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Concordance of sites and summary details of archive

(site names, abbreviations and excavation codes are in **bold**)

School Lane or **Lower Cambourne** (Area A) excavated by VB 1999 – **45977 (LC)**

Contexts 100 – 394
Graphics 1 – 67
Samples 1000 – 1051
Small finds 2000 – 2006

Lower Cambourne Green (JW) – 45978 (LCG)

Area B

Contexts 1-999
Small finds 1-49
Samples 1-
Evaluation trenches - **45976** 304-309

Area C (Technically Lower Cambourne Collector Roads) – **45978 (Area C)**

Contexts 1000-3000
Small finds 50-600
Samples *-<400
Evaluation trenches - **45976** 347-9, 351-3

Area D (Technically LC16) (Under social housing and not yet excavated, finds from metal detecting of topsoil)

Contexts 5001-5727 (not continuous)
Graphics -808
Small finds 1501-1530

Grange Great Common Farm (May have **Manor Grange** on site records, AM, supervised by ZC/CS) – **45978 (GR)**

Contexts 10,001-10,120 (with gaps)
Samples 11,001-11,004
Small finds None
Drawings 14,001-14,021
Evaluation trenches- **45976** 268, 269, 270, 272 and 273

~~**Great Common Farm**~~ **The Grange (Manor Grange** written on site records, AM, supervised by ZC/CS then JB) – **45978 (GCF)**

Contexts 20,001-20,999
Drawings 21,001-21,071
Samples 22,001-22062
Photos 23,001-23,024
Small finds 24,001-24,008
Evaluation trenches- **45976** 274-6

Caxton Bypass (AM, supervised by ZC/CS) – **45978 (CB)**

Contexts 30,001-30,212
Samples 31,001-31,018
Small finds 32,000 None used

Photos 33,001-33,012
Drawings 34,001-34,038
Evaluation trenches - **45976**

Mill Farm (AM, supervised by ZC/CS then PP) – **45978 (MF)**

Contexts 40,001-40,320
Small finds 41,001-41,025
Samples 42,001-42,028
Photos 43,001-43,018
Drawings 44,001-44,073
Evaluation trenches - **45976**

Broadway Farm (AM, supervised by ZC/CS) – **45978 (BF)**

Contexts 50,001-50,098
Samples 51,001-51,014
Small finds 52,001-52,001
Photos 53,001-53,008
Drawings 54,001-54,030
Evaluation trenches - **45976** 242, 243, 247-53

Knapwell Plantation (AM supervised by DM) - **45972 (KP)**

Contexts 60,001-60,797
Small finds 61,001-61,061
Samples 62,001-62,079
Photos 63,001-63,042
Drawings 64,001-64,137
Evaluation trenches - **45976** 434-450

Phase 4&5 Spine Sewer (JW evaluation) **45975**

Contexts 60,801-61,302 (with gaps)
Sample 61,206
Drawings ???

Monk Field Farm (DG, supervised by BH) **45978 (MFF)**

Contexts 70,001-70,133
Drawings 71,001-71,039
Films 72,001-72,008
Samples 73,001-73,003

Poplar Plantation (technically GC10/11 and wrongly called LC10/11 on site records)
(JW) **45978**

Contexts 72,001-72,445 (not continuous)
Samples 74,001-74,036
Graphics 75,001-75,038

Jeavons Lane (AM, supervised by CB) – **50068 (JL)**

Contexts 80,001-80,899
Small finds 81,001-81,158
Samples 82,001-82,107
Photos 83,001-83,041

Drawings 84,001-84,173
Evaluation trenches - **45976** 516-534 and 542-576

Little Common Farm (DG, supervised by BH) **45978I** (*LCF*)

Contexts 90,001-90,497 - Note! 90,276-90,281 not used
Drawings 91,001-91,111
Films 92,001-91,020
Samples 93,001-93,036
Small finds 94,001-94,017

***Upper Cambourne** (RE, supervised by SG) **45976** Evaluation

Contexts 16,1401-17,3803 (with gaps)
Small finds 81,159
Samples 90276-90281
Drawings 614; 623; 715; 717; 718 and 16404-172718 (with gaps)
Evaluation Trenches 614-738

Unpublished Client Report 45976.13

***Playing Field Drainage** (RE) **45975** Watching Brief

Contexts 17,3901-17,4200 (with gaps)
Drawings 174201-2 (with gaps)
Trenches 739-742

Unpublished Client Report 45975.3

***The Fields** (RE) **45973**

Mitigation (trenches and test pits)
Evaluation trenches 765-775
Contexts 176501-177509 (with gaps)

Unpublished Client Report Report 45973.3

*All context numbers prefixed with number 1 due to a duplication affecting the
Compilation Access Database



