

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 031

Years of experience: 6 years

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Shovel, mattock, spade, trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Overcast and warm

Time taken: 3 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by marking out an excavation unit of 1m by 1.5m around the area of the grave. The participant then drew a plan of the excavation unit. The participant then proceeded to de-turf the excavation unit, and remove the replaced turf from the grave structure. The participant then started to excavate the excavation unit by removing spits of soil 10cm at a time with a mattock, shovel and spade. When the participant reached the 10cm spit point the level was smoothed out using a trowel and a hand shovel. The participant would then plan the excavation unit. The participant would also annotate the plans and describe the composition of the 10cm spit that had just been excavated, complete a unit level recording form and note down any evidence that had been located.

When evidence was located, the participant would excavate around the item placing it on a pedestal until the spit had been completely excavated. Then the item was photographed, lifted, and placed in an evidence bag and the pedestal removed. This process continued until the participant reached the base of the grave. A total of three spits were excavated, each of which mixed the various fills contained within the grave, resulting in the participant only recognising two of the fills contained within the grave. The flat-bottomed spits also resulted in the dimensions of each fill being malformed, and therefore incorrectly recorded as flat topped and bottomed.

The participant stored each spit that was removed separately, on different tarpaulins. The participant, however, did not sieve any of the spits removed from the grave.

This process resulted in a number of the fills contained within the grave becoming intermixed, and the grave cut being destroyed. In addition, by not maintaining the boundaries of the grave cut, the participant contaminated the fills from within the cut with non-disturbed soils that had been removed using this method. This could have resulted in unrelated evidence from outside the grave cut becoming intermixed with the evidence from the actual grave, leading investigators to spend time and resources on extraneous evidence.

Table 8.91 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 031:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	No	Yes	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
Total:		2	1	1	7
Percentage:		22.22%	50.00%	50.00%	77.78%

Table 8.92 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 031:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	No	Yes
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		6	4
Percentage:		60.00%	40.00%

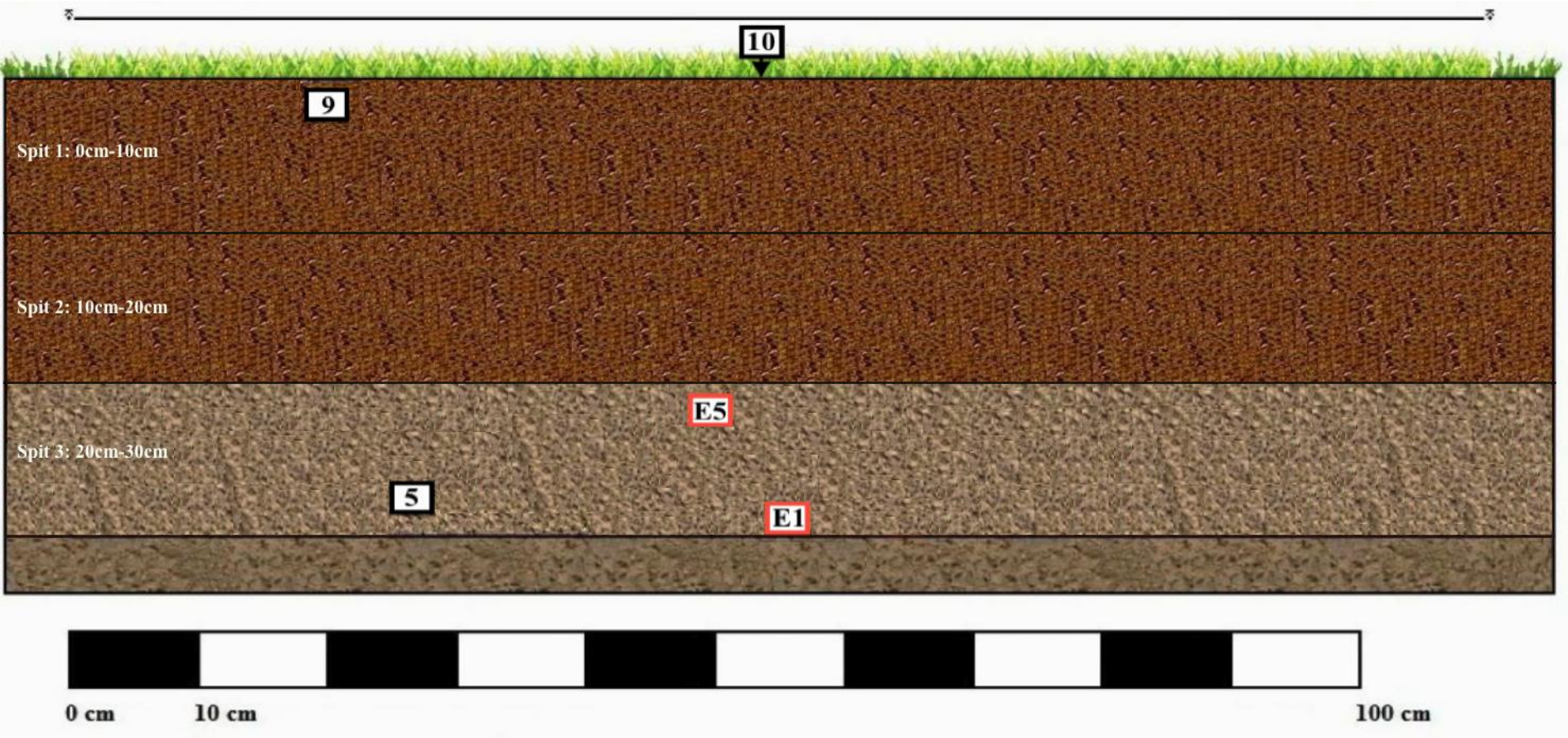
Figure 8.61 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 031's grave:



Table 8.93 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 031's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	No	Yes
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	No	Yes
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	No	Yes
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	No	Yes
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	No	Yes
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	No	Yes
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	No	Yes
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
	Total:	5	19
	Percentage:	20.83%	79.17%

Figure 8.62 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 031's grave:



Archaeologist 031's narrative

Removed the turf (possibly recently replaced). Marked out an excavation unit perimeter.

Began to mattock the earth. Excavated the first spit to 10cm and drew a plan when reached. Then a period of more careful excavation ensued with the use of a tape measure and trowel. From the 10cm spits that were excavated and planned, there appeared to be changes in the colour of soil, but this wasn't apparent in the spits apart from the latter spit in which distinctive sand appeared. Due to the method used layers didn't appear distinctive. About 30cm down a blue material dress began to become revealed, and following the spit method I excavated the area around the dress leaving it on a pedestal. When excavating around the dress, the soil was very compact and I noted that I must have reached the bottom of the feature. Once I removed the dress and placed it into an evidence bag I looked underneath the dress to search for other evidence. In terms of the feature's formation process, it appears that the perpetrator dug a rectangular pit approximately 30cm deep, in which they placed a blue and white striped dress, laid out flat. After which sand was deposited. Then the excavated soil that was removed during the digging of the grave was put back in the grave and turf put on top to try and hide the grave. Later, when investigating the spoil heap an ID card was found. This was likely to have been deposited in the grave after the dress.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 032

Years of experience: 1 year

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Clear and hot

Time taken: 2 1/4 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut using a trowel and a hand shovel. Three 10cm spits were excavated in total. Once each spit had been excavated the participant would complete a unit level recording form and would draw a plan of the spit.

When material evidence was identified the participant would circumscribe the item and keep it on a soil pedestal until the excavation of the spit was completed. Once the spit was recorded the item would be photographed and its spatial location recorded. It would then be transferred to an evidence bag. This excavation and recording processes continued until the base of the grave was reached.

