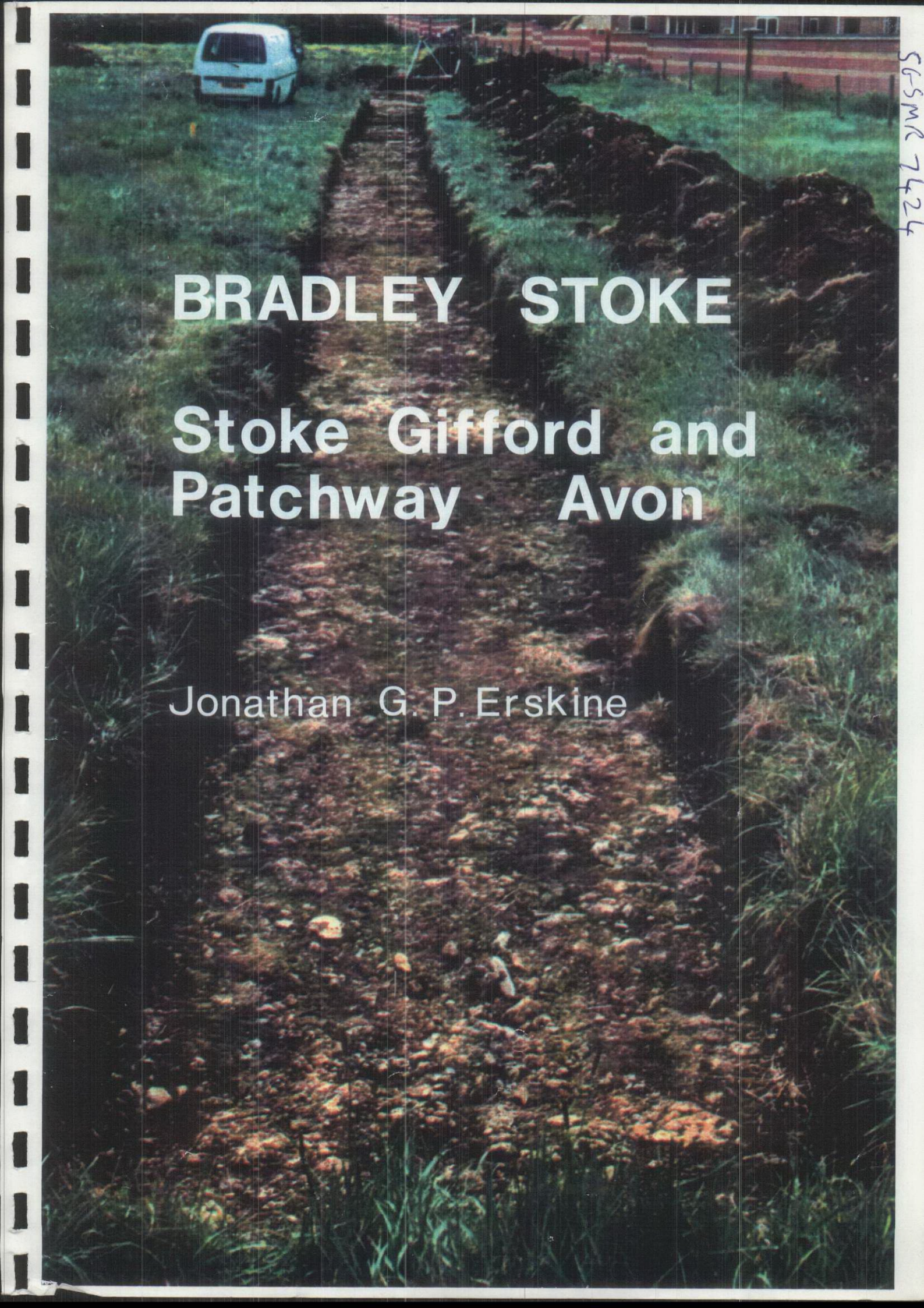


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BRADLEY STOKE

Stoke Gifford and Patchway Avon

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Bradley Stoke Avon
Parishes of Stoke Gifford and Patchway

Archaeological evaluation excavations of the proposed
routes of District Distributor Road DD2 DD3 DD4

