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PROJECT SUMMARY

Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd was commissioned by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar to undertake a programme of archaeological trenching on land located at the former Scolpaig Farm, Scolpaig, at the north-west of the Isle of North Uist. Works took place between the 12th and the 15th of August 2024. This document presents the results of these trenching works.

A total of seven archaeological features were identified during the works comprising six structural elements ; five wall sections, a floor surface and a single spread of dumped material, along with three clearly modern features including a large modern refuse pit. Activity ranged from post-medieval to modern field walls and farm buildings. No further archaeological features or deposits were identified.

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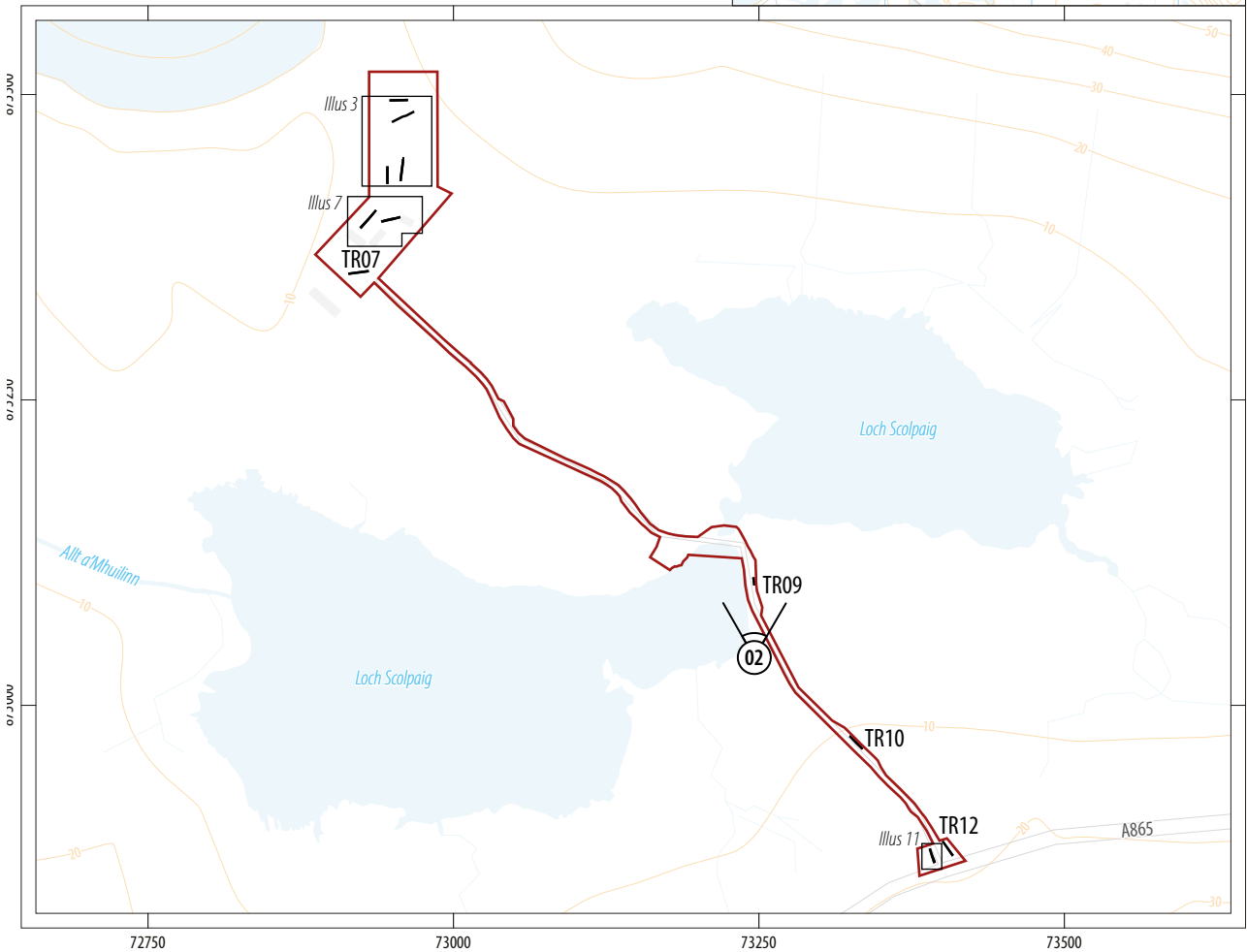
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Scolpaig Farm
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0 200km
1:12,500,000 @ A4



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1:6,000 @ A4

- site boundary
- trench location
- photo direction

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1 INTRODUCTION

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, commissioned Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd to undertake an investigative programme of archaeological work to fulfil the conditions of planning application 21_00646. The overarching project comprises the construction of a sub-orbital vertical rocket launch site, with associated infrastructure including an access track and car park.

Headland Archaeology was commissioned to encapsulate the required archaeological works within a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) submitted for agreement with Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (Bain 2024). This WSI detailed the requirement for an archaeological trial trench evaluation of the site, proposing a 12% sample of the development area, or 12 number of 2m x 15m trenches. The overall sample area of trenches was reduced to 11.15% as a response to on-site constraints.

Headland Archaeology was then commissioned to complete the archaeological evaluation of the site. This report details the results of this evaluation.

1.1 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Proposed Development Area (PDA) is situated at NGR NF 729754, located at the former Scolpaig Farm, Scolpaig, at the north-west of the Isle of North Uist (Illus 1). The current land use is agricultural land, machair and an access track. The development area is bounded to the north, east and west by agricultural land and to the South by the A865. The access track linking to the site from the A865 crosses Loch Scolpaig by means of a causeway.

The development area is situated at 19m AOD to the south east, where the access track meets the A865, descending to 6m AOD at Scolpaig Loch, then rising again to the north east to a height of 10m

AOD at the location of the former farm buildings. It covers an area of c 0.27ha.

The bedrock geology of the site consists of Lewisian Complex Gneiss, a metamorphic bedrock formed between 4000 and 541 million years ago between the Archean Eon and Ediacaran period. Superficial deposits comprise wind-blown sand, a sedimentary superficial deposit formed between 2.588 million years ago and the present during the Quaternary period (NERC 2024).

1.2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

Prehistoric and Early Medieval Sites (8000 BC–AD 600)

There are no known prehistoric assets within the PDA. Prehistoric remains within the 200m of the PDA include Dun Scolpaig (HER 908), a cup marked stone (HER 896), a possible souterrain (HER 909) and a beaker sherd (CHS7). Excavations approximately 10km north-east at Udal uncovered extensive prehistoric evidence in a similar location, a machair environment close to the sea. A feature of machair settlements, from the Neolithic through to the Iron Age, is abandonment due to inundations of wind-blown sand (Ballin Smith 2018). As such, it is considered that the development area has the potential for sub-surface prehistoric remains to exist, preserved by layers of rapidly accumulated wind-blown sand.

Medieval Sites

There are no additional heritage assets of medieval date within either the PDA itself or within a 200m radius of it. There are a further six non-designated heritage assets of medieval date within 5km



ILLUS 2 North facing shot of Trench 09

comprising: a boundary dyke, an enclosure, a burial ground, a field system and two examples of cultivation remains.

Post Medieval and Modern Sites

Within the PDA, Scolpaig Farmhouse (MWE150004) incorporates three additional non-designated heritage assets of post-medieval date include a byre (CHSX33), a cattlefold (CHSX34) and a roadway (CHSX35).

Within 200m of the development area, a further 16 non-designated heritage assets include nine structures comprising the Ardanroin township (Building Record 13517), three farmsteads, an enclosure and building and a well.

Within a 5km radius of the PDA there are a further 341 non-designated heritage assets of either post-medieval or modern date. Of the 322 post-medieval assets, the majority comprise sites associated with agriculture or livestock grazing, with assets such as farmsteads, dykes, shielings, field systems, enclosures and clearance cairns present. These assets are typical of post-medieval settlement in the Outer Hebrides.

The 19 assets recorded as being modern comprise blackhouses, a mansion house (LB52583), a commemorative monument, a decoy pond, an enclosure, a hut, a dam, poultry houses, sand and gravel workings, a findspot, sheep dips, a naust, a radar station, a village/township and a wall.

Undated Sites

There are 324 undated heritage assets recorded on the HER or NRHE within 5km of the PDA of which 33 are likely to be prehistoric with the remainder likely to date to post-medieval or modern periods.

