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(2000) layer: removed by digger	Over (2001)-(2006) Trench wide <i>Ground: 59.97-59.71</i> <i>Bottom: 59.71-59.73</i>	Friable, mid blackish brown, damp, very organic, slightly sandy (20%) silt (80%). Occasional more silty lenses with (<1%) charcoal. To west of "wall" in southern section: pea grit (5%), CBM (3%), angular small pebbles max 0.1m, occasional larger pebbles and limestone. <i>Top soil machined off across the trench: very humic.</i>	Bone, med pottery, occasional Fe objects: <3% of context	N/A	Plan 201	Yes
(2000) S layer	Under (2000) removed by digger; over (2002), (2005), (2001) and [2030] 12.15, 14.5 <i>Top: 59.62-59.66.</i> <i>Bottom: 59.56-59.62</i>	Friable, mid blackish brown, humic, damp slightly sandy silt (80%). Charcoal, flint pebbles (<1%), slate, limestone rubble (5 – 10%), angular limestone rubble >50 to 200 mm. Dimensions: Across southern sector 4.0 x 5.0 m, c 0.05m deep – 0.10m deep Boundaries: Diffuse Contamination: Roots, mole and few worms <i>Patchy layer: some areas of gravel, some more yellow and clay rich, most finds in southern part over wall, cluster of modern finds to north (possibly back fill from JMHS trench); fewer stones/CBM to north. Topsoil over possible medieval wall in south and grittier limier area without building rubble to N. Context division imposed</i>	Bone, pottery, tile, teeth (9.10.12); Fe key, door/garden furniture; modern material (10/10/12); medieval pottery. Overall ca. 3% of context. SF 1: BA flint arrow head	N/A	Plan 201	Yes
(2000) E layer	Under (2000) removed by digger; over (2003) 18.7, 21.5 <i>Top: 59.78-59.88</i> <i>Bottom: 59.73-59.76</i>	Friable, mid blackish brown, damp, humic, slight sandy silt (80%); charcoal (<1%), CBM (Roof/floor tile, c1%), flint pebbles, limestone sub-angular (3 – 5%, max 0.10m), occasional flint, occasional river pebbles, occasional pea grit, occasional larger limestones. 6.0 x 4.0 m, 0.05 – 0.10m deep Boundaries diffuse Contamination: bioturbation and heavy rooting <i>More rubbly than 2000 W more like southern part of (2000)S: topsoil in east of trench, (2000) context division made to group finds spatially</i>	Bone, tile, Fe (9.10.12); pottery some medieval; CBM and stone roof tile: 3% overall	N/A	Plan 201	Yes
(2000) W layer	Under (2000) removed by digger; over (2003),	Friable, lighter, blackish brown, sandier (25%) silt, occasional clay lenses. Peat, pea grit (1%), pebbles (1%), sub angular limestone (much less), occasional charcoal. 5.0 x 4.0m x 0.1 m deep Boundaries: Diffuse	Green glazed pottery, CBM and stone tile, bone: <1% context overall	N/A	Plan 201	Yes

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	(2004), (2006) 12.8, 21.5 <i>Top: 59.66-59.70. Bottom: 59.61-59.66</i>	Contamination: bioturbation/roots/moles <i>Scant finds compared to (2000) S; much less rubbly: topsoil in west of trench</i>				
(2001) layer	Under (2000)S; over (2007), (2008), [2030] 12.5, 11.5 <i>Top: 59.64 Bottom: 59.68</i>	Friable, mid blackish brown, humic, damp, slightly sandy silt (80%). Angular limestones building rubble from wall/floor, charcoal (<1%), CBM/brick (>1%), flint (<1%) 5.0 m x 2.85m x 0.05 – 0.01 deep Boundaries: clear. Contamination: many roots, worms, moles <i>Wall defines the north of (2001). W end of wall either ends or robbed out. E end of wall has return to south. Wall approx. 0.65 – 0.70m wide, spread of demolition rubble and/or rough floor to S of wall. Associated with dismantling (at dissolution) of second phase of S building in T2.</i>	CBM, bone, pottery fragments, flint, charcoal, tiles, Fe object, glazed pottery and lead pipe: 3% of context. SF 4: flint scraper; SF 14: lead Pipe	N/A	Plans 201, 202	Yes
(2002) layer	Under (2000)S; over (2009), (2020) 12, 14.5 <i>Top: 59.62-59.56 Bottom: 59.42-59.59</i>	Friable, sticky when wet, dark greyish brown silty sand (20:80%); sub-angular limestone (0.05 – 0.20m); charcoal, modern plastic/rubber 3.0 m W-E x 4.0m N S x 0.1 – 0.2 m deep. Boundaries: clear to wall at N edge, diffuse elsewhere. Contamination: Worms, roots <i>Modern material (mainly car debris) contained in one area, probably a shallow pit. Lower topsoil overlying uneven yellowish, sandy layer. Very similar to (2006); could be (2006) as disturbed by modern intrusions.</i>	Modern plastic, rubber, car remains and wrapper discarded; pottery fragments incl. green glazed; ridge tile (1 piece); worked stone (photographed); CBM; bone. SFs 5 and 11: flints	N/A	Plan 201	Yes
(2003) layer	Under (2000)E; over (2012), (2013), (2014), (2015), (2016) 18.5, 22 <i>Top: 59.73-59.78 Bottom: 59.55-59.65</i>	Friable, dark greyish brown/blackish brown, silty sand (30%:70%) Tile fragments, some glazed, sub angular limestone (25%), some animal bones (<1%), occasional river pebble, plaster (1 piece), mortar flint, pottery charcoal flecks, sheep's tooth 4.0 m N S x 6.0 m W E x 0.1 – 0.15 m deep Boundaries: Diffuse Contamination: Roots, worms, mole deposits <i>Sand sub-soil layer over disturbed wall lines and stony surfaces</i>	Fragmented animal bones, glazed tiles (fragmented), plaster, worked stone (sandstone and lime stone), mortar SFs 6 and 448: worked flint	N/A	Plan 201	Yes