ASMR 7424, 7430-7439 inclusive
ASMR 7441 7442 7452 7453

Archaeological evaluation excavations of the proposed
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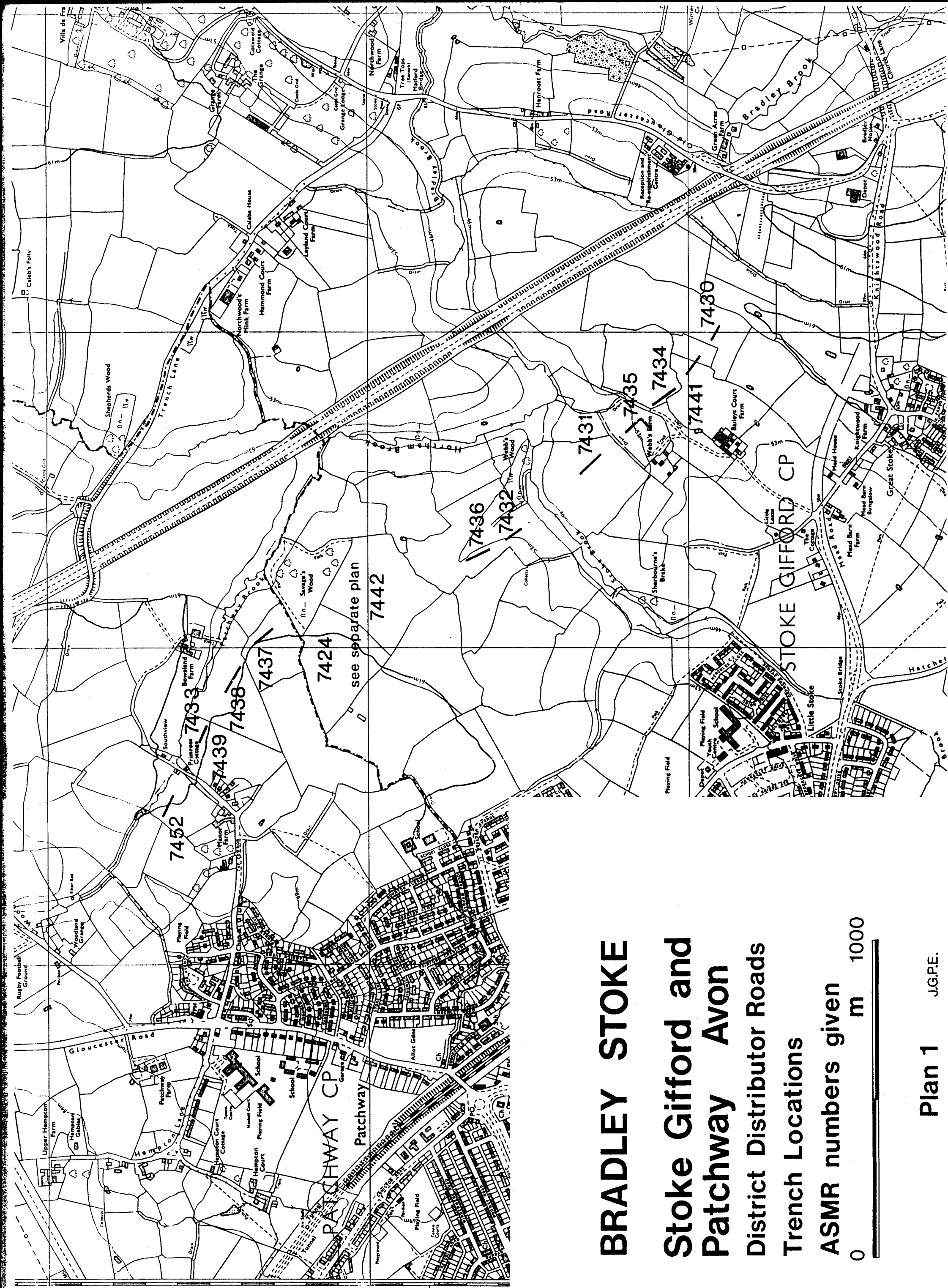
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Trench Locations
ASMR numbers given
 0 m 1000

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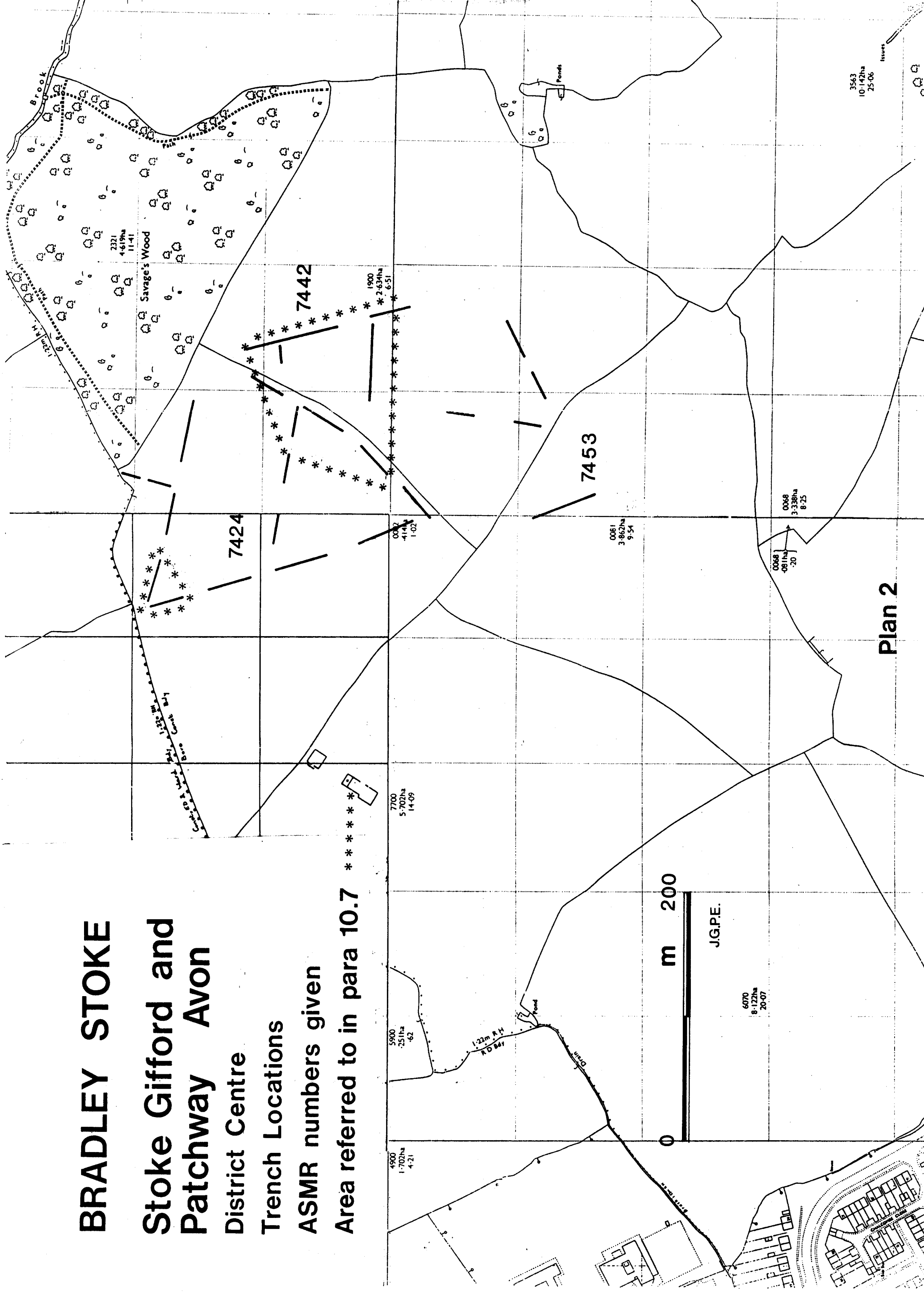
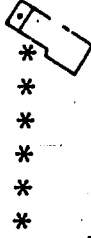
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District Centre

Trench Locations

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Area referred to in para 10.7



Plan 2

0 m 200

J.G.P.E.

