

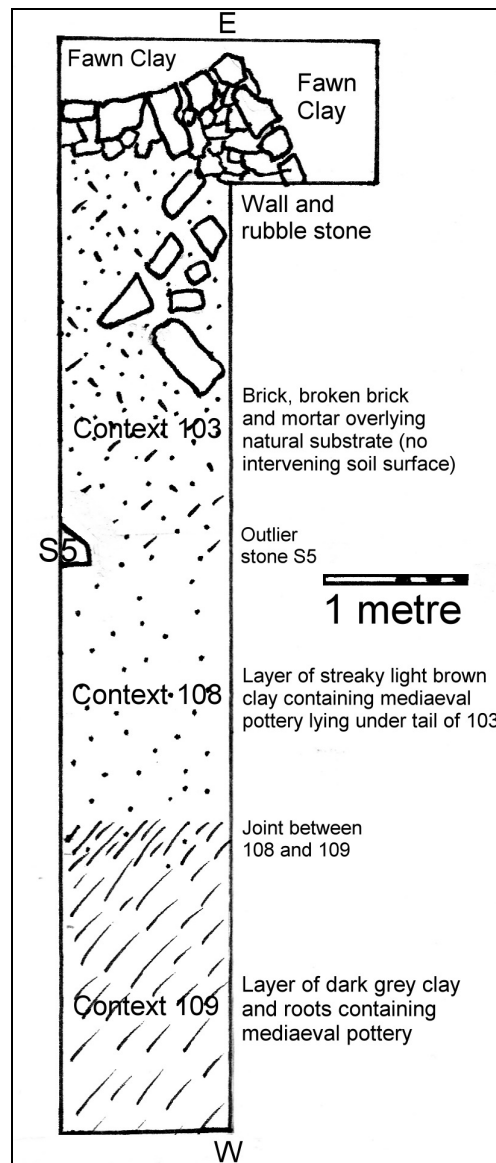
Update May 2015: Plan of Section Trench 1



On the 27th of May we returned to Ian's garden to do some checking arising from the work we are doing towards the written report on his garden. The checking in this case arose from the question of whether the wall remains we found in the top end of the section trench represented the start of a turn.

The picture on the left shows the edge of the wall remains in the trench lying against the fawn clay layer which seems to be the natural substrate, and you can see what appears to be a curve in the line of the wall against the clay.

In order to check whether the curve continued and if so at what radius, we added another test pit 1m x 1m adjacent to the top end of the trench, thus on the right hand side of this picture. We found that the wall remains did not continue to curve, but came back in a diagonal direction as you can see in this plan of the trench with the test pit added to the existing work.



I am afraid I can draw no conclusions from this oddly shaped outcome, there is simply not enough information. At the moment then I am working my way through the report for Ian's garden (don't hold your breath) and there are still some outstanding questions that need to be answered if at all possible.

In the meantime I have an invitation in a couple of weeks to look at the Roman pottery in Mansfield Museum, and we have received a very complimentary email from our colleagues in the Sherwood Archaeological Society about the quality of our Portway road report.