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(2004) layer	Under (2000)W; over (2017) 11.25, 21.5 <i>Top: 59.61 Bottom: 59.50</i>	Friable, damp, dark blackish brown, slightly sandy silt (30%:70%); angular limestone (<2%): medium 0.1 m x 0.07m, small 0.05m x 0.04 m; charcoal (<1%); modern carpet; occasional river pebbles. 3.3m NS x 2.5m WE x 0.11m deep. Boundaries: diffuse to (2006), but clear in NE of context Contamination: Roots, worms, moles <i>Silty layer, much less stony than to east – clearly different to yellower ditch fill (2006) in most areas.</i>	Pottery, CBM, tile glass (modern), bone, modern plastic, mortar SFs 49 and 50: flints	N/A	Plans 201, 202	Yes
(2005) layer	Under (2000)S; over (2012), (2010), (2009) 14.5, 16 <i>Top: 59.62 Bottom: 55.55</i>	Friable, mid blackish brown sandy silt (75%); angular limestones from (5mm ²) to (180 x 140mm); pebbles, pea gravel (<1%) and charcoal (<1%) 6.75m NS x 2.0m WE x 0.10m deep Boundaries: Diffuse, but clear to pea gravel Contamination: mole, worms and roots. <i>Dark, rubble-free, very humic area in east of southern trench; E of ditch/moat</i>	Fragments of floor and roof tile, glass, pottery, bones, mortar. Fe objects: buckle part, nails, 0.10m x 0.07m plough fragment? SFs 7, 12, 13, 15: flints; SFs 9, 10, 46, Fe nails; SF 47: gryphon head tile	N/A	Plan 201	Yes
(2006) layer	Under (2000)S, (2000)W; over (2019), (2018) 13, 20 <i>Top: 59.66-59.62. Bottom: 59.45-59.53</i>	Friable to firm, mid yellowish brown sandy silt (60%) with yellowish grey clay, very mixed: with pea gravel. Context between NE – SE stone alignments = yellowish brown sandy clay, more compact than rest of context. Sub-angular lime stones (5%) max size 0.1m; occasional charcoal, pea grit (3% - 5%); with areas of 100% pea grit (see reverse sheet) 6.5m NS x 4.0m WE max, depth very variable 0.1 0 0.2m on average Boundaries: clear to (2002), (2004), (2005), more diffuse to (2003). <i>Disturbed layer of ditch fill and in NW of deposits to W of ditch: deeper area of modern disturbance in centre filled with pea grit. Possible car burning and shallow burials of modern rubbish into yellowish silty area?</i>	Occasional modern materials in v pea grit areas. In NW corner of context: bone, CBM, pottery 1% of total context. SF 8: flint	N/A	Plans 201, 202	Yes
(2007) layer	Under (2001); over (2008), (2009) 14, 12.25 <i>Top: 59.69</i>	Friable dark blackish brown, slightly sandy silt (30%/70%) = matrix between rubble; small river pebbles; large, medium, small angular limestones (90% of context): sizes from 0.16 m x 0.14m to 0.13m x 0.1m to 0.05m x 0.05m Area: 0.8m NS x 2.5m x 0.17m deep Boundaries: diffuse to (2008) Contamination: roots and worms	Bone, tile, CBM, pot, mortar: <3% of context	N/A	Plans 202, 208	Yes

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	<i>Bottom: 59.52</i>	<i>Wall tumble to S of wall [2030]: remains of dismantling of wall courses of wall to N and remains of floor surface to S of the wall</i>				
(2008) layer	Under (2007); over (2029) 13, 12.5 <i>Top: 59.55 Bottom: 59.48-59.35</i>	Matrix between rubble = friable, dark blackish brown, slightly sandy silt (30%:70%); occasional charcoal; medium – small angular limestones >75%: same sizes as (2007) Area: 2.5m NS x 5.0m EW; max 0.2m deep Boundaries: diffuse to (2007) Contamination: roots, worms, mole <i>Rubble spread: probably consolidation/hard core for floor of building</i>	Bone, CBM, pottery, stone roof tile, tooth, brick, glazed floor tile, possible plaster SF 57: Fe object	N/A	Plans 202, 208	Yes
(2009) layer	Under (2005), (2007); over (2032) 13.5, 15 <i>Top: 59.59 Bottom: 59.42-59.60</i>	<i>Loose to friable, dark brown - mid greyish brown sandy silt (60%); angular limestone 25 – 30%, sizes: majority 0.05 x 0.05 x 0.05m but up to 0.20 x 0.12 x 0.50 m; river pebbles, fossil shell (3%). Two stones removed from just N of wall [2030]: one possible flagstone fragment 0.28m x 0.34m, stone 0.2m x 0.1m x 0.1 m Width of 6m at S edge with wall [2030], decreasing to c 3m at N edge with [2011]; length at east baulk c 4m max, depth 0.15m. Boundaries: clear. Contamination: roots, worms, few weeds</i> <i>Demolition layer of medieval buildings/rubble stones: remains of surface damaged by demolition of upper parts of second phase of building to Sand occasional modern intrusion. Four flat stones on edge, possible contemporary post hole: small amount of flinty stones used as fill.</i>	Tile, pottery some glazed, bone, oyster shell, painted plaster, CBM, Fe nails, stone roof tile: 3% of context overall SF 54: worked flint; 55: embossed Cu fragment; 81: silver coin	N/A	Plans 202, 207	Yes
(2010) fill	Under (2005); fill of [2011] 14.25, 17.5 <i>Top: 59.53 Bottom: 59.17</i>	Friable orangey-yellow, greyish brown slightly clayey silty sand (c 50/50); river pebbles (very occasional); v occasional sub-angular small lime stones 0.1m; occasional charcoal flecks. 2.25m WE (as exposed), 0.5m NS, 0.36m deep. Boundaries: clear to (2009) and (2012) Contamination: moles, worms, roots <i>Linear NS 0.5m wide: slot dug across, revealing v mixed fill, bottom sloping to SW, linear ends in ditch to W. Darker fill at S edge of slot, visible at 0.15m depth, disappeared after approx. 0.05 m; possible stake hole. Clear W-E linear with obviously different contexts to N and S (2009). Seems to run into ditch [2024]. Fill of boundary gully running into ditch</i>	V small assemblage: pottery, bone <1%	7	Plans 214, 202 Sections 2.04, 2.05	Yes
[2011]	Under (2005);	Linear feature, running nearly W-E, slightly S of W. Profile: U-shaped,	N/A	N/A	Plans	Yes

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cut	filled by (2010); cuts (2009), (2012) 14.25, 17.5 Top: 59.53 Bottom: 59.17	slightly rounded bottom, straight near vertical edges, base (slightly concave) sloping towards SW. Not truncated. 2.25m W-E x 0.5 m wide in plan. <i>Cut for narrow gully, layers to N and S of gully are clearly different, so some kind of boundary ditch, perhaps for fence line, or to take water into ditch [2024].</i>			214, 202 Sections 2.04, 2.05	
(2012) layer	Under (2002), (2005); over natural. 15, 19 Top: 59.55 Bottom: 59.28	Friable reddish brown clayey/sandy silt (75%); inc. sandy with depth to natural sand below; limestone flecks and v occasional small limestone rubble; v occasional charcoal. Area: strip running SW-NE to W of (2013) and by moat [2024]: main part to S 1.5m N-S x 1.75m W-E x 0.3m deep. Boundaries clear to (2018), (2019) and (2013). Contamination: worms, mole and roots. <i>Much less rubbly and more homogenous area N of [2011], E of ditch and W of (2013) – latter related to building in E. Seen in section in N and central slots. Reddish, clayey, rubble-free soil; underlying plough-type soil, overlying natural when seen in section.</i>	Glazed pottery. Possible smoothing stone, CBM and tile: <1% context	N/A	Plan 202 Sections 2.03, 2.06, 2.09	Yes
(2013) layer	Under (2003); Over (2035), (2036), (2037), (2038) and [2031] 18, 21.5 Top: 59.74 Bottom: 59.56 – 59.31	Friable dark blackish brown sandy silt (80%); sub-angular cobbles 0.1-0.2m and pebbles 0.03m 75%; occasional charcoal. Area: 7.5m E-W x max 4m N-S – min 1m x 0.4m deep max. Boundaries clear horizontally; diffuse vertically. Contamination: roots and worms. <i>Rubble spread over structural feature: remains after dismantling of building in the area. Destruction layer.</i>	CBM, tile fragments; oyster shell; pottery sherds; mortar; bone; glazed med pottery; teeth: c 3% overall. SF 51: Fe object; SF 56: worked flint	N/A	Plan 202	Yes
(2014)	Under (2003); over (2036) 20, 21 Top: 59.69 Bottom: 59.64	Friable-loose mid reddish brown sandy/clayey silt (85%); inc. clay with depth; limestone rubble 0.1m ² , flint pebbles and limestone flecks 2%; v occasional charcoal in upper layer. Area: 4m NE-SW x 1m NW-SE, SE of (2013) horizontally; 0.05m deep. Boundaries clear to (2013) – possible edge of JMHS trench; diffuse otherwise. Contamination: roots and worms.	CBM, pottery sherds, animal bone and teeth, Fe, floor tile > 1% context overall.	N/A	Plan 202	Yes