3563
10-142ha
25-06

2321
4-619ha
11-41

Savage's Wood

7442

1900
2-634ha
6-51

7453

0061
3-862ha
9-54

7424

0062
414ha
1-02

0068
3-338ha
8-25

0068
-081ha
-20

7700
5-702ha
14-09

5900
-251ha
-62

1-22m R.H.
R.D. Bay

4900
1-702ha
4-21

6070
8-122ha
20-07

Savage's Wood

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ASMR 7442 7453

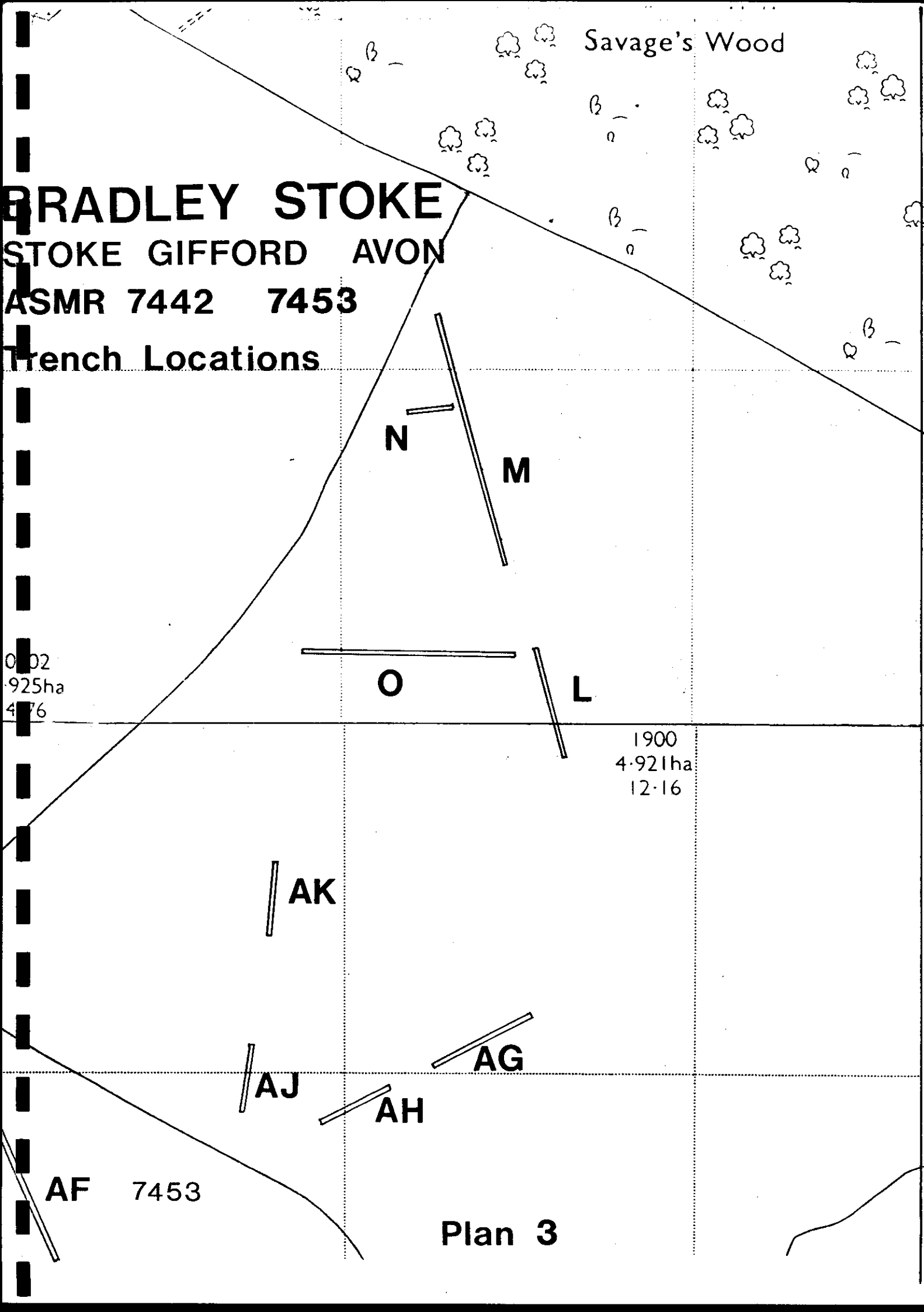
Trench Locations

0.02
925ha
476

1900
4.921ha
12.16

AF 7453

Plan 3

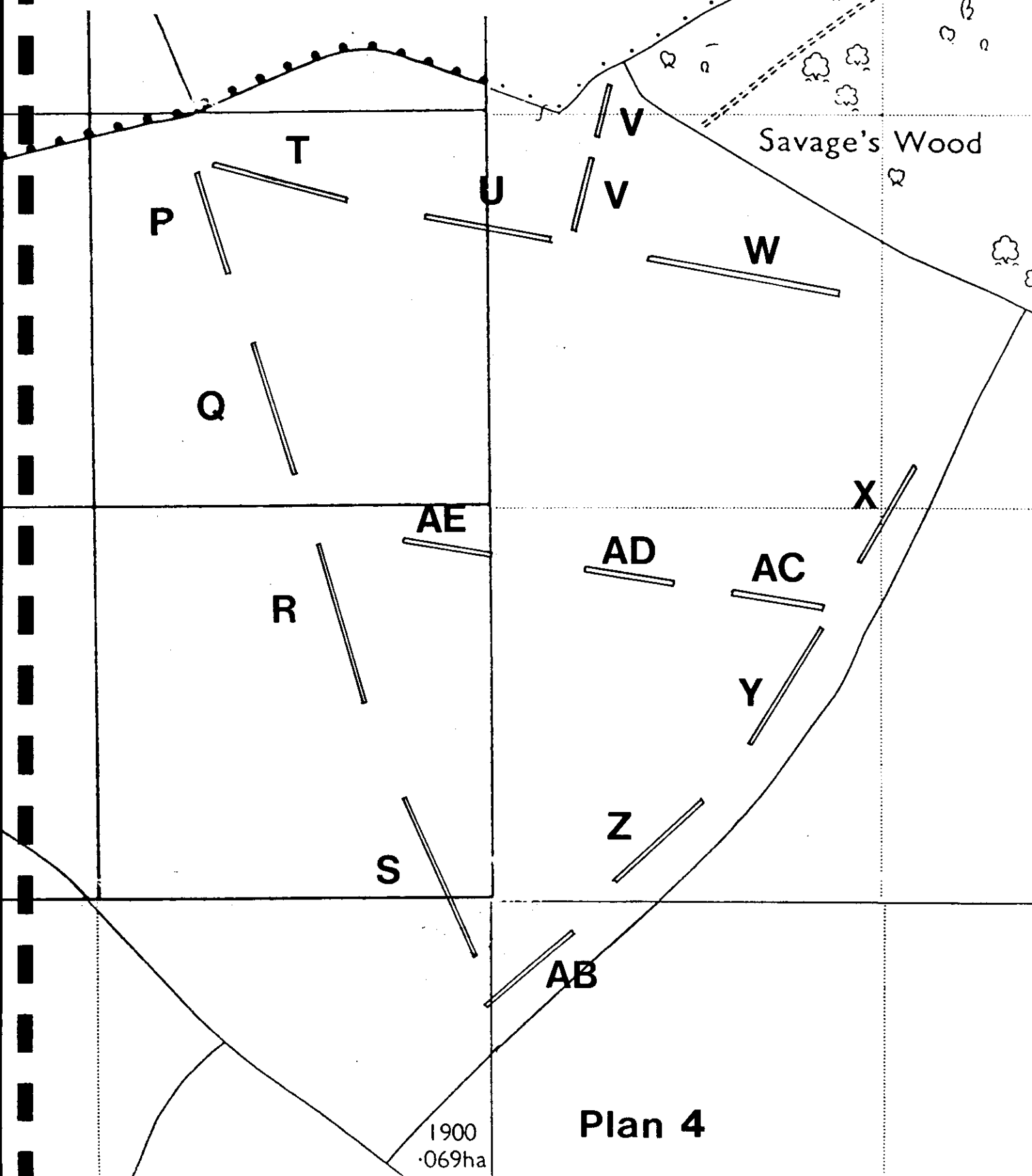


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STOKE GIFFORD AVON

ASMR 7424

Trench Locations



Plan 4

1900
0.069ha

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 On the 9 January, 1991, Bradley Stoke Limited applied for full planning permission to construct three District Distributor Roads, a footbridge, culvert and subway to link District Distributor roads 1 and 5, already constructed, and to connect with Local Distributor roads 4 and 5, also already constructed (see location plans above).
- 1.1.2 On the 30 October 1990, Carter Commercial Developments Limited and ARC Properties Limited applied for full planning permission to construct a District Shopping Centre, hotel, public house and ancilliary facilities on a site to the south west of Savage's Wood (see location plans above).
- 1.2 These proposals were referred to Avon County Planning Department and as a result it was agreed to require archaeological evaluations of the entire line of the proposed roads and the District Centre site prior to the determination of the applications in accordance with the draft third alteration to the County of Avon Structure Plan, policies BE.4 and BE.4A.
- 1.3 Archaeological evaluations were accordingly commissioned from Avon County Council by Bradley Stoke Limited, through their agents Travers Morgan of Bristol, and Carter Commercial Developments Limited. The work was funded by Bradley Stoke Limited and Carter Commercial Developments Limited and carried out by the present writer in April, May and June 1991.
- 1.4 Alex Kidd was the Assistant Project Supervisor whose contribution to the project, both in practical and academic matters was considerable. Thanks are also due to Mr D Sanderson of Travers Morgan for his technical and practical assistance, and also to Mr D Stockwell of Carter Commercial Developments Limited.

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2 METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 A search was made of the Avon County Sites and Monuments Record and the collections of aerial photographs held by Avon County Planning Department and the Department of Highways and Engineering. A search was also made of the Tithe Maps and other relevant documents in the Bristol Record Office.
- 2.2 As a result fourteen trench locations were selected for excavation (see Trench Location plan 1 and 2, above) and the excavations commenced at the south end of the site, on the line of DD 3 and 4.
