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Report of the interim excavations at Nine Wells, Whittlesford in 2013

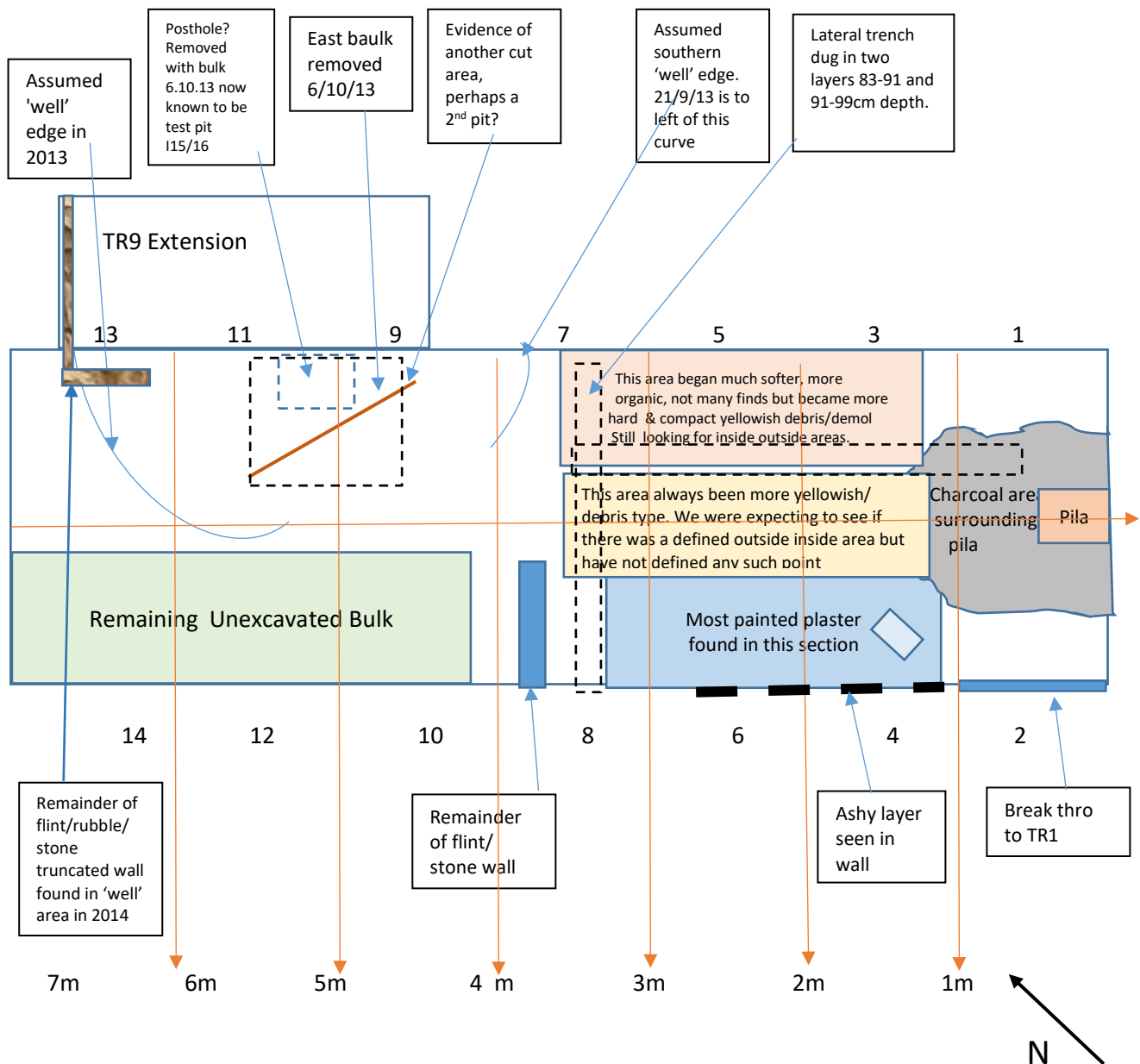


Fig 1: NW2013 TR2 Plan - JNelson

This is issue 2 report. Updated in March 2017 to unify context numbers across the whole site and all years. Additional notes have been added in purple where new information has resulted in reconsideration of comments here. The author was not trained in archaeology hence the unconventional form of report. It is hoped that sufficient detail has been reported on to aid qualified researchers make use of the information. March 2017.

For ease of recording work and finds the trench has been sectioned up in metre blocks and reported on in that sequence. Finds from the trench can be seen in the appendix where the position will be noted along with any other comments. This report was written as work progressed. For discussion on the understanding of this

trench's relationship to the site please refer to the section entitled 'Discussion'. Contexts have not been applied in the diagram above but will be referred to in the tables of finds per block.

RED notes were added in 30/4/14

BLUE notes were added 21/9/14

PURPLE notes were added 3/3/17

Initial work began to reveal the stack of pila found in 2012 at the south end of the trench.

Block 1: situation as at 8/Oct 2013.

Block 1 shows overall level dug to 68-72 with deeper sondages to 94cm. This block was thought to show evidence of a possible robbed out wall. But it can be confirmed that the level of overlap of the 2011 trench on this 2013 trench caused those anomalies.

(It appears that the overlap was quite large which will explain why the soil of the eastern half of the trench was largely organic and soft – re-deposited from 2011. Also the suggested robbed out wall in the SE corner is probably the remains of deeper excavations in that area in of the TR6, the extension to the hypocaust trench dug in 2012. See figure xx

There appear to be two phases of burning. One can be seen in the top right hand edge (SE) that appears to lie under the exposed burned area. The later deeper edges of the SE layer of burning overlay opus signinum of approx. 8-9cm. See fig 1.1



Fig 1.1



Fig 1.2

Fig 1.1 shows trench surface layer looking South on left hand side of Pila in Block 1 & 2.