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		<i>V small area SE of hearth area – affected by JMHS trench? Disturbed deposit.</i>				
(2015) layer	Under (2003); over(2016), [2031] and (2036) 20.25, 20.75 <i>Top: 59.65 Bottom: 59.60</i>	Friable, mid greyish black sandy silt (70%) red ashy lenses; limestone fragments 20% max 0.06m, river pebbles 0.03m; frequent prominent charcoal flecks. Area: 4m max NE-SW x 1m W-E x 0.05m deep. Boundaries clear horizontally. Contamination: worms and roots. Possible hammerscale? <i>Linear deposit over hearth: disturbed area. Abundant charcoal with signs of burning and possible hammerscale.</i>	CBM, pottery sherds, flint, bone and teeth, mortar: 2% overall	3	Plan 202	Yes
(2016) layer	Under (2003), (2015); over (2062). 21.25, 19.75 <i>Top: 59.66 Bottom: 59.56</i>	Friable-loose mid reddish brown sandy/clayey silt (80%); relatively homogenous inc. clay with depth; limestone rubble 0.1m ² , flint pebbles and limestone flecks 2%; v occasional charcoal in upper layer. Area: 0.5m W-E x 0.3m N-S X 0.1m max deep: triangular area in SE corner. Boundaries clear to (2015)/ (2036) – possibly affected by edge of JMHS trench. Contamination: roots and worms. <i>Possible plough-type soils similar to (2014); also in area of JMHS trench – might be backfill. Over undisturbed, thick reddish clay which was bedding for hearth [2031] and possibly wall foundation [2054]</i>	CBM, bone >1% overall	N/A	Plans 202, 214	Yes
(2017) layer	Under (2004); over (2021) in sondage, (2043) in slot 11.5, 21.5 <i>Top: 59.50 Bottom: 59.24- in sondage 59.40- in slot</i>	Friable, mid blackish brown, slightly sandy silt, sub angular limestone cobbles max 5% 0.1-0.5m, degraded limestone flecks 1%, occasional river cobble, occasional charcoal >1%. Depth: 0.26m-0.3m in sondage; area in slot = c 4.5m N-S x 2m W-E in S; 3.5M W-E in N; 0.1M deep in slot. Boundaries clear to (2018) and (2021) natural; diffuse to (2043). Trowel and mattock. See sketch rear of (2017). Excavated fully in sondage in NW corner of trench; also excavated fully in central slot. In sondage (2017) includes (2043): these contexts excavated separately in slot. <i>Spread W of moat in NW: homogenous, organic rubble-free area in NW: W of (2018). Edge of JMHS trench visible in W baulk in N. Evidence for localised activity just outside of nunnery precinct.</i>	Roof tile, lots of large bones, pot frags, animal teeth, CBM, modern plastic (in JMHS trench), mortar, medieval green pot, glass, charcoal SF 59: Cu object - strap end?	N/A	Plans 202, 214 Sections 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.06, 2.09	Yes
(2018) fill	Under (2006); Over (2025);	Excavated mainly in slot across ditch. Friable, mainly yellowish sandy, slightly clayey silt (from 75% silt – 50/50 sand/clay-silt), with small grey	Possible mortar, charcoal, red floor tile	2	Plans 202, 203,	Yes

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	fill of [2026]; part of [2024] 14, 21.5 <i>Top: 59.53 Bottom: 59.26</i>	dark areas (esp. in mole runs) and small grey lenses of clay; sizes of largest stones removed = 1. 630mm x 190mm x 310mm; 2. 600mm x 330mm x 350mm; 3. 280mm x 230mm x 120mm; also a bucket-load of smaller ones removed; angular limestones 50-100mm; limestone flecks 3%. Area: 2m x 1m x 0.27; 0.3m deep. Boundaries clear to (2012) (2017) and to natural sand. Contamination: moles, roots and worms. Part of SG [2024] <i>Upper ditch fill of moat, revealed in northern slot. Contains v large limestone boulders, smoothed and weathered</i>	frags, CBM, bone, slate, pottery sherds, Fe object. SF 55: worked flint		205. Sections 2.03, 2.06	
(2019) fill	Under (2006); fill of [2027]; part of [2024] 11.5, 18 <i>Top: 59.54 Bottom :59.10</i>	Excavated in central slot. Friable, orangey brown, yellowy brown, sandy silt/silty sand, occasional grey clay lenses; limestone/sandstone rubble range size: 01-0.2m 3%; also limestone flecks, occasional river pebbles, occasional grit. Area: 1m wide slot x 2.5max wide ditch x 0.44m deep as excavated. Boundaries to surfaces clear. Contamination: mole runs, worms, roots. Similar (2018) in slot to N and (2020) excavated in slot to S. Unlike the other slots, only one large stone in this context. See sketch <i>Ditch/moat fill in central slot: v heterogeneous on surface fewer large stones than slots to N and S; very few stones c.f. [2026] and especially [2028]. This fill v diff to two contrasting surfaces to W and E either side of the moat.</i>	Bone, charcoal, occasional CBM, pottery sherds > 1%, green glazed pot x 3, animal tooth. SF 79: Fe bent nail; SF 83: worked flint	N/A	Plans 202, 214. Section 2.09	Yes
(2020) fill	Under (2002); over (2033); fill of [2028]; part of [2024] 11.5, 16. <i>Top: 59.45 Bottom: E 59.16-mid 59.21- W59.18</i>	As excavated in southern slot; only E side of ditch visible. Friable, brownish yellow orange, silty sand (20% silt, 80% sand) with clay- esp. in NW- and loose sand lenses associated with large stones; sandstone nodules 10%, degraded limestone 20%, occasional river pebbles, occasional charcoal flecks; cluster of large stones removed: 0.5 x 0.4 x 0.13m; 0.46 x 0.44 x 0.23m; 0.65 x 0.40 x 0.16m; 0.47 x 0.46 x 0.20m and 0.47 x 0.17 x 0.16m. Area: 1.50m wide slot x 3.2m in NE x 2m in SW, depth = 0.3m – 0.4m. Boundaries clear to (2007); division to (2033) imposed to control finds. Contamination: moles, worms. Similar to ditch fills (2019) middle slot and (2018) N slot. When first large stone removed hollow underneath filled with very loose yellow sand.	Animal bone fragments, roof tile, small fragments CBM, pottery sherds, curved roof tile. 3% context overall SF 58: Fe nail	1	Plans 202, 204, 206, 214 Section 2.10	Yes