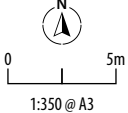
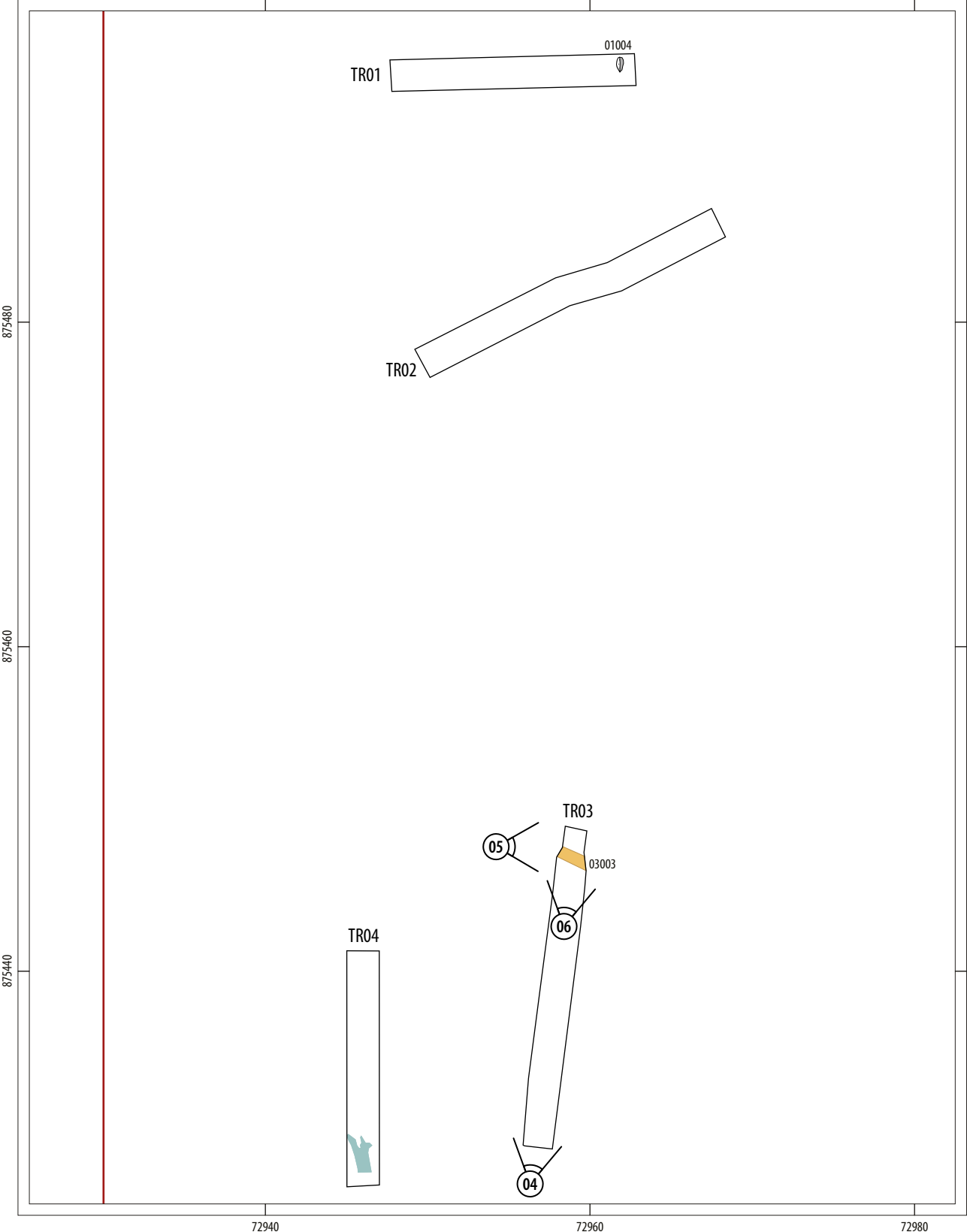
1.3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the of the trial trenching evaluation were:

- › to evaluate the archaeological potential of the development site and determine the location, character, extent and quality and date of any archaeological remains identified within it.
- › to provide information about the archaeological resource, to enable appropriate decisions to be reached regarding any requirement for further mitigation works.

Additional objectives of the of the trial trenching evaluation were:

- › to investigate the remains of a potential structure adjacent to the site access.
- › to investigate the area of structural remains to the north-east of Scolpaig Farm, to establish if earlier structures pre-dating the extant structures could be identified.



- site boundary
- trench location
- unexcavated/excavated archaeological feature
- structure
- modern
- photo direction



ILLUS 4 North facing shot of Trench 03 **ILLUS 5** East facing shot of Wall [03003] In Trench 03 **ILLUS 6** Southern face of Wall [03003] in Trench 03

2 METHODOLOGY

A risk assessment and method statement (RAMS) document was prepared prior to the commencement of fieldwork and was followed throughout. All work was carried out as specified in the WSI (Bain, 2024).

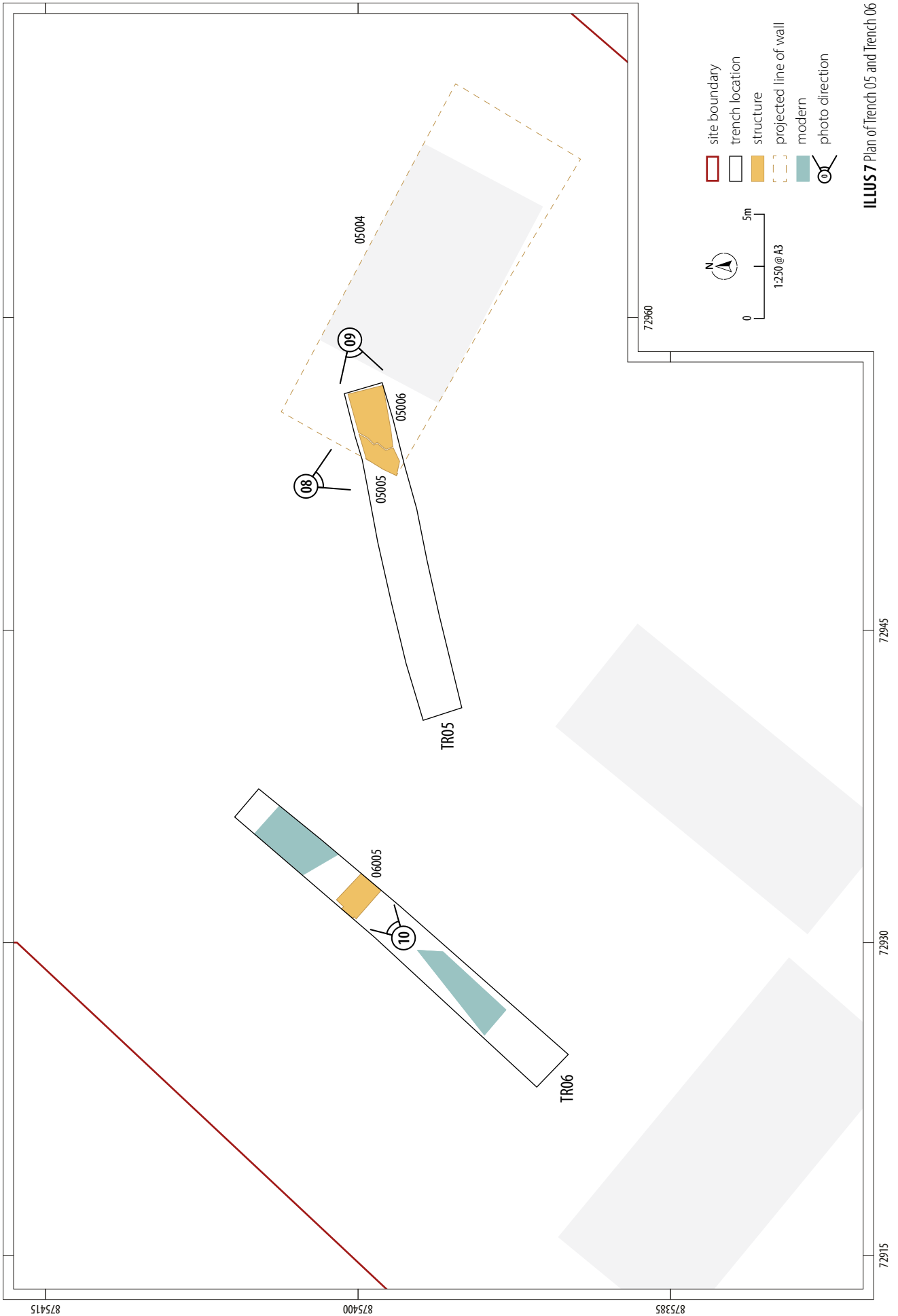
2.1 SITE WORKS

Trenches were laid out across the PDA in order to provide good spatial coverage and target specific features, including areas around derelict structures, and areas likely to be impacted by construction works.