Fig 1.2 shows the depth of the rough floor base below the burnt ashy layer in Block 1, view west

The Pila is made up of tiles sitting on a mortared area of 75cm from ground level.

Block 2: The burnt area continues into this block and the overall area is between 68-72cm from the plough surface. Deeper areas go as far as 103cm close to the edge of TR1 which is suspected as being a robbed out wall. (2017 – photos from 2012 reveal this to have been excavated then too but reports of excavations in 2014 confirms there have been walls in this area) At 98-103cm the surface is yellow debris with a layer of opus signinum above up to 75cm from surface. A raised area of black/white charcoal ash dry burning is at 76cm below the surface and covers an area of 40*30cm. See plan for this block in appendix. Could this have been the base of a burnt out pila? This also sits on opus signinum of about 8-9cm. Clearly there is a significant area

of opus signinum in this area. Were any floor tiles found? Could this have been a floor area that dropped in situ as a result of fire damage? When was this burnt? Why does the one pila remain and yet there seems to be no clear indication of other pila on which to support any floor slabs of the room above. (Are the two burned out areas where other pilae were? - April 27 2014 comment)

Block 3: The blackened area continues here again largely overlying opus signinum. (2017 – does this suggest the os layer is an earlier form of the building?) The overall depth of this block is 68-73cm. A second, deeper excavation to 82cm may be a robbed out wall (2017 – note Fig 1.3 and the left hand black/white measure sitting approximately where this is described, confirms this to be previous excavation). However this does show a 14cm layer of opus lying under the blackened surface. (21/9/14 This area runs SN 58cm from the East wall and is 20cm wide and 1m long. I do not know the reason for excavating it but the Opus on the west side and the mortar on the east side were in situ and therefore I do not believe the 2011 trench extended to this point into TR9, or not at this depth. However, it would depend on how deep 2011 trench was dug at this point. 2017 review shows that this indeed was dug but in 2012 not 2011, see photo below)



Photo view south, shows how excavations were made in 2012 on the left hand side of the pila as seen, which confused 2013 understanding.

Further along this small trench on the west side and towards the northern direction, the blackened area is lying over yellow debris not opus. The soil on the Eastern side of this block was softer greyer at the trench edge then becoming more of the yellow debris area as it progressed towards the West edge. It must be that the churned up nature of the East side of this trench is the re-deposited refill of trench 2011/12.

Block 3 Wall section features: The East wall was not charted as it was largely unremarkable (2011/12 refill??) . Some of this wall (approx. 3 metres from the SE corner of TR2), one assumes, is the mirror of the 2011 Trench in which the Apse feature was found. There is an element of confusion of overlapping measurements between TR2 2013 and TR2 2011. This we trust will be resolved. A drawing of that 2011 wall (viewed to the west) can be found in the NW2011 report and here, Fig 1 & 2 in Appendix. Any interesting features which may be expected to tie in to TR2 2013 appear to be at a lower level than we have reached at this time (Nov 2 2013). In

addition, it is estimated that the SW corner of TR1 (2011) began approximately 3.8m further SW than the SE corner of TR9 2013. More work will need to be done to clarify the details of the site in this area.

Block 4: Generally, below plough layer, largely made up of mixed contexts, yellow debris/mortar, chunks also of opus signinum, some brick/tile, flint, chalk and stone intermixed with mortar and general soil. A prolific area for painted plaster.

At end of 2013 dig the overall depth here is between 65-82cm. the black surface continues and again overlying opus. The North West edge of this block is largely yellow mortar/debris/demolition with painted plaster liberally interspersed. The West wall section in this block had a defined ashy layer of about 5cm depth at about 45cm from the surface and extending to 280cm from the S trench wall of TR2 from the junction of TR1 and TR2

Block 4: 6/10/13: The remaining unexcavated content closest to the west wall section in Blocks 4 & 6 was removed to level the area at approx. 73cm. Block 8 was left intact. A small sondage (pale Blue) was put in on Oct 6th to see if the burned area ran under the section where the most painted plaster had been found. This appears to be the case but needs further examination to establish the depth of that ash layer and what lies beneath it.

Block 5: At first the Eastern edge of this area seemed to be more organic but it has changed into a hard yellow debris surface. Quite compacted and revealing few significant finds. Some flint, chalk lumps, clumps of yellow mortar, some tile, burned tile. Is this a compacted floor area?

(Since establishing some overlap in the recent plan -2014, we should check the depths of 2011 and this to see if this is the same depth that was the extent of the 2011 trench at this point and now, at this depth, we have undisturbed deposits?? 2017 update: see Fig 1 in Appendix. Yellow mortar mixed deposits appear at about 80cm depth and that section drawing of the 2011 trench suggests chalk underneath. However, the TR9 2013 trench was not dug as deep as the 2011 trench.)

Block 6: The West trench wall section in this block had a defined ashy layer of about 5cm depth at about 45cm from the surface and extending to 230cm from the SW wall of TR2

Block 7: Still to be charted but so far seems fairly unremarkable. The floor seems to be compacted yellow/debris/demolition. The area is approx. 73cm depth

Block 8: Still to be charted. Consistency similar to Block 6 but less painted plaster found. Ashy layer in wall section not present in this position. 'Wall' feature at approx. 380cm from SW corner of trench. Made of yellow mortar with pebbles/flint intermixed. (Subsequent investigations shows this to be a very flimsy structure and it is thought unlikely to be a wall. however, there is clearly a large amount of yellow mortar on the south side as against the grey blue area north on the feature. Opinion is varied and some thoughts are 'has the demolition been layered with higher layers on the SW side of the trench falling to the same type of fill being found at a lower level towards the NE'.) See Pic 8a: This block may show features as we continue digging down.