Development Area



Ridge and furrow



Cropmarks



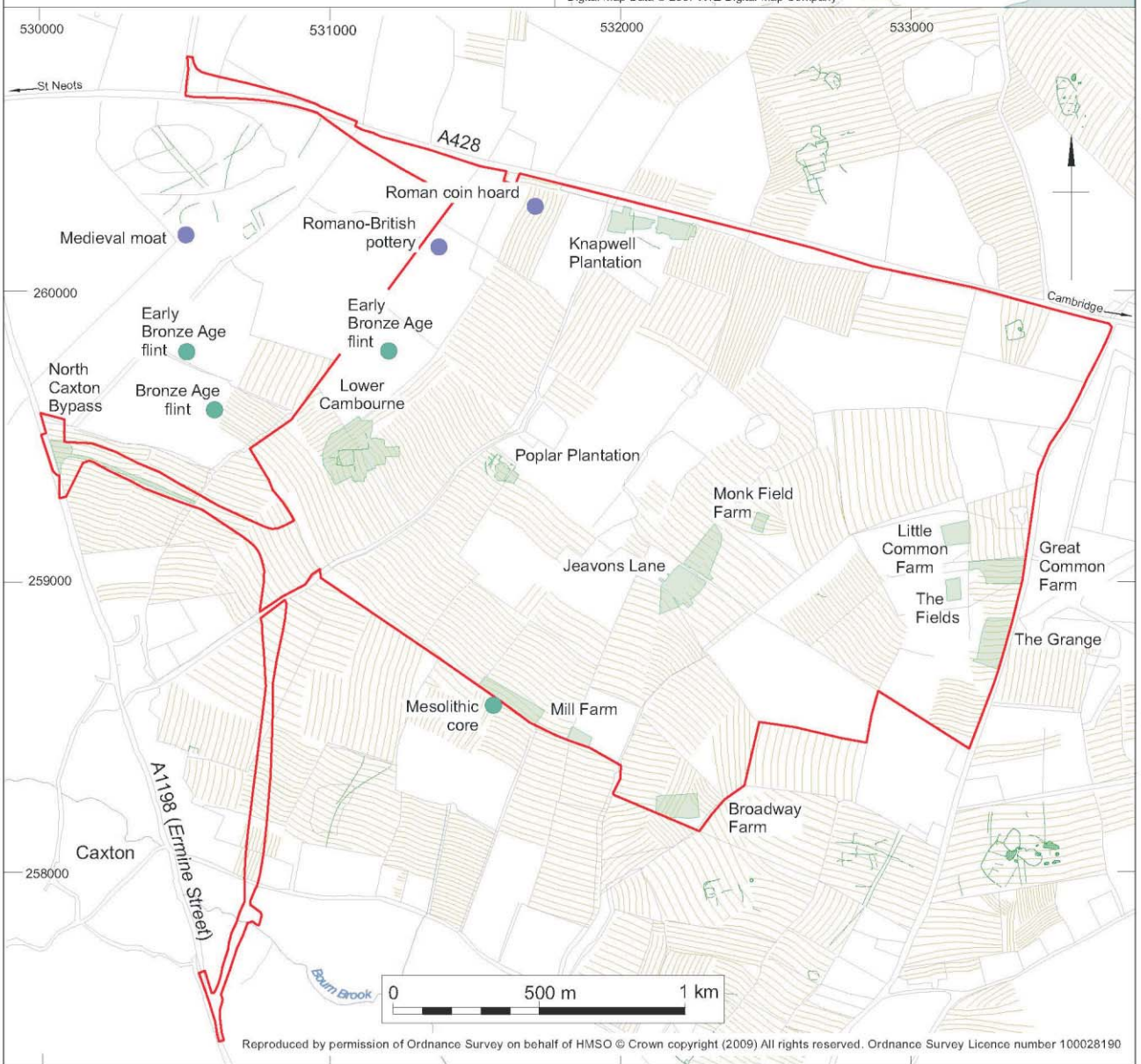
HER data



Fieldwalking data (WA 1989)



Excavation area



PHASE	1 (MBA-LBA)	2A (M/LIA)	2B (M/LIA-ERB)	2C (ERB)	3A (M-LRB)	3B (M-LRB)	4 (Saxon)	5 (Med)	6 (P-med-mod)
North Caxton Bypass						✓		✓	✓
Lower Cambourne	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Poplar Plantation			✓					✓	✓
Mill Farm	✓					✓		✓	✓
Knapwell Plantation		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
Jeavons Lane			✓			✓		✓	✓
Broadway Farm			✓					✓	✓
Monk Field Farm						✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Common Farm			✓					✓	✓
The Fields			✓		✓			✓	✓
Great Common Farm						✓		✓	✓
The Grange						✓	✓	✓	✓

Twelve excavations were carried out by Wessex Archaeology within the Cambourne Development Area. Situated on the clay uplands west of Cambridge, which have seen little previous archaeological investigation, the results presented here are important in demonstrating the ebb and flow of occupation according to population or agricultural pressure.

Short-lived Bronze Age occupation was followed in the Middle Iron Age by small farming communities with an economy based on stock-raising and some arable cultivation. The Late Iron Age seems to have seen a recession, perhaps partly due to increased waterlogging making farming less viable.

From the mid-1st century AD new settlements began to emerge, possibly partly stimulated by the presence of Ermine Street, and within a century the area was relatively densely occupied. Several farmsteads were remodelled in the later Romano-British period, though none seems to have been very prosperous.

Dispersed occupation may have continued into the early 5th century at least, followed by a hiatus until the 12th/13th century when the entire area was taken into arable cultivation, leaving the ubiquitous traces of medieval ridge and furrow agriculture.

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