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BARROW ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

TEST PIT
RECORDING BOOKLET

Site Code:	BCAS-692	**Test Pit number:**	1

Test Pit location:		**Grid reference:**	

Test Pit team names:	**Date of excavation:** 5-6TH SEPT 2026.
1. HEATHER SMITH	2. ROSIE HAMILTON.
3. BETH HAMILTON.	4. GARETH STAFFORD. (SATURDAY)
5. EMILY DUFFELL (SUNDAY)	6.

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TEST PIT LOCATION MAP

Map drawn by:	

Make an annotated sketch plan of the test-pits location.

- Show where the test-pit is in relation to features such as houses, boundaries, roads, walls etc. These need to be features that can be found on an Ordnance Survey map.
- Include lines showing the exact distances from the test-pit to permanently identifiable points such as buildings or field corners.
- Draw your test-pit as a square with the corners numbered 1-4, to correlate with the numbers on each Layer plan.
- Draw an arrow showing the direction of North on your map.
- **REMEMBER:** Your plan needs to be understandable to someone who doesn't know the site.

TEST-PIT COMPLETION CHECKLIST		NAME:	
TASK	**COMPLETED**	**TASK**	**COMPLETED**
All Layer sheets completed		Test Pit located with GPS	
Section drawings completed		Test Pit back-filled	
Location map completed		Loaned equipment returned	
Post-excavation photograph taken		Test Pit record form and finds handed in	
All finds bagged and labelled		**SIGNED OFF:**	

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LAYER RECORD FORM

Layer recorded by: Beth Hamilton

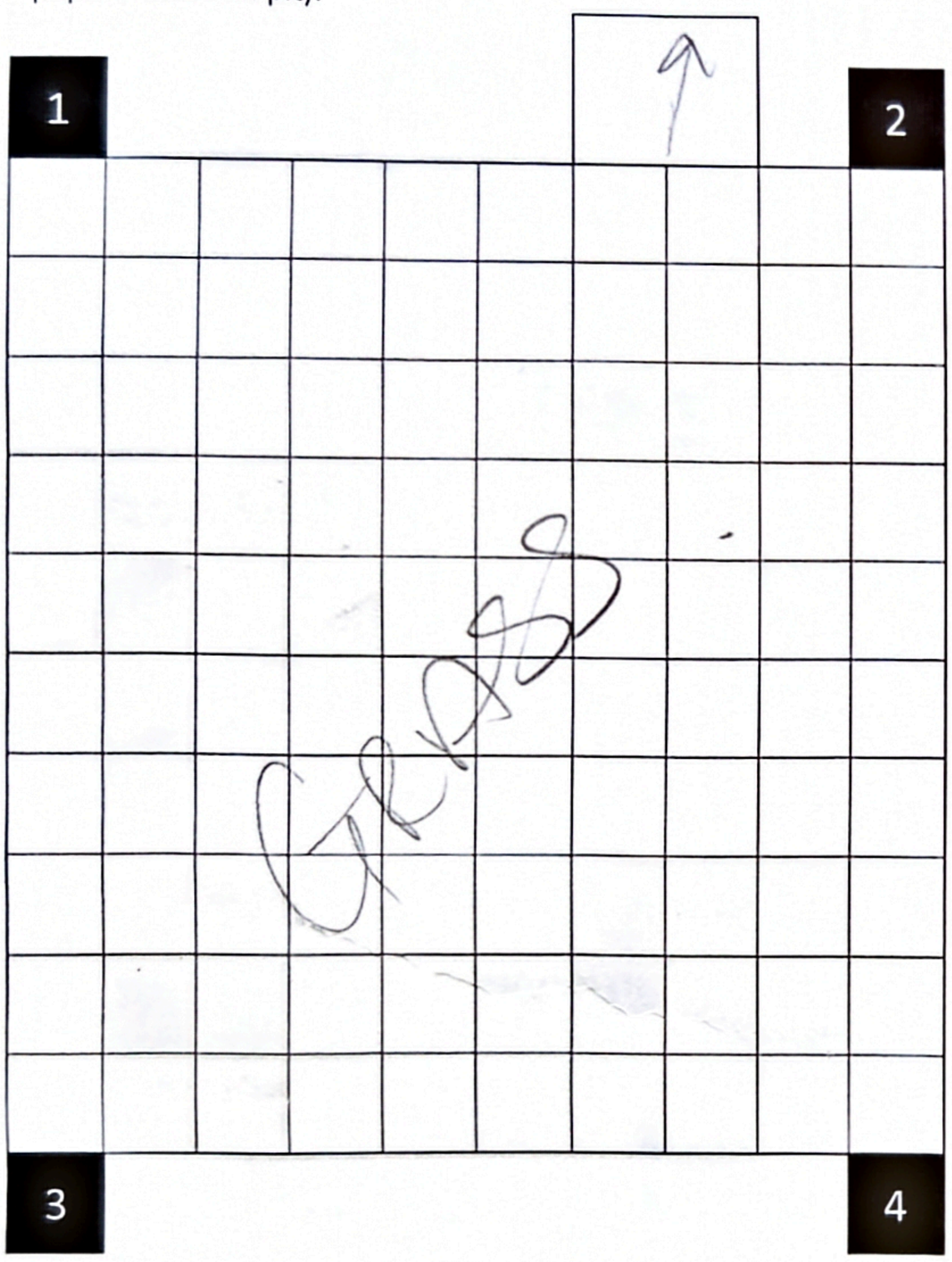
Layer number: 1

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this Layer at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1	0cm	2	0cm	3	0cm	4	0cm

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this Layer in the square grid below (1cm on paper = 10cm in pit).

