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Woodland Trust
Proposal for New Entrance to
Everdon Wood and Everdon Stubbs
Everdon and Farthingstone Parishes
Daventry
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Post Watching Brief Report

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Introduction

This paper is submitted to report on the outcomes of the watching brief observing the work by the Woodland Trust to create a new entry to the woods. This agreement was made by the Northamptonshire County Archaeologist as a result of the Initial Scoping Report under the reference of CLASP Field Report 03. This report must be read in conjunction with the Scoping Report. *(Please note that in Appendix 4 of the original scoping report F24 should read F25 as per the main text).*

Watching Brief Observations.

Prior to the excavations commencing the writer personally examined the edge of the quarry where a remaining element of Feature 25 (in Simco), a medieval track, is considered to cross a modern trackway that could have been removed by the current works. This examination cleared the 'leaf litter' and loose soil without entering the stratigraphy, this procedure disclosed no indication of the feature. As the excavation proceeded it became clear that there would be no requirement to interfere with Feature 25, if it is in fact present then it still remains extant.

Observations on site were maintained through 95% of the excavation, the 5% that was not observed was at the very end. All of the work was carried out by a mechanical excavator with an operator who was understanding and empathetic to our interests. The first stage of the work was to remove the end of the bund that terminated in points B in the earthwork survey to provide access into the quarry base. This was then followed by the second stage which entailed the grading of the end of the bund, terminating roughly in the area of points T and U.

The excavation was undertaken in careful 'bites' but revealed that once the slight level of top soil, basically leaf mould, had been removed, a consistent layer of iron/ sand stone fragments bound with sandy grit was exposed across the complete area. As the removal continued it was evident that this material continued down to the level of both quarry floor and the road and below. The material was totally sterile with nothing extraneous visible, it is therefore considered to be natural.

Conclusion

This action by the Woodland Trust to create a new entrance for their management vehicles into Everdon Stubbs and Wood has, apart from removing part of the natural earthwork forming the configuration of the quarry, Feature 32 in Simco, caused no archaeological detriment.

There is however one diagnostic aspect of this work. This natural material, certainly identical with what would have been removed from the quarry, would make ideal material for road foundation and is therefore probably under several local roads.

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The end of the bund at points B, looking towards points T & U prior to removal



Surface cleaned in presumed area of Feature 25 at Point N with no evidence of feature.



Illustrating stone and grit natural from ground level and below to top of removed area at Point B

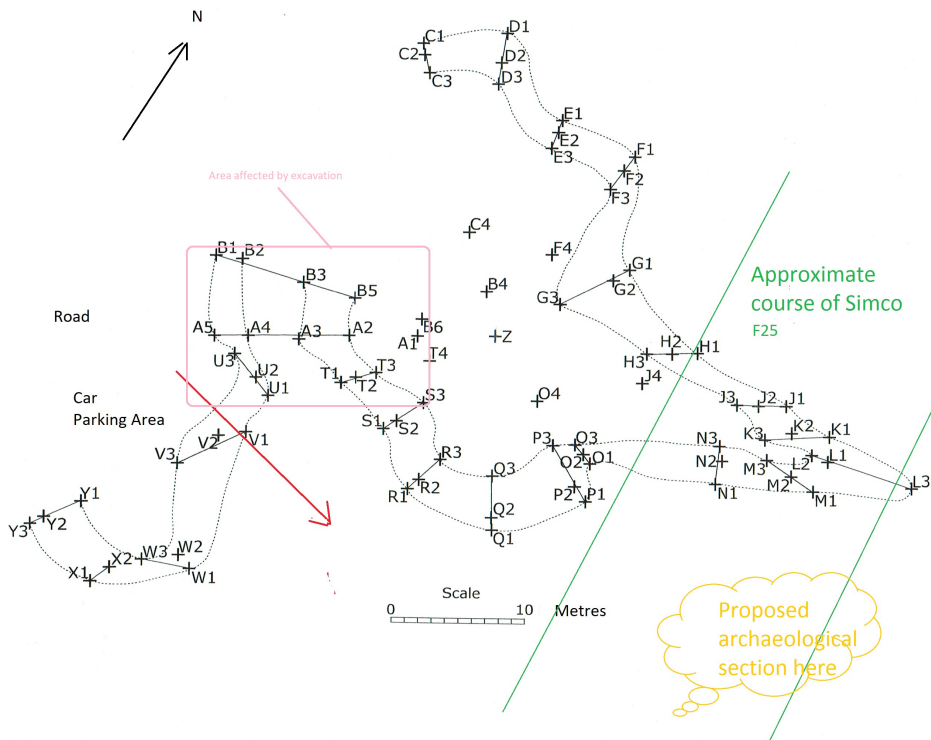


Illustrating how 'natural' material extends below visual ground level as a continuum.

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Levels

(Temporary Datum of 100.00 Metres)

A1	99.90	J1	102.06	S1	101.40
A2	100.10	J2	101.25	S2	100.88
A3	100.78	J3	100.41	S3	100.05
A4	100.03	J4	100.01		
A5	99.69			T1	100.96
		K1	102.32	T2	100.56
B1	99.59	K2	101.21	T3	100.16
B2	99.78	K3	100.62	T4	99.97
B3	100.66				
B4	100.30	L3	102.15	U1	101.25
B5	99.91	L1	101.65	U2	100.72
B6	99.88	L2	101.39	U3	99.80
C1	99.66	M1	102.59	V1	101.34
C2	99.30	M2	101.66	V2	100.84
C3	98.96	M3	100.97	V3	100.35
C4	99.52				
		N1	102.30	W1	101.96
D1	99.91	N2	101.22	W2	101.17
D2	99.31	N3	100.58	W3	100.45
D3	99.09				
		O1	101.65	X1	101.63
E1	100.27	O2	101.08	X2	100.96
E2	99.95	O3	100.56		
E3	99.56	O4	100.20	Y1	101.41
				Y2	100.79
F1	100.35	P1	101.85	Y3	100.05
F2	99.72	P2	101.21		
F3	99.24	P3	100.37	Z	100.00
F4	99.80				
		Q1	102.04	Road	99.71
G1	100.81	Q2	101.32		
G2	100.25	Q3	100.31		
G3	100.00				
		R1	101.57		
H1	101.55	R2	101.03		
H2	100.70	R3	100.37		
H3	99.96				