

# Background & Planning



Excavations at Main Road, Dumbleton, Gloucestershire

This open day is an opportunity for you to get up close to the Late Iron Age and Roman site recently uncovered prior to the development of the field in which it lies. This is the final part of a larger programme of archaeological works that began with a desk-based assessment in 2021.

TVAS North Midlands in association with ADAS have been digging on site since March 2026. 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, Centaur Homes.

**February 2023**

## Geophysical Survey

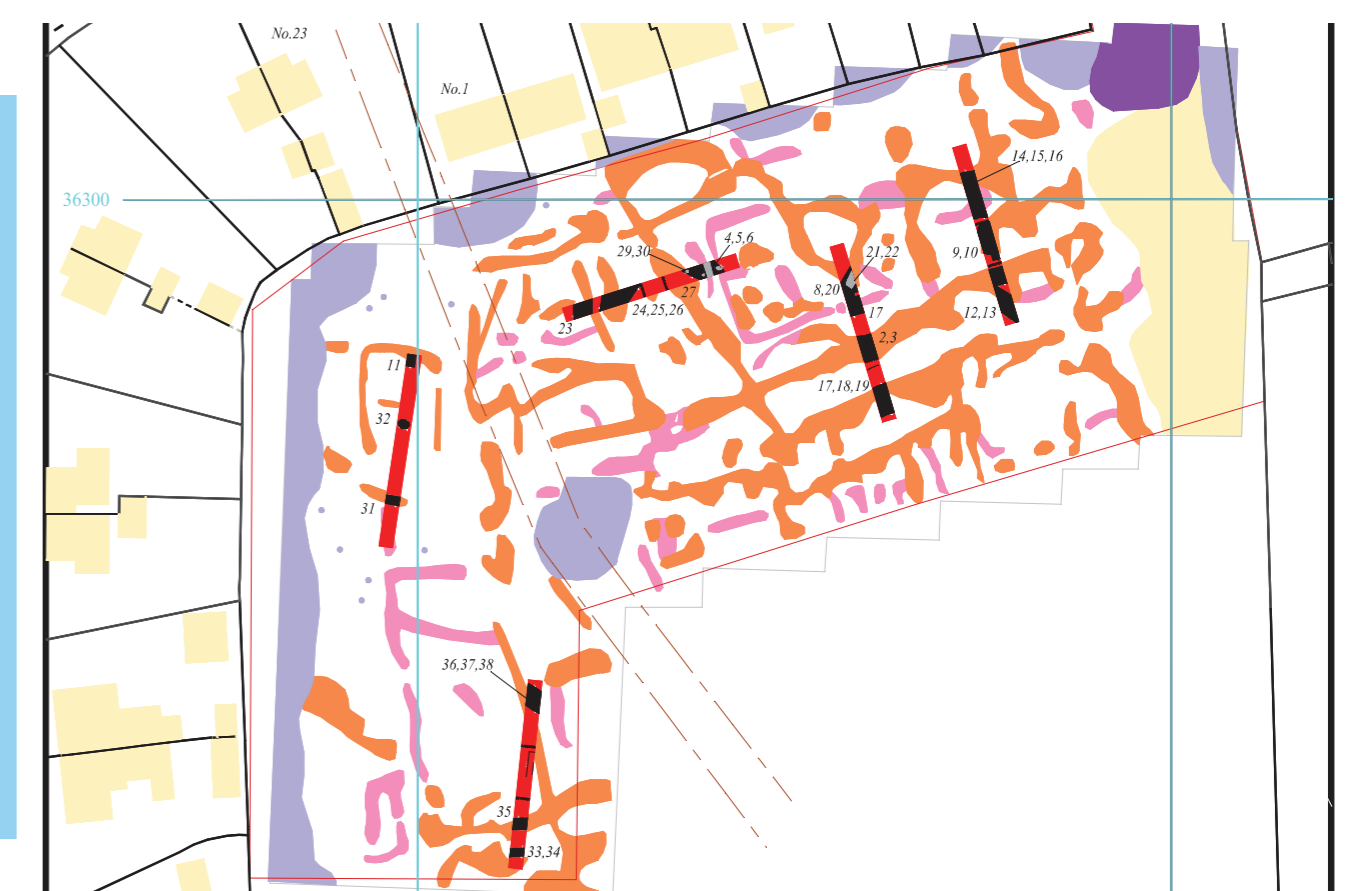
The use of geophysical survey equipment (usually magnetic) to map subsurface features within the development area and analysis of the results to identify potential archaeological features.