In the event that it was not possible to excavate trenches in their planned locations, due to physical or environmental constraints,

necessary adjustments were made. Constraints included the presence of unknown or unmapped services, overhead lines, and modern contaminants. The archaeological advisor was updated and informed of adjustments to scope during the period of fieldworks. A total of six trenches (02, 03, 05, 06, 07 and 09) were adjusted or shortened and a single trench (08) was entirely descope.

Trenches were opened with a mechanical excavator, suitably equipped with a toothless ditching bucket of 2.0m width. All trenches were excavated by machine under direct archaeological supervision to remove topsoil and deposits of modern make-up and were excavated in controlled spits. Machine excavation terminated at the top of the geology or the first significant archaeological horizon, whichever was encountered first. Spoil was stored beside the trench.





ILLUS 8 South-east facing shot of Wall Foundations [05005] and Floor Surface [05006] in Trench 05 **ILLUS 9** West facing shot of Floor Surface [05006] in Trench 05
ILLUS 10 North-east facing shot of Wall [06005] in Trench 06

Excavation of archaeological deposits and features required to satisfy the objectives of the evaluation continued by hand. On completion of machine excavation, faces of the trench that required examination or recording were cleaned using appropriate hand tools. The stratigraphic sequence was recorded in full in each of the trenches.

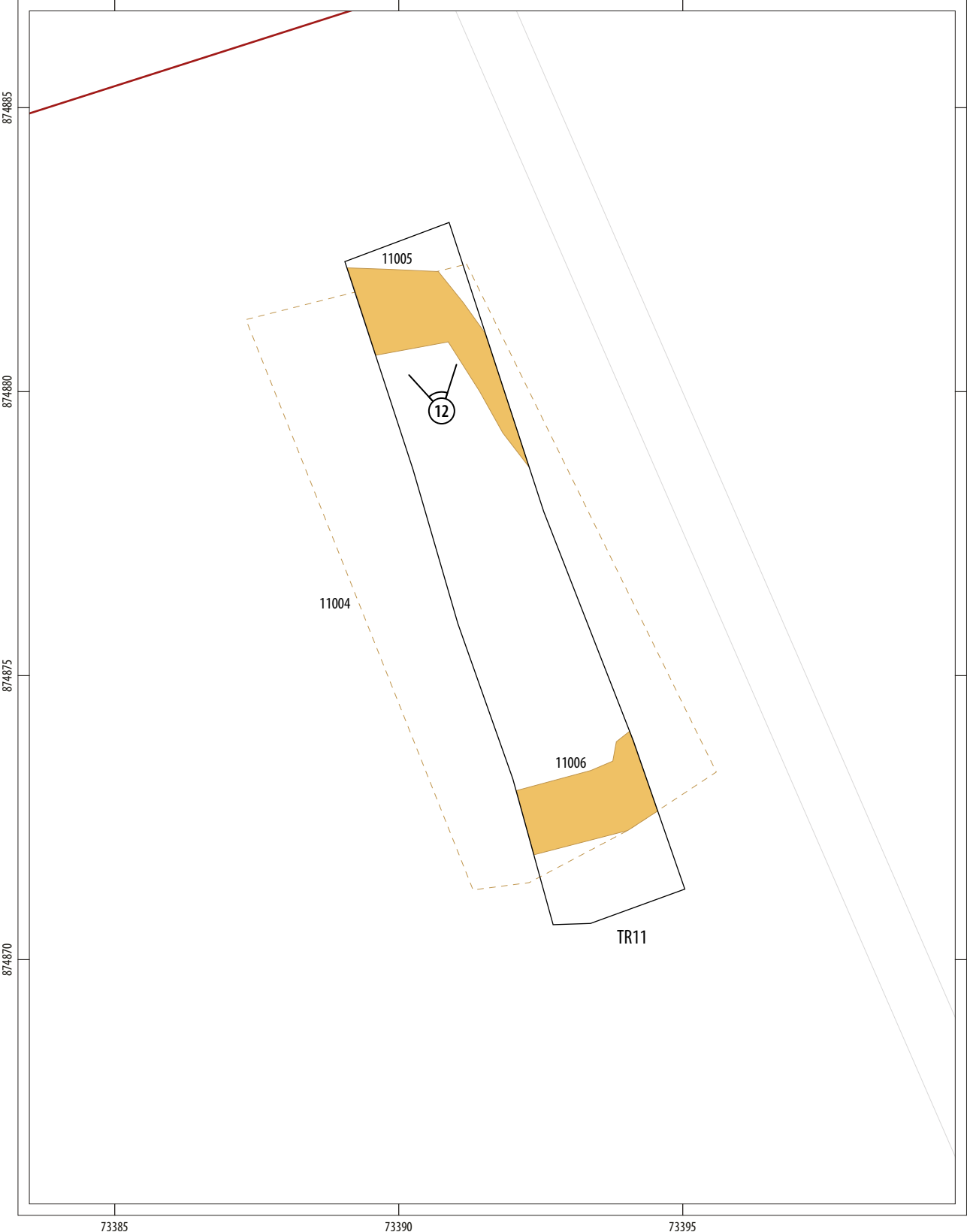
All identified features were investigated and recorded. No features were wholly excavated, and clearly modern features were not hand excavated. These modern features included a refuse pit [06003], a patch of in situ burning [06004], and a buried length of burnt wood [04003].

Due to Health and Safety considerations, excavations did not extend beyond 1m below existing ground level.

2.2 RECORDING

All recording followed ClfA Standards and Guidance for conducting archaeological excavation and Field Evaluation (ClfA 2023a). All contexts and environmental samples were given unique numbers. All recording was undertaken on pro-forma record sheets. Digital photography was used to record all trenches, with a graduated metric scale clearly visible.

A site plan including all identified features, areas of excavation and other pertinent information was recorded 3-dimensionally using





ILLUS 12 North facing general shot of walls [11004] and [11005] in Trench 11

Headland's digital spatial recording system with a dGPS, accurately linked to the National Grid and heights to AOD. Headland maintains a digitally based library of guidance documents that includes information on field evaluation and recording. Relevant parts can be forwarded on request.

Deposits identified as archaeologically significant were sampled for environmental material and other finds (eg bone, pottery etc.). Bulk samples were taken from selected deposits for wet sieving and floatation in order to recover any environmental material. All samples taken on site were processed and assessed with the results and recommendations for any further work included in the results.

2.3 REPORTING AND ARCHIVES

The reporting takes the form of a single 'grey literature' report detailing the results of the fieldwork and assessment of all finds and environmental samples (this report). An online OASIS report was completed and will be accompanied by a PDF report and boundary file. A summary report will be submitted for inclusion in Discovery and Excavation Scotland.

Copies of all reports have been sent to Atlantic 58 and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar for approval. Approved versions (electronic and, if required, paper) will also be submitted to Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

This report was written in accordance with the appropriate Cifa standards and guidance documents, particularly Cifa's 'Standard for archaeological field evaluation' (2023a); 'Universal guidance for

archaeological field evaluation' (2023b) and 'Standard and guidance for the collection, 'documentation, conservation, and research of archaeological materials' (2020).

Reporting was undertaken by suitably qualified and experienced members of staff, familiar with the project. Specialist reporting adhered to the standards set out in the CIFA toolkit for specialist reporting (<https://www.archaeologists.net/reporting-toolkit>).

The archive will be deposited with the Museum nan Eilean or other suitable repository, to be agreed with Comhairle nan Eilean Siar within six months of the completion of fieldwork.

3 RESULTS

Trenching took place in August 2024. Complete technical descriptions of each trench and individual contexts can be found in Appendix 1.1. All trenches are referred to by a unique number between 01 and 12. Contexts were numbered based on the trench they were found in eg (01002) is the 2nd context recorded in Trench 01. Photographs were recorded by digital image number on site, and each photograph was given a unique number during post-excavation works.

Of the planned 12 Trenches a total of 11 trenches were excavated across the site with a combined area of c 330m² (Illus 1). Trenches were between 6m and 20m in length, with most being approximately 15m.