Pic 8a Note abundant yellow mortar south of the 'wall' and darker soil immediately north of it.

13/10/13: Discussion with AL. Does the area of Blocks 5-8 represent a room which at some, one or more time/s been destroyed by fire. There is significant evidence here of this being associated with the hypocaust with the pila and extensive blackened surfaces towards the south. But the extensive amount of burning in SE/SW seen in this trench is an anomaly when there is only one pila to be seen. (Unless the blackened charcoal feature is a burnt pila). If the standing pila was part of a support for a floor, where are the other supports for the flagstones and then the decorated OS/mosaic adjacent (2011)? The ashy layer feature seen in the West wall section around this area stops abruptly at approx. 280cm from the SW corner of the trench and may just represent demolishing debris tossed in to the trench which was largely ash. Then there is a defined area of yellow mortar that appears abruptly at the approx. location of the fragile wall. See pic 8a

Questions:

This area was only excavated to about 73-75cm so we do not know what is below. Is this area a floor across the trench and is there an 'inside/outside' delineation somewhere to be seen. (2011 trench may have really interfered with our findings on the East side of this trench) Does the burning extend at a lower level across this area?

Plan of action 13/10/13:

1 To chase out the yellow mortar lying against the 'wall' feature in Block 8, take it down to 73cm then take a trench laterally across to the East wall about 25cm wide and in layers to see if the ashy layer can be found. Not found.

2 To investigate if the more westerly edge of the 'robbed out' line seen in Blocks 1&3 continues towards the N end of the trench and see if there can be found a defined extent of the possible room. Inconclusive.

17/10/13 Block 8: Remaining mortar removed from S edge of the apparent 'wall' in the west trench edge. The 'wall' seems rather unsubstantial at this time. Chasing the contents out gently reveals a void beneath what could be termed the S edge of the wall. No work was done on the N face of the wall at this time but it all seems rather fragile. A sub-trench was dug laterally across the TR2 at 320-355cm from southern edge. Finds can be seen in Context 13. A further 8cm were then removed beneath, Context 14. It was noticeable that in both cases the majority of finds were within the first 110cm across the trench from W to E with less from there

to the East wall. This was more apparent in the second layer removed. (Is this again the area of overlap with 2011 27/4/14: This now does seem to be the case as it ties in with the feature reported in Block 1. 21/9/14)

Block 9: Still to be charted. This block has revealed a possible curved Southern edge to the 'well' feature but also, in taking the bulk down, we seem to have found another possible line that could indicate another pit/feature. We will investigate further. See dark red line in main introductory chart. This line seemed to move further east as it was investigated. Does this follow a line of infill? (Excavations in 2014 seem to agree with this as there were complex layers of deposit all falling towards the NE corner of the trench. To be discussed in 2014 report). (2017 – subsequent excavations suggested an area of antiquarian activity. These additional cuts may indicate where that activity took place)

Block 10: Still to be charted. The area that has produced the most painted plaster is the West side of the trench. As the layers were taken down further there appeared a possible wall in situ as mentioned in Block 8.

Block 11: Still to be charted. As the early excavations took place in this trench there was a squarish feature appear at 167cm from the NE trench corner. This was thought to be a post hole and was excavated as a separate context. (On further consideration this may have indicated the SW quarter of the 2010 test pit 115/16. 23/12/14.)

The East side of the excavated 'well' had a layer of yellow/debris with a slight incline angled from N to S. The bulk within which the post hole was placed was also seen to have angled layers. See Pic 11a. These angled layers (appearing to be higher on the West and go down to the East) contained a layer of the frequently seen yellow debris/demolition fill. (Does this suggest that the debris layer was deposited into a depressed area hence resulting in layers rising from the centre of the 'well' feature?) The bulk was then removed in layers. On reaching the lowest current layer in line with the 'well' there appeared a feature of a line (lying in a NW to SE direction) with softer, organic soil towards the West, then edged with the yellow debris layer. Once the 'well' area is investigated further we may be able to confirm if there are two pits/well features and if so what shapes are they and can we estimate their sequence of use. (This can be discussed in 2014 report. Indeed there were many complex layers that support this idea - antiquarian activity?)



Pic 11a, View south at the bulk next to the 'well' sondage (seen bottom left) into the 'well' feature. Are these angled layers of demolition debris?

Block 12: This is largely composed of a bulk area that is unexcavated at the end of the season beyond 35 cm

Block 13: This block had a seemingly clearly defined darker curved patch that was thought to be a pit/well. See Pic 13a. The soil was very dark, almost blue/grey. Was this a marshy/fen type of fill? The area was worked and an apparent more solid, hard surface outlined the feature as against the fill that was a looser, lighter fill.



Pic 13a Plan view with N to the top of the possible 'well' outline with sondage dug

The area appeared to form a possible circle and was thought to be a well. A sondage was excavated as seen in Pic 13a. The full area across the trench was not excavated as there was an area of unexcavated bulk in the way as seen at bottom on Pic 13a. At the south eastern end of this bulk (see Block 7) it seemed that another edge of the 'well' had been uncovered with a similar dark grey/blue edge filled with looser fill. This was excavated further at an angle that seemed to follow the 'feel' of the edge. See pic 13b



Pic 13b View East with the possible outline diameter of the 'well' feature from N to S. Depth of the right hand is approx. 85cm. The posthole NE corner is 167cm from the N trench end.

