

BC11 Trench 3

Context No. Type	Physical Relationship Co-cords (E-N) Levels m OD	Description: Interpretation	Bulk finds Small finds numbers	Environmental/ soil sample	Drawings	Photos
(3000) layer	Above (3002) (12.00, 11.50) 68.20 top 68.15 bottom	Eastern section: friable, light blackish brown silty (40%) sand (60%) Western section: compact dark brownish black sandy (30%) clay (70%). Flecks charcoal (<1%), poorly sorted limestone (0.15mx0.08mx0.08m) <1%, Extends across whole trench. Depth 0.05m. Diffuse horizontal and vertical boundaries. Extensive tree and plant root contamination <i>Highly compact organic layer with Victorian ceramic drainage pipe lying across south eastern corner of trench. Layer produced by decomposing vegetation and as a result of possible farming activity in the area; bulk finds showed evidence of trampling. The difference across the trench was due to the building later uncovered below (3000) in the E.</i>	Glass, bone, shell, stone roof tile, clay pipe, Fe nails, pot (incl. some glazed), ceramic drainage pipe, Fe object. 3% context <i>3: worked bone, 4: granite, 5: whetstone</i>	N/A	Plan: 3.01 Sections: 300, 301, 302, 303	Yes
(3001) sondage	Same as (3000) (10.80, 10.80) 68.20 top 68.15 bottom	Compact dark brownish grey silty clay (70%). 0.75m ² ; 0.05m deep. <i>Sondage dug in SW corner to test variety of context across trench. Halted as it became stonier and also clear that the variation was within one slowly accumulated spread/surface.</i>	Bone, Fe nails, glass	N/A	Reverse of context sheet	Yes
(3002) Layer	Below (3000); above (3003), (3004), (3005), (3006) (12.00, 11.50) 68.15 top 68.00 bottom	Compact light greyish brown silty (40%) sand (60%). Gravel (20%), well sorted limestone from 0.01m ³ to 0.15mx0.10mx0.04m (10%), river pebbles (2%), charcoal (<1%) Extends across whole trench. Depth 0.15m. Heavy root contamination. <i>Compact organic layer, produced by decomposing vegetation and as a result of farming activity in the area. Human bone included skull fragments, teeth and toe bones, found above the more rubbly area in the NE which resolved into the building remains.</i>	Fe nails, snail shells, bones, human bone, tile, pot. 1% context 10: Fe ring, 14: human teeth	N/A	Sections: 300, 301	Yes
(3003) layer	Below (3002); above (3007) (11.30, 11.50) 68.00 top	Friable mid greyish brown silty sand with some lenses of clay. Charcoal fragments (<1%), flint (<1%), river pebbles 0.01m-0.04m (<1%), limestone fragments 0.03m- 0.07m (5-10%), pea shingle (20%), occasional gryphea fragments. Covers area 2m x1.45m. Depth 0.05m. Distinct boundary with [3004].	Animal bone, human bone, glazed tile, Fe nails, oyster shell fragments, snail shells. 3 % context	N/A	Plan: 3.02 Sections: 300, 301, 302	Yes