3. Draw an arrow in the box below pointing in the direction of North on your plan.



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan. Add any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan.

no obstructive features

5. What was the soil composition of this Layer? Use **GUIDE 1** on page 1.

Medium sand

6. What colour was this Layer? Use **GUIDE 2** on page 1.

Mid brown

7. What was in this Layer (apart from finds)? Write non-listed inclusions into blank rows if necessary. **GUIDE 3.**

	Present y/n	%	Inclusion size (tick all boxes that apply)			
Stone	Y	<5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	N		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	Y		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	N		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	Y	10	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large

8. What finds were in this Layer? Tick the relevant boxes and/or list any other finds in the space below.

None	✓	Pottery	
Glass		Metal	
Flint	✓	Bone	
Building material		Shell	

RECORDING CHECKLIST	
Task:	**Tick when completed:**
Draw plan of layer **BEFORE** starting to dig it.	✓
Dig Layer, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved).	✓ %
Place finds in clearly labelled bag (write site code, test pit number and Layer number on bag).	✓
Fill in **ALL** of this **LAYER RECORD FORM**.	✓

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LAYER RECORD FORM

Layer recorded by: Beth Hamilton

Layer number: 2

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this Layer at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

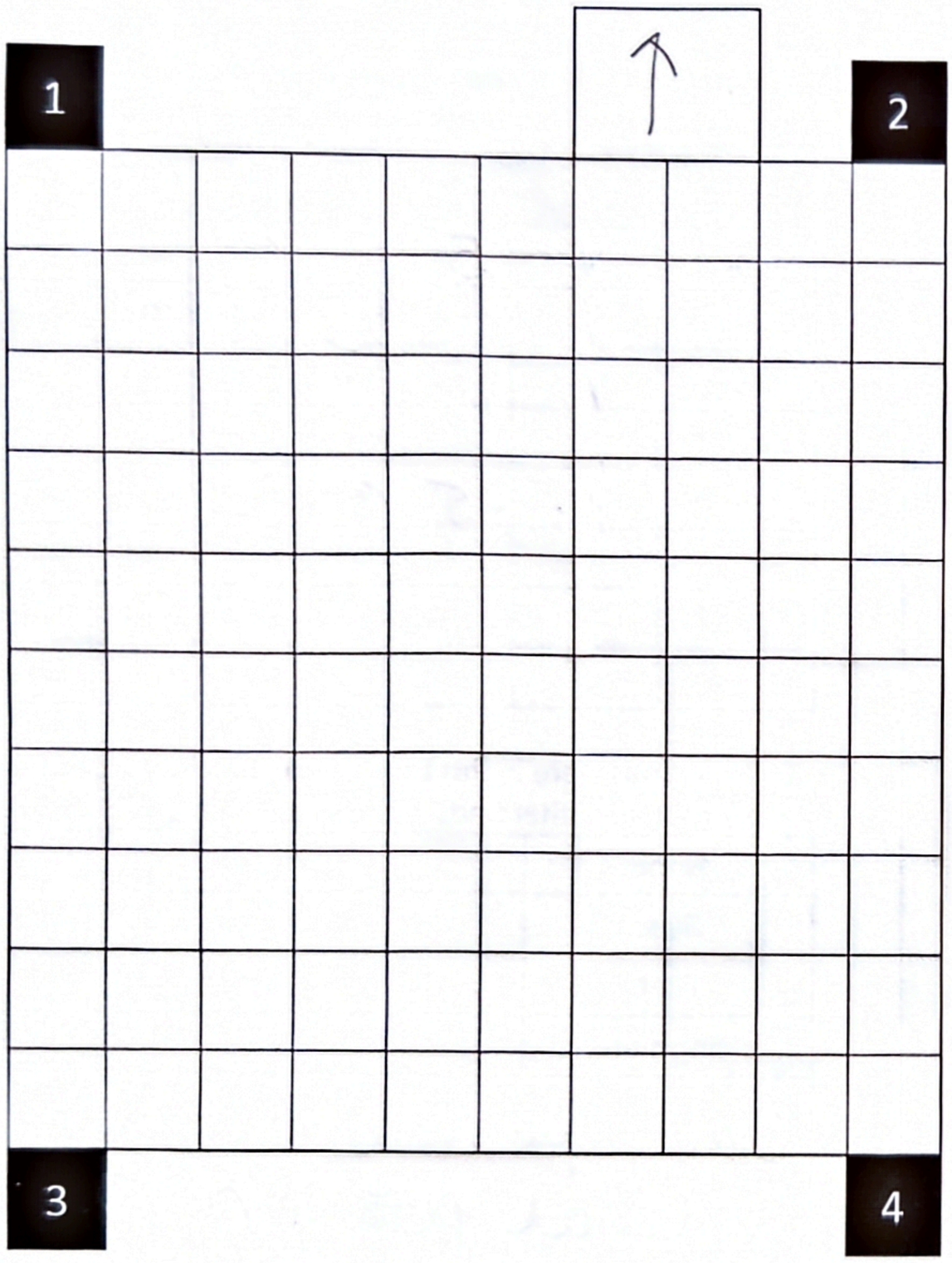
1 10cm **2** 10cm **3** 10cm **4** 10cm

5. What was the soil composition of this Layer? Use **GUIDE 1** on page 1.

Medium Sand

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this Layer in the square grid below (1cm on paper = 10cm in pit).

3. Draw an arrow in the box below pointing in the direction of North on your plan.



6. What colour was this Layer? Use **GUIDE 2** on page 1.

Mid brown.

7. What was in this Layer (apart from finds)? Write non-listed inclusions into blank rows if necessary. **GUIDE 3.**

	Present y/n	%	Inclusion size (tick all boxes that apply)			
Stone	Y	<5	(Flecks)	(Small)	(Med)	Large
Charcoal	Y		(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
Sand	Y		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	N		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	Y		(Flecks)	(Small)	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large

8. What finds were in this Layer? Tick the relevant boxes and/or list any other finds in the space below.

None		Pottery	✓
Glass		Metal	
Flint	✓	Bone	
Building material	✓	Shell	

Small fragments of all.

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan. Add any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan.

- no distinctive features - sandy soil

RECORDING CHECKLIST	
Task:	**Tick when completed:**
Draw plan of layer **BEFORE** starting to dig it.	✓
Dig Layer, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved).	✓ %
Place finds in clearly labelled bag (write site code, test pit number and Layer number on bag).	'
Fill in **ALL** of this **LAYER RECORD FORM**.	✓

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LAYER RECORD FORM

Layer recorded by: Ben Hamilton

Layer number: 3

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this Layer at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