Since then the bulk between has been removed and another clearly defined line has emerged. See dark red line in the main chart at the beginning of this report. The plan now is to take the NE area that includes a step down in to the 'well' down to a level site and re-examine the possible outline of this feature to see if there are in fact two features perhaps of different dates. *(This may tie in with two different fills in contexts uncovered in Sept 2014)*

10/10/13 Block 13: With further removal of the surface the suggested feature of the line mentioned seems to have shifted position and seems to have move closer to the West wall of TR2. This seems to reflect further removal of the surface chasing down the angled layer of debris that seems so prevalent in this area in towards the NE corner? Also, in levelling off the excavated 'well' area to bring surfaces in alignment, there appears to be another cut/pit line now in a NE to SW direction. Could this be a second cut related to the one reported above. At present it would seem that the large seemingly circular 'well' feature may be older than the next infill and this third area/feature may be the most recent. Excavating the contents may still help to clarify the situation.

Block 14: This is largely composed of a bulk area that remained unexcavated beyond 35cm

APPENDIX 1 Contexts within the trench and details of finds

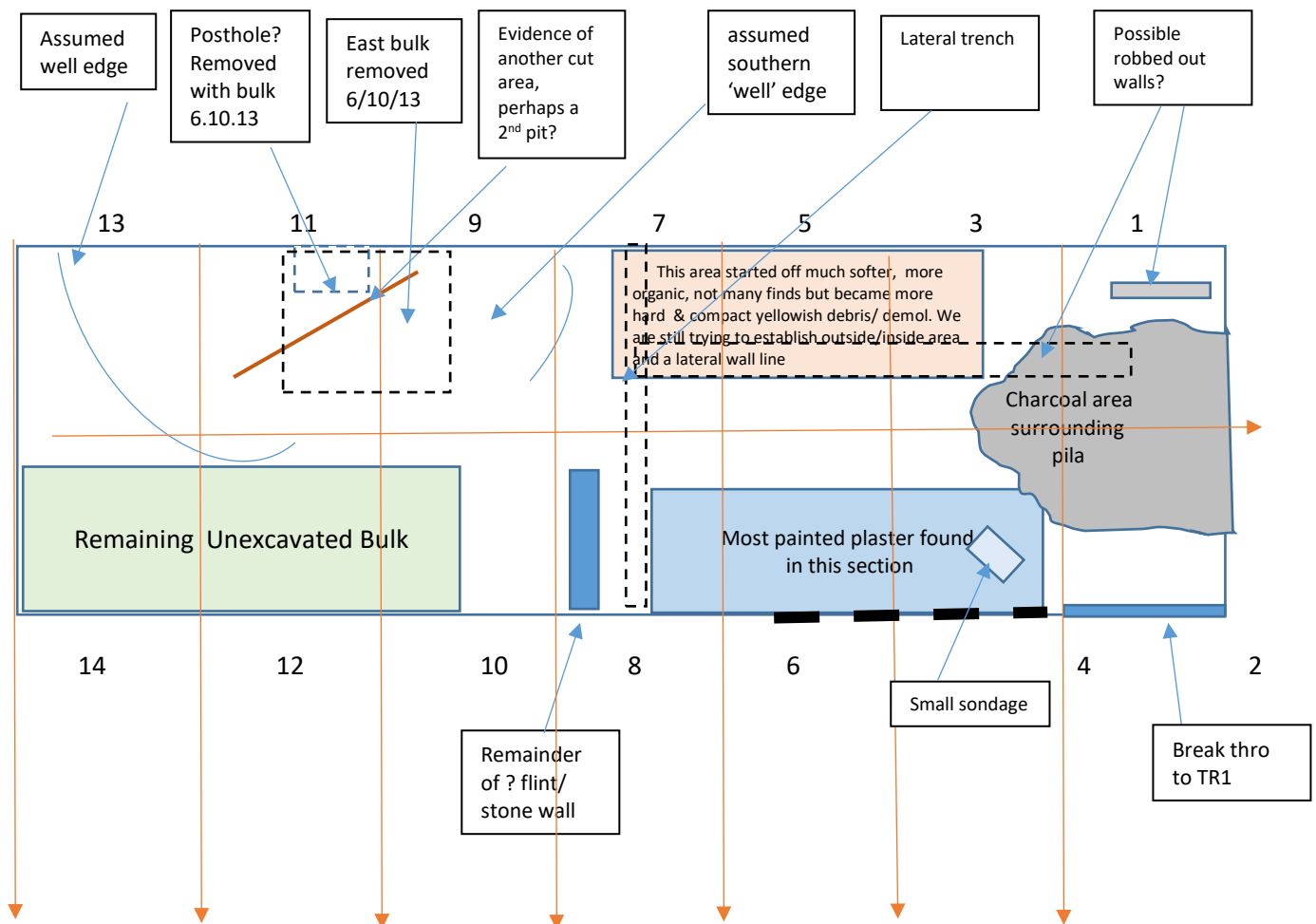
APPENDIX 2: West Wall plan from Tr1 2011 RS.

A plan of the East wall of TR2 2013 has not been drawn due to lack of any significant observations. However, this plan is drawn from the findings of the adjacent trench (the Apse trench of 2011). Could the lack of significant detail be because the trenches overlap slightly and perhaps the back fill of the 2011 trench has obscured any features? Or is it that TR2 2013 has not been excavated to a relevant depth to pick up comparable findings (as at 11/10/13)? It appears that the overlap of TR2 2013 begins from approx 2m in from the Southern start of TR1 2011 plan.