By maintaining the grave cut the participant preserved any potential tool marks and spent less energy excavating the feature. However, as with the previous participant, through excavating 10cm spits at a time the multiple fills contained within the feature became intermixed, enabling the participant to only identify two fills. The dimensions of these fills were also inaccurately documented, as the methodological approach was unable to capture sloped fills. The participant also knocked several items off of pedestals. This meant that there was a risk, if this accident had gone unnoticed, that the evidence would become lost or contaminated.

The participant did not sieve the spoil. However, each spit's spoil was kept in separate sections on a tarpaulin so if investigators found any evidence it could be associated with an approximate location i.e. spit 1.

Table 8.94 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 032:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Total:		6	6	0	3
Percentage:		66.67%	100.00%	0.00%	33.33%

Table 8.95 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 032:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

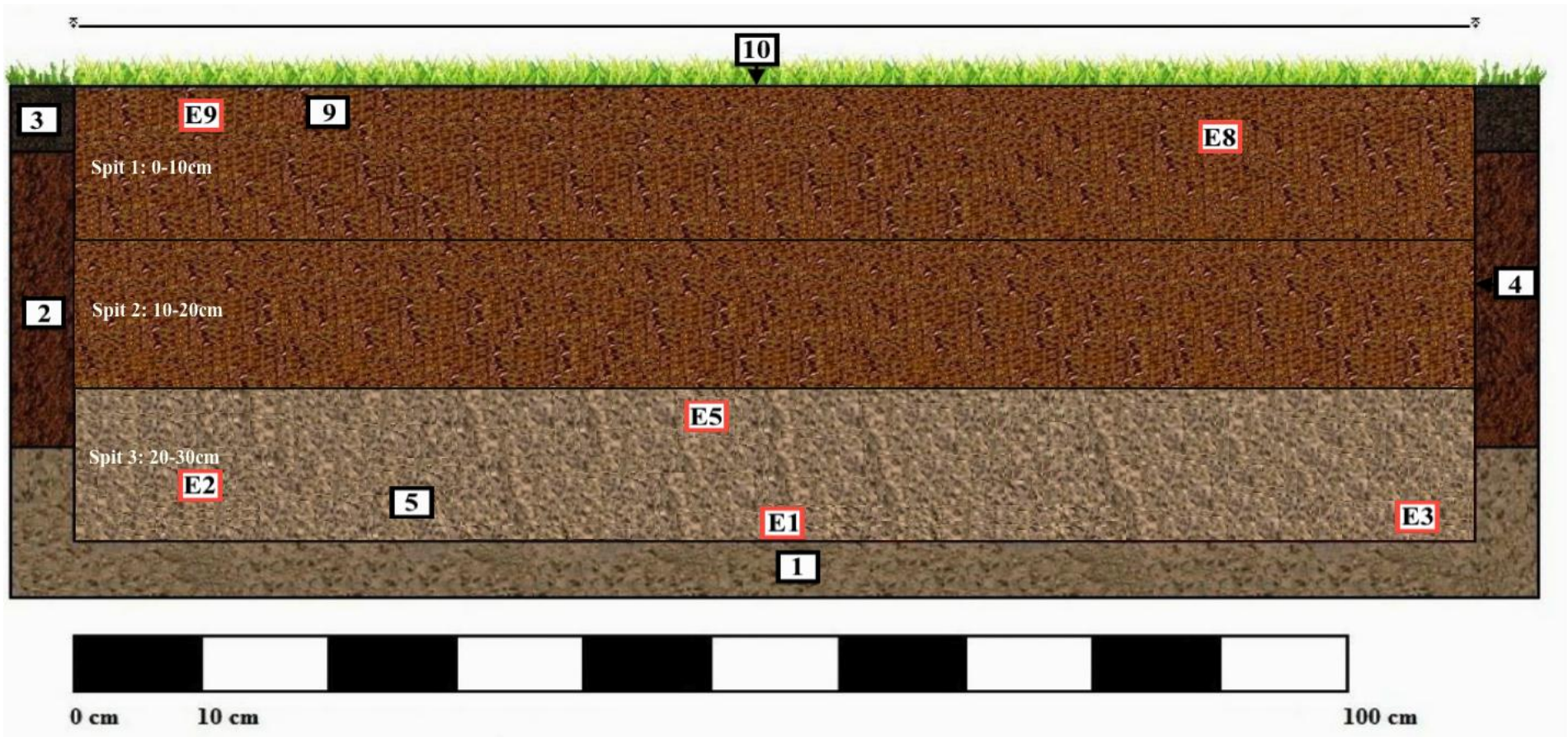
Figure 8.63 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 032's grave:



Table 8.96 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 032's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	Yes	No
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	Yes	No
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	Yes	No
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	No	Yes
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	Yes	No
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	Yes	No
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	Yes	No
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
Total:		12	12
Percentage:		50.00%	50.00%

Figure 8.64 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 032's grave:



Archaeologist 032's narrative

The grave was dug using spits of 10cm depth. After each spit was excavated a unit level form was completed and a plan was drawn. On the basis of the findings of this excavation the following conclusions can be drawn:

The grave was constructed with two deposits – one composed of soil removed in the initial excavation of the grave by the perpetrator, and the other composed of imported sand. These deposits were put into the grave after the perpetrator had laid the dress against the base of the grave.

Spit 1 (0-10cm) contained cigarette papers and an earring.

Spit 2 (10cm-20cm) no evidence was found.

Spit 3 (20cm-30cm) contained an ID card, a lighter, a two pence coin and a dress.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 033

Years of experience: 1 year

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Clear and hot

Time taken: 2 3/4 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut, using a trowel and a hand shovel. Three 10cm spits were excavated in total. After each spit was excavated a plan would be drawn, photographs taken, and a unit level recording form completed. The participant also made additional notes in a notebook.

When material evidence was located it was kept on a soil pedestal until the excavation of the spit was completed. As with the previous participant, this led to some evidence being knocked off of pedestals as the excavation progressed. Additionally, as was found with the other participants using this technique, the process of excavating arbitrarily defined spits led to the different fills becoming mixed and the participant only identifying two of the fills within the grave. The dimensions of these fills were distorted by the excavation approach as the method failed to preserve the integrity of the sloped fills.

The participant did not sieve the extracted spoil, but did store each spit's spoil separately.

Table 8.97 Material evidence identified by archaeologist 033:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Total:		6	6	0	3
Percentage:		66.67%	100.00%	0.00%	33.33%

Table 8.98 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 033:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

