



Plate 5: Trench 29, west facing section of 2912 and 2915



Plate 6: Trench 30, northeast facing section of ditch 3003


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Plate 7: Trench 31, northwest facing section of ditch 3108 and 3110



Plate 8: Trench 31, northeast facing section of ditch 3112


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Plate 9: Trench 32, northeast facing section of ditch 3208



Plate 10: Trench 32, northwest facing section of ditch 3226


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Plate 11: Trench 33, west facing section of ditch 3309



Plate 12: Trench 33, southwest facing section of ditch 3321


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Plate 13: Trench 33, east facing section of ditch 3304



Plate 14: Trench 33, southwest facing section of ditch 3319



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Plate 15: Trench 34, southeast facing section of ditch 3404



Plate 16: Trench 34, west facing section of ditch 3418

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Appendix 3

WYAS Interim Trial Trenching Report

**Grooms Cottage
Radcliffe on Trent
Archaeological Trial Trenching
Interim Statement of Results**

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken at Grooms Cottage, Radcliffe on Trent, in August 2020. A total of eleven trenches were excavated in 2 fields (see Fig. 2). Results from the geophysical survey identified areas of potential archaeological activity and trenches were positioned to evaluate these areas, as well as to test areas with no archaeological responses. Results are summarised in Table 1 below.

All work was undertaken in accordance with accepted professional standards and guidelines (Historic England 2008; CIfA 2014), in accordance with the ASWYAS site recording manual (ASWYAS 2020), and in compliance with the methodology detailed in the Specification produced by BWB Consulting.

All trenches were set out and the limits resurveyed using a Trimble VRS differential GPS accurate to +/-0.01m. The trenches were opened in a controlled manner using a mechanical excavator with a flat-bladed ditching bucket under direct archaeological supervision. All topsoil deposits were removed in level spits with the topsoil and subsoil being separated to allow for re-instating in reverse order. Machining stopped at the first archaeological horizon or natural deposits, whichever was encountered first. All excavations of archaeological deposits were undertaken manually with the stripped surface being cleaned and investigated for archaeological remains.

All features were accurately recorded in plan using GPS. Feature sections were drawn at a scale of 1:10 or 1:20 as appropriate. All plans and sections included spot heights which relate to Ordnance Datum.

A full written, drawn and photographic record was made of all archaeological work. An inventory of the primary archive will be included in the final report. ASWYAS currently hold the site archive in a stable and secure location, and it will be deposited with a local museum in due course.

Results Summary

The overburden of the trenches consisted of a ploughsoil above a layer of thin subsoil. The natural consisted of areas of weathered rock and areas of a reddish brown clay with a good contrast between the natural deposits and the archaeological fills.

The archaeological features corresponded well with the anomalies detected by the geophysical survey. Ditch and gully features were encountered across the site with plough furrows also noted cutting into the subsoil and natural levels.

The geophysical survey suggests that northern part of an enclosure was located within the site and this was located by Trenches 9, 10 and 11. The ditch appeared to be deepest at the north-western corner and was in excess of 1.2m deep. The ditch then shallowed further to the east where in Trench 11 it was 0.44m deep.

Further sets of small enclosures and boundary ditches were also located in Trenches 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. This includes a small square enclosure tested by T8.

Table 1: Trench Summary

Trench No.	Dimensions (m)	Orientation	Topsoil depth (m)	Subsoil depth (m)	Observations
1	20 x 2	NE-SW	0.30	0.30	No archaeological remains
2	20 x 2	E-W	0.35	0.15	No archaeological remains
3	20 x 2	NE-SW	0.30	0.15	Single ditch at southern end of trench
4	20 x 2	NE-SW	0.25	0.20	No archaeological remains
5	20 x 2	NE-SW	0.25	0.20	Ditch at northern end of trench
6	25 x 2	NE-SW	0.20	0.15	Two ditches within the trench. Eastern ditch contained a modern land drain. Furrows clearly present running across the trench.
7	20 x 2	NW-SW	0.40	0.10	Single ditch across the centre of trench
8	25 x 2	N-S	0.25	0.05	Three features recorded within the trench. Central features appeared to be a ditch rather than a large pit
9	20 x 2	NW-SE	0.25	0.05	Single ditch part of larger enclosure seen on the geophysical survey.
10	20 x 2	N-S	0.25	0.26	Single gully at the northern end and intersection of ditches at southern end
11	20 x 2	NE-SW	0.30	0.14	Single ditch at southern end of trench

Finds and Samples Summary

Finds recovered from the site were limited to pottery and animal bone fragments. The finds were recovered from Trenches 6, 7 and 8 and are detailed below. The pottery appeared to be handmade and is likely to be Iron Age or Romano-British in date. The finds and samples have been processed and sent to the relevant specialists for assessment.