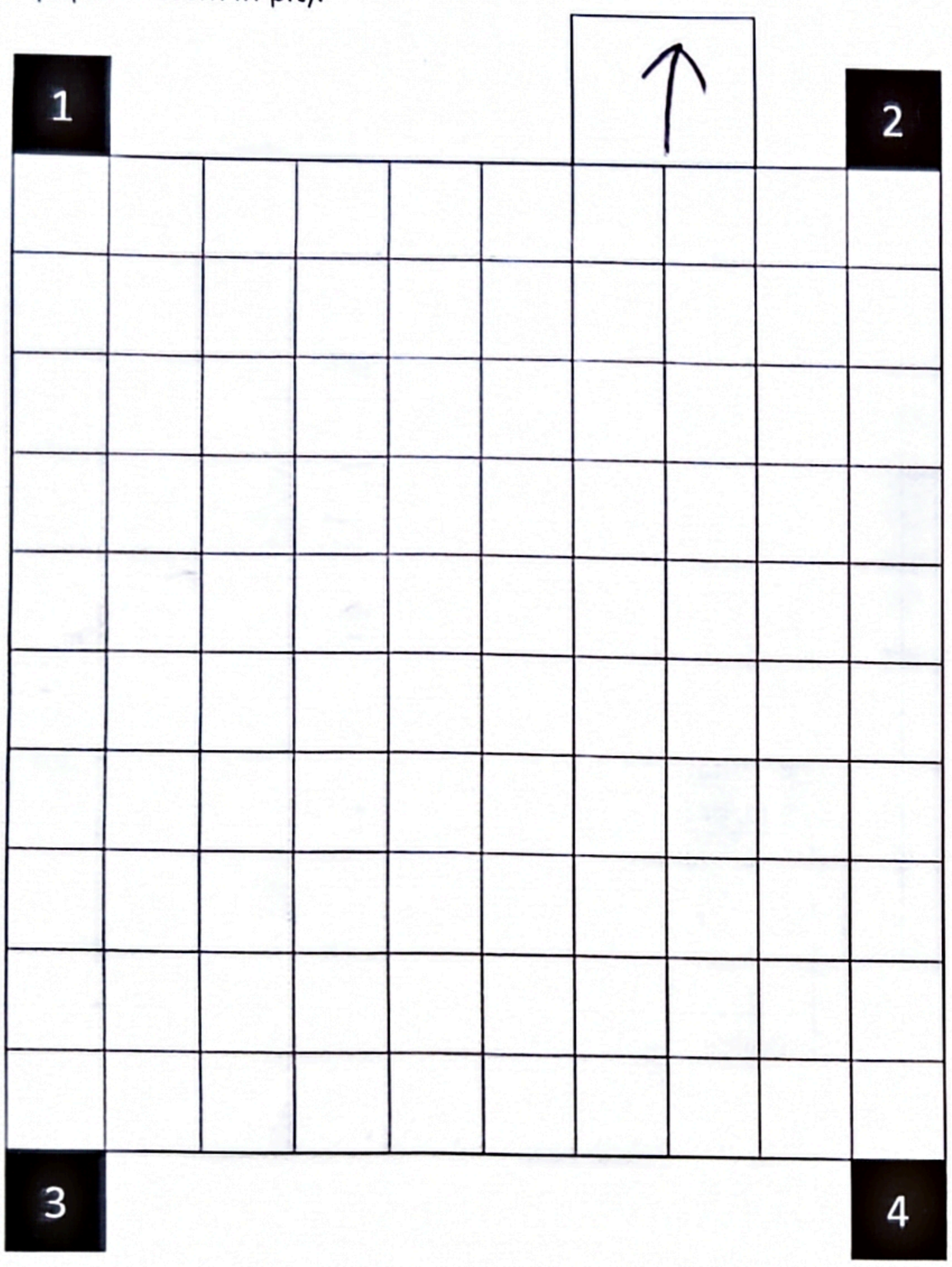
1 20cm 2 20cm 3 20cm 4 20cm

5. What was the soil composition of this Layer? Use **GUIDE 1** on page 1.

clayey silt

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this Layer in the square grid below (1cm on paper = 10cm in pit).

3. Draw an arrow in the box below pointing in the direction of North on your plan.



6. What colour was this Layer? Use **GUIDE 2** on page 1.

Mid orangish brown

7. What was in this Layer (apart from finds)? Write non-listed inclusions into blank rows if necessary. **GUIDE 3.**

	Present y/n	%	Inclusion size (tick all boxes that apply)			
Stone	y	5	Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Charcoal	y		(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
Sand	y		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	y		Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Roots	y	<5	(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large

8. What finds were in this Layer? Tick the relevant boxes and/or list any other finds in the space below.

None		Pottery	✓
Glass		Metal	
Flint	✓	Bone	
Building material		Shell	

Clay pipe fragment
medieval pottery fragment
and ?Victoria pot fragment

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan. Add any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan.

No distinctive features

Small grass roots throughout.

RECORDING CHECKLIST	
Task:	**Tick when completed:**
Draw plan of layer **BEFORE** starting to dig it.	✓
Dig Layer, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved).	✓ %
Place finds in clearly labelled bag (write site code, test pit number and Layer number on bag).	
Fill in **ALL** of this **LAYER RECORD FORM**.	✓

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Layer recorded by: Ben Hamilton **Layer number:** 4

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this Layer at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

