

# Background & Planning

Excavations at Somerton Road, Langport, Somerset

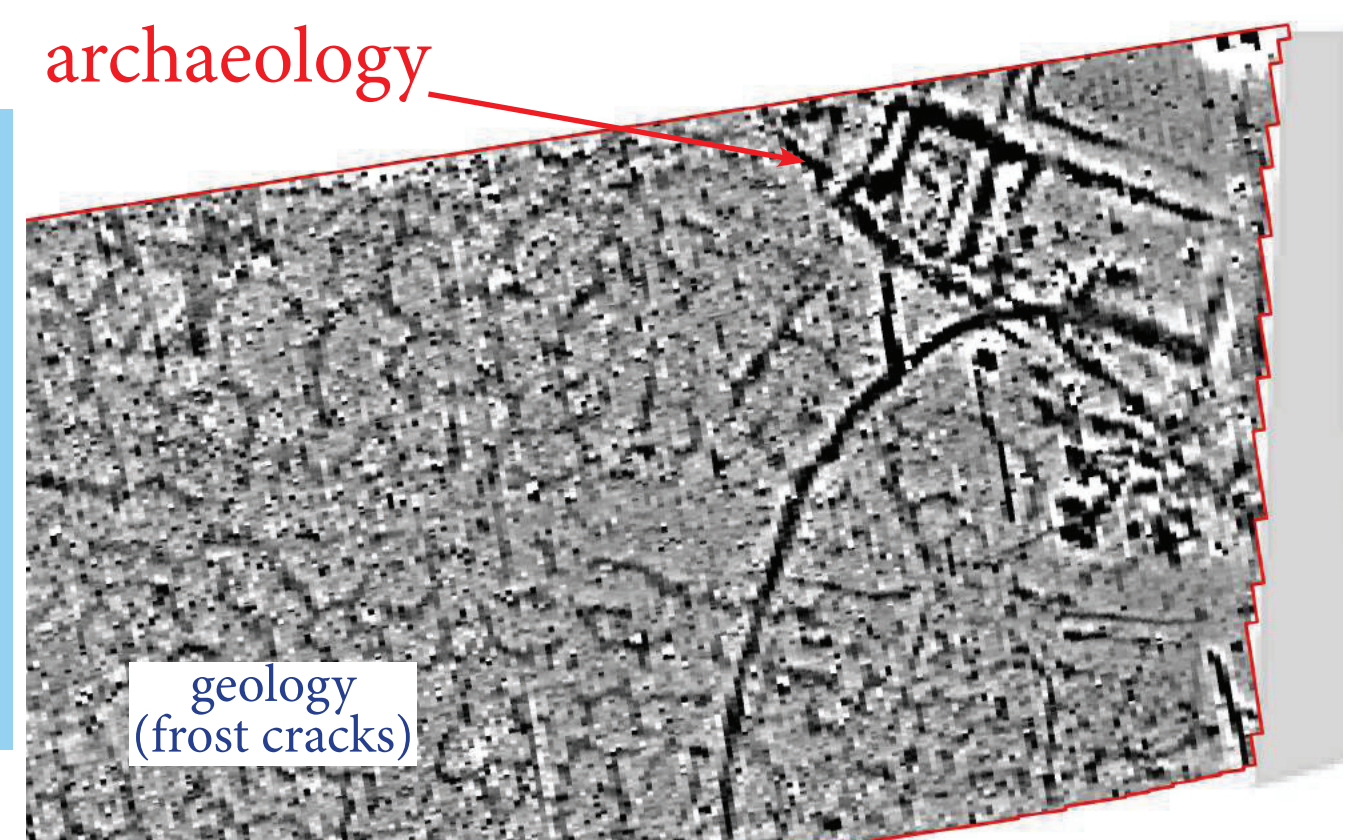
This open day is an opportunity for you to get up close to the Roman villa recently uncovered prior to the development of the field in which it lies. It is just the final part of a larger programme of archaeological works that have been ongoing for many years. TVAS South West who have carried out the excavation have been digging on site since January 2025. Prior to this the site has been through a number of archaeological investigations as a condition of the granting of planning permission and all funded by the developer, Abri.