- 2.3 The trenches were opened by JCB hired from Farmtrac Limited of Yate, skilfully operated by Ron Abbott of Tormarton to whom many thanks are due. The trenches were then further cleaned and excavated by hand where necessary. The precise locations were surveyed and related to the published Ordnance Survey maps and levelled to an OS datum. All the trenches with the exception of trench A were later backfilled and the sites left as found.
- 2.4.1 The trenches on the road scheme sites are identified alphabetically by letters AA, A to N inclusive with the exception of I which is not used to avoid confusion. Trenches L, M and N, which are strictly speaking on the road scheme, have been described together with the District Centre sites as they have more in common with that area than the rest of the road line. The District Centre Site trenches are identified from O to Z then AB to AK with the exception of AI.
- 2.4.2 The context numbers run consecutively in groups of one hundred for each letter except that Trench A has been renumbered 5101 onwards and Trench M 6001 onwards to allow for the larger number of contexts already located and possibly yet to be located in any further excavation (see Recommendations Sections 4 and 10 below). For details of each context see the context lists below and /or the Excavation Archives in Appendix 3.
- 2.5 All finds, after washing and analysis, were marked with the ASMR number and the context number and prepared for long term storage. The details can be found in the Finds Reports and the Excavation Archive (below). Environmental samples were taken from trench M and sent for expert analysis by Clare de Rouffignac of Hereford and Worcester County Council. The report on these samples is to be found in Part Two below. The flints were examined by Vince Russett, whose report can also be found below. The Bronze Age pottery was kindly examined by Anne Woodward of Birmingham University

PART ONE BRADLEY STOKE DISTRIBUTOR ROAD

3 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE TRENCHES

3.1 The great majority of the trenches on the proposed road line produced no archaeologically significant finds. The general aspect of the cuttings revealed some 150mm of plough soil and turf roots over approximately the same thickness of subsoil, which in turn lay over the natural bedrock and clay. The geology of the area normally consists of layers of shelly lias limestone over bands of stiff clay, with occasional areas of sandy clay.

3.2 Each trench was photographed and the ones which revealed man-made features, which include field drains and water pipes etc., were drawn, normally at a scale of 1:100. The drawings and photographs are listed in the Archive (Appendix 3) and the details of the contexts are recorded in section 7 (below).