	67.95 bottom	<i>Area outside structure [3004], [3006], [3009] to S and especially to W. May be influenced by farming and later almshouse activity.</i>				
[3004] structure	Below (3002); above (3015) (12.25, 11.50) c. 68.15 top variable	Wall foundation orientated north-south. 1.4m long N-S, 0.3m high, 0.5m wide max. Two courses max. Largest stones 0.4mx 0.2mx0.3m; rough faced. Large gaps between blocks. Badly damaged and rubbly. Possible remains of mortar bonding. <i>Wall running N-S, forming part of structure with [3006] and [3009]; remains of demolished/levelled stone-built structure. Possible ancillary building to chapel but no evidence that this structure was ever joined to the Chapel.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plan:3.02 Sections: 302, 303	Yes
(3005) layer	Below (3002); above (3008), (3009) (12.80, 11.60) 68.01 top 67.92 bottom	Friable mid greyish brown silty (30%) sand (70%) with lenses of clay and sand. Limestone rubble (40%) 10cm ³ ; pea grit (20%). Cover area 1mx0.90m. Depth 0.07m Boundary with [3009] distinct but diffuse with (3008). <i>Rubble layer inside structure [3004], [3006] and [3009]. The soil was very loose suggesting it was a dump or collapsed layer; remains of levelling and demolition of the structure.</i>	Snail shells, human bone, animal bone, glazed pot, large ammonite 0.15m long, faced stone. Overall v. few finds: >1% context	N/A	Plan: 3.02 Sections: 300, 302, 303	Yes
[3006] structure	Below (3002); above (3014), (3015) (13.00, 12.60) c. 68.19 top variable	Wall orientated East-West seen in S-facing baulk: return of [3004] 1.1m long E-W (as seen – disappears into E baulk), 0.35m high, depth not apparent as only visible in baulk; interior S faces only seen. Two courses visible displaced by tumble/backfill; larger stones 0.4-0.35mx 0.2-0.3m. Much mortar visible; large curved piece of mortar visible at base of western end (0.5 x 0.3m as seen. All surrounding deposits very mortar-rich. <i>Badly damaged, rough faced wall running East West, forming part of structure with [3004] & [3009]. Wall has been badly damaged by tumble/backfill. Original wall-line could run parallel and slightly to North with visible stones representing tumble to south of that wall.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plans: 3.02 3.03 Sections: 302, 303	Yes
(3007) layer	Below (3003); above (3011), (3012), (3013), [3019]	Compact light brownish grey sandy clay Pea gravel, limestone rubble, mortar, pebbles (0.01m-0.03m). Extends 2mx 0.7m. Depth 0.07m	Clay peg, tile, bone fragments, pot, Fe, mortar >3% context	N/A	Plans: 3.02 3.03 Sections: 300, 301	Yes

	(11.80, 11.40) 67.95 top 67.88 bottom	<i>Area outside structure; to west and south. As excavated became apparent that centre portion to west of [3004] was very clayey and contained no finds.</i>			302	
(3008) layer	Below (3005); above (3010) (13.00, 11.75) 67.95 top 67.88 bottom	Compact mid brownish yellow sandy (30%), clay (70%) with lenses of bluish green clay and sand. Poorly sorted limestone: 0.1x0.05x0.02m (5%), river pebbles 2cm ³ (<1%), fleck of charcoal. Extends over 0.59m x 0.9m. Depth approx. 0.05m <i>Rubble layer inside structure, but rubble smaller in size and quantity than (3005).</i>	Bone (human?), mortared roof tile, pot. V. few finds	N/A	Plan: 3.02 Sections: 300, 302, 303	Yes
[3009] structure	Below (3005) (13.00, 11.20) 67.97 top variable	Wall running East West, forming southern return of [3004]. 1.1m long E-W (as seen – disappears in to E baulk), 0.2m high, 0.5-0.6m wide. Roughly faced wall/wall foundations; no bonding visible; random courses. Some larger stones 0.2x0.02x0.05m. One large flagstone, roughly squared/sub rectangular 0.35x0.4m, possibly part of floor built into SW corner of wall. <i>Wall remains running E-W, forming part of structure with [3004] and [3006].</i>	N/A	N/A	Plan: 3.03 Sections: 300, 303	Yes
(3010) layer	Below (3008); above (3014) (3015) (13.00, 11.75) 67.86 top 67.84 bottom	Firm light brownish grey clay (40%) sand (60%). Well sorted limestone rubble 0.1x0.05x0.02m (5%), pea grit (3%). Extends 0.58x0.93m. Depth approx. 0.02m. Has clear boundary with [3004], [3006] and [3009] and diffuse with (3014) and (3015) below. <i>Area inside structure: possibly around original floor level?</i>	V occasional animal bone and 1 pot sherd	3.1	Section: 300	Yes
(3011) layer	Below (3007); above (3017) (11.60, 12.20) 67.89 top LOE	Firm light brown grey, silty clay. Well sorted pea gravel & limestone rubble 5%. Extends 0.25 x 0.54m (approx). Distinct boundaries with [3004] and diffuse with (3012) to east. Similar to (3013). Not fully excavated. <i>Area to W of structure: dug in slot to test deposits. Deposit just above natural.</i>	Bone fragments: v occasional	N/A	Plan: 3.03 Section: 302	Yes
(3012) layer	Below (3007); above (3017)	Very compact, light whitish grey silty (10%) clay (90%). 10% limestone mortar 0.42m x 0.84m. Boundary with (3011) blurred, clear with (3013)	None	N/A	Plan: 3.03 Section:	Yes