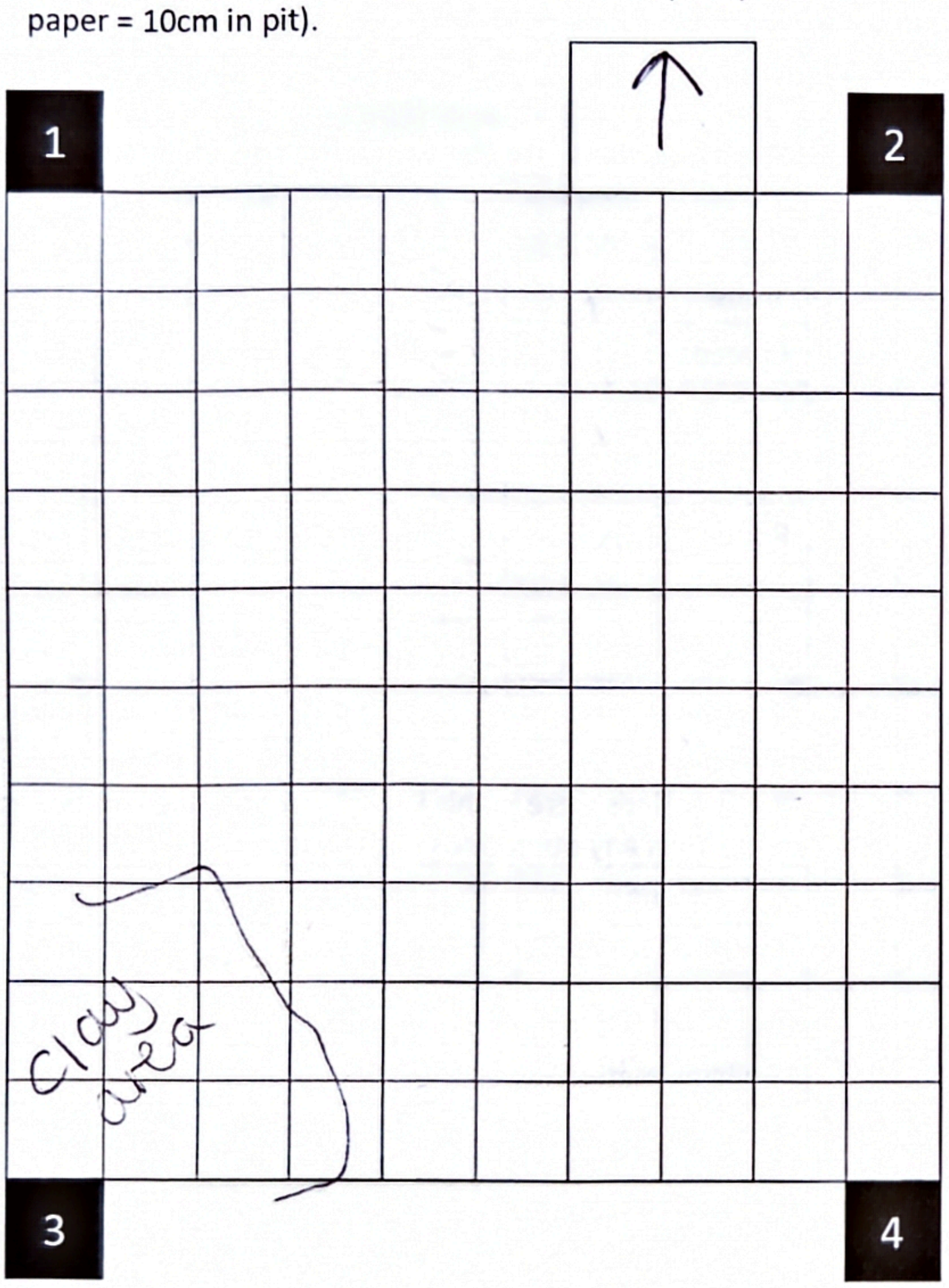
1 30cm 2 30cm 3 30cm 4 30cm

5. What was the soil composition of this Layer? Use **GUIDE 1** on page 1.

Sandy clay

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this Layer in the square grid below (1cm on paper = 10cm in pit).

3. Draw an arrow in the box below pointing in the direction of North on your plan.



6. What colour was this Layer? Use **GUIDE 2** on page 1.

Greyish brown w black/orange areas.

7. What was in this Layer (apart from finds)? Write non-listed inclusions into blank rows if necessary. **GUIDE 3.**

	Present y/n	%	Inclusion size (tick all boxes that apply)			
Stone	Y		Flecks	(Small)	Med	Large
Charcoal	Y		(Flecks)	Small	Med	Large
Sand	Y		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	Y		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	N		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large

8. What finds were in this Layer? Tick the relevant boxes and/or list any other finds in the space below.

None		Pottery	✓
Glass	✓	Metal	
Flint	✓	Bone	
Building material		Shell	

Modern glass from corner 4 + modern pottery

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan. Add any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan.

No distinctive features

RECORDING CHECKLIST	
Task:	**Tick when completed:**
Draw plan of layer **BEFORE** starting to dig it.	
Dig Layer, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved).	%
Place finds in clearly labelled bag (write site code, test pit number and Layer number on bag).	
Fill in **ALL** of this **LAYER RECORD FORM**.	