The following trenches warrant further description.

3.3.1 Trench A ASMR 7441
87.00m x 1.60m

Trench A was located in OS parcels 7900 and 9400 (OS sheet ST 6281), crossing the common field boundary which is marked on the 1971 OS plan but which is now abandoned and marked only by a few low bushes and a shallow ditch. The part of the trench in OS parcel 7900 to the west produced no finds or features.

3.3.2 The extension to the east-southeast into OS parcel 9400 revealed two areas of much darker soil containing Romano-British pottery and quantities of pennant sandstone, which appeared to be Romano-British roofing material. The trench was accordingly slightly enlarged to cover an area of approximately 16.00m x 6.00m. This area was cleaned by hand, partially excavated and recorded (see Figure 1, below).

3.3.3 The main features revealed included a shallow ditch running roughly northwest-southeast with a brown loam filling (context 5104). This cut, and was therefore later than, a similar ditch running north-south and filled with a darker material (context 5109).

3.3.4 In the southeast corner of the site a subrectangular feature (context 5115) was noted, cleaned and planned, but not fully excavated. Other possible pits and ditches and areas of concentration of pennant roofing debris were not fully excavated but were recorded for further attention at a later date.

3.3.5 Finds included pottery of late Iron Age and Romano-British date, with iron objects and some bone. For details of these, see the Site Archive (Appendix 3).

3.4.1 Trenches C and CX
53.00m x 1.60m and 22.40m x 1.60m

The site of these trenches is in a field under pasture immediately northeast of Webb's Farm, which was previously known as Bailey's Cottages and also Woodhouse Farm. This site is in origin a mediaeval long house (ASMR 5200), now totally derelict and in ruins. Apart from field drains no structures were located along the line of trench C.

3.4.2 Earthworks noticed to the southwest were investigated by trench CX. This revealed a wide area of modern, probably nineteenth or twentieth century rubbish spread in a dump across the field, ending at a shallow ditch. This has been interpreted as a post-mediaeval ditch or field boundary with the rubbish dumped up against it.

3.5 Trench D ASMR 7431
54.00m x 1.60m

This trench produced no evidence of structures or significant finds except one flint scraper which was recovered from the topsoil. The flint is described in section 5 (below) and is dated to the early Bronze Age.

3.6 Trench E ASMR 7432
53.00m x 1.60m

This trench was opened in a south facing field overlooking the Stoke Brook, in an area where soilmarks were seen on the aerial photographs. There were no indications of structures, but several sherds of mediaeval pottery were recovered from the topsoil and subsoil. This site was recorded as ASMR 7432 and the description and analysis of the pottery can be found in contexts 501 and 502 in the Archive (Appendix 3 below). The sherds have been dated as from the eleventh to the fourteenth centuries.

3.7 Primrose Cottage ASMR 7433

This cottage and adjacent industrial buildings appears to have originated no later than the early nineteenth century and to have later additions and modifications (BRO 1838; BRO 1862). As the building is still occupied it was not possible to record the house in any detail, and the interior was not examined for features of interest (see photograph in section 6 below).

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The majority of the area affected by the proposed road line does not appear to contain any significant archaeological deposits. Two areas were an exception to this: north east of Baileys Court Inn (ASMR 7441), and south of Savage's Wood (ASMR 7442). Primrose Cottage (ASMR 7433) appears to have earlier origins than at first obvious. Two other sites (ASMR 7431 and 7432) are represented only by casual finds and appeared to contain no structures.

4.2 ASMR 7441 (Trench A)

This site produced significant archaeological deposits consisting of at least two intersecting ditches and other pit and/or possible structural features (see Figure 1, section 6 below). Finds associated with these features have been provisionally dated to the late Iron Age to Romano-British period (see Archive in Appendix 3.1 below) and it seems likely. These features appear to be relatively well preserved and their full excavation should add considerably to the knowledge of the area north of Bristol in this period.

4.2.1 The significance of this site can be gauged from the comments from the writer of the most recent summary of Iron Age studies in Avon. "Very little major work has been done on sites north of the Avon..... What is clear though is that the Iron Age in the Avon area is of more than local importance and should be given more attention." (Burrow in Aston and Iles 1987, 41 and 51). Burrow also pointed out that settlement sites have been neglected in favour of the more obvious Hill Fort and cave sites and work since 1987 has yet to redress the balance.

4.2.2 RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore recommended that a full excavation and recording of this site, extending over the width of the proposed road for a length of approximately 25.00 metres should be undertaken. (Depending on the results of this, it should be noted that, if the carriageway is to be doubled with provision for the Avon Metro in the future (Advanced Transport for Avon 1990), the archaeological site requiring excavation could well extend some way to the north east and would require further evaluation.)

4.3 ASMR 7442 (Trenches L,M and O)

This site (together with ASMR 7424 to the west) produced evidence of significant archaeological deposits, provisionally dated morphologically and by association with finds to the late Neolithic and Bronze Age periods. It is described and discussed in

Part Two below (section 9) together with the rest of the Neolithic/Bronze Age site.

4.3 RECOMMENDATION

4.3.1 It is recommended that full excavation and recording of this site should be undertaken prior to the granting of full planning permission for the length of dual carriageway proposed for this site (see Recommendations area in Plan 2, above).

4.4 ASMR 7433 (Primrose Cottage)

This group of buildings was not investigated in detail, either internally or externally as it is still occupied. It appears to be in good condition and some parts date from the early nineteenth century (BRO 1838). It is not a listed building.

4.4.1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a complete archaeological and historical survey and recording of Primrose Cottage should be required from the developers before demolition and construction of the road and associated features. This would include an internal and external photographic record and sketch plans and elevations.

4.5 ASMR 7431 (Trench D)

This site is represented only by a casual find from the topsoil.

4.5.1 RECOMMENDATION

No further action is recommended.

4.6 ASMR 7432 (Trench E)

This site is represented only by finds of mediaeval pottery in the top and subsoils. No structures were located.

4.6.1 RECOMMENDATION

No further action is recommended.