Trench 08 was descope due to the presence of overhead power lines. Trench 02 was dug in two parts to avoid an unknown service and Trenches 07 and 09 were shortened to avoid an unmapped water pipe. Trenches 03, 05, and 11 were specifically targeted to investigate structures relating to the post-medieval farm.

A total of seven archaeological features were identified during the works comprising six structural elements (walls and floors), and a single dumped spread, as well as three clearly modern features including a large modern dumping pit.

The results for the trenches are presented below.

3.1 EXCAVATION

All 11 trenches were excavated between the A865 and the coast (Illus 1). The trenches were distributed evenly between the location of the proposed rocket pad, the abandoned farm buildings, and the access track. The topography of the site was irregular, and the site was bisected by Loch Scolpaig with Trenches 01–07 located to the north and Trenches 09–12 located to the south of the loch.

The geological subsoil of Trenches 01–07 was a light-yellow mix of coarse and fine sand (Illus 2). This was overlain in several trenches by a mid-greyish brown coarse sand up to 0.40m deep. Topsoil deposits were formed of a mid-greyish brown silty coarse sand between 0.10m and 0.40m thick overlain by machair. The geological subsoil of Trenches 09–12 was a mix of mid-brownish grey silty gravel and bedrock (Illus 3). In Trenches 11 and 12 this was overlain by a dark brown peat-like deposit up to 0.20m thick. Topsoil deposits were between 0.10m and 0.25m thick and formed of a dark brown coarse sandy silt.

Trench 01

Trench 01 was located in the northeastern corner of the site, aligned east to west and measured 15m x 2.0m in plan and between 0.75 and 1.00m in depth. It contained a small spread of material [01004] at its eastern end (Illus 4). It measured 0.93m in length, 0.46m in width, up to 0.07m in depth, and was formed of a single deposit of dark brownish grey fine sand with frequent charcoal inclusions. It was heavily disturbed by modern burrowing and had no visible cut. The spread was likely a dump of refuse relating to the post medieval agricultural activity to the south.

Trench 02

Trench 02 was located to the south of Trench 01, was aligned northeast-southwest and measured 20m long, 2m wide and a maximum of 0.75m deep. This trench revealed no archaeological features or deposits.

Trench 03

Trench 03 was located 50m to the south of Trenches 01 and 02 and aligned roughly north-northeast to south-southwest. It measured 20m x 2.0m in plan and between 0.67 and 0.90m in depth. It contained a section of dry-stone field wall [03003] at its northern end (Illus 5). This wall was visible above the topsoil, running east to west across the site for approximately 200m, although it was mostly

buried by wind-blown sand (Illus 6). Modern plastic waste was identified 0.90m below the current ground level indicating that this sand build up was relatively recent.

The wall was excavated to a depth of 1m, visible for a length of 2m within the trench, and was up to 0.68m wide (Illus 7). It was formed of uncoursed, unbonded field stones of mixed size, some of which had signs of rough working. The wall ran parallel to a similar wall c 100m to the east and was likely used as a post-medieval agricultural boundary relating to the nearby farm.

Trench 04

Trench 04 was located approximately 10m to the west of Trench 03, aligned north to south, measured 15m x 2.0m in plan and between 0.80 and 0.90m in depth. It contained a large burnt plank of wood [04003] at its southern end. It measured up to 2.25m in length, 1.32m in width and 0.05m in depth. The wood was clearly modern and smelt strongly of hydrocarbons, likely used as an accelerant when the burning took place. It was not investigated further.

Trench 05

Trench 05 was located 28m to the south of Trench 04, aligned north-east to south-west, measured 16m c 2.0m in plan and between 0.20 and 0.84m in depth. It contained two structural elements at its northeastern end (Illus 8 & 9): a dry-stone wall foundation [05005] with associated floor surface [05006]. Both of these related to a partially upstanding farm building [05004] immediately adjacent to the trench.

Wall foundation [05005] was aligned roughly north to south, visible for 2m and measured up to 0.95m in width and 0.50m in depth. It was formed of the same uncoursed, unbonded field stones as wall section [03003] to the north. The wall was in poor condition and had been largely robbed of large stones, leaving mostly small or very large stones held together by rooting and turf.

Floor surface [05006] abutted the wall foundation and was located in the northeastern corner of the trench. It was visible for a length of 3.05m, a width of 2.00m and was formed of a single layer of small cobblestones up to 0.08m thick. One row of these cobblestones was slightly longer and seemed to be deliberately aligned east to west, likely forming a crude drain. The floor and the wall formed a small room added to partially upstanding farm building [05004], likely for use as a storeroom.

Trench 06

Trench 06 was located 8m to the west, aligned north-east to south-west, measured 19m x 2.0m in plan and between 0.44 and 0.92m in depth. It contained a modern refuse pit [06003] at its southeastern end, a dry-stone field wall [06005] at its centre (Illus 10), and a modern patch of in-situ burning [06004] at its northeastern end.

Field wall [06005] was aligned south-east to north-west, visible for 2m and measured up to 0.92m in width and 0.38m in depth. It was formed of the same uncoursed, unbonded field stones as wall sections [03003] and [05005] to the north. The top of the wall was identified 0.50m below the current ground surface and the wall had

been heavily robbed of many of its stones leaving only the large foundation stones in-situ. The wall was not visible above the topsoil and may have been part of the post-medieval village located on the site. The heavily robbed nature of the wall makes a more specific function hard to ascribe.

The modern refuse pit was approximately 5m in length, visible for a width of 2.0m, and was at least 1.5m in depth. It contained modern metal roofing, fencing, and barbed wire and smelt strongly of burning. A small amount of cattle bone was identified along the northeastern edge of the pit indicating it may have been used to bury/burn animal remains. A modern water pipe in the pit prevented deeper excavation and it could not be investigated by hand due to stability concerns.

The modern in-situ burning was visible for a length of 1.5m in length, 2.0m in width and up to 0.30m in depth. It contained modern glass fragments and was located at a depth of just 0.44m below the current ground surface, the same depth as the top of the modern refuse pit. It was likely part of the same activity.

Trench 07

Trench 07 was located to the south-west of the farm structures, near to the northern limit of the existing access track. It measured 15m long, 2m wide and a maximum of 0.95 m deep. A water pipe, also observed in Trench 06, was encountered however, the trench revealed no archaeological features or deposits.

Trench 08

Trench 08 was descope from the scheme due to the presence of an overhead power line.

Trench 09

Trench 09 was located on the western side of the access track, to the south of the causeway across the loch. It measured 5m long, 2m wide and a maximum of 0.35 m deep. The trench was abandoned on encountering the same water pipe observed in Trenches 06 and 07, in this case, aligned down the centre of the planned trench. No archaeological features or deposits were identified.

Trench 10

Trench 10 was located on the western side of the access track, to the south of Trench 09 and measured 15m long, 2m wide and a maximum of 0.35 m deep. This trench revealed no archaeological features or deposits.

Trench 11

Trench 11 was located at the southeastern end of the site, aligned roughly north to south, measured 15m x 2.0m in plan and between 0.44 and 0.53m in depth. It contained two structural elements: both dry-stone foundation walls located at the north [11005] and south [11006] of the trench (illus 11 & 12). Both walls were part of the same ruined farm building [11004] targeted by the trench.

Foundation wall [11005] was aligned east to west, visible for 2m and measured up to 1.15m in width and 0.53m in depth. The wall formed the northern extent of structure [11004]. Foundation wall [11006] ran parallel 8m to the north, visible for 2m and measured up to 0.94m in width and 0.44m in depth. The wall formed the southern extent of structure [11004]. Both walls were formed of the same local field stones as the other walls across the site and both were lain directly on an outcrop of bedrock. There was no evidence for a deliberately constructed floor within the structure. The specific function of the building remains unclear.

Trench 12

Trench 012 was located to the western site of the southern limit of the site access track where it coincides with the A865. It was positioned over a rocky outcrops and measured 15m x 2m and was a maximum of 0.30m deep. This trench was archaeologically sterile.

3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL

Laura Bailey

Introduction

This report details the assessment of one seven litre bulk sample recovered during an archaeological trial trenching evaluation at Spaceport 1, Scolpaig Farm, North Uist. A series of features were identified during the works. These included structural elements and a refuse pit dating from the post-medieval to modern periods. The bulk sample was recovered from a spread of material located at the eastern end of Trench 1.

The aims of the assessment are to determine the presence and preservation of any environmental remains and to evaluate their significance and potential for enhancing the environmental and economic interpretation of the site.

