

# 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:

Summary of day 2

Date:

# Digging an Archaeological Test Pit Excavation Record

Date of excavation:

Test-pit number: TPA1

Test-pit team names:

1. Rob + Sue Nicholson
2. Shiel + Mike Keenan

Site code/settlement name: SBDRIS

Test-pit address: LANE HOUSE.

3. Graham Smith      Jackson
4. David Prokes      Kilgaster



# Test Pit Location Map

Site code: **SBDR 15** Test Pit number: **TP 41**

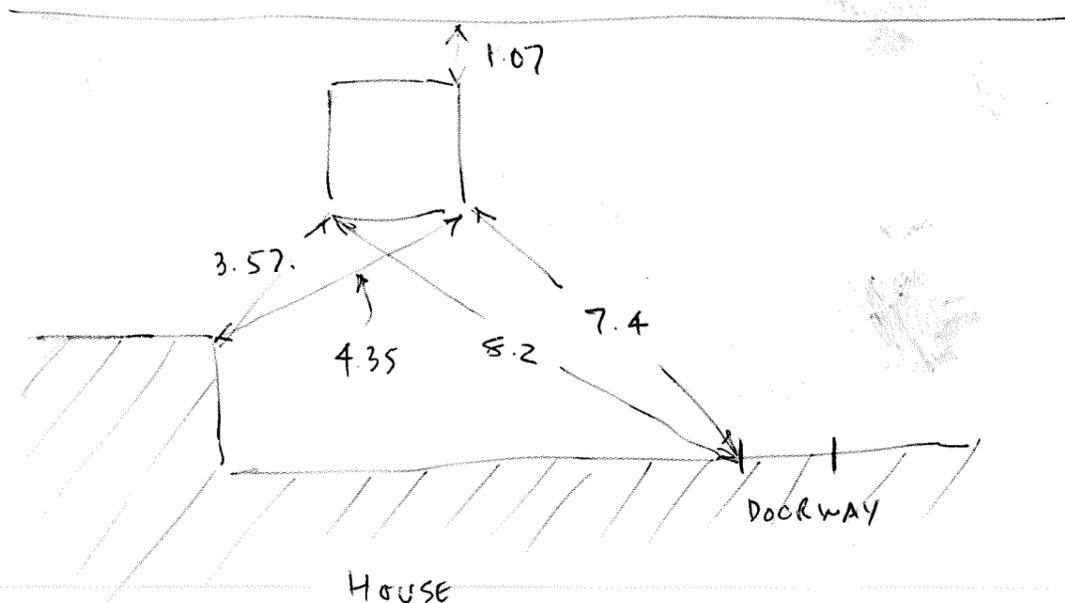
Site measured by: **D Brooks / Graham Smith**

Map drawn by: **Mike 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:



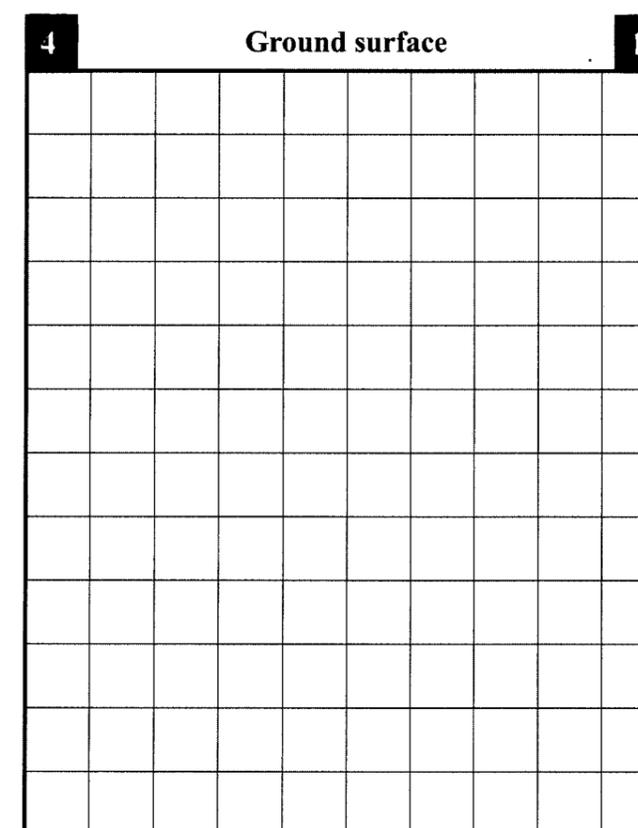
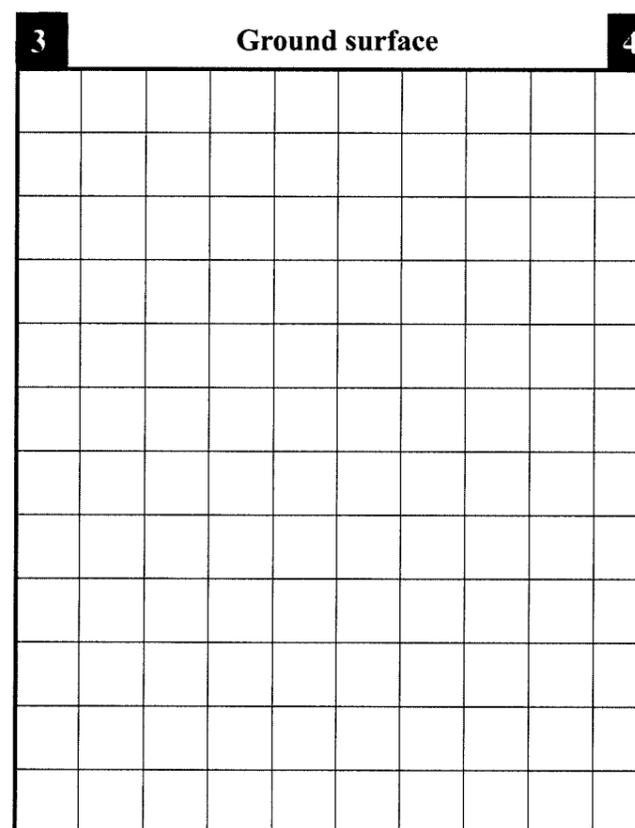
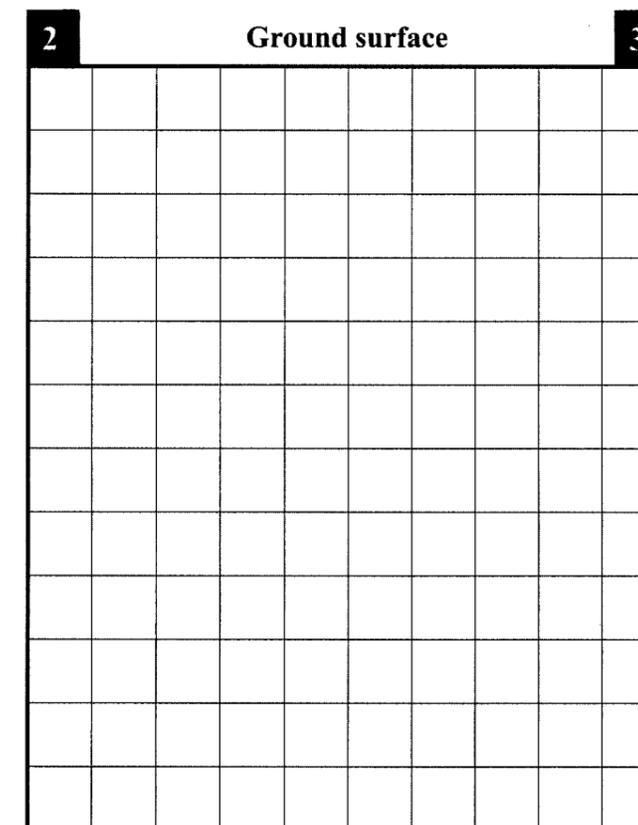
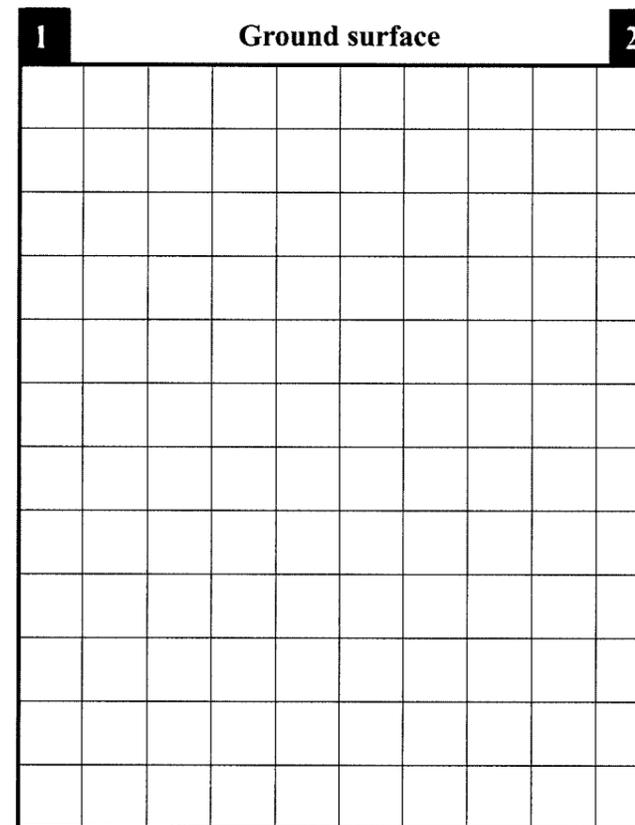
3. Describe where your test pit is, adding any notes which help explain this to someone who doesn't know your site:

Lane House - a converted barn just over the cattle grid on the outskirts of Reeth & up the Arkengarthdale Road. A rural aspect backing onto open fields

# Section Drawings

Site code:

Test Pit number:





# Context Record Sheet

Site code: **STSDR15** Test Pit number: **TP41** Context number: **2**

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

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 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	
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>	<b>% 5</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Sand	<b>✓</b>	<b>%</b>				
Soil		<b>%</b>				
Clay		<b>%</b>				
Charcoal		<b>%</b>				
<i>heavy loam</i>		<b>% 100</b>				
		<b>%</b>				

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

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 (1 piece mud stone containing a fossil (clam))*  
*Cinder*  
*Burnt shale*  
*2 pieces CTP*  
*2 and shotgun cartridges*  
*2 pieces fire brick*  
*11 piece of metal (Fe?)*  
*3 pieces of bone*  
*1 metal button*  
*1 glass faceted bead*  
*9 pieces of glass*  
*31 pieces post-med pot*

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*- Interspersed smaller stones looking like 'natural'*

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Charcoal	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
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*No finds*

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