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LAYER RECORD FORM

Layer recorded by: Beth Hamilton

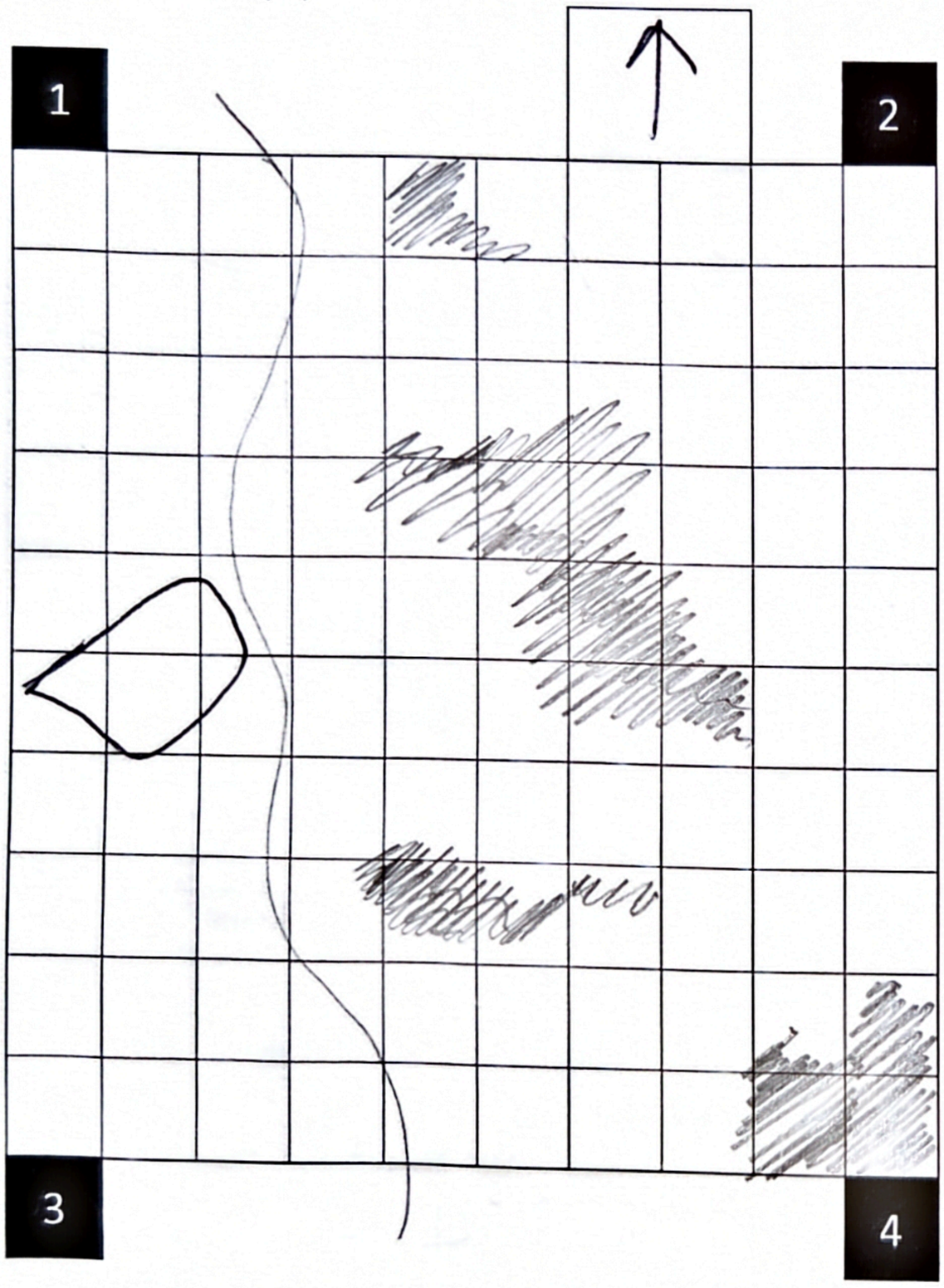
Layer number: 5

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this Layer at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

1 40cm 2 40cm 3 40cm 4 40cm

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this Layer in the square grid below (1cm on paper = 10cm in pit).

3. Draw an arrow in the box below pointing in the direction of North on your plan.



4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan. Add any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan.

- one large rock to mid side - grey soft structure
- Areas of dark soil marked as shading
- left side (1-3) marked orange heavy clay area

5. What was the soil composition of this Layer? Use **GUIDE 1** on page 1.

grey brown w/ black orange sand clay

6. What colour was this Layer? Use **GUIDE 2** on page 1.

7. What was in this Layer (apart from finds)? Write non-listed inclusions into blank rows if necessary. **GUIDE 3.**

	Present y/n	%	Inclusion size (tick all boxes that apply)			
Stone	Y	<5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	Y	<5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	Y		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	Y		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	N		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large

8. What finds were in this Layer? Tick the relevant boxes and/or list any other finds in the space below.

None		Pottery	✓
Glass		Metal	✓
Flint	✓	Bone	
Building material		Shell	

RECORDING CHECKLIST	
Task:	**Tick when completed:**
Draw plan of layer **BEFORE** starting to dig it.	
Dig Layer, sieve spoil, keep and record finds (record percentage sieved).	%
Place finds in clearly labelled bag (write site code, test pit number and Layer number on bag).	
Fill in **ALL** of this **LAYER RECORD FORM**.	

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LAYER RECORD FORM

Layer recorded by: Ben Hamilton

Layer number: "feature"

1. What depth is the surface of the top of this Layer at the four corners of your test pit (numbered in black boxes below)?