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		<i>Ditch/moat fill in southern slot across moat. Silty sand matrix plus throw of large stones into ditch plus possible lining to ditch, which had been partially filled in. Lining of E side of moat collapsed into partially filled ditch (with one stone remaining in-situ as lining) and other stones thrown in with backfill (2020). Rapid backfilling.</i>				
(2021) natural	Under (2017); LOE 10.75, 23.25 <i>Top: 59.24 Bottom: 58.96</i>	Excavated in sondage and seen in slots through ditch/moat. Friable, light orangey brown sand/sandy clay – more clay with depth, sub-angular limestone lumps cobbles at junction with (2017) only; lowest 0.2m free of stone. Area: 0.5m x 0.5m x 0.3m - 0.4m deep (in sondage). Clear boundaries. Contamination: v occasional root, worm run. <i>Natural : sterile Beckley sand over clay</i>	None	N/A	Plans 203, 214 Sections 2.01, 2.02	Yes
(2022) fill	Under (2006); fill of (2023) 13.5, 22 <i>Top: 59.57 Bottom: 59.33</i>	Friable – dark; compacted – yellow and grey; dark blackish brown (mole runs) yellowish grey, sandy silt (dark) and sandy clay with yellow peagrit, and grey clay lenses; occasional limestone fragments and flecks, 3%.Area: triangular 1m SW-NE x 0.6m NS x 0.7m WE x 0.24m deep. Boundaries clear to moat fill. Contamination: moles, worms, roots. <i>In NW corner of upper slot fill (2018: non homogenous mix of clay, sandy clay and silty clay disturbed by mole runs. Possible fill of corner cut into ditch fill (2018) and deposit to W of moat in that area, related to rubble spread to NW – disturbance by moles makes interpretation difficult.</i>	Large pot sherd 100mm x 90mm: grey and burnt, charcoal, red CBM, small pot frags > 1% context. Small deposit.	N/A	Plans 205, 214 Sections 2.03, 2.06	Yes
[2023] cut	Filled by(2022); cuts (2017), (2018) 13.5, 22 <i>Top see (2022)</i>	Shape in plan: triangular as seen in slot 0.7m (W-E) x 0.6m (N-S) x 1.0m (slot width). Sides: near vertical – disturbed by moles; truncated. Base: near flat. Filled by (2022) <i>Cut in to NW of ditch fill (2018). Seen in slot. Also relating to rubble spread to NW - cut into ditch fill so ditch must have been infilled when (2022) and related rubble/structure laid.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plans 205, 214 Sections 2.03, 2.06	Yes
(2024) stratigraphic group	See right 12, 18 <i>Top: 59.53N</i>	Comprises [2026], [2027], [2028] – 3 slots across ditch/moat fill. Fills: [2026]: (2018), (2025) and (2039) [2027]: (2019) [2028]: (2020), (2033) and (2048)	N/A	N/A	Plans 202, 204, 205, 206, 214	Yes

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	59.46 centre 59.45S Bottom: 58.31N 59.10 centre 58.42S	<p>Dimensions of feature: 11m SSW – NNE as exposed in trench x 2.5m wide; over 1.2m deep at which depth water table and slower silting fill of moat/ditch reached.</p> <p><i>Stratigraphic grouping for slots across linear ditch/moat feature. This feature clear as a yellow band of ditch fill once (2002) etc. removed. Even if stretches began as natural feature the channel was cut through bedrock; near vertical sides, remnants of stone lining and linearity suggest a channel designed and managed by people</i></p>			Sections 2.03, 2.06 2.09, 2.10	
(2025) fill	Under (2018); over (2039); fill of [2026] 14, 21.5 Top: 59.26 Bottom: W58.74, centre 58.78, E58.74	<p>Lower fill of ditch in northern slot. Friable, mainly yellowish, lots of darker lenses; sandy, slightly clay silt (40/60); degraded limestone flecks; angular limestones (100-150mm) occasional all way down, 3%. Area: 1m wide slot x 2.3m wide ditch; 0.5m deep. Artificial boundary: change of context made to control finds. Contamination: roots, worms, moles. Large stone removed (used as step): 0.4m x 0.25m x 0.26m. Two more large stones removed: 0.3m x 0.25m x 0.10m; 0.30m x 0.18m x 0.14m plus 3-4 bucket loads of smaller stones removed at 0.9m down from surface. Further two bucket loads of stones removed. Note: red tile/CBM fragments found in association with large stones</p> <p><i>Lower fill of ditch in northern slot. Again very heterogeneous and marked by tip lines, lines of pea grit and old mole holes.</i></p>	Charcoal, bone, tile, CBM, pot frags, green glazed medieval pot sherds: 1% context overall SF 60: worked flint; SF 76: worked flint; SF 78: worked flint	4	Plans 205, 214 Sections 2.03, 2.06	Yes
(2026) cut	Filled by (2018), (2025) and (2039); cuts to E (2012) etc. to W (2017) etc. and natural sand, clay and rock. Part of [2024] 15.5, 22.75	<p>Northern slot across ditch. Linear in plan; orientated NNW – SSE; slot WNW – SSE. No truncation. Sides near vertical, slight V shape, some undercutting. Base not reached – humic slightly stony, dark silty material seen in spade width sondage in base, suggests slow silting at base of ditch – water table reached. Area: 1m wide in slot x 2.3m wide ditch x 1.2m deep. Filled by: (2018) (2025) (2039)</p> <p><i>Cut of ditch [2024] as revealed in northern slot. More large stones in this slot than in [2027]; fewer than in [2028]. Natural stone below sand appeared to have been cut to create sides of channel. W edge disturbed by later cut. Cut through natural sand, limestone bedrock and underlying clay at c 58.50. Hint in E side of wooden post c 0.2m wide having been</i></p>	N/A	N/A	Plans 203, 205 214 Sections 2.03, 2.06	Yes

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	Top: 59.53 Bottom: 58.31	<i>hammered down side of ditch. Dark, fine silt at water-table level suggests either water-borne silting from when ditch in use as moat or period of natural silting of dry ditch before rapid backfilling – probably at dissolution</i>				
(2027) cut	Above (2019) Below (2017), (2043), (2046), (2012) natural. 14, 19 Top: 59.54 Bottom: 59.10	Central slot across linear [2024] and deposits to W and E. Linear in plan orientated SSW – NNE; slot = NW-SE. Not truncated. Sides slightly curved; near vertical, occasional undercutting. Base of ditch not reached in this slot but deposits excavated to natural. Area: 1m wide in slot, (N-S) c 2.7m wide (NW-SE) x 0.44m deep to LOE. Filled by(2019) <i>Cut of moat/ditch [2024] in central slot, excavated to natural in deposits to W and E of slot across ditch. Interestingly very few large stones from this slot across ditch. Cut of ditch as revealed in central slot. Layers on either side of ditch excavated to natural and remained completely different from each other suggesting ditch had been boundary throughout the activity in this area in medieval period.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plans 204, 214 Section 2.09	Yes
(2028) cut	Cuts (2047), natural etc.; filled by (2020), (2033) (2048). Part of [2024] 12, 16.2 Top: 59.46 Bottom: 58.22	Linear in plan; aligned NNE – SSW; near vertical profile seen in E only, occasionally undercut at lower levels. No apparent truncation. Side near vertical – E side only seen. Base: water table reached at layer which seemed like lower layer of natural silting (2048). Dimensions in slot: 1.5m wide by 3.2m in NE x 2m in SW x c 1.2m deep. Fills: (2020,) (2033) and (2048). <i>Cut for southern slot across feature [2024]: moat cut seen only on E side of slot. Large stone (0.8m) wedged against E cut: visible at surface. Excavation stopped at water table. 19 large stones excavated from this slot, concentrated in E and in 'upper' fills. Cut for ditch seen in southern slot: E side only. Some stones (e.g. stones 2,3 and 4 – see continuation sheets 2 and 3) could be from relieving arch similar to one seen in wall [2030], others could be from walling similar to [2030] or walls in Trench 3. But some seem too large. Stone from range local sources (see geologists report). Geologists suggest that even if part of moat started out as natural channel, it has also been managed and reworked.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plans 204 206, 214 Section 2.10 Sketch plan and sketches of stones 1 to 19.	Yes
(2029)	Under (2008);	Compact limestone with dark blackish brown matrix with orange lenses;	CBM, ceramic and	N/A	Plan 208	Yes