**April 2020**

## Geophysical Survey

The use of geophysical survey equipment (usually magnetic) to map subsurface features within the development area and analysis of the results to identify potential archaeological features.

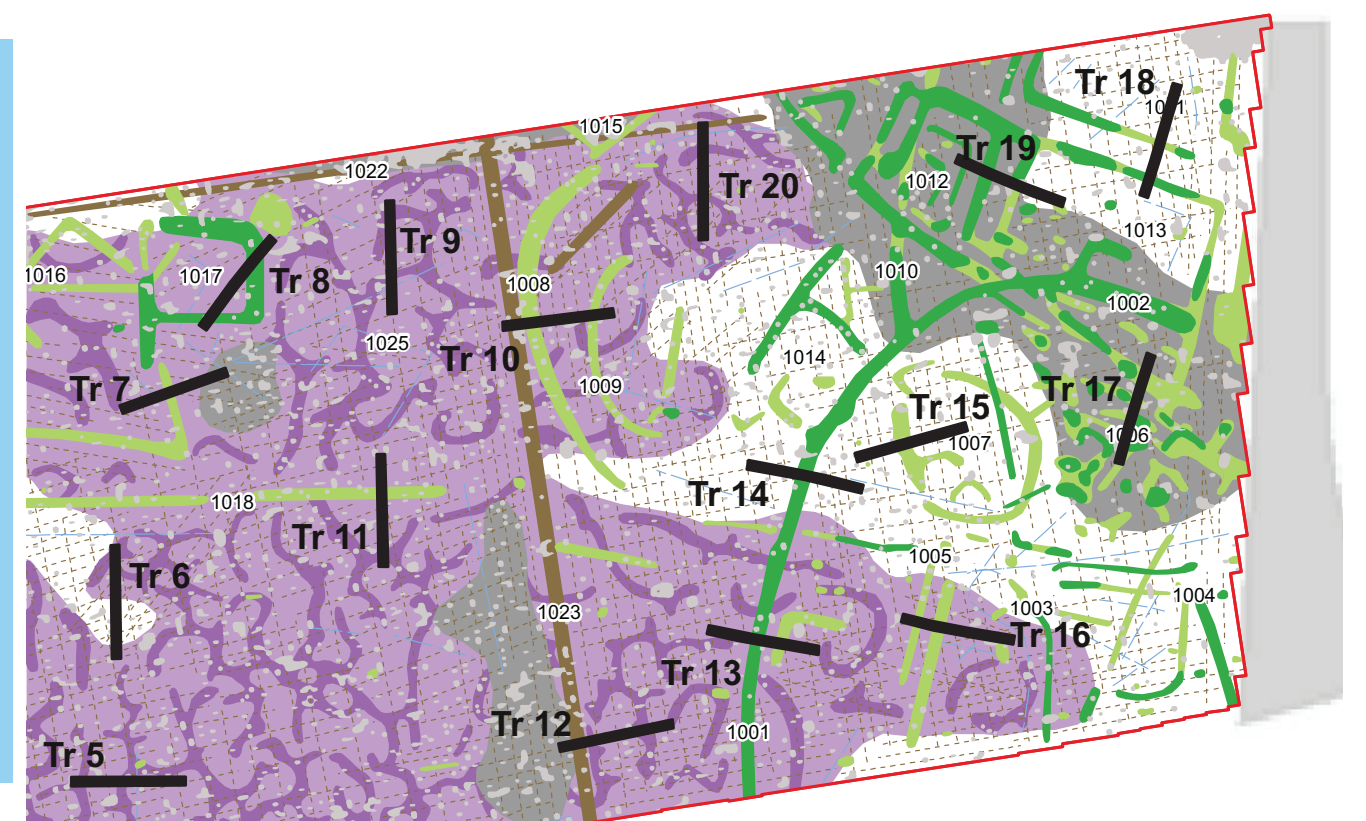
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## Evaluation