**April 2023**

## Evaluation

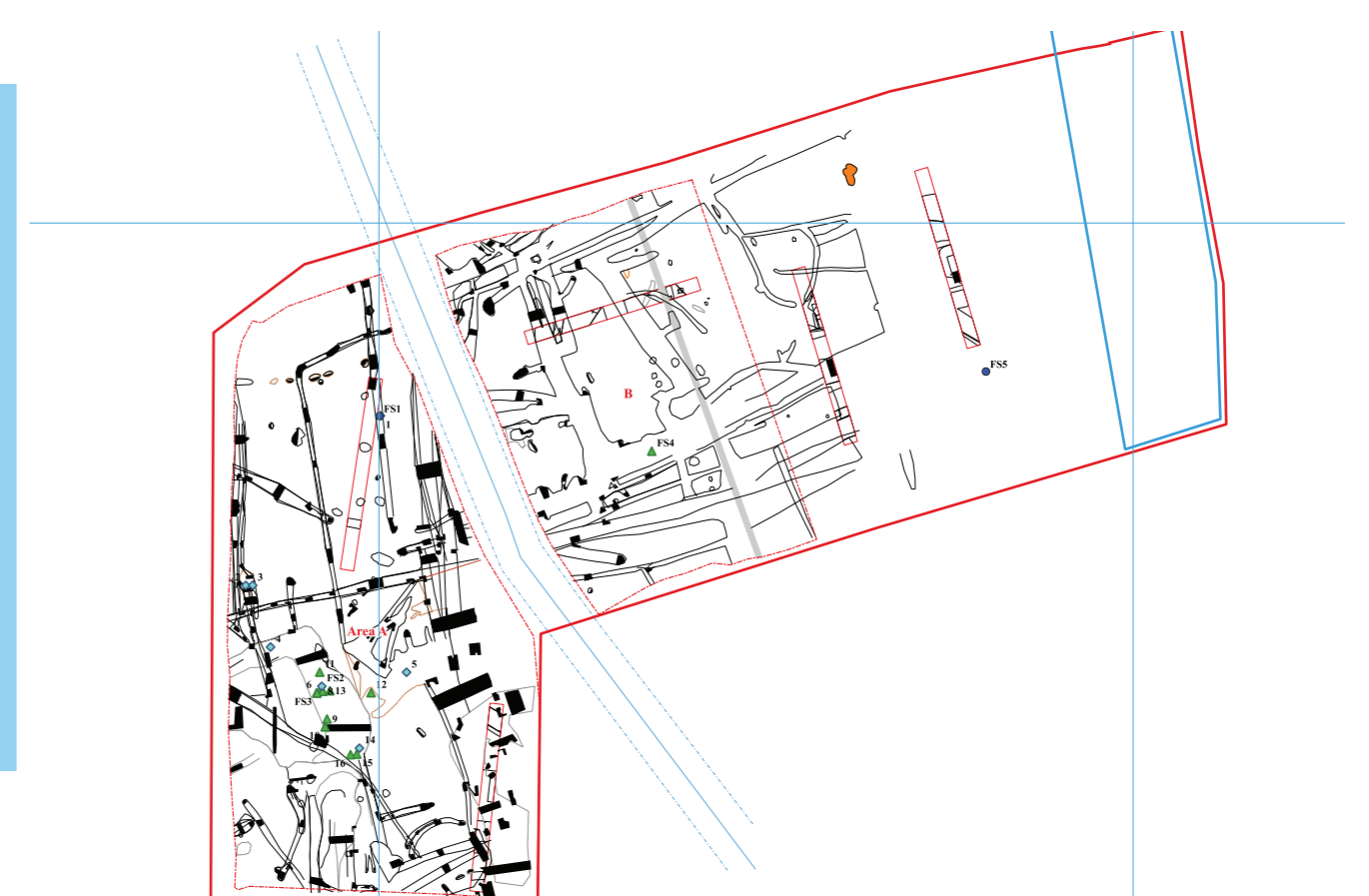
The digging of trial trenches across the area of development, with some targeting any potential archaeological features identified by the earlier geophysical survey. Any archaeology found is excavated by hand and recorded.



**March 2026 - 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 about 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 of the 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 are 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.