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layer	over (2044) (2045), (2049) 14, 11.5 <i>Top: W59.52 E59.38 Bottom: W59.41 E59.23. 7 other levels on sheet 2</i>	80-85% limestone rubble sandy silt (dark) silty sand (orange); limestone sizes: occasional wall tumble max 0.3m 0.4m; majority 0.2m – 0.1m . Occasional degraded mortar, smaller limestone sub-angular cobbles 0.03 – 0.1m ² ; occasional charcoal and river pebbles. Area in half section: 2.5m W-E x 2m N-S x 0.15m -0.2m thick. Boundaries diffuse to rubble above, clear to orange sand below. Contamination: moles, worms, roots. <i>Rubble layer, mostly well-sorted below hard core rubble spread below surface (2008), with occasional intrusive wall-tumble; increasingly sandy with depth and bedded into orange sand. Packing to support floor of second phase of building. Slopes to E/SE; far E/SE (c 0.7m W-E) always slightly different – siltier, darker and lower.</i>	stone roof tile, pottery sherds, (conjoined pot sherds at bottom of context); charcoal incl. larger flecks, bone frags, 2 iron disks. 3% context overall. SF 82: Fe object 140mm long; SF 84 Fe object 140mm chain?		Sketch on sheet 1 and sheet 2.	
[2030] structure	Under (2000)S; over (2047). 13, 13 <i>Top: 59.71 Bottom: 58.90</i>	Orientated W-E; built of limestone (Corallian Rag) – max c 0.4m x 0.25m - with v occasional tile; bonding in upper two courses – later phase of foundations/ rebuild phase; 7-9 courses with relieving arch at E end; 4.3m W-E x 0.75m wide x 0.8m high max; two phases of build with clear difference in upper courses plus vertical join; wall has slumped over pit at E end; return before ditch/moat W end running S. <i>W-E aligned wall foundations – two phases and including relieving arch. E end built over large pit – cause of the slumping and need for relieving arch. Upper two courses heavily mortared with smaller stones and possible butt join.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plans 201, 202 210, 214 Sections 2.07, 2.08	Yes
[2031] structure	Under (2015); over (2062) 20, 21.5 <i>Top: 59.6 Bottom: c 59.45 as excavated</i>	Orientated ENE – SSE; tile alignment NE-SW: materials: red tiles incl. some glazed laid on edge; shaped flagstones – 6 large burnt flags; shape in plan sub-oval/sub-circular; possible lime mortar bonding tiles; dimensions 2.5m W-E x 2.4m N-S. Most heavily burnt area to W of tiles and several flags – suggests where fire located, surrounded by heavily burnt flags. <i>Hearth structure built of tile and stone slabs in E of trench. Tile bedding plane c 70° from horizontal: 6 large stones abutting to S; 3 most southerly sloping to S and bedded in clay (2062); 4 to W. Fire area to W</i>	N/A	N/A	Plans 209, 211 214	Yes
(2032) layer	Under (2009); over (2047)	Friable, mid greyish brown slightly darker to E over pit, with lenses yellow sandier deposit, sandy silt (80%); sub-angular limestone max 0.2m, most	Tile, CBM, pottery sherds some large med	5	Plan 207	Yes

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	13.5, 15 <i>Top: 59.6 – 59.42</i> <i>Bottom: 59.38 – 59.42</i>	0.1 -0.15m 50-70% , v occasional river pebbles; occasional charcoal, more in E – larger flecks. Area; 4m W-E max 2m W-E in N x 3.75m N-S x 0.18m deep. Boundaries clear with ditch, diffuse to (2009) and (2047). Contamination: moles, roots and worms. <i>Layer of disturbed consolidation surface (more sorted limestone cobbles) and demolition debris to N of wall [2030] and S of ditch [2011] – perhaps associated originally with second phase of building/rebuilding to S. Concentrations of finds in SE corner, in N by wall and just E of ditch line; more consolidated layer under larger stones of more disturbed rubble layer (2009). Much siltier to the E near earlier pit.</i>	glazed; flint; bone 1-3 % overall context. SFs 77, 86, 89; Fe objects			
(2033) fill	Under (2020); over (2048); fill of [2028]; part of [2024] 11.5, 16 <i>Top: 59.16- 59.21</i> <i>Bottom: 58.66</i>	Loose-friable, yellowish brown, with some small lenses of grey clay and some mole-created dark brownish black silty lenses, sandy clayey silt (70%); large limestone 5% - 0.37 x 0.4 x 0.13m, 0.38 x 0.3 x 0.13m (possibly worked), 0.29 x 0.28 x 0.08m others of similar sizes to latter; sub-angular limestone 0.1m 2%; CBM found around larger stones. Area: 3.2m max NW-SE x 2.5m min NW-SE x 1.5m wide x 0.5m deep. Contamination: moles and worms <i>Lower ditch fill in southern slot: very un-homogenous and marked by tip lines from W to E, with lots of large stones. Change to (2048) made to retain control over finds</i>	Pottery sherd, CBM, bone and teeth: .1% overall context	10	Plans 202, 210 Section 2.10	Yes
(2034) deposit	Under (2013), (2014), (2015); Over (2035), (3026) 19.15, 21.90 <i>Top: 59.76</i> <i>Bottom: 59.54</i>	Friable, mid brown with some yellow sandier lenses, sandy silt (70%); very poorly sorted limestone rubble 0.05 – 0.4m and tile fragments 60% (40% stone /20% tile). Area: 3m N-S x 0.6m W-E x 0.15-0.2m deep. Clear boundaries. Contamination: worms <i>Tumble/demolition layer from wall N-S [2040] to the W. This wall a secondary feature built against E face of wall [2054], built after the hearth in use as none of the stones were charred despite being less than 0.5m from the centre of the hearth; the wall also overlay the ashy deposits associated with the hearth. The wall may have been partially timber-built.</i>	Tile and some bone: 20% context SF 80: Fe nail	N/A	Plan 209	Yes
(2035)	Under (2013);	Friable-loose, mid-dark yellowish brown sandy silt (75%); ash 1-3%;	Bone, CBM, pottery	8	Plans	Yes