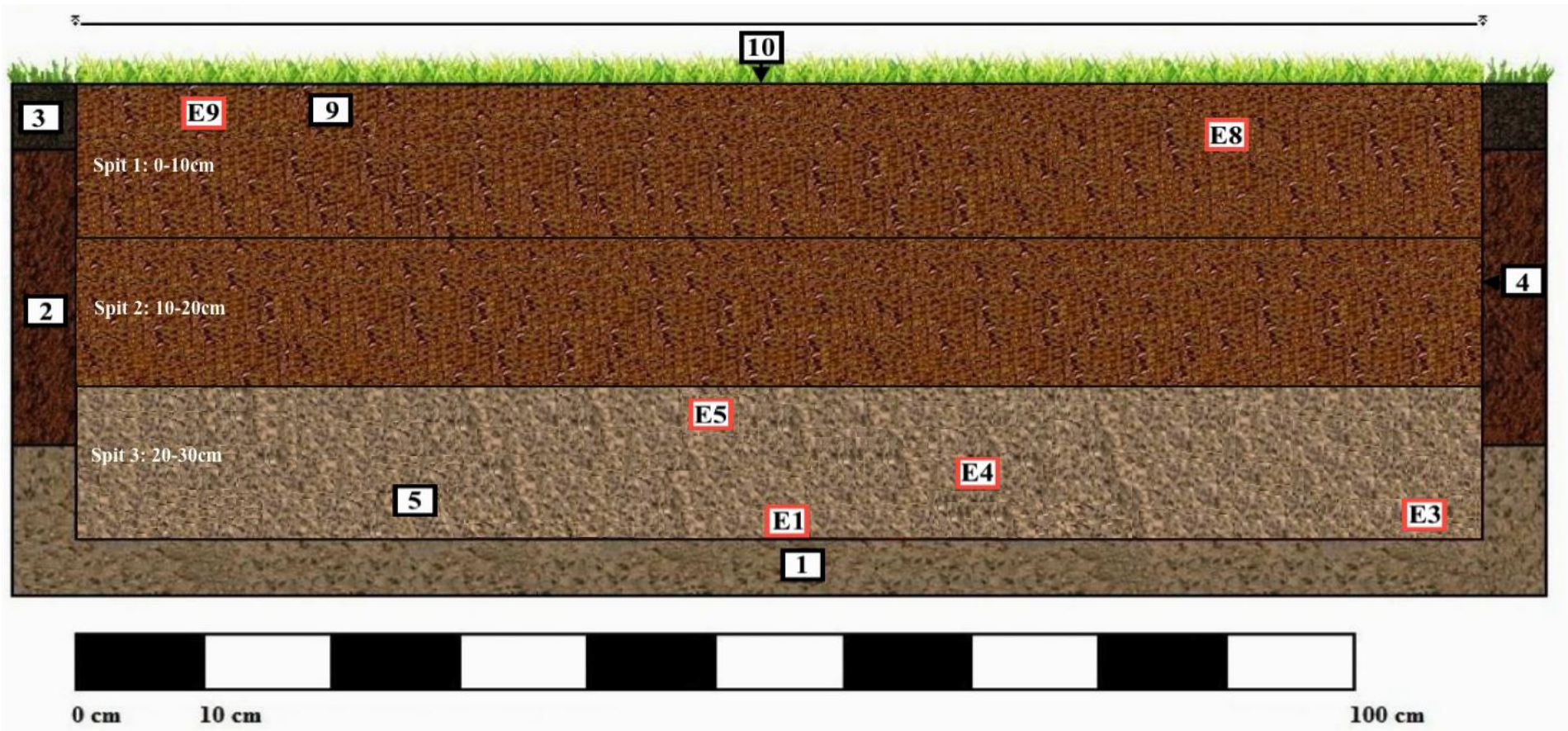
Figure 8.65 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 033's grave:



Table 8.99 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 033's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	No	Yes
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	Yes	No
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	Yes	No
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	No	Yes
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	Yes	No
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	Yes	No
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	Yes	No
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
Total:		11	13
Percentage:		45.83%	54.17%

Figure 8.66 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 033's grave:



Archaeologist 033's narrative

A rectangular feature was dug (110cm long, 40cm wide, 30cm deep).

A blue and white striped dress was placed on the bottom of the feature.

Sand was then added to the feature, on top of the dress, into which a lighter, fake nail and ID card was thrown.

Spoil from the original digging of the feature was then put back into the feature, into which an earring and packet of cigarette papers were thrown.

Turf was then put back over the grave in an attempt to conceal it.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 034

Years of experience: 1 year

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Clear and hot

Time taken: 3 1/2 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut, using a trowel and a hand shovel. Three 10cm spits were excavated in total. As with previous users of this method, once a spit was excavated, the participant would draw a plan, take photographs, and complete a unit level recording form.

Once material evidence was identified it would be kept on a soil pedestal until the excavation of the spit was completed, after which, the participant would record its location on the plans and unit level recording form and remove it. This approach again, resulted in the participant only identifying two fills, as the fills all became intermingled as the excavation progressed. Therefore, the dimensions recorded for each of the fills recognised were incorrect and evidence items were defined as originating from the wrong fill.

The participant did not sieve the spoil extracted from the grave. Instead, the participant would inspect the spoil by hand as it was being transferred to the tarpaulin.

Table 8.100 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 034:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Total:		7	7	0	2
Percentage:		77.78%	100.00%	0.00%	22.22%

Table 8.101 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 034:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

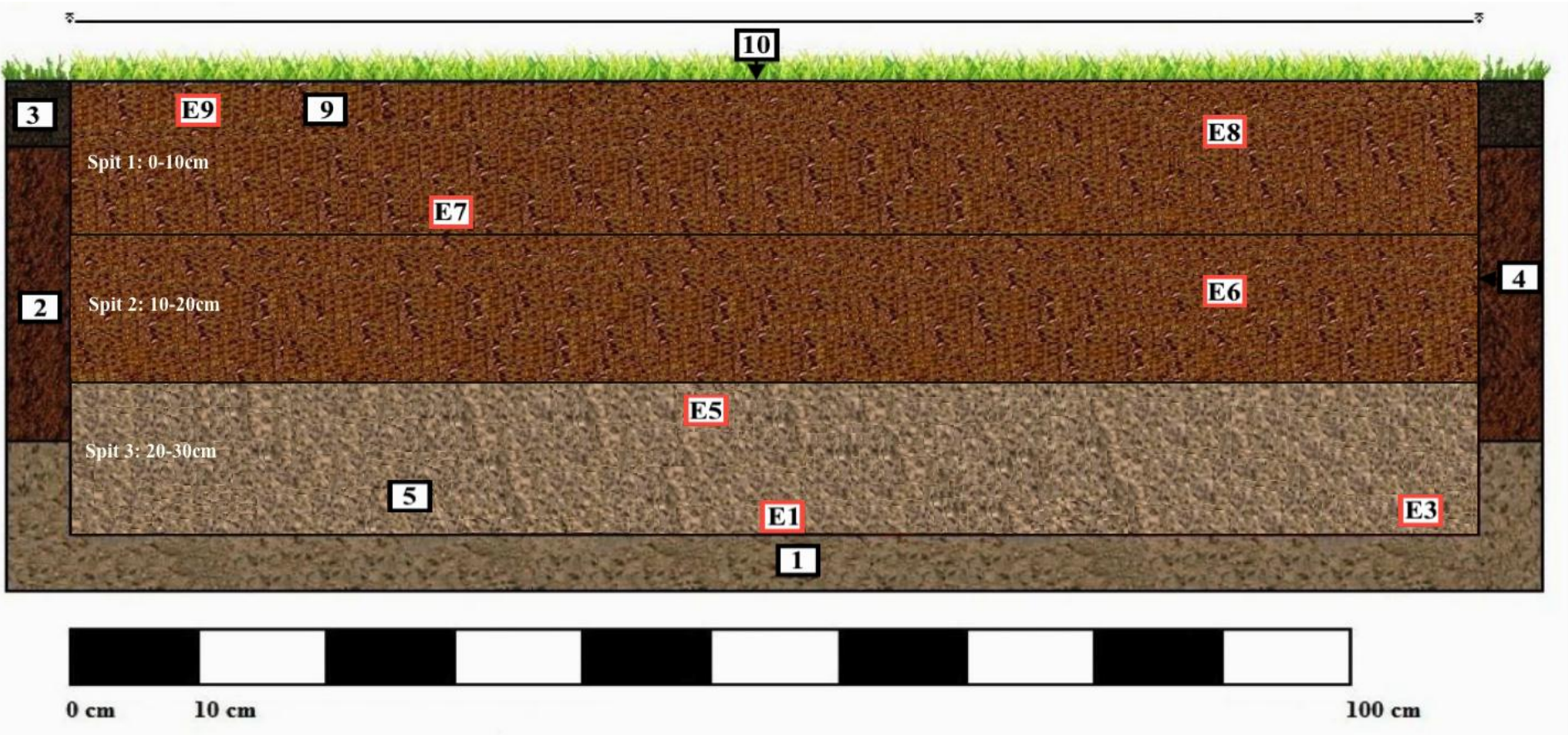
Figure 8.67 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 034's grave:



Table 8.102 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 034's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	No	Yes
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	Yes	No
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	Yes	No
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	Yes	No
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	Yes	No
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	Yes	No
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	Yes	No
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
	Total:	12	12
	Percentage:	50.00%	50.00%

Figure 8.68 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 034's grave:



Archaeologist 034's narrative

The grave was constructed using either a spade or a shovel, as there was evidence of tool marks in the turf clods removed from the grave. The grave itself had straight sides and a flat bottom; this would have taken the culprit some time to do. The grave was rectangular and measured 110cm x 40cm x 30cm.