Table 2. Finds Summary

Context	Trench	Quantity	Material
604	T.6	5	Animal bone.
704	T.7	43	Animal bone.
706	T.7	1	Pottery.
706	T.7	8	Animal bone.
804	T.8	11	Pottery.
804	T.8	2	Animal bone.
806	T.8	5	Pottery.
806	T.8	16	Animal bone.

Table 3. Samples

Sample No.	Context	Trench	Approx. Vol
301	304	3	40l
501	504	5	40l
502	506	5	40l
601	604	6	40l
701	704	7	40l
702	706	7	40l
801	804	8	40l
802	806	8	40l
803	808	8	40l
804	810	8	40l
805	812	8	40l
806	814	8	40l
901	904	9	40l
1001	1004	10	40l
1002	1006	10	40l
1101	1104	11	40l



Ditch 705, Trench 7, looking northeast



Ditch 813, Trench 8, looking north



Ditch 1103, Trench 11, looking north-east

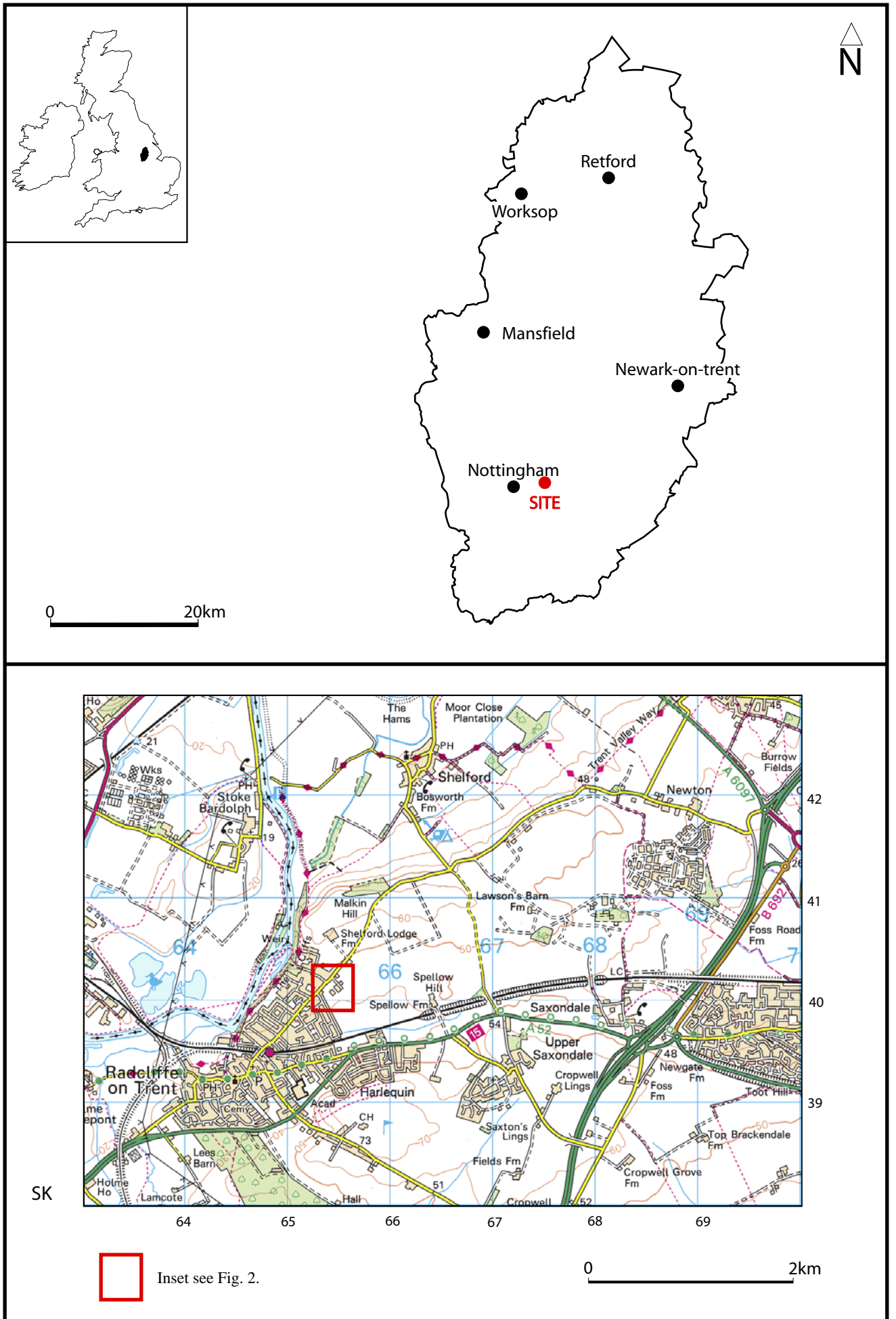


Fig. 1. Site location

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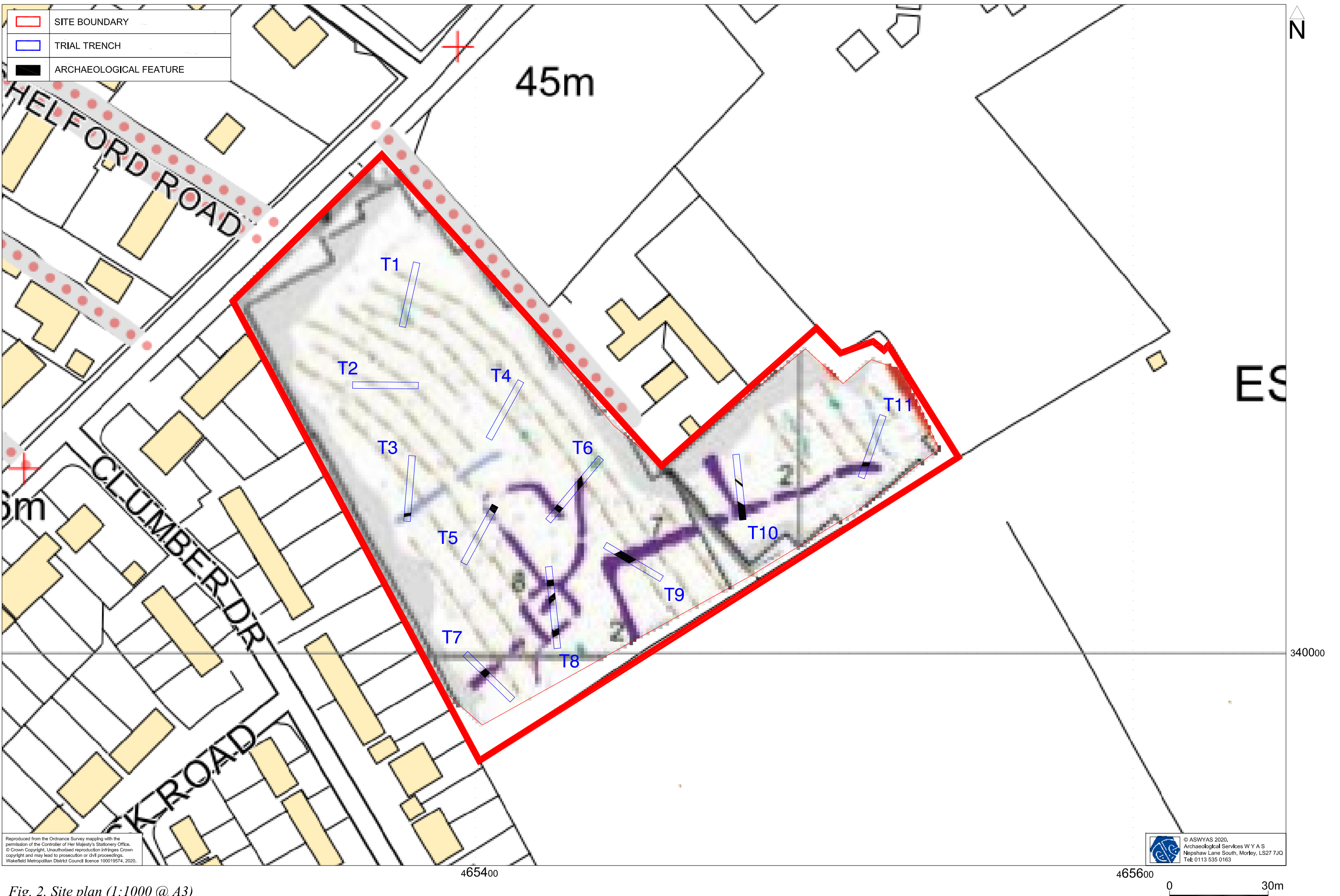


Fig. 2. Site plan (1:1000 @ A3)

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