APPENDIX 3: Plans of some of the blocks

APPENDIX 4: Pictures of finds from the contexts

Appendix 1: Contexts within the trench and details of finds



Finds:

Original contexts were assigned as trays were washed hence they were not numbered in sequence as per date of excavation. In order to tie all years into discrete contexts these old context numbers had to be changed. The new contexts in this report, distinct from all other years 2010 – 2015, are in the number range of 1125 – 1149. The originals and intermediates

Date	Old C'text/ new c'text	New integrated C'text	Position	Depths if known
		As per 2017		
13/8/13	7/1	1125 Block 4	Block 4: Location drawing back from RHS of Pila ie West wall of the trench working towards the N. Approx area 80cm wide, 2 m long at 40cm?? depth	40cm deep on RHS of pila 0-200cm length
30/8/13	9/2	1126 sub trench thro all blocks	Block 1/2 thro to 9/10: Sub trench dug down centre of TR2 S towards the N from Pila seeking a change in texture to establish if there is a change in floor outside/inside. Sub trench dug approx. 35cm wide	Approx. 40cm deep, centre trench, 35cm wide, unclear the length towards North

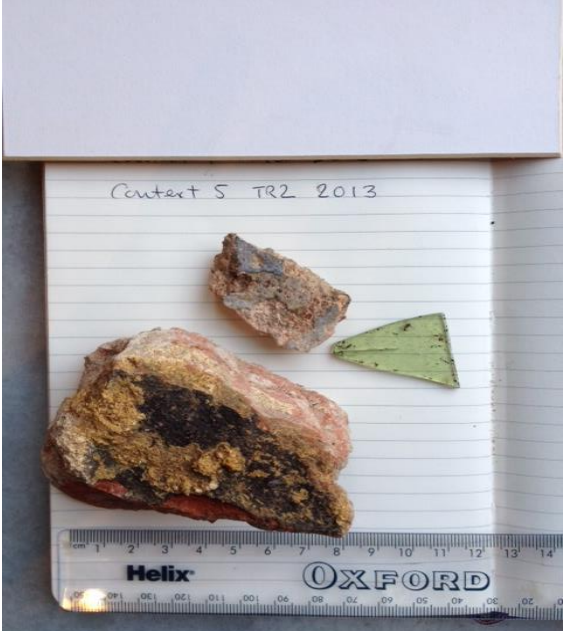
7/9/13	4/3	1127 block 1&3	Block 1 and 3 Left hand side of Pila, drawing back to level area (except deeper sondages) to approx. 73cm from SE corner of trench to about 1.5m LHS only.	To Approx 73cm
7/9/13	5/4	1128 block 3/5/7	Blocks 3,5&7 Drawing back from LHS of pila from about 1.5m along East wall 4m towards N edge	Between 40and 73cm
20- 22/9/13	17/5	1129 block 1&2	Block 1&2 60-80cm (AL)	60-80cm
20- 22/9/13	21/6	1130	30-60cm (AL)	30-60cm
21/9/13	2/7	1135	Block 9 Located in Southern side of East wall bulk whilst taking that bulk down and revealing a possible South edge to the 'well'	From approx. 70-90 depth into the feature
21/9/13	10/8	1136	Blocks 13, 11 & 9 Located from area of 'well', inside 'well' and working way back through sub-trench between bulks E and W towards S. At same time as PD taking S end of E bulk subsequently to reveal possible S edge of 'well'	Approx. 70-80cm
21/9/13	16/9	1137	At same time as PD taking S end of E bulk subsequently to reveal possible S edge of 'well'	Approx. 70-80cm
21/9/13	20/10	1138	Blocks 1-4 Brick and tile (AL)	Depth unknown
21/9/13	19/11	1139	Block 1 or 2 Burnt area adjacent to pila (AL)	65-75cm
22/9/13	1/12	1140	Block 13 & 11 Cleaning down towards S in prep for charting 'well' end in N of trench. Chasing out the edge of the 'well' feature	Approx. 70cm
22/9/13	6/13	1141	Block 11 Located in North side of East wall bulk whilst taking that bulk down to search for the line of the 'well' within the trench.	Approx. 70cm
28/9/13	3/14	1142	Block 6 Finds from a lateral trench started mid-way between the South end and the wall feature. Discontinued after visit from Mark H. Approx. depth. 72cm from surface	72cm
29/9/13	18/15	1143	Block unknown (SS)	
6/10/13	12/16	1144	Block 4 and 6 in levelling the area to approx. 73cm - 2 Boxes	To 73cm
6/10/13	15/17	1145	Block 4 mini sondage	To 80cm
10/10/1 3	8/18	1146	Block 11, 12, 13, 14 finds found external to 'well' itself Contents of A	
10/10/1 3	11/19	1147	Block 11, 12, 13, 14 finds from inside the 'well' itself Contents of B	
12/10/1 3	13/20	1148	Blocks 7 & 8: Lateral sub-trench cut at approx. 3.8 m from S end across trench at depth 8cm to try to establish outside/inside delineation	73-81cm
17/10/1 3	14/21	1149	Block 7 & 8 Deeper layer of Context 13: A further depth 8-17cm	81-90cm

Finds Detail:

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 7 now 1/1125 Block 4 Location drawing back from RHS of Pila ie West wall of the trench working towards the North. Approx area 80cm wide, 2 m long at 40cm?? depth	13/8/13 JN Approx. 40cm depth
	Comments
11 tile fragments 1 ? brick fragment 1 UNC 3 limestone 2 opus chunks 28 painted plaster 12 large tesserae 4 small tesserae 2 shells/snails 3 smooth plaster polished	Plaster: 3 Red/White/Blue 2 Magenta 3 Red 1 White/Red/Blue 7 Blue 2 Blue/White 1 White/blue 1 Red/White More.....
	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 9 now 2/1126 Block 3-10 in the centre Sub trench dug down centre of TR2 from S towards the N from Pila seeking a change in texture to establish if there is a change in floor outside/inside. Sub trench dug approx. 35cm wide and depth???	30/8/13 JN
	

1 pot 3 sandstone tile 2 yellow mortar 1 yellow mortar with small painted plaster 2 fragments tile 1 fragment rounded roof tile 15 painted plaster	
TR2 2013: CONTEXT 4 now 3/1127 Blocks 1 and 3 Left hand side of Pila, drawing back to level area (except deeper sondages) to approx. 73cm from SE corner of trench to about 1.5m LHS only.	7/9/13 JN NOTES
	
2 chunks chalk 3 tile fragments 2 large tesserae 1 small fragment of flue tile 6 small tesserae 1 shell 1 glass 1 painted plaster 1 pot	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 5 now4/1128 Blocks 3,5&7 Drawing back from LHS of pila from about 1.5m along East wall 4m towards N edge	7/9/13 SS depth to approx. 73cm NOTES
	
5 tile fragments 4 large tesserae 2 small tesserae 1 triangular limestone tile 1 bone 1 shell 1 glass 1 fragment flue tile 2 pieces painted brick 1 piece painted plaster	
TR2 2013: Context 17 now 5/1129	20-22/9/13 AL
Block 1/2 60-80-cm	60-80cm depth
10 Brick and tile (1 flue, 1 tegula, ? 1 pot) 11 white tesserae 9 red tess 9 grey tess 2 samples burnt material 2 painted plaster 3 opus/plaster 8 pot 6 bone 6 snail 13 oyster	



TR2 2013: Context 21: now 6/1130	20-22/9/13
Unknown block 30-60cm	30-60cm depth
21 tesserae 4 nail 1 fragment glass 2 painted plaster 9 shell/oyster 12 pot 3 bone 5 brick and tile	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 2 now 7/1135 Block 9 Located in Southern side of East wall bulk whilst taking that bulk down and revealing a possible South edge to the 'well'.	21/9/2013 PD NOTES Possibly 85-90 depth at bottom
	
3 Limestone fragments 3 tesserae 1 painted plaster 16 odd tile fragments 1 tile? With glaze 4 large tile fragments 1 flue tile with part hole exposed 1 small edge tile 4 pieces yellow mortar/opus 1 tooth 1 piece pot 2 UNC	
TR2 2013: CONTEXT 10 now 8/1136 Blocks 13, 11 & 9 Located from area of 'well', inside 'well' and working way back through sub-trench between bulks E and W towards S. At same time as PD taking S end of E bulk subsequently to reveal possible S edge of 'well'	21/9/13 JN NOTES
8 fragments of tile 1 shell 3 chunks opus 2 small tesserae 4 limestone 1 pot	

TR2 2013: Context 16 now 9/1137	21/9/13 AL?
To be listed: in general tile, mortar, one pot	To be photo'd at storage

TR2 2013: Context 20 now 10/1138	21/9/13
Brick and tile from approx. Blocks 1-4 to 45cm	Approx. 45cm depth To be photo'd at storage

TR2 2013: Context 19 now 11/1139	21/9/13 AL
Burnt area adjacent to pila. Approx. Blocks 1,2	Approx. 72-75cm depth
10 painted plaster 1 glass fragment 9 pot 2 limestone 3 shell 1 bone 1 OS fragment 2 UNC 4 flue fragments (1 with hole) 1 Brick and tile 12 tesserae 4 very large pieces of OS flooring?	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 1 now 12/1140 Block 13 & 11 Cleaning down towards S in prep for charting 'well' end in N of trench. Chasing out the edge of the 'well' feature. Approx. 70-80cm depth	22/9/13 JN
1 Brick/stone 11 larger tile fragments (1 flue) 1 shelly pot, 1 other pot 2 small flue fragments 1 roof tile 1 UNC 2 triangular tile fragments 4 small tesserae 1 large tesserae 2 pot – red Oxford ware? 1 large sandstone slab 5 small sandstone fragments 2 chunks OS 3 painted plaster 1 chunk chalk	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 6 now 13/1141 Block 11 Located in North side of East wall bulk whilst taking that bulk down to search for the line of the 'well' within the trench. Approx depth??	22/9/13 JN NOTES
	Top of baulk approx. 30cm, bottom approx. 75cm
11 tile fragments (4 large: 2 roof tile) 4 other brick/pila fragments 1 shell 1 bone 3 chunks of opus 1 edged/right angle flue tile 2 flue tiles with ridges 1 flue/roof tile with hole 1 curved tile 1 piece edged glass 2 tesserae 2 limestone fragments 1 piece shelly pot	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 3 now 14/1142 Block 6 Finds from a lateral trench started mid-way between the South end and the wall feature. Discontinued after visit from Mark H. Approx. depth. 72cm from surface	28/9/13 JN
	
9 fragments of tile, 1 large and embedded in yellow mortar, 1 with opus surrounding and 1 small with flue tile marks 1 large chunk of OS 1 chunk of OS with smooth surface 2 chunks of yellow mortar attached to OS 7 painted plaster (red, dark blue, white with pink, white read, blue with white, red with white, large red/blue) 3 finished plaster, unpainted 1 tessera 1 pot	