After the culprit had dug the grave, a dress was placed on the bottom; this dress was from Primark. Then, (imported) sand was put into the grave. This sand deposit contained a lighter and an ID card. The ID card might belong to the victim or the perpetrator.

Then, a light brown sandy soil with high organic content was put over the sand deposit. This deposit was present over two of the spits 0-20cm. Spit 2, contained an earring, and spit 1, contained another matching earring, a hair grip and a packet of cigarette papers. The earring found in spit 2 would have been placed in the grave before the artefacts found in spit 1 as it was found deeper in the grave.

After the culprit had finished filling in the grave the turf clods were put back over it.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 035

Years of experience: 1 year

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Clear and hot

Time taken: 3 1/4 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which, the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut, using a trowel and a hand shovel. Three 10cm spits were excavated in total. When the participant had finished excavating a spit a unit level recording form would be completed, photographs taken, and a plan drawn. This plan would document the location of any material evidence found.

As evidence was found it was kept on a soil pedestal until the excavation of the spit was completed. This process continued until the participant reached the base of the grave. As with the previous participants, the method resulted in only two fills being identified. This again, meant that material evidence was recorded as originating from a spit, and an incorrect fill.

The participant did not sieve the spoil removed from the grave. Instead, the participant would occasionally look through the extracted spoil whilst it was being moved onto the tarpaulin.

Table 8.103 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 035:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Total:		6	6	0	3
Percentage:		66.67%	100.00%	0.00%	33.33%

Table 8.104 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 035:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

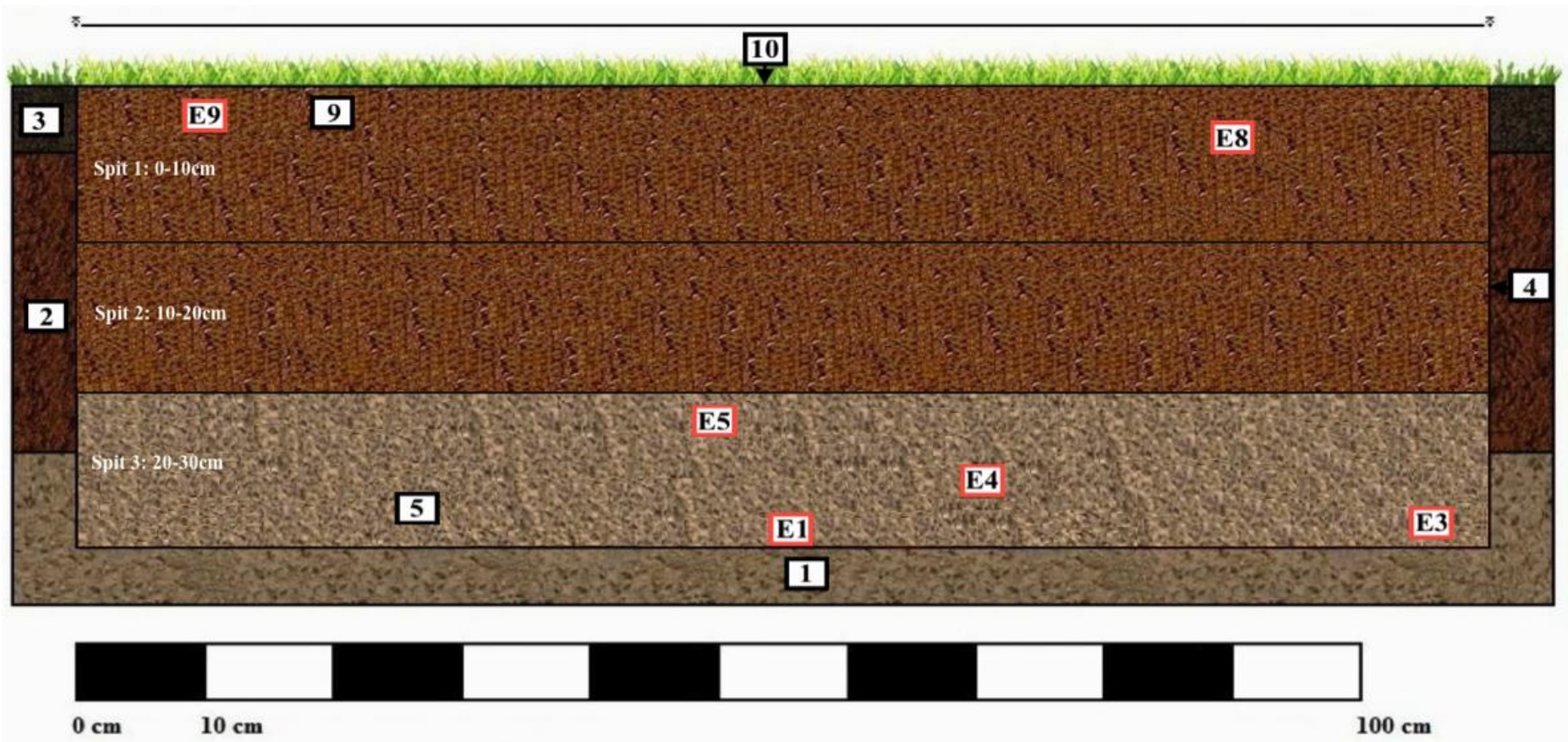
Figure 8.69 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 035's grave:



Table 8.105 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 035's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	No	Yes
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	Yes	No
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	Yes	No
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	No	Yes
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	Yes	No
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	Yes	No
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	Yes	No
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
Total:		11	13
Percentage:		45.83%	54.17%

Figure 8.70 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 035's grave:



Archaeologist 035's narrative

The feature was recently dug. This is based on the fact that the feature contained modern artefacts and the soil within it was relatively loose. The feature contained no human remains and so is probably not of forensic interest.

The feature was 110cm long, 40cm wide and 30cm deep with straight edges and a flat base. Spit 1 (0-10cm) contained a packet of cigarette papers and an earring. Spit 2 (10-20cm) contained no artefacts. Spit 3 (20-30cm) contained an ID card, an acrylic nail, a lighter and a dress. The artefacts found in spit 1 were placed into the grave later than the artefacts found in spit 3.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 036

Years of experience: 5 years

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Overcast and mild

Time taken: 2 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which, the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut, using a trowel and a hand shovel. After the completion of a spit the participant would record a plan of the feature, and write notes in a journal regarding what was found, as well as complete the unit level recording form.

As material evidence was found the participant would not leave it on a pedestal but would record its position on the plan and in the journal and the unit level recording form. Then the participant would place the item into an evidence bag. This process was repeated as each spit was removed until the excavation was completed. Like the previous participants, this method resulted in only two fills being identified.