5 FINDS AND SAMPLES REPORT

5.1 The Flint Artefacts by V.E.J. Russett MA

5.1.1 Trench D context 401

This context contained one small round scraper, with working one side and end, the other side retaining a crust of cortex. The working is low-angle, smooth and careful, and the flint small with little patination. The piece is likely to be late, possibly late Neolithic or early Bronze Age (2000 - 1500 BC). Peter Woodward has preferred the earlier part of this date range (pers comm 1991).

5.1.2 Trench M context 6034

For the report on this group of flints please see Section 11 below.

5.2 Environmental Samples by Clare de Rouffignac
See the complete report in Section 11 below.

5.3 Pottery Report

5.3.1 The pottery recovered from the Distributor Road evaluation trenches falls into three main groups, all of which contain small quantities of very fragmentary sherds, difficult to date securely, but sufficiently diagnostic for evaluation purposes. The details, context by context can be found in the Site Archive (below).

5.3.2 Trench A produced many sherds of typical late Iron Age to Romano-British date, first century BC to fourth century AD, but it is not possible to obtain a closer date without securely stratified data.

5.3.3 Trench E produced a small group of mediaeval pottery sherds dated from the eleventh to the fourteenth centuries AD, but they are not associated with any structures and therefore no helpful conclusions can be drawn from this group.

5.3.4 Trench M produced one sherd of Bronze Age pottery, discussed by Ann Woodward in section 11 (below).

5.3.5 All the trenches produced small quantities of nineteenth and twentieth century pottery in the topsoil layers, including white ware and transfer printed ware typical of the type of distribution caused by rubbish dumping and manuring during the last two centuries.

BRADLEY STOKE ASMR 7441 Trench A

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Preliminary Plan

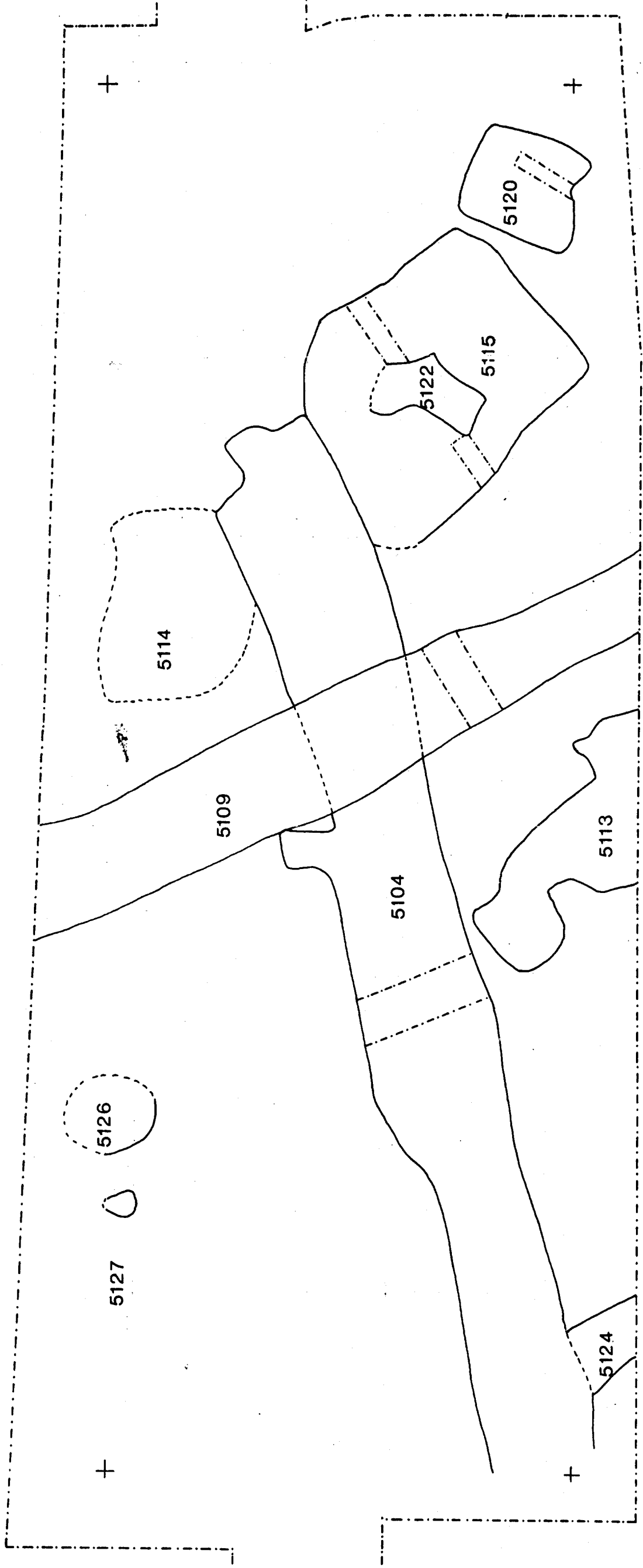


Figure 1 AK JGPE

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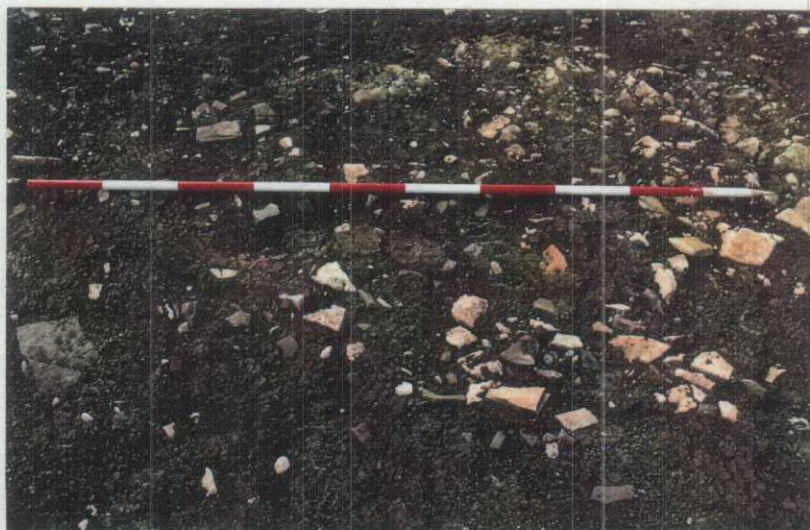
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Trench D