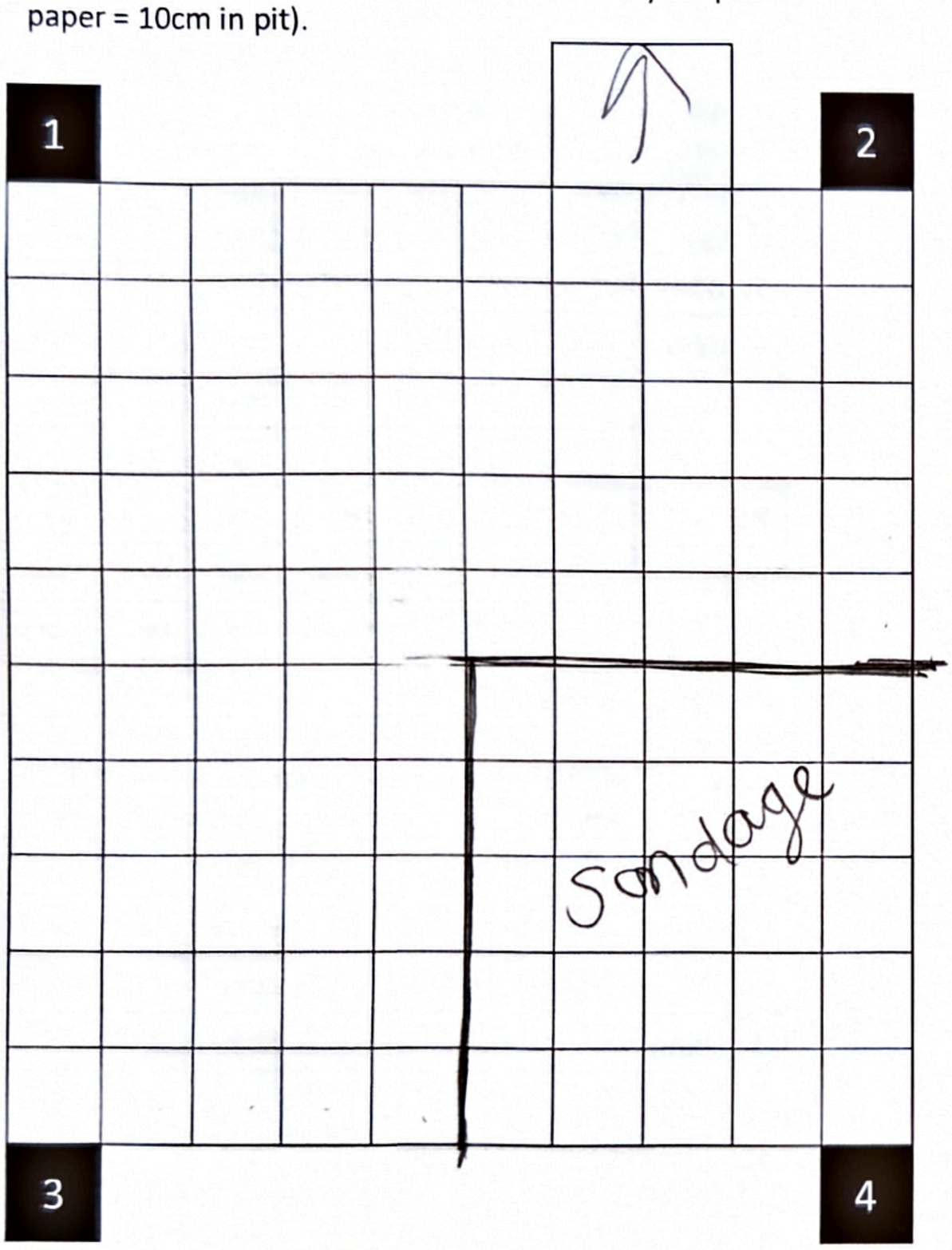
1	2	3	4
40 cm	40 cm	40 cm	70 cm

5. What was the soil composition of this Layer? Use **GUIDE 1** on page 1.

Sandy clay

2. Make a measured, labelled plan of this Layer in the square grid below (1cm on paper = 10cm in pit).

3. Draw an arrow in the box below pointing in the direction of North on your plan.



6. What colour was this Layer? Use **GUIDE 2** on page 1.

Grey black.

7. What was in this Layer (apart from finds)? Write non-listed inclusions into blank rows if necessary. **GUIDE 3.**

	Present y/n	%	Inclusion size (tick all boxes that apply)			
Stone			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large
