

Trench 2 Results

5.9 Trench 2 was excavated in the southwestern corner of the Old Vicarage garden where the projected alignment of the ditch ran into the graveyard associated with the church. Trench 2 was 5.8m long by 1.5m wide excavated to within 0.5m of the perimeter garden wall. At a depth of 0.6m and 0.82m from the east end of the trench cut [2004], a narrow slot was revealed. This cut spanned the width of the trench and was 0.4m wide by 0.3m deep. The fill (2003) consisted of an orangey brown sandy loam with a moderate amount of medium sandstone fragments and small pebbles. The only finds from this fill were two small burnt bone fragments and a small sherd of possible Roman pottery. This could represent a foundation for an internal building or a defensive structure.



Plate 2: Trench 2 showing the slot in the foreground and the ditch towards the rear of the trench.

5.10 The cut for the ditch [2005] was located 3.25m from the outside edge of the small slot, towards the garden wall. Due to its location only the cut for inside edge of the ditch was uncovered, this ran into the bottom corner of the excavation at a depth of 1.5m below the ground surface. Two distinct fills were observed within the cut, fill (2006) consisted of a light brown clay loam with a moderate amount of medium to large sandstone fragments, from within this fill a moderate-frequent amount of fire cracked pebbles, a moderate-frequent amount of charcoal flecks, a sherd of Roman pottery, several small fragments of burnt bone and piece of possible copper ore were found. This fill overlaid fill (2007), little of this fill was actually excavated due to the narrowing depth of the excavated ditch. The fill consisted of a yellowy orange sandy loam with an abundance of fine gravel and occasional medium sized sandstone fragments. No artifacts were located within this fill.