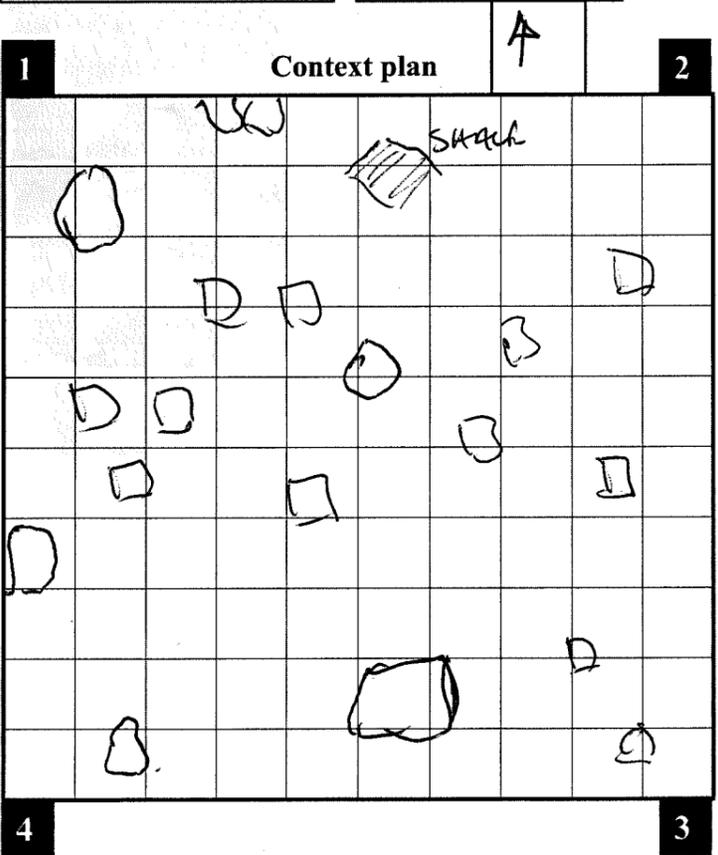
Site code: **SBR 15** Test Pit number: **45** Context number: **5**

Context recorded by: **SC/PB**

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:



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan, adding any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan:  
**large cobbles 100mm  
large+small stones 50mm-70mm  
mixture of clay + shale**

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Draw plan of top of context <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dig context, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved)	<b>100</b> %
Clean finds and place in clearly labelled finds tray to dry with labeled bag	<b>N/A</b>
Fill in <b>all</b> 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	<b>Y</b>	<b>% 20</b>	Flecks	Small	<b>Med</b>	Large
Sand		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	<b>Y</b>	<b>% 10</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	<b>Y</b>	<b>% 20</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
<b>Shale</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>% 40</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: **4/5**

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).  
**mottled colour / blue / orange  
broken shale, small stones  
once large cobbles / stones removed, shale / base starting to appear.**  
**(No finds)**

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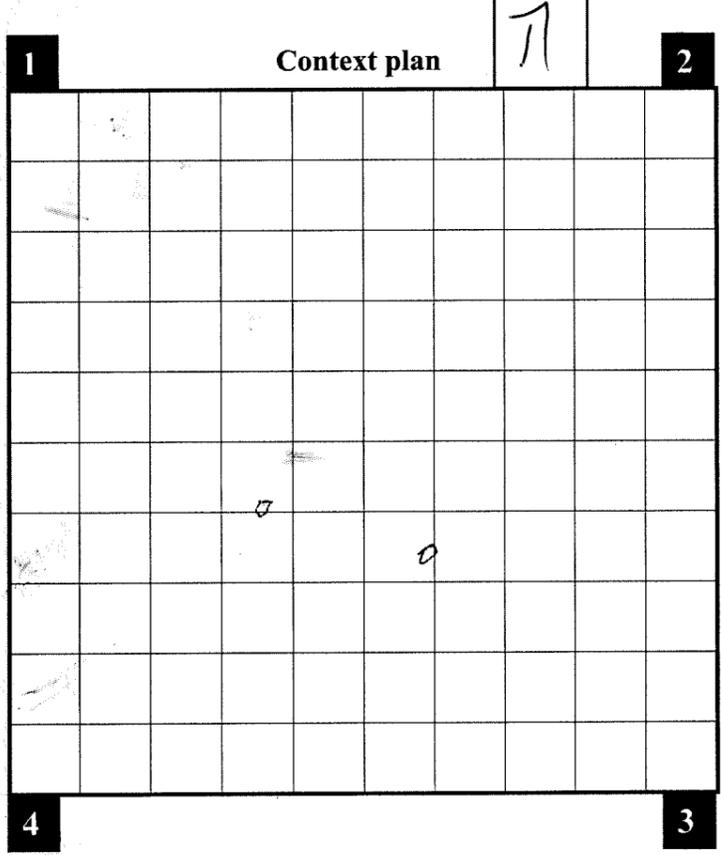
Site code: **SBR 15** Test Pit number: **45** Context number: **5**

Context recorded by: **S. GALE**

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 **33** cm 2 **33** cm 3 **31** cm 4 **31** 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:

Task	Tick when completed
Photograph top of layer <b>before</b> starting to dig it	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Draw plan of top of context <b>before</b> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fill in <b>all</b> 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	<b>Y</b>	<b>% 5</b>	Flecks	<b>Small</b>	Med	Large
Sand	<b>Y</b>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Soil	<b>Y</b>	<b>% 95</b>	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	<b>Y</b>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>% 1</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
		%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large

6. What colour was this context?: **Brown 2/3**

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).  
**PIPE STEM  
METAL WEDGE (FEATHER)  
POTTERY  
NAILS  
SHALE**

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