TR2 2013: Context 18 now 15/1143	29/9/13 SS
Block unknown	Depth unknown.
19 Tesserae 2 painted plaster 5 shell 9 Brick and tile 7 pot	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 12 now 16/1144	6/10/13 JN
Finds from Block 4 and 6 in levelling the area to approx. 73cm - 2 Boxes Photo'd as one	Removal of remaining bulk adjacent to small sondage marked blue in plan
12 large chunks mortar, 2 with blackened surfaces 11 tile fragments 2 chunks chalk 1 unpainted plaster on smooth OS 6 painted plaster 2 pieces painted plaster with yellow mortar on top 4 tesserae 6 odd limestone fragments	

TR2 2013: Context 15 now 17/1145	6/10/13 JN
Block 4 Mini sondage	
5 chunks of yellow mortar 6 small fragments of tile/brick 1 piece limestone	No photo taken

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 8 now 18/1146 Block 13/14 external to actual 'well' Contents of A 10/10/13	10/10/13 Notes: full photo in Appendix
6 pila/brick fragments 10 small red tile fragments 5 limestone fragments 5 flue fragments 2 large brick/tile fragments, one with edge 2 chunks yellow mortar 3 shelly fragments - ?tile 5 bone 1 tooth 1 pot/mortarium 3 tesserae 6 oyster shells 1 black pot rim 1 black pot 2 small red pot 2 finer, sandy red pot – well tumbled 1 glazed both sides pot – well tumbled 1 fine single glazed pot – dark brown with white decoration 3 pieces painted plaster 1 piece of 5 small tesserae, joined Context 8 18/1146 Cont'd	

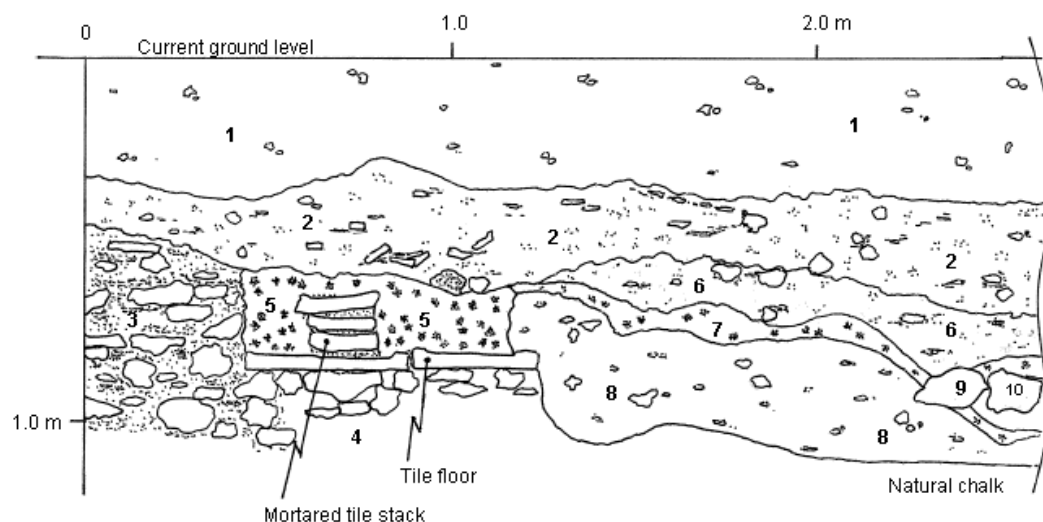
TR2 2013: CONTEXT 11 now 19/1147 Block 13/14 inside the 'well' Contents of B in Fig 2	10/10/13 JN
2 grey/brown shelly pot 11 red tile 1 with right angled edge(flue), 4 curved (2 roof tile: mortar attached) 1 brick/pila with OS attached 3 limestone fragment 3 Bone 4 fragments brick/tile 2 samples of OS chunks 1 shell 1 pot (black cooking pot?) 1 piece charcoal 4 odd tesserae 1 poss Oxford red	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 13 now 20/1148	12/10/13
Blocks 7 & 8: Lateral sub-trench cut at approx. 3.8m from S end, depth 83cm from surface across trench to try to establish outside/inside delineation	83-91cm depth. 380cm from south end, lateral trench
17 painted plaster 10 curved tile 1 piece charcoal 8 tesserae (1 very small) 9 limestone fragments 2 corner tiles 1 brick? 2 shelly tiles 1 flue tile 25 odd fragments of tile 1 rim 1 opus chunk 4 mortar bits	

TR2 2013: CONTEXT 14 now 21/1149	17/10/13
Block 7 & 8 Deeper layer of Context 13: A further depth 8-17cm	NOTES: 91-99cm depth, 380 cm from south end
LHS slot only at this depth 2 curved tile 2 flue tile 2 oyster shell 1 tessera 2 painted plaster 1 finished plaster 1 snail shell 15 fragments rough tile 9 chunks of mortar 2 chunks opus 1 glass fragment RHS slot only at this depth 1 tessera 2 painted plaster 8 fragments of tile 1 small piece of yellow mortar	No Photo There was a significant difference in quantity of finds in this lower section of the sub-trench. LHS finds are noted from the West wall to 1.20m. RHS finds are from this point to the East wall (80cm)