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layer	LOE 20, 22.5 <i>Top: 59.55-59.57</i> <i>Bottom: 59.45 as excavated</i>	charcoal some large chunks 1-3%; burnt shattered stone 3-5%; yellow sandy lenses. Area: 1.6m N-S x 2.8m W-E x 0.1m as excavated. Boundaries diffuse to (2036) and (2038). Contamination: mole, worms and roots. <i>Working surface N of hearth [2031], in E of trench. Slightly sandier, less charcoal layer E of wall [2054]. Increasingly sandy and homogenous with depth – to subsoil beneath.</i>	sherds: 1% context overall		209, 214	
(2036) layer	Under (2014), (2015), (2034), [2040]; over (2056), (2062) 19.75, 21 <i>Top: 59.30</i> <i>Bottom: 59.15</i>	Friable, dark brownish black slightly sandy silt (85%); abundant charcoal 5-7%; burnt limestone av. size 0.1m ² occasionally larger. Area: around hearth [2031]: 2.2m N-S x 3m W-E x 0.1-0.15m deep. Boundaries clear to (2016); diffuse to (2035), (2056). <i>Charcoal-rich, silty layer above big stones of hearth to W and S of three hearth stones and laid tiles revealed by removal of layers above (e.g. 2015): runs below wall [2040]. Two large stones forming base of angle structure around fire revealed with removal of (2036). This layer related to fire area of hearth W of laid tiles and sealed bedding clay (2062) for hearth structures.</i>	Occasional bone, CBM/tile: >1% context overall SF 113: Fe object	9, 11, 14	Plans 209, 214	Yes
(2037) layer	Under (2013); over [2054] same as (2038) 17, 21.5 <i>Top: 59.31 v variable</i> <i>Bottom: c 59.15</i>	Friable-firm, mid yellowish brown sandy silt (65%); rubble limestone poorly sorted av. size 0.1-0.15m 45-50%; limestone flecks 3%; occasional flecks charcoal. Area: 2.5m W-E max x 1.5m N-S x 0.15m deep – v variable over structure [2054]. Boundaries: clear to structural elements, to (2012) and ditch edge [2026]; diffuse to (2038) to N. Contamination: roots, worms, moles <i>Layer above wall foundations [2054] and related structural features/ post-pads [2041]/ [2042] and over stone-free margin to W between wall and moat. Demolition layer</i>	Bone, roof tile, CBM: 1-3% context overall	12	Plans 209, 214	Yes
(2038) layer	Under (2013); over [2054] same as (2037) 17, 23	Friable mid brown sandy silt (65%); sub-angular limestone rubble av. size 0.1m 10%; occasional river cobbles and charcoal. Area: to N of (2037): 0.75m N-S x 2.5m W-E x c 0.1m deep. Boundaries diffuse to (2038) to W and S and (2035) to E; clear to [2041] post-pad to S. Contamination: roots.	CBM, green glazed pottery	N/A	Plans 209, 214	Yes

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	<i>Top: 59.31-59.56 variable Bottom: c 59.15-59.30</i>	<i>Continuation to N of (2037) above [2054] - which foundations continue into N baulk. So both post-pads [2041]/ [2042] are over foundations [2054]</i>				
(2039) fill	Under (2025); fill of [2026]; part of [2024] 14, 21.5 <i>Top: W 58.74 Mid. 58.78 E 58.74 Bottom: 58.31</i>	Friable dark brown silt, with grey clay and yellow sand lenses, orange iron panning; limestone flecks 3%; 10% small sub-angular limestone rubble; occasional charcoal. Area: 2.25m across ditch x 1.5m wide slot x 0.5m deep max. Boundaries diffuse. Contamination: moles, roots, worms and ground water <i>Non-homogenous lower ditch fill in northern slot; part of (2039) excavated as spade-width sondage in middle of slot but water-table reached very rapidly very humic and silty with visible tip-lines sloping form NW-SE and running into upper part of this layer. Lower part of this fill seems to be natural silting that may have happened when the moat still had water in it. Two possible stake-holes seen hammered down E side of ditch and into area of sondage.</i>	CBM, roof tile, horn; in sondage 2 pieces CBM	6	Plan 214 Sections 2.03, 2.06	Yes
[2040] structure	Under (2013); over (20350, (2036) 18.25, 21.65 <i>Top: S 59.67 Mid 59.80 N 59.72 Bottom: N 59.57 S 59.57</i>	Orientated N-S; material: limestone/ sandstone v mixed roughly built, including tile; some mortar bonding on lower courses in S; 2 rough courses, sometimes just 1 course; max stone size 0.3m ² , many 0.1m x 0.15m; dimensions: 3m N-S x 0.3m W-E max x 0.1m to 0.23m centre; rough facing – one well-shaped fine-grained slab. <i>N-S wall later than hearth [2031] and wall [2054]; unclear if just built against or roughly built into [2041] and [2042] – probably the former. Rough and mixed build. Built slightly over and mainly abutting previous foundations; no burning or singeing despite proximity to hearth. Ashy deposits run under the wall.</i>	CBM and pottery built into wall	N/A	Plans 208, 212	Yes
[2041] structure	Under (2013); Over (2054) 17.5, 22.5 <i>Top: 59.35-59.70</i>	Square orientated N-S/W-E; built of sandstone/limestone rough sub-square and sub-triangular blocks; max 0.4m ² ; filler stones 0.1m ² ; rough faced. Bonding: some orange rough sand and grit mortar surviving. One course built over vertically laid stones below [2054]. Dimensions: 0.7m ² x 0.25m high max.	N/A	N/A	Plans 209, 202	Yes

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	<i>Bottom: 59.55</i>	<i>Northern post-base for structure built over vertically-laid N-S foundations [2054]. Wall [2040] not coursed into these post bases but built against. Base [2041] has survived less well than [2042].</i>				
[2042] structure	Under (2013); Over (2054) 17.5, 19.75 <i>Top: 59.80-59.76</i> <i>Bottom: 59.54</i>	Square orientated N-S/W-E; built of sandstone/limestone rough sub-square and sub-triangular blocks; max 0.4m ² ; filler stones 0.1m ² ; rough faced. Bonding: some orange rough sand and grit mortar surviving, considerable amounts on in-situ mortar binding lowest course to stones of [2054] below. Two courses and 3 in N and E where structure most intact, built over vertically laid stones below [2054]. Dimensions: 0.9m W-E x 0.6m N-S x 0.35-0.4m high. <i>Southern post-base/ pad for wooden/ wattle-and-daub superstructure. Lack of mortar and convincing structural debris except for distinct post pads suggest there was not a complete stone-built wall between [2041] and [2042]</i>	N/A	N/A	Plans 202, 209, 214	Yes
(2043) layer	Under (2017); over (2046) 11, 20.75 <i>Top: 59.4</i> <i>Bottom: 59.30</i>	Friable mid brown humic sandy silt with yellow clay lenses at lowest level – otherwise homogenous; small sub-angular limestone cobbles 0.1m 5%. Area: 1m N-S x 2.2m W-E in N and 1.6m W-E in S. Boundaries diffuse to (2046). Contamination: moles, roots and worms <i>Ground surface/laid surface to W of ditch above a subsoil (2046). Excavated as western arm of central slot. In the sondage in far NW (2046) excavated as part of (2017) natural.</i>	Occasional pottery, bone and teeth, CBM: >1% context overall	N/A	Plan 214 Section 2.09	Yes
(2044) layer	Under (2029); over (2045) 15, 12 <i>Top: 59.23</i> <i>Bottom: 59.2</i> <i>variable</i>	Friable, blackish grey, slightly sandy silt 85%; sub-angular limestone rubble av. size 0.1m 75%; occasional charcoal; limestone flecks. Area: 2m N-S x 0.4m W-E x max 0.1m deep. Boundaries diffuse to (2045). Contamination: roots and worms. <i>Stony make-up layer to deal with slump to SE in (2045) below – which on excavation is revealed to be a pit. Within southern building.</i>	Pottery sherds, bone: tiny sample SF 85: silver coin	N/A	Plan 212	Yes
(2045) layer	Under (2029), (2044); over (2050) 14, 12	Friable yellowish orange sandy silt (NW) – firmer yellowish grey silty clay (SE); sub-angular limestone rubble av. size 0.1m 5%; occasional charcoal and limestone flecks. Area: 2.75m N-S x 2.5m W-E x 0.1 -0.2m deep.	Bone, CBM, roof tile, pottery: 10% context overall	N/A	Plan 212	Yes