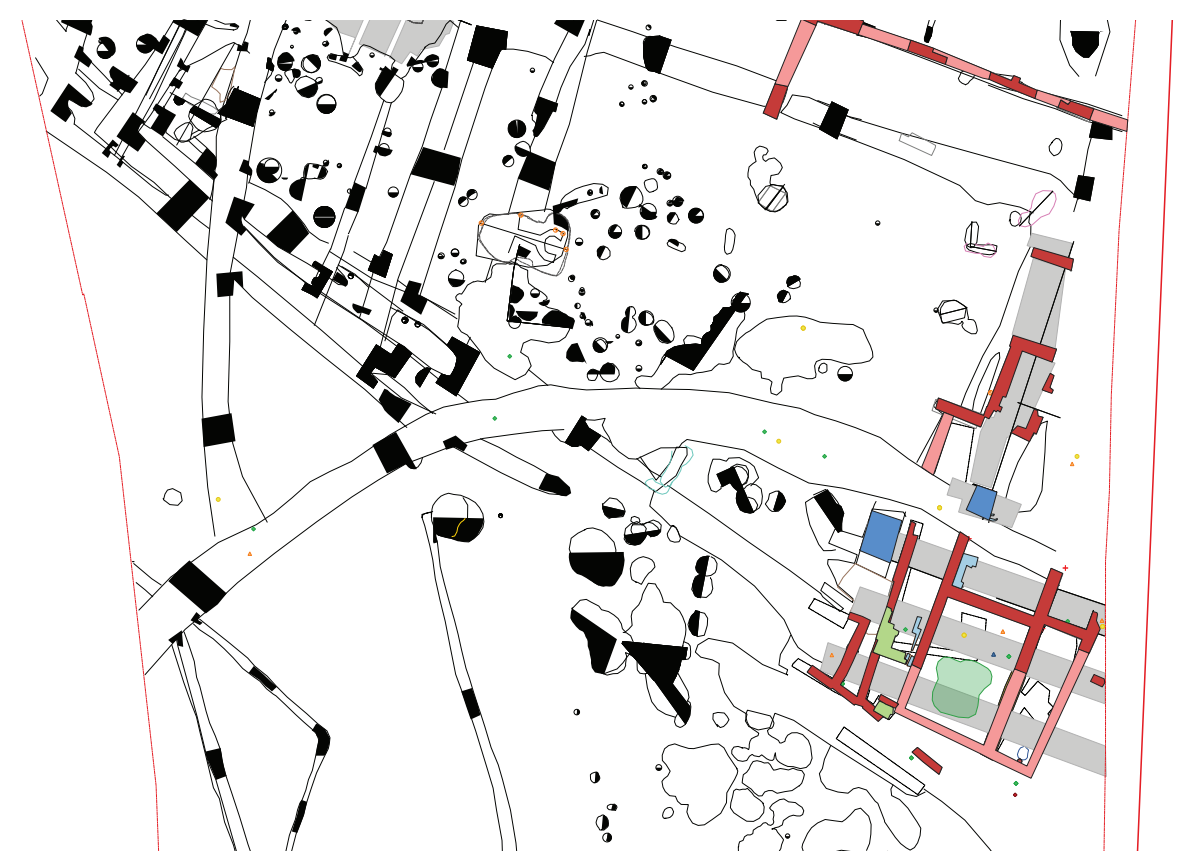
The digging of trial trenches across the area of development, with some targeting potential archaeological features identified by geophysical survey. Any archaeology found is excavated by hand and recorded.



**January 2025 - today**

## Excavation

Soil is stripped off a wide area where all archaeology is investigated, recorded and all finds are recovered. In the case of ditches 20% of each feature is dug in the case of pits or smaller features it is 50% and for structures and burials it is 100%.



## What happens next?

Once all archaeological activity is completed on site the process of post excavation begins. All of the information gained from the excavations is collated and analysed, with finds being sent to the relevant experts for study. The results of this is then written up into a report which is later published. All finds and archives are sent to a local museum for safe long term storage. These will be accessible for anyone to study.