Method

The sample was processed using a Siraf-style water floatation system. The floating material (flot) was collected using a 250µm mesh and the residue (retent) a 1mm mesh. Both fractions were air-dried, and the heavy residue was sieved at 10mm, 5mm and 1mm and then sorted for the recovery of finds and environmental remains. Once dried, the flots were scanned using a binocular microscope at magnifications up to x60.

Macro-botanical identifications were carried out with reference to standard catalogues (Cappers et al 2012 and Jacomet 2006) and using modern reference material. Nomenclature for economic plants follows Van Zeist (1984) and for other plant taxa follows Stace (1991).

Results

The results of the assessment are presented in Appendix 1 (Environmental results).

Cereal grains

Four cereal grains were recovered from deposit (1004). Single grains of oat (*Avena* sp.), barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) and emmer wheat (*Triticum dicoccum*) were recorded as well as an indeterminate cereal grain. Most of the cereals were comparatively well-preserved and unabraded.

Charred wild seeds

Charred wild seeds included possible heather florets (cf. *Ericales*) as well as seeds of cinquefoil (*Potentilla* sp.) and sedge (*Carex* sp.). The seeds were all in good condition.

Charred peat/turf soil

The sample contained a large amount of burnt peat/turf/soil. The material was amorphous and no stratified layers, vegetation or plant remains were apparent within the soil matrix. However, a large number of charred rhizomes and probably heather stem fragments were also recovered from the sample.

Animal bone

A small fragment of poorly preserved large mammal rib (pers comm. Dr Alison Foster) was recovered from deposit (2004).

Molluscs

Molluscs included two juvenile gastropod shells and a small number of indeterminate shells. The indeterminate shells were broken and abraded. A single periwinkle shell was also recovered from the deposit. The periwinkle and juvenile gastropod shells were all in excellent, unabraded condition.

Discussion

The environmental assemblage from Scolpaig Farm provides some information on site economy and the local environment. The sample contained a large amount of burnt peat/turf/soil and carbonised rhizomes as well as possible heather stem fragments. It is likely the carbonised rhizomes may derive from the burning of heathy turves that contain heather-type wood roots. The presence of heather florets and sedge-type seeds indicates that 'above-ground' vegetation was also burnt. Peat was commonly used as a fuel source in North Uist and similar burnt peat/turf/soil deposits have been recovered from Udal, North Uist (Ballin Smith 2018), located 10 km to the north-east of the site and at Loch Portain, North Uist (Mills et al 1994).

A small number of cereal grains were recovered, with grains of hulled barley, wheat and oat identified. No evidence for cereal processing was present, which suggests this is likely to have taken place elsewhere.

A single periwinkle shell was recovered from the sample. There is no evidence to indicate whether the periwinkle was used for bait or food, or whether it was incidentally incorporated into the deposit by other means. The presence of periwinkles is not unexpected as winkles, or 'wulks' (Smith 2018, 113) were one of the most commonly identified species of marine mollusc at Udal and are still commonly found in the area (Smith 2018, 113).

It is likely the sampled deposit is domestic in origin. The peat may have been burnt for domestic purposes and dumped together with the large mammal rib and periwinkle shell.

Scientific dating potential of the remains

The dating potential of the remains will be dependent on the nature of the research questions posed. The most appropriate components for AMS (Accelerated Mass Spectrometry) dating would be better-preserved cereal grains or heather stem fragments.

Recommendations for further environmental research

No further environmental work is recommended at present, however, the sample should be considered during any further works and a summary of this report should be included in any further publications.

Recommendations for Archiving

The environmental assemblage does not warrant archiving. It is proposed that the assemblage be discarded once all further work has been completed.

4 DISCUSSION

The density of archaeological features identified during the trial trenching was relatively high. This was expected given that several of the trenches were targeted on previously identified structural remains relating to the post-medieval and modern agricultural use of the site.

A total of seven archaeological features were identified during the works comprising six structural elements (walls and floors), and a single spread, as well as three modern features including a large modern refuse pit. These all related to post-medieval and modern agricultural activity.

4.1 POST-MEDIEVAL ACTIVITY

The structures identified in Trenches 03 and 05 related to the post-medieval agricultural activity of the site. The 1876 OS map identified the site as a cattle fold, the northern extent of which appeared to be formed by the field wall in Trench 03. The walls and floor identified in Trench 05 formed part of a larger structure in the southeastern corner of the area (visible on OS 1881).

The field wall identified in Trench 06 was on the same alignment as the cattle fold and the associated buildings but was not visible on the OS maps of the area. It is possible the wall was only temporary or was too small to be included in the early maps.

The structure identified in Trench 11 was possibly dated to the same period of activity. The structure was visible in the same 1876 OS map, although it was unlabelled, so its specific function remains unclear (OS 1881). Its original construction may have been related to the abandoned 19th century township of Ardanroin (NF77SW 48) c 300m to the north-west on the shore of Loch Scolpaig.

5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No evidence of activity pre-dating the post- medieval period was identified as part of the evaluation work, however, a number of structural elements, associated with the 19th Century settlements of Scolpaig and Ardanroin were identified.

The farm at Scolpaig was identified as the only example of a Tack Farm, part of the Victorian agricultural improvement of the area, to have survived relatively unaltered in the 20th century (Wilson .2022).

This being the case, parts of several structures, exposed as a result of the evaluation and likely to be impacted by the development, should be considered for excavation and removal under archaeological conditions.

A section of the boundary dyke identified in Trench 3 will be unavoidably removed as part of the development.

The floor surface and wall foundation identified in Trench 5 almost certainly relating to the extension of a structure shown on the 1881 OS map, is affected by the route of the proposed access track.

The structure at the entrance to the site, likely part of the former Ardanroin township, observed in Trench 11, adjacent to the road will be removed entirely by the development.

Each of these structures, or the parts of them affected by groundworks, would benefit from being fully exposed, in order to understand their construction and their place in the development and eventual dereliction of the site. Once the structures were understood they could be then be removed, which would not only allow a better understanding of their construction, but would provide confirmation the that the structures did or did not have earlier origins.

These works could be undertaken by means of a programme of either advance archaeological excavation, or archaeological Construction Integrated Recording (CIR).

Whilst the upstanding structures have been recorded in an earlier phase of works, every effort should be made to keep development impact to a minimum. However, were it to become necessary to remove any of the unrecorded elements of the structures (inaccessible at the time of the original survey) or to remove any below ground element of the structures, this should be carried out under Watching Brief or CIR conditions.

With the exception of areas adjacent to the farmyard structures, where CIR or Watching Brief mitigation may be appropriate, it is unlikely that other areas of the site would require further mitigation – although this may be dependant on construction depth in areas of site dominated by interleaved windblown sands.

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7 APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 SITE AND CONTEXT REGISTERS

Appendix 1.1 Trench/Context register

TR 1 2 X 15M, 0.75–1.00M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS
1001	Topsoil	Mid-brown turf/machair. Inclusions: sub-rounded stones	0.35m thick
1002	Subsoil	Mid greyish-brown fine sandy coarse sand. Inclusions: sub-rounded stones	0.28m thick
1003	Geological subsoil	Light yellowish-brownish white coarse sand	–
1004	Dumped layer	Sub-Circular in plan	0.07m thick

Summary: Potential archaeological spread at eastern end of trench has been investigated. The sand is loose in patches likely due to nearby burrowing.

TR 2 2 X 15M, 0.75–1.00M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS
2001	Topsoil	Mid-brown turf/machair. Inclusions: sub-rounded stones	0.35m thick
2002	Subsoil	Mid-greyish-brown fine sandy coarse sand. Inclusions: sub-rounded stones	0.40m thick
2003	Geological subsoil	Light yellowish-white coarse sand	–

Summary: Original trench was extended slightly as the centre of it was left unexcavated due to unknown service picked up with Cat and Genny. Archaeologically sterile.

TR 3 2 X 18M, 0.67–0.90M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS
3001	Topsoil	Mid-brown turf/machair. Inclusions: sub-rounded stones	0.45m thick
3002	Geological subsoil	Light brownish-greyish white coarse sand	–
3003	Wall	–	–

Summary: Extended slightly towards the N to fully include upstanding field wall, otherwise archaeologically sterile.

TR 4 2 X 15M, 0.60–0.90M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS
4001	Topsoil	Mid-brown turf/machair. Inclusions: sub-rounded stones	0.25m thick
4002	Geological subsoil	Light yellowish-white coarse sand	–
4003	Modern	–	0.10m thick

Summary: Two possible burnt patches have been investigated, they turned out to be modern burnt wood emitting strong diesel smell, was not investigated further.