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	<i>Top: 59.20-59.28 Bottom: 59.14-59.20 variable</i>	<i>Silty bedding sand for rubble layer above, or levelling layer for construction, merging in SE to much more clay-rich and humic disturbed top-fill of pit. Finds-rich context, which suggests more of a construction related layer? Within southern building.</i>	SF 87: Cu object; SFs 88, 90, 106, 107, 109, 110: Fe objects; SF111: bead			
(2046) layer	Under (2043); LOE/ natural 11, 20.75 <i>Top: 59.30 LOE: 59.18</i>	Friable, light yellowish brown silty/sand (50%) – Beckley sand natural appearing at base; occasional small sub-angular limestone; occasional charcoal. Area: 2.2m in N, 1.6m in S x 1m wide in slot. Boundaries clear to natural, diffuse to (2043) above. Contamination: worms and roots. <i>Final layer above natural sand to the W of the ditch in central slot. Sub-soil to layer (2043), increasingly sandy with depth. The top of natural sand appears across the site a c 59.12 – 59.17m OD</i>	Occasional pottery and bone: > 1% context overall	N/A	Plan 214	Yes
(2047) layer	Under (2032); over (2057) 13.5, 15 <i>Top: 59.38-59.42 Bottom: 59.14-59.06</i>	Friable, greyish yellow sandy silt (50%); scattered limestone 0.1m 3%; rare charcoal and river pebbles. Area: 4.5m W-E max S – 2m W-E in N x 3.75 N-S x 0.3m deep. Boundaries: diffuse to (2032) and natural sand below; clear to (2057) pit fill in SE corner. <i>N of wall [2030], S of ditch [2011] and E of the moat [2024]. Surface – possibly consolidated with a thin midden spread. Increasingly sandy and fewer finds with depth to natural. Horse mandibles found at intersection between (2047) and sand in SW corner between wall and moat edge.</i>	CBM, tile, bone and teeth – horse mandibles, pottery incl. glazed, flint, shell, slag: 3% context SFs 108, 112, 115, 116, 117: worked flints; SF114: med Cu alloy tweezers?	13	Plan 214 Section 2.08	Yes
(2048) fill	Under (2033); fill of [2028]; part of [2024] 11.5, 16 <i>Top: 58.66 Bottom 58.42</i>	Firm-friable mid yellowish brown clayey silt (60%) with lenses of dark blackish brown silt; 3 stones 0.3m ² . Area: 3.2 m max NW-SE x 2.5m NW-SE x 1.5m wide. Boundaries diffuse. Contamination: burrows and worms <i>Lower ditch fill in southern slot. No large stones and increasingly silty and damp with depth as water table reached.</i>	V occasional tiny fragments CBM	N/A	Plan 214 Section 2.10	Yes
(2049) layer/fill	Under (2045); over (2055); part of (2050) 13.5, 11.5 <i>Top: 59.27 Bottom: 59.18</i>	Friable mid blackish grey slightly sandy silt (85%) with orange clay lenses and gritty lenses to NW; sub-angular limestone rubble 0.1m 2%; peagrit 3%; gravel 1% and occasional charcoal. Area S of wall: 2m in NE, 0.75m SW x 0.75-1m wide x 0.05-0.06m deep (max 0.1m deep). Boundaries clear to (2052) and (2055) below. <i>Gritty area in variable layer (2050): make-up layer under sandy bedding</i>	CBM, pottery, bone incl. fishbone, Fe fragments	N/A	Plan 213	Yes

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		<i>layer for rubble; disturbed fill of scoop cut.</i>				
(2050) layer	Under (2045); over (2052); includes (2049) 14.2, 11.8 <i>Top: 59.23 Bottom: 59.13</i>	Friable, gritty greyish brown sandy silt (70%), with sand, clay, grit and gravel lenses; sub-angular limestone rubble > 0.1m, 2%; limestone flecks; v occasional charcoal. Area: 2m W-E x 2.75m N-S x 0.1m deep. Boundaries clear to (2052). Contamination: moles, worms and roots <i>Within southern building: v variable and patchy context, above re-deposited natural sand (2052). Part of levelling/ make-up layer which begins with (2052), possibly to seal (2059).</i>	CBM, bone, pottery and Fe fragments: 3% context overall.	N/A	Plans 212, 213	Yes
(2051) fill	Under (2045); over [2053] 15, 12.2 <i>Top: 59.21 Bottom: 59.05</i>	Compact, gritty, mid orangey yellow coarse sand; sub-angular limestone rubble 80% above tilting slabs of [2053]; limestone flecks; degraded mortar. Area: 0.7m W-E x 0.9m N-S as seen x 0.15m deep in centre of feature as seen. Boundaries clear. Fill excavated in very poor weather; revealed structure below. <i>Within southern building: rubble, gritty sandy fill of sub-circular structure in NE of southern building as seen</i>	I bone fragment	N/A	Plans 213, 214 Section 2.07	Yes
(2052) layer	Under (2050), [2053]; over (2059), natural sand; cut by (2055) 14.2, 11.8 <i>Top: 59.27 Bottom: 59.14</i>	Dense, partially concreted, yellow with brown/black lenses of clay/clayey silt, ashy v slightly sandy slit and orangey yellow coarse sand; abundant charcoal and 38 fragments of tile concentrated in E of context (over pit); mainly half tiles, size 0.15-0.2m ² . Area: seen originally in SE corner and concentrated there in area 1m W-E x 0.5m N-S, but revealed across most of half-section area within southern building – 2.5m W-E x 2m N-S x 0.13m deep max. Clear boundaries. Contamination: worms <i>Sealing layer of re-deposited natural sand and ashy silt over (2059): over both less ashy spread to W of feature [2061] and over its fill (2059). The context is laminated sand and ashy/silty spreads with a dump of tiles over the fill of [2061].</i>	CBM, pottery, bone, Fe fragments: 1% overall; tile dump: 3% overall	N/A	Plans 213, 214 Section 2.07	Yes
[2053] structure	Under (2045); cuts (2052), (2059); over (2057), (2059); LOE	Sub-circular against S side of wall [2030]; materials: slabs of rough-cut limestone, 3 large slabs visible on outer ring: 0.6 x 0.45m; 0.2 x 0.3m; 0.2 x 0.4m; other smaller slabs (0.2m) fill the centre sloping 0.36m towards S and E baulk; bonding: rough gravelly mortar. Dimensions: 1.4m W-E visible x 1.2m N-S visible.	N/A	N/A	Plan 213 Section 2.07	Yes