The participant also failed to sieve the spoil removed from the grave. However, each spit's fill was stored on a separate tarpaulin.

Table 8.106 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 036:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Total:		3	3	0	6
Percentage:		33.33%	100.00%	0.00%	66.67%

Table 8.107 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 036:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

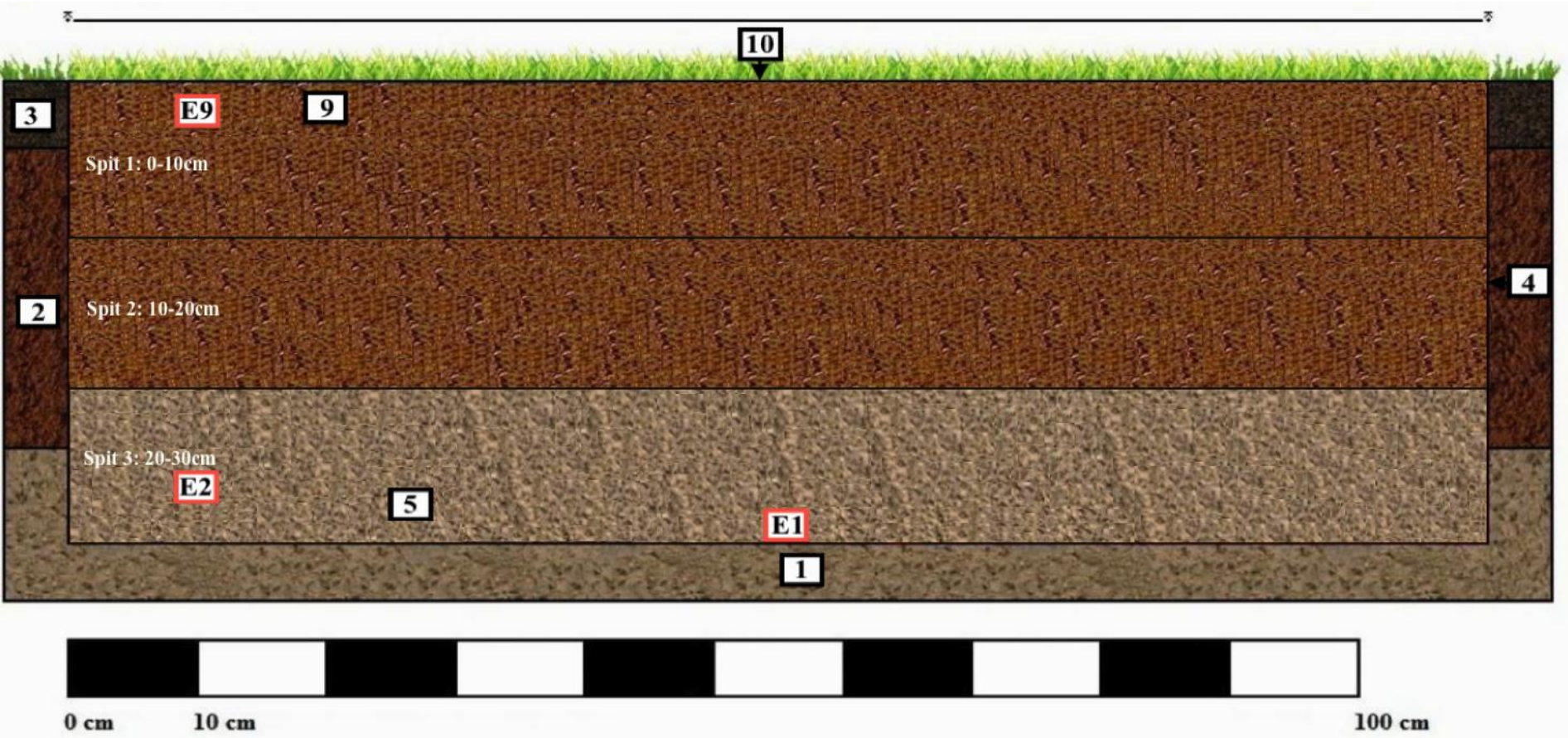
Figure 8.71 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 036's grave:



Table 8.108 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 036's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	Yes	No
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	Yes	No
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	No	Yes
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	No	Yes
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	No	Yes
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	No	Yes
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	Yes	No
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	Yes	No
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
	Total:	9	15
	Percentage:	37.50%	62.50%

Figure 8.72 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 036's grave:



Archaeologist 036's narrative

A feature was dug to the rough depth of 300mm. A small body was placed in the feature and covered with a layer of sand. The rest of the feature was refilled with a mix of subsoil and topsoil and then some turf to hide the excavated feature.

Various artefacts relating to the individual were extracted on excavation.

The size of the grave suggests an adolescent but the artefacts relating to smoking suggest an older individual. The smoking paraphernalia could be related to the individual who excavated the feature as they were within the subsoil/topsoil.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 037

Years of experience: 13 years

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Overcast and mild

Time taken: 2 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which, the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut, using a trowel and a hand shovel. After the completion of a spit the participant would record a plan of the feature, complete the unit level recording form, and take photographs.

As material evidence was found the participant would record its position on the plan and on the unit level recording form. Then the participant would place the item into an evidence bag. This process was repeated as each spit was removed until the excavation was completed. Like the previous participants, this method resulted in only two fills being identified.

As with previous participants, the participant did not sieve the spoil from the grave. Although, the participant did store each spit's fill in a different storage container, so that samples could be taken if necessary.

Table 8.109 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 037:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Total:		5	5	0	4
Percentage:		55.56%	100.00%	0.00%	44.44%

Table 8.110 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 037:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

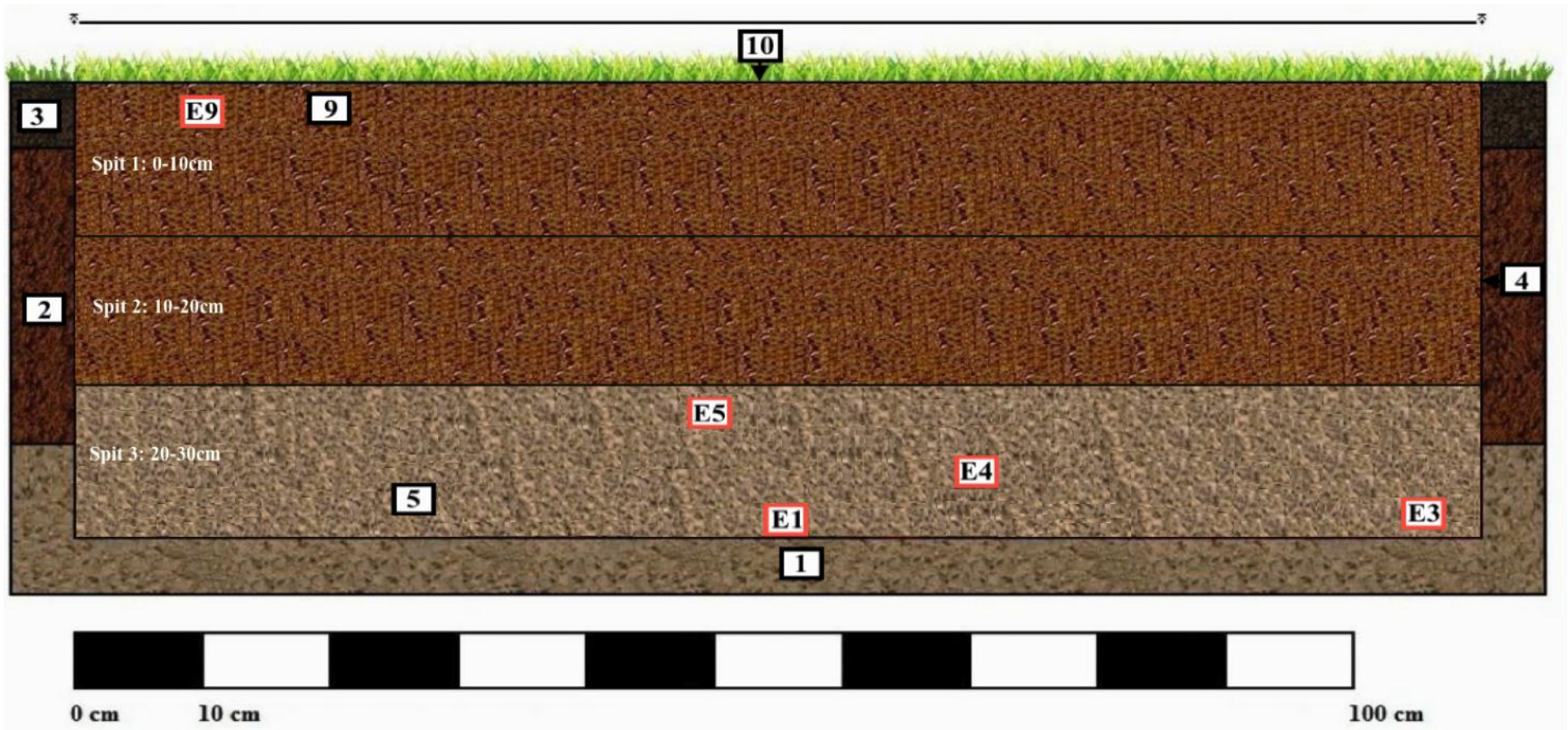
Figure 8.73 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 037's grave:



Table 8.111 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 037's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	No	Yes
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	Yes	No
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	Yes	No
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	No	Yes
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	No	Yes
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	Yes	No
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	Yes	No
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
	Total:	10	14
	Percentage:	41.67%	58.33%

Figure 8.74 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 037's grave:



Archaeologist 037's narrative

Steep-sided square edged cut approximately 110cm in length, 40cm in width and 30cm in depth. The termination of roots and rootlets from the surrounding soil suggests recent excavation. The feature was filled initially with fine, lightly dark beige white sand, containing cloth, cigarette lighter, false nail and an ID card. A mixed topsoil containing cigarette papers covered the layer of sand.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 038

Years of experience: 12 years

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Overcast and mild

Time taken: 2 1/2 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which, the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut, using a trowel and a hand shovel. After the completion of a spit the participant would record a plan of the feature, complete the unit level recording form, and take photographs.

As material evidence was found the participant would record its position on the plan and on the unit level recording form. Then the participant would place the item into an evidence bag. This process was repeated as each spit was removed until the excavation was completed. Like the previous participants, this method resulted in only two fills being identified.

The participant did not sieve the spoil from the grave. However, would check the spoil as it was being moved to the tarpaulin by scraping it with a trowel.

Table 8.112 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 038:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	Yes	No	Yes	No
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Total:		5	4	1	4
Percentage:		55.56%	80.00%	20.00%	44.44%

Table 8.113 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 038:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

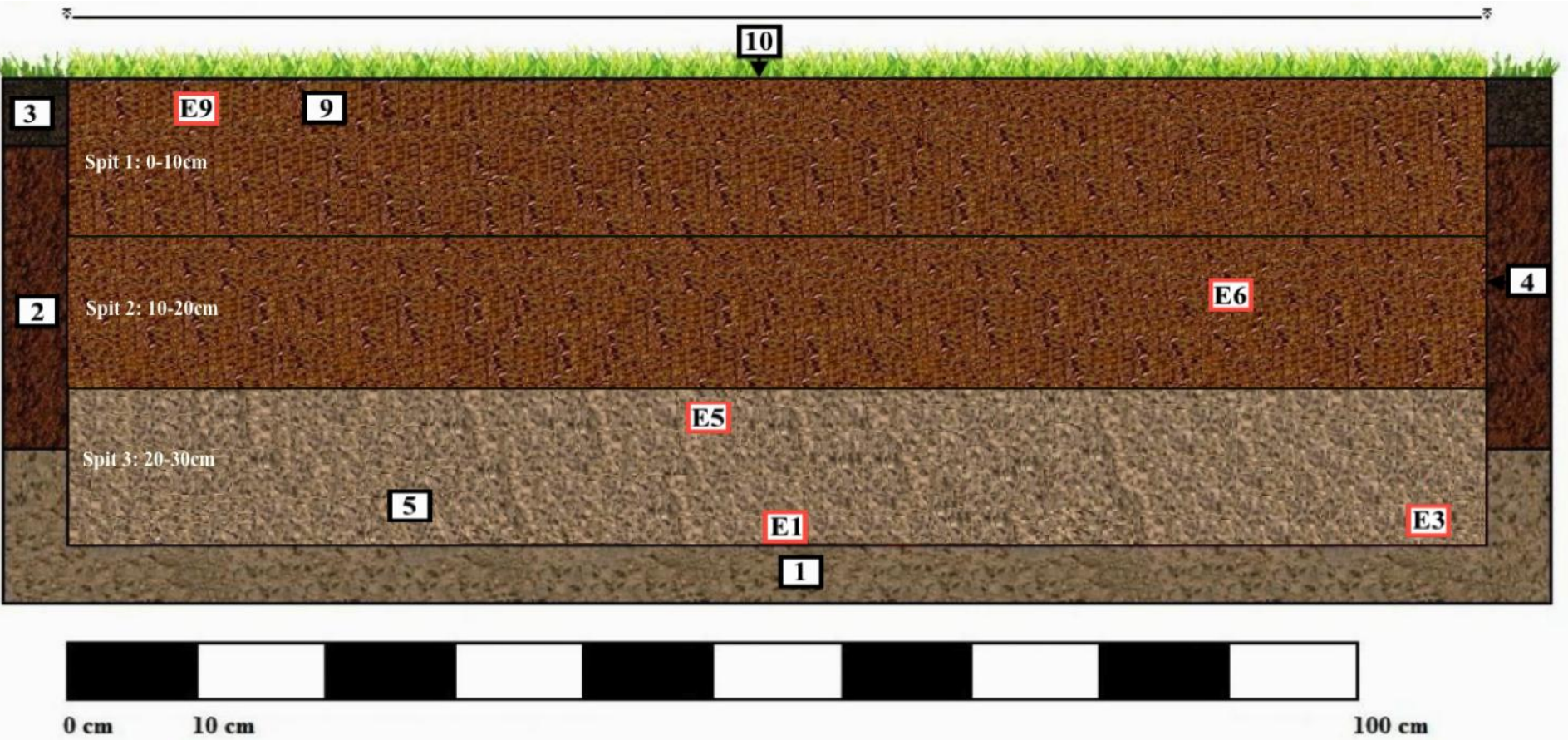
Figure 8.75 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 038's grave:



Table 8.114 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 038's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	No	Yes
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	Yes	No
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	Yes	No
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	No	Yes
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	Yes	No
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	Yes	No
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
	Total:	10	14
	Percentage:	41.67%	58.33%

Figure 8.76 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 038's grave:



Archaeologist 038's narrative

A rectangular cut with straight edges. Beneath the turf, is a uniform loose sediment mid-brown in colour contains: a packet of cigarette papers towards the north side. In the same layer towards the south side a single white metal earring. Below this layer was a distinctive sandy layer with a sharp boundary, which contained an ID card in the middle of the layer, and a lighter towards the south side. Towards the north of the feature on the feature's base is an item of blue clothing. Immediately beneath the sandy layer there was a highly compacted dark sediment which appeared to be undisturbed. The sides of the cut were sharply cut from the surface into the base, which was flat. Roots were encountered throughout and occasional stones.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 039

Years of experience: 30 years

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Overcast and mild

Time taken: 2 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which, the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut, using a trowel and a hand shovel. After the completion of a spit the participant would record a plan of the feature, complete the unit level recording form, and take photographs.

