5.8 Trial Trench 16

Figure: 24

Trial Trench 16 was 1.7m wide and ran south east to north west for 55m from the gate joining Area B to Area C. Its western terminus was designed to be the point where it located the enclosure ditch

The south east half of Trial trench 16 revealed the layer of natural boulder clay. A small irregular pit and two small postholes were identified against the boulder clay. The north west half of the trial trench revealed the natural bedrock. No archaeological features were identified in this half other than the enclosure ditch. This part of the Trial trench was then expanded north and south to form Trench 27. Pottery from the 18th and 19th centuries was recovered during topsoil and subsoil removal. The quantity of pottery increased notably towards the north west end of the trench.



Figure 24: Trial trench 16, eastern end, looking east.