Appendix 2: Section drawings from 2011

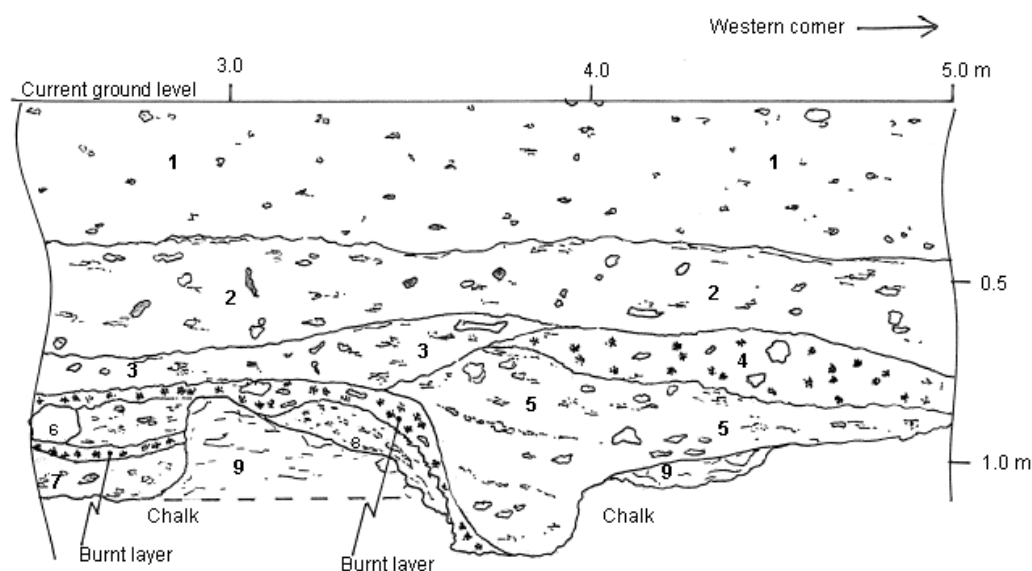
Southern corner



1 = Plough soil, 2 = Yellowish grey with chalk, building debris, 3 = Wall foundation, large stones, mortar
 4 = Flint foundation, 5 = Dark ash, 6 = Yellowish with mortar, building debris, 7 = Burning and building debris
 8 = Yellowish gravel, 9 = Lump of opus signinum, 10 = Lump of chalk

Mosaic trench – section of south western side, viewed from north east

Fig 1 Trench 1 2011 West Wall Plan RScarle

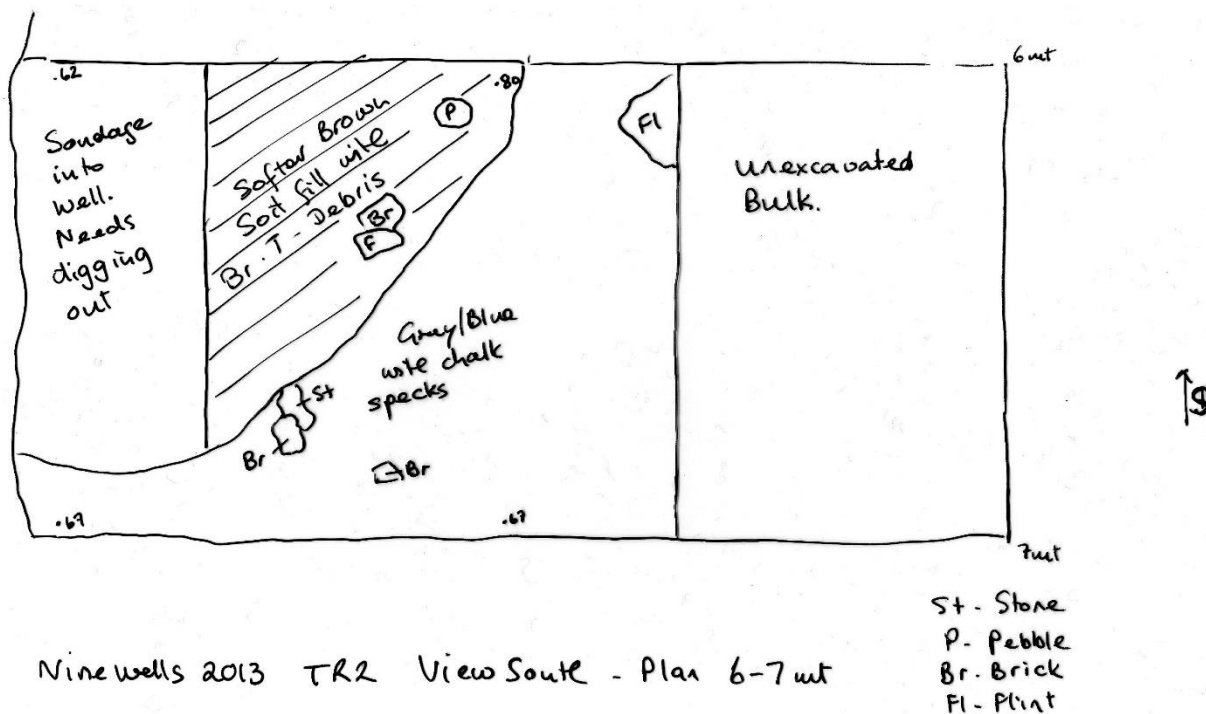


1 = Plough soil, 2 = Yellowish grey with chalk, building debris, 3 = Yellowish with mortar, building debris
 4 = Burning and building debris, 5 = Yellowish with mortar, chalk, building debris, 6 = Lump of chalk
 7 = Yellowish gravel, 8 = Hard orange deposit with opus signinum, 9 = Re-deposited chalk?

Mosaic trench – section of south western side (continued)

Fig 2 Trench 1 2011 West Wall Plan RScarle cont'd

Fig 3: Block 13 and 14 Plan



Nine Wells 2013 TR2 View South - Plan 6-7m

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