	(11.70, 11.50) 67.89 top LOE	and [3004]. Needed to be matted. Not fully excavated. <i>Possibly natural clay outside structure, to W of [3004], influenced by wall proximity or redeposited clay lens within (3013) if (3011) and (3013) are the same</i>			303	
(3013) layer	Below (3007); above (3016) (12.40, 10.60) 67.88 top LOE	Compact light greyish brown, silty clay. Concentrated scatters of pea gravel (5%) in southern edge of context and mortar (5%) to the south of [3009]. Poorly sorted limestone rubble (20%). Extends 1.42m x 0.32m. Depth 0.11m. Boundaries diffuse with (3012). Heavy contamination by roots and possible small animal burrows <i>Area outside of structure, S of [3009]: possibly containing, and influenced by, corner of a stone-lined grave continuing south outside of trench. Presence of mortar probably due to damage to [3009].</i>	Fe nails, charcoal piece, snail shell, pottery sherds, lead, bone fragments (human?). Square piece of lead. 3% context	N/A	Plan: 3.03 Sections: 300, 301, 303 Reverse of context sheet	Yes
(3014) layer	Below (3010); above (3015) (13.00, 11.80) 67.84 top 67.77 bottom	Compact, grey, silty clay; pea shingle and poorly sorted limestone rubble. Length 1.0m x variable width 0.2m – 0.5m. Depth 0.07m <i>Layer in N of building heavily influenced by coarse mortar packing between slabs and wall to N. Possibly below original floor level</i>	Bone and pot sherd.	N/A	Plan:3.03 Section: 302 Reverse of context sheet	Yes
(3015) layer	Below (3010), (3014); LOE (12.50, 11.80) 67.84 top 67.73bottom	Loose mid blackish brown sandy 90% silt 10%. Poorly sorted pebbles 0.2cm – 1.0cm. 80%. Length 1.0m x width 0.10-0.80m. Depth 0.10m. Clear boundary with (3014); underlies structure [3009], [3004] and [3006]. <i>Layer within building to S and running underneath wall, possibly a base layer for walls.</i>	Fe nail, Fe fragment, bone, Glazed rimmed pot sherd >3% context	3.3	Plan: 3.03 Sections: 302, 303	Yes
(3016) layer	Below (3013); [3019]; fill of [3018] (13.50, 10.80) 67.77 top 67.58 bottom	Compact mid blackish brown silty clay; ash, charcoal (5%) and shell fragments. 0.36m x 0.26m x 0.08m. Depth 0.08m. Bordered by [3009] to the North and structure [3019] to the South. Worm and root contamination <i>Very disturbed: ashy, charcoal layer possibly associated with stone-lined grave. Layer of backfill or foundation layer for burial [3019]?</i>	None	3.2 x 2	Sections: 300, 301	Yes
(3017) layer	Below (3012), (3013), (3018),	Very compact green grey brown clay. Extends 1.42m x 1.16m. Some root action	None	N/A	Sections: 300, 301,	Yes

	(3019) ; LOE (12.00, 11.50)	<i>Natural clay - possibly redeposited.</i>			303	
[3018] cut	Filled by (3016); cuts (3017) (13.3, 10.5) See [3019]	Disturbed shape in plan roughly sub-rectangular around feature [3019]; probably W-E orientation; sides unclear but appear near vertical; base flat. As seen: 0.2m deep; 0.3m to N and c 0.5m to W but to W cut is truncated an (3016) has been spread by the disturbance. Seen only in baulks of SE corner <i>Cut for structure [3019]: v difficult to discern in clay but seen as near vertical 0.3m W of [3019]. Obscured by rooting and truncated by later activity, which may be represented by layer (3013); this later activity may also have disturbed the stone lined grave in SE corner of trench side</i>	N/A	N/A	Plan: 3.03 Sections: 301, 302 Reverse context sheet	Yes
[3019] feature	Below (3007); above (3016) (13.3, 10.5) 67.85 top	Aligned W-E; corner only of disturbed stone structure revealed in SE trench corner; roughly formed limestone blocks; 2 x vertical blocks (slightly displaced and collapsed to NW), 0.2 x 0.2 x 0.07m and 0.15 x 0.2 0.07m as seen; one horizontal slab visible in section 0.12m as seen. <i>Disturbed corner of stone-lined grave similar to construction in Sector E trench 1.</i>	N/A	N/A	Plan: 3.03 Sections: 301, 302	Yes