Trench A



JGPE

DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR ROAD

Context Lists

Context Munsell No Trench Brief Description

ASMR 7430

001	10Y/R 3/2	AA	topsoil
002	10Y/R 4/3	AA	subsoil
003		AA	natural
004		AA	two field drains

ASMR 7434

201	10Y/R 3/2	B	topsoil
202	2.5Y 4/3	B	subsoil
203		B	limestone layer
204	2.5Y/R 6/8	B	natural clay
205		B	natural limestone
206		B	? post hole cut
207	10Y/R 3/2	B	fill of 206
208		B	pit cut
209	10Y/R 3/3	B	upper fill of 208
210	10Y/R 4/4	B	lower fill of 208
211		B	field drain
212	2.5Y 5/4	B	fill of 211
213		B	field drain
214	10Y/R 5/6		
	5/1	B	upper fill of 213
215		B	? post hole
216	10Y/R 3/3	B	dark layer
217		B	? gully
218		B	lower fill of 213

ASMR 7435

301	10Y/R 3/2	C	topsoil
302	10Y/R 4/4	C	subsoil
303	2.5Y 5/4	C	natural limestone in clay
304	10Y/R 4/3	C	fill of 308
305	10Y/R 4/1	CX	rubbish layer
306	2.5Y/R 5/8	CX	burnt clay layer
307	10Y/R 4/2	CX	? post med ditch fill
308		CX	field drain

ASMR 7431

401	10Y/R 4/2	D	topsoil
402	10Y/R 5/6	D	subsoil
403	2.5Y 7/6	D	natural clay
404		D	natural bedrock
405		D	field drain
406	2.5Y 4/4	D	fill of 405

Context	Munsell No	Trench	Brief Description
<u>ASMR 7432</u>			
501	10Y/R 3/1	E	topsoil
502	5Y 5/2	E	subsoil
503	2.5Y 5/3	E	natural clay
504	5Y 3/0	E	natural clay/limestone
505	7.5Y/R 5/8	E	natural sandy clay
<u>ASMR 7436</u>			
601	10Y/R 3/1	F	topsoil
602	mixed	F	natural clay
603		F	field drain
604		F	field drain
605		F	field drain
606		F	field drain
607		F	field drain
608		F	fill of 609
609		F	water pipe trench
610		F	field drain
<u>ASMR 7437</u>			
701	10Y/R 3/1	G	topsoil
702	10Y/R 3/3	G	subsoil
703	10Y/R 6/6 2.5Y/R 6/8	G	burnt clay layer
<u>ASMR 7438</u>			
801	10Y/R 3/2	H	topsoil
802	2.5Y 4/3	H	subsoil
803	5Y 7/1	H	fill of 804
804		H	field drain
805		H	field drain
806		H	field drain
<u>ASMR 7439</u>			
901	10Y/R 3/2	J	topsoil
902	10Y/R 5/4	J	subsoil
903		J	field drain
904		J	natural
<u>ASMR 7452</u>			
1001	7.5Y/R 3/2	K	topsoil
1002	10Y/R 3/2	K	subsoil
1003	2.5Y/R 5/8	K	burnt clay layer
1004		K	natural
<u>ASMR 7442</u>			
1101	10Y/R 3/2	L	topsoil
1102	10Y/R 5/6	L	subsoil
1103	2.5Y 6/6	L	natural
1104	10Y/R 3/2	L	burnt clay layer

Context	Munsell No	Trench	Brief Description
1105		L	field drain
1106		L	ditch cut
1107	10Y 5/6	L	fill of 1106
1108		L	modern post setting
1109	10Y/R 4/2	L	fill of 1108
1110		L	? cut
1111	2.5Y 4/3	L	fill of 1110
1112		L	gully cut
1113	10Y/R 4/2	L	fill of 1112
1114	2.5Y/R 5/6	L	unexcavated layer
<u>ASMR 7442</u>			
1201	10Y/R 4/1	N	topsoil
1202	10Y/R 4/3	N	subsoil
1203	2.5Y 6/4	N	natural clay
1204	10Y/R 4/1	N	burnt clay layer
<u>ASMR 7441</u>			
5101	10Y/R 3/2	A	topsoil
5102	10Y/R 4/4	A	subsoil
5103		A	cleaning layer for context 5104
5104		A	ditch cut
5105	10Y/R 3/1	A	upper fill of 5104 at at southern end
5106	10Y/R 3/1	A	upper fill of 5104 at at northern end
5107		A	rubble fill of 5104
5108	10Y/R 5/6	A	lower fill of 5104
5109		A	ditch cut
5110	10Y/R 4/3	A	fill of 5109
5111		A	bedrock
5112	5Y/R 6/6	A	burnt patch below 5110
5113	10Y/R 4/3	A	unexcavated pit or ditch
5114	10Y/R 4/3	A	unexcavated pit or ditch
5115		A	subrectangular cut
5116	5Y/R 3/4	A	fill of 5115
5117	10Y/R 4/2	A	lower fill of 5115
5118	10Y/R 3/2	A	fill of 5115 (NW sector)
5119	10Y/R 3/1	A	unexcavated layer to NW of 5115
5120		A	rectangular pit cut
5121	10Y/R 3/3	A	fill of 5120
5122	10Y/R 6/8	A	? natural
5123	10Y/R 4/4	A	? natural
5124		A	ditch cut
5125	10Y/R 4/2	A	fill of 5124
5126	10Y/R 3/2	A	fill of depression
5127	10Y/R 4/2	A	fill of depression
5128	10Y/R 4/3	A	fill of N end of 5104

PHOTOGRAPHS LIST

Film Number 3

Negative No.	Trench	Description
1	D	from west
2	D	from south west
3	E	from east
4	D	405 field drain
5	D	405 field drain
6	D	405 field drain
7	E	from north
8	E	from south
9	F	pipe trench
10	F	pipe trench
11	F	from north
12	F	from north
13	F	from south
14	A	context 5104
15	A	context 5104
16	B	field drain
17	B	field drain
18	A	context 5115
19	A	context 5115
20	A	context 5109
21	A	context 5109
22	A	from east
23	A	context 5114
24	A	context 5113
25	A	context 5113
26	A	from north
27	AA	from southeast
28	AA	metal detector disturbance
29	AA	from northwest
30	K	from east
31	K	from east
32	G	from west
33	J	from east
34	J	field drain
35	J	field drain
36	H	from east
36A	J	Primrose Cottage