TR 5 2 X 15M, 0.20–0.84M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS

No context data

Summary: Alignment shifted to avoid upstanding farm building to the NW; addendum/extension cell of another adjacent ruined farm building was uncovered with intact floor and foundations of external wall.

TR 6 2 X 19M, 0.44–0.92M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS

No context data

Summary: Trench have been extended slightly towards the SW to get closer to farm building and beyond modern dump. Modern dumped deposit/pit of burnt cow bones, roof material and wood at the SW end; modern patch of in situ burning at the NE end; field wall 06005 found in centre of trench, water pipe found next to dumping pit (appearing also in TR07 and TR09).

TR 7 2 X 15M, 0.20–0.95M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS

No context data

Summary: Previously unknown water pipe found, same as in TR06 and TR07. Archaeologically sterile.

TR 9 2 X 5M, 0.20–0.35M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS

No context data

Summary: Not fully excavated due to water pipe running along the length of trench, same pipe as found in TR07 and TR06. Excavated part is archaeologically sterile.

TR 10 2 X 15M, 0.20–0.35M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS

No context data

Summary: Level is very inconsistent due to reaching the bedrock in trench, archaeologically sterile.

TR 11			
2 X 13M, 0.44–0.53M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS
No context data			
Summary: Trench through a partially buried and overgrown ruined farm building; bedrock appeared as well on the NW and SE of it preventing further excavation.			

TR 12			
2 X 15M, 0.15–0.30M DEEP			
CONTEXT	INTERPRETATION	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS
No context data			
Summary: Depth of trench is irregular due to bedrock, archaeologically sterile.			

Appendix 1.2 Photographic register

PHOTO	DESCRIPTION	FACING
100002	Context TR 11, pre-ex of trench 11. Also shows Contexts (11001).	S
100003	Context TR 11, pre-ex of trench 11. Also shows Contexts (11001).	SW
100004	Context TR 11, pre-ex of trench 11. Also shows Contexts (11001).	N
100005	Context TR 11, pre-ex of entrance area between TR 11 and TR 12. Also shows Contexts TR 12. General shot.	E
100006	Context N/A, ground damage from machine delivery.	E
100007	Context TR 11, mid-ex of trench 11. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), 11004.	N
100008	Context TR 11, mid-ex of trench 11. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), 11004.	W
100009	Context TR 11, mid-ex of trench 11. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), 11004.	E
100010	Context TR 11, initial trench shot of trench 11. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003), 11004. Trench Shot.	N
100011	Context TR 12, trench shot of trench 12. Also shows Contexts (12001), (12002), (12003), (12004). Trench Shot.	NW
100012	Context TR 12, representative section of trench 12. Also shows Contexts (12001), (12002), (12003), (12004).	NE
100013	Context TR 12, representative section of trench 12. Also shows Contexts (12001), (12002), (12003), (12004).	NE
100014	Context TR 12, representative section of trench 12. Also shows Contexts (12001), (12002), (12003), (12004).	NE
100015	Context TR 12, representative section of trench 12. Also shows Contexts (12001), (12002), (12003), (12004).	NE
100016	Context TR 12, trench shot of trench 12. Also shows Contexts (12001), (12002), (12003), (12004). Trench Shot.	SE
100017	Context TR 12, trench shot of trench 12. Also shows Contexts (12001), (12002), (12003), (12004). Trench Shot.	SE
100018	Context TR 12, trench shot of trench 12. Also shows Contexts (12001), (12002), (12003), (12004). Trench Shot.	SE
100019	Context TR 10, trench shot of trench 10. Also shows Contexts (10001), (10002), (10003). Trench Shot.	NW
100020	Context TR 10, trench shot of trench 10. Also shows Contexts (10001), (10002), (10003). Trench Shot.	SE
100021	Context TR 10, trench shot of trench 10. Also shows Contexts (10001), (10002), (10003). Trench Shot.	SE
100022	Context TR 10, representative section of trench 10. Also shows Contexts (10001), (10002), (10003).	SW
100023	Context TR 10, representative section of trench 10. Also shows Contexts (10001), (10002), (10003).	SW
100024	Context TR 10, representative section of trench 10. Also shows Contexts (10001), (10002), (10003).	SW
100025	Context TR 10, representative section of trench 10. Also shows Contexts (10001), (10002), (10003).	SW

PHOTO	DESCRIPTION	FACING	PHOTO	DESCRIPTION	FACING
100068	Context Structure 11004 in TR 11, oblique general shot of building 11004. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003). General shot.	SW	100090	Context TR 07, pre-ex of trench 07. Also shows Contexts (07001).	S
100069	Context Structure 11004 in TR 11, oblique general shot of building 11004. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003). General shot.	SW	100091	Context TR 07, water pipe (unpierced). Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002).	W
100070	Context Structure 11004 in TR 11, oblique general shot of building 11004. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003). General shot.	SW	100092	Context TR 07, water pipe (unpierced). Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002).	W
100071	Context Structure 11004 in TR 11, oblique general shot of building 11004. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003). General shot.	SW	100093	Context TR 07, water pipe (unpierced). Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002).	W
100072	Context Structure 11004 in TR 11, oblique general shot of building 11004. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003). General shot.	SW	100094	Context TR 07, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002), (07003). Trench Shot.	W
100073	Context Structure 11004 in TR 11, general shot of building walls. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003). General shot.	N	100095	Context TR 07, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002), (07003). Trench Shot.	W
100074	Context Structure 11004 in TR 11, general shot of building walls. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003). General shot.	N	100096	Context TR 07, representative section of trench 07. Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002), (07003).	S
100075	Context Structure 11004 in TR 11, general shot of building walls. Also shows Contexts (11001), (11002), (11003). General shot.	N	100097	Context TR 07, representative section of trench 07. Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002), (07003).	S
100076	Context TR 09, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003). Trench Shot.	N	100098	Context TR 07, representative section of trench 07. Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002), (07003).	S
100077	Context TR 09, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003). Trench Shot.	N	100099	Context TR 07, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002), (07003). Trench Shot.	E
100078	Context TR 09, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003). Trench Shot.	N	100100	Context TR 07, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (07001), (07002), (07003). Trench Shot.	E
100079	Context TR 09, water pipe (undamaged). Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003).	W	100101	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006. Trench Shot.	SW
100080	Context TR 09, water pipe (undamaged). Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003).	W	100102	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW
100081	Context TR 09, water pipe (undamaged). Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003).	W	100103	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW
100082	Context TR 09, water pipe (undamaged). Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003).	W	100104	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW
100083	Context TR 09, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003). Trench Shot.	S	100105	Context TR 05, representative section. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003).	SE
100084	Context TR 09, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003). Trench Shot.	S	100106	Context TR 05, representative section. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003).	SE
100085	Context TR 09, water pipe (undamaged). Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003).	E	100107	Context TR 05, representative section. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003).	SE
100086	Context TR 09, water pipe (undamaged). Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003).	E	100108	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100087	Context TR 09, post-ex, backfilled trench. Also shows Contexts (09001), (09002), (09003). General shot.	S	100109	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100088	Context N/A, use of goal posts.	NW	100110	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100089	Context TR 07, pre-ex of trench 07. Also shows Contexts (07001).	S	100111	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
			100112	Context TR 05, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (05001), (05002), (05003), 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
			100113	Context TR 06, general shot of mid-ex of dumed spread. Also shows Contexts (06003). General shot.	SW

