7 DISCUSSION

The modern wall [304] found in Trench 3 may indicate that there was a late 19th century or early 20th century structure or boundary wall that was demolished in the modern period, which resulted in the associated layer of debris (305). The pit excavated in Trench 2 was undated and is of unknown function.

Research agendas

The evaluation had expected to contribute to the Framework for the Saxon and medieval periods (EERRF 2024). However, no features or deposits from this period were identified.

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APPENDIX 1: TRENCH INVENTORY

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**	**NGR**		**Depth & height of natural**
1	**20m x 1.8m N-S**	**522000 266575**		**0.55m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/ Samples***
101	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt	0.23m thick	-
102	Subsoil	Loose mid orange yellow silty sand w/ freq rooting and occ. construction debris	0.32m thick	-
103	Natural	Loose mid orange brown sandy clay w/ occ. small sub-rounded pebbles	0.55m depth	-

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**	**NGR**		**Depth & height of natural**
2	**20m x 1.8m NE-SW**	**522021 266562**		**0.55m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/ Samples***
201	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt	0.33m thick	-
202	Subsoil	Loose mid orange yellow silty sand w/ freq. rooting and occ. construction debris	0.22m thick	-
203	Natural	Loose mid orange brown sandy clay w/ occ. small sub-rounded pebbles	0.55m depth	-
204	Cut	Cut of sub-oval pit with shallow concave sides and flat irregular base	1.5m length 0.50m width 0.10m depth	-
205	Fill	Fill of pit [204]. Soft light grey brown sandy silt. No dateable evidence	1.5m length 0.50m width 0.10m depth	none

Trench No	**Length, width & alignment**	**NGR**		**Depth & height of natural**
3	**20m x 1.8m N-S**	**522021 266562**		**0.53m**
Context	***Context type***	***Description***	***Dimensions***	***Artefacts/ Samples***
301	Topsoil	Friable dark brown grey sandy silt	0.31m thick	-
302	Subsoil	Loose mid orange yellow silty sand w/ freq. rooting and occ. construction debris	0.22m thick	-
303	Natural	Loose mid orange brown sandy clay w/ occ. small sub-rounded pebbles	0.53m depth	-
304	Structure	Modern brick built wall, three single course aligned east/west	+1.8m length 0.22m width 0.15m depth	-

305	Layer	Mottled yellow brown and dark brown grey coarse sandy silt with frequent construction debris	+10m length +1.8m width 0.55m depth	None
306	Natural	Compact dark blue grey clay w/ patches of grey gravel	0.55m depth	-

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