Film Number 4

1	error	
2		Primrose Cottage
3		Primrose Cottage
4		Primrose Cottage
5		Farmtrac Ltd JCB
6		Farmtrac Ltd JCB
7		Farmtrac Ltd JCB
8		Farmtrac Ltd JCB
9	B	from east
10	B	from east
11	B	natural feature
12	B	context 206

Negative No.	Trench	Description
13	B	context 206
14	B	context 208
15	B	context 208
16	B	context 208
17	B	context 208
18	B	from west
19	B	field drain
20	B	field drain
21	C	from east
22	C	field drain
23	C	from west
24	C	from northwest
24A	D	from east

PART TWO BRADLEY STOKE DISTRICT CENTRE

9 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE TRENCHES

See the Trench Location Plan, Plan 2 (above) and the plans and sections in Figure 2 (below).

- 9.1 The majority of the trenches on the District Centre site produced no evidence of significant archaeological deposits, but the following groups of trenches did reveal evidence of human activity or occupation:-

Trenches AJ AK L M O	ASMR 7442	OS Parcel	1900
Trenches AC Y Z	ASMR 7424	OS Parcel	0002
Trenches P T	ASMR 7424	OS Parcels	0081 0002

9.2 ASMR 7442

In trenches AJ and AK several small possible pits were located (contexts 3204 3205 3206 3208-10 inclusive 3304), two of which (containing contexts 3207 and 3305) were further excavated. It was not possible to identify these features further. One sherd of Romano-British pottery was recovered from context 3305 in trench AK (See Plan 3 above). Each trench also contained two field drains.

- 9.3 Trenches L M O were strictly speaking on the line of the proposed road, but they have been described here as a matter of convenience as they contained features which appear to be closely associated with those in trenches AC, Y and Z in ASMR 7424 (below).

9.4 Trench L 30.00m x 1.60m

Features 1110 and 1112 in the southern part of the trench were investigated but could not be reliably interpreted or dated. Feature 1108 was certainly a modern post setting and feature 1106 consisted of limestone flags pitched or slumped into a depression which could well have been natural. There was also one field drain located to the north end of the trench.

9.5.1 Trench M 74.50m x 1.60m

This trench was opened aligned approximately north - south obliquely across the line of the road, due east of the proposed Bradley Stoke Centre Site where the proposed road is to be constructed as a dual carriageway in the first phase.

- 9.5.2 This trench produced good evidence of occupational features including at least two shallow V profile ditches (contexts 6016 and 6019), the latter with a posthole (context 6022) in the terminal, and also a line of six possible postholes (contexts 6033 6035 6036 6038 6041 6043).

9.5.3 A minimal number of sections was cut through the features which resulted in a small group of flints being located in the filling (context 6034) of a posthole (context 6033), and one very fragile sherd of early Bronze Age pottery being recovered from the lower fill of a ditch in context 6018. The finds are discussed in detail in Section 11 below.

9.5.4 A feature was investigated in the southern part of the trench (contexts 6010 6013) but no conclusion was reached concerning its origin, purpose or dating. A small area to the north west of the trench was also opened adjacent to the post hole alignment, but no further structures or finds were located.

9.6.1 Trench O
59.60m x 1.60m

This trench, opened in a generally east-west direction to the south of trench M, revealed four features (1305 1308 1313 1315) which are interpreted as pits. The two easterly features were investigated: pit 1305 produced one sherd of Black Burnished ware and one very abraded samian sherd in its shallow fill (context 1306). Pit 1308 produced three rim sherds of decorated early Bronze Age pottery in its secondary fill (context 1317), possibly of Bronze Age date or earlier (see Finds Report, section 11 below). Samples were taken of contexts 1317 and 1318 for further analysis (the results are described in Section 11 below).

9.6.2 Two other features in the west end of the trench (contexts 1313 1315) were not further investigated, and there were also two field drains, one much wider than the other.

9.7 ASMR 7424

Sixteen trenches were opened in OS parcel 0002 which covers the majority of the Bradley Stoke District Centre site. One trench (AF) was also opened in OS parcel 0081 at the southern end of the proposed site, but this trench produced no significant archaeological deposits. Archaeologically significant finds were made in two separate areas, trenches Y Z and AC in the eastern part of the field and trenches P and T in the northwest of the site.

9.8 Trench Y
40.00m x 1.60m

The north end of Trench Y revealed three gully cuts (contexts 2304 2308 2311), all with a shallow V profile and two fills. They appeared to be parallel, running in a generally northwest-southeast alignment. Each was sectioned but no finds were recovered. A sample was taken from context 2306 for further analysis (the results are described in Section 11 below).

9.9 Trench Z
30.50m x 1.60m

This trench was opened to the south of trench Y, and revealed another pair of apparently parallel shallow V profile ditches (contexts 2408 2411) and a very shallow gully (context 2417). Five further features in the southern end of the trench, were provisionally interpreted as pits (contexts 2405 2413 2419 2421 2425). Sections were cut through pits 2405 2408 2411 2413 2417 but no finds were recovered. There was also one field drain noted in this trench.

9.10 Trench AC
22.40m x 1.60m

This trench, opened to the west of Trench Y, revealed one ditch (context 2611), aligned southeast-northwest, seemingly associated with the ditch in Trench Y. There were also four possible pits (contexts 2604 2605 2608 2614), two of which were partially excavated. Pit 2605 had two fills, contexts 2606 and 2607, both of which produced finds of flints (see Finds Report, section 11, below). Samples were also taken from these contexts (the results are described in Section 11 below).

9.11 Trench P
27.00m x 1.60m

This trench revealed a shallow gully (context 1404) in the northern end, aligned roughly northwest-southeast. This was sectioned by JCB to reveal a single fill (context 1405) but no finds.

9.12 Trench T
34.90m x 1.60m

This trench, adjacent to Trench P (above) also produced a a gully (context 1804) sectioned by JCB to reveal a U shaped cut with one fill (context 1805) aligned similarly to the gully in Trench P. There were no finds. There was also one field drain noted at the eastern end.