As material evidence was found the participant would record its position on the plan and on the unit level recording form. Then the participant would place the item into an evidence bag. This process was repeated as each spit was removed until the excavation was completed. Like the previous participants, this method resulted in only two fills being identified.

The participant did not sieve the spoil from the grave. All spoil that was extracted from the grave was placed onto a tarpaulin in one large pile.

Table 8.115 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 039:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Total:		3	3	0	6
Percentage:		33.33%	100.00%	0.00%	66.67%

Table 8.116 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 039:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

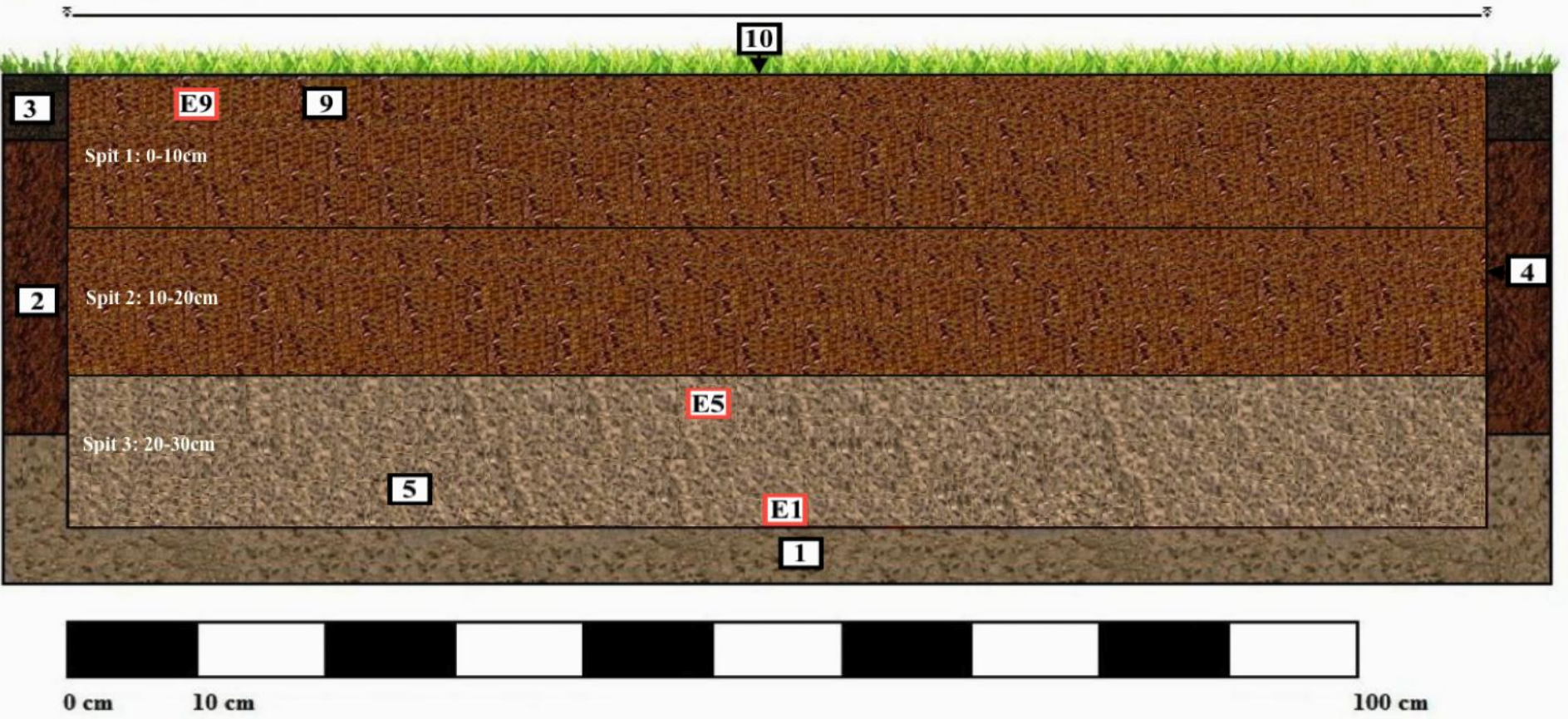
Figure 8.77 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 039's grave:



Table 8.117 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 039's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	No	Yes
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	No	Yes
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	No	Yes
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	No	Yes
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	Yes	No
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	Yes	No
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
Total:		8	16
Percentage:		33.33%	66.67%

Figure 8.78 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 039's grave:



Archaeologist 039's narrative

The police called me out to investigate a suspicious small rectangular plot of earth 110cm x 40cm in area. The police had contacted the coroner and called me in for archaeological advice. The following was observed archaeologically.

The upper fill of the feature comprised of mid-brown silt with moderate fragments of modern brick and pebbles. Within this fill there was a packet of cigarette papers.

The underlying fill covered the whole feature and was loose and brown-buff coloured sand. Clearly brought in from elsewhere and dumped in the cut. This contained an ID card.

Underneath this second fill was a modern blue and white striped dress.

The cut feature was rectangular with vertical sides and a flat base.

The feature is clearly of really modern date; it is not a grave, as there were no human remains. Nothing of archaeological interest was found.

Archaeologist ID: Archaeologist 040

Years of experience: 4 years

Excavation approach: Arbitrary Excavation

Recording approach: Unit Level Recording

Tools used to excavate the grave: Trowel and hand shovel

Did the participant sieve the fill: No

Weather conditions: Overcast and mild

Time taken: 2 hours

Observations:

The participant chose to use the Arbitrary Excavation method and the Unit Level Recording method to excavate and record the grave. The participant started the excavation by recording a plan of the feature on a unit level recording form. After which, the participant began to excavate the grave using 10cm spits within the grave cut, using a trowel and a hand shovel. After the completion of a spit the participant would record a plan of the feature, complete the unit level recording form, and take photographs.

As material evidence was found the participant would record its position on the plan and on the unit level recording form. Then the participant would place the item into an evidence bag. This process was repeated as each spit was removed until the excavation was completed. This method resulted in only two fills being identified.

The participant did not sieve the spoil from the grave. However, the participant would attempt to inspect the spoil by spreading each spit's fill out over a wide area on the tarpaulin in the hope that any additional evidence would become apparent.