			Flecks	Small	Med	Large

8. What finds were in this Layer? Tick the relevant boxes and/or list any other finds in the space below.

None		Pottery	
Glass		Metal	
Flint		Bone	
Building material		Shell	

4. Describe what you've drawn on the plan. Add any notes which help explain what you have shown on your plan.

Area to corner dug out - dark soil ? evidence of ditch

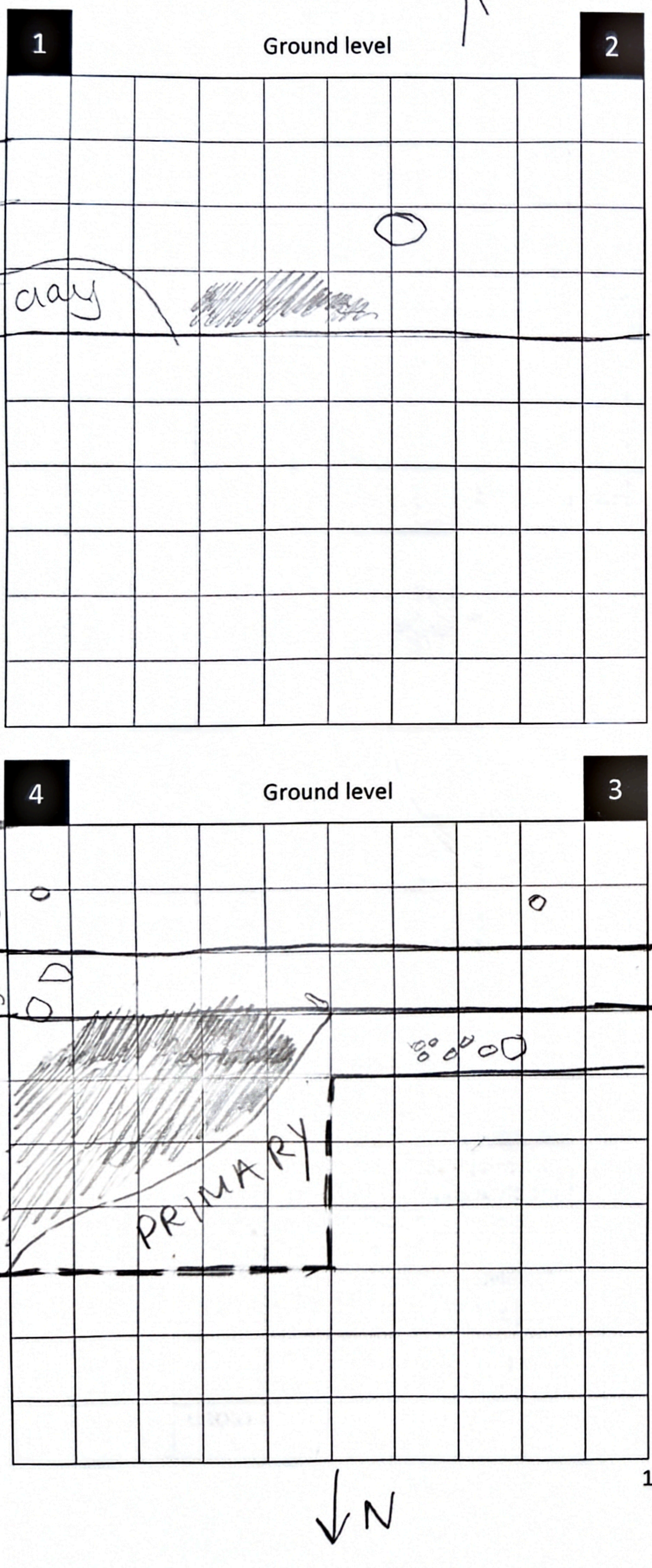
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Place finds in clearly labelled bag (write site code, test pit number and Layer number on bag).	
Fill in **ALL** of this **LAYER RECORD FORM**.	