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	15, 12.3 Top: 59.36N 59.28Centre 59.21S Bottom: 59.0	<i>Semi-circular structure of rough-cut stone flags in NE corner S building. Slabs in N run under the relieving arch in wall [2030]. (2051) was a shallow rubbly fill over the sloping slabs in the centre of [2053]. The sloping slabs were tightly mortared together and over-lapping. [2053] may have been cut into (2052) and (2059) so running over both [2061] to S and perhaps pit to N - [2058]. Thus may have partly been to secure surface for relieving arch and re-build/building of wall [2030]. Arch needed because of the two cut features/ pits [2058]/ [2061].</i>				
[2054] structure	Under (2037), [2041], [2042] and (2038); LOE 19.75, 21.5 Top: 59.55	Vertically laid thin, sub-angular and laminate, rough-shaped limestone cobbles (max 0.1m wide), of variable lengths with av. 0.2-0.25m; trending W-E with some N-S edging stones; 3.75m N-S)continues under N baulk but seems to finish with [2042] in S x 1.1m wide; no bonding visible except under [2041] and [2042]. <i>Vertically laid wall foundations running N-S just E of ditch in E of trench; some edging stones. Post pads [20141] and [2042] mortared into [2054]. Stones not worn on visible edges; foundations perhaps for wooden/wattle and daub superstructure – linked to post-holes found to east in (2035).</i>	N/A	N/A	Plan 214	Yes
[2055] cut	Under (2045) (2050), (2059); cuts (2052); filled by (2049) 13.75, 11.5 Top: 59.27 Bottom: 59.14	Sub-oval; orientated NW-SE; v shallow, not truncated; sloping to SE, near vertical sides; flat base. Area: length 2m NE, 0.75 SW x 0.75 – 1m wide x 0.13m deep max. Filled by (2049) part of wider v mixed spread (2050). <i>This shallow linear feature in W half of southern building half-section probably just a lens within (2052)/ (2050); runs under (2059); make-up layer sealing earlier activity.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plan 213 Good stratigraphic sketch on reverse	Yes
(2056) fill	Under (2036); Over (2062) 19.2, 20 Top: 59.58 Bottom: 59.48	Friable, back with red, yellow and grey ashy lenses slightly silty sand (75%) with abundant ash and burnt, cracked stone; 5% burnt and re-used glazed tile, burnt stone cobbles >0.1m 3%; ash 2%; abundant charcoal 6-10% incl. large chunks. <i>Fill of hearth structure in E of trench; with narrow JMHS slot running N-S. Ashy charcoal centre just to W of tile-laid surface and limestone</i>	Bone, tile, pottery >1% overall context, mainly tile	15	Plan 214	Yes

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		<i>slabs surrounded to N and E by smaller heat-affected stones of immediate hearth surrounds in (2036)</i>				
(2057) fill	Under (2047); fill of [2058] 15, 13 <i>Top: c 59.11 Bottom: c58.83</i>	Friable, mid-dark greyish brown, slightly sandy, clayey silt (60%); sub-angular limestone rubble 0.1m 10%; occasional charcoal; limestone flecks; more rubbly at base. Area: 2m W-W x 1.2m N-S x 0.3m+ deep. Clear boundaries. No contamination. <i>Fill of pit [2058] under and N of wall [2030]; probably runs under feature [2053] – somewhere under which is the transition between gritty, silty (2057) and v humic dark (2059).</i>	Bone, pottery (large sherds including rim), CBM: 3% SF 1xx: leaf-shaped flint arrow-head	16	Plan 214 Section 2.08	Yes
[2058] cut	Filled by (2057); cuts natural 15, 13 <i>Top: c 59.11 Bottom: c58.83</i>	Semi-circular N of wall; sides c 45° slope – steeper in SE; base uneven concave; 1.2m N-S x 2m W-E against wall x 0.3m+ deep; filled by (2057). <i>Fill of pit/depression partly below wall [2030] and feature [2053] to S of wall; excavated only N of wall.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plan 214 Section 2.08	Yes
(2059) layer→fill	Under (2052); fill of [2061] 14, 12 <i>Top: 59.19 Bottom: 58.54</i>	Friable, soft (v wet), dark greyish black humic v slightly sandy silt (85% in layer to W; 95% silt in pit); black peat 0.07m deep at base of pit above natural grey clay; charcoal 5%; occasional grit, limestone flecks; v occasional limestone rubble 0.1m to W in layer. Area: N slot in layer 0.5m wide but context spread across whole half-section except for [2053] in NE so 2.5m W-E x 2m N-S; 0.1m deep in layer, 0.7m deep in cut feature in E running under baulk. Clear boundaries; no contamination. <i>Silty, humic layer across half-section in southern building seen in slot to W and as darker, siltier fill in cut feature to E with peat in very bottom above natural grey clay (clay at v similar level to that in N slot across ditch/moat). Excavated in 0.5m wide slot running W-E just S of [2053]; the layer plunges into the pit but seems to be over natural sand in W. In far W v similar to (2057).</i>	Bone (some large fragments), CBM; v little in actual pit	17 (plus grab sample of peat)	Plans 213, 214 Section 2.11	Yes
(2060) layer	Under (2008); same as (2059) to E; LOE 11.2, 12	Friable, soft(v wet), dark, brownish black slightly sandy silt (85%) with lenses of coarse yellowish orange re-deposited natural sand; abundant charcoal – twigs, chunks, flecks and poss. charred timber 50%; occasional limestone flecks. Area 0.8m W-E x 2.8m N-S (1.4m excavated S from wall	Pottery, bone, CBM: >1% overall context SF 118: worked stone	18 (incl. charred timber and twig charcoal)	Plan 214 Section 2.08	Yes

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	<p>Top: 59.38E 59.48W Bottom: 59.31E 59.43W</p>	<p>[2030] to reveal N-S return) x 0.1m deep. Clear boundaries; root contamination</p> <p><i>Evidence for burning event/fire? Context slopes W to E: drops 0.12m over 0.8m towards wall return of [2030] and probably re-appears E of unexcavated half-section as (2059) S of wall. Contained twig charcoal and a burned timber and worked stone – possibly from an arch.</i></p>	(photographed)			
[2061] cut	<p>Filled by (2059); cuts natural sand and clay; LOE 14.8, 11.5</p> <p>Top: 59.19 Bottom: 58.54</p>	<p>Only seen in 0.5m slot across pit; steep-sided near vertical, not truncated, W side only seen- runs under E baulk; base near flat; cut through natural sand and into clay – peat at base may be natural. 0.65m+ deep; 0.9m wide as seen. May run under [2053] but does not appear N of [2030], where a different pit does.</p> <p><i>Cut for pit/ditch seen only in slot and running under baulk and [2053]: only W side seen but base seemed to be curving up towards E side.</i></p>	N/A	N/A	<p>Plans 213, 214</p> <p>Section 2.11</p>	Yes
(2062) layer	<p>Under (2056); LOE 19, 19.75 Top: c 59.5</p>	<p>Unexcavated. Firm reddish brown clay. Area; c 3.5m W-E x 0.5m N-S</p> <p><i>Bedding for structure of hearth and possibly for wall foundations</i></p>	N/A	N/A	Plan 214	Yes