Table 8.118 Material evidence identified by Archaeologist 040:

Evidence	Location in the Feature	Evidence Found	Evidence Found in Situ	Evidence Found Out of Situ	Evidence Not Found
E1 Dress	Along the base of the feature C4	Yes	Yes	No	No
E2 Two Pence Coin	C5 (Fill 1)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E3 Lighter	C6 (Fill 2)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E4 Fake Nail	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E5 ID Card	C7 (Fill 3)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E6 Earring 2	C7 (Fill 3)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E7 Curby Grip	C8 (Fill 4)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
E8 Earring 1	C8 (Fill 4)	Yes	Yes	No	No
E9 Cigarette Papers	C9 (Fill 5)	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
Total:		3	3	0	6
Percentage:		33.33%	100.00%	0.00%	66.67%

Table 8.119 Contexts identified by Archaeologist 040:

Context Number	Description	Context Identified	Context Not Identified
C1	Natural	Yes	No
C2	Subsoil	Yes	No
C3	Topsoil and Turf	Yes	No
C4	Feature Cut	Yes	No
C5	Fill 1	Yes	No
C6	Fill 2	No	Yes
C7	Fill 3	No	Yes
C8	Fill 4	No	Yes
C9	Fill 5	Yes	No
C10	Replaced Turf	Yes	No
Total:		7	3
Percentage:		70.00%	30.00%

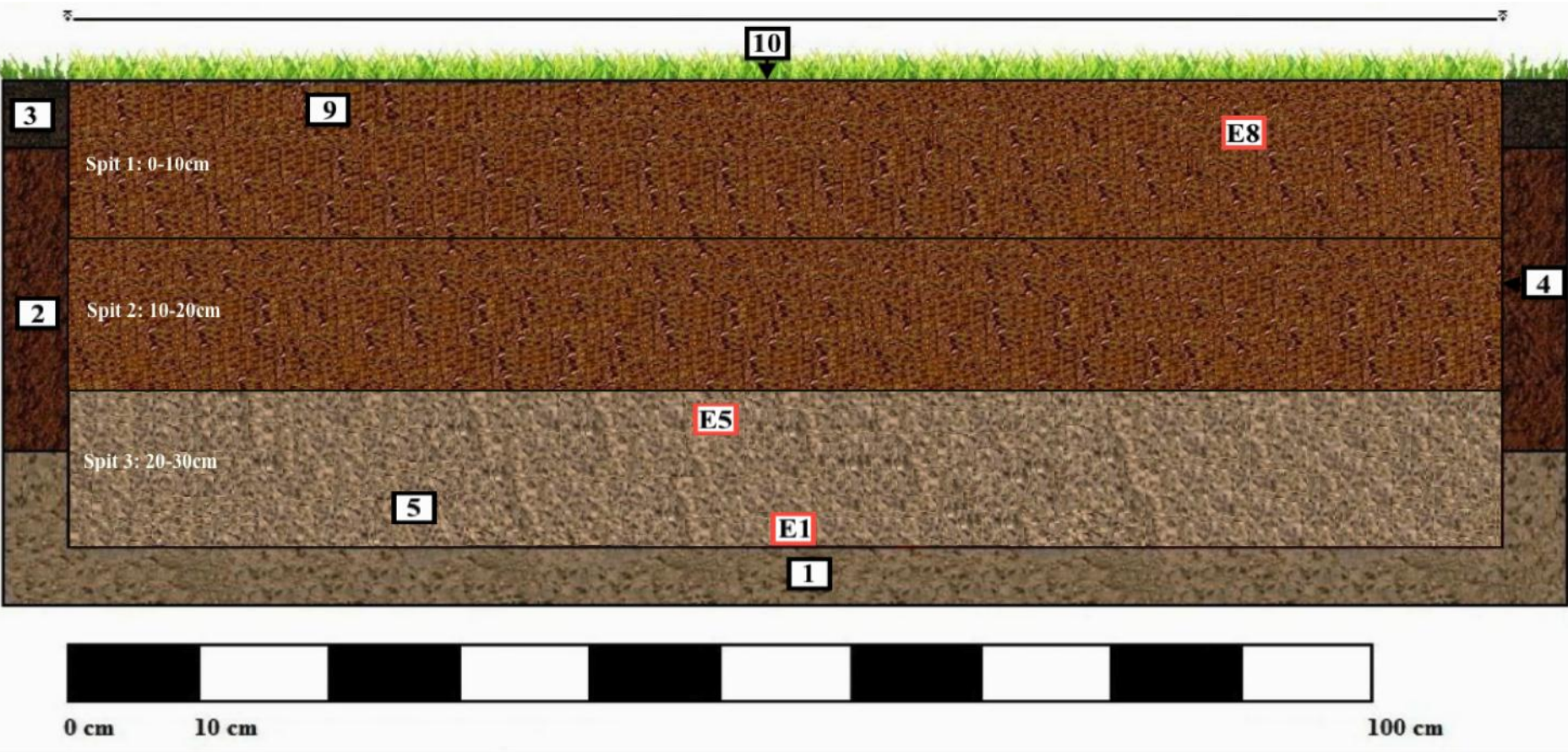
Figure 8.79 Harris Matrix of Archaeologist 040's grave:



Table 8.120 Formation sequence of Archaeologist 040's grave:

Feature's Stages of Formation	Description	Correctly Identified	Not Identified
Stage 1	The feature was cut (C4) through the top soil and turf (C3), subsoil (C2) and natural (C1)	Yes	No
Stage 2	The dress (E1) was placed along the base of the cut feature (C4)	Yes	No
Stage 3	Fill 1 (C5) started to be added to the feature overlaying the dress (E1)	Yes	No
Stage 4	A two pence coin (E2) was added to fill 1 (C5) at 10cmL,35cmW,25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 5	The rest of fill 1 (C5) was added to the feature, covering the two pence coin (E2)	No	Yes
Stage 6	Fill 2 (C6) started to be added to the feature	No	Yes
Stage 7	A lighter (E3) was added to fill 2 (C6) at 105cmL, 2cmW, 28cmD	No	Yes
Stage 8	The rest of fill 2 (C6) was added to the feature, covering the lighter (E3)	No	Yes
Stage 9	Fill 3 (C7) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 1 (C5) and fill 2 (C6)	No	Yes
Stage 10	A fake nail (E4) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 70cmL, 10cmW, 25cmD	No	Yes
Stage 11	More of fill 3 (C7) was added into the feature, covering the fake nail (E4)	No	Yes
Stage 12	An ID card (E5) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 50cmL, 20cmW, 20cmD	Yes	No
Stage 13	More of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering the ID card (E5)	No	Yes
Stage 14	Earring 2 (E6) was added to fill 3 (C7) at 90cmL, 20cmW, 15cmD	No	Yes
Stage 15	The rest of fill 3 (C7) was added to the feature, covering earring 2 (E6)	No	Yes
Stage 16	Fill 4 (C8) started to be added to the feature overlaying fill 3 (C7)	No	Yes
Stage 17	A curby grip (E7) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 30cmL, 15cmW, 10cmD	No	Yes
Stage 18	More of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering the curby grip (E7)	No	Yes
Stage 19	Earring 1 (E8) was added to fill 4 (C8) at 90cmL, 35cmW, 5cmD	Yes	No
Stage 20	The rest of fill 4 (C8) was added to the feature, covering earring 1 (E8)	No	Yes
Stage 21	Fill 5 (C9) started to be added to feature overlaying fill 4 (C8)	Yes	No
Stage 22	Cigarette papers (E9) was added to fill 5 (C9) at 10cmL, 10cmW, 4cmD	No	Yes
Stage 23	The rest of fill 5 (C9) was added to the feature, covering the cigarette papers (E9)	No	Yes
Stage 24	The turf (C10) that had been removed during stage 1 was placed back over the feature, overlaying fill 5 (C9)	Yes	No
	Total:	7	17
	Percentage:	29.17%	70.83%

Figure 8.80 Long section drawing of Archaeologist 040's grave:



Archaeologist 040's narrative

Rectangular cut feature 40cm x 110cm x 30cm.

This feature has been dug recently. The uppermost fill comprised of very loose material clearly from the initial digging of the feature.

Below this was a layer of clean builder's sand, which sealed a piece of blue cotton fabric/garment.

The garment was located at the eastern end of the feature.

The base of the cut feature was very compact and I believe it represents undisturbed sediment.

This feature, I believe has been dug recently to discard the garment. The deposit of sand suggests to me that this was used to seal in the garment to facilitate later recovery, although the feature was untouched.