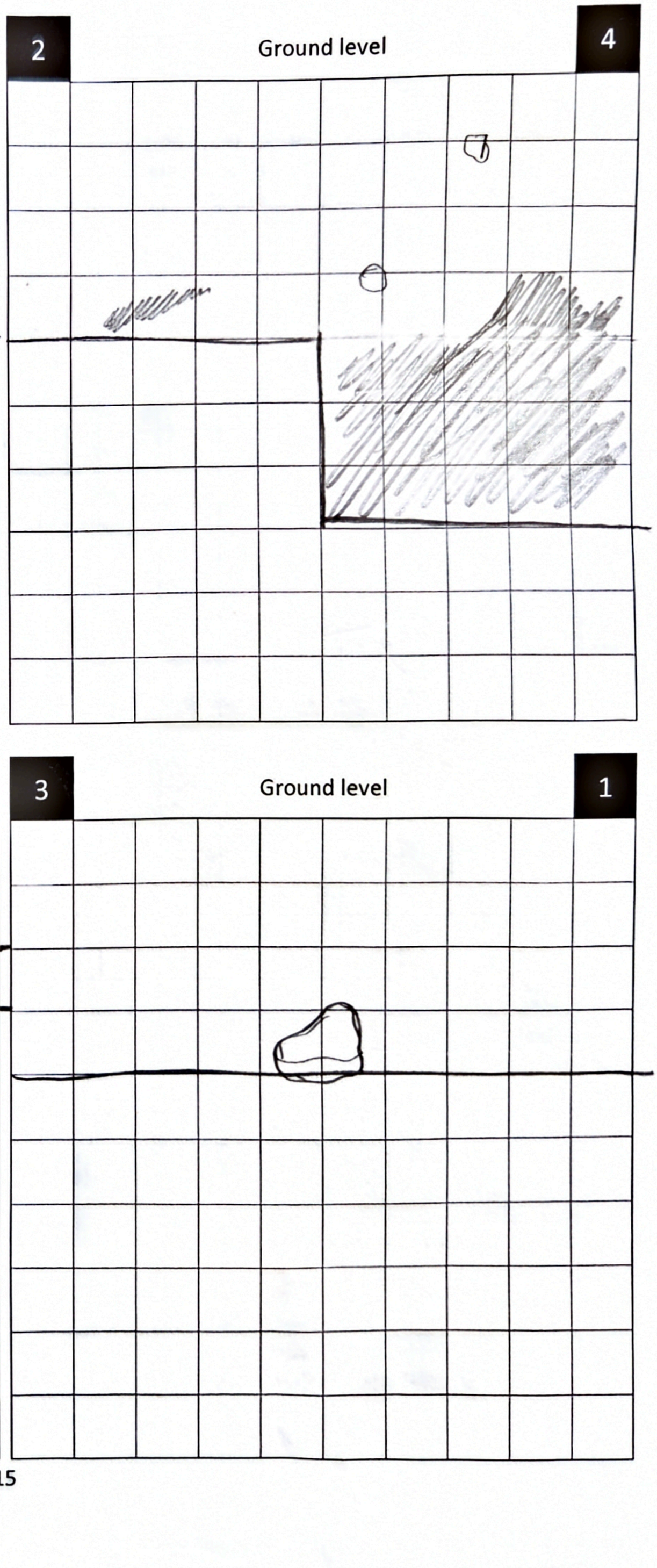
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SECTION DRAWINGS FORM

Sections recorded by: Bea Hamilton

Make a measured, labelled section of each side of your test pit in the square grids below (1cm on paper = 10cm in pit).





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