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100114	Context TR 06 SW half, representative section of sw of TR 06. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	NW	100138	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100115	Context TR 06 SW half, representative section of n of TR 06. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	NW	100139	Context TR 05, location shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100116	Context TR 06 SW half, mid-ex general shot of animal bones. Also shows Contexts (06003).	SE	100140	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100117	Context TR 06 SW half, mid-ex general shot. Also shows Contexts (06003).	SE	100141	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100118	Context TR 06 SW half, mid-ex general shot. Also shows Contexts (06003).	E	100142	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100119	Context TR 06 SW half, trench shot of n half of TR 06. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	NE	100143	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	NE
100120	Context TR 06 SW half, mid-ex general shot. Also shows Contexts (06003). General shot.	N	100144	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100121	Context TR 06 SW half, mid-ex general shot. Also shows Contexts (06003). General shot.	NE	100145	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100122	Context TR 06 SW half, void.	—	100146	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100123	Context TR 06 SW half, mid-ex general shot of animal bones in dumped spread. Also shows Contexts (06003). General shot.	SE	100147	Context TR 05, plan shot of floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100124	Context TR 06 SW half, mid-ex general shot of animal bones in dumped spread. Also shows Contexts (06003). General shot.	SE	100148	Context TR 05, plan shot of the walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100125	Context TR 06 NE half, mid-ex trench shot. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	SW	100149	Context TR 05, plan shot of the walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100126	Context TR 06 NE half, mid-ex trench shot. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005.	SW	100150	Context TR 05, plan shot of the walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100127	Context TR 06 NE half, mid-ex trench shot, animal bones. Also shows Contexts (06003).	NW	100151	Context TR 05, plan shot of the walls 05005 and floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	W
100128	Context TR 06 NE half, trench shot with wall 06005. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100152	Context TR 05, plan shot of the walls 05005 and floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	W
100129	Context TR 06 NE half, trench shot with wall 06005. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100153	Context TR 05, plan shot of the walls 05005 and floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	W
100130	Context TR 06 NE half, trench shot with wall 06005. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100154	Context TR 05, plan shot of the walls 05005 and floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	W
100131	Context TR 06 NE half, trench shot with wall 06005. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100155	Context TR 05, plan shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	W
100132	Context TR 06 NE half, representative section of trench 06 ne half. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	SE	100156	Context TR 05, plan shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	W
100133	Context TR 06 NE half, representative section of trench 06 ne half. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	SE	100157	Context TR 05, plan shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	W
100134	Context TR 06 NE half, representative section of trench 06 ne half. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	SE	100158	Context TR 05, plan shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	W
100135	Context TR 06 NE half, representative section of trench 06 ne half. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	SE	100159	Context TR 05, general shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006. General shot.	SW
100136	Context TR 06 NE half, representative section of trench 06 ne half. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	SE	100160	Context TR 05, general shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006. General shot.	SW
100137	Context TR 06 NE half, representative section of trench 06 ne half. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003).	SE			

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100161	Context TR 05, general shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006. General shot.	SW	100184	Context TR 05, oblique plan of wall 05005. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	S
100162	Context TR 05, general shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006. General shot.	SW	100185	Context TR 05, oblique plan of wall 05005. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	N
100163	Context TR 05, general shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006. General shot.	SW	100186	Context TR 05, oblique plan of wall 05005. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	N
100164	Context TR 05, general shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006. General shot.	SW	100187	Context TR 05, oblique plan of wall 05005. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	N
100165	Context TR 05, general shot of the floor 05006 and walls 05005 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006. General shot.	SW	100188	Context TR 05, oblique plan of wall 05005. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	N
100166	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW	100189	Context TR 05, oblique plan of wall 05005. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	N
100167	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW	100190	Context TR 05, oblique general shot of building 05004 and TR 05. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006. General shot.	E
100168	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW	100191	Context TR 05, location shot of building 05004 and TR 05. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100169	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW	100192	Context TR 05, location shot of building 05004 and TR 05. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100170	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW	100193	Context TR 05, location shot of building 05004 and TR 05. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100171	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100194	Context TR 05, location shot of building 05004 and TR 05. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100172	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100195	Context TR 05, location shot of building 05004 and TR 05. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	E
100173	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100196	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	N
100174	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100197	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	N
100175	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100198	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	N
100176	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100199	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	N
100177	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100200	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	N
100178	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100201	Context TR 03, representative section of trench 03. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002).	E
100179	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100202	Context TR 03, representative section of trench 03. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002).	E
100180	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100203	Context TR 03, representative section of trench 03. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002).	E
100181	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100204	Context TR 03, representative section of trench 03. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002).	E
100182	Context TR 05, plan shots of the floor 05006 in trench. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SE	100205	Context TR 03, representative section of trench 03. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002).	E
100183	Context TR 05, oblique plan of wall 05005. Also shows Contexts 05004, 05005, 05006.	SW	100206	Context TR 03, representative section of trench 03. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002).	E

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100207	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	S
100208	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	S
100209	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	S
100210	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	S
100211	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	S
100212	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	S
100213	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	S
100214	Context TR 03, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (03001), (03002), 03003. Trench Shot.	S
100215	Context TR 04, pre-ex of possible burning 04003. Also shows Contexts 04003.	S
100216	Context TR 04, pre-ex of possible burning 04003. Also shows Contexts 04003.	S
100217	Context TR 04, pre-ex of possible burning 04003. Also shows Contexts 04003.	N
100218	Context TR 04, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (04001), (04002), 04003. Trench Shot.	N
100219	Context TR 04, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (04001), (04002), 04003. Trench Shot.	N
100220	Context TR 04, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (04001), (04002), 04003. Trench Shot.	N
100221	Context TR 04, pre-ex of burning 04003. Also shows Contexts 04003.	N
100222	Context TR 04, pre-ex of burning 04003. Also shows Contexts 04003.	W
100223	Context TR 04, representative section of trench 04. Also shows Contexts (04001), (04002).	E
100224	Context TR 04, representative section of trench 04. Also shows Contexts (04001), (04002).	E
100225	Context TR 04, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (04001), (04002), 04003. Trench Shot.	S
100226	Context TR 04, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (04001), (04002), 04003. Trench Shot.	S
100227	Context TR 01, pre-ex of possible burning (01004). Also shows Contexts (01004).	W
100228	Context TR 01, pre-ex of possible burning (01004). Also shows Contexts (01004).	W
100229	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	E

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100230	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	E
100231	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	E
100232	Context TR 01, pre-ex of possible burning (01004). Also shows Contexts (01004).	N
100233	Context TR 01, pre-ex of possible burning (01004). Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100234	Context TR 01, pre-ex of possible burning (01004). Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100235	Context TR 01, representative section of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	N
100236	Context TR 01, representative section of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	N
100237	Context TR 01, representative section of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	N
100238	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	W
100239	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	W
100240	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	W
100241	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	W
100242	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	W
100243	Context TR 01, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004). Trench Shot.	W
100244	Context TR 01, location shot of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	NW
100245	Context TR 02, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (02001), (02002), (02003). Trench Shot.	NE
100246	Context TR 02, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (02001), (02002), (02003). Trench Shot.	NE
100247	Context TR 02, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (02001), (02002), (02003). Trench Shot.	SW
100248	Context TR 02, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (02001), (02002), (02003). Trench Shot.	SW
100249	Context TR 02, representative section of trench 02. Also shows Contexts (02001), (02002), (02003).	NW
100250	Context TR 02, representative section of trench 02. Also shows Contexts (02001), (02002), (02003).	NW
100251	Context TR 02, representative section of trench 02. Also shows Contexts (02001), (02002), (02003).	NW
100252	Context TR 04, plan of modern burnt wood. Also shows Contexts 04003.	S

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100253	Context TR 04, close up of modern burnt wood and iron nails. Also shows Contexts 04003.	S	100283	Context TR 06, section and general shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SW
100254	Context TR 04, close up of modern burnt wood and iron nails. Also shows Contexts 04003.	S	100284	Context TR 06, section and general shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SW
100255	Context TR 06, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005. Trench Shot.	SW	100285	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	W
100256	Context TR 06, trench shot. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005. Trench Shot.	SW	100286	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	W
100257	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NW	100287	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	W
100258	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NW	100288	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	W
100259	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NW	100289	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	E
100260	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100290	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	E
100261	Context TR 06, location shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100291	Context TR 06, general shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005. General shot.	SE
100262	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100292	Context TR 06, plan of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SE
100263	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SE	100293	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	N
100264	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SE	100294	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	N
100265	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SE	100295	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	N
100266	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SE	100296	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	N
100267	Context TR 06, representative section of trench 06 and wall. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005.	SE	100297	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	N
100268	Context TR 06, representative section of trench 06 and wall. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005.	SE	100298	Context TR 06, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	N
100269	Context TR 06, representative section of trench 06 and wall. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005.	SE	100299	Context TR 01, representative section of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	N
100270	Context TR 06, representative section of trench 06 and wall. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005.	NW	100300	Context TR 01, representative section of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	N
100271	Context TR 06, representative section of trench 06 and wall. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005.	NW	100301	Context TR 01, representative section of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	N
100272	Context TR 06, representative section of trench 06 and wall. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005.	NW	100302	Context TR 01, representative section of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	N
100273	Context TR 06, representative section of trench 06 and wall. Also shows Contexts (06001), (06002), (06003), 06005.	NW	100303	Context TR 01, representative section of trench 01. Also shows Contexts (01001), (01002), (01003), (01004).	N
100274	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100304	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100275	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100305	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100276	Context TR 06, section and general shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100306	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100277	Context TR 06, section and general shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	NE	100307	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100278	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SW	100308	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100279	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SW	100309	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	W
100280	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SW	100310	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	W
100281	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SW	100311	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	W
100282	Context TR 06, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 06005.	SW	100312	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	W
			100313	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	W
			100314	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
			100315	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE

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100316	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100317	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100318	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100319	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100320	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100321	Context TR 01, pre-ex of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100322	Context TR 01, w facing section of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100323	Context TR 01, w facing section of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100324	Context TR 01, w facing section of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100325	Context TR 01, w facing section of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100326	Context TR 01, w facing section of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100327	Context TR 01, plan shot of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100328	Context TR 01, plan shot of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100329	Context TR 01, plan shot of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	E
100330	Context TR 01, oblique shot of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100331	Context TR 01, oblique shot of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100332	Context TR 01, oblique shot of spread. Also shows Contexts (01004).	NE
100333	Context TR 04, removal of modern wood. Also shows Contexts (04003).	S
100334	Context TR 04, removal of modern wood. Also shows Contexts (04003).	S
100335	Context TR 04, post-ex of modern wood. Also shows Contexts (04003).	S
100336	Context TR 04, post-ex of modern wood. Also shows Contexts (04003).	S
100337	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100338	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100339	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100340	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100341	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100342	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100343	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100344	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100345	Context TR 03, s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100346	Context TR 03, plan of s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N

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100347	Context TR 03, plan of s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100348	Context TR 03, plan of s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100349	Context TR 03, plan of s facing wall face. Also shows Contexts 03003.	N
100350	Context TR 03, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	NE
100351	Context TR 03, oblique shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	NE
100352	Context TR 03, location shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	NE
100353	Context N/A, general shot of coast. General shot.	NW
100354	Context TR 03, plan shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100355	Context TR 03, location shot. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100356	Context TR 03, location shot. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100357	Context TR 03, location shot. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100358	Context TR 03, location shot. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100359	Context TR 03, location shot. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100360	Context TR 03, location shot. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100361	Context TR 03, location shot. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100362	Context TR 03, location shot. Also shows Contexts 03003.	E
100363	Context TR 03, general shot of wall and surroundings. Also shows Contexts 03003. General shot.	SE
100364	Context TR 03, general shot of wall and surroundings. Also shows Contexts 03003. General shot.	SE
100365	Context TR 03, north face of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	S
100366	Context TR 03, north face of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	S
100367	Context TR 03, north face of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	S
100368	Context TR 03, north face of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	S
100369	Context TR 03, north face of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	S
100370	Context TR 03, north face of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	S
100371	Context TR 03, north face of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	S
100372	Context TR 03, north face of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	S
100373	Context TR 03, oblique of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003. General shot.	W
100374	Context TR 03, oblique of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003. General shot.	W
100375	Context TR 03, oblique of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003. General shot.	W
100376	Context TR 03, oblique of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003. General shot.	SW
100377	Context TR 03, location shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	W
100378	Context TR 03, location shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	W
100379	Context TR 03, location shot of wall. Also shows Contexts 03003.	W

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100454	Context TR 02, backfill shot.	NE
100455	Context TR 03, backfill shot.	S
100456	Context TR 03, backfill shot.	S
100457	Context TR 04, backfill shot.	S
100458	Context TR 05, backfill shot.	NE
100459	Context TR 05, backfill shot.	NE
100460	Context TR 06, backfill shot.	SW
100461	Context N/A, machine exfil.	—
100462	Context TR 07, backfill shot.	W
100463	Context N/A, machine exit.	—
100464	Context N/A, machine exit.	—
100465	Context N/A, machine exit.	—
100466	Context N/A, machine exit.	—
100467	Context N/A, general shot of tower.	W
100468	Context N/A, general shot of tower.	W
100469	Context TR 09, backfill shot.	N
100470	Context TR 10, backfill shot.	NW
100471	Context TR 12, backfill shot.	SE
100472	Context TR 11, backfill shot.	S
100473	Context TR 11, backfill shot.	N
100474	Context TR 11, backfill shot.	N
100475	Context TR 11, backfill shot.	NW
100476	Context TR 11, backfill shot.	W
100477	Context TR 11, backfill shot.	W

Appendix 1.3 Samples register

SAMPLE	CONTEXT	VOL (L)
20001	(01004)	10

APPENDIX 2 ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

CONTEXT		1004
SAMPLE		20001
FEATURE		–
FEATURETYPE		SPREAD
TRENCH		1
Sample Vol (l)		7
Flot Vol (ml)		40
Sufficient for AMS?		Y
Full analysis?		N
CEREAL		
<i>Avena</i> sp.	Oat	R (1)
<i>cf. Hordeum vulgare</i>	Barley	R (1)
<i>Triticum</i> sp.	Wheat	R (1)
Cereal indet	–	R (1)
CHARRED PLANT REMAINS		
<i>cf. Ericales</i>	Floret	0
<i>cf. Potentilla</i> sp.	Cinquefoil	R
<i>cf. Carex</i> sp.	Sedge	R
MOLLUSCS		
<i>cf. Hydrobia ulvae</i>	–	R
Indet	–	0
<i>Littorina littorea</i>	–	R
CHARCOAL		
Charcoal >4mm	Qty	R
Charcoal <4mm	Qty	D
Charcoal	Max size (mm)	4
Oak	–	–
Non-oak	–	D
Roundwood	–	–
OTHER		
Modern roots (%)	–	40
Carbonised rhizomes	–	D
Puparia (charred)	–	R
Burnt peat/turf/soil	–	D

Scale of abundance: R = rare (0–5), O = occasional (6–15), F = frequent (16–50), A = abundant (51–200), D = Dominant (>200)

Charcoal: fragments >4 mm in all dimensions may be sufficient for identification and AMS dating Y* = suitable but not recommended

APPENDIX 3 OASIS DATA COLLECTION FROM: ENGLAND

OASIS ID (UID): *headland1-527548*

Project Name:	Trial Trench at Spaceport 1, Scolpaig Farm, North Uist
Activity type:	Trial Trench
Sitecode(s):	SSFU
Project Identifier(s):	SSFU24
Planning Id:	21_00646
Reason for Investigation:	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work:	Headland Archaeology (UK) Ltd
Project Dates:	12-Aug-2024–15-Aug-2024
HER:	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar / Western Isles Archaeology Service
HER Identifiers:	[no data]
Project Methodology:	Trenches were laid out across the PDA in order to provide good spatial coverage and target specific features, including areas around derelict structures, and areas likely to be impacted by construction works. In the event that it was not possible to excavate trenches in their planned locations, due to physical or environmental constraints, necessary adjustments were made. Constraints included the presence of unknown or unmapped services, overhead lines, and a modern dumping pit. This was discussed and agreed with the archaeological advisor. A total of six trenches (02, 03, 05, 06, 07 and 09) were adjusted or shortened and a single trench (08) was entirely descope. Trenches were opened with a mechanical excavator, suitably equipped with a toothless ditching bucket of 2.0m width. All trenches were excavated by machine under direct archaeological supervision to remove topsoil and deposits of modern make-up and were excavated in controlled spits. Machine excavation terminated at the top of the geology or the first significant archaeological horizon, whichever was encountered first. Spoil was stored beside the trench. Excavation of archaeological deposits and features required to satisfy the objectives of the evaluation continued by hand. On completion of machine excavation, faces of the trench that required examination or recording were cleaned using appropriate hand tools. The stratigraphic sequence was recorded in full in each of the trenches. All identified features were investigated and recorded. No features were wholly excavated, and clearly modern features were not hand excavated. These modern features included a dumping pit [06003], a patch of in situ burning [06004], and a buried length of burnt wood [04003]. Due to Health and Safety considerations, excavations did not extend beyond 1m below existing ground level.
Project Results:	A total of seven archaeological features were identified during the works comprising six structural elements (five wall sections and a floor surface), and a single spread, as well as three clearly modern features including a large modern dumping pit. Activity ranged from post-medieval to modern field walls and farm buildings. No prehistoric activity was identified during the works.
Keywords:	[no data]
Subject/Period:	FARMSTEAD: Post-medieval Monument Type Thesaurus (Scotland)
Archive:	Physical Archive - to be deposited with Museum nan Eilean; Digital Archive - to be deposited with Archaeology Data Service Archive



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